



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



## ETA CHAPTER



Merry Christmas to My Eta Sisters,

Our Christmas gathering is less than a month away. We are meeting at the StoneRidge Clubhouse on Sunday, December 3rd at 12:30 PM. Cost: \$16.25 includes tax & tip. Guests are always welcome. RSVP to Joyce at (928) 759-7106. Remember that it's the time for our Christmas Boutique and Dress a Child donation. There will be no formal meeting. We have invited the "Early Career Educators" (Natalie Lusson - gr. K from Sacred Heart and Karla Cruz - gr. 5 & 6

from Skyview School). They will give us some ideas as to how we can assist them in their duties.

My surgery has been postponed because of a pre-op situation. Hopefully it can be resolved and I'll be moving forward with it before year's end.

Thank you to Sherry A. for sending the Membership Survey to the state. I had good intentions until it came to attaching it to the e-mail. SMILE!!!!

Looking forward to seeing you on Dec. 3rd.

Yours in Delta Kappa Gamma,  
Mary Fiebiger

### OUR NEXT MEETING

**Sund., Dec. 3 2017, 12:30 p.m.**  
**StoneRidge Clubhouse**  
**1601 N. Bluff Top Drive**  
**Prescott Valley, AZ**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
**Chicken Marsala, rice, side salad,**  
**brownie, and beverages**  
**\$16.25 includes tax and tip**  
**Make checks to Eta Chapter**

**Remember to continue**  
**Bringing Purses for Latin America**

**Donations to Dress a Child**  
Members may bring cash or a check

**Christmas Boutique**  
Everyone is encouraged to bring items to sell to raise money for the chapter. These can be homemade items, baked goods, Christmas decor, household items, jewelry, clothing, etc. Please price any items you bring. Items in high demand go fast.

**RSVP to Joyce Moore**  
**(928) 759-7106 or**  
**mormath1906@aol.com**  
**BEFORE Monday, Nov. 27, 2017**

**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 and then left on Bluff Top Drive. The club house will be on your right.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Ellen Close, Dec. 2
- Helen McDowell, Dec. 2
- Donna Stowell, Dec. 3
- Carol Stafford, Dec. 9
- Tasha Cheney, Dec. 25



### TAYLOR HICKS WORKDAYS

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



**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2017 at StoneRidge Community Center**  
**Program: Car 101, presented by Connie Manning of AAA**

**ETA Chapter Members Present:** Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Tasha Cheney, Linda Cramer, Georgia Davidson, Pam Dickerson, Mary Ellen Dotson, Janeth Dow, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger, Marilyn Jenkins, Joyce Moore, Linda Spellman, Carol Stafford, Donna Stowell, Bonnie Waterer, and Veronica Wilson. Guest was our speaker, Connie Manning.

Refreshments were provided by Finance Committee starting at 9:00 a.m. Meet and greet went until 9:30 a.m. with Sherry B. on camera.

**Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement led by Mary.

**Program:**

Sherry A. introduced Connie Manning who has been with AAA for 26 years and 18 years as a branch manager. Connie gave DKG an enthusiastic speech about her company and why it is still relevant after more than 100 years. Notes on her presentation are below.

**Business Meeting:**

1. Approval of minutes of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
2. Treasurer's Report – file for audit.
3. It was brought up that Eta does not have an official corresponding secretary. At this juncture, Eta will not make an official position, but duties will be done by other officers. Norma Bauer will send out some correspondence this month. At the January Board Meeting this position will be discussed further.
4. Correspondence from Mary Shenefield was read by Sherry B. Also a letter from Juanice Williams was read.
5. Birthdays: Happy birthdays to Ora Beth (2<sup>nd</sup>), Veronica (21), Barbara S. (21<sup>st</sup>), Sherry A. (22<sup>nd</sup>), Mary S. (31) in October; Mary F. (17<sup>th</sup>), Janeth (21<sup>st</sup>) in November.
6. Eta Chapter decided there was not enough time to do a Fund Raiser for International.
7. Merry Lewis, editor for "Sahuaro", requests more articles from each chapter. However, she receives our local newsletter with all of our special events. Eta encourages Merry to use those at her discretion.
8. Membership Survey was compiled to be sent to Susan Halliday.
9. Our Christmas Dinner will be at the StoneRidge Clubhouse – not at the Community Center! The address is 1601 N. Bluff Top Drive. The cost is \$16.25 per person which includes the tax and tip. Please RSVP to Joyce by November 27 (earlier is preferable!).

**Old Business:**

1. Participation in the Rose Boutique for the Spring State Convention will be continued. However, the Rose Boutique for the Fall Workshop will not be used as our fund raiser because of limited time to sell and other limitations.
2. Steering Committee meeting will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Sherry A's home from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. At the Fall Workshop, Eta Chapter had the most people attend outside of the Phoenix area.

