

Coming Soon!!!

Arkansas State Organization Area Meetings



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
AREA 1**

JOIN US FOR
HIGH TEA

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2024
9 AM TO 1:30PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
924 CRAWFORD ST.
CLARKSVILLE, AR 72830

\$30 REGISTRATION FEE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
ANICE TEDFORD: (479) 886-5687
SHEA HYLTON: (501) 889-4783
LIBBY PAZDERA: (540) 968-6263



DKG

You're invited to learn about
all the
"Showers of Blessings"
found in DKG
at the Area 2 Meeting

Saturday, April 20, 2024
8:00am to 2:45pm

Sharon Baptist Church
402 Shenandoah Road
Benton, AR. 72019

For More Information Contact:
Area 2 Leader Darlene Emmons
(501) 249-2913
Registration Fee: \$30
Registration form also enclosed



SAVE THE DATE
*Delta Kappa Gamma
Area 4 Meeting*

04 | 13 Sheridan High School
800 W. Vine Street
2024 Sheridan, AR 72150

Online Registration will
open on March 1, 2024.
\$30 Registration Fee

More Information Contact
Lindsey Bohler
870.723.9333



DKG

Area 3 Meeting
Saturday, April 27, 2024
1st Assembly of God Church
1705 S. Washington
Forrest City, AR

Meeting Theme:
**"Caring for Yourself
So You Can
Care For Others"**

More Details Coming Soon!
For More Information contact:
Area 3 Leader Ilse D. Howard,
ilysed@gmail.com

Do You Know?

All DKG members are eligible to attend area meetings.

You can invite and register a guest to come with you to an area meeting.

All chapters should plan to attend your area meeting.

That you can attend more than one area meeting. In fact, you could register for all of them!!!

That a variety of officer information sessions will be available at the area meetings.

Which area your chapter is part of. (see page 10 for a list of areas and chapters from Appendix A ASO Rules Document)

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From ASO President Cathy Toney



• **Area Meetings:**

The area meetings are a great time to meet friends from the past and an opportunity to make new friends. There will be great sessions, food, and time to network. During the business meeting at each area meeting there will be elections held for an area leader and an ASO Nominations Committee member. In Areas 2 and 4 an ASO Personnel Committee member will also be elected. Mark your calendars and get a group from your chapter together to attend your area meeting.

• **Chapter Officers:**

It is time to elect new chapter officers for the 2024-2026 biennium. Please encourage your new officers to attend the area meetings. I will have a session at every meeting for chapter presidents. Other ASO officers will be able to attend some of the area meetings and will offer sessions.

• **New Officers:**

There is a form on the DKG International website (www.dkg.org) to be completed with all your new officers' information. This form will need to be sent to International. Also make sure to send a copy of the same form to ASO Executive Secretary LaVonne Kirkpatrick. Please send the completed form as soon as you have elected your new officers.

• **Update MyDKG Information:**

Please update your information on MyDKG on the DKG website (www.dkg.org). This will help ASO and DKG International keep you up to date on what is happening with the Society.

• **Induction:**

I hope throughout your meetings this year you have invited women to attend and to join your chapter. We hope each chapter will be able to induct at least 2 women. We are not looking just to increase numbers. Adding new members will help us rethink, revise, and revitalize our chapters and Arkansas State Organization.

• **Ella Reese Leadership Seminar:**

This seminar will be on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23. The leadership seminar will offer sessions on leadership within education and DKG. Encourage someone in your chapter to attend and your chapter will show support by paying half of the registration fee. Please check out the application form on the ASO website.

ASO President Cathy Toney visits with a member of Alpha Beta Chapter in February.



ASO President Cathy Toney shares some thoughts with Alpha Beta Chapter in February.

Above center, Cathy Toney presents one of the door prizes at the end of the ASO Fall Meeting in October 2023.

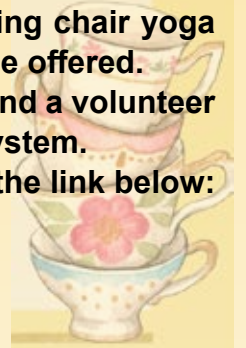
Area 1 Plans a High Tea as Part of the March 9 Meeting

Come join ASO's newest chapter as Epsilon Gamma hosts the Area 1 meeting at the Clarksville First Baptist Church. The meeting will have registration and a lite breakfast starting at 9am. After the general session at 9:30am a craft session, a relaxing chair yoga session, and informational sessions for new presidents and treasurers will be offered.

