



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

## ETA CHAPTER




Eta sisters,

As I am winding down the biennium, I want to thank you for your wonderful support. The most recent was the help with the 2018 Convention here in Prescott. We had 25 Eta members assisting for which we received an award from the Convention Committee. Thank you to Sherry A. for taking over the Registrar's position. Thank you goes to Sherry B. for her doubling/tripling duties. I can't name everyone, but thank you all.

Our next meeting is May 5th at Wally Turner's home in Sedona. Educational Excellence Committee is in charge of refreshments with Linda Cramer as Chair. We'll want to car pool. Directions are in the newsletter. I hope you all are enjoying Spring.

Thank you for the DKG vase that Sherry B. gave me for serving as president. What a nice memory.

Sincerely,  
Mary Fiebiger, Eta Chapter President

### INSTALLMENT PLAN FOR DUES PAYMENT by Norma Bauer, Treasurer

An "installment plan" for dues payment is available. Any member who wishes to pay dues for 2018-2019 in increments rather than all at once may begin at any time with the total due no later than October 31. If no increase is made by DKG International or suggested by Eta's finance committee, dues would remain at \$81 for active members.

### CARPOOL TO MAY MEETING

If you want to carpool to the May meeting, please call Sherry Alimi-Kent at 928 830-2718 to arrange to meet at her house.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**  
May 6, Norma Bauer

### COLLABORATIVE CONNECTION HOURS

Remember to email/call Pat Buckley with your monthly collaborative connection volunteer hours.

[hiram2173@msn.com](mailto:hiram2173@msn.com) or 928 821-2826

### MAY 2018 MEETING

**Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Wally Turner's home**  
**740 Mountain Shadows Drive**  
**Sedona, AZ 86336**

**9:00 refreshments & 9:30 meeting**  
**Program and Speaker:**  
Nikki Rosson from MATFORCE  
(see note from Nikki on Page 3)  
**Member Longevity Awards**

### Committee: Educational Excellence

Linda Cramer (chair), Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, Jenda Ballard, Pat Buckley, Ellen Close, Helen Colson-Carr, Pam Dickerson, Janet Dow, Selby Ferris, Kris Foster, Tashia Irvine, Marilyn Jenkins, Marty Lewis, Barbara Scott, Carol Stafford, Veronica Wilson, Theresa Yslas.

**RSVP to Linda Cramer by Wednesday,**  
**May 2, 2018: (928 499-9586) or**  
**[lindawayaz@outlook.com](mailto:lindawayaz@outlook.com)**

**DIRECTIONS:** Shortest is to come over the mountain on 89A through Jerome to Mingus Road (gas station) in Cottonwood. turn left. This is a shortcut as it will connect with 89A again. First stoplight is Main Street. Cross Main and proceed east until you get to the second stoplight and TURN LEFT (north) toward Sedona (89A). Proceed into Sedona until you reach Mountain Shadows Drive - TURN LEFT (Hampton Inn on corner) Travel up Mountain Shadows staying left until 740. Park on driveway or road. It is near the top.

Another route: Hwy 69 to Hwy 169 to I-17 to Camp Verde exit. Turn LEFT onto 260 (lots of construction). Follow into Cottonwood past Walmart. Come to intersection of 89A. TURN RIGHT and follow until you reach Mount Shadows Drive (Hampton Inn). TURN LEFT. Stay left to 740. Park in driveway or on road.

**ALLOW 90 MINUTES DRIVING TIME!**

Dear Eta Sisters,

Our deepest gratitude to you for your support for the annual convention this past weekend. What a relief to see you all there at the registration desk or the Rose Boutique or the Hospitality Room. We only heard good comments about the convention and the Executive Board gave thanks to Eta specifically for making the convention successful. But from our perspective, we were extremely proud to see you "come to the rescue". There was no way we could have juggled all our jobs at the convention without you. A special thank you to Erin who connected us to the Gurley Girls band and arranged for her daughter to present the Grand Canyon video and the Girls Scouts flag presentation and got donations despite her physical limitations and busy schedule with school, motherhood, work and support for our dear sister Tasha in her time of need. And to Dorothy and Veronica who served as co-Hospitality chairs, shopping for all the food, setting it up, serving, replenishing, putting things away, and cleaning up. You all are simply the best, Please know that we appreciate you even more deeply.

On the next page we have tried to summarize ALL the help our chapter provided. If we omitted something, please know it wasn't intentional.

Sherry Alimi-Kent and Sherry Baca



Mary Fiebiger proudly holds the Certificate of Attendance Eta earned for being the chapter with the most members attending in area.

#### NOTE FROM MATFORCE SPEAKER FOR MAY

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the Delta Kappa Gamma meeting on Saturday, May 5th, in Sedona. I am looking forward to sharing our organization's resources with your group, as well as learning more about what Delta Kappa Gamma does in the community.

Below is a little history on MATFORCE and my bio.

MATFORCE is an anti-drug organization that educates and raises awareness about substance abuse issues in Yavapai County. We are a nationally recognized, award winning coalition that partners with state, federal, and local organizations to address the issues surrounding substance abuse and drug prevention.

Nikki Rosson has been with MATFORCE for 9 years this June. She has a very diverse role in her capacity as Executive Assistant including marketing and communications, conference planning, parenting education facilitator, drug prevention education in the schools and more. Nikki is an integral part of the projects that MATFORCE implements.

Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thanks,

Nikki Rosson  
Executive Assistant  
MATFORCE

### LOOK AT ETA CHAPTER'S PARTICIPATION FOR CONVENTION!

- **Sherry Alimi-Kent\***† was registrar for the convention and in charge of the Latin American Committee sale of purses at the boutique. She was also in charge of purchasing convention flowers and arranging for the donation of the garden totem for the raffle. Besides working registration and the boutique, she purchased jewelry to sell at the boutique and donated items of her own. She also sold raffle tickets and convention pins. She obtained several items for the raffle basket from *Rogers Academy of Beauty, LaBruzza's, Fresca Cafe, Top 3 Nails, Papa's Italian Restaurant* and the *Prescott Brewing Company*. She donated wine and peanuts for the hospitality room and even got her sister, **Judy Chandran**, to work the boutique and donate items to sell.
- **Sherry Baca\***† was business manager for the convention collecting registrations, depositing checks, printing name tags and meal tickets. She helped in the hospitality room shopping for food, unloading it at the hotel, and working shifts. She also obtained donations for the raffle basket from *Murphy's, Raskin's Jewelers, the Chamber of Commerce and Sharlot Hall Museum*. With **Sherry Alimi's** help she obtained donations from the *Prescott Resort and Conference Center, Pralines of Prescott, and Olive U Naturally*. She donated fruit, wine and plum bread for the hospitality room.
- **Norma Bauer\***† worked registration and the boutique as well as depositing our earnings from boutique and raffle.
- **Ora Beth Cesarini** donated cash to Eta chapter to help with convention.
- **Ellen Close** worked the boutique and donated handmade slippers, baby items and clothing to sell at the boutique.
- **Linda Cramer**† worked the boutique.
- **Georgia Davidson\***† worked registration, brought materials to decorate the basket and spruce it up, donated a hot plate to the raffle basket, and donated snacks for the hospitality room.
- **Pam Dickerson** worked registration and the hospitality room (great bartender!). She donated shot glasses and a travel cup for the raffle basket as well as wine, munchies, and cups for the hospitality room.
- **Janeth Dow\*** worked the registration table and the hospitality room.
- **Mary Ellen Dotson** worked registration and the boutique. She also attended the Rose Banquet at convention.
- **Dorothy Eichbaum\*** served as hospitality co-chair helping shop for food, setting up, working several shifts, cleaning up, and baking items to serve. She donated several items for the raffle basket including historical books and printings from *Sharlot Hall Museum*. She also made arrangement to get the Neely Bird for the raffle.
- **Mary Fiebiger\*** worked registration and attended convention - after just getting home from surgery!
- **Chris Fonoti** worked the registration table, the boutique and the hospitality room. She also donated coffee and items for the hospitality room. On the last day she hauled off the hay bales from the photo booth.
- **Kris Foster**† worked registration and donated coffee and wine for the hospitality room.
- **Erin Harris** arranged for the Grand Canyon Video, the Girl Scout flag presentation, and the Gurley Girls band. She got donations for the raffle from *Superstition Meadery* and *Dino Bulleri* and worked the hospitality room.
- **Tashia Irvine**† worked the boutique and donated wine for the hospitality room
- **Marilyn Jenkins\*** served as convention advisor and worked the registration table.
- **Marty Lewis\***† worked registration and the boutique. She donated a t-shirt and glass from NAU Yavapai.
- **Helen McDowell\***† provided serving trays and the hot water pot for the hospitality room. She also donated sugar cubes and stevia.
- **Joyce Moore\***† worked the boutique.
- **Barbara Scott\***† worked registration and the boutique. She also donated a Prescott picture book and post cards for the raffle and Talavera soap dishes from Mexico for the boutique.
- **Becky Shields** worked the boutique.
- **Linda Spellman** worked the registration table and hospitality room.
- **Carol Stafford** worked registration and the hospitality room.
- **Carol Stimple** donated chocolate waffle cookies for the hospitality room.
- **Donna Stowell** worked the rose boutique.
- **Wally Turner\***† gave the opening thought at the convention business meeting and worked registration & raffles.
- **Bonnie Waterer** worked the registration table.
- **Veronica Wilson\*** was hospitality co-chair shopping for food, setting up, working several shifts, and cleaning up.
- **Bonnie Waterer** donated bags of nuts and banana chips for the raffle basket.

