

# DKG International Convention

**New Orleans, LA**

July 12-16, 2022

***The DKG 2022 International Convention in New Orleans is approaching quickly.***

Register for the convention and secure your hotel reservation. The convention agenda is packed with speakers and sessions, providing a variety of opportunities from which you can select. Electing new international officers and voting on proposed amendments to the governing documents are Society business matters that will take place at the convention. Every DKG member has a voice, so make your vote count by attending the convention.

The 2022 International Convention will run from July 12-16. Enjoy networking with women from across the globe while enjoying the sights and sounds of an exciting city!

Be sure to visit the International website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) to learn more about this upcoming and exciting opportunity!

## Don't miss the ASO Area 2 Meeting!

**May 14, 2022**

**First United Methodist Church Family Life Center  
 1099 West Pine Street, Heber Springs**

The First United Methodist Church Family Life Center is across the street from Heber Springs High School. The Family Life Center is at the back of the church so enter from the parking lot on the west side of the building.

The keynote speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Linda Griffith. Breakout sessions will include presidents' training by ASO President Sue Cook, treasurers' training by ASO Treasurer Linda Vailes, and membership update/ideas from ASO 2nd Vice President Janie Hickman. Other breakout sessions include a photography presentation with cell phone photography, a paint party, and an exercise and line dance session. In addition there will be a style show during lunch.

Light breakfast and lunch are included in the \$25 registration fee. Deadline for registration is May 1st (register on the ASO website: [dkgarkansas.weebly.com](http://dkgarkansas.weebly.com)) but late registration will be accepted. Every DKG member is invited to attend.

Registration will start at 8:45 am and the meeting starts at 9:30 am.

**Come join the fun!**

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# “ Follow Your Dream With DKG”

## From ASO President Sue Cook

Hello everyone, April has been a very busy month! I have attended three different chapter meetings and three area meetings during the month for a total of 1252 miles traveled. The weather was good for traveling except for the night when I came home after the Gamma Eta meeting. It rained on the way back from the meeting but I made it.

As always, I learned so much at each meeting. Arkansas truly has dedicated and loyal DKG members. When I arrive at a meeting I may know one or two members, but when I leave I know for sure that we are all sisters. So the miles that I have traveled have been well worth the time I have spent on the road, usually with my husband and two dogs. I have enjoyed visiting parts of Arkansas that I have never been to before.

### Upcoming Events:

An ASO Revitalization Planning Meeting will be held on June 4, 2022, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please read about the details of the meeting in this newsletter on page 3.

The Ella Reese Leadership Seminar will be held at the Red Apple Inn in Heber Springs on June 20-21, 2022. **The deadline for registration for the seminar is May 1st.** Applications can be found on the ASO Website. ([dkgarkansas.weebly.com](http://dkgarkansas.weebly.com))

Several ASO state officers and members will be attending the DKG International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 12-16, 2022. This is a unique experience that every DKG member should experience at least once. Training will be held for officers at this meeting. Read more about the many opportunities during the convention on the DKG International Website. ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org))

### End of Year Business:

**DKG dues should be paid by June 30th to your chapter treasurer.** Keep in mind that chapter treasurers will need to have dues turned in to them sooner, so they can send everything to ASO and International by the June 30 deadline!

New chapter officers will assume their duties July 1. All chapters should plan to have an officer training day before their first meeting in the fall.

I hope you have a good end of your school year for those that are still teaching! All your DKG sisters support you. Call me if you need me.

Sue

ASO President Sue Cook visited Iota Chapter in Fayetteville during April.



Past ASO President Joy Graham, ASO President Sue Cook, and Past ASO President Cathy Toney attended the Area 4 meeting on April 9th in El Dorado.

Above center, ASO President Sue Cook is shown on a tour in Washington DC on March 5th. Dr. Stacy Potter and President Sue Cook attended a DKG US Forum meeting March 6-8.

### New Chapter Officers Form

**Please fill out your new chapter officers form. A copy of the form should be sent to DKG International ([mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org)), ASO Executive Secretary LaVonne Kirkpatrick ([lwalter@uark.edu](mailto:lwalter@uark.edu)), and to ASO President Sue Cook ([suecook428@gmail.com](mailto:suecook428@gmail.com)).**

To find the Chapter Officers Reporting Form, go to the ASO website ([dkgarkansas.weebly.com](http://dkgarkansas.weebly.com)) select the Other tab/ then Forms / then at the bottom under the subhead Other Forms you will find: Chapter Officers Reporting Form, Form 110 Chapter.

# Has Your Chapter Lost Members?

*The Revitalization Day Meeting is June 4th*

Revitalization Day for Arkansas State Organization is June 4 at Pulaski Tech in North Little Rock. All members may attend this day of guided thinking about and discussion of the future of ASO DKG. Every chapter and every state committee representation is important.

When a state has lost a significant number of members—25% or more in five years, the state organization is in danger of dissolving within another few years. ASO has 39 chapters; the Society website shows the current ASO membership is 952. The accompanying membership graph shows the steady decline in the number of ASO members and chapters.

Arkansas State Organization 2012-2021 (Based on "Snapshot" Totals)

Fiscal Year	Total Membership	Rate of Change	Inducted	Reinstated	Dropped	Deaths	Chapters
2011-2012	1,972	8.0%	100	35	320	29	64
2012-2013	1,826	7.4%	126	52	296	20	61
2013-2014	1,723	5.6%	113	40	238	14	55
2014-2015	1,670	3.1%	116	39	223	15	54
2015-2016	1,624	2.8%	138	28	207	7	53
2016-2017	1,491	8.2%	100	25	250	12	49
2017-2018	1,355	9.12%	83	24	235	14	46
2018-2019	1,243	8.27%	58	18	150	4	45
2019-2020	1,136	8.61%	58	33	241	4	37
2020-2021	1,011	11.00%	25	22	155	3	39

Has YOUR chapter lost members? Has your chapter recovered from the interruption created by COVID restrictions? If your answer is yes to either question, you will benefit from participating in Revitalization Day!

President Sue Cook requested that International President Becky Sadowski help us with our need for revitalizing ASO. Sadowski heard the request and assigned past international president Evelyn Barron to spend the day with us and to lead us in our thinking about and acting to revitalize our membership.

Barron is well-known for her commitment to DKG and to membership development. She wrote *Our Heritage IV*, the recently published Society history 2008-2018, initiated the discussions of Focus 2000 that resulted in a number of progressive changes to the Society, and continues to lead in her chapter, state, and international organization.

Even though there is not a registration fee, attendees are requested to register by May 25 to allow for a count of the free lunch. Go to <https://forms.gle/Dks3kQVmqNVdrWVH9> to register.

Of course, you may attend without registering, but bring your own lunch if you do.

Make your plans and bring others with you to be a significant part of the ASO Revitalization Saturday June 4 at 10 a.m. to mid-afternoon at NLR Pulaski Tech.

Carolyn Pittman,  
Chair, Expansion & Revitalization Committee

## Driving Directions:

**UA-Pulaski  
Technical College  
3000 West Scenic  
Drive  
North Little Rock, AR**

### From Downtown Little Rock:

Cross the Broadway Bridge northbound into North Little Rock. Turn west (left) onto West Broadway Avenue and continue until road ends at Pike Avenue. Veer right onto Pike Avenue. Continue north on Pike Avenue to the intersection with Pershing Blvd. Turn left (west) on Pershing. Drive 1 mile. The campus entrance will be at the top of the hill on your right.

### From Interstate 40: Westbound:

Drive west on I-40. Take Exit 152-B (MacArthur Drive/Pike Avenue). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Pike Avenue. Continue on Pike Avenue to the first stoplight. Turn right (west) onto Pershing Boulevard. Drive 1 mile. The campus entrance will be at the top of the hill on your right.

### Eastbound:

Drive east on I-40. Take Exit 152 (Pike Avenue). Veer right off the ramp onto Pike Avenue. At the intersection of Pike Avenue and Pershing Boulevard, turn right (west) onto Pershing. Drive 1 mile. The campus entrance will be at the top of the hill on your right.

## The Girl from Little Rock Comes Home

*The Girl from Little Rock* is a sculpture that was displayed at DKG Society Headquarters for several decades. Society Headquarters sold and was vacated this spring, and the Society staff was relocated to an office building in Austin.

While Society historical records were preserved and archived at an Austin library/research center, furniture and furnishings were sold. The graceful bronze statue was one of the many items placed in an auction.

ASO member Carolyn Pittman knew of the impending sale and successfully arranged for someone in Austin to attend the auction to bid for the purchase of *The Girl from Little Rock*. When Pittman attended an onsite board meeting of the DKG International Educational Foundation in March, she brought the statue to Arkansas.

