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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

Omicron State Honors Susan Halliday

Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta) was named recipient of the 2017 Omicron State Achievement Award at the state convention. Since her initiation in 1992, she has been an active member at the chapter and state levels. She is currently serving as corresponding secretary and was installed during the convention as second vice-president for the next biennium.

Halliday shows organizational leadership skills in everything she is asked to do. She has held many chapter offices from secretary to president and has willingly mentored new members; she has attended many state conventions, regional conferences, and has been a workshop presenter over the years.

In 2014 and 2016, Halliday attended the national legislative seminars in Washington, D.C. As chairman of the State Legislative Committee, she planned and presided over Legislative Day. In addition, she helped recruit six state legislators to speak.

Halliday has been a member of the K.A.R.E. team, the Strategic Action Planning Team, the Expansion/Membership committee and the Life Experience committee.

Congratulations go to Susan.

Nancy L Noll, Alpha Delta



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Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta) receives the State Achievement Award from Evelyn Craft (Lambda Beta), Chairman.



Omicron State Installs New Officers



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Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu) installs Omicron State's new officers. L to R, Marge Threewitt (Alpha Beta) - treasurer, Linda Perl (Chi) - corresponding secretary, Denise Crockett (Kappa) - recording secretary, Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta) - second vice-president, Carmen Wendt (Chi) - First Vice-President, Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) - President, Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu).

Convention moment...



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Peggy Scott (Alpha Epsilon).

CONVENTION STATISTICS

Most Members in attendance:

In area: Alpha Rho (18)
Nu (17)

Out of area: Alpha Epsilon (12)

Best percentage:

In area: Alpha Rho (42%)

Out of area: Alpha Delta (47%)

First Timers: 25

7/17 Challenge for New Members:

Eta
Kappa
Alpha Rho
Nu

Total Members in Attendance:

173



KEY THOUGHTS FROM *Joye*

YEAR 2022

With self-driving cars and the Internet of Things (yes, I want the alarm or cell phone to tell my coffee pot when to start) in our future, what will Arizona DKG be like in five years?

The future holds promise for Arizona DKG. We need to face our challenges while celebrating our successes: quality programs; chapters with strong chapter leadership that are inviting new members, doing projects and giving scholarships; and committee chairs who successfully complete committee jobs. Our greatest challenge is membership, although membership has stayed steady for the past two years, with new members matching drops and deaths.

We provide what successful societies and associations provide. This is what members value and what new members find attractive:

Our Mission Statement is clear and unique as we promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Continuing Education is provided through conventions and Fall Workshops.

Periodicals - the Sahuaro, Collegial Exchange, The Bulletin, and DKG News- have information of value to members.

Events, including Fall Workshop and State Convention, keep us up to date and the society running smoothly.

Benefits, such as awards for accomplishments including the achievement award, scholarships, networking, and leadership development through leadership training and experience, are available.

Membership challenges include attracting younger members, who are needed to sustain growth in our society. We may need to make adjustments for younger members such as a stronger use of social media as we present information on the state website and stay in communication with Facebook.

Another challenge to Arizona DKG is providing value to members. Members need information on succeeding in a challenging and changing workplace. We need activities that bring member engagement. We need to emphasize what makes us unique. We need good programs at meetings and events that attract and keep members.

Year 2022, we will be ready for you, as we maintain our strengths, take a close look at challenges, plan for change as needed and work for successful outcomes.

Tucson Girls Chorus Performs at Convention



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Tucson Girls Chorus members.

Members were welcomed to the Convention Opening Night by Pearl Miller, convention co-chair. Following an appetizer reception featuring a Nacho Bar, attendees were treated to an evening of music presented by the Tucson Girls Chorus.

The Bumblebees (K-1) and the Mariposa Singers (grades 6 – 8) performed. Under the direction of Jess Edelbrock, each ensemble presented a variety of musical pieces including "I Will Never Grow Up" from Peter Pan, "The Bumblebee Song," and "Hope."

Founded in 1984 by Margie Kersey, two groups of singers were initially formed, and by 1986 these groups began performing at Tucson

events, including community ceremonies and parades. Currently there are over five chorus groups with advanced groups touring throughout the country and internationally.

The mission statement of the TGC promotes performance, leadership training and community service for girls. Such traits as responsibility, discipline and self-confidence are emphasized along with development and appreciation of music. Scholarships are available for those members. More information can be found at www.tucsongirlschorus.org

Kathy Green, Alpha Delta

THE MYTH OF "ONE SIZE FITS ALL"

Barbara Whiting, International First Vice-President, presented a convention workshop based upon the myth that "one size fits all." She used the analogy of a dress; one size fits all, does not fit all. For some the dress is too loose, for some too tight, too long or too short.

This "one size fits all" myth also pertains to DKG chapters. Each chapter is different, and what was done before may not work for the members of today. Whiting offered numerous scenarios of how chapters can think outside the box.

Chapters can mix it up by changing meeting dates, times and places. Chapters can initiate more than once a year. A review and often a revision of the bylaws and chapter's structure is a necessity. Involvement of all members is key.

Technology is a friend of DKG and should unite the members promptly and more often. Whiting also facilitated a lively discussion of how Omicron State chapters reach out to members and how communication and friendliness always has room for improvement.

Linda Perl, Chi

The way we were...

1942 (75 years ago) – At the sixth state convention, the legislative committee recommended that attention be centered on school laws and certification requirements. The question was "Shall the vacancies occurring, and those which will occur, be filled by women of experience and merit, such as members of Delta Kapp Gamma, or those who are unknown in their fields and inexperienced?"

1967 (50 years ago) – The April 15, 1967 convention was held at the Pioneer Hotel in Tucson.

1992 (25 years ago) – The Latin America Committee was made a permanent committee.

Rose Banquet

Dr. Joye Sterrett presided and welcomed all members. Following the procession of chapter presidents and treasurers, a delicious dinner was served to 133 attendees. The convention chorus entertained with lovely music.

Nineteen chapters contributed volunteer hours equivalent to \$808,200 through Collaborative Connections this year.

Spotlight awards were given to Gail Gentry (Alpha Rho), Laura Korn (Alpha Iota), and Bonnie Waterer (Eta).

Barbara Whiting, International First Vice-President, encouraged Arizona members to “turn up the heat” in membership recruitment. She challenged members to take a 360-degree look at their chapters to reach full potential.

Mary Ann Liddle, Scholarship chairman, presented the *Jo Regenold Fund Award* to Stacy Connor to buy supplies and books to set up a new classroom. Liddle also presented the *Isadore Munger Endowment Scholarship* to Dana Burk (Alpha Rho) and the *Mary Bundy Price Scholarship* to Jessica Howell (Nu). Both members received \$1000 and are working toward National Board Certification.



PHOTO BY KIM MEIGHAN

Barbara Whiting (International First Vice-President) and Joye Sterrett (Omicron State President) enjoy convention festivities.

Evelyn Craft presented the State Achievement Award to Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta).

After being honored, the Past State Presidents installed officers for the 2017-2019 biennium in a beautiful ceremony in which each new officer was given a key to open the door to her potential in that office. Alice Reule, incoming State President, concluded the evening by stating that her theme for the next biennium is a math problem, “Hands + Heart = Harmony.”

Sally Carter, Alpha Epsilon

Friend of Education

Named the 2017 Omicron State Friend of Education at this year’s convention in Tucson, Representative Rebecca Rios has consistently shown respect for education and the professional educator.



PHOTO BY KIM MEIGHAN

Marilyn Duerback (Alpha Iota), Legislative Chairman, 100% supportive of Arizona’s children and their schools.

