

The 4:15*

Delta Omicron Chapter, #111, Dallas, Dallas County, Area 9, Texas State Organization, DKG Society International

Mission Statement: DKG Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



Texas State Organization



Volume 65, Issue 5, February 14, 2022
Marylin Nease, editor

*The 4:15? Delta is the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet and Omicron is the 15th. On a good day, 4:15 is the time we leave school and head to a Delta Omicron meeting!

President's Message



Dear Delta Omicron Members,

February is the best month of the year! Why? Because it's the month to celebrate love on Valentine's Day and Galantine's Day. Galantine's Day is on February 13th for women to celebrate their friendships. Other happenings this month are Groundhog's Day and, of course, Super Bowl

*Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I'm sure glad
I have special friends like you!*

even though the Cowboys are not one of the football teams playing.

February is also the month that we support DKG International's project Schools for Africa. Through our monetary donations, Schools for Africa helps the most disadvantaged children in that continent to get a quality education. This program has helped with early childhood development, access to a primary education, HIV prevention, school supplies, furniture, sports equipment, and so much more.

As we continue to experience and move through the Omicron variant, please be aware that we will have to be flexible with our meetings. We might be able to meet in person, participate only with ZOOM, or have a hybrid meeting.

Katherine

Pres/Katherine Grogan
1st VPs/Elenora Asbury
& Kathy Rodriguez
2nd VP/Margaret
Thompson
Rec Sec/Margie Rohde
Cor Sec/Susan Endicott
Treas/Leesa Cole
Parl/Julie Turnbow
Im P Pres/Lou McMillan

Chapter Website:
[link to chapter website](#)
Carolyn Power, Webmaster

Next meeting: Mon., Feb. 14, 5:00 p.m., HPPC*, TBD-Room K and Zoom.
Program: Joyanne Burger, "A Nurse's Heart for Women's Health." DKG International
Projects: Schools for Africa/SFA (w/Mary Carol Hughes) & Support Early-career Educators/SEE (w/Grace Delatour & Carolyn Miller). See pp. 13-14 for project info. (DKG Purposes 1, 6, 7)
*Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 3821 University Blvd., Dallas, 2nd floor, room K. Enter parking garage from Shannon Lane on church's west side. Take elevator to 2nd floor.

CHAPTER: MEMBERSHIP NEWS by Margaret Thompson, Membership VP



What a wonderful orientation for potential members we had on Sat., Jan. 15, in my home! I am looking forward to inducting _____ into Delta Omicron in March. We will also induct _____, who were unable to attend their induction ceremony last fall.

_____ has been attending our meetings since August as my guest. Leslie works for Wylie ISD as an itinerant substitute teacher in Whitt Elementary. She has taught pre-school, volunteers for VBS, teaches Elementary Sunday School, and is in Junior League of Wichita Falls.

_____ recommended by Marylin Nease, is retired from Dallas ISD's Thomas Jefferson High School, where she taught business. She is a Smithsonian Fellow, has authored two books, is on the Dallas Theater Guild, and is active with the East Texas Historical Association.

_____ recommended by Elenora Asbury, is currently a professor of Integrated Reading and Writing at Dallas College (Richland Campus). Many of us met her at the Christmas brunch. She currently serves in Austin Street Shelter, does literacy training with refugees, and is a reading tutor with children.

It's so exciting to bring new members into our fold! Remember, if you have a friend or associate you would like to introduce to Delta Kappa Gamma, please bring her to a meeting!

Q. Do you need an official DKG name badge?

A. If so, let me know. I'll be ordering name badges for members at our Feb. 14 meeting. They're \$15.00 each.



Happy February Birthdays!

Katrina Hallman, 2
Mary White, 12
Marta Finlay, 15
Catherine Donahue, 19
Marylin Nease, 22



CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES, JAN. 10, 2022



by Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, via Zoom.

