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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

Judge Green to address members at the Fall Workshop

The speaker at the Fall Workshop Luncheon will be Judge Jennifer E. Green, a Family Court judge in Mesa, Arizona. Her topic is "Judge, can you make her stop smoking marijuana in front of the kids? A Day in the Life of a Family Court Judge."



Judge Green.
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As you can tell by the title of her presentation, there are always requests to be answered; educators are not the only ones challenged by difficult questions. Judge Green will discuss issues that arise in family court cases that may be of special interest to educators: school choice petitions, legal decision-making regarding educational decisions, and emergency motions related to parenting time (very common in August as school begins). Time permitting, she will put on her best Alex Trebek voice and engage us in "Legal Jeopardy." Get your buzzers ready!

A 1997 graduate of ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court in December 2014, Judge Green is currently assigned to family court in Mesa. Prior to her appointment, she served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Section Chief of Southwest Border Crimes prosecuting both violent crime in Indian Country and drug trafficking cases. In Maricopa County, she prosecuted vehicular crimes, including vehicular homicides, and gang and repeat offender cases.

Delta Kappa Gamma is no secret to Judge Green as both her mother (Kathy Green) and mother-in-law (Christa Dettmer) are members of Alpha Delta Chapter.

Kathy Green, Alpha Delta

Fall Workshop Highlights— Celebrate 80 Years of Omicron State

The annual Executive Board/All Member Workshop is October 22 at Metro Tech High School. Enjoy a day with continental breakfast, Executive Board Meeting, workshops, lunch and speaker. The school is located at 19th Avenue and Thomas, Phoenix. Park in the west main entrance parking lot on Thomas Road and go to the café for breakfast. Registration will be in Building 1 in the Lecture Hall. Registration fee: \$25.00 (payable to your chapter)

7:00 - 8:00 Continental Breakfast - Meet your friends at the Café and have coffee, rolls and juice.

Rose Boutique - Set up and opening. Closed during meetings.

7:15 - 8:00 Registration - You will have already registered at a chapter meeting. Pick up registration materials outside the Lecture Hall

8:15 - 9:50 Executive Board Meeting - All chapter presidents make up the Executive Board and vote on motions affecting our state organization. All members are invited to attend.

10:00 - 10:55 Session One Workshops

11:00 - 11:55 Session Two Workshops

12:15 Lunch Luncheon Speaker---Judge Jennifer Green, Superior Court Judge, "Judge, can you make her stop smoking marijuana in front of the kids? A day in the life of a family judge".

Raffle Drawings for baskets made by chapters for Spring Convention 2017.

2:00 - 2:30 Rose Boutique Open

2:00 - 3:00 Committee Meetings



194 Little Dresses made by DKG Arizona members were sent to Africa in June. Pictured here at the packing party are Sue Mueller (Alpha Delta), Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta), Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) and Lynn Pinda (Alpha Alpha).





KEY THOUGHTS FROM Joye

Our biennium theme Keys to Success has one more key: “Build Leadership”. The other two, “Increase Membership” and “Enhance Programs”, were addressed in the previous two Key Thoughts columns and will continue to be part of our Keys to Success focus.

Leadership and leadership studies have been on my mind since I worked on my doctorate. On my shelves with Madeline Hunter and Benjamin Bloom is a book entitled *Administration in Public Education* by Stephen Knezevich, with its emphasis on business management. I have recently added, from the DKG state president’s training in Wichita and Nashville, *One Piece of Paper: The Simple Approach to Powerful, Personal Leadership* by Mike Figliuolo. His book tells us to create maxims (a saying or statement) to help us remember the best ways we lead, with sections on “Leading the Thinking” and “Leading Your People”. If you wish, review this book at www.onepieceofpaper.com/about-one-piece-of-paper.