\*Members who registered and attended one or more days of convention

†Members who attended the packing party to stuff registration folders

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

**TASHA CHENEY:** She had a friend from Alabama come to visit and stay with her for a while as she deals with the loss of her daughter. She sent the following letter to Eta Chapter:

*Dear Eta Sisters,*

*Thank you for the outpouring of love and assistance we've received from all of you. Your help with the memorial, flowers, cards, and donations are all such amazing blessings. Thank you for honoring Ardara in so many ways.*

*Love,  
Tasha Cheney and Richard Nelson*

**SHERRY ALIMI-KENT:** She and Steve traveled to California April 19 for a few days to see his mother. His sister called and said Steve's mom had experienced some sort of "spell" so she thought they should come see her. We send positive thoughts their way.

**MARY FIEBIGER:** We are so glad she is back home after her surgery. She relates that instead of going to therapy at the place near her home, she learned she has to go to YRMC in Prescott for her therapy after open heart surgery. Good luck and a speedy recovery.

**PAT BUCKLEY:** She reports that her husband had a few setbacks but is supposed to get out of the hospital on Wednesday, April 25. However, they will still have to stay in Phoenix for a while. She sends thanks to everyone for their cards and prayers. Right now she is not sure if she will be able to make it to the May meeting. She is missing her DKG sisters and we all miss her too! Here's sending positive thoughts her way for her hubby's speedy recovery.

**MARTY LEWIS:** She had to miss her book club meeting in April after her hubby had a bit of a fall and had to be taken to emergency. She reports he is doing better. We send good wishes her way.

**PAM DICKERSON, SELBY FERRIS, THERESA YSLAS, AND TASHIA IRVINE:** They are all busy preparing for the annual Sacred Heart Spring Gala "A Night in Venice" that will be held the evening of May 5. They are selling Scratch and Win \$\$ Gala Raffle Giveaway tickets - a chance to win \$100 worth of "Scratchers" Lottery tickets. Plus the Gala will feature the 2nd Annual "Dance Off" between pastor Father Darrin Merino and Sister Anne.