Twenty-five members attended: Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, Delores Bates, Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Judy Culbertson, Cindy Dominguez, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Mary Carol Hughes, Kay Keeland, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Power, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Marilyn Smith, Wanda Spoonmore,

Margaret Thompson, Jean Wallace, and

Four guests attended: Liz Garrett, . Liz is Area 9 Coordinator for Texas State Organization. is the speaker for tonight's meeting and president of Dallas Leadership Foundation. are potential members.

OPENING:

Katherine Grogan called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Wanda Spoonmore was not yet present, so there was no inspiration. Katherine decided to skip the music originally planned by Penni Lewis.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

- (1) **The November minutes** were accepted as amended and printed in the newsletter.
- (2) **Members shared illness and concerns:** **Katherine Grogan** gave an update on her recent hospital stay. Members were amazed that Katherine managed to lead the meeting despite her hospitalization. **Carolyn Power** shared that her daughter-in-law has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is scheduled for surgery soon. Carolyn plans to go to Houston shortly to help her daughter-in-law as she recovers and to care for her grandsons. **Marylin Nease** is currently in Oklahoma with her sister, as her sister is not doing well.
- (3) **Leesa Cole, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.** Delta Omicron's **bank balance as of 12/31/2021 was \$3,828.18.** **Income for Nov.** included \$351 for the meeting dinner catered by Jason's Deli. **Expenses for Nov.** included payment to Jason's Deli for the dinner and reimbursement of Programs Chair. **Income for Dec.** included \$240 donated to Denton State-supported Living Center, a regular Dec. project. **Expenses for Dec.** included sending the chapter donations to DSSLC. **No new money is budgeted for Jan.** unless there are new member dues. **Anticipated expense for Jan.** includes annual contributions to TSO, International, and ASTEF and any new member dues to TSO and International. **Leesa reminded members that dues collection begins in Mar. for the 2022-2023 membership year with final payment due in May, 2022.**
- (4) **Leesa Cole, Scholarship Chair, discussed several scholarship opportunities.** Additional information will be sent to members in the newsletter. (a) **Delta Omicron:** *Members* can receive up to \$100 for classes or conferences attended. The deadline for applying is Apr. 1, 2022. A \$150 grant-in-aid is also available for *non-member* active teachers seeking a Master's degree or PhD. The deadline is Apr. 1, 2022. (b) **Dallas County Coordinating Council:** The Cora McFarland scholarship is also available with a deadline of Mar. 1, 2022. (c) **TSO:** Our state organization has a scholarship program with a deadline of Mar. 1, 2022. Use this link: [TSO Scholarships Info](#) Leesa encouraged members who might be eligible to consider applying.
- (5) **Margaret Thompson, 2nd Vice President for Membership, reported that she will conduct an orientation meeting this Sat.** for as well as three other potential members who were unable

to attend previous orientation meetings.

(6) **Lou McMillan, Nominations Chair**, stated that the nominations committee has started meeting to discuss nominations for 2022-2024 officers.

(7) **Kay Keeland, Community Service Committee Co-Chair**, announced that the tour of West Dallas Community School and luncheon at Celebration restaurant have been cancelled because of the Covid surge.

(8) **Committee reports were temporarily suspended as the meeting's speaker arrived.**



PROGRAM:

Elenora Asbury, 1st Co-Vice President for Programs and Projects, introduced **is president of Dallas Leadership Foundation and a pastoral fellow at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.**

Will stated that his organization is a **Christian nonprofit founded in 1995. In normal years the organization has 5,000 volunteers**, but last year there were only 527 volunteers because of Covid. **They work in 12 neighborhoods across Dallas and first ring suburbs. Some of the services this organization does include rental assistance, financial literacy, and leadership development classes. 19,188 people were served by these programs last year. The foundation looks for local leaders who already live in the neighborhoods being served to include in their leadership development classes.**

One program is Transform Dallas, which is a joint project with many other well-known churches in the Dallas area. **Treasures of Hope is a program** in which the first floor of an office building was turned into a store selling holiday gifts at a 75% discount to needy families. Because of Covid challenges, the store was run Amazon-style with parents ordering items online and then driving to the store to pick up their purchases. It served 1,200 individuals.