During our "High Tea" luncheon the keynote speakers will be the director and a volunteer from Royal Kids Camp, a free summer camp for children in the foster care system.

Please come and join the fellowship. It is not too late to register by using the link below: <https://forms.gle/hQJ6e5Eog33JPSW78>

(Must copy and paste the address into your browser)



Spring into DKG

ASO Area 4 Meeting
Sheridan High School Arena
Saturday, April 13

8:45 - 9:15
REGISTRATION
Breakfast

9:15- 9:30
WELCOME

Lindsey Bohler, Area Leader

9:30-10:30
'Let's Root for Each Other'

10:30-11:30
'Handmade with Love'

11:30-12:00
*Presidents and Treasurers
*Member Social Networking

12:00-12:30
LUNCH

12:30-1:15
'Inspiring a Lifelong Love of Reading'

1:15-2:00
Business Meeting

BUSINESS MEETING

- Call to Order
- Collect
- Registrar's Report
- Committee Nominations
 - Area IV Leader
 - Nominations
 - Personnel
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Thank You To...

Grant County Beta Epsilon
Grant County Master Gardener's
Taylor Thomas
Christian Ramsey
Sheridan High School FCCLA
Students & Sponsor, Lindsay Rich
Imagination Library, Brooke Bridges

Highlights of the Area 2 Meeting Schedule on April 20

Please consider joining Area 2 DKG members as they enjoy the theme: “DKG Showers of Blessings.” We will have a fantastic time as we showcase our multi-talented DKG members in the arts and crafts display.

During the breakout sessions we will offer classes on iris gardening, “Team Corrie” Cancer Foundation program started in El Dorado which provides fictional character wigs for children with cancer, and classes from the Audubon Society. Other classes will include information about the Saline River Crossing and a session on a Native American toolbox taught by an interpreter from Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Also featured will be officer informational sessions. Area 2 is planning on providing something interesting for all members on April 20 at Sharon Baptist Church, 402 Shenandoah Road, Benton, AR.

Included below is a simplified schedule of the day’s activities.

8:00am - 8:45am:
Registration / Breakfast / Art Display Set Up

8:45 - 9:00am:
Opening / Welcome / Collect

9:15-9 :25am:
Break (view art work)

9:25-10:25am:
Breakout Session A

10:25-10:35am:
Break (view art work)

10:35-11:35am:
Breakout Session B

11:35-11:40 am
Break

11:40am -12:00pm:
Business Session

12:00-1:00pm:
Lunch

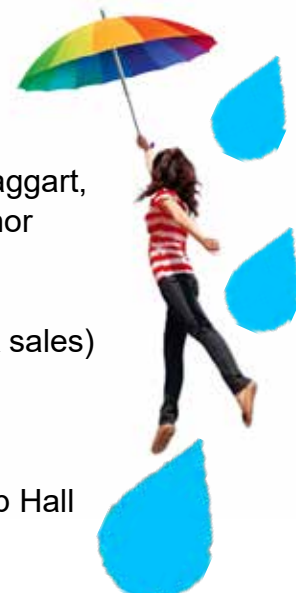
Guest Speaker: Dr. Sam Taggart,
physician and local author

1:00-1:10pm:
Break
(displays and Dr. Taggart book sales)

1:10-2:10pm:
Breakout Session C

2:10-2:20pm:
Break and head to Fellowship Hall
(view art work)

2:20-2:45pm:
Closing and Door Prizes



DKGIEF: Women Honoring Women



Honor a woman who has had a significant impact on your life or career.

For each \$25 donation made in honor of that special woman, DKGIEF will send you a specially designed card and pin to present to her. Your donation must be postmarked or received between March 1 and April 15, 2024.

DKGIEF will offer a different pin each year in celebration of International Women’s Day.

The initial 2024 pin features the blue hydrangea which symbolizes gratitude and heartfelt emotion. Parts of the flower and stems will be raised to give a 3D effect.

For further details on how to make your donation, visit the DKGIEF website or scan this QR Code with your mobile device.

The 2024 Ella Reese Leadership Seminar will be held June 22-23 at the Ferncliff Conference Center in Ferndale.

This is a great opportunity to build leadership skills and bond with DKG sisters from across the state. Participants will experience a wide variety of presentations and activities designed to encourage their growth as leaders in their communities.