Rios earned her Bachelor and Master Degrees from Arizona State University’s School of Social Work. She has 25 years of extensive work in the behavioral health and non-profit fields in Arizona. A fourth generation Arizona native, Rios represents District 27, an urban district in the Phoenix area. She currently serves as the House Democratic leader and sits on the Rules Committee. Pete Rios, former AZ State Senate president, and Rebecca Rios are the only father-daughter team to serve together in the Arizona State Legislature.

Representative Rios will receive her award when committee members visit her at the State Capitol.

Marilyn Duerbeck, Alpha Iota, Legislative Chairman



Bea Olivas (Alpha Rho) was named “outstanding member” at Alpha Rho’s May chapter meeting.

Nancy Mahon (Alpha) and **Merry Lewis** (Nu) had articles published in the Spring 2017 edition of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange*.

Jessica Howell (Nu) has been named a “Leader in Education” by Raytheon Missile Communications systems. She and her school each received \$2500.

Thanks to **Barbara Hewett** (Chi) and **Kim Meighan** (Beta) for taking the convention photos seen in this *Sabuar*’s issue. The complete photo collection may be viewed on the state website.

2017 Spotlight Award Recipients

Each year the Spotlight Award recognizes DKG chapter members for their accomplishments in the community and/or education outside of DKG. This year three DKG members received the recognition.

Gail Gentry (Alpha Rho) is known for her countless hours in tutoring children in the Sahuarita district. In one case a first grader struggled with reading, and Gentry met with the student at the library. The next year she volunteered with home visits giving assistance in reading and spelling assignments. She has inspired students through her tutoring and motivated other teachers to become better teachers.



Spotlight winner Laura Korn (Alpha Iota)

Laura Korn (Alpha Iota) works with at-risk students and tutors students every day at lunch time and after school. She assisted students with a community service project and drove a van to UMOM, a non-profit homeless shelter in Phoenix. The students prepared food for the 280 residents. Korn also

volunteered for the Salvation Army Christmas Angel collection drive going to four different malls, collecting the toys and driving a U-Haul to the main facility.

Bonnie Waterer (Eta) is actively involved in mental health issues. Child development and family relations have been her areas of emphasis



Spotlight winner Gail Gentry (Alpha Rho) with Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)



Spotlight winner Bonnie Waterer (Eta)

(NAMI) of Yavapai County.

as she taught and coordinated school programs. She is a member of the Family Resource Center Advisory Council at the Yavapai Regional Medical Center and is an active Governance Board member for the West Yavapai Guidance Clinic. She currently serves on the board for the National Alliance on Mental Illness

Diana Hutchinson, Beta

Members Visit

The Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures

Quite a name for a building full of dollhouses! The Life Experience event for the spring convention, a tour of the Mini-Time Machine, quickly proved this place meets DKG goals for both personal and professional growth. Charming miniatures offer history, art, and a touch of magic.

A key difference between the collections housed in this lovely location and similar collections of miniatures like the Thorne Rooms in Phoenix is that the entire building is devoted to preserving and displaying miniature houses and their contents, both antique and contemporary. Another difference is the range from ordinary at-home collections to magnificent museum-quality artwork.

The displays are well-organized to best showcase artistic and historical aspects, with the rooms themselves adding to the focus. Videos explain special features. In the *History Gallery*, the history buff can delight in well-researched accuracy of replicas, and also in miniatures crafted in earlier centuries, here and abroad. *The Enchanted Realm*, a special treat for fantasy lovers, is built around a giant tree that also displays miniatures within its trunk. In addition to the houses and contents, special collections showcase the diversity of interest beyond dollhouses, like a collection of kewpie dolls, and another of tiny shoes.

Some houses are scale reproductions of actual period and even modern homes, complete with climbing wisteria or whatever plants might appear in each home's time and place. Others were actual dollhouses from an earlier time, played with by children from that century, or in some cases, serving like catalogues to showcase full-sized merchandise for sale.

A recurring motif of the tour was the emphasis on teamwork. Very few exhibits were the work of a single artisan; most were a team effort by specialists. One expert might make the shell of the house, another the plants, while still others specialized in fabrics for curtains and upholstery; metalwork for candlesticks, pots and pans; artwork for paintings and sculptures; beading for chandeliers; or even just heads and hands for people displays.

To entice boys and girls, and to offer variety on return visits, five mini-fairies that change clothes and locations provide a "Where's Waldo" type of scavenger hunt as guests search for the mischievous fairies' current playing and hiding spots. DKG members joined the fun and bragged about locating a fairy in a 19th Century kitchen, or two playing in a reproduction near the exit.

The Mini-Time Machine Museum of Miniatures offers tours, family events, craft classes for all ages with different miniature projects each session, and even sleepovers or birthday parties. This Life Experience event was both relaxing and informative.

Janet Vickers, Omega

Omicron State Honors Long-term Members

Twelve fifty-year members were honored at the Omicron State Convention. Nadine Elson (Alpha Epsilon), Glennalee Foulk (Alpha), Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta), Carmen Portillo (Alpha Delta), Jean White (Tau) and Janice Rosenberg-Noe (Nu) were in attendance and received roses, certificates and fifty-year pins. Marilyn Brandom (Tau), Marcia Halfin (Epsilon), Joanne Jett (Iota), Jane Murphy (Xi), Carol Stimple (Eta) and Lucy Walkup (Tau) will receive their awards at a later date.

Those recognized for twenty-five years of membership were Marjorie Jones-Schafer (Beta), Rebecca Bast (Nu), Marian Qashu (Xi), Suzanne Hendrickson (Rho), Darlyne Blanton-Winthrow (Omega), Harriet Howard (Omega), Kathryn Brown (Alpha Alpha), Diane Peri (Alpha Alpha), Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta), Norma Tarango (Alpha Zeta), Vicki Cochran (Alpha Rho), Theresa Matteson (Alpha Sigma), Sandra Brece (Alpha Chi) and Regina C. Olson (Alpha Chi).

Kathi Houtcooper, Alpha Iota



Carmen Portillo (Alpha Delta) receives her certificate from Ann Huber (Xi)

Fifty year members...



Nadine Elson (Alpha Epsilon)



Jean White (Tau)



Glennalee Faulk (Alpha)



Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu)



Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta)

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, K-8

This workshop, presented at Omicron State's recent convention by Mary Jo Boyter (Alpha Rho), provided teachers with many different ways to keep students actively participating throughout a lesson. To begin with, we were given a definition of active participation: "All the students, ALL the time"! We learned that by incorporating these strategies, teachers would increase student achievement and retention of information, build on-going assessments, and have the ability to monitor and adjust lessons to meet the needs of all the students in the classroom.

The presenter explained the differences between the three forms of active participation - overt, covert and combination. Overt is being able to see the learning. This can be shown through speaking, writing, signaling, and performing. Covert is not observable. The teacher elicits all students to mentally process information. The third type is a combination



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Mary Jo Boyter (Alpha Rho) discusses techniques to encourage "active participation".

a variety of strategies to actively participating.

of both overt and covert active participation. Students participate in a blend of activities that combine thinking and demonstrating their thoughts.

Participants had the opportunity to take part in many different techniques that utilized active participation. It was a very informative workshop and all that attended walked away with

Karen Estridge, Gamma

Lei of Friendship Breakfast

On Sunday morning, 91 members of Omicron State and special guests entered a brightly decorated ballroom with International flag centerpieces and tables strewn with postcards, pamphlets, brochures, and 2-year pocket calendars as a gift from the World Fellowship committee.

After introductions, the ladies were treated to a slide show of this year's World Fellowship recipients. Attendees played a rousing game of "I have.... Who has?" to learn more about the history and administration of the World Fellowship Committee. The game cards will be sent to chapter presidents in the near future so that they may use them as a chapter meeting program.

During the breakfast members were encouraged to write postcards to the recipients with greetings or congratulations on their awards and to donate to the fund in this annual fundraiser. Their response was overwhelming: an unsurpassed \$1508 was collected, including large sums from two individual chapters, Upsilon and Xi.



PHOTO BY BARBARA HEWETT
Omicron's World Fellowship quilt from 1991 has been repaired.

Shelley Smith, World Fellowship Chairman, Lambda

In Conflict? Don't Medicate, Mediate

Ann Huber, Xi Chapter, is a trained volunteer mediator. Huber presented an informative workshop as she encouraged questions and interaction from the attendees. Everyone acknowledged that conflict is a part of life, a component of human nature. Minor conflicts may occur often and solutions are usually easily found. However, there are times when a conflict is overpowering and difficult to resolve. With a difficult conflict, damage may occur if dysfunctional strategies are used to deal with it and some of that damage may be irreversible. In order to prevent that from happening mediation is needed, which hopefully will result in a helpful solution.

Huber's expertise in her subject matter allowed participants to feel comfortable while they learned elements of effective mediation. The position of a mediator is to intervene between people in conflict in order to help bring about an agreement. The problem solving must be acceptable to all involved. She noted that early in the mediation two questions will most likely be asked: "Why are you here? What do you hope to achieve?" The mediator needs to be a good listener and to also try not to show favor to one side over the other.

Peggy Scott, Alpha Epsilon

Convention moment...



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L-R, Mary Fiebiger, Sherry Alimi and Wally Turner receive Eta Chapter's award for meeting the challenge of "7 in '17" new members.

Luncheon Speaker Shares Her Theory

Dr. Maureen Clemmons was the featured speaker at the Omicron State Convention held in Tucson, Arizona. She spoke on **Wind, Pyramids and Obelisks: Harnessing the Wind to Build the Megaliths of Antiquity.**

Clemmons developed a theory on how ancient Egyptians built their pyramids. Not only has it revolutionized theories of ancient construction, but it has also opened new methods of current construction in the jungles of South America and has applications on Mars.

The personable Dr. Clemmons had pictures and videos to illustrate her speech. Personally, I could have watched them over and over. Having grown up in a very windy location, I found her theories and ideas to be reasonable and possible.

Dr. Clemmons has a History Channel documentary about her work which, along with other interviews, is on *You Tube* under *Entrepreneur Forum*. There is also a very informative article written by a Pepperdine colleague at <http://colleague.pepperdine.edu/2004/07/soaring-on-the-wings-of-ancient-history-and-modern-possibility/>.

Dana Jaeger, Alpha Iota



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Luncheon Speaker, Dr. Maureen Clemmons with her Ankh.

Improve Your Questioning Technique

Two reading specialists from Nu Chapter shared the latest updates on the tried and true practice of improving reading comprehension with good questioning strategies. Christena Tenney and Marcy North practice an application that can satisfy a full range of members' reading comprehension needs. The techniques can be applied in diverse classrooms, or in interactions with children and grandchildren, and can enrich personal reading as well.



PHOTO BY KIM MEIGHAN
Co-presenters Christena Tenney (Nu)



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and Marcy North (Nu).

The presenters reviewed definitions of classic "seven-up" strategies in student-palatable language, and applied commonly-used thought patterns derived most recently from *Mosaic of Thought* by Ellin Oliver Keene and Susan Zimmerman.

The "Seven-up" prompts--Monitor/Clarify, Visualize, Make Connections, Predict/Infer, Question, Summarize/Synthesize, and Evaluate--help the reader connect with text personally. These specialists reminded attendees that being cognizant of which prompts best fit the text becomes part of the art of reading.

A particularly valuable part of the process is the presenters' suggestion to "work backwards." After reading text, plan a sequence of "text-derived questions" (TDQ) that lead to a core understanding, and then allow that understanding to evolve further for both reader and questioner/teacher.

Equally useful is the reminder to ask only two or three of the planned questions during any one discussion, as less working of the text can yield greater richness of comprehension.

Tenney's and North's main strategic reminders were about "text dependent questions," those questions that "can only be answered by referring explicitly back to the text being read." Greatest value comes in using the TDQ at the point where the reader is most likely to need input, a break, or stimulation.

