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# Zeta News

DKG Mission statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

## February 2021 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Engage, Empower, Involve

Sisters!

This month, I'm opting to tell you all a little about what school has looked like so far this year. As you may know, about 1/3 of Knox County has chosen to go virtual, while the rest are attending school in person. As a school counselor, that makes my job look a lot different.

In a "normal year", we would be able to go into classrooms a little more frequently and do presentations on college prep topics, as well as social emotional concerns. This year, like all teachers, we've had to create an online class in Canvas, with lessons, office hours, and ways to schedule appointments. We aren't able to accommodate drop in appointments in an attempt to help control spread. We've also learned about really interesting things like creating a bitmoji (an animated "selfie", if you will), and Teams. On any given day, I have Teams chat open, for my students who are virtual, my email open, my student information system open, and a third screen available for any meetings that are being held virtually. These include IEPs, faculty meetings, department meetings, etc. Again, to help control potential spread of infection, we can't meet in groups.

In December, Knox County made the decision to take the whole district virtual. There is a huge difference between meeting with students in person and meeting virtually. As an example, prior to the district making this move, I was afforded the opportunity to observe a virtual class in action. While in-house teachers are able to get feedback and communication with most of their students (because they're right there), that didn't seem to be the case in a virtual high school class. There seemed to be a handful who would participate, and a whole lot of blank screens, because students have their cameras turned off.

What I learned is this: the teachers with whom I work every day, have gone to great lengths to learn a new platform for teaching in an incredibly short amount of time. They've learned how to create online lessons, interactive activities, quizzes, and all kinds of other things to make learning as interesting and engaging as possible. Some of these teachers opted to teach an additional class to ensure students could get the classes they need at the expense of having a planning period. For the in-house teachers who have had to quarantine or have had students who have had to quarantine, they have continued to teach online, while providing resources online for those students to help ensure that those students don't fall behind.

As a counselor, working in a virtual setting is more challenging. We're a lot more reliant on email and Teams meetings in those situations. It's harder to reach students, teachers or administrators than it is when working in the building. During this past week, I got a hefty dose of the experience since I, myself, was quarantined. I have nothing but respect for teachers, counselors and principals who choose to work in virtual school settings. It is definitely a different mindset.

As we go forward through this semester, we may get better at going back and forth between the in-person and virtual settings, but suffice it to say, it may be the hardest year that we, as educators, face in our careers. Please continue to keep us all in your thoughts and prayers as we go forward.

Warmly,

terry

## February Meeting

Date: February 22, 2021

Myra will open the Zoom at 4:30 for anyone who wants to come early just to chat and catch up.

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom

Program: Knox Co School students overcoming traumatic situations with teachers' positive impact.

Speaker: Dr. Nola Isobe

Inspiration: Madeline Ferguson

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83664544760?pwd=MWV5WjYrUHhING1OK0hwK1VDL1Indz09>

Meeting ID: 836 6454 4760

Pass code: 672353

### Telephone

Members, **please return the callers' calls**, even if you are not making a reservation. A returned call lets the caller know that the message was received.

## Calendar 2021



### Chapter Meetings

February 12 - deadline to submit questions for the Legislative Symposium to Tricia Jones

March 2 - Legislative Symposium 5:30 Central time

**March 22 - TN Women of Vision and Courage - Judy Rogers - Zoom**

**April 26 - Induction and Founders' Day Celebration - WHBC**

**May 10 - End-of-the Year Wrap Up - WHBC**

May 19 - Children's Festival of Reading - World's Fair Park - 10:00 - 3:00

June 3 - 5, 2021 - 85th Tennessee State Convention

International Conference 2021

Portland Oregon - July 7 - 10

San Antonio, TX - July 21 - 24

International Convention 2022

New Orleans, LA - July 12 - 16

International Convention 2024

National Harbor, Maryland - Gaylord National

International Convention 2026

Aurora, Colorado - Gaylord Rockies

## Concerns

Keep in our thoughts and prayers:  
Wynona Dye and her brother in law passed away a few months ago, and her sister recently passed away  
Polly Anderson tested positive for COVID  
Bonnie Burnett's husband will have surgery this month.  
Teachers