The application is now available on the state website (dkgarkansas.weebly.com). Applicants should send a completed application by USPS in one envelope to: Claudia Smith, 606 Rio Lane, Little Rock, AR 72210 no later than May 10, 2024.

Successful applicants will be notified by May 17, 2024. Fees from unsuccessful applicants will be returned. Interested parties can direct any questions to: cbrantonsmith@yahoo.com.

The ASO Awards Committee Wants Your Help!

Nominees for the Carolyn Pittman Achievement Award are known for

- A minimum of six years active, participating membership
- Continually giving distinguished service to Kappa State/ASO
- Promoting the purposes and mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Nominees for the Order of the Rose are known for

- A minimum of six years active, participating membership
- Not having received state-level recognition
- Having made outstanding contributions to her chapter
- Having made outstanding contributions to her community

How can YOU help identify these persons?

- Complete the interactive Word nomination form on the website.
- Scan a printable photo.
- E-mail both to the chair of the Awards Committee by February 1, 2025.
- Send only two nominees per biennium.
- Keep a secret! Recipients are not to be revealed until awards are made.



Alpha Beta Chapter



The Alpha Beta Chapter met on the campus of Southern Arkansas University. Members enjoyed a visit with ASO President Cathy Toney. The chapter is excited about their plan for recruiting and welcoming collegiate members in the near future.

Alpha Mu Chapter



Alpha Mu Vice President Nancy Blackstone, along with her sister Alice Ahart, delivered 60 bottles of oil to the El Zocalo Minister to be handed out over the holidays to needy families in the Little Rock area.

Alpha Mu members and a guest met at the Little Rock Art Museum for lunch for their January meeting. The chapter does this each year on MLK Day.



Beta Omega Chapter

Members of the Beta Omega Chapter recently made a charitable contribution by donating stuffed animals and other toys to the emergency room at Baptist Health Medical Center-Stuttgart.

The chapter engages in a year-round toy collection initiative culminating in a Christmas donation to the emergency room. These toys are provided to medical professionals to offer comfort to children who visit the ER either alone or accompanied by a parent.

Pictured above left are (left to right) Beta Omega Member Nancy Stewart, ER Nurse Danielle Blankenship, Beta Omega Member Janie Hickman, and ER Nurse Amy Randall. These ladies showcase donated items at Baptist Health Medical Center-Stuttgart's Emergency Room.



Jessica Hosman stated recently that, "Rotary has been such a blessing to our school! Their continued support is so appreciated and does not go unnoticed. It's been a wonderful month filled with numerous men sharing great books and the love of reading with our students."

The program at their school is called "Real Men Read." Shown accepting the \$1200 donation from the Stuttgart Rotary Club in the photo above are Wade Hosman, Jessica Hosman, and Tia Brickey.



Mu Chapter

Mu Chapter inducted a new member during their February meeting at La Hacienda in Benton. Mu Chapter President Melissa VanCleave reads part of the ceremony. Pictured left to right are Melissa VanCleave, Jennifer White, Inductee Beth Mathys, Pat Lovell, Marsha Billingsley, and Shelly Campbell.

Top right: Gamma Omicron Chapter held their February 20 meeting at Central High School. Area 2 Leader Darlene Emmons was a guest for the evening. The group is shown during their business meeting.

(Thank you to Darlene Emmons for the pictures and copy!)

Gamma Omicron Chapter

The Chapter Presents a "Red Rose Award" Every Year

Every February Gamma Omicron makes a Red Rose Award presentation to a community group or individual that encourages or promotes literacy. Last year they recognized Craig O'Neal and his "On the Road" reading program. This year the award was presented to a group at Central High School. The "Tiger Book Buddies" have finished their first year with third graders at the Martin Luther King Elementary School. The high school students meet with the third graders from 7:30-8:15 once a week, every other week. There are many more students in this program, but four were present along with Stephanie Alhajaj, who is their sponsor as well as a DKG member and Central High School counselor. The students in attendance were presented with two red roses and a plaque by Gamma Omicron President Claudia Smith. The students were thanked for their service to others and were told, "hope you will see the impact of your service to others."



Above left page: Chapter President Claudia Smith prepares to pass out roses.

Above right page: Stephanie Alhajaj is the sponsor of the "Tiger Book Buddies."

