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A Message From Our President:

Ladies, who knew summer could fly by so quickly? Is it just me, or has “tempus” begun to “fugit”? I hope your summer was enjoyable and safe.

Reonna Slagell-Gossen and I were able to attend the Saturday meeting of the State Delta Kappa Gamma convention in Oklahoma City in June. We provided a basket to help with fundraising for the coming year’s state activities. Our basket contained a large variety of coffees and teas, cloth napkins, a vintage teapot, and a good assortment of biscotti, cookies, and other delicious morsels to accompany the tea and coffee. I’m not sure who bought it, but they got a delicious bargain!!

Our leadership team, comprised of Alexia White, First Vice-President; Lynda Richert, Second Vice-President; Reonna Slagell-Gossen, Recording Secretary; Brenda Archer, Corresponding Secretary; Melissa Knabe and Marie Pool, Treasurer and Co-Treasurer; and myself met three times during June and July. We had a great time working on programs, assigning committees, revamping our chapter by-laws, creating our own strategic plan, and having lunch together.

We will have NEW NAME TAGS at our first meeting! And if you need a new notebook for all the DKG pages, you can have one! Thank you to Reonna for making that happen!

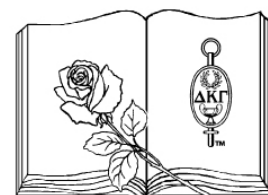
Sincere thanks to Reonna for taking on the new duty of Webmaster, in addition to all her other contributions to DKG.

Our first meeting is just around the corner. Please plan to attend! Let’s make this year a “GOLD” year by winning the Gold Chapter Award for excellence! In order for that to happen, we need all of us, working together!

I look forward to seeing you on September 11 at 9:00 a.m. at Lucille’s Roadhouse! Bring a prospective member with you!

Have a blessed day!

Marva



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Melissa Knabe, Treasurer

LAMBDA CHAPTER MISSION

"Adapting to an Uncertain World Through
Education and Leadership"

MISSION

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

BIENNIAL THEME

"Serving Education ~ Honoring Tradition"

VISION STATEMENT

Leading Women Educators.
Impacting Education Worldwide



Ladies—Marva would like us all to wear our key to meetings this year. If you don't have one they are available for purchase at the **DKG ONLINE STORE**.

<https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Store/DKGStore.aspx>

Click on Concepts—the one with the key emblem. The keys cost around \$15.00, unless you choose the gold ones!



These ladies met this summer to finalize the plans for the upcoming year! Pictured are Lynda, Reonna, Alexia, Marva, and Brenda.

Member Spotlights

Marva Webb



Lambda Chapter President, Marva Webb, taught for over 25 years. All but three of those years were at Clinton High School where she taught Senior English and AP English.

Marva grew up and graduated from We-woka, Oklahoma and then attended Oklahoma Christian University for a BA in English. Later she finished with an M.Ed at SWOSU with an emphasis on English Literature.

Marva and her husband, Dwain, met at OC. After college Dwain served in the military for many years. During their early years, they were stationed in Berlin and were able to travel all over Europe. The couple has one son, Donald, and he blessed them with six grandchildren. Marva says that this proved he did not like being an only child! They also have a great grandson, as well.

After retiring, Marva was appointed to the Burns Flat-Dill City School Board and has been re-elected twice. She also served for six years on the Great Plains Library Board and has enjoyed traveling to meetings in Las Vegas, Orlando, and Philadelphia.

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Marva's advice for new teachers would be to have plenty of plans for learning in every class period! Be organized, and ready to learn! Abide by the school rules! If you don't, how can you expect students to abide by school rules and your rules? Have a sense of humor! Don't lose your temper! Have fun in your class activities! If you are having fun, your kids will, too!

Some of her favorite memories are of teaching workshops and summer institutes in English Literature and Composition for College Board and the AP Program. She learned so much by attending AP workshops and then preparing to teach classes of her own for AP teachers! Also, becoming a National Board Certified Teacher taught her so much about her own weaknesses in the classroom and how to become stronger. Marva is thankful to have had the opportunities she had throughout her teaching career.

The  *INFLUENCE*
of a good
TEACHER
can never
be ERASED ♥

Dr. Joe Ann Hibler



Dr. Joe Anna Hibler retired on June 30, 2001, as President of SWOSU. She served eleven years as president and completed an impressive 41 year career in Oklahoma education. Thirty-seven of those years were on the SWOSU campus. Dr. Hibler grew up in Leedey, Oklahoma, where both of her parents were teachers, so she spent her entire school days and years with her parents. She said there was no hiding any bad behavior; and she was punished at school and at home!

After graduating from Leedey, Dr. Hibler went to SWOSU on a scholarship in 1957. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education at SWOSU and a Master's degree in Business Education from OSU.

