

President's Message

Sally Nazelrod

DKG MD State President, 2023-2025

The leaves have fallen. It has been a season filled with vibrant sunsets and brilliant colors of nature.

Now, we are in the midst of a variety of special events, holiday celebrations, and the fulfillment of traditions. Whatever you celebrate with family and friends in December, I want to wish you the very best of holidays and safe travel. I hope that in the New Year, 2024, you are blessed with good health and happiness. Enjoy every moment!

I have been traveling throughout the state visiting chapters. Each chapter has a unique personality, and chapter members are gracious and kind. What gives us unity is our vision, mission, and purposes. Visiting different chapters and meeting new DKG members have been fabulous experiences. I only know chapter members who attend state events, so having the opportunity to meet so many members has been wonderful for me. With many more to go, I am looking forward to the upcoming visits.

A serious issue surrounding DKG Maryland is not unique to our society: declining enrollment. I encourage and challenge each chapter to make a concerted effort to invite additional educators to join DKG Maryland. It starts with a personal invitation. That extra gesture may mean the world to someone.

Exciting times are ahead! We have a DKG Maryland conference scheduled for May 4th at the Bowie Comfort Inn at which time new chapter presidents will be trained and attendees will participate in a variety of workshops.



*Celebrate
Success!*

A Great Opportunity

July 9-13, 2024, the DKG International Conference will be held in our own backyard: National Harbor, Maryland. Check the website at www.dkg.org for additional details. There will be plenty of workshops, opportunities to network, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, and special events providing members with opportunities to learn and enjoy. One of the best ways to feel the excitement of being a Delta Kappa Gamma member is to experience a convention!

"I don't always smile because everything is perfect, I smile because no matter what, I am going to be happy in this moment!"

-Anonymous



State News

A Vacancy in DKG Maryland

Gwen Cooley, the DKG Maryland Executive Secretary, has announced her retirement from the position. A summary of the duties and responsibilities of the position can be found in Appendix B of the DKG Bylaws and Standing Rules on the DKG Maryland State website at <https://www.dkgmd.org>. If you are interested or have questions, please send an email to **Sally Nazelrod** at Sally4280@aol.com. You will receive an application form early in 2024.

Many thanks to Gwen for her hard work and dedication to DKG during her time as DKG Maryland Executive Secretary.

SAVE THE DATE

DKG Maryland 2023 - 2024 Dates to Remember

March 2, 2024

DKG MD Executive Board Meeting
Ashton United Methodist Church
17314 New Hampshire Ave, Ashton, MD 20861

May 4 - 5, 2024

Leadership Development Conference
Bowie Comfort Inn
4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716

July 9 - 13, 2024

2024 DKG International Convention
National Harbor, Maryland
Gaylord Hotel
201 Waterfront St, National Harbor, MD 20745



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DKG MD Fall Workshops Promote Positivity

What do we do to improve our health?

Janey Snyder, Alpha, DKG MD 1st Vice-President

The workshop attendees created a list of many things that they do to remain healthy. Many suggestions were given by the group (the list is below). After discussing the many suggestions, the group completed a small craft under the direction of **Weezie Carey**, and the Music Committee led attendees in some fun music.



Dr. Annette Blake leads the discussion

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| Walk Outside | Read | Sew, Crochet, Knit | Nap |
| Detach from phones, social media, etc. | Meditation, Yoga, Breathing exercises, Mindfulness | Watch mindless TV, (comedy, Hallmark, etc.) | Time with children Give them a hug |
| Nature activities | Exercise | Phone a friend | Family or friend time |
| Connect with others | Do nothing/Relax | Watch world cam | Visit a scenic area |
| Puzzles, Games, Small group activities | Kitchen time, Baking, cooking, etc. | Do something that makes you laugh | Attend worship service/ Pray |
| Music/Art | Running | Time with pets | Read Scripture |
| Hobbies/Crafts | Photography | Postcard collecting | Dancing |
| Shopping, Movies, Theater, Museum Visits | Take classes/ Learn something new | Go out to dinner with family or friends | Write a note or card to someone who needs a lift |



Weezie Carey explains the project



DKG members work on crafts



Postcrossing

Patty Simon, Mu

Everyone likes to receive mail. It's always exciting to go to the mailbox and find a card or letter. **Iris Wingert** of Omicron tapped into this fascination in her workshop entitled "Postcrossing." Most in attendance had never heard of it, which meant that they were going to learn something new and different about mail.