**NORMA BAUER:** She sent the following report about convention: *Eta sold jewelry and other items at the Boutique at State Convention. So far the net earned on jewelry is \$417 and the other boutique items earned \$63.25. We received \$40 in donations, \$100 from Sherry A. renting a room for convention and split \$360 from our raffle basket.*

**GEORGIA DAVIDSON:** She shared the following information...*My husband, Mike Davidson, is currently undergoing cancer treatment. Mike has lived in Prescott most of his life after moving here from Indiana at the age of one. His father, Richard, worked at the Courier. Mike worked at Safeway for thirty-five years. After his retirement, he earned a small pension and health insurance. When Obama Care was passed, the UFCW cancelled the retirees health insurance. This has hurt us financially because Mike is 63 and too young for Medicare. Mike has done a lot of volunteer work, including coaching/officiating youth sports such as football, basketball, baseball, and softball. Many of you may know someone his life has touched. Our son, James, has started a GoFundMe page for him that Sherry asked to put in this newsletter. Thank you in advance for anything you can give and for your prayers.*

The GoFundMe Page set up by Mike and Georgia's son, James, can be found at the following web site:

<https://www.gofundme.com/rally-behind-mike>

Mike Davidson, our father and grandfather, was diagnosed with leukemia about 8 years ago. At first it progressed slowly. Mike continued with his many activities, including his passion, umpiring softball. You may have seen him volunteering at the Smoki Museum in Prescott, AZ or volunteering with town activities each summer. Many of his friends and family did not know what was happening. Recently, however, the illness has changed. The leukemia had progressed to the point that Mike has had to drop his umpiring and volunteering. The time had come to fight back against the cancer. He has gone through 2 rounds of chemo therapy and multiple diagnostic tests. These tests revealed something else. More cancers are appearing in Mike's body, including lung and colon cancer. Mike, with Georgia (our mother) at his side, is fighting back against this onslaught, but he needs reinforcements. The medical bills are becoming overwhelming for our parents. We are reaching out to our family, friends, and the community that Mike has been a part of for over 60 years. We are asking not only for financial support for Mike and Georgia to continue the fight, but also prayers and encouragement.



PHOTOS FROM CONVENTION WORK DAY "PACKING PARTY"



Barbara Scott and Marty Lewis stuffing folders.



Georgia Davidson, Norma Bauer and Kris Foster cut meal tickets to stuff in convention folders.



Helen McDowell and Joyce Moore have fun cutting tickets!



Kathi Houtcooper and Sherry Alimi assemble badges.



Linda Cramer, Wally Turner, and Marilyn Jenkins spruce up the basket.



Tashia Irvine stuffs folders with handouts.



Sherry Baca stuffs registration bags.

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**MORE PHOTOS FROM THE CONVENTION WORK DAY “PACKING PARTY”**

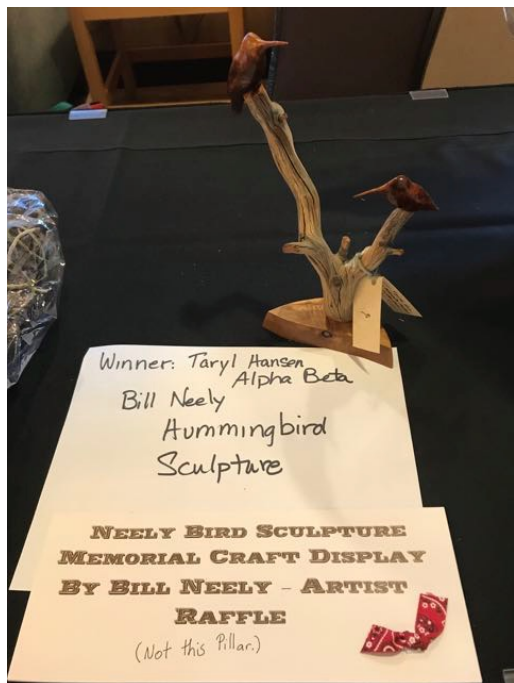
**TWELVE MEMBERS POSE AT THE “PACKING PARTY” WHERE THEY PREPARED FOLDERS AND BAGS FOR CONVENTION AS WELL AS ASSEMBLING THE ETA CHAPTER “YEE HA” RAFFLE BASKET**

Marilyn Jenkins, Linda Cramer, Georgia Davidson, Norma Bauer, Kris Foster, Helen McDowell, Sherry Baca, Barbara Scott, Sherry Alimi, Joyce Moore and Wally Turner. Not pictured is Tashia Irvine who had to leave before the photo was take. Kathi Houtcooper, Convention Co-Chair and DKG member from Alpha Iota Chapter also helped pack folders

# “PACKING PARTY”

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RAFFLES FROM THE CONVENTION



Taryn Hansen from Alpha Beta Chapter was the winner of the Neely Hummingbird Raffle.



