

Chapters Welcome New Members

Lambda Answers Call to Oneness

Dr. Terri Showers, Lambda Chapter President

On Saturday, February 29, 2020, Lambda Chapter answered the call of “ONENESS” by inducting three women into our chapter. Our newest members are **Cecilia Cruse-Tally**, **Mavis Ellis**, and **Leslie Smith Turner**. Members of Lambda Chapter had observed the talents and educational contributions of these Howard County women and invited them to become members of Lambda Chapter of DKG Maryland State Organization. The induction ceremony followed the orientation and was beautifully conducted and supported by members of Lambda Chapter. **Lorraine Johnson**, State President, presided over the ceremony and shared insightful words of wisdom and encouragement to our new members as well as to members of the chapter.

The call of “ONENESS” was introduced by Lorraine Johnson during the Fall of 2019. She challenged each of us to look within ourselves by deciding if we were “The ONE” who would be committed to promoting the vision, mission, and purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. Members of Lambda Chapter are answering that call!

Omicron Chapter

Iris Wingert, Omicron Chapter President

Omicron Chapter inducted six new members on May 8, 2019: **Nora Murray**, **Lisa Macurak**, **Shannon Leister**, **Rachel Kowalski**, **Patricia Keenan**, and **Joanne Davis**. Membership chair, **Laura McClelland** led the beautiful ceremony. All of these wonderful ladies were enthusiastically welcomed into our chapter. Our new members are now active chapter participants. **Joanne Davis** came to the August 19 meeting to help assemble welcome-back-to-school favors for teachers at our partner school, Robert Moton



Lambda Chapter (L to R): Torri Brown, Frances Reynolds, Janissa Davis, Dr. Janet Moye Cornick, Lorraine Johnson (State President), Dr. Terri Showers (Chapter President); New members: Cecilia Tally-Cruse, Leslie Smith Turner, and Mavis Ellis



Alpha Theta welcomed Noel Spalding and Carla Ciallella.



Omicron: Laura McClelland led the induction for (L to R) Nora Murray, Lisa Macurak, Shannon Leister, Rachel Kowalski, Patricia Keenan, and Joanne Davis.

Elementary. **Shannon Leister** joined the scholarship committee. **Patricia Keenan** volunteered to help first graders learn their math facts. **Nora Murray** and **Lisa Macurak** helped **Laura McClelland** with a membership drive implemented over the summer. Nora and Lisa have invited colleagues to recent chapter meetings resulting in another new member joining in November. We are so proud, also, that new members are willing to step up to leadership roles. **Joanne Davis** and **Rachel Kowalski** volunteered to be co-recording secretaries for the 2020-2022 biennium.

We are just so blessed with the best new members who were drawn to our chapter by referrals from other Omicron chapter members or by simply being invited to a meeting and getting hooked by the fact that our chapter has great programs, gives back to our local community, and consists of the most caring and wonderful women educators anywhere.

Alpha Theta Chapter

Joan Wiggins, Alpha Theta Chapter President

The two inductees for Alpha Theta Chapter are **Carla Ciallella** and **Noel Spalding**. They were inducted on August 15, 2019.

Carla Ciallella serves as the Coordinator of Family Self Sufficiency at the Havre De Grace Housing Authority. She actively teaches and facilitates financial literacy, job readiness, and “Getting Ahead in a Getting-by World.”

Noel Spalding taught Special Education at Kenwood High School and is currently the Director of Special Education and Counseling Consulting for Pearson Online and Blended Learning.

Noel and Carla participated in the Alpha Theta community volunteer service gift wrapping for Chesapeake Cancer Alliance at Hartford Mall in December 2019.

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We are the architects of what can happen in our lives and in the life of this organization that we all dearly love.
-Lorraine W. Johnson

The President Speaks

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God)

Be ever mindful of change. Time continues; it marches on. We are blessed with a new decade. If we desire, we can make changes in the way we live, work, play, and conduct business. We have been given another blank sheet to write up with more praiseworthy add-ons to our lives.