Postcrossing is the act of sending and receiving postcards from all over the world. How is that possible? Iris explained that there is a postcrossing website. There are a couple of rules that must be followed in order to participate. Participants must be eighteen years of age or older, and all correspondence must be written in English. In addition, a person must send a postcard before being eligible to receive one. How does one go about sending a postcard to a total stranger in another country? People wanting to participate fill out and post their profiles. Iris said that she read a number of profiles and then selected the recipients of her postcards based on a common bond. This can be anything such as sharing the same hobby, having a similar type of pet, or having traveled to the same place. Once Iris chose the people to whom she would be sending postcards, she shopped around to find ones that would appeal to them based on their interests. She wrote notes on the cards and sent them. Then she waited to see who would send postcards to her.

The main part of Iris' presentation was her slideshow of postcards she has received. It was fascinating to hear about each sender and to see and learn about the beautiful postcards and stamps which came from a wide variety of countries. For example, she received one from Germany, honoring Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, who reformed the Continental Army during the American Revolution.

Iris Wingert showed her audience that postcrossing is so much more than just sending postcards; it's a great way to meet new people while getting an education in history, geography, and different cultures.



Iris Wingert explains postcrossing



A postcrossing stamp



Iris shared a postcard she received from Germany honoring Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben who reformed the Continental Army during the American Revolution.



DKG Maryland Reports on the State of Education

Kathy Bateman, Alpha

At the DKG Maryland Society Workshop in November, the Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) gave a brief update on current state and federal legislation impacting education at different levels. **Dr. Annette Blake** gave a final DKG presentation before her passing by sharing highlights from the 2023 Maryland General Assembly actions. She observed that legislation regarding Maryland state educational issues was reported towards the back of the 400+ page document (Practical advice, thank you, Dr. Blake!). The Maryland General Assembly resumes in January. One can stay informed about legislative action through the news, state and local union alerts, etc.

At the federal level, the DKG U.S. Forum passed a regulation to advocate for legislation to improve mental health services for educators and other school staff. A bill (H.R. 744) was introduced to the House of Representatives in February 2023, and a companion bill (S. 2530) was introduced to the Senate that would establish grants and require other activities to improve the mental health of education professionals and other school staff. Recent Supreme Court rulings have challenged colleges and universities to address how best to include exceptional students without the influence of affirmative action in admissions. Also, recent graduates are still grappling with college loan debt and wondering what relief the federal government will provide now and in the future.

The members of DKG Maryland understand the importance of being informed about the current state and federal legislation that impacts education.



Dr. Annette Blake shares information about legislation



Kathy Bateman reports on educational bills



Strengthening Sustainability Goals through CTAUN

Patty Simon, Mu

Rho Chapter's **LaTanya Eggleston** has once again captivated her audience with an informative and interesting presentation. This time her topic was "Strengthening Sustainability through CTAUN."

CTAUN is the Committee for Teaching about the United Nations. This is DKG's main connection to the UN. DKG Maryland members have not gone to any workshops for a number of years, so LaTanya's workshop introduced CTAUN to a whole new group of people.

The purpose of the CTAUN is to provide programs and conferences for educators so that they can learn more about the United Nations' resources and accomplishments. Then those educators can take that information back to their classrooms and help their students understand how local and global affairs impact their lives.

