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### State of the State Society

# DKG MD Continues to Evolve, Rise and Flourish

*Dr. Marilyn Keane*, Upsilon, DKG MD State President

#### **International Information**

The pandemic has changed how we do things within DKG, particularly training and conferences. This past summer, DKG International provided two different options to attend the International Conference in San Antonio, Texas, as well as the Leadership Training and Retreat held in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference in San Antonio, July 22 - 24, was held both in-person and virtually, accessible through the DKG International App, while the leadership training could be attended in-person and through a webinar format. Because of the online format and the ability to record sessions, members could attend the workshop and training during the allotted time or view them at a later date.

Looking ahead, the DKG International Convention is scheduled for July 12 - 16 in New Orleans. Save the Date!

#### **State Information**

June, July, and August were busy with the formation and establishment of committee chairs and members for the 2021 - 2023 biennium. The Leadership Development Committee met in June

and July to plan and organize the online committee chair training, which was conducted and well attended on August 14, 2021. The committee chairs received a hard copy of the International Bylaws and an updated electronic Committee Chair Manual.

With Highland United Methodist Church still closed to outside groups as of early August, it was decided that the September 18th Executive Board Meeting be held via Zoom. The Executive Committee successfully organized the meeting business, and the LDC committee effectively implemented the Leadership Development Moment, which focused on what chapters are doing to move forward the theme of Evolve, Rise, Flourish. The ideas captured in breakout rooms during the LD Moment were collated and emailed to chapter presidents.

In late summer and early fall, the initial plan and intent was to hold the November Society Workshop in person. Unfortunately, with the highly contagious new strain of COVID and an informal poll, it was decided, in mid-October, that more people would attend if the workshop were to be held virtually.

Our plans changed from an in-person to an online format. The Educational Excellence Committee did a fantastic job of reorganizing the agenda from in-person to online through the leadership of Sally Nazelrod. Thank you for your flexibility and efforts!

Looking ahead, the Executive Committee is planning the March 5th Executive Board Meeting, tentatively at Highland United Methodist Church, with more details coming after the New Year.

The Leadership Development Committee is also busy planning the Leadership Development Conference to

be held on May 14th. The conference will include a speaker from DKG International, a Brain Based Leadership talk and session, an Energy Bus presentation, the Presidents' Training, and the presentation of scholarships.

COVID-19 had thrown a loop into how we function personally and as an organization. Chapters are looking into ways to use a combination of in-person meetings, Zoom gatherings, outside locations in nice weather, and larger spaces such as churches and schools. As I have visited chapters this fall and into the winter season, I can see that our chapter

meetings, programs, and gatherings are continuing to Evolve, Rise, and Flourish. Thank you for your enthusiasm and creativity!

Please continue to keep me ([alcatraz46@yahoo.com](mailto:alcatraz46@yahoo.com)) and Sally Nazelrod, First Vice-President ([Sally4280@aol.com](mailto:Sally4280@aol.com)) informed about your chapter activities. Please send us and the newsletter editor, Patty Simon, ([pattysi@comcast.net](mailto:pattysi@comcast.net)) a copy of your chapter's newsletter.

Thank you and I hope 2022 will be a great year for all of you!

## Computer PC Short-Cuts

**Dr. Marilyn Keane**, Upsilon, DKG MD State President

Computers (PC's) have a variety of short cuts that are meant to make our lives "easier" or retrieve material mistakenly deleted. The big problem is that no one really knows these shortcuts.

### If you would like to:

- **Cut, paste, or copy an item**, but you do not have a mouse.
  - To **cut** the item out of the document, highlight the sentence(s) and press Ctrl+X
  - To **paste** the item back into a document, press Ctrl+V
  - To **copy** the item, highlight the sentence(s) and press Ctrl+C

### Retrieve a mess-up: If you:

- deleted or erased words from a document and you want to **undo what you just erased**, press Ctrl+Z
- **accidentally closed a tab** on the internet and would like to retrieve the tab, press Ctrl+Shift+T
- want to **close an existing tab**, when using Chrome or Firefox internet browser, press Ctrl+W
- want to **close a current internet window**, press Alt+F4