A significant program is food distribution, which served 917,910 meals. Highland Park Baptist is a big partner in the effort, which started in April of 2021. Packing of meals occurs every Tuesday and Thursday with distribution on Peak Street in Dallas. **The foundation also does a Diaper Drive**, which has distributed 25,000 diapers and wipes to young and new mothers.

There is a re-entry program for prisoners that has been very successful. The foundation started a 232-bed, faith-based dorm at Hutchins State Prison. The men choose to be in the dorm and must be approved by the warden. The program is very popular with both prisoners and guards. The men learn anger management, fatherhood skills, and dressing for work once they are released. **As part of the re-entry program, there is the Onesimus Transitional Home** for released prisoners and workforce development, teaching faith-based leadership training and preparing guys coming out of prison for construction jobs. This program works with national construction companies. Men learn to install cabinets and toilets.

Several programs are directed toward youth: Power Lunch, Power Camp, and Power Study. In Power Lunch, volunteers go to specific schools and work on leadership development and how to handle social media relationships. Students learn how to deal with authority and often are very open to talking with volunteers. Currently, volunteers work in three RISD high schools, Berkner, Richardson, and Lake Highlands, as well as Dallas ISD's Madison High School and Fort Worth ISD's Dunbar High School. Power Camp is a summer program. Kids Across America is a partner in the summer camp. The camp works on career development. This program has been virtual during Covid.

Seeds of Change is a new program, which will start in April 2022 at the Fairmount Hotel.

Elenora plans to include further information in the newsletter on how members might help with many of these programs run by the foundation. Members were very impressed by all that the foundation is doing in Dallas.



MORE COMMITTEES:

- (1) **Carolyn Power, Global Awareness Chair**, stated that more information on DKG International’s project Schools for Africa will be discussed in February. She mentioned one specific region in Ethiopia where 48% of the girls are forced to marry as young teens. Parents sell their daughters because they need the money to feed the rest of their family. The girls often ask for help at school. One such school is Shaw Elementary; it is also one of the schools funded by Schools for Africa. DKG trains the teachers on how to stop the practice of marrying girls at a young age.
- (2) **Barbara Clinton, Women in the Arts Chair**, shared her experiences visiting both Vincent Van Gogh exhibits, one at the Dallas Museum of Art and one in Arlington. The Dallas exhibit is immersive; visitors put on goggles to get the full experience. That exhibit is very entertaining, while the one in Arlington is more about reading the scripts next to the paintings and perhaps more educational. She also mentioned that there is a good exhibit at the Kimball Museum in Fort Worth.

Barbara invited members to share their experiences with art. **Katherine Grogan** mentioned visiting Claude Monet’s house and garden in France in the past. **Liza Leggett** continues to hook rugs and do embroidery as well as adult coloring pages to help her deal with stress from Covid. **Margaret Thompson** mentioned visiting the Southwest Art Gallery in Farmers Branch. **Mary Gill** continues to do cross stitch and needlepoint to relax. **Mary Carol Hughes** went to the Christmas display at the

Arboretum and enjoyed it greatly. _____ receives great satisfaction and joy from teaching Special Olympians how to play tennis. **Carolyn Power** shared that her son Ron has a Master’s degree in game design. When he was visiting from Washington, D. C., over the holidays, he taught Carolyn’s grandsons how to draw Spiderman in three dimensions. Carolyn greatly enjoyed watching Ron and her grandsons as they were making their creations. **Maureen Baker** also went to the Van Gogh exhibit in Arlington. She liked seeing scenes displayed on all four walls of the museum.



Barbara reminded members that both Van Gogh exhibits (in Dallas and in Arlington) close the end of January.

- (3) **Mary Carol Hughes, Research Committee member**, presented information on five qualities of effective leaders in education. These teachers/leaders (a) are self-aware and prioritize personal development; (b) focus on developing others; (c) encourage strategic thinking, innovation, and action; (d) are ethical and work with others for the common good; and (e) practice effective communication.
- (4) **Katherine Grogan tried to give Wanda Spoonmore a chance to share an inspiration**, but members were unable to hear Wanda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Katherine said there were **no additional announcements.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Katherine played the **DKG song**, and members joined in singing. Katherine **adjourned the meeting** at 6:15 p.m.





