



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



## ETA CHAPTER



My dearest DKG Sisters,

I am very sad to say that I have had to relocate and will no longer be able to be the Eta Chapter President. It was a quick decision that had to be made and now that I am away from Arizona, I feel safe. Due to me leaving, I will have to resign as the ETA Chapter President. I feel Linda Cramer can cover the meetings until the Nomination Committee can meet to determine a new president. I am very sad and sorry that this happened. I was truly enjoying

being your president and felt things were going well. I want you to know that each of you hold a special place in my heart and I will treasure our friendship!!

I have moved to Missouri and am close to where my three boys live. It will be so fun for me to watch my grandsons grow up.

I have contacted the Missouri state DKG President and the local DKG chapter to get information about their group. I will get settled and then get my records transferred to the local DKG Chapter.

If you would like to contact me, please use [missopie1962@gmail.com](mailto:missopie1962@gmail.com) because the school address has been disabled.

I love you all and wish you all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Janice Lay

### OCTOBER 26 WORKDAY, 2:30-4:30 TAYLOR HICKS SCHOOL.

This is our first workday at our new school, Taylor-Hicks, which is just north of the intersection of Rosser and Campbell in Prescott.

These people have already signed up: Marilyn Jenkins, Veronica Wilson, Mary Fiebiger, Sherry Alimi-Kent, Mary Ellen Dotson, Joyce Moore, Barbara Scott and Linda Cramer. But we can certainly use more of you to help with the work the teachers will be requesting.

Please let Linda Cramer know ([waylinaz@msn.com](mailto:waylinaz@msn.com)) or (443-1947 or 499-9586) if you can join us. She would appreciate your quick response!

We'd like to get our workdays in our new school off to a good start, and the more we volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish.

### MEETING PLANS - November 2016

#### TIME AND DATE

9:45 a.m.. on Sat., November 5, 2016

Refreshments at 9:15 a.m.

#### PLACE

StoneRidge Community Room

1300 StoneRidge Drive

Prescott Valley, AZ

#### PROGRAM

Retiree Social

Financial Planning for Women

#### SPEAKER

Michael Bacci

#### PAY DUES - DUE 10-31-16

\$81 Regular or \$41 Reserve

Plus \$20 for Grant-in-Aid

#### COMMITTEE: Finance

**Chair: Ellen Close**

Norma Bauer, Jenda Ballard, Pam

Dickerson, Janeth Dow, Cindy

Franklin, Dottie Kellerman, Becky

Shields, Carol Stafford, Carol Stimple,

Maurilee Walker

#### RSVP BY MON. Oct. 31

to Ellen Close at [eclose44@gmail.com](mailto:eclose44@gmail.com)

or (208) 521-6955



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Fiebiger, Nov. 17

Janeth Dow, Nov. 21

Janice Lay, Nov. 24

**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes**  
**Saturday, October 1, 2016 at American Heritage Academy, Cottonwood**  
**Program: Big Brothers Big Sisters with Cheryl Gray, Speaker**

**ETA Chapter Members Present:** Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Ellen Close, Linda Cramer, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger, Kris Foster, Tashia Irvine, Janice Lay, Marty Lewis, Joyce Moore, Linda Spellman, Carol Stimple, Donna Stowell, and Veronica Wilson.

**Special guests:** Cheryl Gray (our speaker), Georgia Davidson, and Kathryn Madden (both to be initiated in November).

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

**Call to Order** at 9:30 with a welcome by President Janice followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the recitation of the DKG Mission Statement.

**Program:** Cheryl spoke about the beginnings of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) in 1904 when a New York court reporter recognized boys who needed mentoring. Today there is a branch in Prescott and in Verde Valley. The mentors are for students 6 to 16, up to 18 years old. The organization matches a 'little' with a 'big' after finger printing, running references, drug testing, psychological testing, and interviewing the 'little' for his/her preferences. The process costs about \$1,200! The 'big' meets with the assigned 'little' twice a month. Their activities are based on the need for shared time doing such things as running errands, going to the library, going on picnics, attending special events. The BBBS makes calls weekly, then biweekly with an interview in six months and a yearly evaluation. By the second year there are quarterly checks.

Next spring there will be a major fund raiser called Bowling for Kids to help defray the costs of making the 'big/little' matches. Cheryl also made a plea to members to consider BBBS for a tax credit in 2016. (See guidelines on P. 13.)

**Business Meeting** was signaled by singing of the "Delta Kappa Gamma Song" led by Janice and Joyce. The minutes were in the last newsletter; no additions/corrections. Donna moved, Mary seconded that the minutes to accepted. There was a Thank You letter from Mindy Sherrill read by Joyce. This concerned the retiree social.