**Save the Date!**

## DKG Maryland Leadership Development Conference

**May 14, 2021      8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Bowie Comfort Inn and Conference Center**



## President's Message

**Dr. Marilyn Keane**, DKG MD State President

As I am writing this article, Punxsutawney Phil just projected six more weeks of winter. Oh well! I guess that means today's 64 degrees is unfortunately temporary, but as you read this article, winter is hopefully on the downturn. I do have to say, I really enjoy living in Maryland because we do have four distinct seasons as well as beaches and mountains—the whole package. The Maryland DKG sisters are also the "whole package" because, as with the change of seasons, we are able to capitalize on these changes by using our skills, talents, and unity to *evolve*, *rise*, and *flourish* as an organization. However, it is not enough to just say, we will *evolve* and *rise* to every occasion; we must also believe and act to support this organization in order to *flourish*. One piece to remember is that our unity is our strength.

DKG Maryland is kicking off the spring season with the Executive Board Meeting in early March, followed by the Leadership Development Conference this May. Reflecting upon the state and the diverse areas from the sea to the mountains, I look forward to the transition of winter to spring and meeting our members at the May Leadership Development Conference, which will be held at the Bowie Comfort Inn. The Leadership Development Committee has planned an exciting day of interactive presentations.

Please plan ahead! The Leadership Development Conference on May 14th is devoted to aspects of Leadership Development. DKG Maryland chapter members have a lot of talents that DKG State wants

to continue to develop and grow. Cyndy Moore (Member-at-Large) from International will provide us with a DKG International update and a presentation entitled "Leading from the Heart," Laurie Ellington will present "The Neuroscience of Mindful and Compassionate Leadership," and our own Suzi Plaut (Alpha Gamma) will present *The Energy Bus*. Chapter Presidents' Training for the next biennium is scheduled for the morning session as well. Put May 14th on your calendar and plan to touch base, collaborate, learn, foster new ideas, and personally and professionally *evolve*, *rise*, and *flourish*.

I also want to thank Omega (**Karen Yancey**), Epsilon (**Jacki Gray** and **Susan Gagliardi**), and Rho (**Raye Long**) as well as Alpha (**Carol Schneider**), Mu (**Allison Gradwell**), and Xi (**Sally Nazelrod**), for inviting me to their tri-chapter holiday celebrations. I thoroughly enjoyed "A Chesapeake Christmas" holiday brunch celebration with Omega, Epsilon, and Rho, and the virtual "Holiday in Our Town" program with Alpha, Mu, and Xi, which included entertainment from Lansdowne H.S. DKG is all about being together, celebrating, and camaraderie. Thank you for inviting me to attend these fun celebrations.

If you have a chapter meeting, gathering, or celebration, I would love to attend. Meeting, interacting, and learning what is happening around the state is a lot of fun and an enjoyable part of being state president.

## Meet the Speakers at the Upcoming DKG MD Leadership Development Conference

*Janey Snyder*, Alpha, DKG MD State 2nd Vice-President

The DKG MD Leadership Conference will be held on May 14, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bowie Comfort Inn and Conference Center. The day will concentrate on developing and training DKG leaders and it is open to all. The day will include training for Chapter Presidents. All chapter presidents (2022-2024) are requested to be in attendance. Come and experience a day together with friends. The Leadership Development Committee invites you to come and celebrate our first time to meet in person.



**Laurie Ellington**, MA, LPC, BBC, MCC, RYT, NBC-HWC  
Co-Founder CEO/CLO at Zero Point Leadership  
(Zeropointleadership.com);  
Leadership Consultant and  
Wellness Coach

Keynote Topic: **The Neuroscience of Mindful and Compassionate Leadership**

Workshop Presentation: **Brain-Based Leadership: The Neuroscience of Creating a Culture of Engagement and Trust**

**Laurie Ellington** is co-founder and chief executive officer of Zero Point Leadership, a leading-edge neuroscience-based personal and leadership learning and development organization. Combining findings from neuroscience, mind and body research, stress resilience, and flow, she helps individuals, teams, and organizations change the way they think, feel, and show up in the world. She has more than 22 years of experience in coaching, training, consulting, leadership, facilitation, and mind/body medicine.

Laurie is a Professional Certified Coach and a Licensed Professional Counselor with expertise

developing trauma-informed health and human service systems. She is also a HeartMath Certified Trainer, where she teaches people the physiology of building stress resilience to prepare for and adapt to change and adversity. Laurie is an Adjunct Faculty member at several universities. Her work there includes providing Stress Resilience/Mindfulness programs for federal government leaders with various agencies across the U.S. Laurie also teaches meditation and coaching courses, as well as psychology, ethics, and critical thinking classes. She is also a certified yoga instructor. In her spare time, Laurie enjoys writing, dancing and being in nature.

“The Neuroscience of Mindful and Compassionate Leadership” is a science-backed keynote presentation that draws on breakthroughs in contemporary neuroscience, mindfulness, compassion, flow, and mind-body research to provide fresh insights into the links between mindfulness, compassion, and effective leadership.

The “Brain-Based Leadership” workshop draws on breakthroughs in modern neuroscience, resilience, mind-body research, and Neuro Leadership to provide fresh insights into the deeply social nature of high-performance leadership.



**Cynthia Moore**, Alberta State Organization  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Member-at-Large, 2020-2024

Morning Message: **Updates from DKG Society International**

Workshop Presentation: **Leading from the Heart**

**Cynthia Moore** was born in Saskatchewan, a province in western Canada. She has been married

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for 39 years and has two daughters, two sons, and four grandchildren. Cynthia graduated from the University of Regina, with a Bachelor of Education –Arts Education (Visual Art, English Literature). In 2004, she received a Master of Education in Educational Administration – Transformational Leadership, and the Graduate Student Award. In 1997, she received the Canadian Teachers’ Federation Roy C. Hill Award for Excellence in Education. Retired from Regina Public Schools, she has extensive experience in education for more than twenty-five years as an educator at all levels – primary, middle, secondary, and post-secondary. She has taught visual art, drama, and social studies in high school, and has occasionally been acting principal.

As a DKG member, she was inducted into Regina Chapter, Saskatchewan State Organization, in 2004. She has served as chapter secretary, Membership chair, Program Committee member, state organization treasurer, president, parliamentarian, and Finance Committee and Conference Planning Committee chairs. In 2017, Cynthia transferred her membership to Beta/Calgary Chapter, Alberta State Organization, after moving to Kimberley, British Columbia. In addition, she has served on the International Membership Committee, the Educational Excellence Committee as both a member and as chair, and was a DKG International Speakers Fund Speaker (2018-2020). Currently, she serves as International Member-at-Large 2020-2024, and is on the Society Strategic Planning Committee and the Beta/Calgary Chapter Membership Committee. In addition, she is the chair of the International Speakers Fund Committee and the DKG Alberta Constitution – Bylaws/Rules Committee.

Cynthia is a Yoga Alliance Certified (2012) yoga teacher and Relax and Renew © Restorative Yoga Trainer (2014). She currently teaches yoga classes virtually from Kimberley, BC, and has taught yoga at corporate events in BC and Saskatchewan. In addition, she is a short-term instructor for the Rocky Mountain International Student Program in Kimberley, Cranbrook, and Invermere, BC, and an English tutor for middle level, secondary, and post-secondary

international students. She is involved in local organizations as a volunteer and enjoys skiing, hiking, kayaking, gardening, photography, and reading.

Cynthia will present a message from International during the morning session.

Her workshop presentation entitled “Leading from the Heart” will explain how doing so positively impacts all members of the organization.



**Suzi Plaut**, Alpha Gamma Chapter, Member of the Leadership Development Committee for DKG Maryland

Workshop Presentation on the book: *The Energy Bus: 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team with Positive Energy* by Jon Gordon

**Suzi Plaut** is a member of Alpha Gamma Chapter in Howard County, where she served a term as chapter president. On the state level, she is a member of the Leadership Development Committee and chair of the Review Committee for the Executive Secretary.