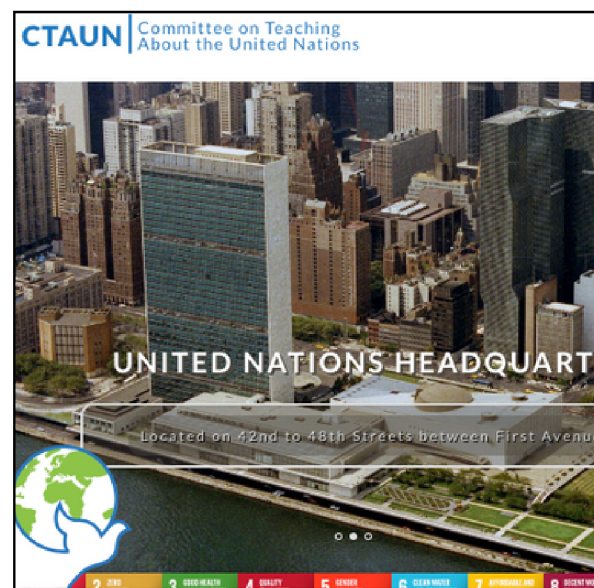
The CTAUN was founded in 1996 by **Sally Swing Shelley** and **Barbara M. Walker**. In 1997, **Anne-Marie Carlson** encouraged DKG to connect with CTAUN so as to provide better methods of teaching students about the United Nations. Hopefully, by learning about some of the UN's goals such as Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, and Gender Equality, students will come to appreciate the work that the UN does.

In addition to information about the purpose and history of CTAUN, LaTanya's slideshow included pictures of the organization's Annual Poster Competition for college students.

LaTanya Eggleston's workshop provided excellent information about CTAUN and reminded DKG MD members of the importance of staying connected to this worthwhile organization.



LaTanya Eggleston talks about the Committee for Teaching about the United Nations



The CTAUN website at <https://teachun.org>



Happy Apps Workshop

Janey Snyder, Alpha, DKG MD 1st Vice-President

Sheila Gearhart, Epsilon, **Weezie Carey**, Alpha Delta, and **Janey Snyder**, Alpha, led members to discover some phone apps. With poor Internet reception, it was a challenge for some attending, but they managed to cover many types of apps. Handouts were given with instructions for use. These apps are all free, but many also allow one to have an upgradable version at a cost. If anyone would like copies of the handouts, please feel free to contact Janey at janneysnyder1@gmail.com.

A few of the apps discussed included the Microsoft Lens and Google Lens Apps, the iPhone Search and Identification features, and health and exercise tracker apps such as My Net Diary, Pacer, and CALM. Other apps included games and puzzles such as Wordle, Nerdle, Quordle, Octordle, and Daily Crossword, and reading apps such as Libby, Goodreads, Kindle, and Bible Gateway.



Janey Snyder and **Sheila Gearhart** share phone apps

The workshop concluded with a discussion on many scams, and some basic advice was given. To avoid scammers, do not open email from people or companies you don't know. If there is any doubt at all about the source, do not open the email. If you do not know the source of the email, do not click on links or go to new websites. Always secure your personal information. Use strong and different passwords for every account. Keep software up to date, and use preventative software to scan viruses and clean up your data.

Attendees left the workshop with new knowledge about some interesting apps as well as good advice as to how to avoid being scammed.

Committee News

World Fellowship

Laura McClelland, Omicron, World Fellowship Chair

The 2023-2024 World fellowship recipients have been announced. There are fifteen recipients and eight extensions. Each chapter should have received contact information for one of the 2023-2024 World Fellowship recipients. These young ladies travel far from their homes to receive this education. Any type of support we can provide will be much appreciated. Some ideas that have been shared are: write a card at each chapter meeting; remember her birthday; send a care package (ex. cozy socks, pens, Post-It notes, a journal, gift cards, etc.); send an encouraging email. We know the students are focused on their studies, so we understand if we do not hear back from them. At least they will feel supported by us.

During the last biennium, DKG-MD donated \$4,699.42 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. Let's try to exceed that amount, even by a dollar, during this biennium. Have fun with the fund raising.

Please try to submit your donation before June 30 of each year. Chapters, as well as individuals, can donate. Sign in on the dkg.org website, click on DKGIEF, Funds, World Fellowship, donate. If you want to see the other recipients, click on "Learn More."