Dr. Hibler taught her first four years at Altus High School and served as an adjunct instructor at Altus Junior College. In 1965, she returned to SWOSU as an instructor in the Division of Business. Dr. Hibler completed her Doctoral Degree in 1971 at OU. Later, Dr. Hibler chaired the Office Administration/Business Education Department at SWOSU before becoming the Dean of the School of Business. In 1986, she was named executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Four years later she was appointed as SWOSU's 15th President. At this time, Dr. Hibler became the first woman in 55 years to serve as President of a university in Oklahoma. After retirement, Dr. Hibler was appointed as a regent of the Regional University System of Oklahoma by then Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry.

Dr. Hibler says she enjoys retirement. She has been retired now over 20 years! She says she always says that each week has six Saturdays and one Sunday. She also says that one of the best parts is crossing paths with former students.

Dr. Hibler has been a member of DKG since 1967 and was recommended by long time members Fern Lowman and Cora Herzog. She has served DKG in many roles, both locally and statewide. Several years ago she served as the State DKG President.

Dr. Hibler says she really worries about today's teachers. She feels that their path is not easy and that if our youth ever needed care, direction, and love, it is today! She says she would like to remind them that there are far more good days than bad, and that their effort will have a lasting impression on their students.

Dr. Hibler had her 82nd birthday in May and is still loving life!!!!

WHO IS THE DKG KEY WOMAN EDUCATOR?

Adaptable	Able to bring out the best in others	Authentic
Results oriented	A potential leader	A conceptual thinker
Responsive to feedback	Motivated to make a difference	

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Brenda Archer



Brenda Archer is starting her 44th year of teaching at Hammon School this fall. Most of her life has been spent inside the walls of Hammon School. She is a proud 1973 graduate of Hammon High School. Brenda attended SWOSU at Weatherford and received a B.A. in Ed. in 1977. Right after graduation, Brenda was encouraged by the Hammon School Superintendent to go back one more year and get two more minors. If she did, he promised to hire her the next fall in 1978, as a full time teacher. Brenda completed the minors and the rest is history.

Through the years, Brenda has taught a variety of subjects--7th, 8th, and 9th grade English, 7th and 8th grade Reading, Oklahoma History, 7th grade Geography, and Speech. She has sponsored a variety of extra-curricular activities--competitive speech, Academic Bowl, and even Cheerleading. She was also the librarian for the school K-12 and full time teacher for about 15 years, as well as doing the yearbook every year.

Brenda has won numerous awards through her teaching career. She was the 1981, 1989, and 2017 Hammon of the Year. She was the 1981 Zone 9 Teacher of the Year, and the 2003 and 2017 Masonic Teacher of Today. She is very proud of her Competitive Speech students who have won two State One-Act All-State Awards, eight State Speech IE Championships, eight State Speech IE All-State Awards, and six State Speech IE Runner-ups. Her Speech students have also won ten State Superintendent Awards for Arts Excellence. Brenda's students have also won numerous writing and scholastic awards through the years—including a DKG State Essay Winner and a State Runner-up! Brenda is also very active in her church work and all types of community service.

A huge highlight for Brenda was in 2003, when her speech student, Chancen Flick, a senior at Hammon School, won the 2002-2003 VFW Voice of Democracy National Contest. He won an all expense trip to Washington, D.C. and a \$25,000 National Scholarship!

Honoring local Veterans is something that is very important to Brenda. She is in charge of the Veterans Day Program for the school and also takes kids to the VA Center in Clinton. Several years ago, Brenda and two other ladies put together a Wall of Fame--a portable wall that holds pictures and biographies of local veterans. Over 275 veterans are recognized. She also put together a book entitled, Local Heroes. The book contained 250+ veterans. Later a second book--Local Heroes--Book 2 was completed, and finally a third book--Local Heroes 3 finished the set. Brenda and the two ladies also raised over \$75,000 to erect a Veterans Monument in the Hammon Park. Because of Brenda's commitment to veterans and veteran programs, she was selected as the Oklahoma High School VWF Teacher of the year in 2003 and again this past year in the spring of 2021.

Brenda says that Hammon School is an awesome place and that she has been so blessed to spend her entire career here at Hammon. She often says that Hammon has the BEST kids and that she wouldn't trade them with anyone! Brenda became a member of DKG in 1981. She was recommended by two of her former teachers at Hammon--Bertha Grice and Nancy Tippens. She was welcomed to DKG by many of her former college professors and many wonderful women educators! It has been a wonderful ride!

As for advice to anyone thinking about going into teaching, she always says it is the BEST thing she could have EVER done! Brenda could have retired years ago, but feels that teaching keeps her young and she LOVES her kids! She also states that if you are someone who can't be flexible, that teaching is not for you, because things never go as planned! Brenda continues to keep in touch with former students and is now teaching grandkids of the kids she taught. Brenda says she is blessed and inspired by her students and that she dreads the day she gets too old to "go to school!"