



# BLOOMING ROSES

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**Kathy**



**Marie**

## **Message from your Co-Communicators**

It was so nice to see everyone at our Sept. 15 meeting. Those of you who were not there, you were missed. We enjoyed meeting Ivey Uppinghouse who is an Early Career Educator teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Yoshikai Elementary School. Hopefully she will continue joining us as we move through this year.

The state newsletter, the Trail, was sent to you this morning and we hope you take time to read it soon.

There is information in it about the State Fall Conference in Jefferson. We talked about it at our last meeting and did a handout. If you are going, and would like to carpool, please let Marie or Kathy know asap and we'll figure out how we can do that. Going together allows for lots of visiting and catching up with each other. That's hard to do at a meeting if we want to be respectful of everyone's time restraints, especially the ones who have worked all day and need to go home. We will work harder on that in the coming months.

Notice the flyer on the Alpha Rho Foundation's Book Fair Fundraiser. You can help ARF by buying books at the conference or order them online during the time listed in their flyer. This might be a time to buy a book or two to donate to Shirley Lomax's project of 70 books for a classroom set to Ivey in memory of Mary Lynn Morgan. Shirley suggests books that are age appropriate relating to literacy, special needs and/or diversity. Remember Ivey teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and many students do not read at grade level.

There is also a flyer about the free Zoom workshop Friday, Sept. 23, 7-9:00 p.m. on *Mental Health and Educators: a Crisis*. Since it is on Zoom it is open to any educator. Please speak with colleagues and encourage them to join in. Follow the information on the flyer of how to register.

This year we are going to add the meeting minutes as part of the newsletters, so we don't have to repeat everything. Thanks to Marie for her complete minutes. Any questions, please ask us.

**ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 15, 2022**  
**5 p.m. at La Margarita, 545 Ferry St., S.E., Salem, Oregon**

Let the celebration begin! This was a fun meeting, with members and a guest enjoying an in-person evening with excellent food (we each selected and paid for a meal from the menu) and shared information. Those present shared stories of teaching triumphs and downfalls, along with concerns facing teachers, students, and schools.

**Present:**

Deb Freels  
Shirley House  
Shirley Lomax  
Kathy Martell  
Marie Mueller  
Jill Snyder  
Emily Tarbell  
Ivie Uppinghouse, our guest from Yoshikai Elementary School



**Shower:**

Festivities began with the wedding shower for Emily Hickman Tarbell, who requested camping equipment or gardening goodies. She received both, as well as gift cards. Smiles all around, but frowns later when we realized we'd forgotten to serve the cake. Emily had a whole carrot cake to take with her, including balloons, along with her gifts.

**Member Topics**

Deb Freels installed the new co-communicators (president position) Kathy Martell and Marie Mueller, along with the continuing treasurer, Jill Snyder. (THANK YOU, Jill!)



Kathy Martell presented awards and recognitions:

1. Last year, Alpha Epsilon Chapter earned the Order of the Rose, which was presented at last spring's conference at the Oregon Garden Resort.
2. Sue Nelson (not present) and Shirley Lomax (reinstated member this July) received their 10-year pins.
3. Deb Freels, Charlotte Rieder-Bolton, and Kathy Martell received their 35-year pins.
4. Marie Mueller received her president's pin.

On a sad note, we remembered and recognized the passing of our last founding member, Goldwyn "Goldie" Kulbel, who died September 6. In addition, we remembered and recognized the passing of former member Mary Lynn Morgan in July.

**Correspondence:** Kathy read a note from Goldie Kulbel's family, thanking us for our support. The memorial service is Saturday, September 24 at 11 a.m. at Capitol Manor.

We also received a nice thank you and 501(c)(3) receipt for the \$30 donated to Oregon Adaptive Sports.

**Finances**

Members contributed dollars for the Oregon Adaptive Sports donation of \$30 to reimburse Marie, who wrote the check last summer in honor of Mary Lynn Morgan. This was Ms. Morgan's favorite charity which supported children with special needs or disabilities.

## Projects Reviewed

1. **Sunshine Lady:** Sue Nelson is doing a wonderful job with sending cards and notifications about members.
2. **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Literacy Program:** NICU. Kathy Martell and Marie Mueller had collected a group of new books for the program which Kathy presented to Deb Freels, the liaison to Salem Hospital for this project. Salem Health informed us that not only books for newborns (board books), but also “chapter books” are good to donate. The only caveat is that they must be new to avoid germs/viruses. Parents, both moms and dads are asked to hold their child on their chests and read aloud to them. This greatly assists these early-arrivals to become accustomed to the sound of the parents’ voices—and gives the parents a positive activity to help their newborns.
3. **Mary Lynn Morgan Early-Career Literacy Award:** Shirley Lomax is heading this project, which aims to collect 70 books this year (in honor of Mary Lynn’s age at death) to donate to our guest, Ivie Uppinghouse, third grade teacher at Yoshikai Elementary School. (Alyce Yoshikai was a founding member of Alpha Epsilon Chapter, and the school is named in her honor.) Shirley L. is soliciting donations and grant funding to help us and to continue the project in future years. A gift registry is on Amazon / Early Childhood Literacy Award.

Ivie says that almost any age-appropriate book in the range of third grade, plus or minus a few grades, would be welcome. Shirley Lomax provided an informational handout and then recommended resource to access books that reflect consideration of diversity, mental and physical issues that face students—and which could assist students to overcome and adapt to those problems. Members were interested and encouraging.

### **Actions:**

- Kathy M. will do book labels for both of the above book efforts.
  - Bring books for NICU or Ivie Uppinghouse to the November meeting.
  - Keep track of who donates the books. Shirley Lomax wants to recognize them.
4. **Fall Conference, October 8, 2022, in Jefferson:** Members and guest were urged to attend and to bring friends to this one-day event. General topics, location, and costs were shared in a handout. We hope many members can attend, as this conference is in our backyard, so to speak.
  5. **ARF Book Sale:** Jennifer Butler Brown will bring books for sale, have more sales online, and is offering a percentage of sales for our 501(c)(3) Foundation. Bring money!
  6. **Mental Health for Educators: a Crisis** (handout) was distributed. Marie noted that the concept came from the U.S. Forum at International Convention this last summer (July 2022) and that the invitation to the **free** September 23 event is from the Washington State Organization, but is open to all interested educators, members or not, from any state.
  7. **Early-Career Educators:** Emily Tarbell and Cindy Ryan are working on ways to show the value and benefit of DKG, with hopes of gaining new members who can participate in DKG benefits.
  8. **PROGRAMS:** A handout listing those already in place was distributed, with options being discussed. Here’s where we are thanks to your earlier selections.

**October 8: Oregon State Organization Fall Conference** (9 – 3, one day, free except for \$20 for food) at close-by Jefferson.

**November 1:** Salem for Refugees at their office: 1400 Broadway St., NE, Salem, followed by dinner at Better Than Mama's, right across the street. We'll have a tour and a talk about what they are doing. Kathy and Charlotte spoke with the new school coordinator who will welcome us.

**December TBA: Action needed.** Choose?

- a. **December 8:** Would you like to attend Christmas in Hawaii by Jake Shimabukuro at the Elsinor? (apx. \$49—let Kathy or Lark know).
- b. **December TBA:** Would you like to attend *Little Women: The Play* as a dinner theater (\$10 basic cost) at the Independence Hotel in Independence? (\$10 basic cost—let Kathy or Lark know.) Might include Tom Hewlitt, whom some members know.
- c. Would you like to do both? Let Kathy or Lark know.

**January TBA:** Working on a Zoom about *Burnout* with Salem Hospital's CHEC group. If it works, we will invite other chapters to join in.

**February TBA:** Book discussion on *Electable: Why America Hasn't Put a Woman in the White House . . . Yet!* By Ali Vitali, MSNBC

**March TBA:** Dolly Parton Imagination Library update—Is legislation for a state-wide, state-sponsored program in place? Meanwhile, local efforts have raised \$75,000 to provide the program to 97301 and 97303 zip codes for the year.

**April 28-30: Oregon State Organization Spring Convention** in close-by Independence

**May TBA:** Remembrance and Honors: Necrology and Founders Day (Ideas to Kathy or Lark, please)

**June:** TBA—End-of-School Picnic?

**July: International Conferences:** Choose any one or attend all three, as they are sequential: Phoenix, Arizona; Detroit, Michigan; Tampere, Finland. Information is on the International Website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), on the home page.

**See you at the Fall Conference in Jefferson on October 8.**