Our biennium's theme, *Change - The Difference is One*, is guiding us. We are dutifully heeding the call and advancing under our theme since I became president in July 2019. Change comes.

Lei Han (Soft Skills; lei@be my careercoach.com) raises the question I have been struggling with since 2020 arrived. **“What Do You Want to Be in this New Decade?”** Think about it. You are the architect of what can happen, initiating a welcomed newness. We are positioned to make changes in our lives and the way we live it. We can decide that we don't like something and decide to change it. Yes, we are the architects of what can happen in our lives and in the life of this organization that we all dearly love.

DKG Maryland is composed of some of the brightest and gifted women. And when the need arises, we jump right in, utilizing our intellect, gifts and talents to make things better: helping a sister with a project, assisting a new teacher in setting up a classroom, offering advice on appropriate ways to address a behavior problem, or raising funds for World Fellowship, Scholarship, or some other difficulty that has arisen.

At this particular time in our lives, were there significant areas we failed to accomplish? Was there a goal somehow cast aside because it seemed too difficult or there was insufficient time to devote to it? All is not lost. You have been given another chance.

What about those friends you had lunch with on a regular basis and rehashed the “good old days?” Call them and go to lunch. What about that young woman you've seen at church, in school or university, or at the spa, and decided she would be a good addition to the goals, vision and purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International? There is still time to invite her to a meeting. Go for it.

The new year is rapidly skating by and there are some things in our lives that we need to address, i.e., the attention we give to our health; the interest we have in extending and lifting another female and encouraging her to be all that she can be; the desire to make changes in our lives that cause us to create and enjoy a variety of activities; the promotion of educational activities that make us better teachers, instructors, administrators, and the desire to try something new that may have seemed too difficult at some other time.

Delta Kappa Gamma offers a wide variety of activities and challenges designed to enhance our lives and improve us personally, educationally, and scholastically, prodding us to be all that we can be and more. It urges us to share “the more” with those around us and the world in general. That way we continue to make a difference as we change.

Take some time to reflect on this question: *“What do you want to be as this new decade unfolds?”* Spend time as you seize the advantage of change. Also, as a member of DKG Maryland, make a difference enhancing the status of our beloved organization.

Lorraine Williams Johnson
DKG Maryland State
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President 2019 - 2021

Leadership Conference CANCELLED

Sadly, our nation is in a health crisis. It has become necessary to protect our membership by cancelling the 2020 Leadership Development Conference that was scheduled for May 2, 2020.

Please follow the instructions of Governor Hogan and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in order to protect your health and that of your loved ones.

Committee News

Mini-Grant Awardee: Bev Eanes

Recently I had an opportunity to speak to and engage with cancer patients, caregivers, and survivors at the annual conference given by The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. My topic was, “*Laughter is the Best Medicine.*” I had hoped to be of help to them and I was later given very positive evaluations. However, as a teacher I am always telling my students that the best part of teaching is how much I learn from them. Even so, I didn’t realize just how much I would learn from these amazing people who had been through so much and fought so hard to bring back their health and happiness. Their stories were truly inspirational and they delighted in our “play” time together.

As an educator, nurse, pastoral counselor, and certified humor professional (CHP), I hope to continue to engage educators, health professionals, patients, faith groups, and life-long learners in the art and science of using humor to enhance their health and happiness.

I will be attending the annual conference of the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor (AATH) on May 14-17, 2020. The



Mini-grant awardee Bev Eanes with Scholarship Committee Chair Jean Marie Hofstetter

theme this year is “**Dx: Happiness: Treating Life with Humor.**” There will be experts from education, research, health care, and social services, among many others. I’m looking forward to learning from these experts to enhance my professional teaching and speaking commitments as well as for my own personal growth toward health and happiness using therapeutic humor.

- **Beverly Elaine Eanes, RN, PhD, CHP**
Omega Chapter

Editor’s Note: *Dx* is the medical abbreviation for “diagnosis.”

