

# History of Iota Chapter DKG, Kingsport, Tennessee

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Chapter website: <http://iotaxistateweeblycom.weebly.com/>

Iota Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/173164679376911/>

Iota Chapter, TNSO, was organized **May 25, 1939, in Kingsport, Tennessee (Sullivan County)**. Charter members were Grace Bruce, Nancy Crouch, Blanche Kennedy, Helen Kirby, Lucille Massengill, Mimmie Rowland, Janie Sams, Ruth Springer, Helen Wallace, and Virginia Yoakley.

**Iota chapter president is Debra Pelow (2022—2024). Past presidents are:**

LaMerle Francisco	2020-2022	*Louise Smith	1977-1978
Joy Branham	2018-2020	*Lucy Collins	1976-1977
Jane Bowlin	2016-2018	*Lucy Collins	1974-1976
JoAnn Smith	2014-2016	*Mary F. Scott	1972-1974
Patricia Harris	2013-2014	*Ruth Williamson	1970-1972
Joan Holt	2012-2013	*Marie Hutchinson	1968-1970
Cynthia Livesay	2010-2012	*Frances Coats	1966-1968
Joan Holt	2008-2010	*Gladys Immen	1964-1966
Joy Branham	2006-2008	*Gladys Immen	1962-1964
*Rosemary Smith	2004-2006	*Audria Bowman	1960-1962
Brenda Moriarty	2002-2004	*Juanita Jones	1958-1960
Val Manley	2000-2002	*Evelyn Sandusky	1956-1958
Pat Cox	1998-2000	*Nelle Starnes	1954-1956
Kathie Butler	1996-1998	*Cora Stovall	1952-1954
Linda Fontaine	1994-1996	*Helen Wallace	1951-1952
Wanda McLellan	1992-1994	*Margaret Cox	1949-1951
Margaret Bays	1990-1992	*Dessie Nisbett	1947-1949
*Ann Vansickle	1988-1990	*Mary Erwin	1946-1947
Faye Neergaard	1986-1988	*Lillian Stair	1945-1946
Barbara Moody	1984-1986	*Ruth Springer	1942-1945
Sandra Thurmond	1982-1984	*Janie Sims	1941-1942
*Margaret Fletcher	1980-1982	*Blanche Kennedy	1939-1941
*Margaret Fletcher	1978-1980		

*\*deceased*

**Iota Chapter currently has 35 members.**

**Iota is a state Visionary chapter, having donated \$1000.00 to the Vision Foundation!**

**Iota Chapter hosted the annual Area I Christmas Brunch in 2014 and 2022.**

**Order of the Rose recipients:**

2006	Val Manley
2008	Marie Hunter
2013	Pat Cox
2014	Linda Fontaine
2015	Sue Fischer
2016	Rosemary Smith
2017	Brenda Moriarty
2018	Joy Branham
2019	Jane Bowlin
2020	Joan Holt

**Members who have served on state organization committees:**

Joy Branham	Bylaws and Rules Committee 2007-2011, 2021-2023 Area I Director 2015-2017
Rosemary Smith	Area I Director 2011-2013 Membership Committee (2 years) Music Director 2010-2012

**Member currently serving DKG International:**

Brenda Moriarty	Administrator and Mentor of DKG State and Chapter Webmasters/Social Media Gurus Facebook Group
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**Scholarships sponsored by Iota Chapter:**

2009	\$500.00 scholarship to Taylor Wright for college attendance in recognition of her winning design for the 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Xi State celebration pin
2016	\$875.00 scholarship to Brooke Lawson for college attendance to become an educator