



BLOOMING ROSES

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Oregon State Organization – Alpha Epsilon Chapter

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

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Networking. We'll hear all about that at our first fall meeting, whether social or mixed with business.

INVITE SOMEONE: Bring an educator friend with you to a summer activity, to the fall state conference, or to a social. **Remember that “educator” doesn't mean just classroom teachers!** Think about paraprofessionals, substitutes, librarians, school nurses, college teachers, Sunday school (or Friday or Saturday school teachers), pre-school and kindergarten folks, trainers from your favorite gym, art/music/craft teachers, health care presenters, and more.

WE NEED YOU!

You will notice on our chapter officers' list we are short some Coordinators. If you haven't signed up for something yet, please contact one of us to let us know what you are willing to do. Coordinator doesn't mean you have to do it by yourself. You can ask for help from any of us. We will all be trying out new roles and writing the job descriptions for the role as we work through the year.

- **A Social Coordinator** to organize a fall or summer picnic and to set a date and place for a holiday party in early December. You might find other fun things we would enjoy doing and just let us know about them so we can decide if we'd like to do them as a group or not. (See attachment for more info.)
- **A Program Coordinator** to confirm locations and times for activities (except social) and programs. (See attachment)
- **Salem for Refugees Coordinator** to be a liaison person for us and decide if we want to commit to different activities with them or collect donations for them. (See attachment from SFR)



MESSAGE FROM YOUR CO-COMMUNICATORS – Kathy and Marie

Summer is here at last! Time for iced tea, cool cucumber sandwiches, feet up, umbrella overhead, and a good book on your lap.

Thanks to the good work at our planning meeting, Alpha Epsilon has an active summer planned for those who wish to participate. The goal is for our chapter to become more well known in the community by showcasing some of our activities and the benefits of membership. Smiling faces and personal enthusiasm will be helpful. Please join in!

Kathy is off to the International Convention in New Orleans (July 12-16). She will bring back news from the sessions and great ideas gathered

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

July 11, 11 a.m.

Mary Lynn Morgan's Service

Sue sent a card from AE

Marie sent \$30 from AE and we will reimburse her by taking up a collection at our first gathering.

July 24 – Emily Hickman



July 29, 4-5:30 p.m.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library Launch

Northgate Park's Fun Friday Event

3575 Fairhaven Ave., N.E. Salem

Help with registration of eligible children or just come be part of the launch!

August 10 – 11

Early Childhood Inclusion Summer Institute

Western Oregon University, Monmouth

Table to share DKG benefits.

Need 2 volunteers per timeslot each day to man the table and talk with participants.

9:00-12:30 and 12:30-4:00

Will have brochures to hand out and a list of chapters in Oregon with contact information.

August 13, 2022



Wishing Emily and Levi a beautiful day!

August 13

Englewood Forest Festival

Englewood Park - 1260 19th St. NE, Salem

10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Shirley H. is working on our outdoor activity for this event. AE members with the help of Jim Schepcke (Steering Committee Member for DPIL) will help with the activities at the table along with registering children for the Imagination Library. Scheduled times will be coming in August.

August 13 & 14

Keizerfest

Keizer Rapids Park - 1900 Chemawa Rd. N.

The festival runs Aug. 11-14, but we will be involved only on the 13th and 14th. We will be at the Keizer Library Table with one of their volunteers explaining and registering qualified children for the Imagination Library. Shifts will be for 2 hours and we'll have 2 shifts on Saturday and 2 on Sunday to cover with one person at each shift.

Exact times to come later.

Please look carefully at these dates and activities and let Kathy know if you have any questions and/or if you will have time to help. After our event on July 29, we will have a better idea of what to expect for August 13 and 14.



THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INCLUSION SUMMER INSTITUTE IS BACK!

August 10-11, 2022

Preconference day-Tues. 8/9 at Western Oregon University

A Kaleidoscope of Inclusion:
Culturally Responsive Practice
in Early Childhood

Bringing EC & EI/ECSE providers, Home Visitors, & Early Elementary Educators together for conversation, professional development & fun! ORO, PDUs & college credit available.



Questions-contact: Dr. Candy Ryan
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Registration will begin May 15th
www.wouecsummerinstitute.com

Mary Lynn Morgan

From the *Statesman-Journal*, July 8, 2022, e-edition

KEIZER - Mary Lynn was born on November 14, 1952, in Yakima, Washington, the daughter of The Reverend Canon Robert L Baxter Jr., and Francis Maura Baxter. Following her father's callings as an Episcopal priest, she and her family moved to Seattle when she was seven and then to Tacoma when she was 13. She graduated from Lakes High School in 1971. She attended Willamette University graduating in 1975 with a degree in Phycology and then spent a year at Western Oregon University (then Oregon College of Education) to earn her teaching certificate.

She began a 30-year career with Salem/Keizer Public Schools as a First-Grade teacher in 1976. She moved to teaching kindergarten in 1985. She touched the lives of hundreds of children in the Salem-Keizer area through her career.

Mary Lynn and John met at Willamette and became good friends. That friendship grew into romance toward the end of her sophomore year culminating in a year of engagement. They were married on May 25, 1974, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Lakewood, Washington with the marriage service officiated by her father.

Mary Lynn and John lived all their adult lives in the Salem-Keizer area except for two years living in Sherwood during the time John was city manager.

Mary Lynn and John's eldest sons, Erik and Matthew, have disabilities. This became the defining value of Mary Lynn's life, not only being a loving mother, but a strong advocate of her boys and then a huge advocate for other families with children with disabilities. At the time Erik was born, in 1980, there were no therapy providers or organizations in Salem to help. So, Mary Lynn started creating them. She was a founder of Parents of Special Kids, a very active support group, and then the Mid-Valley Children's Guild, a professional therapy clinic for children with disabilities through which hundreds of families found services over the years. She also was very active in many other support activities in the Salem area including leading the Scholastic Book Club service at Family Building Blocks and serving on the Board of Garten Services for many years.

Mary Lynn is survived by her husband, John, and sons Erik, Matthew, and Nicholas of Salem, and Andrew of Glendale, California; Nicholas's wife, Aerial and their new child, Hazel Lynn; and Bev Carlson, John's aunt, who was a very important part of Mary Lynn's life. She also is survived by her brother Bob Baxter of Bellevue,

and brother Ed Baxter and sister Elizabeth Lansing of Tacoma.

Perhaps that activity which was most important to her was adaptive skiing. Erik and Matthew have skied for almost 30 years because of adaptive skiing programs in Eugene and later with Oregon Adaptive Sports. John is a ski instructor and always had his volunteer, Mary Lynn, to support him, other instructors, and the athletes. Mary Lynn's role was to help however she could both on the slopes and in the lodge. She was intensely proud of Erik and Matthew's skiing skills, but much credit must go to her role in creating those skills and opportunities.

A memorial service will be held July 11 at 11:00 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem. Donations to Oregon Adaptive Sports, Garten Services, or Family Building Blocks are requested in lieu of flowers (www.oregonadaptivesports.org www.garten.org www.familybuildingblocks.org). Deliveries or mail should be addressed to 6750 Continental Circle SE; Salem OR 97306.

City View Funeral Home is helping with arrangements.



Mary Lynn was inducted into Alpha Epsilon Chapter in 2005 and was listed as a member until 2019.

May she rest in peace now!

MORE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 8, 9 a.m.

Oregon DKG Fall Conference

One day! Jefferson, Oregon

Stay tuned for details in August.

Future International Events

2023 Conferences – Location is your choice.

- Michigan - Detroit, July 11-16, 2023
The Westin Book Cadillac
- Arizona - Phoenix, July 18-22, 2023
Sheraton Wild Horse Pass
- Finland – Tampere, July 26-29, 2023
Tampere Hall

2024 International Convention – Maryland

2026 International Convention - Colorado



**A MESSAGE FROM DKGIEF:
DKG INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS
FOUNDATION**

Planned Giving to DKGIEF is a commitment to ensure the present and the future of educators worldwide.

[A gift now to any of the nine funds](#) managed by DKGIEF immediately impacts educators. You can select a favorite fund (Golden Gift, Educators Award, ISF, World Fellowship, Emergency, Eunah Temple Holden, Scholarship, Projects, or Cornetet) or designate that your gift be used in the area of greatest need. You can plan for and give to DKGIEF at regular intervals such as a monthly or annual contribution.

Planned Giving can also ensure YOUR legacy of giving. You might designate a bequest to DKGIEF in your will, name DKG a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or opt to “purchase” or reserve a leaf for the Wall of Roses (a visual display that recognizes those who give \$10,000 to DKGIEF). A reserved leaf with your name to honor your gift will be displayed at DKG headquarters when the total amount is received.

Planning to support the DKGIEF funds is truly generous. When you give to DKGIEF, you create your own legacy and continue to support the important work of DKG.

To learn more about making a gift that “keeps on giving,” select the DKGIEF tab at www.dkg.org.

We received \$4,675 from DKGIEF this year for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library startup year.

- Yesterday I received a \$2,500 check from the Salem Rotary Foundation for DPIL so we’re reading to get this program launched.

International Convention Comments

This convention was a lot more relaxed and informal than ones I’ve attending before. We had time to enjoy the sights, sample the local foods, try out new drinks and still participate in the whole convention. The two keynote speakers were outstanding! Courtney Clark taught us, when life gives you some major struggles, just take a detour and you can probably come up with a better plan. I’ve been taking a detour since I’ve been home since I brought a mild case of Covid back with me.

Ingvi Omarsson, 2018 teacher of the year in Iceland, shared that to be human is to use your whole body and brain. It is not appropriate to take young children and put them in chairs and ask them to sit still. I think I’ve heard that before!! He feels we need to teach more to the arts to develop complete brain function. According to Ingvi, students learn more by playing cooperatively in groups and not trying to learn by themselves. We need to prepare students for the future and not be stuck on how we learned in the past. We need to have the courage to change.

For my workshops I tried to focus on ones that would help us at the chapter level as we try to rebuild our chapter and meet the needs of our Early Career Educators, Seasoned Educators and Retirees. There is so much we can learn from each other and there are some ways we can all be teachers and learners. I attended two workshops that I feel will help us. One of them was aimed at helping meet the needs of Early Career Educators as they settle into their careers and the other was Supporting Our Sisters or just SOS! SOS was started in Kentucky as counselors became aware of the struggles classroom teachers were having during Covid and wanted to help them. They formed a virtual group where anyone could join from around the state just to discuss what was working well and what they were struggling with. They didn’t want classroom teachers feeling alone in their struggles. They continue meeting once a month virtually and the group keeps growing.