As chapter officers start a new biennium, it is a good time to look at why we need to encourage leadership and leadership training which benefit, of course, those being led and the organization itself. But most of all, leadership benefits the leader. Knowledge gained from leadership experiences can be used to help elsewhere: at home, in the community, on the job and in organizations. Delta Kappa Gamma members already have strong leadership skills, developed in the classroom, where they have used skills for organization, preparation, presentation, and reaching and motivating students and parents. Holding a chapter office further develops these skills.

The next time a leadership opportunity comes your way, accept it and learn from it. You are contributing to your own personal development as well as contributing to the success of your organization.

Creative arts retreat

January 13 -15, 2017

Now is the time to begin thinking about the next Creative Arts Retreat scheduled for January 13 -15, 2017. For those of you have attended previous retreats, you know it is a weekend of camaraderie, arts and crafts, music and sometimes a skit where you can try out your theatrical talents. This is an opportunity to learn something new and treat yourself to a special weekend. You might also like to share your talents and expertise as a demonstrator. New ideas are always welcome.

Spirit in the Desert, in Carefree, Arizona is the location. There the air is fresher, the environment quieter, the food tastier and the accommodations are pleasant (no TV). The cost is \$170 and includes accommodation for one night, several meals and all supplies for projects.

You don’t need to participate in the events or crafting. You might like to simply relax and enjoy the weekend. Guests are welcome for the same fee.

Look for reservation forms at the Fall workshop. You may make a deposit then and enter your name for a chance to win ½ of the registration fee.

Contact Diane Gara-Weiner at dgweiner@hotmail.com or 602-266-1732 for questions. If you have an idea for a craft or event, contact Denise Crockett at dcrockett@saffordusd.k12.az.us or 928-428-8069.

Diane Gara-Weiner, Alpha Delta



Kathryn Lackey (Nu) has received a Cornet Individual Professional Development Award from the Educational Foundation. She will attend the Association of Educational Therapists conference entitled “Cultivating Wisdom While Embracing Change” in California. Look for Lackey’s workshop on this concept at the spring convention.

Melissa Hankins of Goodyear, Arizona, has received a Cornet Individual Professional Development Award. She plans to attend the 2016 National Conference on Differentiated Instruction.

Wally Turner (Eta) will chair the International Non-Dues Revenue Committee for the 2016-2018 biennium.

Advanced study scholarships available

DKG Omicron scholarships are available to DKG members who are pursuing advanced studies.

Suggested programs of study are as follow:

- ~ continuing education
- ~ Masters Degree
- ~ PHD or Ed.D Degree
- ~ National Board Certification
- ~ advanced or specialized credentials

See the revised Omicron State Scholarships website and interactive application form for details of eligibility and deadlines at deltakappagamaomicron.org.

Mary Ann Liddle, Lambda

The way we were...

January 25, 1936 (80 years ago) - Omicron State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was installed in Tucson, Arizona by Mrs. Ruby T. Lomax of Austin, Texas.

1941 (75 years ago) – On November 15, 1941, DKG members met in Phoenix to hear the President of the NEA speak on “Pioneer Women in Education.” She urged members to show appreciation of those pioneers by “standing close together in rights and duties in time of unrest.”

1966 (50 years ago) – Edwyna Rosenbaum was initiated as a state honorary member. When her husband, a state legislator, died in 1949, “Polly” was appointed to complete his term and continued serving in the Arizona House of Representatives until 1994.

1991 (25 years ago) – The state was divided into seven Units for convention planning. The decision to hold a state convention every year was passed at the spring convention.

2016 Fall Workshops offer something for everyone

SESSION I

What Do You Know about 80 years in Omicron State?

Pricilla Hall (Tau) will give an interesting review of the early days of Omicron State and how we were established as a state organization only 5 years after Delta Kappa Gamma was organized in Austin. Sherry Baca (Eta) and Dorothy Eichbaum (Eta) will review Omicron State history with a game that can be used for review or test preparation in any classroom or for chapter activities to share information. Game review instructions will be included. These questions cover 80 years of Omicron State. (Participants will not be put on the spot. You know more than you think you do.)

Bullet Journaling: Record Your Thoughts and Organize Your Life

Carmen Wendt (Chi) will present this workshop. If you are not into traditional journaling, this may be the method for you. As the title suggests, you journal in brief, bullet phrases. It is a method to track your *To Do* list, record notes, work on building habits, draw or sketch, plan a project or event, and more. All in one book! Come for a look and leave with a powerful tool to manage and reflect on yourself.

Teaching American History through Art Masterpieces

In this workshop, art teacher Denise Crockett (Kappa), will present eight artworks to identify and explain scenes of American History. Some of them are “The First Thanksgiving,” “The Trail of Tears,” “Across the Continent” (the railroad crossing the plains), “The Departure of the 7th Regiment” and four others. She will include a disc with the masterworks and have a packet for you to take with you. If you are interested in history, art, or cross curricular topics, this is the workshop for you!

Kristy Miller, Indiana Jones (Archaeologist Extraordinaire)

Ancient cultures and civilizations come to life as Kristy Miller (Alpha Beta) discusses her world travels unearthing cities long buried by desert sands and diving for artifacts in exotic locations. Miller shares her experiences as a female archaeologist working in the Middle East and participating in local customs.

Chapter Presidents: Everyone is a Leader – Continued

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) and members of the Leadership Development Committee will present this session for chapter presidents and will cover additions to chapter leadership instruction that were requested on the evaluations of Leadership Training at Convention 2016. Important items not covered at that time will be reviewed. This session will be a perfect opportunity for new presidents to share their chapter progress and needs thus far into this biennium. All Chapter Presidents are urged to attend.

SESSION II:

Foldables III: Subject Matter Applications

Presented by Janet Vickers (Omega) and Judy Lewis (Omega), Foldables is back by popular demand! Never used Foldables? This workshop will help beginners as well as the advanced Foldables student. Subject matter applications will be presented. What Foldables are useful for Math, History, Literature, Science? Try these ideas to pull students into the subject matter with an interesting and useful activity.

Hot Topics for Educational Excellence: DKG/UN Relationship with UNICEF

Vickie Berglind (Alpha) will share how the Schools for Africa, DKG/UN relationship contributes to education and their work around the globe. What most recent information from DKG/UN can you use in your chapter and in

the classroom? Find out what is available from the internet at the UN website that teachers can use. Work sheets and web addresses will be provided. Some other topics presented by the Educational Excellence Committee will include Strategic Planning, Girl Scouts, Project Spotlight, Support of Early Career Educators, Omicron Spotlight Awards and Collaborative Connections.

National Legislative Seminar

Presenters Marilyn Duerbeck (Alpha Iota), Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta), and Wally Turner (Eta) will report on the National Legislative Seminar which supports Purpose 4 – “To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.” Learn about the seminar and the issues discussed at the 2016 NLS. Topics include Pay Equity, Human Trafficking, Bullying/Cyber Bullying, Gun Violence, and Mental Health. Get involved so that you can educate and participate.

Technology 101: Pinterest and Teacher Resources/Apps to Pin

Tracey Antista (XI) states, “Pinterest has quickly become one of the biggest ways for teachers to share resources and information short of Twitter. It lets you build ‘boards’ and easily ‘pin’ parts of the web (text, images, videos, websites, etc.) onto those boards. Simple enough, right? Tracey will share *Edudemics* “Teacher’s Guide to Pinterest”. This guide gives some new ideas about how to use Pinterest in an educational setting. Bring a tech device and start pinning! <http://www.edudemic.com/guides/the-teachers-guide-to-pinterest/>

DKG Travel—Highlights of England, Scotland, and Ireland

Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta), Merry Lewis (Nu), and Susan Dolman (Alpha) just returned from DKG’s Inaugural trip to England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Highlights of this trip will be revealed. Members can learn about the next DKG sponsored trip to Spain and how to sign up for this trip in 2017.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

**Registration form for Rose Boutique space at Fall Workshop
Saturday, October 22, 2016**

Name of Chapter _____

Contact Person Name _____

Email address _____

Unless you have unusual space needs, your chapter will be assigned to a one-half table. Rose Boutique will be located just south of main dining room and set-up time will be 7:00 am.

