



# ALPHA DELTA DATA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Alpha Delta Chapter, Ohio State Organization



## Mission Statement

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

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## President's Message

Wow – what a whirlwind autumn season... and now Christmas and the New Year are right around the corner!! So much to be thankful for and to look forward to!!

Alpha Delta Chapter kicked off our year in September by inducting five new members who will undoubtedly bring many innovative ideas with them. We are so blessed to have such an active, thriving chapter full of talented, caring, and generous members.

October brought a visit from Kristy Bowers, Community Development Director at The Ranch of Opportunity for young girls ages 13-18 who have experienced severe trauma in their lives. When the request was made to bring age-appropriate books and gift cards to help with positive reinforcement rewards, our members responded with characteristic generosity.

Once again, at our December Christmas Auction, you outdid yourselves raising \$2,193 to help fund our classroom grants, and \$200 for SOCKS. We already have several grant applications and I am very excited to see how our donations will be put to good use! I can't begin to tell you how blessed I feel to be part of such a wonderful group of women! Looking ahead, we have some fun times to anticipate in 2020 as well! The Ohio State Organization President, our own Diana Kirkpatrick, will lead her first state convention on March 20-22 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. I know that we all want to give her our support and hope that many of you will be able to attend, help, and have some fun in the process!

In April we will be hosting our joint Birthday Luncheon with Alpha Gamma – always a fun time with our sister chapter! Our hostess committee chair, Donna Kelley, has been planning this event for weeks and months already and I know it will be absolutely wonderful!!

May will bring an opportunity for our grant recipients to tell us how our donations were used in their innovative classroom projects. I'm always thankful to still be able to have an impact on education even though I'm no longer in the classroom.

And just like that the school year will have ended! I know it doesn't go that quickly for those of you "in the trenches," but hopefully there will be a few well-timed and much-needed snow days before spring!

We also have wonderful plans for our 2020 summer outing, but more about that later... Meanwhile, I hope you will enjoy the blessings of the Christmas season and join me in looking forward to a Happy New Year!

President Carol



**Important  
Meeting Dates**

*September 17, 2019*  
Program: Founder's Day program  
and New Member Induction

*October 15, 2019*  
Ranch of Opportunity program  
presented by Kristie Bowers

*December 3, 2019*  
Holiday Auction Fundraiser

*January 21, 2020*  
Fayette County Initiatives presentation  
by Big Brothers Big Sisters's  
Julie DeCamp

*February 18, 2020*  
Mindfulness and relaxation techniques  
to get ready for testing  
stress presented by Shannon  
Jacobs

*March 10, 2020*  
State convention preparation to  
help support our very own State  
President Diana Kirkpatrick; first  
reading for new members

*April 25, 2020*  
Birthday Luncheon with Alpha  
Gamma Chillicothe chapter at St.  
Colman's Parish Hall

*May 19, 2020*  
Grants and Scholarships in Action  
presentations; second reading of  
new member applications and  
membership vote

*Summer Outing—June 16, 2020*  
Marching Mothers in Hillsboro



Meeting Highlights of 2019

In February, our very own Rebekah Milstead, who was the Founding Director of the Rose Avenue Community Center, reported on the many ways that the Center serves the community, by providing groceries, clothing and meals to those in need. After school programs are operated daily, offering a hot meal, tutoring and reading activities for school aged children. Cinderella's Closet is a collection of prom dresses/suits, donated to the center and made available for students to borrow, so that the cost of attire does not prevent anyone from attending their prom. The center also has a bicycle ministry and a furniture ministry. Rebekah highlighted the need for products to supply the center's hygiene closet, which helps community members to feel and look their best.

Marcie Hamilton and Taryn Fraley, of the Fayette County Department of Job and Family Services, described in April some of the challenges facing them in serving children and families in Fayette County. They noted that there are 71 children in care in the county at this time, but few homes are available for teenagers, so often teens needing foster care are placed in homes outside of the county. They also noted that the cost of providing care has risen dramatically in recent years. In 2012, costs to the county were \$182,000, while in 2018, the cost was \$767,000. The speakers reported that adoptions have increased, totaling 23 children adopted last year, but typically, older children are not adopted, and may "age out" of the system, upon reaching the age of 18. The speakers highlighted the need for long-term foster homes in a family setting, and for people who are willing to be mentors for older teens who need extra support, to learn life skills, such as completing a job application, making a budget or filing income taxes, especially as they age out of the foster care system.

At the May meeting, grant recipients described how each DKG grant was used to benefit students in their classrooms. Grants were used for purchasing age appropriate items to create inviting classroom learning environments, purchasing an iPad for work on newspaper assignments, purchasing classroom supplies, and purchasing headphones and new books for classrooms.