Scholarships

Jean Marie Hofstetter, Omega, Scholarship Committee Chair

The DKG MD Scholarship Committee has budgeted \$6,000 for this year's scholarship recipients. Are you working on your Masters, National Board Certification or Doctorate Degree? There are three scholarships, each worth \$1,500, for which you can apply. They also have another \$1,500 for all members seeking training as Lifelong Learners. The deadline for all of the above is January 15, 2024. Contact Scholarship Chair **Jean Marie Hofstetter** at jeanmariehofstetter@gmail.com for more information.



Committee News

Taking It to the Next Level

Jane Smith, Pi, Nominations Chair

Four years ago, I was approached by a local chapter member to assume her role on the State Nominations Committee. Of course, I immediately said, "Yes." A few days later it hit me, "What am I getting involved in?" I knew no one at the state level, and I was definitely out of my comfort zone!

In 2021, a Collegial Exchange magazine article by **Dr. Phyllis VanBuren** compared our organization to a house. She described the local chapter as the basement. We are warm and cozy with our great friends, have informative programs, stimulating conversations and fun outings. Dr. VanBuren maintained that if we stay only at the chapter level, we will have a rich experience. She challenged us, though, to advance beyond our comfort zones and take the initiative to explore the next levels: state and international.

I was pleasantly surprised as I began my state committee term. I was met with a warm welcome and support by the same type of caring women educators that belonged to my Pi Chapter. I've made friends from chapters across the state that share similar interests and concerns. Volunteering at the state level has offered me opportunities for my personal and professional growth. Through the sharing of ideas and activities at the state level, my local chapter has also been enriched.

The Nominations Committee is currently seeking members for the Finance Committee (4-year term), the Review Committee/Executive Secretary (3-year term) and Regions 1 and 7 of the Nominations Committee (2-year term). Committees meet via Zoom, so no travel is required. Please consider taking it to the next level and answering the call. Just like me, you will not regret saying, "YES!"

Current Elected Committee Vacancies and Their Duties

Finance Committee

Three vacancies with 4-year terms

The committee shall be responsible for the supervision of the financial affairs of the organization, including recommendations for the expenditures and investment of funds, preparation of the Available Fund Budget for adoption by the Executive Board, and an annual audit. The committee meets 5-6 times a year via Zoom.

Review Committee/ Executive Secretary

One vacancy with a 3-year term

The elected members of the committee shall review/revise the Executive Secretary's Agreement as needed and assist the president in the annual performance review. The committee will receive applications for Executive Secretary, meet to consider the applications, evaluate them based on the duties required for the position of executive secretary, and then select an applicant to recommend to the Executive Board at the spring meeting in the even-numbered year. The committee meets via Zoom as needed.

Nominations Committee

Vacancies for Region 1 and 7 with 2-year terms

The committee shall recruit members for each elected office and procure committee members for the four elected committees. The committee shall prepare the ballot, conduct the election and the installation of DKG Maryland State Organization officers. The committee meets via Zoom 4- 5 times a year.



Chapter News

Fall News from Alpha Beta Chapter

Jeanette Gionfriddo, Alpha Beta Chapter President

At their September meeting, Alpha Beta celebrated the initiation of one new member, **Betsie Camilliere**, and the installation of First Vice President **Marci Fleck**. Betsie is an inclusive education facilitator, helping our county implement the MCIE initiative that puts into action the ALL in the phrase “all students learn.” Marci recently retired as an elementary music teacher after thirty years of service. In her retirement, she stepped up to substitute teach as a middle school music teacher. Marci and **Janet Gross** regularly provide musical accompaniment for the DKG closing song. At this meeting, **Christy Mullins** and **Jeanette Gionfriddo** pulled out their kazoos from the recent DKG MD Executive Board meeting and playfully buzzed along. They are blessed to have an active group of members that continue growing their program. They look forward to initiating one more member this year and socializing with their DKG sisters.