TREASURER'S REPORT for Feb. 2022

by Leesa Cole, Treasurer

Please see page 14.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, by Kay Keeland, Chair

Katherine Grogan, Kay Keeland, and Lou McMillan went to **West Dallas Community School** on Wed., Jan. 26.

They delivered 40 children's books to the director of volunteer services. She was so happy to see really great books. She commented, "The children will love these!"

Afterward, joined the three at Neuhaus Café for lunch.



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, by Chair

Mollye Long to TRTF Board of Trustees: The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) welcomes Mollye J. Long to the Board of Trustees. Some of you may remember her because she grew up in Dallas and attended Highland Park ISD through the ninth grade. Her family then moved to Corpus Christi, but Mollye returned to Dallas in order to attend SMU.

In 1981, Mollye started teaching Geometry/Algebra at Highland Park High School. At Highland Park, she was the cheerleader coach and a JV tennis coach.

Mollye retired from Highland Park ISD in 1998 and moved to Fredericksburg. She joined the Beta Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. ("TRTF Welcomes New

Trustee," *The Voice*, Fourth Quarter 2021, p. 12)

Early Voting: An important election will be held on Mar. 1, 2022. Early voting is Feb. 14-25, 2022. All 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and 1/3 of the U.S. Senate seats are up for grabs. Texas is one of 39 states with gubernatorial elections, as well as other state offices on the ballot. For more information, click on the following link. PLEASE VOTE!

<https://www.ksat.com/news/politics/2022/01/27/everything-to-know-about-voting-in-the-2022-texas-primary-election-on-march-1/>

TRTA Convention: The TRTA Convention will be held April 11-13, 2022, at the Hilton Anatole, located at 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway in Dallas.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Lou McMillan, chair



Members: Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole,

*Melanie Rudebeck,
Wanda Spoonmore*

SEEKING FUTURE LEADERS FOR DELTA OMICRON

Submit your interests by Feb. 9 using the Google Form link sent to you on Jan. 28 by Melanie Rudebeck.

If we meet in person on Feb. 14, there will be two iPads available to use for the submission. Printed forms will also be available.

We need to hear from our future leaders! Mentors are willing and ready to help you! New officers will be elected in March.

COORDINATING COUNCIL OF DALLAS COUNTY

→ Save the date: Sat., Apr. 9, 2022, Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) luncheon.



Delta Omicron members will be greeters at the Apr. 9 luncheon. Please arrive by 9:15 to greet attendees. Thank you!

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Coordinating Council of Dallas County**

*Spring Luncheon
Save the Date*

**Saturday April 9, 2022, at 10:00 am
Prestonwood Country Club
15909 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75248**



Menu: Dinner Salad, Buttermilk Crusted Chicken Breast with Country Gravy,
Seasonal Vegetables and Mashed Potatoes,
Served with Rolls and Butter, and Tea, Coffee, and/or Water,
and a Beautiful Cookie for Dessert

Cost: \$33.00

Please join us as we celebrate DKG educators across Dallas County.

Look for the Registration information to populate your in box in late February.

→ Cora McFarland scholarships are awarded annually at the CCDC luncheon.

In past years, 22 scholarships have been awarded to Delta Omicron members. Current Delta Omicron members who were recipients include Dr. Jaime Callahan, Leesa Cole, Grace Delatour, Susan Endicott, Mary Gill, Dr. Elyse Griffin, Nancy Johnson, Shirley Kochman, Marilyn Nease, Carolyn Power, Melanie Rudebeck, and Dr. Dawna Walsh.

**Cora McFarland Scholarship Information
History and Purpose:**

The Cora McFarland Scholarship

- was created by the **Dallas County Chapters** of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to benefit members of chapters within Dallas County and
- is awarded annually to members of the Society to enhance the fulfillment of DKG's fifth purpose, "to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study."