After the Founder's Day Program at the September meeting, Membership Chair Robin Dolphin, led the induction ceremony for new members, assisted by Shari West, Cortney Brackens and Cathy White. The new members are Mallory Bihl, Lindsay Burns, Valerie Hawvermale, Kim Johnson and Kristin Preston. Each new member was given a red rose, and was welcomed by the other members into the organization.

In October, Kristie Bowers, Community Development Director at The Ranch of Opportunity, informed members of the programs available at the Ranch which is a thirty-bed residential facility for teen-aged girls who are survivors of extreme trauma located on a 22-acre campus in Fayette County. She noted that it is the goal for each girl who is served at the Ranch to gain a sense of hope and self esteem, as well as a greater feeling of responsibility and empowerment. Since many of the girls have a history of long term abuse or neglect, it is especially important for them to work on dealing with past problems with self-image. She reported that "trauma informed care" is provided, since each girl's history has an impact on all areas of functioning. She mentioned that each resident must learn new skills for coping with stress. The residents participate in daily group therapy sessions and weekly individual therapy, as well as coaching in the life skills which will help prepare them for a positive future as independent adults. The resident girls also have opportunities for therapy with animals at the Ranch, including horses, pigs and some other small animals. In addition, special activities are planned for the residents, such as a prom, which takes place each April. This allows every girl to experience a special evening, with hair styling, make up, dinner and photos, all of which can help to strengthen a new feeling of self confidence and positive self image.



### DKG/Ohio State Convention

President Carol announces plans for the State Convention, which will be held on March 20-22, 2020 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio.

Participation is encouraged as our chapter is part of the Steering Committee. There will be many jobs to be done at the convention and chapter members can show support of our own State President Diana by lending a hand. A special hotel room rate is available for the convention which promises to be a wonderful experience for all.



# ALPHA DELTA BIRTHDAYS

January	February	March	April
Cathy White 1 Billie Lanman 10 Cindy Sagar 21 Alice Craig 24 Vicki Lynch 25	Patti Ondrus 1 Mary Jane Esselburne 3 Mary Sue Spengler 4 Dianne Junk 6 Virginia Purdy 10 Pat Gall 11 Carolyn DeWeese 15 Sandi Clawson 16 Marlene Martin 19 Sarah Kirkpatrick 24 Sue Anderson 27 Jill Neuder 27 Rebekah Milstead 28	Linda Hyer 2 Mary Lewis 8 Carol Waddle 8 Alma Litten 14 Luran Perrill 20 Susan Ferguson 23 Martha Whitley 27 Krissy Cooper 29 Norma Wilson 31	Jo Anderson 10 Shari West 10 Robin Dolphin 12 Robin Hart 15 Amy Jo Morris 25 Christine Eckstein 26 Kim Bonnell 27 Shirley Lux 27
May	June	July	August
Stephanie Davey 14 Kathy Laswell 20 Brenda Warner 24 Debra Wing 24 Jane Ann Wilson-Redman 28 Katy Zink 28 Pam Anderson 31	Kim Pittser 2 Kathy Ginn 15 Amy Ford 18 Debbie Roby 19	Barb Garringer 3 Anne Quinn 7 Donna Kelley 8 Mary Lorane Davis 9 Gladys Shoemaker 9 Cherise Roberts 11 Joyce Lott 12 Jane Morner 13 Sandy Sowash 15 Nancy Davis 22 Julie Kellough 26 Shirley Newell 26 Nancy Mowery 27 Pam Feick 28 Bobbie Stahl 29	Pat Brinkman 1 Karen Bernard 7 Helen Henson 15 Kay Oughterson 21 Barb Vance 23 Polly Dean 31 Jana Huff-Daye 31
September	October	November	December
Lynne Anthony 1 Fonda Fichthorn 4 Jill Richard 4 Sue Mowrey 11 Rose Ann Newbrey 24 Peggy Lester 28 Courtney Hagler 29	Jenny Breedlove 1 Susan Eckles 9 Becky Whitney 10 Mary Fish 12 Carolyn Shoemaker 17 Maggie Glass 21	Jean Ann Davis 1 Frances Moore 6 Courtney Brackens 8 Emily King 8 Joanne Montgomery 9 Peggy Zimmerman 14 Caryl Bookman 18 Fern Ginn 23 Diana Kirkpatrick 23 Marty Burns 25	Marie Fetters 5 Norma Kirby 17 Nancy Hammond 25 Beth Gerber 30