

Beta Kappa Chatter

Ohio State Organization Delta Kappa Gamma Society International





Happy Fall Beta Kappa Ladies!

I hope this message finds you enjoying fall and its loveliness! Nothing like crisp mornings and sunny days to put smiles on our faces!

It was good to see you at our October meeting at the library. For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you! What a delicious meal and informative program we had. Our community is so blessed to have programs like Samaritan Works for those in need.

I would like to thank everyone who worked and/or ate at Culver's for our scholarship/grants-in-aid fundraiser. What a successful event!

Next, I would like to remind everyone about ADSOEF's fundraising campaign. This is our state's program for scholarships and grants. If you visit <u>adsoef.org</u>, you'll find much information and opportunities for donations. All donations are tax deductible!

Our next meeting will be held on November 3rd at Sidney First Methodist Church. This will be our *Brown Bag* Auction meeting, so start planning your fun surprise! If you are unable to attend that evening, please consider contributing to our Scholarship/Grants Fund. I know our help is greatly appreciated by upcoming and new teachers!

My thought of the month was used by our own State President, Dr. Molly, at the OHSO Executive Board Meeting in September:

"A woman alone has power. But together, we have impact!"

-Nancy Badillo

See you in November!

Melissa



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

BETA KAPPA CHATTER October 2025

Beta Kappa Chapter Minutes October 6, 2025

Beta Kappa Chapter President Melissa Bowers welcomed 30 members to the October meeting.

Kay Borchers gave the invocation. Melissa thanked the hostesses, Kay Borchers, chair; Karen Fahrer, Kay Miller, Deb Cummons-Parker, Cheryl Michael, and Connie Schneider.

There were no additions or corrections to the September 8, 2025, minutes, and they are approved.

Kim Jordan gave the treasurer's report. We have \$5,923.13 in checking. The designated amount for the Scholarship Fund is \$1,364.00 as of September 30, 2025, which is included in the checking account balance. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit. Beta Kappa received \$163.00 in tips and a check from Culver's in the amount of \$395.00 for our September 23rd fundraiser.

Committee Reports

Correspondence: Melissa read a note from New Choices thanking Beta Kappa for their \$275.00 donation last spring. Kay Borchers shared notes from Brooke Petus and Katelyn Grillot thanking us for the Grant-in-Aid they both received.

Melissa shared that Bonnie Banks is stepping down as Corresponding Secretary and Early Career Grant chair. Members were asked if anyone was will to serve as Corresponding Secretary. Kay Straman asked what the responsibilities were and is thinking about accepting the position.

A motion was made by Vicki Quinter to move accepting Early Career Grants to the spring so that recipients would have the monies to purchase items at the beginning of the school year in the fall. Barri Grandey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

No one volunteered to chair the Early Career Grants at the meeting.

World Fellowship: Vicki Fulk reminded everyone of the Brown Bag Auction in November.

All members are strongly encouraged to read monthly *The Voice* as well as the *Beta Kappa Chatter*.

All members are asked to read The Essay by Robin Yocum who will be our guest at the February 2, 2026, meeting which we will be inviting Alpha Upsilon (Miami County Chapter) and Beta Upsilon (Auglaize/Mercer County Chapter) to attend.

New Business

Becky Michael moved that Beta Kappa Chapter donate \$250 to the Shelby Historical Society for the 250th Celebration. Esther Alspaugh seconded the motion. After some discussion, Helen Ward moved that motion be tabled until the November meeting.

Birthdays

Members Regina Hunsucker, Kathy DeVelvis, and Becky Michael with October birthdays were recognized.

Concerns/Praises:

Phyllis Clinehens thanked everyone for the cards she received after the passing of her brother.

Door prizes were awarded.

The next meeting is November 3, 2025, in the Sidney First Methodist Church and we will be having our Brown Bag Auction. The meal will be catered by Jane's Girls. The hostess committee for November is Janet Nufrio, Chair; Kathy DeVelvis, Greeter; Molly Helmlinger, Invocation; Barri Grandey, Margie Heitbrink, Mary Lou Holly, and Faye Spangler. Reminder, the hostess checklist is the last page of your program book.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Cathy Tenney, Recording Secretary



The Brown Bag Auction has been Beta Kappa's largest fundraiser for many years. The money raised from the auction is used to fund our donation to World Fellowship, our Early Career Grants and Grants-in-Aid to young women from Shelby County who are majoring in education. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a monetary donation. Donations should be mailed to Kim Jordan, Treasurer 1496 East Ridge Blvd. Sidney, OH 45365



ALPHA DELTA STATE OHIO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



FUNDRAISING UPDATES

October 2025

WELCOME TO FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Each monthly update shares information about our Fundraising Campaign, funded projects, scholarship recipient interviews, upcoming special events and so much more.

ADSOEF is always looking for volunteers to serve on committees. If you are interested, please contact Chris Snoddy, Board of Directors Chairman, ckvs@sprynet.com.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Our theme, Colors of Hope: Help us Paint a Brighter Future, is up and running after the campaign rollout at the OHSO Executive Board Meeting, September 27, 2025. The Fundraising Committee has set the 2025-2026 goal at \$14000.88. Why the \$0.88? We are celebrating the 88th Anniversary of OHSO. These funds are used to support our mission of funding professional and personal growth of educators and educational excellence. "Using a broad paint stroke," your chapter and/or individual members can donate to support the many grants and scholarships afforded to teachers and student teachers. The easiest and quickest way to donate is through the website: www.adsoef.org

For every \$1,000 donated, a splotch of paint will be added to the artist's palette!

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PAST DONORS!

Please consider making a tax-deductible

donation TODAY!



Let's get painting to create a brighter future!!



The Fundraising Committee:

Charlene Greene, Delta Mu, Annie Zahradnik, Gamma Theta, Holly Buente, Gamma Pi, Co-Chair, Barb Zirke, Alpha Psi, Co-Chair Each month, we will focus on one specific grant or scholarship. This will not only allow your members to know what their donations are supporting, but if the highlighted grant or scholarship fits the needs of any of your members, applications can be found at www.adsoef.org

OCTOBER FOCUS

ADSOEF Individual /Classroom/Community Project Fund. The purpose is to provide up to \$500.00 in financial support for educational projects that fund targeted learners in schools or non-profit or community-based settings. Applications can be submitted anytime. Past projects include starting a Hula Hoop Club in an elementary school, Weight Room Equipment Improvements to allow access for all students and developing an outdoor learning Nature Center.