**Treasurer's Report:** The latest report was sent out via email.

**Garage Sale:** Because there was \$852.95 reported in sales, there was a discussion about the grant-in-aid being continued this next spring to our recipient, Tasha Cheney. Donna moved that Tasha receive \$1,000 and Sherry B. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kris moved and Tashia Irvine seconded that the chapter fund her dues. Motion carried.

**Rose Boutique:** Helen McDowell has requested a person attending the Fall Workshop to be in charge of the boutique. Ellen Close will fulfill this duty with the help of others setting up, etc.

**Fall Workshop:** Our meeting at Metro Tech is coming up in 3 weeks. The \$25 covers breakfast and lunch. Norma needs a final count by Monday – Tuesday at the latest. The key note speaker is Judge Jennifer Green, a family court judge, and she will be speaking on "Judge, can you make her stop smoking marijuana in front of the kids?"

**Announcements:**

1. Please get your dues to Norma by October 31, 2016.
2. Sacred Heart School School is collecting box tops for education with Tashia helping with the collecting.
3. Send Sherry Baca an e-mail on your personal activities to be included as member highlights in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Moore

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

**BECKY SHIELDS** just lost her brother, Herbert Dominguez, and brother-in-law, Mardy Olivas. We extend heartfelt sympathy to her.

**BARBARA SCOTT** is having arthroscopic knee surgery on October 19. She will then be going to Goodyear to stay with her sister while she recuperates. We hope her recovery time is short and that she is back to normal very soon. Prior to her surgery she has been very busy working on the Skull Valley Historical Event that took place in early October.

**SHERRY BACA** and hubby traveled to Utah in their RV in order to explore Zion National Park and Cedar Breaks National Park. They hiked 4-5 miles and the scenery was gorgeous. All the aspens and trees were changing colors.

**MARILYN JENKINS** traveled to Glendora, CA with one of her friends who recently lost her husband. This friend wanted to go to California to celebrate her 75th birthday at her daughter's house there so Marilyn tagged along so she didn't have to travel alone. They had a wonderful time.

**LINDA CRAMER** is excited to have her kitchen back after her husband completed a major remodeling project. She referred to it as his "Adult Lego" project. He ordered everything from IKEA is doing all the work himself.

**DOROTHY EICHBAUM** shares that her Macular Degeneration has progressed to the point that she is seeing a Retinal specialist and is receiving an injection in her right eye once a month. There has been some improvement in the size of a tear in that eye. We, as a community, are very fortunate to have these two Retinal Specialists now serving Prescott and Prescott Valley once a week. They are part of the Retinal Consultants of Arizona, an accomplished practice with an international reputation. The attendance at these clinics indicate that they are meeting a great need for this area. Two ETA members are being treated - **Dorothy Eichbaum and Dorothy Kellerman**

**ELLEN CLOSE** has agreed to take over as coordinator of the Rose Boutique for ETA Chapter at the Fall Workshop. Thanks so much for stepping up and helping out the chapter! She also reports that she will be celebrating her 55 year high school reunion this coming year. She graduated from Salpointe High School in Tucson. There are a group of women from her class and also men who have continued meeting over the years. The men call themselves the ROMEOS - Romantic Old Men Eating Out! If the ladies join them they have the Romeos and the Juliets!

**WALLY TURNER** recently returned from a trip to Hawaii. She cruised to four of the Islands and said that the one she enjoyed the most was Maui. She will be traveling to Austin, Texas soon for some DKG international responsibilities.

**LINDA SPELLMAN** is having some health issues. Please keep in your prayers.

**SHERRY ALIM-KENT** and Steve just got back from 5 days in Rome, a 10-day cruise in the Aegean, and then 6 days in Florence. She reports they loved Sicily. They stopped in Taormina which is a medieval town and watched a wedding there. They went to Mount Etna which was spewing gasses and toured the most recent crater formed in 1986. They ate the most delicious canoli she ever tasted. They did some of the Greek Islands including Mykonos and Santorini, which she learned was named for Saint Irene. Mykonos had the most beautiful blue water. Then they went to Rhodes where the Colossus used to be. When the Knights of the Crusade were thrown out of Jerusalem they built a castle in Rhodes. She and Steve saw different buildings that housed several nationalities of the Knights. These buildings had moats but never contained water. The highlight of the trip was Ephesus where Paul preached to the Ephesians in the street and then moved to the huge amphitheater. It was also where Cleopatra made her entrance into Rome. She said it was very moving to walk the same pathways that Paul had walked. It is also the place Paul was jailed when an earthquake tumbled down the walls. But Paul wouldn't leave the jail. It is said that this caused a Roman guard to convert.