## Zeta Phone List

Send changes in telephone, address, cell, work numbers to Connie Silvey  
[cfsilvey@bellsouth.net](mailto:cfsilvey@bellsouth.net)

## Yearbook

Please send yearbook corrections to:  
Tami Smith -  
[tami.smith@knoxschools.org](mailto:tami.smith@knoxschools.org) or  
1609 Cherrybrook Dr. 37912

## Next Month's Meeting

Date: March 22, 2021  
Time: 5:00  
Place: Zoom  
Program: TN Women of Vision and Courage  
Speaker: Judy Rogers  
Inspiration: Ursula Thompson



## February

### February

Rosemary Calvert	13
Madeline Ferguson	15
June Gorski	15

## **NEWSLETTER**

Articles, information etc. needed for future newsletters. Please submit to Connie Silvey at  
[cfsilvey@bellsouth.net](mailto:cfsilvey@bellsouth.net) by the 10th of each month. Thanks, Connie



## Scholarships and Awards

**Remember:** If you have received an award this past school year, please notify: Mary Brockett or Nancy Irwin.  
([marybrockett@gmail.com](mailto:marybrockett@gmail.com)) or  
([artirwin@yahoo.com](mailto:artirwin@yahoo.com)).

### Legislation

Bill Hagerty: hagerty.senate.gov  
 Marsha Blackburn: blackburn.senate.gov  
 Tim Burchett: burchett.house.gov  
 US Congress 2nd district


### Board of Education

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 Chair - Larsen Jay-lasen.jay@knoxcounty.org

### Web Site

Check out Zeta's Website   
[dkgxizeta.weebly.com](http://dkgxizeta.weebly.com)

State: www.tndkg.org

Checkout EEC Corner on the Tennessee State website. You will find several programs and projects completed by other chapters that may be of interest.

International: dkg.org



**WANTED:**

**NEW-MEMBERS**

I challenge each member to bring a prospective member to our next meeting. Martha

### Legislative Symposium

Remember questions for the Legislative Symposium needs to be sent to Tricia Jones by February 12th.

### Tennessee Legislative Symposium

**Presenter: Panel Discussion with Tennessee Representatives and Senators**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:30 PM Central**

Welcome: Commissioner of Education Dr. Penny Schwinn

Keynote: Lisa Henderson, former Legislative Liaison for Tennessee Counseling Association

<https://forms.gle/3epFwM32u98rPXUWA>

Submitted by Myra Sowder

*Thank you*

### Ronald McDonald House Charities

"The beauty of compassion is that it's a celebration of what we do, who we are, and how we share our humanity with other souls."

To the ladies of Delta Kappa Gamma,

"Mama from heaven"! That's how we feel about your generous donation we just received, I actually looked up that phrase and the definition is ..."An unexpected benefit or assistance, especially when it comes at the time when it's needed most!"

While all gifts are deeply and dearly appreciated, with so many of our events canceled or postponed and given the uncertainty of 2021, the impact of your kindness is magnified a hundred fold!

With our heartfelt gratitude.

Sue Beverly - director

## **Upcoming Virtual Events**

### **Triskele Paper Globes**

**Presenter: Cathryn Burke, Area 8 Coordinator Texas**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7 PM Central**

Triskele Paper Globes or Paper Balls are pretty and easy to make – soooooo much fun and they look absolutely stunning!

*Triskele Paper Globes* Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/y9dAUCneQhuhdxwYA>

### **Questions about technology? Let's find answers!**

**Presenter: Dr. Dianne Anderson, Gamma Alpha**

**Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 10 AM Central**

Need answers to technology related questions but don't know who to ask? Dr. Dianne Anderson, TNSO state treasurer, will provide answers to questions about software, computers, cameras, Google Docs, and more. Submit specific questions in advance to allow for precise, yet understandable, answers.