**New Business:**

1. There was discussion about making specific support with 2 new teachers. Donna moved, Marilyn second a motion that we 'adopt' Natalie Lusson (Kindergarten teacher at Sacred Heart) and Karla Cruz (1<sup>st</sup> year teacher of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at Skyview). It was suggested that these two teachers come as our guests for the December Christmas Dinner. The adoption idea was suggested at the Fall Workshop.
2. Our UNICEF change donation will be accumulated over time and turned in by Norma in April.
3. Pat volunteered to manage collaborative hours for electronic submission.
4. Dorothy and Sherry A. already have worked on our Treasured Past.

The business meeting was rounded out by our DKG song led by Joyce.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Moore

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**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes, November 4, 2017 (continued)**

NOTES on Car 101 given by Connie Manning (and summarized by Joyce Moore:

Connie's motto is, "We are there when you need us most". She spoke about the different levels of support and basic safety tips. AAA is a full service travel agency for hotels, destination tour books, maps, international drivers' licenses, notary, and extended warranty. They have listings of approved repair shops for your vehicle. Identity theft protection is included in the enrollment.

There were many items Connie spoke on travel safety such as neck purses for passports, using hotels that are part of chains, using hotels that are near restaurants and transportation, parking in well lit areas, using hotel rooms near an elevator, always bolting your hotel room door, having a room key ready to go, studying maps and using a concierge, avoiding jewelry, never implying you're traveling alone, use of a money belt that you loop through your belt loops, wearing your purse in front of you, copying the front and back of credit cards, being familiar with foreign currency, having a gratuity ready, having the luggage tag with name and cell phone number. She said that if you are being followed to turn toward that person and walk toward them. That way you can identify him/her. Don't use a debit card but use Master Card or Visa because of their fraud protection and always carry two credit cards in case one gets compromised. Always call the credit card company and advise them of your travel plans. Don't carry your cash all in the same place; separate it into different locations. You should walk with someone to your car and always be aware of your surroundings. Travel insurance is worth the cost. If you are stalked, keep records of the incidents (time, place) and contact the police. In a restroom use the corner stall and put your foot through the strap if the purse if it is on the floor. Carry your purse on the side away from the street. If you are attacked you need to run, fight, and scream. Don't throw away your airline ticket ID's from your luggage in a hotel trash can. The bar code has your identifying information! Instead, tear it up when you get home.



Connie Manning (Guest speaker from AAA), Sherry Alimi-Kent,  
and Mary Ellen Dotson

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**PROGRAM FOR 2017-2018**

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

**Sun. Dec. 3, 2017** at 12:30 p.m. Christmas luncheon at StoneRidge. StoneRidge is catering. Need nominating committee by this meeting for officers for next biennium.

**Sat. Jan. 13, 2018** 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

**MEMBERSHIP - LET'S GET ENGAGED****Fall Workshop summarized by Sherry Alimi-Kent**

This workshop focused on Recruiting, Retaining, Reinstating, Programs, and Projects. Recruiting: focus on school and district leaders; honor an Early Career teacher from each school at a brunch from recommendations from principals; put articles in district and superintendent's communications. Retaining: have a Professional Learning Networks (PLNs), even a Happy Hour. Recognize 50/25 year members, first timers, chapter attendance. Babysitting? Use Girl scout troop. Reinstating: contact dropped members. Programs: use members for programs; have each committee plan and run a meeting. Programs are key. Projects: Pound Party like at Christmas Party – each member brings something that is a pound (# of cookies, # of candy, # of ingredients for something) and then auction it off. Money goes to designated fund.



**ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES**  
by Dorothy Eichbaum and Sherry Baca

**MARY FIEBIGER:** Her surgery has been postponed due to a pre-op situation. She hopes to get this cleared up soon so the surgery can go on as scheduled. We send prayers her way that everything proceeds smoothly.

**MARY SHENEFIELD:** We received a card from her thanking us for the dues reminder. She mentioned she was pleased to have cooler weather in the valley and that much of her time had been taken up attending to a very ill pet. Unfortunately, the pet passed away. We send Mary our sympathies on the loss of her pet.

**JUANICE WILLIAMS:** We read a nice note from Juanice at the November meeting thanking us for sending her keypin. She said she misses Prescott but had to be closer to family following a period of being quite ill. Below is her new address - she would love to hear from you.

7900 N. LaCanada Dr, #2138  
Tucson, AZ 85704  
(520) 395-2276

**ELLEN CLOSE:** She and Jim celebrated their 50th anniversary in Ireland with their children and grandchildren. Her parents are from Ireland but met in the states. Her father's family celebrated with them. There were 50 in attendance, a fluke, but how appropriate - 1 person for each year. Congratulations on 50 years!

**CAROL STIMPLE** Sam and Carol are celebrating 50 years of marriage with a family dinner and entertainment on Saturday, November 25th. The Stimples were married in El Cajon, California. Both were teachers with the Santee School District. In 1977 they re-settled in Prescott. Congratulations!

**PAT BUCKLEY:** Many thanks to Pat Buckley for volunteering to take over reporting of our chapter Collaborative Connection hours. Please email them to her at the end of each month. She will also have a form you can complete at meetings.

**BARBARA SCOTT:** Special thanks to Barbara for being our Collaborative Connections recorder for the past 8 years. We are grateful for your many years of faithful service on this project.

**VERONICA WILSON:** We learned that Veronica had fallen in her yard and banged up her lip and had to have stitches. But she is healing well now. She feels that the exercise she has been doing prevented her fall from causing her to break anything!

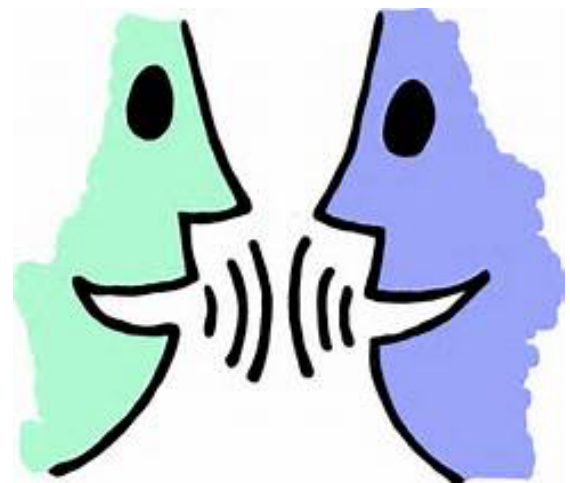
**BONNIE WATERER:** She shares the following:

*Each year we have been trying to take one international trip and one trip in the U.S.. After our great trip to Japan in the spring, we signed up for a Globus tour to "Cape Cod & the Islands" for September. We again lucked out on weather and had a wonderful time back East. We got to stay in a seaside resort for four days as part of the tour and then took daily bus tours from there. The highlight of the trip was the boat trip out for whale watching. That's something quite different from what we do here in Arizona!*

*While I'm mentioning trips, we took a couple of very local tours in the last couple of weeks, too. My husband and I signed up for two different Yavapai College Edventure trips. First we took a two day trip titled "Canyon de Chelly Adventure" and then we took a one day trip called "Get Your Kicks on Route 66 !". We saw some things we had visited years before and also some new places we had never seen here in Arizona. The two day trip also included time at the Petrified Forest with an overnight stay in Chinle and time at the Hubbell Trading Post. The one day trip took us on some old Route 66 roads, a good museum in Kingman, and got us to a town I had never visited before, Oatman, with the wild burros hanging out on the town's main street.*

*I would recommend all of these tours. We have had a great time this fall!*

**DOROTHY EICHBAUM:** Dorothy's son and wife came for a weekend in November and then her daughter and family came up to join them on that Saturday. We are glad she has been able to spend time with family.



PHOTOS FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING



Bonnie Watere and Carol Stafford



Pam Dickerson and Georgia Davidson



Pat Buckley and Tasha Cheney

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**MORE PHOTOS FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING**



Selby Ferris, Pam Dickerson, Tashia Irvine



Joyce Moore and Sherry Baca



Veronica Wilson, Dorothy Eichbaum, and Linda Cramer

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**DONNA STOWELL:** Below is Donna Stowell's recipe. Sherry Baca accidentally gave credit to the wrong member in the last newsletter.

#### CHILE RELLENO CASSEROLE

1 7 oz can green chilis seeded and rinsed  
1 1/2 lbs. grated Monterrey Jack cheese

Layer chiles and cheese in a casserole dish.

Beat together and then let sit for 5 minutes:

4 eggs  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 tsp dry mustard  
1/4 tsp white pepper  
1 tsp salt

Pour egg mixture over chiles and cheese

Bake at 350° for 20-30 minutes.



Donna Stowell pouring something to drink at the November meeting.

#### SAYINGS

"Never underestimate your power to change yourself. Never overestimate your power to change others."  
(H. Jackson Brown, Jr.)

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." (Dr. Seuss)

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many." (Unknown)

"Just because people are unkind to you doesn't mean you have to be unkind back. That's how the world changes - one brave person like you being kind." (Bryant McGill)

"The only sure thing about luck is that it will change." (Bret Harte)

"Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." (Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne)





**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**

**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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[www.dkgef.org/](http://www.dkgef.org/)

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<http://etachapteraz.weebly.com>

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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*