



Arizona SAHUARO

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators



Rho Chapter members Lucille Bridgewater and Colleen Lines registered members at the 2012 Fall Workshop.

Executive Board Meeting 2012 Fall Workshop

The 2012 Fall Workshop Executive Board Meeting was held October 20, 2012 at Metro Tech High School, Phoenix, with 141 members in attendance.

The short business meeting included reports from state officers and committee chairs. Important dates were announced:

February 1, 2013 – **State Achievement Award**, nominations due

February 13, 2013 – **Legislative Day**

April 19 - 21, 2013 - **State Convention**, Tucson Radisson Hotel

October 19, 2013 – **Fall Workshop**, Metro Tech High School, Phoenix

The Omicron State Rules are available online.

Early-Career Educators are eligible to apply for the Jo Regenold Award.

Rho and Sigma Chapters requested that they combine as Sigma-Rho Chapter. Approval will be voted on at the 2013 State Convention.

Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta)



2013 Omicron State Convention in Tucson

The 2013 Omicron State Convention will be at The Radisson Suites, located at 6555 E. Speedway Blvd. in Tucson, AZ.

Reservations may be made by calling 520-721-7100. Ask for the convention rate, which is \$113.92 for single or double room, \$125.22 triple occupancy and \$136.53 for four. There will be additional tax. Make reservations by the end of March.

A registration form is included in this issue of the Sahuaro.

Friday afternoon with registration opens at 4:00 p.m. The Life Experience Seminar committee will provide you with an activity.

A thank-you dinner for officers, past presidents, and committee chairmen is planned.

The opening event will include a musical presentation by one of Sherry Stewart's (Upsilon) high school groups.

Saturday there will be a full agenda at the business meeting, including the election of new biennium officers and members of the Nominating Committee.

Two out-of-state guests will attend: the international representative, Northeast Regional Director Mary Lee Makinen (Maryland) and the International Speaker's Fund representative, Maria Mercedes Umana from El Salvador.

The processional for the Saturday night

banquet honors chapter presidents and chapter treasurers. Sunday morning will include the Ceremony of Remembrance followed by the World Fellowship Breakfast.

Ruth Wilmot (Iota)

Nominees for 2013-2015

OMICRON STATE OFFICERS

President

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho)

First Vice-President

Joye Sterrett (Omega)

Second Vice-President

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)

Recording Secretary

Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota)

Corresponding Secretary

Shelley Smith (Lambda)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Area I – Dr. Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi)

Area II – Kathy Shroyer (Sigma)

Area III – Ruth Wilmot (Iota)

Area IV – Mary Holloway (Alpha)

Area V – Roberta Paeper (Epsilon)

Mary Lee Makinen International Representative at State Convention

Northeast Regional Director Mary Lee Makinen will be the international representative at the 2013 Omicron State Convention.

Mrs. Makinen is from Alpha Delta Chapter in the state of Maryland where she served as the chapter president and also the state president of Maryland. She also served as the state executive secretary

At the international level she served on the professional affairs, leadership development and expansion committees and was the chair of the golden gift fund committee.

She has a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in counseling. She retired in June, 2011. She has been married to her husband, Rob, for 41 years and is the proud grandmother of two grandsons. ♥



Northeast Regional Director Mary Lee Makinen will be the international representative at the 2013 Omicron State Convention.

From The President

JUDY VINSON

Thanks to all who participated in some way at the Fall Workshop. Given that we used a new location, there were few glitches and many positives. Put October 18, 2013 on your calendar now for next fall's meeting. DKG continues to update and improve. Download the DKG App for iPhone and Android smartphones.



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MERRY LEWIS

Omicron State
President Judy
Vinson (Alpha)

Photography, paintings, dance, music, and more are some of the options for the Arts and Humanities Jury to review and offer for posting on the Society website.

Sandra Smith Bull (Texas) is the chairman. Find artists in your chapter who would want to display in the artist's gallery portion of the website and encourage them to get involved.

Twenty-six members of Omicron State assembled at the Spirit of the Desert retreat in Carefree on January 12 and 13 for a mini-Creative Arts Retreat. We enjoyed learning a number of crafts, were treated to a string quartet performance by a group of teachers/retired teachers, enjoyed a skit performed by our own "music/dance" group, enjoyed delicious meals throughout the weekend, and had a grand send-off from a family of javelinists. Plan to join us at the next retreat.

Come to Phoenix for Legislative Day February 13. We begin in the House basement Rooms 35 and 38 at 8:30 a.m. The rest of the program is evolving regarding speakers and House and Senate session visitations.

Consider nominating a state legislator for the Friend of Education Award or a media person for the Media Award.

This is the time of the year when many deadlines approach for reports and applications. Be aware of any deadline that affects you. In my case, I rely on chapter presidents returning their annual report by February 1 so that I can, in turn, write my report for international. Other state officers await your reports also.

The focus now is on plans for the convention April 19 – 21 at the Radisson Suites Hotel in Tucson. The theme is Roses are red, apples are too; Aspire, act, achieve — me and you! The hostess chapters — Iota, Nu, Upsilon and Alpha Rho — are hard at work to provide a varied, interesting, and informative convention. See information elsewhere in this *Sabuaroo* for details. You will attend the business meeting of Omicron State, enjoy workshops, see awards

presented (possibly to you?), be entertained, learn more about the Big Picture, meet our out-of-state guests, remember and honor our deceased sisters, win prizes and connect with "old" friends and make new ones. Hope to see you there. ♥

Postcards from DKG

Keeping in touch with absent members was the focus of this workshop presented by Patricia Holmes (Lambda). We wrote little notes on postcards to members who had missed one or more meetings.

We then shared our writings. It is extremely important to keep in touch with current members as well as attracting new members, so stay in touch!

Jan Bauschka (Alpha)

Impact through Educational Excellence

The Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) enlightened its workshop attendees with key information regarding its impact on educational excellence. The EEC promotes the Schools for Africa and Early-Career Educators' International projects as well as the Omicron State Collaborative Connections and Spotlight Award projects.

DKG has partnered with UNICEF in the Schools for Africa project, which will give millions of vulnerable African children access to a quality education, train thousands of teachers, and renovate schools.

Early-Career Educators encourages chapters/members to be creative in support of teachers during their early years or when undertaking a new position.

Omicron State project Collaborative Connections asks member to record their volunteer hours not only in education but also in their activities throughout the community.

All were reminded to nominate a chapter member who is active in community endeavors outside of DKG for a Spotlight Award, to be presented at the next state convention.

The EEC sends a communiqué, Educational Echoes, regularly via email to all chapter first vice-presidents/EE chairs. Its purpose is to establish and maintain a strong communication link between the state and chapters.

Darby Downs (Alpha Rho)

Life with Autism: Inside the Classroom and Out

Wow! Our Fall Workshop speaker fit our state president's theme perfectly: Aspire, Act and Achieve. Mrs. Kimberly Molthan aspires each day to give the best and be the best mother to both of her beautiful children. She acts as a team member, using her resources and knowledge of others to help build a positive future for her son Cannon, who is autistic.

With a degree in physical education and health and a concentration in health promotion, Kimberly thought she would work with athletes to improve their strength and conditioning, but it turns out that she took on a much more important job, that of being a mom.

Our speaker gave us an understanding of the intense sensory issues that individuals with autism deal with each and every day. She spoke on the intricate ways their minds work and gave us many tips and tricks to assist us as we interact with these children in the classroom.

Think about what Dr. Temple Grandin said; "People are always looking for the single magic bullet that will totally change everything. There is no single magic bullet but there is you and you can make a difference."

Darby Downs (Alpha Rho)

Membership

PowerPoint for Prospective Members

A PowerPoint presentation for chapters to show to prospective members is now available. It is called *Pride in the Big Picture on Orientation Guide for Chapter Membership Teams*.

There are two presentations, Orientation and Re-Orientation. They are online on the DKG website and you may download them at the time of use to your computer or a flash drive. The Orientation Guide can also be found under Library in a green square called Orientation. This guide can also be used without the PowerPoint. To find the PowerPoint presentation, go to: DKG site > Committees > Membership Committee > Membership Committee Resources > Orientation Slide Show > Orientation Guide (This is the script.)

You may also buy the Orientation CD for \$5.00. Order through the supply store on the website or by calling 888.762.4685, Ext. 123.

Joye Sterrett (Omega)

Chair, Omicron State Membership Committee

2013-2015 Omicron State Officers Nominated

The Omicron State Nominations Committee has selected the slate of nominees for the 2013-2015 biennium.

President: Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) is a retired classroom teacher in the Sahuarita School District. She was president of Alpha Rho Chapter and was chair of many committees as well as editor of the



Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) nominee for Omicron State President



Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) nominee for Omicron State First Vice-President



Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) nominee for Omicron State Second Vice-President



Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota) nominee for Omicron State Recording Secretary



Shelley Smith (Lambda) nominee for Omicron State Corresponding Secretary

Coordinator at the SW Regional Conference in San Antonio and chairman of the airport hostesses at the SW Regional in Phoenix.

Recording Secretary: Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota) is teaching kindergarten at Joy Christian School, Phoenix. She has been the Omicron State Copy Technician for ten years. She has

chapter yearbook and newsletter. At Omicron State level she has served as first vice-president, corresponding and recording secretary, and has been on many committees. At the state, regional, and international conventions, she has assisted in presenting workshops and singing in the choirs. In 2008 she attended the Golden Gift Leadership Seminar.

First Vice-President: Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) is retired from the Phoenix Union High School District. In her chapter she has served as president and first vice-president. She has been active and served on committees in Texas,

Nebraska, and Kansas chapters. In Omicron State she is currently second vice-president. She has presented workshops at state conventions and regional conferences. She is currently serving as chairman of the international scholarship committee.

Second Vice-President: Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) is a retired elementary teacher in the Washington School District. In her chapter she has served as an elected officer including that of president. She is currently the Omicron State Recording Secretary and has been on many state committees. She was the workshop

been president of her chapter and on several state committees. She was the registration chair for a state convention. She is very active in her community, school, and church.

Corresponding Secretary: Shelley Smith (Lambda) is a retired high school English teacher. She served as president of Lambda Chapter on three different occasions. At the state level, she has been an active member of the Educational Excellence Committee and served as chair of the Communications Committee. She has held various offices in the Tucson Coordinating Council. ♥

Nominees for Nominations Committee



Dr. Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi) Area I Nominee

Area I – Dr. Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi Founder and administrator of Telesis Academy Charter School in Lake Havasu. An adjunct online instructor for Kaplan University. Past president of Alpha Chi Chapter.

Area II - Kathy Shroyer (Sigma) has served two terms as president and two as secretary. She serves on the state Educational Excellence Committee. Kathy retired in 2005 after 40 years in education. She continues subbing for the Scottsdale Schools.

Area III – Ruth Wilmot (Iota) has held all chapter offices except treasurer. Has served on state committees including Music, Women in the Arts, Membership and two convention committees. She taught first grade for 10 years before being promoted to 4th grade where she now teaches in Yuma.

Area IV – Mary Holloway (Alpha) - A DKG member since 1964. Taught for 35 years in Flowing Wells District in Tucson. Chapter president for two biennium's. Served on state level as chairman of scholarship committee and is currently co-chair of the Necrology Committee.

Area V - Roberta Paeper (Epsilon) – Currently Corresponding Secretary for Epsilon chapter. Served as chapter president 2008-2012. Served on State Latin America Committee. Retired as a community college librarian after 25 years at Cochise College. Enjoys reading, dog Levi and Downtown Abbey” on PBS. ♥



Mary Holloway (Alpha) Area IV Nominee



Roberta Paeper (Epsilon) Area V Nominee



Ruth Wilmot (Iota) Area III Nominee

A POLITICAL VOICE IN EDUCATION

Election time is a perfect time to hear information about the grassroots process in elections. After Abraham Lincoln lost his first election, he began to realize how important it was for more citizens to get together to share issues and ideas on ways to solve problems. This meant citizens meeting throughout each neighborhood, city, county, state, and these groups interacting with each other throughout the entire country

Workshop leader Dr. Marj Jones-Schafer (Beta) raised this question “Do independent educators have power?” It seems that they do if they know someone or can be that someone. When you have a passion or mission you want to see advanced, you could choose to become involved by joining the grassroots group such as the precinct committee. This group organizes by canvassing the neighborhood, making phone calls, stuffing envelopes, designing and distributing posters, e-mailing, and organizing gatherings and parties to inform as many people as possible regarding the issue.

We can develop a stronger voice for education through precinct involvement.

Nancy Mahon (Alpha)



Gloria Day (Alpha) helps with the chapter Tri-folds.

Chapter Tri-Fold Workshop

The wonderful computer lab at Metro Tech High School provided hands-on experience for attendees to view examples of chapter publicity tri-fold brochures. They were then able to copy and edit ideas from other chapters to create draft brochures for their own chapter.

Dana Jaeger (Alpha Iota) and a school IT teacher assisted members when they needed help

The idea of a chapter brochure is to COMMUNICATE and PUBLICIZE specific activities. These tri-folds can be distributed to potential members, media, and the community. Every chapter has its own identity and goals within the International guidelines.

We need to work with our members to embrace what makes our organizational connect us together. If you would like copies of the examples of tri-folds, email Gloria Day at gieanned@aol.com

Gloria Day (Alpha)

CRITICAL THINKING: A Forgotten Concept and More Sydney and Max

Presented by author Lee Noble

This workshop examined the importance of developing a student's critical thinking skills in middle and high school history classes. Mr. Noble pointed out that with an ever-increasing number of standards and standardized tests, it has become challenging for teachers to fit critical thinking activities into their lessons.

He has developed a unique DVD series called "Sydney and Max Blast Through the Past." This collection of short videos mixes entertainment with education to enhance the learning experience and inspire critical thought.

Members in attendance could see how this series featuring kids teaching kids would interest and motivate students to see American History in a creative new way and not just memorize facts for the test.

Mr. Noble had materials for sale. You can check out and/or order his materials and view a 13-minute video clip presenting his ideas at www.sydneyandmaxeducate.com

Gloria Day (Alpha)

The Arts Retreat was a Treat

What a wonderful one and a half days for those who attended the Cultural Arts Retreat (aka Creative Arts) January 12 – 13, 2013 at Spirit in the Desert in Carefree. We reveled in the beauty of the desert and purple mountains, quietness, and simplicity.

Twenty-six crafted, laughed, and danced, made new friends, and reconnected with those DKG members they had not seen for some time. We not only made beaded bracelets, folded and designed gorgeous greeting cards, learned calligraphy, painted clay pots, sewed dresses for the Little Dresses for Africa project, hand-painted scarfs, created "torn paper canyon" works of art with pastels, but we were also treated to a musical quartet and, the finale, a skit.

The presenters for our crafts, music, and skit were Janet Fish (Alpha Eta), beaded work; Bonnie Dent (Tau), pastel chalk drawings; Merry Lewis (Mu), card making; Vicki Berglind (Alpha), scarf creations; Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta), and Lori Good (Alpha Beta) instructing on "Little Dresses" creations; Judy Vinson (Alpha), clay pots; and Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta) calligraphy. Gloria Day (Alpha) was in charge of our music program and sing-a-long as well as producing the skit.

Hospitality was provided by Kim and Joan Meighan (Beta), who furnished tasty treats throughout the day and the social hour at day's end.

Oh, did we say "finale" earlier? On the morning of the last day a family of javelina greeted us, including two babies, on our way to breakfast. What a great photo op for those of us brave enough to get close to them for the photo!

Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta)



The tables were full at the Arts Retreat



Alpha Delta members Alice Reule and Diane Gara-Weiner at the Arts Retreat



Peggy Yale (Alpha Beta) shows the Rose Scarf she made at the Arts Retreat.

Berneil Drake Fund in Costa Rica

In 1983, the incoming Costa Rica State President, Ilse Leer, represented Costa Rica at the Southwest Regional Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The chairperson of the Conference, Berneil Drake, met Ilse, who in return for her warm smile gave her a flower she had made at the Handcraft Workshop.

When Berneil found out that because of the socioeconomic situation Costa Rica was going through, only one member was able to travel, she decided to buy silver pins to be sold so as to create a fund to help more members from Costa Rica attend international events.

Furthermore she motivated other members from Arizona, who joined this effort, so that a year later for the International Convention in Las Vegas, Arizona gave Costa Rica the sum of one thousand dollars, benefit that was received by State President Ilse Leer and presidents of Costa Rica Alpha and Gamma Chapter, Paulina Brenes de Bernal and Carmen Barquero de Sanchez, respectively. The fund started by Berneil Drake and her friends turned into a state project that continues today and is deeply appreciated by Costa Rica members.

For the last two years, the State Organization of Costa Rica has given a small economic help, from the money collected at the Executive Board coffee breaks to a member who attends one of these international events for the first time.

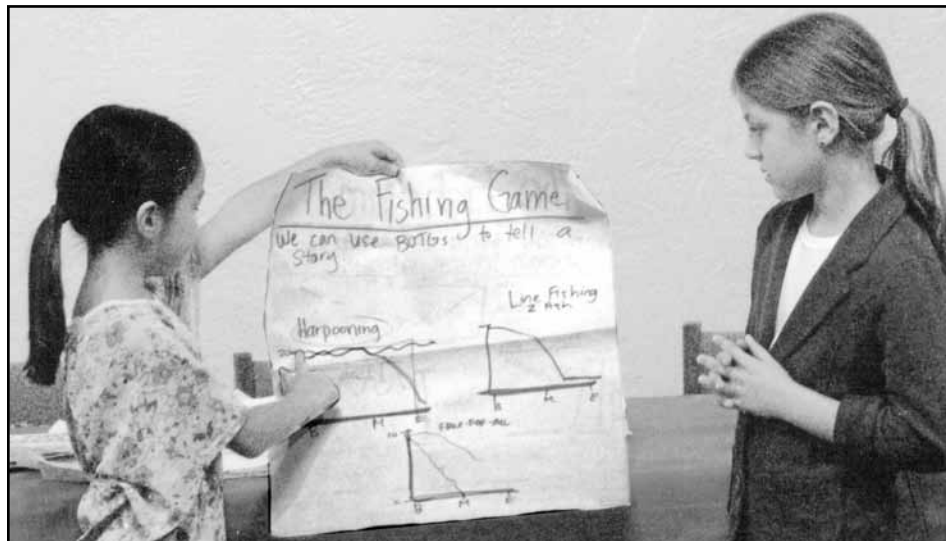
The idea for this fund bears the name of Berneil Drake is a sign of appreciation for her initiative to create a fund to help Costa Rica.

Ilse Leer (Beta Chapter Costa Rica)



Clarine Haslag (Upsilon) and Dena Martin (Zeta) were presenters at the Chapter President's Workshop.

Third-Graders Present Systems Thinking



Third-graders at Ventana Vista School, Emilie Mak and Lauren Stoner, presented their project on Systems Thinking.

At the October, 2012, Nu Chapter meeting, Tracy Benson (Nu), who works for the Waters Foundation, invited Catalina Foothills School District third-grade teacher Holly Knutson and several third-grade students to present information about their school's program: Systems Thinking.

Systems Thinking is one of the school district's 21st Century skills for all students. With the Systems Thinking point, one sees a whole concept as a web of relationships rather than focusing only on the detail of any particular piece. Events are seen in the larger context of a pattern that is unfolding over time. The three levels of thinking include:

1. Students identify and consider the interdependent parts of problems or issues.
2. Students analyze causal factors and evaluate the consequences of decisions in the short-and long-term.
3. Students design or improve a system by determining the leverage point(s) at which change can have the greatest impact.