Suzi is currently in her 26<sup>th</sup> year teaching middle school in Howard County. She teaches 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. She spent the first part of her career as a middle school reading teacher and reading specialist. In 2010, Suzi completed The Mind, Brain, and Teaching Graduate Program at Johns Hopkins and realized from a course on early numeracy skills that she had really wanted to be a math teacher, and she has been fortunate enough to be teaching math ever since. She learned about Jon Gordon's work through professional development at her school in 2016.

*The Energy Bus* gives information on how individuals and organizations can build more positive teams.

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There is also an interactive online animated training program available

## Committee News

### Strategic Action Plan Committee

**Cheryl Townshend**, Omega, Strategic Action Plan Committee Chair

To quote the DKG international website regarding strategic action plans, "Ongoing and continuous planning, shaping and evolving are paramount to the future growth and livelihood of the Society." The DKG Maryland Strategic Plan articulates a vision for the future of the State Organization and acknowledges and addresses the challenges and opportunities we face. The plan includes goals designed to strengthen the society by improving the DKG experience for members of all ages and by ensuring a future for the Maryland organization.

The structure of the plan is goals, initiatives (possibilities), objectives, and actions. Chapters and committees are responsible for implementing the goals. Currently there are three goals to the SAP. They are: 1) Support Membership Growth and Retention, 2) Develop Leaders for the Society, and 3) Create New Resources for Communication.

The Mission of our organization is to "promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education." The Vision Statement touts "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide." Our purposes include the following verbs: unite, honor, advance, initiate, endorse, support, endow, stimulate, and inform. How will DKG Maryland implement those words?

*Evolve, Rise and Flourish* is the theme of our current biennium. The Strategic Action Plan Committee will be looking for input from all members as they continue to hone the plan for the year(s) ahead. So far, ideas put forth have been creating partnerships with secondary education entities to promote the

mission of DKG, growing knowledge of and appreciation for DKG as an international organization through support of the international projects and dissemination of information found in the international publications, and enhancing membership opportunities to Teacher of the Year while helping our members to become such.

In many cases, updates to the Constitution or the Bylaws are warranted to implement new goals. The Executive Board is responsible for promoting these updates, including conversations with the membership leading up to voting. Through applying these goals, DKG Maryland, like the international society, will continue to be "visionary, stable, focused, and prosperous."

The SAP Committee would like to thank all chapters and committees who have already started to move forward with actions such as initiating Teachers of the Year in their counties, educating members in other educational organizations concerning the society (Pupil Personnel Workers, School Psychologists, etc.), and generating greater outreach to administration and staff of Maryland universities, colleges, and community colleges. It has been gratifying to see chapters promoting leadership development through invitations to those women who have been named to leadership positions within the individual school systems to present their experiences at chapter meetings.

The challenge to the Maryland Organization will always be to increase interest and excitement about the Society. Examine your reasons for membership and then explain them to other women educators in order that the enthusiasm might grow. Of what advantage has the society been to you personally or professionally? Utilize the international website and the social media outlets to inform yourself about the many new initiatives that Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has implemented. DKG here and around the world is alive and well and actively moving into the future. Is your chapter doing the

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same?

Hopefully, you can name the ways you and your chapter are *evolving, rising, and truly flourishing!*

## Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

**Mary Lee Makinen**, Alpha Delta, Acting Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chair

The ByLaws and Standing Rules Committee regrets the passing of the chair and friend, **Nadine Roberts**. Nadine had an affinity for Bylaws, and we will do our best to do the work for this committee in her honor.

The purpose of Organizational Bylaws is to maintain consistency in the running of the business. Bylaws communicate the rules so disputes and conflicts can be avoided.

Standing Rules are the rules an organization uses to specify its actions under the provision of its bylaws. They set forth the procedures adopted to accomplish specific areas of work set forth in the Bylaws. Standing Rules are more flexible than bylaws and may be changed or suspended at any board meeting by a majority vote.

The Bylaws for this committee currently read:

The Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee shall receive all proposals for amending or revising the *Bylaws of DKG Maryland State Organization* and the *Standing Rules of DKG Maryland State Organization*, shall submit the proposals to the Executive Board for discussion, and shall present the proposals to the convention for vote.

Proposed changes to the *Bylaws/Standing Rules of DKG Maryland State Organization* shall be published no later than 60 days prior to the DKG Maryland State Convention.

DKG Members are therefore asked that all proposals for changes to the DKG Maryland Bylaws and Standing Rules be submitted to Mary Makinen, acting chair, by November 2022. This will allow time for the proposals to be reviewed by the Executive Committee and presented to the membership within the 60-day period prior to the 2023 DKG Maryland State Convention.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee members are: **Mary Makinen**, Alpha Delta, acting Chair; **Brenda Patterson**, Tau; **Dr. Marilyn Keane**, Upsilon; and **Gwen Cooley**, Delta.

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## Chapter News

### From Service Projects to Recorder Songs,

### Alpha Beta Does it All

**Carol Howard**, Alpha Beta President

Fourteen Alpha Beta sisters were able to gather together on Sunday, November 7, 2021, to have their

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second business meeting of the 2021-22 year. They also welcomed four visitors and one special guest, **Dr. Marilyn Keane**, our DKG Maryland State President. Their standing rules revisions were voted upon, procedures for their literacy grant were announced, and updates were given from several committees including membership, scholarship, and their service project for 2021, Little Free Libraries. Holiday cards were passed around for signatures for two of their recent scholarship winners as well as a World Fellowship Fund winner who is going to school at the University of Maryland. Instead of their normal "Good News," they substituted "Gratitudes and Thanksgivings," due to the timing near the Thanksgiving holiday, with the monies collected going to Schools for Africa and the World Fellowship Fund. The business portion of the meeting concluded with the DKG Song, accompanied by their own recorder ensemble quartet. They then transitioned to their annual auction for their Francis Lancaster Recruitment Grant, which will allow them to grant a scholarship to a local high school senior. All in attendance snacked on refreshments provided by their Leadership and Finance committees, and then the festivities began with spirited bidding on some wonderful items, including 24 days of Christmas K-cup coffees; soup and cookies in a jar; homemade blankets; wine; and whiskey and BBQ baskets. They hope that two of their visitors will be returning for other meetings and possibly join their group as new members in the future.

They were able to gather for an executive board meeting in early January, but COVID-19, with its Greek alphabet soup variants and recent wintery weather, has played havoc with members and scheduling, making it difficult to make plans to get together while feeling safe. Their next scheduled business meeting will occur in March—fingers crossed!

## Tau Chapter Emphasizes Well-Being

**Shari Grim**, Tau President

Tau's November meeting was held on November 17, 2021, via Zoom. **Judy Eagan** led the meeting on wellness, sharing a wealth of information and

resources that were helpful to all in attendance. Thank you, Judy! They were delighted to have **Dr. Marilyn Keane**, DKG Maryland State President, join them for the meeting.

Tau's annual Game Night was held on January 20, 2022. They played several versions of Bingo and two word games: This or That and Two Truths and a Lie. Thank you to **Brenda Patterson** for planning the games and being the Bingo "caller." Along with five Tau members, a dog and a cat were seen on Zoom, and they didn't have to go out on a bitterly cold night. A good time was had by all!

## Delta News: Brookside Garden of Lights—A Delightful Display

**Diane Straub**, Delta

On December 8, 2021, **Gwen** and **Bob Cooley**, **Joyce Conway**, and **Diane Straub** took a leisurely walk through the beautiful Brookdale Garden of Lights. Although the temperature was in the mid-30's, there was no wind, so the calm weather made for a comfortable stroll. They saw spectacular displays of dragonflies, birds, bears, flowers, and all sorts of creatures including "Nessie," the fountain monster. There were lots of families with little children enjoying the sights. Bob especially enjoyed the Disney music playing at the display over the lake. This is the 23rd year of the light display at Brookside, which now has over a million lights and 450 handmade forms on 50 acres of land. The installation began at the end of July. The amount of work that it must have taken to drape so many bushes and trees with lights was overwhelming. If you didn't get a chance to see it, make it a priority for next year. You won't be disappointed!