*Our Heritage III* includes a picture of the piece and this information about how it came to be at Society Headquarters: "*The Girl from Little Rock*, The first Women in Art exhibit Purchase Award at the 1978 International Convention was awarded to Teus van den Berg, a member from the Netherlands, for her bronze sculpture. The inspiration for this piece came from a newspaper article and picture, of a small black girl on her first day in an integrated school, in Little Rock, Arkansas."



**Educational Legislation Chairman Dr. Stacy Potter and ASO President Sue Cook attended the DKG US Forum in Washington, DC on March 6th - 8th, 2022.**

During their time there they met with Arkansas Senator Boozman at his office in Washington, DC. They were also able to see some of the sites in the capital. Shown at the right are some pictures from the World War II Memorial.



# Area 3 Meeting Held in Forrest City

The area 3 meeting was held at the First Assembly of God Church in Forrest City on April 2nd. Area Leader Ilyse Howard welcomed area members and several members from other areas. The meeting started with the reading of the Collect and continued with breakout sessions. ASO President Sue Cook presented a training session for chapter presidents and ASO Treasurer Linda Vailes had a session for treasurers.

In the main meeting area other members heard a presentation entitled “Chiming In” from Teresa Cantrell, Omega Chapter. Teresa is the Wynne Primary School music teacher and Wynne Public Schools’ Teacher of the Year. She shared with those present how she survived and thrived with her music student during the pandemic when students were not allowed to sing. Teresa worked hard and earned grants and sought funding to buy hand chimes along with enough gloves for every student in her program. The result was an amazing program of students learning to use the chimes and making music! The songs were adjusted for every age and ability level in Teresa’s classes. As a conclusion to her presentation she even had the DKG members in the session playing the chimes.

The keynote speaker for the day was MaryAnne Williams. MaryAnne shared her journey with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Arkansas. It was MaryAnne’s goal to get the program to children in all the counties in Arkansas. That goal has been accomplished!

Lunch followed this inspiring presentation. After some announcements from ASO President Sue Cook and others the business meeting was convened. Area 3 Leader Ilyse Howard was re-elected and will serve another 2-year term. ASO Webmaster and Registrar Paula Williams was elected to a 2-year term on the Nominations Committee. Jane Jamison was elected to serve on the Personnel Committee. Business was concluded with a vote to donate the remaining money from registration fees to the Ella Reese Leadership Development Committee.

Following the official business some additional questions and answers about upcoming events were shared. Next on the agenda three lucky members won door prizes. After this final bit of fun the meeting was adjourned.

MaryAnne Williams was the keynote speaker for the Area 3 meeting. She talked about her involvement with the Imagination Library over the years and features of the program.



Members paused for a picture with MaryAnne Williams and “Dolly Parton” before the meeting started on April 2nd in Forrest City.

Area 3 Leader Ilyse Howard checks to make sure the lunch orders are correct.

During one of the breakout sessions Wynne Primary School Music Teacher Teresa Cantrell explains how she taught her music students to play the chimes and follow along with the song they were performing.

Above center, DKG members actually played the chimes using Teresa’s method toward the end of the session.

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More pictures from Area 3



## El Dorado was the Meeting Site for Area 4

The Area 4 meeting started with a photo session as members registered and enjoyed Spudnuts and refreshments. The meeting was held at El Dorado High School. The general sessions were held in the high school library. Area 4 Leader Jackie Phillips welcomed members from area 4 and other areas including several state officers. After the welcome, members divided into two groups for breakout sessions. As members registered they received a token for “Spring Wreaths” with Jennifer Michaels or “Wet on Wet Watercolor” with Nancy Rae Kinard. Everyone settled in after some swapping of tokens for a creative experience in both groups in the El Dorado art rooms.

Following the breakout sessions another general session was held with ASO President Sue Cook presenting a session called “Lipstick to Everyone”. It was a lighthearted look at personality traits based on the shape of your lipstick after you use it for a time.

The next session divided members present into three groups. ASO President Sue Cook and ASO Treasurer Linda Vailes led officer training in two of the sessions. The third session was a teamwork challenge. Members were divided into groups of 4 to 5 and worked with unique materials to build a self-supporting tower. Prizes were given for the tallest tower and for the most creative tower.

The luncheon began with words of inspiration presented by Sue Hull and continued with members lining up in order of their years of membership down the long hall of the school on the way to the cafeteria. ASO Treasurer Linda Vailes won a prize with the most years of membership with 50 years. Lunch was wonderful and enjoyed by all in a nicely decorated area.