\$\$\$ for Personal Growth - Available!

Jean Marie Hofstetter, Scholarship Committee Chair

The third and final Mini-Grant deadline for this year is May 1, 2020. The Scholarship Committee will review Mini-Grant applications after the luncheon on May 2, 2020. There’s \$1,300 remaining in the Mini-Grants budget for the year so please encourage your chapter sisters to apply for a \$200.00 Mini-Grant for personal growth. Any money that is left unused this year does not roll

over to next year and remains in the treasury.

Looking at next year’s calendar, our dates for the Mini-Grants will be Sunday, November 1, 2020, Monday, February 1, 2021 and May 1, 2021. The deadline for the Scholarship applications will be Friday, January 15, 2021. Please start seeking out qualified sisters as we will have another \$6,000 to award for Scholarships.

Calling All Photo Enthusiasts!

Photographers are needed to cover different society and state events. If you’re willing to share your talent, please send an email to Minnie Young at drminnieyoung@gmail.com



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Pi Chapter

Jane Smith, Pi Chapter President



New Pi chapter members are L to R: Ivy Storm, Lori Clark, Barb Wollard and Ann Marie Downey.

DKG is member strong in Washington County as we inducted four new members at our October meeting.

Lori Clark recently retired from Washington County Schools after 43 years teaching in the primary grades. She possesses a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Hood College. She continues to help students develop a love for learning as a tutor with the Washington County Education Foundation and as a substitute teacher.

Ann Marie Downey is a retired educator at the early childhood/elementary level. She is extremely active in her community volunteering for her church, Habitat for Humanity and Learning Parties (affiliated with Ready at Five). She is a strong advocate for retired school personnel serving as the current state president of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association.

Ivy Storm is currently a reading specialist in Washington County Public Schools. She holds a master's degree in reading. She is passionate about sharing her knowledge of reading with not only her students but parents and teachers as well.

Barb Wollard makes a difference in children's lives everyday as a fourth grade teacher in Washington County Public Schools. While having a career in business, she got hooked on education as a volunteer at a local elementary school. She then entered the education field through the MAT program at Frostburg State University.

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Alpha Delta Chapter

Editor's Note: Alpha Delta Chapter featured two members in their chapter newsletter, *Sisterhood Gazette*, published February 2020. The self-introductions have been reprinted here.

My family and I moved to the Eastern Shore from central Ohio in 2004. I have been working at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School since 2012. I originally graduated from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and a minor in Business. I put this to good use and handled the bookkeeping for small businesses for several years. After marriage and children, I began to rethink my career options in hopes I could find something more in tune with my children's school schedule. To this end, I began taking online educational coursework. Life interfered and my family wound up growing in number once again, putting off my goal of becoming a teacher. Eventually, once all five of my wonderful children were in school or preschool, I was able to revisit my goal. I was hired as an educational assistant in Kindergarten and spent two and a half years there learn-

ing from a wonderful teacher and mentor while continuing to take education classes. I was able to substitute long-term as a middle school math and science teacher. This doubled as my student teaching and successfully led to my becoming certified to teach Mathematics, Grades 7-12, in 2015. That Fall I was hired to teach 5th grade. I spent the following year in 1st grade and then went back to 5th grade in 2017. It was a meandering route to becoming a teacher, but the support and counsel of other strong educators gave me the knowledge and guidance to reach that goal. Being welcomed into DKG has provided a whole new level of support as an educator and opened up a world of opportunity for enrichment and service. I am excited to continue in the field of education and see where this path takes me.

-Robin Hayes, Alpha Delta

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This is my first year teaching Computer Science at Stephen Decatur Middle School. I grew up in Mardela Springs in Wicomico County, and graduated from Mardela Middle and High School. I left the area for college and attended Eastern University outside of Philadelphia my freshmen year, as well as participated in a study abroad program to Austria my sophomore year. Family brought me back to the Eastern Shore and I finished my Bachelors in Communication Arts at Salisbury University. I used this degree during an early career in Emergency Services Dispatching. After ten years I decided to go back to school and completed my Master of Arts in Teaching Middle Grades Mathematics in May of 2018. At SDMS I am focused on creating opportunities to build relationships and am part of multiple groups that share this vision. I also participate in book clubs

and the After-School Academy. Finally, I am working on a second Masters, this one in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Trauma and Resilience in Education.

