

“Ready for Fall Workshop?”

Maine State Organization DKG
October 13-14, 2023 Moore Community Center - Ellsworth

Focus: This year, our Fall Workshop has a mix of sessions that focus on society business, professional development, and personal growth. There is “something for everyone.” Embrace this chance to learn more about your role in our organization, to be informed about programs and opportunities for students, teachers, and volunteers, and to expand your horizons.

Guests: Fall Workshop is an opportunity for all. Registered guests are welcome. Consider inviting dropped members and prospective members. The workshop may encourage them to join or rejoin.

Hotel: Eagle’s Lodge Motel at 278 High St. in Ellsworth will set aside a block of rooms for Friday, Oct. 13 until Sept. 22. A room with 2 queen beds for 1 or 2 people is \$126.65 before tax. A room for 1 or 2 people with 2 double beds is \$118.50 before tax. Each additional person in either type room will be \$10. A free continental breakfast is included, and coffee is available around the clock. Check-in begins at 2:00 P.M. Call 207-667-3311 to reserve your room, and be sure to mention that you are with DKG and that we have a reserved block.

Our Host Chapter’s Charities: Sigma would appreciate it if you would bring gently used children’s books in good shape suitable for an early childhood after school program and for babies. They will be donated to their charities Read to Me and Read to Me, Too.

Things to do in Ellsworth: If you arrive on Friday, you may want to explore downtown Ellsworth (Main St.) with its many interesting shops and fine eateries. Check out John Edwards Market, 2nd to None Thrift and Gift, The Union River Book and Toy Store, Toko, Elizabeth’s, Bliss, Poppy and Polka Dots, Kiddo, The Rock and Art Shop, Trio, The Bud Connection, Sugar Mags, Rooster Brothers, and The Dream Catcher. Restaurants include Finn’s, Flexit, Riverside Cafe, 86 This, Serendib, Margarita’s, and Provender. Momo’s legendary cheesecake shop is open 24/7 and uses an “honor system” for payment. It is located a ways up East Main St. (471 Main St.) Coming from the direction of Bangor just outside of town, you will find IA Relics (antiques, collectibles, crafts, and more) on the right and a flea market on the left. On the outskirts of Ellsworth coming from Bucksport, you will encounter The Big Chicken Barn Antiques on the right. Ellsworth has a candlepin bowling alley located off of the Downeast Highway (Route 1 going towards Hancock.)

Lunch: To receive lunch, registration must be received by September 29, 2023.

Attention, Chapter Officers: Refresher sessions have been set up for chapter presidents, first vice presidents (and/or EEC chairs,) second vice presidents (and/or membership chairs,) and treasurers first thing in the morning. Please plan to attend your respective sessions. Try to have a representative from your chapter at each refresher session.

Attention Members of the Mainspring, Website, and Communication/Publicity Committees: Daina Markella would like to meet with you during the first session. Please plan to be there.

Payment: If you send your registration electronically, please be prepared to pay the balance when you arrive. In the future, Maine S.O. is hoping for an electronic registration/payment option.

Directions to the Gen. Bryant E. Moore Community Center

The Center is located at 125 State Street in Ellsworth. To reach State Street, go down Main Street and turn right at the intersection with the light at the bottom. Camden National Bank will be on your right. That will put you on State St. Then drive for 0.4 miles until you come to the Seaport Village/Gen. Bryant E. Moore Community Center sign (pictured) on the right. Turn into the driveway by the sign. Go straight, a little past the brick portion of the building. The entryway, painted blue with white doors, is on the right. (See photo.)

Parking is directly across from the entrance and around the corner from the entrance, in front of the brick portion of the building that you passed when you drove in. Please do not park near the Seaport Village facility.



**Maine State Organization DKG 2023 Fall Workshop Session Descriptions
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Codes:

S – Society Business PD – Professional Development PG – Personal Growth

“Zipping Through Costa Rica with Teens!” Rena Kearney (PG)

Come and see what it is like to go with a group of six teenage girls to the beautiful country of Costa Rica!! See the different parts of the tropics, narrow roads, children at a small school as they entertained, visits to plantations and farms, and the beauty of nature. What an experience you will have!

“GOT STRESS?” Judith Hanscom (PG) (PD)

Whether you're currently in the classroom or not, we're all dealing with stress on different levels. Come join Judy Hanscom for an engaging, fun-filled workshop on different tips and tricks to handle stress that you can incorporate into your lives and then share with others.

Judy is a first grade teacher, a Responsive Classroom Consulting Teacher, and a yoga teacher.

“Photography Tips” Teresa Brzustowicz and Kathy Sticht (PG)

Don't just “take” a picture; learn how to “make” a picture. In this session, learn basic tips to improve your photos with no prior experience. You'll be amazed at what you can create with just your cell phone camera!

“Fire of 1947 Documentary Video” (PG) (PD) Directed by Peter Logue

“In late October 1947, more than 200 fires in southern and coastal Maine burned [over 206] acres, leveling nine towns and destroying more than 1,200 homes and seasonal cottages. It was the worst natural disaster in Maine history.” (<https://www.bates.edu>) This video, featuring actual news footage and interviews with people who lived through it, tells the story of the devastating fire that destroyed much of Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Island during that time period.

“Acadia National Park – Opportunities for Students and Teachers” (PD) Ranger Kate Petrie, ANP Education Coordinator

Ranger Kate will do a presentation on the in-person and virtual experiences that are available to students and teachers through Acadia. These include field trips, classroom visits, residential programs, videos, virtual programs, and educational materials. You and your students do not have to live close to Acadia to benefit from all of the Acadia resources and experiences that are available. Expect an engaging and informative presentation!

“Joint Meeting of Mainspring, Website, and Communication/Publicity Committees”

Daina Markella (S) If you are a member of any of these committees, please attend.