The group reassembled in the library and listened to an inspirational keynote presentation from Sandy Gross of Alpha Chapter. Sandy has a nonprofit to benefit kids suffering from cancer. Her organization is Kids Wigs Project-Team Corrie and was organized in honor of a daughter she lost to cancer. Sandy presented the background then demonstrated how the wigs are made.

The business meeting was the final aspect of the meeting. It started with the reading of the Collect. The registrar reported that there were 34 members registered and 34 in attendance. Elections were held for a new area leader and a member for the nominations committee. Lindsey Bohler from Grant County Beta Epsilon Chapter was elected as the new area 4 leader and Carolyn McGough, Alpha Delta Chapter was elected as the representative on the ASO Nominations Committee.

Several announcements followed the elections along with a collection of coins for the DKG Emergency Fund. (It was reported later that \$252.72 was collected.) The next event of the meeting was a drawing for 6 door prizes. Members then stood for the DKG song and the meeting was adjourned.

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More pictures from Area 4

Thirty-four members attended the Area 4 meeting in El Dorado. Everyone listens to instructions about the day.

Lunch was in the beautifully decorated cafeteria of the school. The theme for the day was "It's All About the Rose" and several rose-related souvenirs were arranged on the tables.



In one of two morning breakout sessions, Nancy Rae Kinard explains about wet on wet watercolor technique.

Above center, Area 4 Leader Jackie Phillips measures the teamwork challenge towers.

In the breakout session for wreath making members work on the first stage of their wreath.

Above center, Jackie Phillips awards Linda Vailes with a prize and certificate for her 50 years as a member of DKG.

Presenter Jennifer Michaels shows how to start adding ribbon to the wreath.

Above center, Sandy Gross talks about her non-profit project of making children's wigs during her keynote address.



# Gamma Eta Chapter

## Celebrating Gamma Eta

At the March meeting of Gamma Eta Jennifer Metts and Marilyn Pangle presented personal perspectives of challenges and positive outcomes for teachers during COVID. Following the business meeting, chapter members prepared "Chicken Noodle Soup-To-Go," which will be distributed throughout the community. Members also contributed favorite recipes that evening which will be compiled and

shared with members in the fall.

Gamma Eta members were recognized for special accomplishments during the April meeting. Among those honored were Anna Mattson, recipient of the Chapter Achievement Award; Leota Dwyer, recipient of a 40-year membership pin; Laura Proctor, recipient of a 30-year membership pin; Reanell Birrer, recipient of a Kappa State Education Foundation grant; and several members with perfect attendance. The Gamma Eta Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kayelee Elliott, a junior at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro majoring in elementary education.

Arkansas State Organization President Sue Cook installed the 2022-24 Gamma Eta officers. Some officers are remaining in office for an additional term. Each officer received a symbol of her office.

Members shared with President Cook that Gamma Eta has four members who have received the state Achievement Award, two members who were inducted into the Order of the Rose, and three past state officers. We also are fortunate to have three generations of active members from the Cole family.

Following the ceremony, members and guests enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments.



*Members of the Cole family are shown with ASO President Sue Cook. Pictured left to right are Donna Cole Tennison, Quintelle Cole, (ASO President Sue Cook), and Amy Cole Robson.*

*Anna Mattson, outgoing president, presented a gavel to Jennifer Metts, incoming president.*

# Iota Chapter

DKG April Meeting of Iota Chapter included several items of chapter business. The installation of officers is shown below. Pictured left to right are Past President Tonya Landrum, President Mary Ann Spears, First Vice President Valerie Harp, Second Vice President Kathy Simmons, Recording Secretary Carolyn Brooks, Corresponding Secretary Norma Brown, Treasurer Carlota Aist, Parliamentarian Ann Averitt, and Arkansas State Organization President Sue Cook.



Other items on the April meeting agenda were gathering items for gift basket door prizes for the upcoming area 1 meeting and collecting books for the chapter's ongoing literacy project of stocking the Free Little Library at the Springdale Community Clinic.