I am married and live in Millsboro, Delaware. My husband Jason and I have two boys: Ethan, 7, and Jason Jr., 18, as well as two cats named Thunder and Lightning. As a family, we enjoy riding our bicycles on gravel trails and kayaking. My husband and I have committed to traveling together more and have a trip to Colorado planned for April, one to Shenandoah planned for July, and a family trip to Disney (my first ever) planned for August. During the week, you can find me after hours in my classroom working on one of my never ending projects, or at the pool cheering on our youngest, who swims.

-Anna Fritz, Alpha Delta

Chapter News



The Beta Chapter had a blast at the Rusted Mermaid in Salisbury. The ladies enjoyed painting during Paint Nite. We used this social event to introduce potential new members to the DKG organization. - *Elizabeth McQuown, Chapter President*



Alpha Delta Chapter's Helping Hands

Ellen Wilson, Chapter President

Each year, members of Alpha Delta Chapter collect, save, or purchase items that they package in a washcloth bag and donate to either Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke

or Diakonia in West Ocean. This year, the Helping Hands Project was so successful. Alpha Delta filled up 124 bags! They also donated paper towels, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies.



Delta Chapter Sends Cards and Exchange Cookies

Gwen Cooley, Chapter President

Delta Chapter is continuing its efforts to help students in Good Shepherd School in Zambia. They have also written holiday cards to the two World Fellowship recipients, *Maria Elisa Dugo* and *Scarlette Fenella Rivera* who are both studying

at American University. They also sent holiday cards to *Sharon Hilty's* son, John David, and 50 soldiers in his unit in Iraq. And they celebrated the year with a Delta Chapter Cookie Exchange on December 7.



Pi Chapter Continues Community Outreach

Jane Smith, Chapter President

Pi Chapter has been busy with its community outreach. Pi sisters gathered to serve an evening meal at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on February 18. They also helped wrap gifts for the American Red Cross. Chapter members collected books this year for the Washington County Literacy Chapter. The books will be avail-

able for young readers to use at local laundromats and also in their Read to Dogs program at the Humane Society of Washington County. The Literacy Chapter recently launched an initiative that provides books to fill a reading basket for young readers who come to read to dogs.



Xi Chapter Tackles Antiques and Collectibles

Sue Capron, Chapter President

Antiques and collectibles were the focus for Xi's January meeting. *Lorris Barney* from Hunt Valley Antiques gave an overview of what's currently in demand. Members

brought items of interest and she gave insightful comments. As members "downsize" and "declutter," the talk should help determine which items to save, sell, or donate.

Member Achievements

Susan Ricci Rogel Performed African American Memories in Song

Lorraine Williams Johnson, DKG MD State President



Susan Ricci Rogel, Theta, is a highly sought collaborative pianist.

A standing-room-only audience enjoyed the performance of African American Memories

in Song. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon on February 15 that the program was presented at the Belair Mansion, one of the City of Bowie's Museums. It featured pianist **Susan Ricci Rogel** and vocalist **James Dorsey**.

After an introduction by **Susan Proctor**, Historic Properties Manager, the pair reminded us in song and via instrument the memory of the African American experience in the 19th and early 20th century as illustrated through their work, play, spiritual, and art songs. Selections included "Lift Every Voice and Sing", "De Gospel Train," "Go Down

Moses," "Steal Away," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Juba" "Grief," "The Young Warrior." An anecdote explained the purpose served by the musical selection in assisting the slave in his trek to freedom.

