



BLOOMING ROSES

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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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of information on what their part of the committee has to offer DKG members. Chair of the State’s EEC Committee is Dana Murphy, Beta Beta/District 5. The committee has five more people on it representing the US Forum, NGO/U.N. Liaison, Legislature, and International Projects & World Fellowship. You can find the link to the video on the state’s website

<http://www.dkgoregon.weebly.com/>

right at the top of the page under the heading
**Educational Excellence Committee
Symposium Great Success**

On October 16, Deb Freels and I attended Psi Chapter’s Program and zoomed with Hillary Storey in Egypt to learn about International Schools and what it is like to teach in Egypt. This is another video I would encourage you to watch.

The link for the recording is:

[Hillary Storey: Presentation to PSI Chapter](#)

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Please read Deb’s article about the presentation later in this newsletter.

Also, on October 16. Marie Mueller attended an International Webinar on **Capitalizing on the DKG Brand**. This was the first of four webinars International will be offering this academic year. Marie has listed the other dates and their titles at the end of her article about the webinar. (see the other attach to the email)

Yes, this has been a busy fall! I am thankful to have taken the time to grow both professionally and personally. After the last two years I’m slowly coming out of my “Covid Isolation” and I hope all of you will take the time to do this for yourself too.

Kathy



Hello Everyone!

What a beautiful time of year with all the trees dressed in their fall colors. I hope you are enjoying them as much as I am. Sandy Watts and I took a short trip to Cottage

Grove this week to see the beautiful leaves and covered bridges. I highly recommend the tour.



Centennial Bridge in Cottage Grove

We visited six covered bridges and one extension bridge that use to be a swinging bridge. It was the perfect day for our outing.

Since our last newsletter Marie Mueller and I attended the State’s Fall Symposium held on October 2 on Zoom. I highly recommend all of you to take some time on your own and view the video on it. The symposium answered the question, “What is EEC?” For those who do not know, EEC stands for Educational Excellence Committee. The presentation was done very professionally and each person on the committee shared a wealth

November 1 – Program/Meeting

Please join us Monday, November 1 for our next gathering. It will be on Zoom starting at 6:30. I will send the link out next week.

Program: “The Road to Becoming a teacher in the 21st Century!” Presented by Dr. Cindy Ryan and Emily Hickman. They will share what steps education students go through now to become a teacher. A discussion will follow the presentation on “What does membership in DKG have to offer a Collegiate DKG member?” We will need to decide if/how Alpha Epsilon Chapter members can support this kind of membership.

Book Collection - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

In December we will be gathering at The Yard for our Christmas social. More plans to come on that later. Since this gathering will be in person, think about bringing a new book or two to donate to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Salem Health. I will collect them and deliver them later that week.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

The steering committee for the Imagination Library will be meeting again on October 27. Hopefully I will have some news to share with you at our November 1 meeting. Please be thinking about any organizations you might be a part of, where you bank, or any businesses you know of that we might be able to approach to partner with us on bringing the Imagination Library to the Salem-Keizer area. The purpose of the October 27 meeting will be to brainstorm a list of possible financial donors and develop a plan for marketing the program.

Hillary Storey in Alexandria, Egypt

by Deb Freels

On October 16, Kathy and Deb joined Psi Chapter, located in the Hillsboro area, in listening to a young woman who teaches at an international school in Egypt. Her name is Hillary Storey and her mother, Janice Anderson, is a member of Psi Chapter. Hillary has taught in the United States, Japan, China, and now Egypt. She currently teaches four-year-olds in a school in Alexandria, Egypt. In talking about her school day, it sounded very similar to what early childhood teachers do here in the U.S. They use a curriculum called International Baccalaureate which is theme based, so the current theme has been to be good communicators. The students learn how to listen

and speak well. She enjoys the smaller class sizes, the all-day assistant that she has who is local and speaks the language, the support she has from her principal, and the freedom to use appropriate developmental practices.

I was surprised to learn that in Egypt, she lives in an apartment above the school for her safety! To help with her personal safety, she researches where to travel in the city where she lives, doesn’t go out late at night alone, but goes out with another person or a group and they use Uber. When she lived in Japan it was a much safer place and she lived in an apartment off campus and could travel around anywhere she wanted and when she wanted.

Hillary said that international teaching "saved her" as she was frustrated with teaching in the United States. She enjoys life more working in an International School because she has a better balance between home and work. Even though she has many of the same demands, she feels more supported by her colleagues.



Something to think about

Just a reminder that this is the second year of the biennium that your current chapter officers are serving. As president, I know I am looking for a break the next biennium. I would like all of you to think about what you could do as president. I know you all have the skills to do it. I would be willing to work behind the scenes with you and wouldn’t leave you stranded. I always thought I couldn’t be president because I don’t really know parliamentary procedure. That has never been something important to me. As you can tell I really don’t use it very much. I prefer to have our meetings less formal and as a small group it works. Don’t let the newsletter scare you either because writing and publishing it is something that can be shared. A president develops her own style of leadership!