# A Field Trip to Apple Seeds

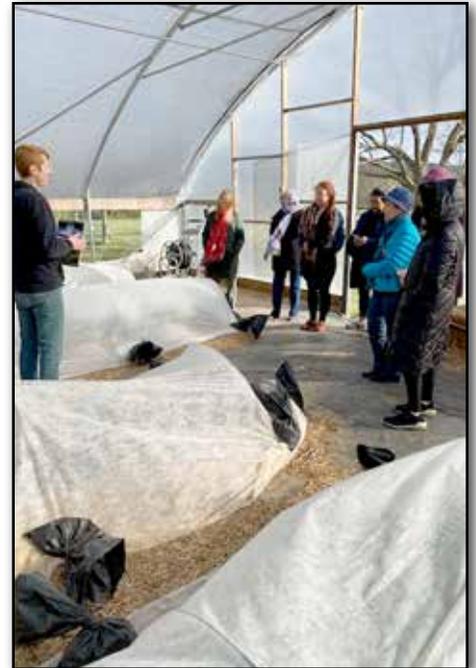
Gamma Iota Chapter members were excited to finally meet in person at their regular meeting on Thursday, April 7. The chapter has been meeting through Zoom for the past two years.

Members held their meeting at Apple Seeds, a 15-year-old non-profit which sits on a portion of beautiful Gulley Park in Fayetteville. Chapter members were given a tour by one of the staff members and enjoyed a question-and-answer period that followed.

Sixty local schools, the year before COVID started, partnered with Apple Seeds to reach 10,000 students in person at the schools or through field trips. Children learned about growing, harvesting, preparing, and eating healthy vegetables. Take-home bags of vegetables with recipes were distributed so that the children could share with their families. Area farmers donated extra vegetables to assist with the lessons. Fifteen thousand students were also reached through Zoom during the pandemic years.

Many special events are available during the year to help support the mission of Apple Seeds, which is "Inspire healthy living through garden-based education". Our members came away thinking that other DKG chapters in our area and throughout the state need to learn about Apple Seeds as well, so they may share the information with their members.

# Gamma Iota Chapter



# Beta Tau Chapter



Members of Beta Tau Chapter are shown on March 17th. They had a meal together during their meeting at Brick Town Brewery in Fort Smith. ASO President Sue Cook was visiting with the chapter.

## Arkansas State Organization Seeks Executive Secretary

The Personnel Committee announces applications are open for ASO Executive Secretary.

The successful applicant will be an ASO member, highly organized, diligent, and collaborative. A brief list of duties includes: maintaining ASO central files, records, and historical data; maintaining and updating chapter membership lists and establishing/communicating deadlines for same; preparing the ASO Membership Directory each year; attending state officer training; and sending publication notices of ASO News to ASO Executive Board and chapter members, international administrative and executive boards and personnel, and state/international committee chairs. Go to [dkgarkansas.weebly.com](http://dkgarkansas.weebly.com) for a full job description. Click the *About Us* tab and choose the drop down *Bylaws* link which is password protected. You'll find the complete list of executive secretary duties under Article VI, Section 10.

The executive secretary's position is a six year term, beginning July 1, with a remunerative contract of \$250 per quarter. The executive secretary shall be approved by the ASO Executive Board upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Formal screening of applications will begin after May 22 and interviews will be scheduled in June. Please email a cover letter/resume in PDF format to Leisa Phillips, Personnel Committee Chair (Area 1) at [sqpeglife@gmail.com](mailto:sqpeglife@gmail.com)



## T-Shirts for Sale

*The Non-Dues Revenue Committee has red, short-sleeved DKG t-shirts for sale for \$20.00. If you would like a t-shirt, please contact ASO President Sue Cook or she can bring them to your meeting when she visits.*

Sue's email is:  
[suecook428@gmail.com](mailto:suecook428@gmail.com)

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## Kappa State Education Foundation

### Honorariums:

*Charles Watson*  
by  
*Mable Donaldson, Alpha Mu Chapter*

### Donations:

*Alpha Mu Chapter*

## Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- \* **May 1, September 1, February 1** Applications for Cornetet Professional Development Award deadlines ([dkgef.org](http://dkgef.org))
- \* **May 14, 2022** Area 2 Meeting First United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Heber Springs (**register by May 1st**)
- \* **June 4, 2022** DKG Revitalization Planning Meeting, UA-Pulaski Technical College, 3000 West Scenic Drive, North Little Rock
- \* **June 20-21, 2022** Ella Reese Leadership Seminar at the Red Apple Inn in Heber Springs (**application deadline May 1**)
- \* **June 30, December 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship
- \* **July 12-16, 2022** DKG International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana
- \* **October 22, 2022** ASO Fall Meeting, UA-Pulaski Technical College, 3000 West Scenic Drive, North Little Rock
- \* **November 1, April 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant