# TNSO LEADERSHIP LINKS

February, 2024



## **Message from the President**

#### Greetings, DKG Sisters.

Our Tennessee State Organization lost three amazing leaders in the month of January. To mention just a few of their achievements, **Patsy Pope** (Beta Zeta Chapter) served as Xi State President from 1983-1985 and was a Xi State Achievement Award winner. **Orlean Bauman** (Alpha Rho Chapter) formerly served as editor of the Xi State News (DKG Tennessee News), was a TNSO Achievement Award Winner, and served in the offices of TNSO Second and First Vice President. **Dr. Kathy Kester** 

(Beta Chapter) served on the Vision Foundation and also served on/chaired numerous state committees including Convention Steering, Historical Preservation, and Bylaws and Rules. I realize that some of you have also had beloved chapter members that have passed away recently, and we will be honoring all of these ladies in our Ceremony of Remembrance at the TNSO Convention on June 1. Although these ladies were from different backgrounds, different locations, and different fields of education, they all had at least two things in common - a passion for education and a love for DKG. Think of all the lives that have been touched by these Key Women Educators, both in the classroom and through those they have mentored in this Society. I hope that by remembering the lives of these leaders, we can strive to write our own DKG stories and leave a legacy for future members. We have such a wealth of information and resources to share with educators. I hope that we will be able to work together this year *In Harmony* to focus on expanding the reach of DKG in our efforts to support educators and recruit new members. Spend some time in your chapter meetings brainstorming ways to make that happen, and let me know how our State Organization can help.

*In Harmony,* Marsha Brewer 615-838-1793 <u>gnash81@comcast.net</u>



**Orlean Bauman** 

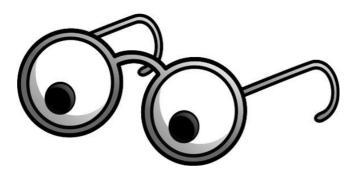


**Dr. Kathy Kester** 



**Patsy Pope** 

# News "At a Glance"



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In this section, I will try to highlight the new, upcoming, and most urgent additions to the Leadership Links. The complete calendar of events, as well as more detailed information on most of the topics will still be available in the newsletter sections below. Please share this information with your chapter members.

Now is the time to be establishing your new slate of chapter officers for the 2024-2026 biennium. State level training for Chapter President, First Vice President/EEC Chair, Membership Chair, Communications Chair, and Chapter Treasurer will be held in West Tennessee on March 23, 2024 at Southside High School, 84 Harts Bridge Rd., Jackson, TN 38301; in East Tennessee on April 6, 2024 at Central High School, 5321 Jacksboro Pike, Knoxville, TN 37918; and in Middle Tennessee on April 20, 2024 at Goodpasture Christian School, 619 West Due West Ave., Madison, TN 37115. Access the registration form here:

#### https://forms.gle/U67a32GVAuxj6Ssz5

Incoming chapter officers will be able to register for whichever training is most convenient. Please reassure your members as they consider stepping up to a chapter officer position that we can offer support through our Area Directors, Chapter Strengthening Committee, Leadership Development Committee, and visits from the State President.

TNSO Scholarship Applications due 2/1/24 (see details under News of Committees - Scholarship. Form is included as an attachment below.)

International Scholarship Applications due 2/1/24

Beta Eta Chapter Zoom Meeting with Gail Goolsby, 2/8/24 at 4:30 P.M. Central Time.

