

The Arkansas State Organization Fall Meeting was held on October 22, 2022

Time was allotted for networking among teachers by grade level. This group of middle school teachers enjoyed discussing their experiences.

Kathryn Dickinson tells everyone about the Kappa State Education Foundation Fund-raiser. The foundation put together a gift basket with a Razorback theme and accepted donations for opportunities to win the basket.



Chapter Treasurers

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“ Follow Your Dream With DKG”

From ASO President Sue Cook

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who helped plan and/or attended the ASO Fall Meeting this past weekend. Everything was perfect! The sessions were informative and went well. Our members were engaged, and new friendships were made, or long-standing connections renewed. The food was delicious! I think that it can be reported that the October 22, 2022, meeting was a success!

Save the Date

Arkansas State Organization’s next big event will be our convention on June 2-4, 2023. New state officer training will begin immediately after the convention on the evening of June 4 and continue on June 5 at the same location. The convention will be held in beautiful Mountain View at the Ozark Folk Center and State Park. Start planning to attend now and as soon as you see the registration online...register! ASO 2nd Vice President Janie Hickman will be planning and leading this upcoming event. I don’t believe you and your members will be disappointed. The executive committee shopped around and selected this new site so that the convention will be affordable. Be sure to discuss this event at every one of your upcoming chapter meetings and make a plan to come with several members!! It will be a great way to end the school year and start your summer!! Retirees will have plenty to enjoy also. Come and spend the weekend in Mountain View with your DKG friends! Definitely put the ASO Convention, June 2-4, 2023, on your calendar.

Invite Potential Members

Chapters, please continue to invite your fellow teachers to become a part of DKG. In addition, don’t forget young women who are finishing their teaching degrees. Also check in with members who have dropped and invite them to return to DKG. Don’t forget members who have not been attending recently. Encourage them to come to your next meeting with a special phone call or note.

I’m challenging each chapter to initiate 3-5 new members this year.

Chapter Treasurers

All chapter treasurers, please remember to file your IRS 990N by November 15, 2022. It is easy to do. The form can be found on the DKG International website (dkg.org). You can contact me if you need help (suecook428@gmail.com) or you can contact ASO Treasurer Linda Vailes. Linda’s email address and phone number can be found on the first page of this newsletter.

Chapter Visits

I am still working on my chapter visits calendar. I have some visits already scheduled. I will be contacting other chapter presidents from those chapters I haven't visited so far during my biennium.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas, if I don’t see you before the holidays.

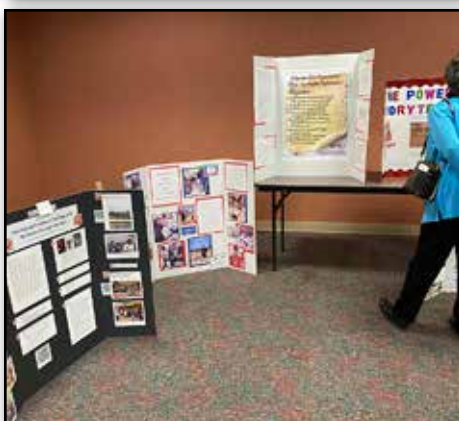
Below Center, members of the ASO executive committee visited the convention facilities at Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View recently while scouting for a location for the 2023 ASO Convention.

ASO President Sue Cook opens the business portion of the annual fall meeting on October 22, 2022.



The ASO Fall Meeting was held at the University of Arkansas Pulaski Tech in North Little Rock. ASO President Sue Cook is shown preparing for the opening session.

The Kappa State Education Foundation put together a Razorback theme basket to be awarded to a lucky member who donated to the fund-raiser at the ASO Fall meeting. Kathryn Dickinson shows some of the items to Elizabeth Waldrip, Candi Martin and Karen Roe.



Winners of Kappa State Education Foundation Grants put together displays for a state meeting telling about their projects. These boards were on display at the ASO Fall Meeting.

Above center, Carolyn McGough helps Kathryn Dickinson by selling tickets for donations at the ASO Fall Meeting.

Kappa State Education Foundation Announces 2022 Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of the Education Foundation Grants for October 2022. The Foundation has selected six winners this year who will be using their money for a variety of projects and programs to enhance learning in their classrooms, in their schools, and in their communities.

The winners this year are:

AREA 1: Hannah Campbell is a second grade teacher in Harrison and a member of Chi Chapter. Her project is "Windows, Mirrors, and Sliding Glass Doors". She will use her grant to purchase more books for her classroom library. After learning about her student's interests she will be able to diversify her books so that each of her students can find characters they can relate to while reading.

AREA 2: Jennifer Chism teaches third grade at Maumelle Charter Elementary School. She is a member of Theta Chapter in Conway. Sometimes Jennifer can have as many as 26 students in her classroom. Keeping supplies and textbooks organized and easily accessible for her students is sometimes challenging. She will use her grant money to purchase seat sacks to go on the back of each student's chair to help them organize their supplies and textbooks.

AREA 3: President Amy Simpson and the Gamma Rho Chapter submitted an application to continue their service project with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. They have been sponsoring that project with the help of their members since September, 2021. With this grant they will expand to include funding for 60 more students. Gamma Rho Chapter will look forward to seeing what a difference this project can make in the lives of children in the community of Jonesboro.

AREA 4: Dana Cox, President of Alpha Delta Chapter, submitted a grant application called "Project Bookcase". This is an outreach ministry between the First United Methodist Church of Hope and the Clinton Primary School. The partnership builds small bookcases, fills them with books, and gives them to struggling readers in first grade during May. These students will then have extra books to read during the summer months. To assist with this project Alpha Delta Chapter members will bring books to each meeting during the year to help fill the bookcases in May.

At Large: Area 1 Shonda Johnson from the Beta Nu Chapter in Russellville applied for a grant to be able to secure a Decodable Reader Library. Their school is part of the R.I.S.E. Arkansas Reading Initiative committed to building stronger readers. Teachers would be able to check out a set of the decodable readers and use them in their small group instruction. This project would benefit the entire school population of 530 students.

At Large: Area 4 Tanya Fox of Alpha Delta Chapter applied for funds to be able to purchase items for what they call their "Calm Down Corner". This is a new requirement by the school district. The purpose of the "corner" is to provide a safe space for a child to go when their emotions are high, and they need a time to quiet their mind. In this space they would find a cozy place, with guides to calming down, whether it be books, blankets, fidgets, or soothing bottles. These corners are considered a safe zone for the students as they deal with their emotions.

Thank you to all who applied this year and we encourage others to be ready to submit an application next year.

Kathryn Dickinson, Vice Chairman
Kappa State Education Foundation Board

Highlights of the Arkansas State Organization Fall Meeting

The ASO Fall Meeting was held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the University of Arkansas/Pulaski Tech campus in North Little Rock. The theme for this year's meeting was "Dream Big." Members arrived starting at 8:30 am and immediately the flow of greetings and ideas began! The meeting began officially with a welcome from ASO President Sue Cook. The collect was led by ASO Secretary Claudia Smith. There were 53 members registered for the meeting and 49 in attendance.

The ASO Executive Board Business meeting was then called to order by ASO President Sue Cook. It was announced that the proposed site for the next ASO State Convention is the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View. A group of ASO officers recently visited the site and were impressed with the reasonable prices and the facilities, including newly renovated and spacious hotel accommodations. A motion was made by the executive committee to have the ASO Convention on June 2-4, 2023 at the Ozark Folk Center. The motion carried. A motion was also made and approved for the Kappa State Education Foundation's giveaway of a Razorback theme basket during the meeting to raise funds for the foundation's grants. Tickets were given to members who donated to the foundation. The Non-Dues Revenue Committee also won approval to sell t-shirts and miscellaneous items left from other events to help pay for officer training.

Terri Leins-Smith made a report on the progress of writing the ASO History. Significant progress has been made with "milestones" that the committee has identified. Most important areas are completed. Following Terri's update the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Several important announcements were then made. Nominations Committee Chair Darlene Emmons shared that the state officer nomination form would be sent to chapter presidents December 5, 2022. She asked that each chapter president make their members aware of the opportunity to nominate someone (with the person's permission) for an ASO office. The forms will also be available on the ASO website. The nominations forms are due by January 15, 2023.

Cissy Pendergrass, filling in for Awards Chairman Cathy Long, reminded members that award nominations are due back by February 1, 2023. Those forms are on the ASO website. Cards with the web address and information about the International website and the ASO website were passed out to chapter presidents at the meeting by 2nd Vice President Janie Hickman. The cards have a QR code along with instructions and passwords.

Featured speakers for the morning were the Sheridan High School Robotics Team. Team Sponsor Mr. Broadway brought two members of the team and their current robot. The team placed 11th nationally during their last competition. The students told members about the goals of a competition. They also shared other aspects of the contest work. They described how computer code has to be written to make the robot work alone for a certain amount of time. The coding makes the robot perform tasks like throwing a disc.

Following the robotics demonstration, ASO members were invited to network with other members present and buy tickets etc. When this allotted time finished, members of the Revitalization Committee shared some of the results of that meeting held during the summer.

Just before lunch there were two technology breakout sessions for members to choose between. Jackie Phillips presented "Navigating the DKG International Website" and Heather Dunn presented "Using Technology to Market DKG".

A wonderful lunch followed the introduction of the ASO officers and inspirational thoughts presented by ASO Immediate Past President Cathy

Highlights continued...

Toney. After the meal the members of the Ella Reese Leadership Seminar Class of 2022 were recognized and presented with a pin and the gift of a special tote bag by Leadership Chairman Pam Posey and Cathy Toney. Next Parliamentarian Candi Martin talked about the DKG International Convention in New Orleans and 2nd Vice President Janie Hickman showed a video and shared more details about the Ozark Folk Center and the upcoming 2023 State Convention.

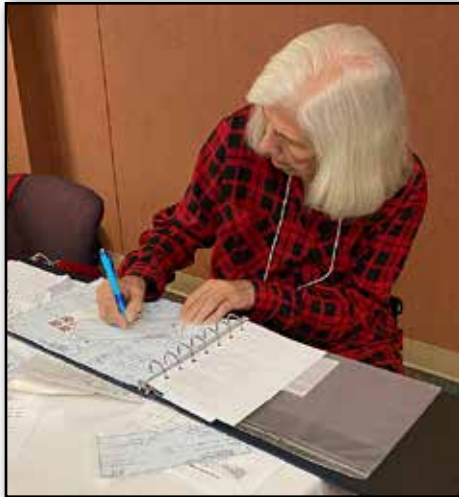
The afternoon session of the fall meeting started with some additional networking time. This time the members present were divided into grade level groups for sharing of experiences. Both retired and active teachers participated.

The agenda for the day continued with a presentation by the Sheridan Elementary School Leadership Team. Principal Lindsey Bohler and Jaylyn Caldwell discussed the team's experiences with a Professional Learning Community (PLC) during this final whole group session. It is a system that has greatly improved the pace and quality of learning in their school.

1st Vice President Dee Ann Daniels concluded the meeting by sharing excerpts from a book by Scott Stoll and Sara E. Williams entitled "Dream It."

The drawings for the prizes were held. The KS Education Foundation basket was won by Janie Hickman. The Foundation raised \$515 during the basket fund-raiser. The "Like our Facebook Page" drawing was won by Elizabeth Waldrip. The Non-Dues Revenue group raised \$101 selling t-shirts and DKG gifts. There was a total of \$614 raised for the DKG Emergency Fund during the meeting.

Theme for the Day:
"Dream Big"









In
Memory:
Wanda Roe
1920-2022
Past
Kappa State
President
1983-1985

Below center, Wanda Roe is shown at the DKG Convention in Austin, Texas in 2018 with Melinda Bittle and Carolyn McGough.

Past State President Wanda Roe is shown at the ASO Convention in 2019 with other Past State Presidents Carolyn Pittman and Cathy Long.



Wanda Roe, Gamma Eta chapter, was an active and devoted member for over 60 years and was instrumental in the development of the Kappa State Leadership Seminar in 1988. She served in many capacities on all levels of DKG and especially loved singing in all the choirs. Her legacy will live on through the many lives she touched.

from Cathy Long



ASO Website



dkgarkansas.weebly.com

Password: DKappaG29



SCAN ME

We've made you a handy card to remember login information for our websites!

These cards are available from your chapter president!

Please note!!! The printer goofed!!! When you get your card change the ~~dkg2016society~~ to ~~dkg2014society~~

DKG International Website
dkg.org

You must use your membership # to login. This can be found on your ASO website.
Default password: dkg2016society



SCAN ME



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Gamma Iota Chapter



Gamma Iota Chapter held its September meeting at the Fayetteville Public Library. In 2021, the library completed an expansion project that doubled its size to 190,000 square feet. Chapter members were treated to a backstage tour of the space that includes the addition of an expanded youth department, a teaching kitchen, the center for innovation, an event center, an art and movement room, and much more.

Dr. Hawraa Alzouwain was inducted as a new member. Pictured are Dr. Annette Digby, Chapter President, and Dr. Alzouwain.



Beta Xi Chapter

Beta Xi Chapter had a painting party for their October meeting. The business meeting came first, then the chapter got down to the fun of painting a fall leaf.





Beta Beta Chapter

Beta Beta had its October 10th meeting at ASU Beebe. They passed out yearbooks and talked about projects. Area 2 Leader Darlene Emmons and ASO Editor Linda Davidson were guests at the meeting.



Alpha Mu Chapter

Alpha Mu in Little Rock had their meeting on October 24. The chapter had refreshments, a business meeting and then enjoyed a clever program that had a theme of shoes. Area 2 Leader Darlene Emmons and ASO Editor Linda Davidson were guests at the meeting.



It's Time to Think about ASO Awards

↘ Think of all the hard working special people you have in your chapters. Consider nominating one or two of those special members for

The Order of the Rose!

↘ What about that hard working member who serves ASO tirelessly, as well as, her chapter. Perhaps submit her name for the

Carolyn Pittman Achievement Award!!

We encourage you to visit the ASO website (dkgarkansas.weebly.com) for the exact requirements for nomination to either of these awards.

Nominations are open to ALL members, not just past presidents, but can also be committee members or someone who serves behind the scenes.

Nominations can be submitted by chapters or individual members.

The applications forms are available on the ASO website.

Complete a nomination form, include a photo suitable for publication, and email and/or send a hard copy to Cathy Long as soon as possible.

The final deadline will be February 1, 2023.



Save The Date

**Arkansas State
Organization
Convention**

**June 2-4, 2023
Ozark Folk Center
Mountain View**

Arkansas State Organization Officer Nomination Information:

Did you know...

- Any DKG member with good standing and 8 years in the organization can run for any state office.
- Our state officers do not automatically move up.
- State Officers have a two-year commitment.
- Becoming an officer helps one develop deeper relationships with other officers and members.
- Any member may submit a name with the prior approval of the person being nominated.
- Requirements will be on the nomination form.
- Please consider nominating a worthy member for one of these offices.
- Applications will be available to chapter presidents on December 5th.

**On December 5th:
Get an application for a
State Office**

or the KS Education Foundation

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

Darlene Emmons, daremmons01@gmail.com
Your Area Nomination Committee Representative
ASO Executive Secretary LaVonne Kirkpatrick
ASO website (dkgarkansas.weebly.com)

APPLICATIONS DUE BY JANUARY 15TH
return by email to Darlene Emmons,
daremmons01@gmail.com



**DKG International President
Dr. Debbie LaBlanc
has named
two members of ASO
to International Committees**

ASO Parliamentarian Candi Martin was named the International Leadership Development Committee Chairman. Candi is shown with Linda Vailes and Claudia Smith at dinner with the ASO Executive Committee the night before the ASO Fall Meeting.



ASO Technology Committee Chairman Heather Dunn was appointed to the International Communications and Marketing Committee. Heather is shown with committee members at an October meeting of the committee in Austin, Texas. Pictured are front row: Heather Dunn, Dr. Glenda Wait, and Belinda Clift; back row: International President Dr. Debbie LaBlanc, Dr. Auli Otte-lin, and Victor Trisnadi.

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Kappa State Education Foundation

Memorials:

- Ella Reese, Past Kappa State President*, Theta Chapter**
by Evelyn Barron, Past DKG International President
- Wanda Roe, Past Kappa State President*, Gamma Eta Chapter**
by Melinda Bittle, Beta Xi Chapter
- Gail Flowers Bingham**
by Earlene Hankins, Beta Xi Chapter
- Betty Kelley, Beta Beta Chapter**
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- Ella Reese, Past Kappa State President, Theta Chapter**
by Carolyn Pittman, Past DKG International President,
Gamma Omicron Chapter
- Betty Kelley, Beta Beta Chapter**
by Beta Beta Chapter
- Connie Bowen**
by Beta Nu Chapter
- Betty Kelley, Beta Beta Chapter**
by Hazel Dickey, Beta Beta Chapter
- Betty Kelley, Beta Beta Chapter**
by Cathy Long, Gamma Eta
- Ella Reese, Past Kappa State President, Theta Chapter**
by Elizabeth Waldrip, Mu Chapter
- Wanda Roe, Past Kappa State President, Gamma Eta Chapter**
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by Cissie Pendergrass, Alpha Theta Chapter
- Wanda Roe Past Kappa State President, Gamma Eta Chapter**
by Leisa Phillips, Chi Chapter
- Wanda Roe, Past Kappa State President, Gamma Eta Chapter**
by Jenny Hodge, Chi Chapter
- Wanda Roe, Past Kappa State President, Gamma Eta Chapter**
by Cathy Long, Gamma Eta
- Alta Burns**
by Cathy Long, Gamma Eta

**Kappa State is now Arkansas State Organization*

Donations:

Area 2 donated the surplus funds from their Area Meeting, 2022

Kappa State Education Foundation thanks everyone who participated in the Arkansas Razorback basket fund-raiser.

Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- * **December 1, June 30** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship
- * **January 15, 2023** Deadline for Nominations for ASO Officers, Forms available December 5, 2022 (email Darlene Emmons, daremmons01@gmail.com)
- * **February 1, 2023** Final deadline for applications for ASO award nominees for the 2021-2023 biennium
- * **February 1, May 1, September 1** Applications for Cornetet Professional Development Award deadlines (dkgef.org)
- * **April 1, November 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant
- * **June 2-4, 2023** Arkansas State Organization Convention in Mountain View at the Ozark Folk Center/State Park