

Warm Greetings to All,

We have not seen many of you this past month to extend these greetings in person, so we hope that your New Year has gotten off to a good start. Typically, we welcome the New Year by making resolutions, which, unfortunately, often fall by the wayside. But life is not just about idly making wishes, it's about actually going out and doing and becoming. It is about staying positive and steady even in the face of our difficulties. It is about welcoming each new opportunity to step out of our comfort zone and do something new. Never underestimate the power to take our lives in a new direction. This is how personal challenges make us the creator and innovator of our future.

It always seems that winter is the perfect time to rest, relax and reflect where our life is going. It's a season for hot chocolate, a warm touch of a caring hand, a book to curl up with beside a cozy fireplace. Winter is a time to enjoy the deeper meaning of *home* where we can find personal growth projects to work on that can help us to reveal the best versions of ourselves.

Yes, cold weather can make life a little tricky, but when we have a warm blanket wrapped around our shoulders and take the time to appreciate the beautiful winter landscape, it is easy to feel winter's spiritual wisdom. Likewise, outdoor activities are good for the soul and help us to reinvigorate those memories that bring us back to the winters we knew as a child. But most importantly, the beauty found in the unique structure of each tiny snowflake helps us to remember and to treasure the uniqueness that is found in each of us.

As we face these chilly months ahead, let's keep this quote from Dr. Seuss in mind:

### "You'll never get bored when you try something new. There really is no limit to what you can do."

So, here's to 2022. May it bring an abundance of blessings to our Delta Delta family along with new and exciting opportunities for our organization.

## Happy New Year and Happy Winter!



Marianne Modarelli E Jane Snowberger

DKG Chapter meeting (a) Hubbard Library



Thursday, May 19.....5:00 РМ Founders Dav Dinner (a) Holiday Inn - Boardman



Thursday, June 16......5:00 РМ Picnic (a) Harding Park - Hubbard



Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance.

~Yoko Ono



2020 - 2022 Chapter Officers

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Co-president	Marianne Modarelli
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### Delta State News: "Snow" Much to Tell

### The DKG State Executive Board meeting was held in Columbus this past November. Here are some of our takeaways from the meeting:



Remember that DKG's new name is OSO State Organization DKG. Please correct any chapter yearbooks, websites, correspondence, etc. where the state name is used.



There will be changes made to *The Voice* this coming year. One big change is that the ADSOEF will now have its own monthly newsletter. The first one was posted on January 15<sup>th</sup> and can be found on the state website along with archived copies of the *The Voice*. (*dkgohio.org*)



Chapters will receive letters of approval regarding changes that were made to Chapter by-laws along with recommendations for any revisions. Our revisions were sent in last fall but we have not received any letter to date.



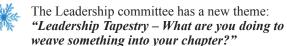
The State Communication and Marketing committee is collaborating with the Expansion committee to create resources and documents to help states charter new chapters. There has been no new charter in Ohio for over 30 years.



State Membership chair, Melodie McGee, has a new 2021-2022 membership initiative. More information is on the DKG website.



There are many opportunities for scholarships from DKG. Applications can be found on the website.





Here are the dates for future State meetings:

New Biennium Leadership trainingJune 9-10, 2022			
New Treasurers & Presidents trainingJune 11, 2022			
Next Executive Board meeting	October 22, 2022		
State Convention	April 21-23, 2023		



# January 2022 Birthdays January Barb Carbone - 22nd Barb Carbone - 22nd Maria Bayuk - 13th Nancy Bolchalk - 28th Image: Construction of the second second



### **Personal Notes**

*Kathy Paulenich* is snowbirding again in Punta Gorda, Florida. She will be meeting up with Barb Carbone, Marilyn Hockensmith and Nora Garay in a few weeks. If anyone else is vacationing in the area, she says to give her a call to meet for lunch! Kathy and her husband did fly to Aruba for 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> weeks in December as they didn't go in 2020. Her youngest great nephew, Jack, celebrated his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on New Year's Eve. She is looking forward to seeing everyone in May!

*Brenda and Terry Ceplecci* are spending the month of January in Dallas, TX. They are helping their daughter, Andrea, while their granddaughter, Hannah, attends a physical therapy camp. The camp involves quite intense therapy every day. Brenda says she is glad to be missing the frigid weather here!