Presenters stressed that while TDQs can ask for answers that are "right there" in the text, but equally effective are questions about vocabulary, text structure, tricky transitions, dense information and inferences. For example, a "right there" question might require the student to select author's words that describe an object or environment. Asking the student to describe the same item or place in personal words can also guide the reader to break down dense descriptive text. Asking the student to locate what words tell the reader that a character is frustrated or upset focuses on both vocabulary and inference. Choosing among questions like these becomes part of the strategy and depends on the teacher's or reader's end goal.

The presenters used a high-interest story set in a candy store from *ReadWorks.org*, providing their audience with an excellent source of free texts for immediate classroom use.

Janet Vickers, Omega

Did you know that Calamity Jane had a problem with the "bottle"?

What are the stories behind the "Wild Women" who traveled through and settled in the western territories? Rhonda Boales (Alpha Zeta) had Omicron State attendees at her Convention Workshop on the edge of their seats as she shared the "sometimes gruesome" tales of these infamous women. Twenty-five bodies of men, women, and children were discovered in the "Bender Graveyard" after the cellar floor of the Bender Inn was found soaked in blood. Katie Bender and her family were never caught! Dora Wright tortured and killed her 8 year-old niece in Oklahoma. Sarah Elizabeth Potts was the first woman to hang in the state of Nevada. Eva Dugan was the only woman to hang in Arizona. Winnie Ruth Judd killed her two Phoenix roommates, put their dismembered bodies in trunks, and sent them to California by train.

Remember Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid? No, not Paul Newman and Robert Redford,

the actors...the REAL Outlaws! Did you know that Anne Bassett, "Queen of the Cattle Rustlers", provided refuge for them on her ranch? Etta Place, who was caught in a cattle scam, traveled with the Sundance Kid; and Laura Bullion ran off to South America with Butch Cassidy.

Karen Blackstone, Alpha Epsilon

Neurological Areas That Must Be Activated in Order to Teach Dyslexic Students to Read

Recent technology with MRI's and fMRI's has shown a neurological basis of reading and dyslexia. Katherine Lackey of Nu Chapter, recipient of the DKG Cornet Award, explained that an MRI (Magnetic Resource Imaging) studies brain anatomy while an fMRI (functional MRI) studies brain function. Thanks to this new evidence and the link to current research-based reading programs that use a multisensory/bihemispheric approach, there is new hope for children who cannot read.



PHOTO BY KIM MEIGHAN, BETA

Kathryn Lackey (Nu) shares her expertise.

Lackey shared with Omicron State Convention workshop attendees that all senses need to be stimulated in a developmental and sequential manner, with much repetition for skills to be mastered. Dyslexics need specific instruction to stimulate the areas of the brain that normal readers naturally use.

We know that reading involves mapping and the understanding of how spelling patterns (orthography) correspond to the sounds of words (phonology) and link to meaning (semantics). Samuel Orton recognized this connection with the integration of right and left brain functions. His work with Anna Gillingham in the 1930's resulted in the Orton-Gillingham approach which is language-based, multisensory, structured, and sequential. This approach is the basis of many programs used today such as the Herman and the Barton reading programs, the Linda Mood Bell program, the Saxon Phonics program, and Spalding's Writing Road to Reading program.

Imagine the possibilities if all children diagnosed with dyslexia received this type of instruction.

Karen Blackstone, Alpha Epsilon

Omicron State Members Demonstrate Extreme Generosity

A total of \$1,508 was collected for the World Fellowship fund at the Lei of Friendship Breakfast at the State Convention.

In addition to the individual donations from the 91 attendees, two chapters submitted checks: Upsilon members contributed \$150 and Xi Chapter \$50.

The World Fellowship Committee members extend their most heartfelt gratitude for the support this year's amount dem-

onstrates. As announced at the breakfast by Chairman Shelley Smith, 22 fellowships and 14 extensions totaling \$100,000 were made possible by the Society's commitment to young women who are not from DKG countries and who are studying in Canada or the United States.