Several third-grade students spoke about their work using Systems Thinking and explained their flow charts applying its strategies.

Katherine Lackey (Nu)

Workshop for Chapter Presidents

Leadership Chairman Dena Martin (Zeta) and her assistant Clarine Haslag (Upsilon) were very knowledgeable in their workshop presentation for Omicron State Chapter Presidents, which consisted of discussion, sharing, and tips.

The discussion dealt mostly with how to get better attendance at chapter meetings. One suggestion is that younger members do not see the need for belonging nor do they want to give up an evening for meetings. Some said they start their meetings immediately after school with light refreshments afterwards, so as not to waste time.

The president should have an agenda for each meeting. It was mentioned that some chapters' dues are reduced one-half for the yearbook editor and sometimes for a first-year member.

Some have used an "Honors Brunch," which might be held in a school or a home. Some have successfully used newspaper articles.

It is important to stress the scholarships available to members. Tutoring and mentoring teachers who need classroom assistance may be a helpful incentive.

Donna Reynolds (Epsilon)

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Be one of the first to schedule a visit from The "Membership Visiting Team." The Team would be glad to assist on any issues.

Contact:

Joye Sterrett,
sterr8113@aol.com or
Dora Donovan,
mdd8351@cox.net



Rebecca (Becky)

Cavazos (Nu) was one of the five state finalists for the Arizona Teacher of the Year Award. She was named as an Ambassador for Excellence. Becky teaches fourth grade at Borton Primary Magnet School in Tucson.

Shari Stewart (Upsilon) and her husband Bud were awarded the



Becky Cavazos (Nu) was named an Ambassador for Excellence for the State of Arizona.



Bud and Shari Stewart (Upsilon) accept the Crystal Lighthouse Award as one of the top 20 school systems in Arizona

Crystal Lighthouse Award as one of the top 20 school systems in Arizona. The Academy of Tucson has elementary, middle school, and high school programs.

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) and her husband visited Society members Flor Perez and Marta Morales in Costa Rica. They also visited a primary school in Santa Catalina, Guatemala. They were on a cruise through the Panama Canal.

Nancy (Peterson) Jones (Upsilon) was honored with the Red Wagon Award by the Christ Child Society, in December, 2012. This is the highest recognition given by the Society and is awarded to members who have gone above and beyond their service to the chapter and the community.

Carolyn Warner (Alpha Alpha Honorary Member) spoke at the Alpha Alpha December luncheon. Members from Rho and Sigma Chapters were also in attendance.

Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha Honorary member) took the oath of office for the U.S. 113th Congress on January 3, 2013. She was appointed to the House Democratic Whip team.

Susie Heintz (Nu) was named the 2012 Volunteer of the Year for The Tucson Museum of Art. She has been a volunteer docent since 2006. This past year, Susie has worked with children who are hospitalized at Tucson Medical Center.



Susie Heintz (Nu) is a life long learner.

Merry Lewis (Nu)

Thanks for the photographs of the Arts Retreat and the 2012 Fall Workshop.

Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta) was chairman of the very successful Arts Retreat. ♥

Jo Regenold Early-Career Educators Award Presented to two Members

The Jo Regenold Early-Career Educators Awards were presented to Gina Etzel (Alpha Iota) and Apryl Cooley (Alpha Chi). The monetary awards were presented at their respective chapter meetings. Winners of the award are Early-Career Educators who started teaching in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, or 2012. The money from the awards will be used for classroom needs, such as supplies, books, field trips, speakers, etc.

Applications for additional awards will be announced at the 2013 Omicron State Convention. Eligible applicants must have started teaching in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013. ♥

Tips to Get News in the Paper

Sue Tone, winner of the Omicron State Media Award for 2012, offers hints for getting your news in the paper.

Like teachers, reporters work with limited time and multiple deadlines. This means with your first contact you need to pitch your story succinctly, yet with enough detail to get the pertinent information to the reporter.

My communication preferences are by email first and then phone call. Both should have the following information — please leave a message on my voice mail .

1. Name, job title (grade level and subject matter if you are a teacher), name of your school and contact information, including the best times to reach you by phone so that I am not interrupting class time

2. The story or event: the day, time-frame, place; who will be involved (guest speaker, superintendent, entire school body).

3. Brief description of what I can expect when I show up. ♥

Omega Chapter Empty Bowls

The November, 2012, Omega Chapter meeting was held in the art room at Coronado High School. Chapter member Janet Blum led the members in turning slabs of wet clay into bowls.

Other teachers from the Scottsdale District had been invited by Janet to join in this effort and to learn more about DKG.

A number of bowls were completed and ready to be fired. This is an activity that Omega Chapter member's look forward to each October in order for the bowls to be ready for sale to benefit the Empty Bowls Charity.

Darlyn Blanton-Withrow (Omega)

Beta Chapter's Educational Excellence Committee

Beta Chapter members are helping develop a Reading, Tutoring, and Mentoring Project in the Phoenix area. They are looking for tutors or mentors for college teacher prep candidates.

Tutors will provide one-hour, small group classes (1st – 4th) grade, two times weekly at four City of Phoenix Libraries. Volunteer mentors and/or tutors will receive gas stipends. A pay stipend of \$15 per hour is available if you are using this as a DKG-EEC volunteer credit. This is an excellent experience for teacher candidates or retirees wanting to stay involved.

Tutorship training will be provided; understanding of phonics extremely helpful. Need proof of current printing or willingness to be finger printed.

Call Dr. Marj Jones (Beta) for detailed information: 602-955-5574.

Dr. Marj Jones (Beta)

Lambda Member Directs Old Pueblo Brass Band

Barbara Chinworth (Lambda) has been conductor and music director of The Old Pueblo Brass Band since September, 2001. At a recent chapter meeting, Barbara explained to members what her job entails, which instruments are part of the band, and what the profile of a typical musician might be.

Instruments include cornets, horns, euphoniums, trombones, tubas, timpani, mallets, and various percussion instruments. The ages of the musicians range from 19 to 90 and they come from all walks of life.

It is Barbara's responsibility to find venues at which to play, arrange publicity, and manage the budget and musician availability, among other things. Her competence and love of music are quickly apparent as she details what to her audience seems like a daunting, complicated job.

Shelley Smith (Lambda)



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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Current International Office Chair Title _____

Current State Officer or State Committee Chair Title _____

*Past State President	Y	N	*25 Year Member (1988-2013)	Y	N
*Chapter President (2012-2013)	Y	N	*50 Year Member (1963-2013)	Y	N
*50+ Year Member	Y	N	*Attained a PhD, EdD or Nat'l Board Cert.	Y	N
*First Omicron State Convention	Y	N	(during 2011-2013 biennium)		
*Chapter Charter Member	Y	N			

Mark the functions below that you wish to attend. Indicate the **number and names** of guests attending.
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EVENT	ATTENDING		COST PER PERSON	AMOUNT DUE
REGISTRATION FEE				
(POSTMARKED BEFORE APRIL 5)	Y	N	\$45.00	_____
REGISTRATION FEE				
(POSTMARKED AFTER APRIL 7)	Y	N	\$60.00	_____
EVENTS:				
FRIDAY NIGHT (light appetizers)	Y	N	NO CHARGE	0
Guest _____	# _____		\$10.00	_____
SATURDAY BREAKFAST*	Y	N	NO CHARGE	0
Guest _____	# _____		\$15.00	_____
SATURDAY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON*	Y	N	\$25.00	_____
Guest _____	# _____		\$25.00	_____
SATURDAY ROSE BANQUET*	Y	N	\$40.00	_____
Guest _____	# _____		\$40.00	_____
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Mail check and completed form by April 5, to: **Darby Downs, Convention Registrar**
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Sahuarita, AZ 85629
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White Roses
"A Moment to Remember...
A Lifetime to Honor"

Aagot Titus Charter member, Nu
Tucson, AZ August 13, 2012

Joy Genovese Figuerola Chi
Scottsdale, AZ October 4, 2012

Betty Mason Charter member, Alpha Delta
Phoenix, Arizona January 3, 2013

Connie Goes to Japan

Who would have thought that having the piano accompaniment memorized to the DKG song would get me an up front seat at the installation of DKG in Japan. I am sure you read the article in the News about the lovely ceremony.

I was invited to Japan by DKG friends from Hawaii to be part of a tour and a bystander. At the last minute it was discovered they needed a pianist, so I said I knew the song.

They wheeled out a Yamaha full concert grand with incredible tone, placed it next to the stage where I had a perfect view of it all.

You can guess how many times I played it for 61 new members to march in, be seated and come to the stage one by one to be initiated.

Connie Myren (Lambda)

Phoenix Zoo is for Teachers

The Phoenix Zoo has a lot to offer teachers. The Zoo has partnered with Miami University to offer a low-cost graduate degree program that will start this summer. The classes are designed for K-12 educators and can be completed in 2½ years.

In November of 2012, the zoo expanded their distance-learning program. Zoo trainers can broadcast from the zoo straight into your classroom through the computer. These lessons are very engaging. On February 23, 2013, the zoo will offer a professional development workshop, "Growing Up Wild." This workshop is written for early childhood educators of chil-

dren ages 3 – 7. There is a \$20.00 fee.

There is a variety of information for teachers on their web site: phoenixzoo.org-home page. To find the information go to the home page, click on "learn" at the top of the page, scroll down to the bottom, and click "Educators" and you will find a section for teachers.

The Phoenix Zoo is truly a "World Class Zoo for a World Class City!"

Debra Bergbower (Alpha Delta)

Awards at Fall Workshop

First Timers

Darby Downs (Alpha Rho)
Mary A. Chernoski (Alpha Rho)
Cynthia Valenzuela (Alpha Beta)
Beth Carbone (Alpha Epsilon)
Sherry Alimi (Eta)

Most members Attending—in-Area

Alpha Delta Chapter

Greatest Percentage-in-Area

Alpha Sigma

Most Members Attending Out-of-Area

Alpha

Greatest Percentage Out-of-Area

Zeta

Raffle Prize Winners

Dora Donovan (Alpha Sigma)
Fran Seifman (Alpha Delta)
Barbara Hewitt (Chi)
Beth Swanson (Rho-Sigma)
Cynthia Valenzuela (Alpha Beta)
Ruth Hintze (Zeta)

Gloria Day (Alpha)

The Educational Foundation

The Educational Foundation offers awards to fund educational projects. Go to dkgef.org for information and application. See what others have done with their awards.

The Educational Foundation selects recipients for the Cornet Professional Development Awards. Information and application forms are accessible at dkgef.org. The individual professional development award applications are due February 1, May 1, and September 1. The professional development seminar award applications must be submitted by November

1 each year.

The Foundation will be 50 years old in 2014. Members may add to the celebration by contributing in several ways:

1. Become a Miracle Maker by contributing \$500 over five years
2. Light a candle on the celebration cake by contributing \$50
3. Honor or memorialize someone special by contributing any amount.

Those monetary gifts fund projects that benefit education and children around the world. ♥

Dates to Remember

April 19-21, 2013

Omicron State Convention
Radisson Suites

6555 E. Speedway • Tucson, Arizona

July 17-20, 2013

Southwest Regional Conference
Hilton Branson
Branson, Missouri

October 19, 2013

Omicron State Fall Workshop
Metro Tech High School
1900 West Thomas Road • Phoenix, Arizona

April 25-27, 2014

Omicron State Convention
Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa
1011 West Holmes Avenue • Mesa, Arizona

July 28 – August 1, 2014

International Convention
JW Marriott Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana

2015 Southwest Regional Conference
Kansas

July 5-6, 2016

International Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee

2017 Southwest Regional Conference
Hawaii

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