## Mu Chapter Hosts Guest Speaker

**Patty Simon**, Mu

Thanks to Zoom, Mu Chapter has been able to continue to meet regularly and *evolve, rise, and flourish*. This technology made it possible for the ladies to host a wonderful guest speaker. On November 13, 2021, they had the privilege of hearing



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Baltimore County Teacher of the Year, **Brianna Ross**, share her teaching experiences as well as her thoughts on education. As Social Studies chair at Deer Park Middle School, Ms. Ross knows the importance of preparing students to advance to the next level of schooling. During her talk, she emphasized that teachers should teach with love and build relationships with their students. In addition to

speaking about what teachers should do for their students, she also spoke about what teachers should do for themselves, such as reconnecting with their purpose and making sure they take care of themselves. Ms. Ross is a dynamic, interesting, and informative speaker, and everyone in attendance definitely benefited from her insights.

## White Roses



**Frances Dorothy Luther**

**Frances Dorothy Luther** was born on June 6, 1952, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. She was raised on the family farm and attended Crane Valley School from kindergarten to high school. After receiving her Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Regina, Fran taught at the Esterhazy and Raymore schools. Later she received her Master of Library Information Science from the University of Alberta. During this time, Fran lived and taught on Indian reservations. She used this background to write her dissertation and complete her studies to receive a PhD in Education Administration from the University of Saskatchewan. Fran was a lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse for four years and lecturer at the University of Colorado for three years. Then it was off to Maryland where Fran spent 18 years at Towson University, retiring in 2019 and returning to Canada.

Fran was a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International since 1991. She transferred to Alpha Chapter after her move to Maryland. She presented several workshops at DKG international conventions and conferences. Fran attended the 2018 Delta Kappa Gamma Convention in Austin, Texas, where she presented a workshop explaining her work with Baltimore City inner city middle schoolers being mentored by her undergraduate students from Towson University. In addition, DKG publications included several articles by Fran. She also made some major contributions as a member of Alpha Chapter, such as organizing a clothing drive for Dress for Success. Over the years, she served as chapter parliamentarian and chaired the Alpha Chapter High School Award Committee.

Fran was also a member of Big Sisters Organization. She enjoyed working with underprivileged girls and providing needed opportunities. She especially enjoyed travel and attended various DKG conferences and conventions world-wide.

Each summer Fran returned to Canada to spend time on the family farm. Always a teacher, Fran shared her many experiences with younger family members. She was a fascinating storyteller who loved to sing and read with her grand nieces and nephews.

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Fran passed away on February 9, 2020. She will be greatly missed.

- **Carol Schneider**, Alpha President

### ***Nadine Luise Roberts***



***Nadine***, our friend, colleague, mentor, sister.

**Nadine Roberts** graduated from Frostburg State Teachers College in Elementary Education. Teaching elementary school was an honor and a pleasure for her. During that time, she was initiated into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International DKG Upsilon Chapter on November 1, 1973. The Society and its members were an important part of Nadine's life. In 1983, she became Alpha Beta State President. She continued to serve the Society, and in 1994, she accepted the position as the Alpha Beta State Executive Secretary until her heart attack in 2005. Nadine served on various committees as Executive Secretary and was an original member at the beginning of the Leadership Development Committee, which formed in 1997 under the direction of Jean Gray. She continued to serve on committees,

most notably, the Finance Committee and the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. At the time of her death, she was again on the Bylaws Committee as chair.

Nadine attended the Leadership Development Class at Baylor University in WACO, Texas, sponsored by the Golden Gift Committee of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was also a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Nadine was the voice of knowledge about the Society and our State Organization as we prepared conferences, conventions, and committee work. She attended International Conferences and Conventions, traveling with Jean Gray, until 2013. She attended her last International Convention in New York in 2012. Nadine was in attendance when Alpha Beta State hosted the Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore.

None of this tells you the essence of Nadine. Nadine was a mentor and a stalwart friend. She wanted to help others to succeed and would nurture and guide. However, she did not GIVE answers. She helped you find them. She gave you her heart, her time, and her energy. Her goals also consisted of helping others and taking care of Jean. Nadine was proud of you when you succeeded and there to catch you if you were floundering. She was also very protective of those she loved. If there is one thing you will remember, it is that she wanted it done right. She was a stickler! Therefore, it is no wonder that Nadine was the consummate proofreader of the

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newsletter, the Executive Board Minutes, and the Convention Minutes. She was often asked by committees to proofread their work and reports. I know I often asked her to proofread for me, and she wanted it formatted, formatted, formatted!!

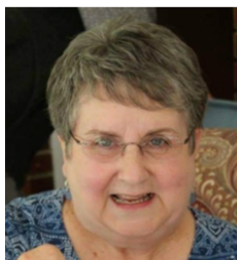
She liked lasagna, ribs and salmon, shrimp and crab cakes and, of course, desserts. She was a "mouse" fanatic and had a horde of Raggedy Ann dolls. She never got into the laptop or Ipad fad. She had a large tabletop /tower computer. Nadine was not

happy when they got rid of floppy discs. Her cell phone was rarely used until most recently. If you wanted to call her, you had to call the house phone. Yes, she was set in her ways. Nadine had routines and methods. She was organized and precise. She is missed.

- **Mary Lee Makinen**, Alpha Delta, DKG MD State Parliamentarian

### ***Carol Slagle and Anna Bishop***

At every DKG meeting in Garrett County, there is a song that starts our meeting and a song that ends our time together. Our opening song begins at the registration table. The music starts with the sound of laughter from a single voice and crescendos as each member adds her laughter to the song. It is a choir of voices expressing their joy at being together. We will miss two special members of our choir and faithful sisters of DKG, Alpha Alpha Chapter.



***Carol Slagle***

***Carol Lynn (Wolfe) Slagle*** was 77 years young when she passed on December 8, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin David Slagel. She is survived by her son and daughter and their families. Carol worked for the Garrett County Board of Education as a school teacher and was a member of N.E.A. (National Educational Association). She taught at Dennett Road Elementary and was a Southern Garrett High School math teacher. She received her undergraduate degree at West Virginia University and her Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. Carol was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Alpha Chapter, and a past president. Carol loved to sing and sang in the West Virginia State Choir and was a Garrett County Choral Society member. She was a St. Paul's United Methodist Church member and participated in the church choir and quilting group. Carol loved water skiing and was an avid Pittsburgh Penguins fan.

***Anna Bishop*** was 83 years young when she passed on January 7, 2022. She was preceded in death by her two sisters. Their families survive her. Anna received her undergraduate and Master's degrees from Frostburg State College. She was certified in school guidance. Anna taught in Prince George's and Allegany Counties during her career, where she taught math, English, and was a school counselor. She moved to Garrett County in 1972, where she was the guidance counselor at Southern High School until her retirement in 1987. After retirement, she worked as a substitute teacher and was the grant manager for the Garrett County Schools Drug-Free Schools Program. Anna was a member of many professional math and guidance associations. She was active in the Garrett County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Anna was a member of the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. She served as chapter president, vice-president, chapter and state research chair, chapter treasurer, and World Fellowship chair. She was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Anna was an avid bowler who participated in local, state, and international tournaments.

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At our March meeting, the Alpha Alpha Chapter will end our time together with the Delta Kappa Gamma song. The words will have a renewed meaning as we remember two pioneers in education that are missing from our loyal band. Yet, even though they have returned their gifts to heaven, they will long continue to inspire us. Carol's and Anna's voices will be missing from the songs, but they will continue to sing in our hearts.

- **Rebecca Aiken**, Alpha Alpha President



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**Legacy of an Educator**

**Suzanna Mullins**, Alpha Psi, Virginia

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Her students bear the fruits of her labor,  
Producing love, service to others, hunger for knowledge.

Her community sings her praises,  
Admiring her steadfast commitment to their children, their future.

Her country salutes her, thanking her for the leaders she trained,  
Instilling qualities of bravery, courage, and sacrifice.

Her world still vibrates from the impact of her life,  
Producing waves to be felt for generations to come.

We, her colleagues, honor her,  
Pledging to better ourselves, as we continue her legacy.