*Questions about technology? Let's find answers!* Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/3729YWcaXswnGBTp6>

### **Basics of Excel**

**Presenter: Heather Warren, Wayne County CTE Director**

**Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10 AM Central**

This member requested workshop will cover the basics of Microsoft Excel using various Excel formulas, tables, and charts. Members who register will receive a handout to print prior to the workshop in order to make notes as we learn.

*Basics of Excel* Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/3YyXJycKZVfS5seZ8>

### **Google Docs Basics**

**Presenter: Sherrie Collins, TNSO Webmaster**

**Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 7 PM Central**

This member requested workshop will cover the basics of Google Docs and will reach of topics suggested by attendees through the registration form.

*Google Docs Basics* Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/8yQBRPyJVWEZoJCC6>



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## DKG

Ann Payne grew up in Talladega, Alabama and attended the University of Alabama. She met her husband Lanny Payne on a blind date her freshman year. They married after graduation and moved to Knoxville where Ann received a scholarship to Graduate School at UT.

They have been married 57 years and have two sons and 5 grandchildren. Both sons attended Alabama and the oldest grandson is now a student at Alabama. Ann's father also graduated from Alabama. So even though Ann and Lanny have lived in Knoxville for 57 years, they are true Bama fans. Ann has been very active in the East Tennessee Alabama Alumni Association. She has served on the National Alumni Executive Committee and was selected the University of Alabama National Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna Award in 2009.

Ann began teaching at the Tennessee School for the Deaf in 1964, serving 13 years as High School principal and retired after 31 wonderful years at TSD. While there, she served as President of the TSD Education Association. She was elected as a Board Member of the Tennessee Education Association in the 1970's. Upon retirement, she served as a Special Education Mediator for the State Department of Education in East Tennessee. She also worked as a parent advisor for TIPS (Tennessee Infant Parent Services - now a part of Early Intervention.)

Ann is active in the First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville Scottish Society and the Andrew Bogle Chapter of DAR.

Ann has been a member of the Alpha Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1977. She has served as President, Treasurer and on several committees. She has attended several State and International Conventions. She looks forward to being a member of the Zeta Chapter and once things get back to normal, getting to putting names and faces (no masks) together.

The **DKG Tennessee State Organization Legislative Symposium** will be held by Zoom  
Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 5:30 pm Central time.

**Events:**

Panel Discussion with Tennessee Representatives and Senators

Keynote Speaker: Lisa Henderson, former Legislative Liaison for the Tennessee Counseling Association

Welcome by Commissioner of Education Dr. Penny Schwinn

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3pJLqGRnSHY4xoP7aEk_XhbIXarROn6XHVjw_UTrqL3kRg/viewform)

[e/1FAIpQLScK3pJLqGRnSHY4xoP7aEk\\_XhbIXarROn6XHVjw\\_UTrqL3kRg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3pJLqGRnSHY4xoP7aEk_XhbIXarROn6XHVjw_UTrqL3kRg/viewform) Use this link to register and/or turn in questions for the panel. You will be given instructions for the Zoom meeting when you register.

**2020 Tennessee State Legislative Awards**

Zeta

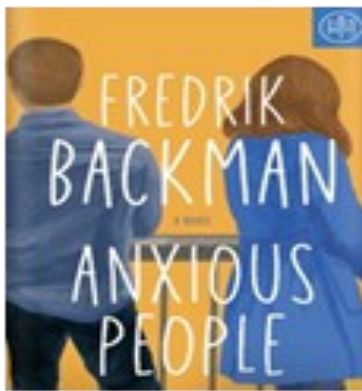
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Submitted by Tricia Jones

**Book Corner**



**Anxious People**

by

Fredrik Backman (Goodreads Author), Neil Smith (Translator)

**A poignant, charming novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.**

**Submitted by Saralee Peccolo-Taylor**