Pianist **Susan Ricci Rogel** is a member of Theta Chapter of the Maryland State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She is a resident of Bowie. She is a highly sought collaborative pianist in the Washington area. Her venues include Weill Recital/Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, DAR Constitution Hall, the Barns of Wolf Trap, and Strath-

more Hall. She has been a co-owner of the Ricci Rogel Studios since 1991.

James Dorsey is a teacher in the Prince George's County Public School System. He helps young people develop their sense of personal identity. He is a National Board Certified Teacher in music and a graduate of UMBC and Loyola University Maryland. He performs locally and sings with the Chesapeake Chorale based in Bowie, Maryland.

A most appreciative audience provided persistent rounds of applause in demonstrating their delight.

Cornetet Awardee: Rhonda Bailey

Rhonda Bailey, Mu Chapter



Rhonda Bailey, Mu, attended the NCSS Conference with the help of a Cornetet Award.

Thanks to the Cornetet Individual Award for Professional Development and the support of Delta Kappa Gamma, I was able to attend the **National Council for Social Studies Conference** in Austin,

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Texas in November 2019. Over the course of four days, I was able to attend a dozen sessions on a myriad of subjects including the Holocaust, the Berlin Conference, teaching controversial issues, and women's rights. I was also able to hear incredible speakers and meet educators from around the country and the continent!

My favorite session was on using primary sources to teach about the **Holocaust** and other genocides. I was introduced to a website that has already-created lessons that allow students to watch survivor testimonies. I taught a course called "Facing History" and when I returned to school, I was able to use this site to give my class access to first-hand accounts of events that aren't

often taught in a traditional history class. I look forward to sharing this site with my current World History students. **My most eye-opening session was on the challenges girls face around the world.** Although I know there is discrimination, the stories I heard and the images I saw were heartbreaking. At the end of the year, my World History classes work on a project on a global issue and students who will choose women's rights will have access to these new resources.

The speaker sessions I attended were moving and inspirational. **Pete Souza**, who was the official photographer for Barack Obama and for Ronald Reagan, was incredible. He shared a wonderfully eclectic collection of photos, each accompanied by a sto-

ry. He had the crowd laughing, displaying a picture of Ronald and Nancy Regan apparently having a fight with Michael Jackson in the middle! He also had the crowd crying with a picture of President Obama taking a much-needed break after meeting with the families of the Sandy Hook shootings. Another terrific speaker was **Norman Mineta**, who shared stories from both his childhood in a Japanese Internment camp and his time in the U.S. government as Secretary of Transportation during 9-11.

My first NCSS Conference was both fun and educational and I'm so glad that I was able to go. I am forever grateful to Delta Kappa Gamma for giving me this opportunity to better myself as an educator.



White Roses

In Memoriam



Elinor A. Causey
1927 - 2020
Omicron Chapter

Elinor A. Causey was born on February 8, 1927 and left her earthly home on January 3, 2020 when she was reunited with her husband Paul of 60 years and her son, Mark, who died in high school. During her lifetime, Elinor was all the Society represents - a key woman educator. She performed her educational tasks with enthusiasm and dedication for 39 years starting in North Carolina, then Virginia and Carroll County. Whatever she attempted, she carried through responsibly. She sought to enrich the lives of those she taught and those with whom she worked. Intellectual and professional growth were her constant goals. I know, because Elinor was my sixth grade math teacher. I've known her my entire life because she was good friends with our family. She

invited me into membership shortly after I began teaching and presented me with the membership pin which I wear proudly.

Many would say she never stopped teaching. In fact, her daughters shared that she donated her body to the Maryland Anatomy Board, so she is still teaching even after her death.

Elinor became an active member of Omicron on September 15, 1987. In 2017 I presented her with her 30 year membership certificate. During those 30 years Elinor held the positions of first vice president, chapter president, parliamentarian, remembrance committee chair, and Alpha Beta State Legislative Committee member. She truly was honored to be part of this society. She loved her sisters. Even when she was no longer able to attend meetings she asked

about her Omicron sisters and sent her love.

She was once asked, "What is the best part about being a member of Omicron chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma?"