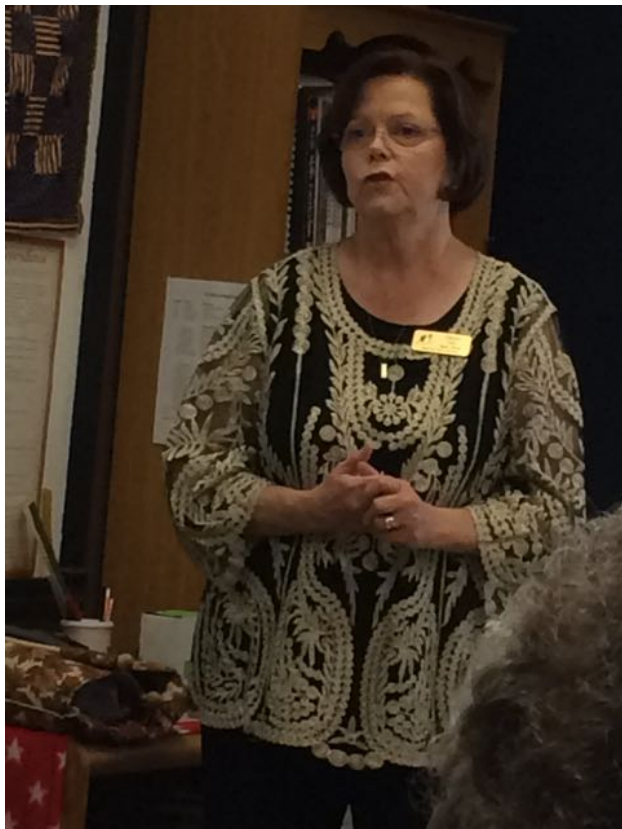
In Florence they visited the famous Cathedral - the Duomo. They went to the Medici tomb which is a chapel full of Michelangelo's sculptures over the bodies. They saw the major Italian Piazzas, a copy of the David statue, and went to the Ponte Vecchio Bridge - but it was so crowded they could hardly walk on it. There they ate a huge, aged Florentine steak that was super thick and rare. The trip entailed lots of walking which was difficult on Sherry's knee. The night before they left, they went back to Rome and stayed in a small town by the airport near the ocean. There they found a little community bar with food that was delightful. They ordered carbonara and the lady made them a special dish of fried shrimp and calamari that was delicious.

**NORMA BAUER** spent fall break fixing both the refrigerator and water softener, pulling weeds, and trimming trees. Her house guest arrived a week early right before fall break. The guest is a friend who used to live here and moved to Virginia but found the climate there did not agree with her health. So she is back in Prescott staying with Norma while she is looking for a place to buy and renovate or a place to build.

**GEORGIA DAVIDSON'S** 1st granddaughter was born on October 20 to parents James and Renee Burchinal Davidson. She weighed 7 lb 2 oz. So far they are calling her BG for "baby girl" because the parents haven't selected a name yet! Georgia and hubby will be traveling to Colorado soon to see the new baby.

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PHOTOS FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING



Cheryl Gray from Big Brothers Big Sisters speaks to Eta Chapter at the October meeting. Cheryl , who is retired, used to teach art at Mingus Union High School

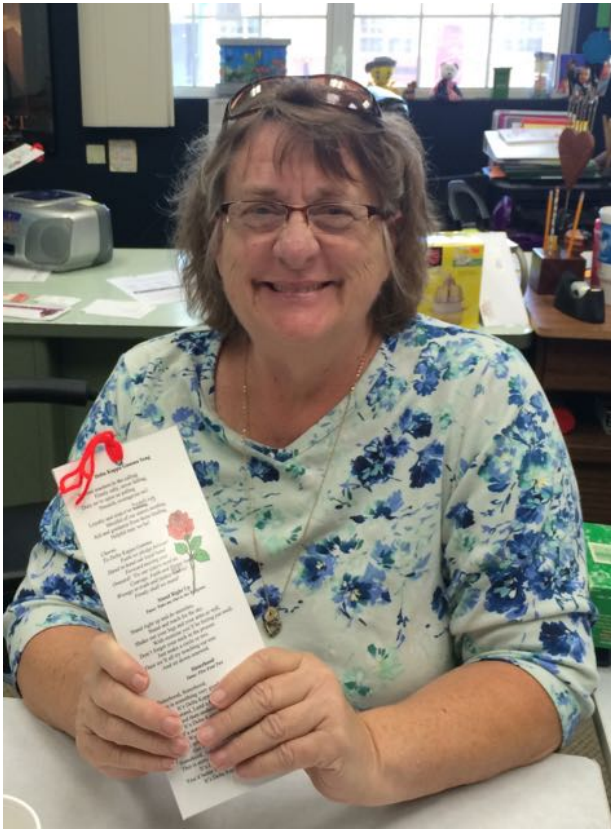


Janice Lay conducts the October meeting from her classroom at American Heritage Academy.



