



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



ETA CHAPTER



Eta Sisters,

I send you my best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

Yours in Delta Kappa Gamma,
Mary Fiebiger



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Buckley, Jan. 9
Sherry Baca, Jan. 11
Mary Ellen Dotson, Jan. 28



TAYLOR HICKS WORKDAYS

Wed., Jan. 10, 2018
Wed., Mar. 21, 2018

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
Joyce Moore's home
7103 E. Lynx Wagon Road
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Note: We hope all Officers and Committee Chairs can be there. Any other members who wish to come are more than welcome to attend. Your ideas and input are valued.

Executive Board is in charge of refreshments!

RSVP to Joyce Moore
(928) 759-7106 or
mormath1906@aol.com
by Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018

DIRECTIONS:

From Highway 69 in Prescott Valley, turn south on StoneRidge Drive. Follow it for approximately 1.6 miles and turn left on Slow Creek Road, then left on Bluff Top Drive. Continue for about 3 blocks and turn left on Lynx Wagon Road. Her house in on the left.

Remember to continue bringing Purses for Latin America



Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes
Sunday, December 3, 2017 at StoneRidge Clubhouse
Program: Christmas Luncheon

ETA Chapter Members Present: Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, Jenda Ballard, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Tasha Cheney, Linda Cramer, Georgia Davidson, Pam Dickerson, Mary Ellen Dotson, Janeth Dow, Dorothy Eichbaum, Selby Ferris, Mary Fiebiger, Chris Fonoti, Kris Foster, Erin Harris, Tashia Irvine, Marilyn Jenkins, Dorothy Kellerman, Marty Lewis, Helen McDowell, Barbara Scott, Linda Spellman, Carol Stimple, Donna Stowell, Wally Turner, Maurilee Walker, Bonnie Waterer, Veronica Wilson and Theresa Yslas.

Guests were: Karla Cruz (Skyview), Natalie Lusson (Sacred Heart School), Steve Kent, Mike McDowell, Richard Nelson, Phil Spellman, Sam Stimple, Joshua Harris, Kathy Stone (taught in Camp Verde with Pat Buckley), Naoma Fraiser (friend of Donna Stowell).

Call to Order: Mary called the group to order and began with a welcome, Merry Christmas greetings and announcements. Special thanks were given to Joyce Moore for setting up the dinner and to Linda Spellman for the beautiful decorations. The December birthdays were announced and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Ellen Close (2nd), Helen McDowell (2nd), Donna Stowell (today, 3rd), Carol Stafford, (9th) and Tasha Cheney, (Christmas Day). Attention was called to the Christmas Boutique and Dress a Child donation opportunities.

Program: Our program was a time of fellowship and celebration of the holidays. Members who brought guests were asked to introduce them. (The guests are listed above.) Mary introduced two of our guests, our adopted teachers, and asked them to speak about how ETA chapter can be of help. The teachers are Karla Cruz (1st year teacher of 5th/6th grades at Skyview) and Natalie Lusson (Sacred Heart, kindergarten) They shared wish lists of items needed for their classrooms. That list can be found at the end of the minutes.

Chapter business: Mary thanked our nominating committee: Dorothy Eichbaum, Carol Stafford, Marty Lewis, Tashia Irvine and Barbara Scott for their work in establishing a slate of officers for 2018-2020. This slate was announced today, and will be voted upon at the February meeting. Mary also asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she announced the following slate of officers and thanked them for being willing to serve:

President: Joyce Moore

1st Vice President: Georgia Davidson

2nd Vice President: Sherry Alimi-Kent

Recording Secretary: Helen McDowell

Announcements: Mary announced that the January Board Meeting will be Sunday, January 14th at Joyce Moore's house.

Our next Taylor Hicks Work Day will be January 10th.

Members were reminded to please contact Pat Buckley to turn in your Collaborative Connections hours.

At this time, Sam Stimple was asked to give an invocation, and our luncheon was served.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Foster for Joyce Moore

Our "Adopted" Early Career Educators Shared Their Wish Lists Below:

Karla Cruz - 5th-6th Grade at Skyview School

Color Pencils

Thin and thick markers

Pink erasers

Lamps (small lamps to use in order to avoid use of the overhead fluorescent lights)

Washable paints/brushes

Headphones

Natalie Lusson - Kindergarten at Sacred Heart School

(Natalie wants to create a center-based Kindergarten classroom.)

Various seating, furniture; bean bags, shelves (Please ask Natalie what she needs, specifically).

Magnifying glasses, STEM materials

Scopes that students can put right over objects to magnify

Blocks, connectors and other hands-on manipulatives

Play dough and Various books

ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES
by Dorothy Eichbaum and Sherry Baca

MARY FIEBIGER: She reports that her spinal stenosis surgery has been postponed due to issues with her heart. It looks like she is going to have to have open heart surgery sometime in mid January. Please keep her in your prayers.

DOTTIE KELLERMAN: She reports that her youngest son, Paul, is coming to visit before Christmas and bringing family. Her granddaughter and two great grandkids will be there too.

JOYCE MOORE: She was unable to attend the December meeting because she had to leave for two weeks to help her daughter in California while her son-in-law traveled to Briton. She definitely enjoyed the time with her daughter and the "grands". It was fun cuddling on the couch along with their dog, Jessie. Her 4 year old grandson, Drew, is much different that his older sister, Kasia, was at his age. However, he is in preschool part of the week so that gave Joyce time to get some things done including walking the dog daily.

PENNY HARGROVE Joyce Moore was able to reach her and found out that she is currently handling both the superintendent's job and principal's job in the Mingus Union High School District. The board is supposed to relieve her of the second job next semester. So she asked that we not give up on her - she does plan to come to DKG! We wish her luck in getting this double duty reduced back to one job!

SHERRY BACA: At the first of the year, she and her husband are going to Disneyland for 3 days and then on a cruise to Ensenada, Mexico, with her grandkids. Altogether there will be 13 people with 5 of them ages 6 and under!

MARTY LEWIS: She writes: *I visited 5 islands in the Caribbean in October. These islands showed no damage from the hurricanes, thank goodness! We snorkeled, swam and kayaked in the beautiful blue "see through" water".*

SELBY FERRIS: Selby was quoted in an article in the newspaper regarding the Sacred Heart School float:

A couple parade entries on Saturday, Dec. 2, decided to do more than just look pretty for this year's Prescott Christmas Parade. They wanted to also carry a message.

One that made an impression on many parade attendees was Sacred Heart Catholic School. The private school makes a strong appearance at the Christmas Parade every year with heavily decorated floats, but this year was a little different. Just about everything used to make their float was constructed using recycled materials — all of which was scheduled to be re-recycled when the parade was over.

"We're reusing everything," said Selby Ferris, a first grade teacher with the school. This was partly to save some money on materials, partly to be less wasteful, and partly to instill in the children a sense of environmental awareness, Ferris said.

The primary ingredient for the float's design was grocery bags.

Since August, the school had been collecting bags for the float with the help of its students and Fry's Food. The result was what they called Noah's Cowboy Ark. While it wasn't very cowboy overall, they tossed a cowboy hat onto their pastor (who played Noah) in an attempt to fit this year's parade theme, A Cowboy Christmas.

(See photo below left)



Sherry Baca took this photo of her husband standing in front of the Sacred Heart School Float the day after the Christmas Parade.

PROGRAM FOR 2017-2018

Note: Refreshments at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted

Sun., Jan. 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Joyce Moore's home. Executive Board meeting – and planning for convention in Prescott. Need slate of officers for next biennium.
EXECUTIVE BOARD in charge of refreshments.

Tues. Feb. 6, 2018 at 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart School. Art student program followed by dinner at the Prescott Brewing Company. Vote on officers for next biennium.
ARTS AND MUSIC in charge of program.

Sat. Mar. 3, 2018 at StoneRidge Community Center. World Fellowship Program. Do game on World Fellowship. (I have who has or Jeopardy)
WORLD FELLOWSHIP Committee in charge of program and refreshments.

Sat. Mar. 24, 2018 tentative meeting at Sherry Baca's to work on Prescott Convention – if needed
SHERRY BACA will provide refreshments

Fri.-Sun., Apr. 13-15, 2018 Omicron State Convention at Prescott Resort.
Eta chapter in charge of Hospitality Room.

Sat. May 5, 2018 at Wally Turner's house in Sedona. Program: Greater Sedona Substance abuse coalition
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE Committee in charge of refreshments.

Sat. June 9, 2018 at Joyce Moore's home. Executive board meeting.
EXECUTIVE BOARD in charge of refreshments.

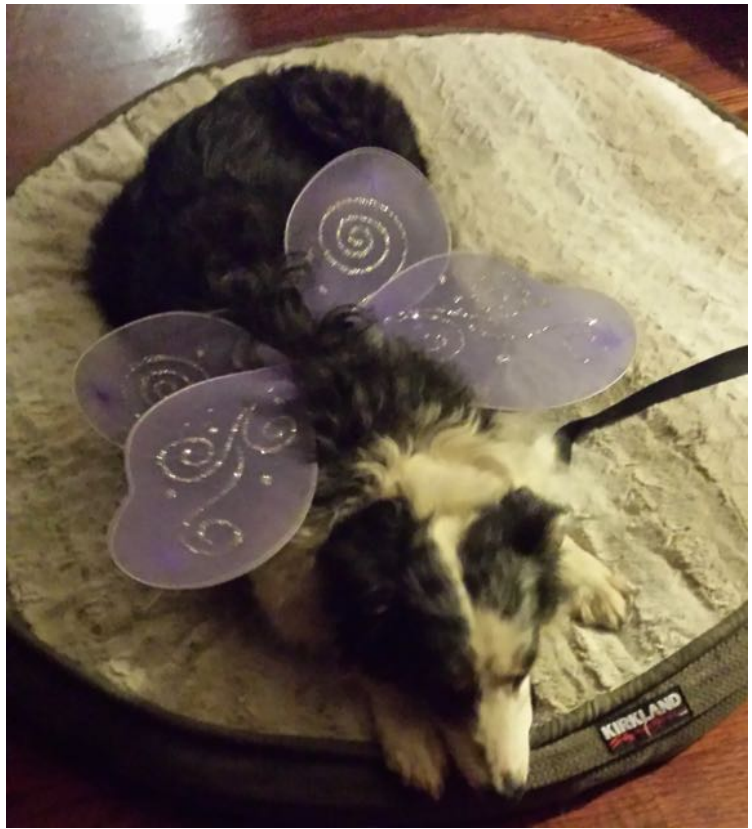
WORKDAYS AT TAYLOR HICKS SCHOOL

3rd quarter: Wednesday, January 10, 2018

4th quarter: Wednesday, March 21, 2018



Eta Chapter's Christmas Boutique 2017



MAURILEE WALKER SHARES PHOTOS!

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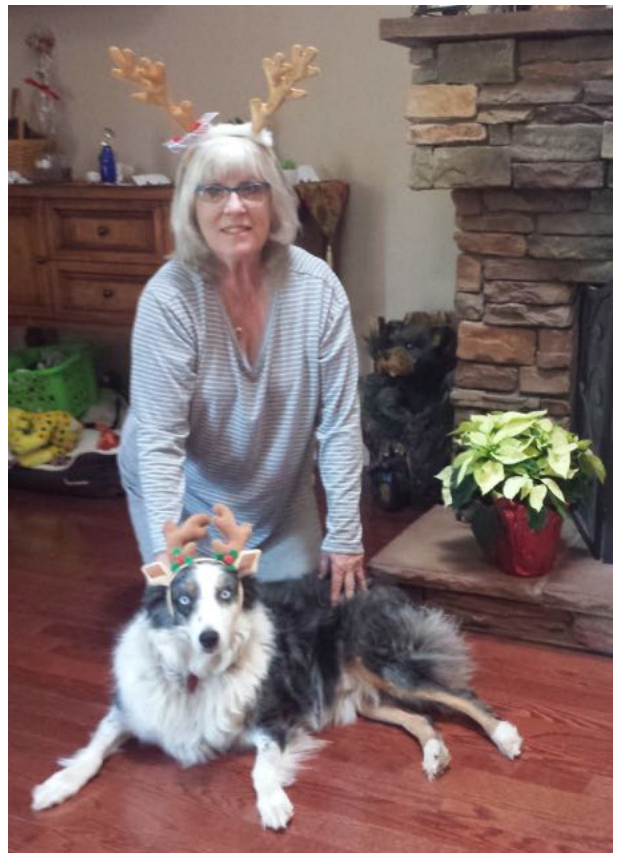
Maurilee at Halloween as “Day of the Dead Bride”

Top Right

Maurilee’s dog, Gracie, as a very tired “tooth fairy”

Bottom Right

Christmas Holiday Photo



Happy Holidays

PHOTOS FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING



Bonnie Waterer and Marty Lewis



Joshua and Erin Harris with Karla Cruz



Helen and Mike McDowell



Steve Kent with Sherry Alimi-Kent and Maurilee Walker



MORE PHOTOS FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING



Mary Ellen Dotson and Marilyn Jenkins



Mary Fiebigler and Linda Cramer



Naoma Fraiser and Donna Stowell



Natalie Lusson, Selby Ferris, and Tashia Irvine



The exquisite table decorations for the Christmas luncheon were made by Linda Spellman



Norma Bauer, Barbara Scott, Jenda Ballard



Pat Buckley, Kathy Stone, Janeth Dow



Sam and Carol Stimple with Dottie Kellerman



Tasha Cheney and Richard Nelson



Sherry Baca and Chris Fonoti



ETA CHAPTER ADOPTS TWO EARLY CAREER EDUCATORS

I'm Karla Cruz and I am the 5th and 6th-grade multiage teacher at Skyview School! This means I have the students for two years.

I was born in Escondido, California and grew up in Bullhead City, Arizona. Prior to moving to Bullhead City, I lived in Michoacan, Mexico where I attended kindergarten up to 3rd grade. Living in Mexico gave me the advantage to learn to speak, write, and read the Spanish language. Because Spanish is my primary language, moving back to the states was not easy. I did 4 years of intense ELL courses from elementary up to middle school and now, I am proud to say that I am fluent in both English and Spanish.

I have been living in Prescott since August 2012. In February of 2013, I was hired as a work study student in Skyview School's Primary level and was offered a teacher's aide position for the following school year. Throughout my years at Skyview, I have had the privilege to work with every grade level. In December of 2017, I will graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. I never knew I had a passion for teaching until I began working at Skyview!



Hello, my name is Natalie Lusson and I currently teach Kindergarten at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Prescott, AZ.

I am a born and raised Phoenician and moved to Prescott with my family in 2014. We absolutely love the small town life here and teaching at Sacred Heart has been such a blessing.

I graduated from Grand Canyon University with a bachelors in early childhood and I'm currently working on my Masters in Education at NAU. I love my job, and I'm so excited to be moving into a new direction next year with a center based classroom. I am so appreciative of DKG and their willingness to help me in this new direction I will be taking.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ETA CHAPTER MEMBER JENDA BALLARD FOR 2 AWARDS!

Jenda Ballard teaches and coaches Unified Sports at Chino Valley High School. This program is a Special Olympics program pairing students with (athletes) and without disabilities (partners) competing together. In her 4th year of this program, one of her senior athletes, Tyler Matthews was nominated and chosen as the AIA Unified Sports Athlete of the year for the state of Arizona. The second award was for Jenda. She was chosen the AIA 1A-3A Coach of the Year for the state of Arizona. She currently coaches Cross Country, Softball and Unified Sports. Jenda shared her thoughts: *“What a blessing the students I coach are to me!”*



Jenda Ballard poses for a photo with her student, Tyler Matthews, at the AIA Awards Banquet where Tyler was chosen as the AIA Unified Sports Athlete of the year for the state of Arizona.



COLLABORATIVE CONNECTIONS HOURS NEEDED

Pat Buckley requests that you please email her at the end of **each** month your collaborative connection hours. These are volunteer hours you do in the community, at church, with your school, etc. She needs the following information emailed to her at hiram2173@msn.com.

NAME	MONTH	LOCATION(S)	NUMBER OF HOURS
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Omicron State Calendar

January 13, 2018
 2018 Convention Planning Committee
 10:30 a.m.- Sherry Alimi-Kent's home

February 14, 2018
 2018 State Legislative Day
 Arizona State Capitol
 1700 W. Washington Street
 Phoenix, AZ

April 13-15, 2018
 Omicron State Convention
 Prescott Resort and
 Conference Center
 Prescott, AZ

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Mission Statement

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

State Theme

Hearts + Hands = Harmony

International Theme

DKG - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide