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Zeta News

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

January 2021 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Engage, Empower, Involve

Happy New Year, Sisters!

I hope this letter finds each of you doing well!

I have to confess. Every time I've attempted to write this letter, I've deleted it, only to try again. It seems that I am flat out overwhelmed. I am overwhelmed by the continuing pandemic. I am over-
whelmed, and heartbroken, over the violence that occurred at our Nation's capitol. I continue to be
overwhelmed at how to best provide services to my students who are learning at school, as well as
those who have chosen to learn at home. I'm pretty sure I'm not alone.

Despite all of this, I continue to choose hope, and gratitude. These are my tools against fear and dread.

At the top of my list, I am eternally grateful for those frontline workers in all of their capacities who
continue to work while risking their own health, to provide us with medical care, essential services,
and education to our kids. I am incredibly grateful for the scientists who worked to produce vaccines. I
hope that we will all (if we choose) be able to take these vaccines sooner rather than later. I am grate-
ful for our school nurses who are doing a lion's share of the work with contact tracing and protecting
our students who are in school buildings.

I am grateful for grace, and for the kind words from parents and students who understand that these are
not normal times or conditions, and that things look a lot different. I'm grateful for those same folks
who are willing to be flexible especially when Plan A doesn't work, and we're down to Plan M. I am
grateful for digital platforms that allow us to be able to continue meeting with each other when we
can't meet in person.

I am grateful to live in a country where we have the opportunity to participate in free and fair elec-
tions. Despite the recent events, we will continue as a country. I have hope that we, as a country, will
learn from these events and find better ways to live with each other, treat other, serve each other, and
prosper each other.

As much as I hate the phrase "unprecedented times", we truly are still here. And because of that, we're
opting to change to a virtual platform until it's safe to meet in person again. Sisters, my hope is that I
will still get to see a good number of us virtually each month until we can meet again in person. I'm
looking forward to meeting our Early-career Educator Grant recipients, and hearing from Sue Beverly,
the director of the Ronald McDonald House. We would typically meet to assemble bags to support the
RMHC. My hope is that we will be able to find another way to support them this year.

I can't end this note without congratulating one of our teachers who is still in the trenches. Thanks to
the hard work that Tami Smith put into the yearbook, our chapter has been awarded highest honors!
Congratulations, Tami, for going above and beyond!!!

I'm hopeful for a great 2021 for each of you!

Warmly,

terry

January Meeting

Date: January 25, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom

Inspiration: Connie Silvey

Program: Ronald McDonald House

Speaker: Sue Beverly, director Ronald McDonald House Charities of Knoxville

We will work on the room bags and collecting the items for the RMH at a later date.

From Myra Sowder email on January 7:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84604692122?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84604692122?pwd=aGV4algvK1hEMTY0NEEwSStwUzUwUT09)

[pwd=aGV4algvK1hEMTY0NEEwSStwUzUwUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84604692122?pwd=aGV4algvK1hEMTY0NEEwSStwUzUwUT09)

Meeting ID: 846 0469 2122

Pass code: J65HrE

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.

Weather Policy

The Zeta chapter meeting will be cancelled if Knox County Schools are closed for weather or health issues.

Calendar 2021



Chapter Meetings

February 22 - Dr. Nola Isobe - WHBC

March 22 - TN Past and Present - Lyn Fox - WHBC

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 (no phone calls please)

Polly Anderson (husband - David)

Cecelia Rivers (recovering from knee surgery)

Rosemary Calvert (recovering from surgery)

Teachers

Thoughts and prayers for Xi State editor, Orlean

Bauman. Her husband died from a short illness

(NON-Covid related) Saturday. Orlean is undergoing some health issues herself.



Zeta Phone List

Send changes in telephone, address, cell, work numbers to Connie Silvey
cfsilvey@bellsouth.net

Yearbook

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

Next Month's Meeting

Date: February 22, 2021

Time: 5:00

Place: Zoom

Program: Knox Co School student overcoming traumatic situation with teachers' positive impact

Speaker: Dr. Nola Isobe

Inspiration: Madeline Ferguson

NEWSLETTER 

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



January

Beth Eades	1
Becky Duncan Massey	2
Saralee Peccolo-Taylor	11
Ernestine Everhart	28
Mary Smith	29



To Tami Smith, ZETA 2nd Vice President,

Congratulations on receiving "Highest Honors" on your yearbook. Your chapter earned 58 points. Thanks.