TYPES OF ITEMS YOU PLAN TO SELL:

1. _____

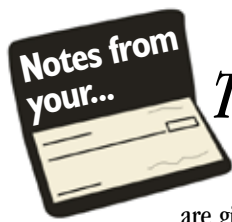
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Please be sure a member of your chapter is available to man you space during open Rose Boutique time.

Return this form to: Diane Gara-Weiner
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602-266-1732

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION – OCTOBER 8, 2016
(Feel free to scan your registration form and email to me)



State Treasurer

This is to remind you that scholarships are given to DKG members and Grants-in-aid monies are designated funds to non-members.

In my annual report to headquarters, I proudly related that Omicron chapters have given \$592 in scholarships and \$15,200 in grants. Omicron State gave \$2000 in scholarship funds.

Chapters (and members) are always welcome to contribute funds to the state scholarship fund or the Jo Regenold fund. For additional information contact Marge Threewit at mthreewit@hotmail.com.

Marge Threewit, Alpha Beta



Carmen Wendt (Chi) participated in the Ceremony of Remembrance.

Time to nominate future leaders.....

Nominations for new officers for the 2017-2019 biennium are now being accepted. Nominations are needed for Omicron State president, first and second vice-presidents, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary. A member from each area of the state must be nominated for the Nominations Committee. Potential candidates should be approached and give permission before forms are filled out. Nominations may be made by individuals or by chapters.

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), Nominations Committee Chairman, said "We have many qualified leaders in our state. I am looking forward to receiving many nominations."

Nomination forms will be on the website (<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/AZ/>), and will be available from chapter presidents. Forms must be submitted to Rachel Wear (rachelw77@cox.net) by December 1, 2016.

Twenty-three members from Arizona attend convention

Omicron State was well represented at the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Members attending included:

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Alpha Delta)
Lori Good (Alpha Alpha)
Evelyn Craft (Lambda)
Jean Fuer Davis (Alpha Rho)
Gloria Day (Alpha)
Marilyn Duerbeck (Alpha Iota)
Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)
Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta)
Kathy Houtcooper (Alpha Iota)
Merry Lewis (Nu)
Kristy Miller (Alpha Beta)
Bea Olivas (Alpha Rho)
Linda Perl (Chi)
Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)
Donna Reynolds (Alpha Epsilon)
Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu)
Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta)
Carolyn Simbari (Nu)
Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta)
Wally Turner (Eta)
Janet Vickers (Omega)
Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho)
Carmen Wendt (Chi)

Below, Arizona members wait for the next event at the International Convention.



Calling all educators



The purpose of the Jo Regenold Fund is to give financial help to those in the classroom, particularly early career educators. Out-of-pocket classroom expenses not reimbursed by an employer may qualify for assistance from this fund. Some suggested purposes include:

- ~ student-enriching projects such as science, art, music
- ~ production of a dramatic performance
- ~ field trip not covered by employer
- ~ conference or seminar registration, supplies

See our updated website and interactive application form on the deltakappagammaomicron.org website.