Her response was, "*Fellowship with Omicron Sisters and study workshops and attending conventions.*"

Knowing Elinor and her sense of humor, you will appreciate this part that she added about the best part of being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. "*Not having to count on a man and we can wear our pins.*"

We mourn Elinor's death and miss her. She has left a part of herself with those she loved, with her colleagues, and with all of us. Let us keep her memory alive by continuing her work.

- **Laura McClelland**,
Omicron



Suzanne Lewis
1941 - 2020
Xi Chapter

Suzanne Lewis was born in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She attended Salisbury State where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Science and also took many graduate courses at Towson State.

Suzanne began teaching Science in Baltimore County in 1963 at Parkville Junior High and Hereford Jr./Sr. High. Then she taught Biology and GT Biology at Parkville High. She served on many educational committees in the county including the Countywide Gifted and Talented Biology Study Committee. She retired after 29 years in the school system.

She became a member of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1990. Her chapter involvement in-

cluded a variety of chair positions and offices including Recording Secretary, Finance Committee Chair, Communications Secretary, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and Treasurer. She was a registrar at the annual state convention.

She and Joe were the most traveled in our chapter visiting approximately 20 different countries. Their travels, just to name some of the many, included the British Isles, Germany, Eastern Europe, Russia, Scandanavia, Spain, Mexico, Canada, Egypt, Jordan, Australia, New Zealand, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, and Serbia. We always enjoyed

hearing her share adventures after she and Joe returned from a trip.

She was an active member of book clubs and enjoyed sharing her reading materials with others. At her church, Holy Comforter, she was on the altar guild and served as an usher. Thanks to Suzanne, we were able to have many chapter meetings at Holy Comforter Church.

Suzanne was cheerful and kind. She was knowledgeable and she was a good friend. She will be missed by all of us. We are sincerely grateful to have known her, laughed with her, and shared many happy times together.

- **Sara Nazelrod**, Xi



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Join Your DKG Sisters!

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What is Delta Kappa Gamma? Get Ready with Your Elevator Speech

Dr. Minnie Young, Eta

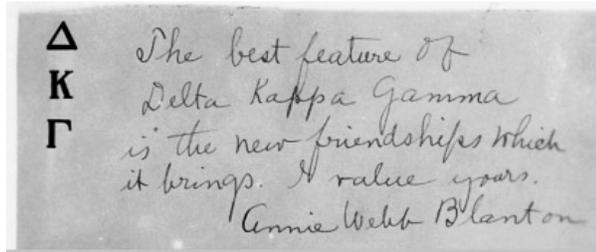
Our membership in DKG has supported our personal and professional growth as educators in many different ways. We know how beneficial it is to be a part of DKG and we want to spread this word. We'd like other women to reap the benefits of being a part of DKG. When we wear our paraphernalia during First Fridays and somebody asks us, "What is DKG?" Are you ready with your elevator speech?

The Go-To Guide for Members: Handbook of the Delta Kappa Gamma International (2019) offers a suggestion on page 11:

"We are an international honor society that recognizes and supports outstanding women in education. We have more than 65,000 members in 17 countries, including nearly 2,000 here in Maryland. Our members can apply for scholarships and grants, attend professional workshops and conferences, and enjoy the opportunity to network with women who share their commitment to excellence in their profession."

Iris Wingert, Omicron Chapter President, wrote about getting new members hooked by the fact that the chapter has great programs, gives back to the local community, and consists of the most caring and wonderful women educators anywhere.

DKG Founder, *Annie Webb Blanton*, wrote: *The best feature of Delta Kappa Gamma is the new friendships which it brings.*



What about you? How will you describe DKG? Please send us your recommendations for elevator speeches and we will publish your great ideas.

DKG is an organization that promotes education worldwide. We are a network of key women educators who provide leadership training, workshops and scholarships for our members, and grants for women in non-member countries. Please visit <https://www.dkg.org> for more information.



Joan Wiggins
Alpha Theta
Member since 1994