Eligibility:

Long-term scholarship (up to \$3,000) applicants

- must have been a Dallas County DKG member for three full years from date of induction,

***DKG Purpose 5.** To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.*

- must be pursuing a doctoral degree, and
- may receive a long-term scholarship once while working toward a doctoral degree.

Short-term scholarship (up to \$1,000) applicants

- must have been a Dallas County DKG member for at least one full year from date of induction;
- must be working for credit toward
 - an advanced degree,
 - certification, or
 - a field-of-study course, workshops, conferences, conventions, or special projects;
- must use the money for these purposes for tuition, fees, and/or supplies (no travel expenses);
- must indicate a direct link between what she is planning to do and who will benefit; and
- may apply for a short-term scholarship no more than twice in a three-year period.

An applicant for a long-term or a short-term scholarship

- should be an active participant in Delta Kappa Gamma through such things as attendance at chapter meetings, service through committees, elected offices, chapter projects, and attendance at workshops, conferences, and conventions; and
- is expected to remain an active, contributing member of DKG Society International.



Dr. Jaime Callahan, who currently represents our chapter on the Cora McFarland Scholarship Committee, shares her experiences with this scholarship. She joined DKG in 2014 and was a scholarship recipient in 2016 and 2017.

Q. How did you use your two scholarships?

A. I used them to offset tuition costs related to obtaining my doctoral degree.

Q. What do you want prospective applicants to know about your scholarship experience?

A. Having the opportunity to apply for and receive the Cora McFarland scholarships was such a big help as I worked through the process of earning my doctorate. The path to a doctoral degree is difficult enough without having to worry about cost, and our household decided to pay in full each semester, as opposed to taking out a loan. Having the funds from the Cora McFarland Scholarship made the process a little less stressful.

I highly encourage anyone interested in pursuing higher levels of education or experience to apply for the Cora McFarland Scholarship. The interview process was pleasant and gave the scholarship committee a chance to get to know me and I to know them. They were delightful and supportive and made the entire process easy! I hope our members consider applying this year!

I also urge our members to consider contributing to the Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund so that more scholarships can be awarded. **The donation form is attached to this email.**

Notes:

- **Applications are due Mar. 1, 2022.** The application and instructions are attached to this email.
- After applications are received, all applicants must participate in an interview on **Sat., Mar. 26, 2022.**
- Scholarship recipients will receive their scholarship awards at the Coordinating Council of Dallas County luncheon on **Apr. 9, 2022.**
- Please contact **Jaime Callahan** if you have questions about the Cora McFarland Scholarship.



AREA 9



2021-23 Area 9 Coordinator, Liz Garrett

→ Area 9 has **24 chapters in six North Texas counties**—Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Grayson, Kaufman, and Rockwall.

→ **Save the date: Sat., Sept. 10, 2022, Area 9 Workshop.** This workshop is our opportunity for orientation as incoming officers and committee members for the 2022-24 biennium. Plus, we'll enjoy fellowship with other Area 9 chapters!

→ **An excerpt from Liz's Jan. AC newsletter: Membership Tips from Michelle Grandinetti, TSO 2nd VP for Membership** (photo on right)

WHAT IS "ANNIE CALLING"?

Sometimes very loyal members decide to step away from their chapter. Family obligations, work responsibilities, health, or caring for a family member are some of the reasons that require a member to choose between personal commitments or chapter involvement. Fortunately, as time passes and the demands on time and energy decrease, these members are ready to rejoin their chapter and enjoy the benefits and fun of being with their DKG friends again. They might not know, however, that they can rejoin or whom to contact.



"Annie Calling" is the perfect method to invite these former members back into the chapter. It's a membership plan that's personal, friendly, and very successful. The easy-to-follow steps for "Annie Calling" can be found on the TSO website under "Committees/ Membership."

You will be surprised and pleased at the relationships that will be reestablished.

["Annie Calling" Explained](#) ["Annie Calling" Discussion Map](#)



Texas
State Organization

TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION <https://www.dkgtexas.org/>

→ TSO Newsletter

[Lone Star News - Winter Edition, 2021](#)



→ 2021-23 State President

Shalan Inmon's biennium theme? **JOURNEY: Which Way Will You Go?**

Her **biennium goals**? **Nurture** - Develop relationships with current and new members. **Serve** - Give of your time to others.

Educate - Promote the purposes and mission of DKG to others. **Wonder** - Dream, ask, reflect.

JOURNEY
Which way will you go?

→ **Delta Omicron Members Currently Serving in TSO Roles**

- (1) Leesa Cole, continuing as **TSO Executive Secretary** (began July 2020)
- (2) Katherine Grogan, Area 9 member of **TSO Archives Committee, 2021-23**
- (3) Kay Keeland, Area 9 member of **TSO Programs and Service Projects Committee, 2021-23**
- (4) Marylin Nease, Area 9 member of **TSO Membership Committee, 2021-23**

→ **ASTE F**

FEBRUARY GIVING MONTH



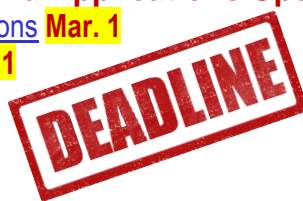
Donating during the month of February will support ASTEF's goal of giving back to TSO members and chapters through scholarships, leadership, and projects.

Honored/remembered names will be placed on the ASTEF website at astef.org and listed in the TSO Lubbock Convention Program. Further information will be coming after February 1.

→ **State Scholarship Guidelines and Applications Updated**

[TSO Scholarships and Mini Grant Applications](#) **Mar. 1**

[ASTE F Aspiring Educator Application](#) **Mar. 1**



→ **The Next Two TSO Conventions—Save the Dates!**

Lubbock, June 14-18, 2022 [2022 Lubbock Convention](#)

McAllen, June 14-17, 2023



→ **5th Annual ASTEF Weekender**

Tyler, Texas, Rose Capital of America, April 22, 23, and 24, 2022

For info [click here](#)

→ **STAR 2023 Registration Now Open**

[Women in Arts Committee](#)





INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

INTERNATIONAL <https://www.dkg.org/>

→ **The Next Three DKG International Conventions—Save the Dates!**

- **New Orleans, Louisiana** (New Orleans Marriott), July 12-16, 2022 [Convention Info](#)
- **National Harbor, Maryland** (Gaylord National, D.C. Area) – 2024
- **Aurora, Colorado** (Gaylord Rockies) – 2026

→ **DKG Fine Arts Gallery**

The next submission period is Jan. 15 – Feb. 15, 2022. [Click link for info](#)

Note from Marylin: *Following is one of my personal essays for this submission period.*

SISTERS IN ORANGE AND RED, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

“Want to wear an Oklahoma State Cowboys T-shirt for the Bedlam game?” I asked my sister while searching for the best candidate among her OSU shirts.

“I already have this on,” she answered, pulling at the front of her blue T-shirt and apparently not interested in wearing her favorite university’s shirt.

“Look, I’m wearing my Oklahoma Sooners shirt.” I tugged at my OU shirt to show her the red of her archival. “Don’t you want to wear OSU orange? Bedlam’s the biggest in-state game every year for an OU fan like me and an OSU fan like you.”

We went back and forth several times, with my sister rebuffing my attempts at persuasion. I was her weekend caregiver and wanted to use our being fans of opposing teams to make our day fun.

Finally, we compromised, and I helped her don orange over today’s blue she’d preferred.

“For fun, let’s take photos in our shirts,” I urged. “Then, we’ll get the TV on the right channel, okay?”

Linda agreed, and we made our way from her bedroom, through her dining room, down the ramp to the lower level of her home, and into the sunroom. She rode her electric scooter, and I followed.

“Let’s sit here to take our pictures,” I suggested, pointing to the raised, rocked seating that circles a central fireplace. We sat side by side on the stones, I grabbed my phone and stretched out my left arm to hold the camera before us, we tilted our heads together and smiled, and I took picture after picture trying to capture the perfect photo. “Perfect” meant our eyes were open, we were smiling, the tops of our orange and red shirts were visible, and the two of us were somewhat centered in the shot. After lots of laughter at my unsuccessful efforts, we finally had several shots we liked.