Mary Ann Liddle, Lambda

Inaugural DKG Tour

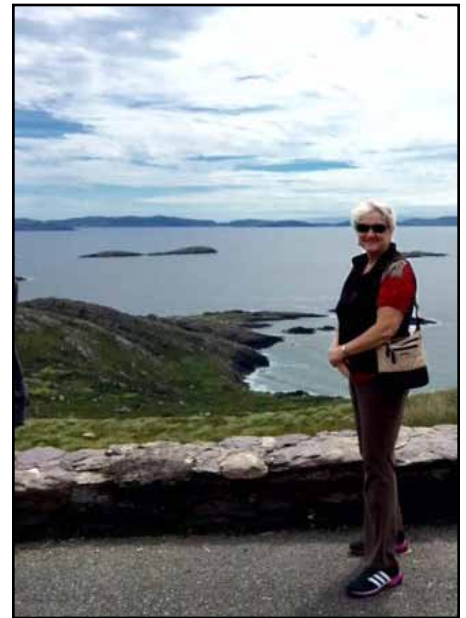
DKG formed the International Non-Dues Revenue Committee with the objective of raising Society funds so that membership dues would not need to be increased. Some of the projects over the years have included association with various insurance companies, encouraging vendors to sponsor portions of International events and, best of all, the Marketplace at conventions and conferences.

This year the committee under the chairmanship of Helen Popovich (Florida) and with Arizona's own Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) aligned the Society with GoAhead Tours, a Boston company that specializes in student and other group tours. The 2016 tour included visits to England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Twenty-two tourists along with a representative from GoAhead and a guide were on the inaugural trip.

Arizona was well represented by Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta), Merry Lewis (Nu) and Susan Dolman (Alpha), as well as Ron and Joanne Schutter from Tucson. Dr. Beverly Helms, past International President and Omicron's spring guest, was the DKG representative on the trip.

Travel occurred by air, train, bus, ferry and a horse cart ride through an Irish park and town. Members attended an Irish dinner and evening of entertainment, shopped, trooped through numerous castles and homes, shopped some more, dined together, wine together, and toured everything from cathedrals to the Guinness factory. This first trip was very successful.

In June of 2017, the next trip will tour Portugal, Spain and the Basque territory. You can read more at <http://portugalandspaindkg.grouptoursite.com>, and you can hear more about both trips at the Fall Workshop on October 22, 2016.



Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) enjoys the views on the Society's Inaugural trip to the UK and Ireland.

Merry Lewis, Nu

Omicron officers and members participate at Convention

Omicron members attending the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee were very busy attending meetings, conducting workshops, working at the Marketplace, attending to assigned duties and counting ballots.

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) attended the Leadership sessions as a member of the International Executive Board. Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) represented the state at the Founder's Day Banquet and at an Executive Board meeting. She also honored Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) and Dr. Barbara Baker (Alpha Delta) at the memorial service.

International committee members Donna Reynolds (Alpha Epsilon, Educational Foundation), Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta, Non-Dues Revenue Committee) and Carmen Wendt (Chi, Membership Committee) participated in committee activities throughout the week at workshops, breakout sessions, and at the new session known as "Hot Topics". In addition, Reynolds served as a hostess at the "Wildhorse Saloon" event. Threewit sang with the International Chorus and Wendt presented an individual workshop and participated in the Celebration of Life ceremonies.

Gloria Day (Alpha) sang with the chorus. Merry Lewis (Nu) worked at the Marketplace and presented a workshop on Leadership Activities. Kristy Miller (Alpha Beta) also presented a workshop. Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) and Marilyn Duerback (Alpha Iota) counted ballots at the US Forum. Wally Turner (Eta) was appointed to the committee to edit the minutes of the general

sessions and helped at the US Forum. Several members helped Lewis at the Marketplace.

Conventions are amazing. One leaves the convention uplifted, amazed at our organization and all it accomplishes and grateful for the friendships renewed and the new ones formed.

Merry Lewis, Nu

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) paid tribute to Berneil Drake and Dr. Barbara Baker.



Above, Carolyn Simbari (Nu) and Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu) enjoy the gardens at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.



Merry Lewis (Nu), Jean Davis (Alpha Rho), and Bea Olivas (Alpha Rho) work at the Marketplace. Proceeds were donated to Arizona's Latin America fund.

Shades of Indiana Jones by Kristy Miller

Kristy Miller (Alpha Beta) is the “real deal” archaeologist, studying human cultures through their material remains. Her workshop at the International Convention in Nashville drew a large audience.



Kristy Miller (Alpha Beta) presented a workshop in Nashville.

Miller and her husband travel and write together every summer in the ancient Middle Ages port of Al-Baleed, in the lagoon at the eastern end of a beach at Salalah. This area is being developed into a large archaeological park and is in Oman, a more inclusive part of the world. Over 35,000 tourists visited the museum last year. During the rest of the year she works at a museum and college in the Phoenix area. For her summer job, she undergoes a major culture shift: no makeup and clothing that covers extremities when she is in town. At the dig site she can dress more comfortably. She is also a nautical/scuba diver looking for the remains of the seaport.

During her workshop we learned that the Frankincense Trail goes through this area.

Frankincense is tree sap from trees only grown in one place: Oman/Yemen. The ruins of the ancient caravan depot, Wubar or Shisr, are in Oman. This was a walled fort around the last water source before a caravan traveled into the desert. Kristy shared the latest technology that supports current archaeology: Drones to map the site and computer generated images. Everything they find is catalogued and kept forever!

Gloria Day, Alpha

“What a fun workshop!”

This was one of the many positive comments heard as International attendees left the workshop presented by Nu Chapter’s Merry Lewis and El Salvador’s Mercedes Umana. Other comments were “I really got a lot of good ideas” and “I can use those activities in my chapter/state”.

This lively, hands-on workshop featured six leadership building activities the presenters obtained from an International Leadership Education Conference they attended in Orlando, Florida, last year. All six activities required interaction among the attendees and/or physical movement. All were designed to help members get to know each other better, work together, develop leadership skills, and have fun!

Lewis and Umana took turns presenting activities and explaining how they tied into building desired skills. The skills demonstrated spelled out the first letters in the word “LEADERSHIP”.

Arizona members can look forward to experiencing this workshop at the upcoming state convention.

Janice Rosenberg, Nu

Emergency Fund benefits from regional breakfasts

Five regional breakfasts took place at the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Traditionally, donations to the International Emergency Fund (to assist members who experience natural disasters) are made at the breakfasts. This year, the contribution from all the regions totaled \$25,000.

Beth Schieber, Southwest Regional Director, presided at the Southwest Regional Breakfast, Breakfast with the Stars. Terri McPheeters (Missouri) performed Bright Star, Shining Star, a musical piece she wrote for the event. Pat Park (Hawaii) and Tamara Flores Hernandez (San Luis Potosi) introduced the region’s state presidents. Dr. Lyn Schmid, International President, greeted everyone and announced that the Southwest had the largest group attending the regional breakfasts.

Following a delicious breakfast, Susan Swope (New Mexico) announced the collection of donations for the Emergency Fund. Members present at the breakfast donated a total of \$7403. Also, members of California’s Eta chapter reported that they along with the Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center had held a benefit concert and raised \$1600, for schools ruined by an earthquake in Kumamoto, Japan, in April 2016.

Donna Shiroma, Hawaii State President, presented a beautiful video as an invitation to Hawaii for the 2017 Southwest Regional Conference. The video showed various Hawaiian singers, musicians, and school children performing Hawai’i Aloha, a traditional song, in locations all around Oahu.

Susan Halliday, Alpha Delta

Carmen Wendt Attends Leadership Management Seminar

The Arizona attendee at this year’s DKG Leadership Management Seminar was Carmen

Wendt, Chi. The seminar was held July 17-29 at the University of Texas in Austin.

“It was a fantastic experience,” Wendt said. “I would like to thank Arizona for the personal and financial support that allowed me to attend LMS. The people I met, the friendships I made, and the knowledge I gained will forever change my life. I already have plans to meet with and work with ladies who were there.”

Topics covered included learning and leadership styles, ethics, negotiating skills, creativity, conflict resolution, and advocacy. “I would encourage anyone interested to apply. The classes and the professors were world class. Many of the professors lecture world-wide and in universities and in industry,” she added.

The 30 women graduated on the last Friday of the two-week seminar with the ceremony they created. All received a LMS pin, but Wendt was given the pin Betty Ruth Simmons had worn. “I am honored to have the pin that belonged to such a loved Arizona DKG member,” said Wendt.

This year’s class was composed of women from six countries, and they ranged in age from their 30s to their 70s. They were elementary, middle school and high school teachers as well as university professors and a nursing school instructor. Their interests ranged from politics to weaving, from travel to technology, from art to fashion, and more. It was a very diverse group.

They lived in suites for four in a campus dorm and enjoyed the student cafeteria food for most of their meals. A Saturday trip to visit Fredericksburg in the Hill Country of Texas was a highlight for its shopping and museums. On Sunday, the ladies were able to have a small ceremony and leave red roses at the grave of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, founder of DKG, who is buried in the oldest Austin city cemetery.

Ladies in Alpha chapter (the original DKG chapter) drove the participants to and from headquarters on two evenings. Other chapters provided food and friendship during the two weeks.

Source, Carmen Wendt, Chi

Girl Scout Representative challenges members

“Born ready!” was our response to Natalye Paquin, chief transformation officer in Girl Scouts of the USA’s (GSUSA) Office of Strategy and Advancement, when asked if we were ready to work to empower girls to attain necessary skills to become leaders.

Our DKG collaboration with Girl Scouts is now two years old and growing. Most of our DKG members in attendance at the International Convention indicated they had been Girl Scouts and many were part of the 2½ million girls and volunteers currently active. Our organizations share the same goals and work well together.

During her talk, Paquin stressed the importance of teamwork, trust, and encouragement in developing girls for leadership. She stressed that the power of trust and respect is the greatest power in the world.

Our shared responsibilities are to provide a safe space for exploration and the pursuit of education for all girls in a changing world. They, not us, will decide who they will become and what track they will follow. In today’s world this includes technology and STEM careers.

The world has changed and the organization is changing with it. DKG is proud of our partnership.

Marilyn Duerbeck, Alpha Iota



Mercedes Umana (El Salvador) shows the gift she received.

Enhancing our bond with DKG Latin America sisters

A cultural experience at the Cock of the Walk Restaurant provided the setting for renewing our friendship with 14 Latin American members. The restaurant's name originated from a time in history when keelboats cruised the Mississippi to New Orleans and gathered at Natchez. When two boats met, the champion fighter from each boat challenged the best fighter from the other boat for the distinguished title of the Cock of the Walk.

Evening festivities included eating southern cuisine from tin plates, crockery filled with coleslaw and cornbread baked in small frying pans; sides included hushpuppies and fried dill pickles. Members from Eta chapter provided our Latin American friends with gifts of colorful plates, tiles and lovely boxes with a beautiful poem written by Evelyn Harris (Epsilon). A musical selection led by Gloria Day (Alpha) provided entertainment for us. As always, hosting our Latin American friends was a pleasure.

Alice Reule, Alpha Delta



Music fills the convention hall on opening night

Opening night was a night to remember at the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, as we were treated to music composed and performed by violinist, and motivational speaker Kai Kight. Kight is a classically trained violinist and cites Baroque composer J.S. Bach as his favorite. Since Kight's music lends itself to improvisation, he is free to explore musical possibilities. By utilizing left hand techniques such as double stops and left hand pizzicato, and by applying a variety of complex bowing styles to his music, he is able to make his music exciting to listen to. As we were mesmerized by his melodies, we watched his fingers dance across the strings in a dazzling performance. One thing that stood out in Kight's music was his use of percussive rhythms. These rhythms connected to us emotionally, much like a visual artist connects to us when we stand before his artistic creation. As we study his work, we feel a definite positive or negative response.

Kight felt it was important to share his personal story. We listened as he spoke with heartfelt passion. We all have a story to tell that has brought us to the place we are today - having a passion for education. It is his hope that each of us compose our own ideas, to be creative. He tells us not to be afraid to step out from the established norm and to seek to be innovative.

Tennessee Night immediately followed the opening session. Featured was an ensemble of talented studio musicians from the Nashville area. Each of these musicians has been in the recording industry for several years and has performed with some of the biggest names in the music business. The band was recommended by Dr. Elaine Alexander, member of the Convention Steering Committee. Her husband Lowell, organizer of the ensemble, is also an award-winning song writer.

The band was fantastic. Their music selections brought back good times, as many in the audience participated by singing along as others clapped along. By the end of the evening, everyone was up out of her chair, dancing in the aisles to "That Old Time Rock and Roll."

Evelyn Craft, Lambda

Historic Tennessee

The all-day pre-convention tour took us 34 miles east of the Gaylord Hotel to visit two of the most historic mansions in the Southeast – Andrew Jackson's home known as The Hermitage and Belle Meade Plantation, a once world-renowned thoroughbred farm. The Hermitage is located in a secluded meadow and was owned by Andrew Jackson from 1804 until his death in 1845. We first toured the interactive exhibit "Born for a Storm" for an overview of Andrew Jackson's life. The exhibit focused on three key stages of Jackson's life: his modest origins as an orphan, his resiliency as a general, and his visionary leadership as a President.

The narrated tour through Andrew Jackson's 13-room Greek Revival Mansion was followed by a self-walking tour of the other buildings on the 1,050-acre cotton plantation. We enjoyed strolling the grounds to see the historic trees, plants and shrubbery, the slave quarters and log cabins, the flower garden, the historic family cemetery, and Andrew Jackson's tomb.

Lunch was at the Hermitage Smorgasbord. It was a full Southern-style buffet with southern fried chicken and catfish, cornbread, turnip greens, fried pickles, and blackberry-peach cobbler.

After lunch, on rolling land that was founded in 1807 by John Harding, we visited Belle Meade Plantation. What started as a log cabin and 250 acres grew into a Greek Revival Mansion and one of the largest thoroughbred horse farms in the South covering 5,400 acres. In the 1800's horse racing was the top American sport. Every horse to race in the Kentucky Derby since 2003 can trace its bloodlines back to Belle Meade. We had a narrated tour through the mansion by a guide in period clothing, and on our own explored the impressive carriage collections in the stables and the other buildings on the grounds. Belle Meade hosted many events where hundreds of people on the property were winned, dined and entertained. We completed our tour and the day with a wine tasting at The Winery at Belle Meade.

Lori Good, Alpha Alpha

Friends from Jalisco, Guatemala, San Luis Potosi, El Salvador, Panama, Costa Rica and Pueblo enjoyed an evening at Cock of the Walk.

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Marian Hart Flagstaff, Arizona	Tau January 12, 2016
Marguerite LeMaster Sun City, Arizona	Alpha Xi January 10, 2016
Dorothy Hess Coolidge, Arizona	Zeta December 12, 2015
Kathryn Patterson Tucson, Arizona	Alpha February 25, 2016
Marjorie Dallabetta Yuma, Arizona	Iota March 16, 2016

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Time to Review State Governing Documents

Changes to the Omicron state by-laws or standing rules may be made at the 2017 state convention. Suggestions from chapters or members will be considered by the Rules Committee. Forms will be available at the Fall Workshop and on the state web-site. Donna Reynolds, Chairman, may also be contacted at warna2@cox.net. The due date for prospective changes is December 1, 2016.

Donna Reynolds, Alpha Epsilon

Dates to Remember

October, 22 2016
Omicron State Executive Board Meeting/
All Member Workshop
Metro Tech High School
1900 W. Thomas Rd. • Phoenix, AZ

January 13-15, 2017
Creative Arts Retreat / Spirits in the Desert
Cave Creek, Arizona

July 4 -7, 2017
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