Joyce Moore, Tashia Irvine and Kris Foster

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Georgia Davidson will be joining us as a new member and is scheduled for initiation at the November meeting.



Kathryn Madden will be joining us as a new member and is scheduled for initiation at the November meeting.



Dorothy Eichbaum and Carol Stimple  
In back: Linda Spellman and Ellen Close

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING



Sherry Baca and Joyce Moore



Linda Spellman and Ellen Close



Norma Bauer



Marty Lewis, Kathryn Madden, and Linda Cramer



Veronica Wilson, Donna Stowell, and Mary Fiebigler

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

by Sherry Alimi-Kent

Our next meeting at StoneRidge is initiation of new members and chapter renewal of commitment to DKG. The following will be initiated:

Tasha Cheney  
Georgia Davidson

Selby Ferris  
Erin Harris

Kathryn Madden  
Janet Moore

In addition, we are having a retiree social to honor Yavapai County women educators who recently retired. The following women who have dedicated their professional careers to education and who have recently retired have been invited. If you know of any other woman you would like to invite to this event, we need her name, address or email and phone so we can send an invite. Sherry Alimi-Kent or Kris Foster are the contacts: [s.alimi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.alimi@sbcglobal.net) or [rkfstr@cablone.net](mailto:rkfstr@cablone.net).

Shelly Baker  
Rita Brammer  
Shelly Bunch  
Alma Courtney

Randy Fuller  
Margaret Henwood  
Patsy Huff  
Eileen Klein

Sandy Lutz  
Louisa Nelson  
Debi Schmidt  
Mindy Sherrill  
Barbara White

Be sure to attend our meeting to show you honor them. The speaker is dynamic and addressing *Financial Issues for Women* Good time to invite your friends.



Part of the head table of State Officers at the Fall Workshop Business Meeting  
Dr. Joye Sterrett (President), Diane Sheets (Parliamentarian), Carmen Wendt (Recording Secretary),  
Alice Reule (First Vice President), and Kathi Houtcooper (Second Vice President)

**NEW BUSINESS APPROVED AT FALL WORKSHOP**

The 2017 Fall Workshop was approved for Saturday, October 21, 2017  
at Metro Tech High School, Phoenix, AZ

The 2018 Omicron State Convention was approved for April 13-15, 2018  
at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center, Prescott, AZ  
Single and Double rooms: \$109 Triples: \$119 Quads: \$129  
This will be a training year for new officers at the convention.

### FALL WORKSHOP 2016 METRO TECH HIGH SCHOOL

ETA Chapter had five members attend the Fall Workshop on Phoenix on October 22, 2016: Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Ellen Close, and Wally Turner.

The day began with a continental breakfast of juice, coffee, fruit and assorted pastries. Then there was Boutique time for members to shop at all the chapter sales tables.

Next members attended the business meeting of Omicron State followed by two workshop sessions. A delicious luncheon was prepared for everyone by the students at Metro Tech High School. For the luncheon program, Nancy McMahon from Alpha Chapter gave a presentation on DKG: Then and Now Omicron State 80 Years followed by the keynote speaker, Family Court Judge Jennifer E. Green.

The program concluded with Attendance Awards, Raffle Drawings and the DKG Song.

On the next pages of the newsletter you can find detailed articles about this event.



Ellen Close selling some of her homemade creations (sweaters, booties, hats, finger puppet Halloween items, and cuddly toys) to other chapter members at Fall Workshop.



Norma Bauer, Wally Turner, Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, and Ellen Close



Ellen Close at our Boutique table with the jewelry and handmade items.



**FALL WORKSHOP BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

summarized by Sherry Baca

State President Dr. Joye Sterrett called the meeting to order with the salute to the Flag and Gloria Day led us in singing *God Bless America*. Merry Lewis from Nu had the Opening Thought related to *Unleash Your Joy*. After introductions Carmen Wendt from Chi gave the credentials report. We had 9 past presidents in attendance, 6 voting members, and 28 chapter presidents. At 8:20 a.m. there were 145 members signed in but later in the morning they revised the report to 173 registered - the most the Fall Workshop has had for several years. Normal business followed including parliamentary rules, adoption of the agenda, approval of minutes, correspondence and treasurer's report. During a stretch break, Gloria Day led the group in *Gymnastic Relief!* Several other Committee Reports were given and some of these are highlighted below:

**Communications and Publicity:** Kathy Green from Alpha Delta had 4 calls to action

- 1) nominate for media award
- 2) visit international and state web sites
- 3) schedule software meetings from home
- 4) write for the Sahuaro

**Membership:** Kathy Houtcooper from Alpha Iota reminded everyone of the 3 R's: Recruit, Retain, Reinstate and of the membership goal of 7 by 17. Chapters were encouraged to use the brochure *A Journey for Life*.

**Nominations:** Rachel Wear from Alpha Rho said the deadline for nominations for the 2017-19 biennium is 12-1-16: President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

**Achievement Award:** Evelyn Craft from Lambda introduced Mary Ann Liddle as the 2016 winner. Nominations for 2017 due 2-15-17.

**Arts:** Diane Gara-Weiner from Alpha Delta reminded members about the arts retreat in Carefree Jan. 14-15, 2017.

**Educational Excellence:** Alice Reule from Alpha Delta reminded chapters to update Strategic Action Plans and mentioned a couple new projects with the Girl Scouts and a Project Spotlight we will be hearing more about later. Accomplishments include leadership training for VP's, Schools for Africa, updated State Strategic Action Plan, collection of chapter yearbooks, collection of collaborative connection hours, receiving nominations for spotlight award, and investigating non-dues revenue possibilities in the form of sponsors for the state convention.

**Legislative:** Marilyn Duerbeck from Alpha Iota reported that DKG had presented the check representing the value of collaborative connection hours to State School Superintendent Diane Douglas. Legislative Day will be Feb. 15 and part of it will be held in the historic senate chambers. Members encouraged to read papers on Prop. 2015 and to be sure to vote.

**Scholarship:** Mary Ann Liddle from Lambda reported the website and scholarship application form have been updated and are interactive on the web. The same is true for the Jo Reginald Fund web site. They are still working on updating the brochures and raising money to increase the scholarships given.

**Sahuaro:** Merry Lewis asked members to send in articles and to pass on copies of our newsletter to prospective members as it is our main marketing device. She will be asking specific members to write articles on today's workshop sessions.

**Our Treasured Past:** Shelley Smith from Lambda reported this book is published every 10 years and each chapter is to submit a chapter highlight. She has items from 14 of the 28 chapters. Goal is to publish it by Fall Workshop 2017.

**Invitation to 2017 Convention in Tucson:** Rhonda Boales & Marty Nedon from Alpha Zeta performed an invitation skit: *Hear Ye Hear Ye Hear Ye* - Call to attend the convention. Shiny brass keys with magnets were given out to bring to the convention for a chance to win a drawing.

At the close of the reports Gloria Day led us in a song to the tune of *She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain*. The song was *There are Strong, Empowered Women Here Today*.

## FALL WORKSHOP SESSION SUMMARIES

### What Do You Know About 80 Years in Omicron State?

summarized by Sherry Baca

Priscilla Hall (Tau) and Sherry Baca (Eta) shared this presentation. Priscilla first presented each participant with a 2016 Shiny Lincoln Penny and two sheets of paper to play a “scratch off” game focusing on Omicron State’s 16 founders. The purpose was to illustrate how much each of us has in common with these founders. She used past issues of *Our Treasurer Past* to research each of the founders. Each founder was assigned a number. On the two papers she had listed their number next to the states where they were born, the schools they attended, the places they had worked, and the organizations to which they belonged. Audience members then played “scratch off” to see which founders were born in their same state, attended their same school, etc. It was a fun activity. Priscilla related that to make the scratch off solution you mix 1 part Dawn dish soap with 2 parts paint. Before putting the scratch off solution over the numbers on the paper, she first placed a piece of clear tape on the paper so the solution didn’t bleed through the paper.

Following this activity, she read a brief paragraph on each founder, highlighting fun and interesting tidbits of information. For example; the only founder born in Arizona was Mrs. Frances Toland Boyer. And Evelyn Jones Kirmse was a “flapper” from 1924. May Davis Spalding, who was related to the Confederacy President Jefferson Davis, is credited with being the first Southern Belle to ride astride. Two of our founders were instrumental in establishing and maintaining the current teacher retirement system in Arizona: Anne Paget Rogers and Constance Fitch Smith.

Following Priscilla’s presentation, Sherry Baca introduced participants to the game: *I have...Who has...* Each person was given two cards. Each card contained an answer to an Omicron State history question and an answer to a different question. One person was selected to start and read one question. Then everyone searched their cards for the answer. Whoever had the answer, read that answer and then asked the question on that card. Play continued around the room until all the questions and answers were read. Sherry provided handouts for everyone showing how to play this game in other subjects including math, social studies, and science. She also gave each person a copy of the 30 cards with the Omicron history questions so they could take them back to their chapters to play the game. A partial sample of how the game goes is below:

Who has the number of Founders of Omicron State?

I have 16. Who has the flower of the organization?

I have the red rose. Who has the name of the first president of Omicron State?

I have Anna Rogers. Who has.....

### Kristy Miller, Indiana Jones (Archaeologist Extraordinaire)

summarized by Norma Bauer and Ellen Close

This was an excellent presentation with a very good speaker. Kirsty Miller from Alpha Beta is an adjunct Professor in Anthropology at Estrella Mountain Community College and Lab Director for Al-Baleed Archaeological Site in Salalah, Oman. She first spoke about going on a 6 week *Field School* which is basically a dig. (She related a side story about telling her grandma she was so excited to be going to Oman. Her grandma wanted to know what was such a big deal about going to Omaha?) Following the Field School experience she spent a semester in Oman her senior year of college on another dig. Kirsty showed slides of the digs, the people involved, and a few artifacts. She brought some Frankincense and showed the group. This only comes from either Oman or Somalia.

She spent time explaining how meticulous they are at a dig taking notes and photos continuously at each stage of the dig. They even note the weather at various times of the dig and keep absolutely everything they find. They now use laptops so they can cross reference findings easier and they use drones for mapping the sites. While digging on one side of a wall she found a small shard of pottery and others behind the wall found more shards. When put together they made little containers that were used for burning the Frankincense. One artifact had been used a lot and the other had not been used at all. They discovered one site that had to be a market place and supply station travelers stopped at before crossing the desert.

She related that she felt safe at all the places she worked on digs which included Oman and Yemen. As far as the culture, she said that the women are much less restricted than before but she chose to be conservative in her dress so she could visit places easier and not call attention to herself. She worked with men who lived there but said there was still gender separation. She spoke a bit on Egypt too. If you haven’t been to this part of the world, she recommended you put it on your bucket list. She is abroad 5-9 weeks every year now. The place she goes is right on the ocean and has tennis courts. She is an avid tennis player. Kristy is working on her doctorate and has two masters degrees. Her next dig is Dec. 7- Jan. 16.



## FALL WORKSHOP SESSION SUMMARIES

### Chapter Presidents: Everyone Is a Leader

summarized by Sherry Alimi-Kent

This session was extremely well organized and a very efficient use of time with useful information. There were shared responsibilities from the members of the Leadership Development Committee. Rachel Wear from Alpha Rho is chair of the committee. The purpose of this session was to augment the knowledge of chapter presidents related to chapter activities. Participants were encouraged to use the web site and were reminded that to access it you need your membership number that can be found on your membership card or on your mailing label from international. It was suggested that you change the default password if you ever plan to order anything so that your credit card information isn't compromised.

The group did a nice role play on parliamentary procedure highlighting the making of motions, amendments, and other business procedures.

### National Legislative Seminar

summarized by Wally Turner

Three of us presented information on bullying, gun violence, human trafficking, pay equity, and the National Women's History Museum plus learning how to advocate. The three presenters were Marilyn Duerbeck from Alpha Iota, Susan Halliday from Alpha Delta and Wally Turner from Eta. Workshop participants were encouraged to attend the next National Legislative Seminar (NLS) in 2018 in Washington, D.C. They were also shown a video on NLS attendees and speakers.

Participants were reminded that DKG Purpose #4 directly relates to this seminar: *To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.*



### DKG Travel - Highlights of England, Scotland, and Ireland

summarized by Norma Bauer and Ellen Close

Three people who went on the DKG trip to England, Scotland and Ireland presented this session: Marge Threewit from Alpha Beta, Merry Lewis from Nu and Susan Dolman from Alpha. There were 24 on this tour. They showed slides and talked about some of the places they visited. The tour took place the last two weeks of July when it was very hot and humid in England and there was no air conditioning. They visited several castles, palaces and countrysides. The next DKG trip coming up in 2017 will be June 2-14. The tour is going to Lisbon, Seville, Madrid and the Basque Country. Participants learned how to sign up for these trips.

### Tech Workshop: Teacher Guide to Pinterest

summarized by Sherry Baca

Tracey Antista from Xi chapter led participants in this technology workshop focusing on Pinterest. She related that she is not only an APPoholic because she has so many apps on her devices or pinned on Pinterest, but she is also a "Pinterject" because she has over 3000 pins on her Pinterest site. She thanked DKG for sponsoring her 5 years ago with a scholarship to the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference where she was able to hone her technology skills.

She asked participants how they used to organize their teaching materials before there was technology to make them easily available. Most everyone replied that they used file cabinets, file folders, a cataloguing system, post its, etc. Now Pinterest can replace these items. Pinterest is an online pin board that allows you to organize and share materials. When Pinterest first came around in about 2009 there were about 450 members and the top 3 categories were recipes, wedding dresses and braids. It has grown by over 4,377% and now has over 10 million members. It is used heavily by teachers at all levels, schools, and students. The average time spent on the site is 98 minutes per month. She shared that Pinterest has a notification system where copyright holders can request content be removed from the site.

Tracey had an online handout and walked participants through signing in on Pinterest and explaining how they could pin items to their boards. She also showed her personal boards and how she has her own pins organized. She also shared that [commonsense.org](http://commonsense.org) is a good place to get rating for apps and movies used with children.

**FALL WORKSHOP LUNCHEON**

summarized by Sherry Baca

Dr. Joye Sterrett welcomed members to the luncheon and then Gloria Day led everyone in a song of blessing: *We Gather Round*. Students from Metro Tech High School gave up their weekend to prepare and serve a wonderful lunch for everyone consisting of Chicken and Mushroom Ragout in Vol-au-Vent, Radicchio and Romaine Salad with Tomato, Cilantro and Honey Mustard Dressing, Asparagus, Mini Zucchini and Bran Muffins, 80th Anniversary Cupcakes, and Assorted Cookies.

To start the program, Nancy Mahon from Alpha Chapter gave an interesting presentation on *DKG: Then and Now Omicron State 80 Years*. As the very first chapter in the state, Alpha prepared a table of photos and memorabilia of our early history. Nancy discussed some of the 16 founders including Ida May Flood and Anne Paget Rogers. Many of them have schools named after them. DKG played a very important role in our state retirement system and our ladies were active during World War II. Nancy shared some interesting facts about our history in the 1940's. Early meetings found members wearing hats, dressy dresses, and gloves. Members were all seated at the same large table in order to promote communication and camaraderie among the group. One time a large table seated 90 members. Only American Beauty Roses were used and members had to memorize the Greek Alphabet. Membership used to be limited to 10% of teachers in the county. Teachers had to have taught for 5 years before they were eligible for membership. The initiation fee was \$10 and dues were \$3. The name used to be Kappa Delta Gamma. Lots of our history repeats itself - the past does have implications for the future.

Nu Chapter was congratulated for initiating 11 new members and already meeting the 7 by 17 membership goal. First timer awards were presented to several members. The attendance award for the highest percentage attending from outside the area went to Zeta chapter with 50% attending. The attendance award for within the area went to Alpha Delta with 72% of their membership in attendance.

Five raffle baskets were given:

- 1) Kneaders Bakery Basket of assorted food.
- 2) Movie Nite Basket with DVD's, candy, gift cards
- 3) Red, White and Blue Gardening Basket
- 4) Bucket of Books Basket with Reading Lamp
- 5) Wine, Cheese, & Crackers Basket with gift cards

Following the keynote speaker, members sang the *Delta Kappa Gamma Song*. This was followed by committee meetings and the last time to visit the Rose Boutique!

**“Judge, can you make her stop smoking marijuana in front of the kids?”****A Day in the Life of a Family Court Judge**

summarized by Sherry Baca

Kathy Green from Alpha Delta Chapter had the pleasure of introducing the keynote speaker for the luncheon, her daughter, Jennifer E. Green, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge. As her mother, Kathy related that her daughter displayed the 1st born characteristic of reliability, was energetic and an overachiever. She got her first court experience as a teenager when she first received her driver's license and rear ended an undercover policeman. She is very involved in sports, runs 10 K's and marathons and knows how to be a fierce competitor. She stays in shape by hiking the Grand Canyon and is a wife, mother, attorney, and judge with two preschool boys. She was appointed judge in 2014 and took the bench in February 2015 assigned to family court. Jennifer related that there are two things she always tries to remember:

- 1) In every case there are really good people at very bad times of their lives.
- 2) There are a lot of self represented litigants so it is her task to teach and explain to them why they are there

Her work with family court has much in common with the education profession. Both want to do what is in the best interests of the children. She explained the three main areas she has to rule on are:

- 1) Legal Decision Making and Parenting Time
- 2) School Choice
- 3) Relocation

In the case of Legal Decision Making there are three possibilities: joint legal decision making, joint decision making with final decision given to one parent, and sole legal decision making. The first of the three is the preferred option but the latter occurs when one parent might have issues such as substance abuse or domestic violence. In the situation of parenting time, equal time with the kids is preferred if it can be worked out.