Lower right: Shown left to right are Joshua Ghormley, Mimi Abochale, Sponsor Stephanie Alhajaj, Suhana Mushtaq, President of the Tiger Book Buddies; and Kaedan Hendrix. All the students are seniors.

Gamma Chi Chapter



In January the Bi-State Annual Brunch was held in Texarkana, Texas. Texas Chapter Alpha Pi was the host chapter at the Silver Star Restaurant with DKG members from Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana present. Members of Gamma Chi, Alpha Pi, and Gamma Sigma enjoyed a festive setting with table decorations, gift bags, and remarks by special guests.

Arkansas Gamma Chi Chapter will be the host in 2025.

(These pictures were borrowed from Facebook and DKG International Members' Private Group.)



DKGIEF Dueling Pianos Event

Looking for a fun night out? Well, toss in your dancing shoes and tune up your vocal cords for an evening spent at Bobby McKey's Dueling Piano Bar on Wednesday, July 10, from 6 to 11 pm, sponsored by DKGIEF. World-class musicians will play all your requests and favorites while weaving in improvisational humor. Heavy appetizers, desserts, and soda/water will be included with your ticket purchase, and the venue is just steps away from the convention center. A portion of the \$150 ticket price will be tax deductible as a contribution to DKGIEF. Tickets are limited to 300, so join your DKG sisters as you'll sing and laugh the night away while making incredible memories at the International Convention.





Appendix A from ASO Rules

AREA 1: Counties: Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Washington, Yell

Chapters: Iota - Fayetteville, Chi - Harrison, Alpha Theta - Charleston, Alpha Pi - Ft. Smith, Alpha Rho - Van Buren, Beta Nu - Russellville, Beta Sigma - Bentonville, Beta Tau - Greenwood, Gamma Eta - Yellville,

Gamma Iota - Fayetteville, Epsilon Gamma - Clarksville

AREA 2: Counties: Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, Saline, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White

Chapters: Gamma - Little Rock, Theta - Conway, Mu - Benton, Alpha Mu - Little Rock, Alpha Sigma - Morrilton, Beta Beta - Beebe, Beta Lambda - Little Rock, Beta Xi - Heber Springs, Beta Psi - Little Rock, Gamma Omicron - Little Rock

AREA 3: Counties: Arkansas, Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, Randolph, Woodruff

Chapters: Zeta - Blytheville, Sigma - Augusta/Des Arc, Omega - Marianna, Beta Omega - Stuttgart, Gamma Theta - Brinkley, Gamma Rho - Jonesboro

AREA 4: Counties: Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Springs, Howard, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lincoln, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Sevier, Union

Chapters: Alpha - El Dorado, Lambda - Arkadelphia, Alpha Beta - Magnolia, Alpha Delta - Hope/Prescott, Alpha Kappa - Mena, Grant County Beta Epsilon - Sheridan, Gamma Beta - Monticello, Gamma Sigma - Ashdown, Gamma Chi - Texarkana, Epsilon Beta - Pine Bluff

Kappa State Education Foundation

Memorials:

Dolores Gilliam,

Mother of Karen Roe, Gamma Rho Chapter
by Kathryn Dickinson, Alpha Delta Chapter

Dolores Gilliam,

Mother of Karen Roe, Gamma Rho Chapter
by Hazel Dickey, Beta Beta Chapter

Dolores French, Beta Rho Chapter (dissolved),

Aunt of Laura Proctor,
by Laura Proctor, Gamma Eta Chapter

Honorarium:

ASO President Cathy Toney, Theta Chapter

by Terri Leins, Alpha Pi Chapter

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Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- * **March, 2024** Deadline for chapters to elect new officers for the 2024-2026 biennium
- * **March 9, 2024** Area 1 Meeting, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 924 Crawford Street, Clarksville, AR
- * **April 1, November 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant
- * **April 13, 2024** Area 4 Meeting, Sheridan High School, 800 W. Vine Street, Sheridan, AR
- * **April 20, 2024** Area 2 Meeting, Sharon Baptist Church, 402 Shenandoah Road, Benton, AR
- * **April 27, 2024** Area 3 Meeting, 1st Assembly of God Church, 1705 S. Washington, Forrest City, AR
- * **May 1, September 1, February 1** Applications for Cornet Professional Development Award deadlines (dkgef.org)
- * **May 10** Deadline for applications to the 2024 Ella Reese Leadership Seminar (June 22-23)
- * **June 30, December 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship