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**Representative Anthony Moore
Addresses Lambda Members**

First-term State Representative Anthony Moore, of Clinton, was guest speaker for the Lambda Chapter meeting on September 11, 2021. Moore represents District 57, which includes Beckham, Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, and Custer counties.

Moore is a graduate of Clinton High School, received a degree in Government and Legal Studies from Oklahoma Christian University and a law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law. He has been practicing with the Christensen Law Firm, specializing in oil and gas leases, real estate, and property claims.

Moore serves on several State Legislative Committees, including Energy and Natural Resources, Judiciary, Elections and Ethics, and Redistricting.

His informative talk to Lambda Chapter included topics related to public school mandates and funding issues, the teacher shortage, the problems surrounding funding for on-line schools, versus “brick and mortar” public schools.

One bill co-authored by Moore, seeks to assist in the funding of school districts that have very little ad valorem income from wind or gas energy, businesses, and property. It would appropriate funds for small rural schools that struggle to find enough revenue to operate.

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State President Visits Our Chapter this month!

Lori Richardson-Morphew of Alpha Chapter, the current State President will be visiting with us this month. Lori served her chapter as president for four bienniums as secretary, 1st and 2nd vice president and treasurer. At the state level, Lori was the chairman of the Membership Committee, Scrapbook Committee, Silent Auction Committee, and she served as a member of other committees. Lori also recently served as the 1st vice president. Lori has attended DKG Regional Conferences in California, Hawaii, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and International Convention in Austin, Texas. She is a member of the American Federation of Teachers. Lori has taught for over 25 years and has been honored as the OKCPS Teacher of the Year and Elementary Teacher of the Year. Lori is a 4th grade teacher at Van Buren Elementary School in OKC. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and has taken additional course work for Oklahoma Certification at the University of Central Oklahoma. Lori is married and has two children and six grandchildren. She loves to sew and bake for her family. Let's all give Lori a big ole Western Oklahoma welcome!



DKG Members listen to Representative Moore at September meeting.



Lambda Chapter Member Marie Pool Receives WTC Award

Our very own Marie Pool was one of 74 teachers across the United States to have earned the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards from Project Lead the Way in 20-21. Marie has taught at the Burns Flat Campus of WTC for five years. Marie teaches biomedical sciences. WTC Superintendent Kathe Corning was quoted in the Clinton Daily News saying that she is a "rock star teacher." A WTC press release said the award recognizes educators who, "demonstrate a strong record of delivering an inspiring and empowering student experiences." We are so proud of you Marie! Congratulations!

Member Spotlights

**Alice Marie
Pool**



Alice Marie Pool taught 37 years. She started teaching in Leesville, LA when her husband, Winston, was in the Army. She taught seventh grade science and had 247 students each day. Marie said she learned a lot that first year! After the service, Marie moved to Texhoma, OK in the Panhandle where she taught high school science classes for five years. They then moved to Clinton where Winston's dad had seismograph rigs and a well drilling business called AW Pool incorporated. Marie taught at Clinton 27 years before going to Western Technology Center five years ago. Marie is also an adjunct instructor for Southwestern Oklahoma State University with classes in the Education and Chemistry departments. She is certified in and has taught anatomy/physiology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, gifted/talented, health, human body systems (PLTW), and physics. At the university level, she has taught Secondary Science Methods and Introductory Chemistry.

Marie grew up in Gruver, Texas about 40 miles south of Guymon, OK. She attended college at Oklahoma Panhandle State University and received a BS in

Biology with minors in chemistry and education. Marie then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University and received her masters in Educational Administration and she only lacks four hours for a Natural Science Education masters. Marie accepted the challenge of National Board Certification and has renewed her certification twice. She is adolescent/young adult science certified. As you can guess - - -she says she is definitely a science geek!

Winston and Marie have been married 48 years and have three children. Chris is a computer network engineer, married to Alicia, and lives in Yukon; Lacey is a Physicians Assistant, APRN, and is married to Steven, and lives in Edmond; and Ty, is married to Shawna and has two beautiful girls. Grandchildren are so much fun!!! Ty is in hospital administration and lives in Chickasha.

Marie retired in 2014, but never quit teaching. She loves teaching and working with young adults! If time permits, she loves to read, cook, sew, and make stained glass projects.

Marie says she feel that it is so important to show your students you care. She says teachers need to communicate with students and their parents. They also need to take time to find something positive about every student!

Marie says she has been a member of DKG approximately 15 years. She feels DKG helps to keep her connected with educational issues that are outside the classroom. She also enjoys visiting with other educators and learning new strategies that she might be able to use in the classroom.

Marie said she has had so many good memories. She said it was a good thing we only asked for one as there are so many wonderful "teaching" memories. ONE favorite for Marie - - - - - When a student's face lights up or the student says, "I get it!" That "aah haa" moment that turns the student on to science is the BEST!

Reonna Slagell Gossen



Reonna Slagell Gossen grew up in Weatherford. She attended Weatherford Public School from first through twelfth grade. She states that she is “so blessed to get to farm and eventually live in the house she grew up in!” Reonna says she was her Daddy’s “boy” driving a tractor, combine, truck, and doing everything on the farm to help him. She says she learned so much from him including learning about engines, welding, farming, nature, and planting and raising crops.

Reonna and her husband Bryan have no children. She says that she and Bryan do have cats and they love them! She grew up singing southern gospel as a family, and she still sings today in a trio. Reonna loves to sing and says she sang all throughout college and was in a bluegrass gospel band that cut an album. She still sings with her sisters and they love singing and spending time together. Reonna also loves to ride motorcycles and water ski. She had the blessing of taking care of their aging parents for 10 years.

Reonna has a B.S. in Biological Science from OSU and a M.S. in Natural and Applied Science from OSU. She has worked in many areas of education. She began her teaching career as a Science Teacher at Corn Bible Academy. She worked there from 1989-1994. In 1989, she became an Adjunct Science Instructor at Redlands Community College. In 2000, she moved up to Science Instructor there until 2003. She was promoted to Science Coordinator/Professor from 2004 to 2014. In 2014-2015 she was the Division Director for Math/ Science,

and in 2016, she was promoted to Dean of Business, Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Mathematics until she was moved up to the Dean of Academic and Institutional Development from 2016-2018. She then went full circle and is now back teaching Math, Science, and Language Arts at her hometown high school in Weatherford. She says the slower pace and less stress, plus a shorter commute, makes her life much more enjoyable.

Reonna has page after page of professional activities, research activities, invited presentations, and professional development. She has been one busy lady over her career in education. She has won numerous awards and honors. Some of these include Oklahoma Conservation Commission Outstanding Educator of the Year in 2019, Lamplighter Award from El Reno Public Schools, the NISOD Excellence Award, and Redlands Community College Teacher of the Year Award in Agriculture. Reonna belongs to fourteen Professional Associations and Societies including our very own DKG. Reonna also volunteers her time as a Church vocalist and Worship Team leader at her church, has helped with the Oklahoma Mennonite Relief Sale, been on the Interview Committee for students to OSSM, and clowned for the Corn Fire Department. Reonna has had several papers published, and has written and received many federal grants.

As you can see, Reonna is one busy young lady. She states that she really loves and cherishes her time with DKG. She became a member in 2000 and she loves all the special ladies in our group. She states that she has learned so much from this talented group and that she loves when our ladies share their many experiences. Reonna states what sticks out to her is the “many lives our members have impacted over the years of their careers.” “This is incredible!”