Betsie Camilliere and Jeanette Gionfriddo

Pi Chapter Welcomes Two New Members

Erin Myers, Pi Chapter President

Pi is growing and flourishing as a chapter! We would like to welcome our newest members, **Cindy Scott** and **Jenny Smith**. Please welcome these wonderful educators to our amazing group. Thank you to **Karen Teach** for bringing all of the regalia and for leading the induction ceremony.



Cindy Scott and Jenny Smith being inducted into Pi Chapter



Jeanette Gionfriddo and Christy Mullins buzz along with kazoos



Tau Chapter's 2023 Activities

Brenda Patterson, Tau

Tau Chapter has had a busy year so far! They adopted another school this year, Darlington Elementary School, so they began the year by bringing donated school supplies to their September meeting. They were delivered by President **Shari Grim** and her husband Dave, who was a former principal of Darlington. Principal Alberta Porter was extremely appreciative and gave them a tour of the school while they were there. In addition, at their September meeting, **Suzanne Stauffer**, a current fourth grade teacher at Ring Factory Elementary, gave a wonderful update about Current Curriculum in Hartford County Public Schools. They were all amazed at how much technology is involved in the daily classroom today!

At their October meeting, an interesting and informative program, *Personal Safety and Scams*, was presented by Sr. Deputy Nickoles and Sr. Deputy Niles, from the Community Services Outreach Division of the Sheriff's Department. They detailed many ways to keep alert and safe while navigating this world of technology and increased crime. They covered several topics including: being alert to your surroundings; protecting your purse and cell phone; home safety locks; tips when not at home; and keeping important items in the trunk rather than visible in your car. They also learned that Harford County is the only one that is offering to mark catalytic converters in cars so they can be identified if recovered after being stolen.

Their November meeting found them discussing ways to stay healthy in body, mind and spirit. In addition, twenty-four pumpkins were created, made from toilet paper rolls, pretty material, decorations and pipe cleaners. These were donated to Hart Heritage, a local assisted living community, to decorate their tables.



Judy Eagan with candy bars



*Suzanne Stauffer and Marge Traband
make pumpkins*

Labels were also added to large Hershey candy bars to designate them as gifts from Tau Chapter and taken to Darlington Elementary School as sweet treats for the faculty and staff. Their final 2023 activity will be a Winter Social for their members at Silver Mining Company in Bel Air. Members will begin the New Year with a Game Night. Because the weather can be so cold and possibly bad, they do this on Zoom in the comfort of their own homes. Tau has certainly had a productive year so far! They look forward to more fun times in 2024.



Eta Holds Holiday Auction

Michelle Saville, Eta Chapter President

Eta Chapter held their annual holiday auction on Saturday, December 9th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cumberland Country Club. Members brought a variety of items for the auction including baked goods, home decor, holiday items, and hand-crafted pieces. The popular items each year are always **Mildred Watkins'** hand-painted ornaments and hand-crafted signage. Many who attend purchase her beautiful ornaments yearly to adorn their Christmas trees. In addition, **Jane Belt's** famous homemade dill bread elicits high bids and is a frequently requested item. Proceeds from the auction benefit and support expenses of the chapter president as well as future projects that the chapter wishes to pursue.



Popular items each year are always the hand painted ornaments like this Santa that is hand crafted by **Mildred Watkins, Eta.**

Nu Chapter Prepares for the Holidays

Sharon Darling, Nu

Nu Chapter held their November gathering with a short business meeting and time to decorate a Christmas wreath and make a holiday gnome. They were honored to have State President **Sally Nazelrod** join them. **Betsy Leager** demonstrated how to make bows and attach them to the wreath. They all turned out really well. **Tomi Fabri** donated the ribbon and all the embellishments that they added to their wreaths. They then made gnomes using holiday socks. The directions came from a workshop at North Carolina's State Convention. They had a delicious lunch that was prepared by members of their chapter. They all enjoyed the opportunity to be able to spend time with each other.