“Now, let’s get the TV on,” I said.

rode across the room to her recliner, turned off her scooter and dismounted, then settled onto her chair. I sat on the recliner to her right, reached for the remote, and found the channel. Soon, the annual Bedlam game began.

What bedlam it was! First quarter, OSU ahead by 7; halftime, game tied; third quarter, OU ahead by 9. Only in the final seconds did we have a winner: OSU, 37-33. The Cowboys had beaten the Sooners for the first time since 2014.

What fun and I had watching Bedlam together! Much of the game, we sat on the edges of our chairs. Every time the stadium noise increased or I shouted, she asked, “What happened? What happened?” I did my best to give play-by-play analysis. At the end, we both cheered for OSU.

Game over, she rode by my chair, stopped, pointed to her OSU shirt, and asked, “Did you get a picture of this?”

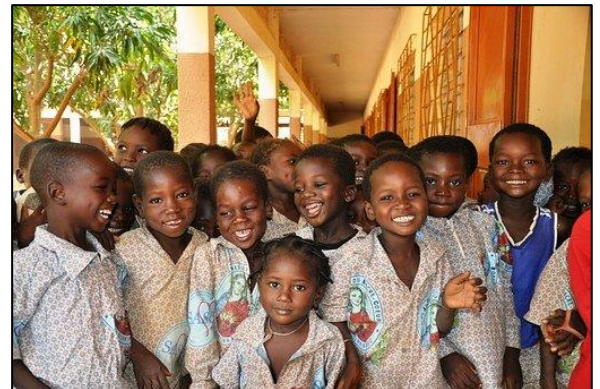
Next day, we both wore orange. I took more photos. What fun Bedlam was!

→DKG International Projects

(1) **Schools for Africa/SFA**, since 2010.

Mission: The project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa to provide quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans, and other vulnerable youngsters. UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund) administers DKG’s project.

Rationale: UNICEF has been working with children and schools in Africa since 1946 and has the organizational structure and manpower already in place to successfully administer our Schools for Africa project--*specifically, UNICEF knows which local leaders to work with and give money to so that our funds will be used properly.*



[Classrooms from Repurposed Plastic, SFA/UNICEF](#) (YouTube, 45 seconds)

[Making a Difference with Desks, SFA/UNICEF](#) (YouTube, 1:03 min.)

[SFA info](#) (DKG International website)

[SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA FLYER \(DONATION FORM 2020\)](#)

(2) Supporting Early-career Educators/SEE, since 2012.



Mission: To share our DKG vision, “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide,” and to strengthen our DKG Society International.

Rationale: Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. According to education policy researcher Richard Ingersoll, the rate in the U.S. of beginning teachers leaving the profession in the first year is a little more than 10%; with 33% leaving by Year 3, and 46% by Year 5. In addition, around 15% of U.S. teachers overall leave the profession each year.

(*Is There Really a Teacher Shortage?*, Ingersoll, 2003, p. 14)
[Teacher Retention Is the Answer, Ingersoll](#) (YouTube, Ed-Talk, 6:11 min.)
[SEE info](#) (DKG International website)

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FEB. 2022, *Leesa Cole, Treasurer*

1/31/22 Bank Balance Online (not reconciled) \$3,932.37

Income Jan. 2022

New member dues & fees (3)

Expense Jan. 2022

Budgeted:

- reimburse corresponding secretary
- chapter contributions to ASTEF, TSO, and International

Anticipated Income & Expense Feb. 2022

None - or - new member dues

Finance Notes:

Dues collection begins in March 2022 for the 2022-23 membership year. Final payment due May 2022. \$100 active / \$50 reserve

New members who paid dues in January are considered members of our chapter. The income is in our bank account.

Dues & fees will be paid to International & TSO in April when the new dues season opens.

Their official Society membership begins in April for the 2022-23 year.