Shelley Smith, Lambda,
World Fellowship Committee Chair

50 Years and Counting

Alpha Zeta celebrated its Golden Anniversary on April 29 at 9:30 am, exactly 50 years, to the minute, from the beginning of the chapter in 1967. Using the agenda of their founders, the celebration started with a brunch. Next came a program that highlighted “What’s New in Colors for the Home” and “Evaluation of New Dimensions-New Goals in Education.”

Founding members Marjorie Brackett and Rita Nader were recognized, as well as past officers. Several former members were able to join in the celebration.

The meeting concluded with the singing of “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song” accompanied by a cherished recording of the song made many years ago by founding member Wilma Williams.

Additionally, first vice-president Phyllis Crow researched all of the founding members and created a book that highlights their background, education, career, interests and photographs of each of the twenty-six founders. The book will be available to members, and additional copies will be donated to the public library, The Museum of Casa Grande, and local school districts.

Phyllis Crow, Alpha Zeta

Alpha Delta Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Saturday, April 29, 2017, was the date for the celebration of Alpha Delta’s 50th year in the Society. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by the members. Table decorations were enhanced by the lovely centerpieces arranged by our creative Lela Alston. A colorful banner and beautiful memorabilia table displays were provided by our very talented member, Faye Golden. Christa Dettmer presented a “Then and Now” table of pictures of members which developed into an exciting game to match pictures of members years ago with their pictures now. Some pictures were easy to identify, while others were more difficult. Lovely 50th anniversary bookmarks were created and given to all attendees by Debra Bergbower. Kathy Green and Sue Mueller prepared the colorful program for everyone. Carmen Portillo and Nancy Noll were honored as the 2 remaining charter members. Cynthia Maher, our newest member, served as Mistress of Ceremonies and kept things moving along as sections of our history were read by committee members. Musical selections were provided by *The Altones*, a talented group, relating each song to the teaching profession and interspersed with reading of our history. Our chapter president, C.C. Chambers, closed the day’s activities with a short announcement about future activities.

Nancy Noll, Alpha Delta

Social Media in Omicron State: Website & Facebook Presence

There are many choices to consider for online communications and information gathering. Omicron State organization currently maintains a website and Facebook presence. What advantages and disadvantages are inherent in the features of these two platforms? Do we need organizational guidelines? These questions were posed by President Joye Sterrett this past year when she asked for input about electronic media.

International Communications Chair Stacy Chicone indicates that there are no DKG guidelines at this time, but a quick search for “Website vs Facebook” indicates that *how* organizations use these two tools is a dynamic online strategy that varies widely.

Here is a short review as to how and why organizations turn to these platforms:

Ease of Use – specific software and skills are needed to create and maintain a website; Facebook applications are easy to learn and implement.

Cost – fees are usually charged to build, create pages, and implement updates if done outside the organization. In nonprofits, such as Omicron, volunteers/members perform most of this work. Facebook accounts are free and managing and updating are likely to be within the skill set of members.


Ownership – website content and format has much more freedom in design and can be customized (to a degree) to an organization’s needs and objectives. Facebook has guidelines that must be followed (guidelines which can be updated unexpectedly).

Engagement – typical websites provide little, if any, interaction with visitors. Facebook is known for its interactive nature with visitors, which may or may not be helpful to an organization. The fluid nature of social media is sure to continue to raise more questions on usage, applications, and strategies.

Professional social media managers tend to use websites in a more formal manner than Facebook. Facebook postings appear more “activity” based with responses from a wide range of visitors, such as Omicron members engaged in meetings or actions.

In the final analysis of whether there should be distinctive uses of Websites and Facebook, it appears that the world at large is not adhering to any major rules. The structured website vs the informality of Facebook is complementary and should serve Omicron State well. Of course, as technology evolves, so will uses of media. Social media should continue to be used by Omicron State and reevaluated as needed.

Kathy Green, Alpha Delta



Betty Klein Tucson, Arizona	Lambda February 11, 2017
Susan S. Pollack Paradise Valley, Arizona	Chi March 3, 2017

Alpha Epsilon is 50

Alpha Epsilon held their 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the East Mesa Fire Station’s Community Room. There were twenty-seven members and guests present for the luncheon event. After the luncheon the group enjoyed a style show with five members modeling fashions from the 1960s, including Sally Carter’s wedding dress. Members then enjoyed listening to a reading, “A Stroll Down Memory Lane”, which told of chapter highlights over the past fifty years as well as headlines from around the world. Songs from the 60’s were sung and enjoyed. Nadine Elson,

charter member of Alpha Epsilon, was honored and interviewed. Other honored guests were Omicron State President Joye Sterrett, who gave congratulatory remarks, and ten of the chapter’s past presidents. They were introduced and honored with a gift of a small, framed thank-you. Everyone present received a booklet of *Memories* depicting information and photos from the five decades. Alpha Epsilon is looking forward to another fifty years!

Peggy Scott, Alpha Epsilon

Convention moment...



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Bea Olivas and Darby Downs work at the registration tables during the convention.

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International Speakers Fund

The International Speakers Fund (ISF) was started in 1982 to commemorate thirty years of DKG as an international organization. Members may apply to speak at a state convention in a country other than their own. State organization presidents receive the lists and may request a speaker. Once a “match” has been made, the speaker and the state organization president communicate and plan together how the visitor will participate in the convention activities. ISF goals for the 2016-2018 biennium include support members (personal and professional development), provide global opportunities (learn about other countries and cultures), develop leaders (share knowledge) and build resources (provide activities to enhance the learning experiences of members). The fund provides for transportation and the welcoming state provides for registration, meals and accommodations.

Recently, Merry Lewis (Nu) was invited to El Salvador. Her experience was enhanced by the fact that she knew several of the members. One member, Mercedes Umana, was in the 1987 Leadership Management Seminar with Lewis and had been an International Speaker at the 2013 Arizona State Convention. Umana

and Lewis had also presented a Leadership workshop together in Nashville.

Lewis spent ten days in El Salvador and was able to go to the American School for three days with Umana. There Lewis introduced her book “Baby Bobcat Goes to School”, sang songs, and created a story for students in the library. She also presented four Leadership talks with activities at the Upper and Middle Schools. She worked with students in Umana’s class using a Reader’s Theater script.

At the convention, she met members and non-members, taught everyone to make three different kinds of greeting cards and presented her speech. Lewis says, “I am humbled by the lovely setting, the gracious members, and the joy of the school children. This is an experience that fulfilled all of the ISF goals and enriched my life and my understanding of another culture. I am grateful to the members of El Salvador and to the ISF committee members for allowing me to have such an incredible adventure.”



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Kim Meighan (Beta) showcases her mother’s sash and pins.

Committee Announces Media Award Winner

The 2017 Media Award winner is Teri Carnicelli, who has been the editor of the *North Central News* in Phoenix for more than 13 years. She has created an extensive School News section, covering people and events from the Osborn, Washington and Madison Elementary School Districts and the Phoenix Union and Glendale Union High School Districts. The School News section also covers Xavier and Brophy College Preparatory Schools along with other private and charter schools within the North Central Phoenix community.

Individual student achievements are highlighted, as well as group/club activities, teacher accolades, and district awards and recognitions. This includes Eagle Scout and Girl Scout awards and projects, including a Butterfly Garden with accompanying lesson plans at Madison Simis Elementary, and recognition of a seating area with bench and landscaping in front of a local fire station.

Many of Carnicelli’s readers are parents who proudly share information with her about their children’s outstanding efforts. Once the paper comes out, those parents share copies with friends and family around the state and country. The “good news” gets spread beyond the borders of the North Central Phoenix community. Hopefully these stories will inspire children to work hard in school and perform service projects to aid those in their own communities.

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