Dr. Elaine Vaughan, Ed.D.

2019-2021 Tennessee State First Vice President and Chair of the Educational Excellence Committee

Scholarships and Awards



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

Legislation

Bill Hagerty: hagerty.senate.gov
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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

Additions to the Yearbook



Page 16 - Order of the Rose

Pat Satterfield 2017

Page 17 - Leadership Management Seminar Participants

Judy Fleenor 1985

June Gorski 1985

Saralee Peccolo-Taylor 2000

Advanced

Judy Fleenor 1993

June Gorski

Zeta Visionaries - Judy Fleenor

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Knox County Schools - Homebound Instructor

02/15

DKG - 8/24/20 ID#

Correction: Judy Fleenor DKG 11/26/73

Tracy Van de Vate 09/26/11

Early-career Educator Grant 2020-2021

Application winner

Katarina Steffen

CDC teacher at Powell High School

Her project involves allowing students in the class to learn real-life skills needed when shopping, budgeting, money handling, meal planning and cooking. The grant will be used to buy supplies necessary for students to create meals.

Shannon Exum

Health Science/Rehab Career/Exercise Science Teacher at Farragut High School

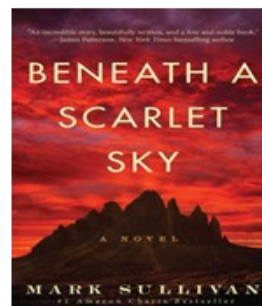
Her project involves allowing students to work in project-based learning scenarios with teachers at Farragut. The students would evaluate and assess fitness levels of their "clients" and create fitness programs for them. The grant money would be used to purchase a variety of hand-held weights for the "clients" to use during their training. When the students complete the requirements for this class, they are eligible to go through the testing process to be a Certified Personal Trainer.

Susan Martin - chair

Book Corner

Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan is based on a true, untold story of WW II in Italy. It follows 17-year-old Pino Lella as he helped lead Jews out of Italy along an underground railroad through the Alps. Believing that they could keep him out of combat, his parents forced him to enlist in the German army. After becoming injured, Pino became the personal driver of General Hans Leyers, Hitler's leader in Italy. He became a spy for the Resistance and, working undercover, gained access to some of the most powerful men in Germany and witnessed the atrocities of the war firsthand.

Submitted by: Kaye Williams





Meet Zeta member Judy Fleenor

Judy is a native Knoxville, a 1964 graduate of Fulton High School and a December 1967 graduate of UTK with a BS in Social Studies Education. She began working for the Knoxville City Schools returning to Fulton High as librarian, December 1967 and continued her employment with the Knox County system for 39 years, 6 months. She was a librarian and seventh grade geography teacher serving in elementary, junior high, and high schools. Judy earned the MSLIS degree from UTK in 1973 and then in 1991 completed the 45 hours beyond the masters. (Dr. June Gorski was one of her professors. Judy scanned Seventeen magazines to determine the effect the advertisements had on teenage girls. Judy and June hoped to publish the findings but that didn't occur. Judy still earned a good grade for her work.) She was awarded the Louise Meredith School Library Award, given by the state library organization, while she was librarian at Rule High School. Judy was a career ladder level III teacher. She was also a member of the 1991 Leadership Education class.

Judy retired in May 2009 after fifteen years at West High School. She then moved to Hunter's Crossing development to be closer to her church.

Judy was raised in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and has been a member of the Beaver Creek congregation since 1975. She has served the church in several capacities: member of the session, member of the personnel committee, member of the missions and outreach committee, member of the carnival committee (she chaired this committee and organized the first community carnival), church librarian, and is currently helping in the church office after the retirement of the administrative assistant.

Judy has been a member of Zeta Chapter since November 1973. When she was chair of the research committee, she compiled the first history of the chapter. This history was updated for the chapter's 85th anniversary. Judy has served the chapter as vice-president and president for two terms. Judy has attended Xi State, Regional, and International conventions. She attended the Leadership Management Seminar in 1985, and the Advanced Management Seminar in 1993 and has always said these were the two best professional meetings she ever attended.

In retirement, Judy has helped in the library at Copper Ridge Elementary School, has served as co-librarian for her church, and has helped fill-in for her church's administrative assistant. She has been a member of three bridge clubs playing three times a month. She has also been involved in the Body Works exercise program.