Sharon Darling and Sally Nazelrod decorate Christmas wreaths



Nu's holiday gnomes made from socks



White Roses



Eleanor Pearce

May 20, 1931 - October 4, 2023

Eleanor R. Pearce, a retired teacher and elementary school counselor, passed away on October 4, 2023, at the age of 92. She had been a resident of Edenwald, a Continuing Care Community in Towson, Maryland, for the past 18 years. Eleanor graduated from Sparks High School in 1948 and the University of Delaware in 1952. After teaching for a year in Delaware, Eleanor was sent to Luxembourg as part of an International Farm Youth Exchange. She returned to teach in Baltimore, earned a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, and was an elementary school counselor in Baltimore City and Baltimore County for 38 years.

Eleanor was the daughter of Robert and Rebekah Smith Pearce of Sparks, Maryland. She is predeceased by her sister, Barbara Pearce Hudson, and brother-in-law George Hudson. She is survived by four nephews, Daniel, Bruce, Wayne and James Hudson and their wives, Mabeth, Lisa, Amanda and Susan, 12 great nieces and nephews, and five great-great nieces and nephews.

Eleanor was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, initiated into Alpha Chapter on December 2, 1978. She served as chapter president from 1990-1992 and secretary from 2000-2002. She was an active member, serving on many different committees over the years. Approximately ten years ago, she became a Reserve member as her health began to deteriorate. In the picture, Eleanor is attending Alpha's celebration of 75 years (2012) as a chapter in DKG.

Eleanor enjoyed traveling extensively worldwide, visiting more than 35 countries. She also enjoyed the theater and symphony and spending time with family and friends. A lifelong Episcopalian, Eleanor was a congregant for 35 years at The Church of Saint Michael and All Angels in Baltimore where she taught Sunday school and served on the Altar Guild and Vestry. She became an active congregant at The Church of the Holy Comforter in Lutherville when she moved to Towson more than 25 years ago. Eleanor was a member of the Altar Guild and attended Bible classes.

A memorial service was held at The Church of the Holy Comforter in Lutherville, Maryland on October 20, 2023. Contributions may be made in Eleanor's name to the Edenwald Scholarship Fund, Inc., 800 Southerly Road, Box 142, Towson, MD 21286.

- Janey Snyder



White Roses



Mary Jane Foster

September 6, 1937 - October 27, 2023

On Friday, October 27, 2023, **Mary Jane (Scott) Foster** passed peacefully at Oak Crest Retirement Community in Parkville. She was born September 6, 1937, to the late Joseph H. ("Harry") and Mary (Smith) Scott of Emmitsburg, Maryland. She was the beloved wife of the late Gene Smith Foster, to whom she was married for 46 years.

Mary Jane was a 1959 graduate of St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg. She became an English teacher and later a department head in the Baltimore City School System, serving for 29 years, retiring in 1988. She was a resident of the Oak Crest Community located at 8800 Walther Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21234.

Mary Jane was inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma Maryland in April, 1965. She was an active member of Xi Chapter, chaired committees, and hosted committee meetings at her home. She received her 50-year membership pin in a special ceremony hosted by Xi Chapter members.

Mary Jane and her husband enjoyed entertaining friends and family. She was an avid reader. Another one of her hobbies was embroidery. Her favorite memories included playing card games and board games with great nieces and nephews and other family members and friends. In addition, she volunteered in the Oak Crest Community.

Mary Jane will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

-Sally Nazelrod



White Roses



Dorothy Anderson

February 4, 1931 - August 30, 2023

Dorothy Anderson, a long-time member of Mu Chapter, passed away on August 30, 2023 at the age of 92. Born Dorothy Elizabeth Schaeffer on February 4, 1931 in Baltimore City, she was the third child of Hilda and Charles Albert Schaeffer, Jr. Later her family moved to Pasadena in Anne Arundel County.