Gail Goolsby will be sharing about her 7-year tenure as principal/ Director of the Kabul International School from 2005-2012. She has written her memoir UNVEILED TRUTH and will be sharing her successes and failures as an educator living in a foreign country like Afghanistan. Here is the Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88935082941?pwd=bFVCa3IXbjFHam9KNUVhTIVoZ09Fdz09

The International Administrative Board is asking all members to complete a survey on member engagement. Members who submit the survey by February 9, 2024 will be entered into a drawing

for a significant discount on the registration for the 2024 International Convention. <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8ZDQ5N</u>

The Arts and Personal Growth Committee is presenting a Zoom workshop on Relaxation Techniques and Chair Yoga on 2/12/24 at 6:00 P.M Central Time. Here is the Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565438422?pwd=UTZ6MGx6M0o1cEQrZ0t2d3A0Q0svQT09

International Arts and Humanities submissions for Spring Gallery due 2/15/24

Convention Workshop Proposals due 3/15/24 https://forms.gle/zTuCpBFpjtvXv3up6

High School Essay Contest Submissions due 2/29/24 (see details under News of Committees -State Projects)

U.S Forum Registration Deadline - 2/23/24. See attached Forum Connection Newsletter and Registration Form.

Application for International Committees - Deadline 3/1/24 https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck8KSBFIfBcXbIUP6nCn8sNDDxHv7OqU3oBTTleq6 XGZdEKQ/viewform

TNSO Convention, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN - 5/30-6/1, 2024 (See details under News of Committees - Convention Steering) Registration form can be accessed here: <u>https://forms.gle/nJSozSTKLNxftVDEA</u>

Outgoing and incoming Chapter Presidents will be presented at the Presidents' Banquet on Friday, May 31.

Be planning your chapter displays which will be set up in Convocation Hall on Thursday, May 30. See attachment below for hostess chapters assigned to the 2024 convention.

The latest editions of The DKG News and the DKG Tennessee News are attached below.

*Please also check out the Chapter Presidents' Information and News from Committees below. This section just includes those items/events with quickly approaching deadlines.* 

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# **Chapter Presidents' Information**

The next **President to Presidents (P2P) meeting** will be held on **February 25, 2024** at **2:30 P.M. CST, 3:30 P.M. EST.** You will receive a Zoom link and agenda about a week before the meeting. *Please note that the P2P meeting is being scheduled on the 4th Sunday afternoon for February only because of a rescheduled meeting at Sewanee on February 18-19.* 



#### The Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence application has not

changed significantly for this year, so you may want to spend some time at your chapter meetings going over the form and seeing where your chapter can improve, or maintain your high ranking. Some chapters enlarge the form and use it as a planning tool during the meetings. The updated form is available on the state website and can be accessed here.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TdYXiT8ONLnEVexsYcmVZwEjyMTr59XI/edit#gid=1486 696205

A PDF version is included as an attachment at the end of this newsletter. Deadline to submit is April 1, 2024.

#### From Dr. Elaine Vaughan, Chapter Strengthening Chair 2023-2025:

Chapter Presidents/Treasurers, please join us in the "Reinstatement Campaign." In a nutshell – we are reviewing all dropped members from the chapter, completing a Form 18A for members who have died (instead of a Form 6 which is for current members who pass away), then sending a letter encouraging members to consider reinstatement. If you would like to volunteer your chapter as a pilot chapter, please contact Elaine Vaughan (mevaughan@ortn.edu ) for more informatio

**Membership Updates from International:** Please check out the YouTube video of International President Debbie LeBlanc and International Executive Director Nita Scott discussing the plight of DKG concerning Membership.

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKsP4T1R47k&list=PLqsKf5cYj-q6144Tda6D-09shXAuvrLB-&index=2

The Avenue M Group DKG 2023 Research Report and Administrative Board Implementation Plan is now available. I encourage you to read this comprehensive report and our board's plan of action. the PDF is attached below.

#### Videos of Chapter Projects (ongoing)

Chapter Presidents - I am asking that you make a video of your chapter service projects for this next biennium. Please begin your video with a greeting, your chapter name and location, and a few words about the project. Then just shoot some footage of your chapter and/or community members involved, and the finished product. My vision is for us to showcase your wonderful projects in **"A Day of Service** *In Harmony***"** at some point during the year. If a video is not possible, please take lots of pictures!

#### From Marsha Brewer, TNSO President

Please share these Leadership Links with your chapter members each month. I am not planning to send out a separate email to members. I appreciate your help in keeping our members up to date on news and activities at the state level!

**FORUM ON THE TNDKG WEBSITE!** Our State Webmaster, Sherrie Collins, has created a forum on our website for members and non-members to ask education related questions and to receive help and support. We are currently developing the forum rules and parameters. **If you have computer skills and would be willing to help moderate the forum, please email me and let me know.** I think this can provide a valuable resource for our active educators and give everyone a voice.

#### Full Avenue M Report with AdminBoard Plan for Distribution - Nov2023.pdf

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Beta Sigma Chapter awards classroom grants



Lambda Chapter celebrates Dolly Parton and the Imagination Library

Legislation Chairs Brenda Oldham and Dr. Carolyn Baldwin Tucker with Chris Ford

# **News of Committees**

Information from our TNSO Committees

Many thanks to those of you who are serving on state committees for the 2023-2025 biennium. Participating on a state committee is a great way to connect and network with members across the state, and to be involved in DKG at the state level.

From TNSO Corresponding Secretary Chasity Ragsdale to Officers, Committee Chairs, and Area Directors: If you have not set up your

Google account, or had issues when setting it up, please send an email to: <u>tndkg.corrsec@gmail.com</u> Here is a video to help you set up your account: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1II\_CiAWVeUQrYXACH9Ve7jWKNhdYPShn/view</u>

Many of our committees are excited to share information with you and want to keep you up to date on deadlines and events:

#### Becky Sanderson and the TNSO Achievement Award Committee:

Every chapter has at least one member deserving of the TNSO Achievement Award. The committee encourages each chapter to nominate a member for this award. **Applications are due by March 15, 2024**. The application form is on the <u>tndkg.org</u> website. <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pe4V8QOb0XfJGQ8mPUCGwWsxjCYLO9hxhDxW7S\_CwPg/edit</u>

#### Harriet King and the Arts and Personal Growth Committee:

1) We have confirmed the Venue in the Village at Casey Jones Village in Jackson for **September 27-28**, **2024**, for our Art Retreat. We will send out more information about the price and availability of motels by April. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to come for a weekend of

2) The committee would like to urge our talented members to participate in the Arts and Humanities Gallery of DKG. The application and information are on the DKG website <u>https://gallery.dkg.org/</u>. Deadline for the application is February 15, 2024. Don't be shy; let's show the other states how talented we are in Tennessee.

3) The Arts and Personal Growth Committee will be hosting a Zoom meeting on **Monday, February** 12 at 6:00 P.M. Central Time. This meeting will be designed to help show you some de-stressing and meditation techniques. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565438422?</u>

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**4)** We would like to get together this spring for an outing. If your town or area has any special production we could see, please contact Harriet King at <u>hking13@outlook.com</u> with the information. TPAC will be presenting the Broadway production of Annie March 27-30, 2024. Romeo and Juliet will be performed by the Nashville Ballet April 20-21, 2024. Either of these would need to have tickets secured soon.

#### Beth Naylor and the Awards Committee:

**The Order of the Rose Nominations are due by March 15, 2024**. In This recognition is for members who have made **outstanding contributions to chapter and community**, but who have not received recognition at the state level through other means. Up to 12 members will be recognized during the Tennessee State Convention.

Here is the link to the application:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S1Z7Hz7yeLtk3Kqjnrul2gNtX\_Qu4CJpa2QVZ-nW7F4/edit? usp=sharing

The **Rosebud Nominations are due by March 15, 2024.** The Rosebud Award shall be presented at convention to a member having five or fewer years of membership and exhibits outstanding service to her community, chapter, and state organization, as well as an interest in the international Society.

Here is a link to the application:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DBy6BFayVdQO3zUIcL-IcJ68KN-xELuS3ySphvHSTqk/edit? usp=sharing

#### Linda McCrary and the TNSO Bylaws and Rules Committee:

The TNSO Bylaws and Rules can be accessed at <u>https://www.tndkg.org/bylaws-and-rules</u>. The schedule for chapter rules review is attached below. The deadline for proposing changes to the Bylaws and Rules in **April 1, 2024.** 

#### Judy England and the Communications and Marketing Committee:

Chapter Newsletters need to be submitted by **March 25, 2024** in order for the chapter to receive Maycie Award points. The committee will accept Newsletters at any time, and a document is attached below this section with information specific to your chapter and to whom to send your entry.

#### TNSO 2nd VP Terry Sharp and the Convention Steering Committee:

The time has come to start registering for the 2024 TNSO Convention! We've opted to keep our registration, lodging and meals at the same prices as last year. And, as in previous years, you have the option of completing the online google form for registration, or the Excel sheet, which will calculate your costs for you. I'm encouraging chapters to host registration events as part of their monthly programs between now and May 6th. If I can provide any assistance, please reach out to me.

We're very excited to be with you all at the 2024 Convention, and we'll see you on the mountain!

#### The Educational Excellence Committee:

Please continue sending in your excellent chapter programs and projects to be included on the **EEC Corner Spotlight** on the website. Programs and projects which have been submitted to the EEC Corner can also be submitted for the **TNSO Iris Award** which will be presented at the state convention.

#### Dr. Carolyn Tucker and Brenda Oldham and the TNSO Legislation Committee:

Please contact Dr. Carolyn Tucker at ladybaldwintucker@gmail.com or Brenda Oldham at travelers4043@bellsouth.net and let them know the contact information for your chapter Legislation Committee Chair. They would like to provide updates on legislative news and events. *Note: The Legislation Committee sponsored two legislative events in January, 2024: "A Virtual Workshop on Navigating the Legislative Website" on January 8 and "An Evening with Chris Ford -Effectively Communicating with Legislators" on January 22. If your chapter had even one member who attended one of these events, you can earn 5 points on the Maycie Award. Five additional points can be earned by attending chapter-sponsored legislative events.* 

The TNSO Legislation Committee is encouraging members to contact Tennessee State Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee State Legislators regarding critical issues impacting education in Tennessee. DKG members and friends of education should make these contacts via phone calls, email, texts and/or letters prior to January 2024. Below are the most salient concerns that need to be communicated:

• **The Education Savings Account (ESA** – also known as vouchers) Legislators are proposing changes that would broaden the scope of the ESA program and extend access and eligibility to 20,000 students statewide. The Tennessee Education Association is opposed to this program, citing concerns about the diverting of funds from Tennessee public schools.

• **Rejection of Federal Funds for Tennessee** – The impact of refusing federal dollars could be devastating to many local districts by diverting funds intended for Tennessee to other states for support of their schools. Students with disabilities and smaller school districts could be disproportionately affected by the loss of federal funding.

• School Safety and Violence Prevention – Extensive violence prevention training for school personnel, retrofitting of buildings for safety and procedural controls relative to school safety continue as areas of need in Tennessee school districts.

#### Dr. Linda Eller and the TNSO Membership Committee:

#### Quick tips- Who can be a member?

Any professional female educator is eligible.

- 2. Retired educators can be members.
- 3. Any woman who is paid for training and educating others can be a member.
- 4. Junior and senior female college students in education can be members.
- 5. Non-traditional trainers and educators can be members.

6. Community leaders who are not paid educators can be invited as honorary members. Any woman who is paid for her services in any field of education qualifies as a professional educator. Some examples include a nurse at a school or who teaches other nurses, a church employee who trains or teaches others, professional trainers in other organizations, or a teacher/trainer at a community college or agency.

Plus, each local chapter also makes the decision as to who in their community would qualify in the broader sense of educating others. Think outside and around the box of your community. Invite

The TNSO Membership Committee will be offering new awards this biennium for the chapter that reinstates the greatest percentage of dropped members. For the data on members from your chapter that have dropped that you would like to contact, email Linda Eller at <u>tndkg.mem@gmail.com</u> for a listing. Stay tuned for further details coming soon! The75 page Membership Moments booklet can be found on the state website at <u>www.tndkg.org</u> or can be accessed here.

https://www.tndkg.org/\_files/ugd/4ad137\_72ad2fda6a504ff99238137fd326ed82.pdf

#### Sandra Pineault and the Nominations Committee:

Happy Valentines Day from the Nominations Committee! Valentine's is a holiday focused on people we love. I know you will agree with me that many of the people we love are those we have met through our Tennessee State Organization of DKG.

One way many of us express love is through service. During this Valentine's season, think of how you can serve your DKG sisters as an officer or on an elected committee. You can serve as President, First or Second Vice Presidents, or Recording or Corresponding Secretaries or with membership on one of the four TSO elected committees—Nominations, Personnel, Finance, or the Vision Foundation. Applications are accepted through October 31, 2024. You could make a valuable contribution to the Tennessee State Organization in the 2025-27 biennium. Applications are available on the TSO website at <a href="https://www.tndkg.org/forms">https://www.tndkg.org/forms</a> or by using the QR code found in the attachment below.

# Elaine Warwick and the TNSO Planning Committee:

#### TNSO Chapter Strategic Plan Update for 2023

Chapters are encouraged to involve their membership in planning. The TNSO Planning Committee would like to thank the chapters who completed the survey, and want to help you if you have questions or need assistance. Feel free to contact the Planning Committee Chair Elaine Warwick at <u>tndkgplan@gmail.com</u>

#### Cindy Lynn and the TNSO Scholarship Committee:.

The Scholarship Committee is encouraging everyone who is interested in money to pursue advanced degrees to apply for a state scholarship. Funds are available! There is a brochure on the <u>tndkg.org</u> website that can be copied and made available to members considering applying for a scholarship. The revised 2023 application is also available on the website . Attachments with the brochure and form can be found at the end of this newsletter. **The deadline for submitting an application for a state scholarship is February 1, 2024.** 

#### Linda Mann and Mildred Nelson and the Special Events Committee:

It is not too late to get credit on the 2024 Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence for a cash donation of \$25.00 or more using the "Contributions" form on the <u>tndkg.org</u> website and checking "Leadership Development." Donations will be accepted until March 31, 2024. Chapters are encouraged to donate items for the Silent Auction for the 2024 TNSO Convention in Sewanee. Money raised through Special Events helps fund TNSO leadership opportunities. Our goal this year is to have 100% chapter participation. The Special Events Committee will continue to sell Iris-themed items such as the beautiful notecards. Vinyl decals for cups, mugs, and windows will be available also. Join us at the Silent Auction and see which chapter wins the trophy for most funds raised!

One of the goals of the TNSO State Projects Committee is to encourage literacy across the state by offering a statewide essay contest. The committee has chosen the topic of "Artificial Intelligence" for the essay contest this year. The scholarship money is increasing to \$350 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$150 for third place - almost double the amount awarded in the past. Also, this year the focus will be on high school submissions from students in both public and private schools from grades nine through twelve. We certainly want to encourage individual chapters to continue offering a local essay contest for elementary and middle school students if they choose to do so, but the state level awards will be given only at the high school level. The deadline for all submissions to the State Projects Committee will be **February 29, 2024**, due to Leap Year. Please send a separate cover page including the name of the sponsoring chapter and chapter contact person along with each winning high school essay on the topic provided. The prompt for this year is as follows: "In what ways will A.I. [artificial intelligence] positively and negatively affect your daily life, now and in the future?"

You can submit the essays and cover sheets to Mary Frances Wadley at <u>tndkg.stateprojects@gmail.com</u>. If you have questions, please text Mary at 731-307-9549. **The form and guidelines for the High School Essay Contest are attached below.** 

**EXCITING NEW STATE PROJECT** - The TNSO State Projects Committee has received a Lucile Cornetet Seminar Award in the amount of \$3064.00 to host three regional workshops for early career educators in the fall of 2024. Workshops have been scheduled for September 21, 2024 at St. Columba Retreat in Memphis, October 26, 2024 at The Dwelling Place in White Bluff, and November 16, 2024 at Falls Creek Falls State Park. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!! This is a positive step forward in our mission of supporting educators and excellence in education.

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# **Area Directors**

Be sure and contact your Area Director and invite her to a chapter meeting. Your Area Directors are there to support your chapter, and to aid in organizing activities and gatherings within your area. The list of Area Directors is attached, as well as the Area Realignment map.

Contact your Area Director and ask about the possibility of some of your area chapters combining for a joint **Orientation for new members**. Any of our TNSO Officers and Related Personnel and our Chapter Strengthening Chair would love to be invited to help



facilitate the orientation. They possess a wealth of knowledge about our society and they rarely have the opportunity to visit with chapters. Officers and Related Personnel include the following: East Tennessee: 2nd VP Terry Sharp and Webmaster Sherrie Collins. Chapter Strengthening Committee Chair Dr. Elaine Vaughan.

Middle Tennessee: President Marsha Brewer, 1st VP Orlean Bauman, Recording Secretary Dr. Regina Henry, Corresponding Secretary Chasity Ragsdale, Executive Secretary Jenni Lusk, and Parliamentarian Dr. Kathie Harned

West Tennessee: Treasurer Dr. Dianne Anderson and Editor Michelle Steen. In the following photo: Beta Kappa Chapter enjoys a program on Music Therapy.



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## Calendar

February 1, 2024 - Tennessee State Scholarship application due February 1, 2024 - International Scholarship application due February 8, 2024 - Beta Eta Chapter sponsors Gail Goolsby, former director of the International School in Kabul, Afghanistan. Zoom link and time TBA February 12, 2024 - Arts and Personal Growth Committee presents Zoom workshop on relaxation techniques and chair yoga. February 15, 2024 - International Arts and Humanities submissions for Spring Gallery February 29, 2024 - Essay Contest submissions due March 1, 2024 - DKGIEF Project application due March 1, 2024 - International Committees application due March 15, 2024 - Achievement Award nominations due March 15, 2024 - Convention Workshop Proposals due March 15, 2024 - Order of the Rose and Rosebud nominations due March 15-16, 2024 - Beginning Leadership Seminar at Henry Horton state Park March 23, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in West Tennessee March 25, 2024 - Deadline to submit Chapter Newsletters April 1, 2024 - Deadline to submit the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence April 1, 2024 - Deadline to propose changes in TNS) Bylaws and Rules April 6, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in East Tennessee April 20, 2024 - Chapter Officers' Training in Middle Tennessee May 1, 2024 - Deadline for "Early Bird" Registration for the TNSO Convention May 7, 2024 - Area II Pi Chapter Founders' Day May 19, 2024 - TNSO Executive Board Meeting (Virtual) May 30 - June 1, 2024 - TNSO Convention in Sewanee, TN July 9 - 13, 2024 - DKG International Convention in National Harbor, MD (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

# 2023-2025 Tennessee State Officer Team

Marsha Brewer, President Orlean Bauman, First Vice President Terry Sharp, Second Vice President Dr. Regina Henry, Recording Secretary Chasity Ragsdale, Corresponding Secretary Dr. Dianne Anderson, Treasurer Dr. Kathie Harned, Parliamentarian Jennifer Lusk, Executive Secretary Michelle Steen, Editor Sherrie Collins, Webmaster (Officers at Sewanee with International Executive Director Nita Scott. Not pictured - Dr. Kathie Harned)



# Links and Attachments

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