School choice is deciding where the kids should go to school. Should it be near the custodial parent, where the kids have been going, or somewhere in the middle? Since she grew up going to a neighborhood school she always thought that was the best choice but in speaking to psychologists and looking at the changing landscape of society, this isn't often the best solution. She has to weigh many factors before making her decision including school ratings, school size, curriculum, teacher quality, special program needs of the child, extracurricular, etc.

Relocation decisions have to be made if a custodial parent needs to move due to a job promotion. She has to decide if the relocation is being made in good faith and what most benefits the kids. There are court cases that mandate what factors she has to consider in her decisions. It is not an easy task.

**GUEST SPEAKER PROVIDES INFORMATION ON ARIZONA TAX CREDITS**

Our October guest speaker from Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) encouraged everyone to consider donating to BBBS this year and shared the following flyer regarding the new amounts allowable for tax credits in Arizona.

 **Arizona Tax Credits** 

**What is a Tax Credit?**


**Tax Credits** are designed to encourage or reward certain types of behavior that are considered beneficial to the economy, the environment or to further any other purpose the government deems important.

**What’s the difference between a tax credit and a tax deduction?**

Tax credits generally save you more in taxes than deductions  
Deductions only reduce the amount of your income that is subject to tax, whereas credits directly reduce your tax bill.

A **tax credit** is a **dollar-for-dollar** reduction of the income tax you owe. For example, if you owe \$1,000 in Arizona taxes, but are eligible for an \$800 tax credit, your net liability drops to \$200.

**The five popular Arizona Tax Credits available to taxpayers for 2016:**

<b>CreditType:</b>	<b>Amount Available</b>	<b>When to Make</b>	<b>Example Org</b>
<b>Contributions to Qualifying Charitable Organizations (QCO)-</b>	<b>\$400 Single \$800 Married Joint</b>	<b>By April 15 of following year</b>	<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters</b> 
<b>Contributions to Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organizations (QFCO)</b>	<b>\$500 Single \$1,000 Married Joint</b>	<b>By April 15 of following year</b>	<b>Yavapai CASA for Kids</b>
<b>Donations to Public Schools (includes Public Charters)</b>	<b>\$200 Single \$400 Married Joint</b>	<b>By April 15 of following year</b>	<b>PUSD, HUSD BASIS, Tri City</b>
<b>Donations to Private School Tuition Organizations (STO)</b>	<b>\$545 Single \$1,090 Married Joint (and PLUS \$542 Single \$1,083 Married)</b>	<b>By April 15 of following year</b>	<b>Orme/Primavera Schools Fdn. Prescott Christian Schools Fdn.</b>

**\*\* This is NEW for 2016!!!**

**Other Notable Facts:**

- Donors receive a tax credit on their Arizona returns and a tax deduction if they itemize on their Federal returns. You don’t have to itemize to take the Arizona credit.  
**THIS ACTUALLY MAKES THE TAXPAYER MONEY!!**
- Unused credits can be carried over for 5 years (you can’t get a refund from paying tax credits over the amount of tax you owe). For example: you owe \$100 for Arizona taxes, but you gave a \$400 tax credit to BBBS. The extra \$300 will carry over to next year and be applied to next year’s AZ taxes owed (up to 5 years).



**TAYLOR HICKS WORKDAYS  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
Wednesday, January 18, 2017  
Wednesday, March 29, 2017



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- \*Increase Membership**
- \* Enhance Programs**
- \* Build Leadership**

**Omicron State Calendar**

**January 13-15, 2017**  
*Creative Arts Retreat  
Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center  
7415 E. Elbow Bend Road  
Carefree, Arizona 85377*

**February 15, 2017**  
*DKG Legislative Day  
State Capitol*

**April 21-23, 2017**  
*Omicron State Convention  
Radisson Suites  
6555 E. Speedway Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ*

**July 4-7, 2017**  
*Southwest Regional Conference  
Honolulu, Hawaii*

**October 21, 2017**  
*Fall Workshop  
Metro Tech High School  
Phoenix, AZ*

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

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