Dottie was a member of the National Honor Society and received an academic diploma in 1948. In September of that year, she entered Towson State Teachers College. Dottie graduated from college in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

After graduating in June of 1952, she married A. Warner (Bud) Anderson on July 26th, and began teaching a third and fourth grade combination class at Arbutus Elementary in September. Later Dottie taught third grade at Arbutus Elementary, Edmondson Heights Elementary, and the Johnnycake Jr. High School Annex.

In September of 1979, Dottie transferred to Lansdowne Elementary, where she worked with Dr. Edna May Merson as her principal. There she taught fourth grade until retiring in 1990, after thirty years of teaching. At the end of her career, Dottie was given a Senate Resolution from Senator Nancy Murphy, a Life Membership in the PTA, a plaque from the Friends of Lansdowne (parents and staff), and had a tree planted in her honor.

On September 28, 1989, Dottie was inducted into Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, thanks to the invitation extended by Dr. Edna May Merson. During her thirty-four years in Mu Chapter, Dottie was the Recording Secretary, 1st and 2nd Vice President, and Chair of the Program Committee. In addition, she served on the Ways and Means Committee and the Communications Committee. While serving on the latter, she was co-editor of the chapter newsletter, *Mu's News*, and registrar for the State Convention in March of 2003. In recognition of all that she did, Dottie was named Mu Chapter's "Angel" at the Four-Chapter Luncheon in March of 2004. In later years, she continued to be an active member of DKG, attending state meetings and Northeast Regional Conferences. As her last contribution to Mu Chapter, Dottie researched the twelve founders of DKG and shared information about them at the beginning of chapter meetings in a segment she called "In a Mu Minute."

Outside of school, Dottie was an active member of her church, serving as a teacher and lector and as a member of the Rebekah Circle, the Hospitality Committee, and the Altar Guild.

In her spare time, Dottie enjoyed researching her family's genealogy, traveling, reading, playing games, doing jigsaw puzzles, and watching videos.

Dottie Anderson will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, thoughtfulness, easy-going demeanor, and sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by the members of Mu Chapter and everyone who knew her. - **Patty Simon**



White Roses



Dr. Annette Blake

December 1, 1945 - November 5, 2023

Dr. Annette Veronica Stone Blake, a key woman educator, actively participated in Theta Chapter in a number of leadership roles since she was inducted on October 13, 2007. She served two terms as chapter president and chaired many committees. She was the current treasurer, a position she had held since 2017.

Annette spearheaded an effort to support the Shepherd Cove Shelter in Prince George's County. As a result of her efforts and determination, Theta Chapter donated a check in the amount of \$2,350 to Shepherd Cove, a homeless shelter, on behalf of the United Communities Against Poverty, an organization that fights against homelessness, poverty, unemployment, and inadequate health services.

In addition to her service to Theta Chapter, she served in numerous positions on the DKG Maryland state level. Her talents and gifts were recognized early at the state level where she served as chair for the Nominations and Elections Committee, conducted numerous workshops, and planned the ceremony for the induction of new officers in 2013 and 2015. The day before she died, she presented an exemplary workshop for the Educational Excellence Committee. Annette was also a vocal soloist, and she utilized this gift in choirs on both the chapter and state levels.

She received her Bachelor of Arts and Masters degrees from Bowie State College. She was conferred with the Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.) from George Washington University in Washington, D. C.

She began her professional career as a first grade teacher in the Prince George's County Public School District. She worked as a Title I Resource teacher, an elementary school principal at Columbia Park for 17 years, and a media specialist. In all of her educational endeavors, Annette's primary mission was to encourage all around her to "Lead in the Spirit of Excellence" and remember that children always come first.

She belonged to the following organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; the Bowie State University Alumni Association; Female Re-Enactors of Distinction; the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations; the IKG Cultural Resource Center/Asa Restoration Project; and the National Capital Kennel Club.

Annette departed this life on November 5, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Virginia and Rose Stone. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Tabbette Charmelle Blake of Lanham, Maryland; her cherished grandson, Edward Javier Blake of Bethesda, Maryland; her beloved sister, **Yvonne Stone** of Lanham, Maryland; and a host of cousins.

- Lorraine Johnson





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