*Maria Bayuk* is certainly going to have an eventful April this year! Her first grandchild, a boy, is expected to arrive on April 8<sup>th</sup>. And her daughter, Laura, is getting married on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations will soon be coming her way!



### **Service Project Update**

This year's service project to collect money for **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** is going well. Imagination Library sends free books monthly to children under the age of five. Our donation will help sponsor several children. Here are the totals that have been collected to date.

- Theme basket raffles \$120.00
- Red Box Dues Raffle \$ 77.00

Another \$20.00 is being kept for change for the raffles.

We will be starting up the raffles again at our April and May meetings and the June picnic.



### Call to Order:

Jane Snowberger called the meeting to order.

### **\*** Thanksgiving Inspiration:

Marianne Modarelli gave thanks for all of us being able to be together, and Kathy Skarote read a beautiful prayer.

### Attendance:

Julianne Carsone made the roll call. Seventeen members were present

### Approval of September 2021 minutes:

There were no corrections and minutes were approved as submitted.

### **\*\*** Corresponding Secretary Report:

Audrey Richards read a thank you card from Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation (ADSOEF) for our donation. The Foundation's 2020-2021 contributions totaled \$18, 971.00

### Treasurer's Report:

Mary Ann Augustyn gave the treasurer's report. Balance in our account is \$1,441.99.

### **Special Committee Report:**

Julianne Carsone, Kim Pontuti and Brenda Ceplecci met to revise the **Young Educators Award**. They are keeping the name the same but adapted the current application where a teacher writes a letter and submits it on his/her own behalf. They want members' input on how applications should be returned and when we would like to have this year's applications due. Julianne will drop off the applications to the Hubbard schools. A **Young Educator Award** will be given in Spring of 2022.



### 🔆 Unfinished Business:

- The April meeting has been moved to Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at the Hubbard Library.
- Our Service project collected \$76.00 in September.
- A vote was needed to accept the changes in the 2021 Standing Rules. Hilda McKee made a motion to accept the Standing Rules for 2021 revision. Kathy Skarote seconded. The motion was passed.

### 🌺 New Business:

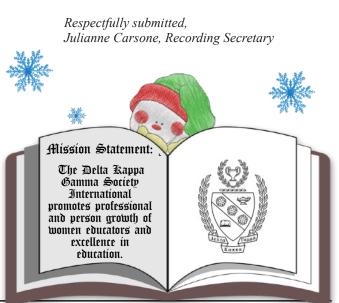
Chapter Christmas Party at the Gentry. Julianne Carsone has been in touch with Rachel Kline, Hubbard High School choir director, who needed more information. No alcohol is served at the party. The choir director will send 3 - 6 performers for a 30 minute presentation. Delta Delta will make a small donation to their program.

### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM so the group could enjoy refreshments, shopping at Extending Grace's shop and purchase tickets for the service project. Joan Payton was the winner of the Christmas/Winter theme basket.

### Next meeting:

Delta Delta Christmas party will be held December 9, 2021, at The Gentry, Hubbard, OH, 5:00 PM.



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# **A Flurry of Fall/Winter Activities**

Delta Delta Chapter members were busy this past autumn. After last year's COVID restrictions and decisions to cancel in-person meetings, members were ready to be out and about.



Members strengthened friendships with other DKG chapters in the Mahoning Valley, at the Tri-County dinner at Ala Carte in Canfield. The brightness of the yellow sunflowers that decorated the tables contributed to the sunny atmosphere present that night as everyone enjoyed being out in friendly company.





Chapter members ventured out to a local shop in Hubbard to try their hand at making a set of coasters. They met at Extending Grace Home Décor Shop for the craft workshop, followed by a chapter meeting. After refreshments, members also enjoyed shopping as they browsed throughout the store.









What is the Christmas holiday without a Christmas Get-together? Plans had changed and members gathered for holiday food and drink at Chad Anthony's Grill and Pub for our Christmas celebration. The joyous camaraderie included cake, door prizes and, of course, a Christmas Bingo game! It was a night of good fun!