“Refresher for Chapter Presidents” Priscilla McFarland (S)

Get the second year of your biennium off to a good start. Review your responsibilities and learn the latest from International.

“Refresher for Chapter First Vice Presidents” Rachelle Tome (S)

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“Refresher for Chapter Second Vice Presidents” Teresa Brzustowicz (S)

Get the second year of your biennium off to a good start. Review your responsibilities and learn the latest from International.

“Refresher for Chapter Treasurers” Kathy Sticht (S)

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“Stories of Self-Discovery! The SpiritCorps Formula for Robust Engagement, SEL, and Academics” (PD) (PG) Christina O’Neal and Kent Pierce

Join us to learn about SpiritCorps, our project-based personal narrative writing and video storytelling initiative for Grades 7-10. SpiritCorps authentically engages students, increases connection, and builds foundational skills that help students succeed in school and life. With help from our partnership with the Maine DOE, we are reaching middle school and high school students throughout the state.

Attendees will learn about the inspirational journey of self-discovery students take during the program and about a key piece of support – our adult volunteer Story Coaches. This interactive session will provide an opportunity to participate as a ‘peer audience’ in a SpiritCorps engagement finale.

“Free Curriculum Resources from Wreaths Across America” (PD) Karen Worcester, Pam Campbell, and Nancy Willey

Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America, and two of the museum’s volunteers will introduce you to the free, downloadable, grade-specific lesson plans that WAA offers to teachers. At least 15 different lesson plans are available for each K-12 grade level. Topics include the various patriotic holidays, women’s history, symbols of our country, veterans, Native Americans, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., elections, and more. There is also information about a Youth Service Project that encourages young people to get involved in community service.

“Supporting the Next Generation of Teachers” Hannah Farrar and a panel of young teachers (S) (PG)

Hear from early career educators about their experiences and needs. How can DKG and our Maine State Organization support and work with young teachers as we navigate unprecedented challenges in education?

“A Conversation with a State Legislator” Rep. Jan Dodge (S) (PG)

Rep. Dodge will discuss education, labor, and retiree issues related to education. She hopes to make this an interactive session with input from attendees and time at the end for questions. Jan is well-equipped to discuss these topics since she serves on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee and has been involved with MEA’s Government Relations Committee and MEA-Retired positions.

Maine State Organization DKG 2023 Fall Workshop Schedule October 13-14, 2023 - Moore Community Center – Ellsworth

Friday, October 13, 2023

6:00 – 8:30 P.M. Executive Board Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, October 14, 2023

7:30 – 10:00 A.M. Registration

Atrium

7:30 – 11:00 A.M. Hospitality

Cafe

Please use the bottom of the one page registration form to indicate your first and second choices for each workshop session. Please sign up for and attend each of the 3 sessions. Let's show respect to our presenters who have invested their time and effort to prepare their presentations for us.

8:30 – 9:20 A.M. Session I

- A. Refresher for Chapter Presidents
- B. Refresher for Chapter First Vice Presidents
- C. Refresher for Chapter Second Vice Presidents
- D. Refresher for Chapter Treasurers
- E. Joint Meeting for Mainspring, Website, and Communication/Publicity Committees
- F. Video - Documentary of the Fire of 1947

9:35 – 10:25 A.M. Session II

- A. Travels with Rena: Zipping through Costa Rica with Teens
- B. Acadia National Park – Opportunities for Students and Educators
- C. Photography Tips
- D. Got Stress?
- E. Video - Documentary of the Fire of 1947

10:40 – 11:30 A.M. Session III

- A. A Conversation with a Legislator
- B. Supporting the Next Generation of Educators
- C. Free Curriculum Resources from Wreaths Across America
- D. Stories of Self-Discovery! The SpiritCorps Formula for Robust Engagement, SEL, and Academics
- E. Travels with Rena: Zipping Through Costa Rica with Teens

11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Luncheon

Keynote Speakers – Christina O'Neal and Kent Pierce from SpiritCorps

1:15 – 3:00 P.M. General Session

Agenda TBA

2023 Fall Workshop Registration Form
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“Reimagine, Shine, and Rebuild”

For needed workshop session details, please refer to the article “Ready for Fall Workshop?”

Name _____ Chapter _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ Maine State Officer _____ Chapter Officer*
_____ Maine State Committee Chair *Which office do you hold? _____
_____ First Timer to Fall Workshop (Lunch is free.)
_____ Presenter (Registration is free.)
_____ Guest (Will need to pay for lunch/registration)

The executive board will meet via Zoom on Friday, October 13, beginning at 6:00 P.M. The link will be sent in October.

Registration Fee **\$25.00** _____

Luncheon – The lunch buffet will include assorted sandwiches and wraps, coleslaw, chips, assorted cookies, and beverages. Lunch **\$18.00** _____

Total Registration \$ _____

Tax and gratuity for all meals are being paid through the Roberta Rogers Fund. If you have any food allergies, please contact Priscilla McFarland by Sept. 29, 2023. pmcfarland1227@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: Sept. 29, 2023 - Please make check payable to Maine S.O. DKG and mail/email registration to Kathy Bartley, 141 Leach Hill Rd., Casco, ME 04015-3230. You may email her at kathybartley@gmail.com.

Sessions will be filled on a first-come basis. Presenters have invested considerable time and effort into planning for your participation. Please be sure to sign up and show up. We need to show our respect towards the presenters by providing an enthusiastic, sizable audience for each session.

Please indicate your first and second choices for each session by entering the letter that corresponds to each session you want to attend. **Submit this page only to the registrar**, and keep the other pages for reference.

Session I – First Choice _____ Second Choice _____
Session II – First Choice _____ Second Choice _____
Session III – First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

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