Sherry Alimi-Kent wins the totem!!!

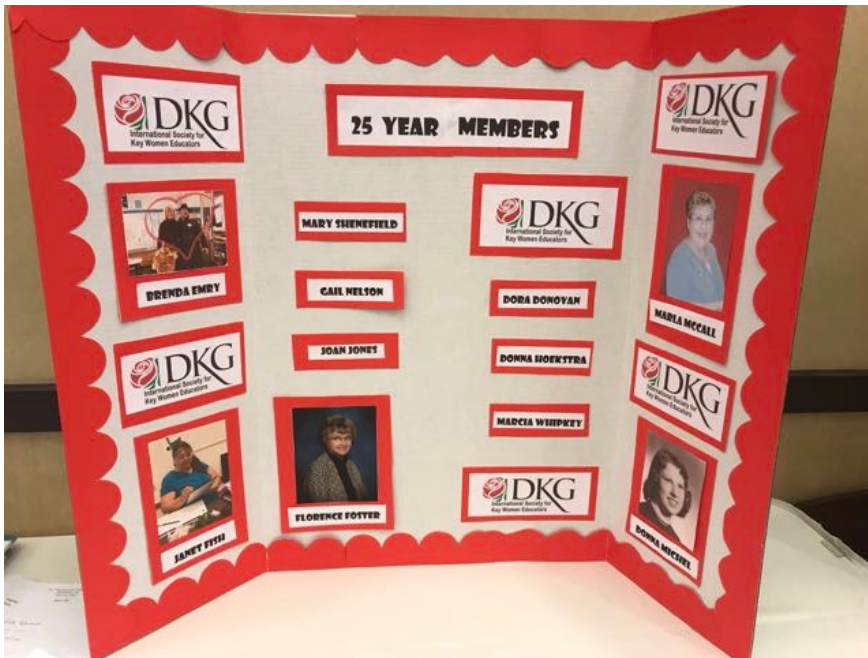


Pearl Hernandez from Kappa Chapter was the winner of one of the Italian Baskets. President Alice Reule won the other one!



Sherry Baca wins the Prescott Yee-Ha Basket!!

PHOTOS FROM 2018 CONVENTION



Members who attained 25 years in 2018 were honored at convention. Our own Mary Shenefield earned this honor but was unable to attend convention. She hopes to join us at our May meeting in Sedona.



Marge Threewit from Alpha Beta won the Squeaky Clean Basket.



Rhonda Boales from Alpha Zeta won the Native American Basket.



Georgia Davidson visits with a DKG member from another chapter at the convention.



Joyce Moore, Sherry Alimi and Wally Turner at the Banquet. Looking sharp, ladies!



MORE PHOTOS FROM 2018 CONVENTION



Erin Harris with daughters Eva and Elaina n. Eva is one of the Girl Scouts who helped lead the Flag ceremony at the Business meeting on Saturday and Elaina introduced the Skyview School Grand Canyon Dance Video at the Friday night dessert reception.



A DKG member buys raffle tickets for the various baskets from Wally Turner. Wally was a great sales rep pushing those raffle tickets!!!



The Gurley Girls plus two performed country music at the Friday reception including some line dance songs!

Bill "Papa" Wolff, Kerry Johnson, Joell Gail, Sheri Schmidt, Jennifer Harvey, and Steve Nelson "Carmen Denominator".

Two of the ladies are school teachers, one is a nurse and one is an insurance agent.



MORE PHOTOS FROM 2018 CONVENTION



Veronica Wilson and Marilyn Jenkins at the banquet.



Sherry Baca, Mary Ellen Dotson, Georgia Davidson



Eta chapter's Mary Fiebiger and Joyce Moore in the processional of outgoing and incoming presidents.



Mary Fiebiger holds Eta's certificate for having the most members at convention within the area.

MORE PHOTOS FROM 2018 CONVENTION



Thursday night before convention enjoying Prescott's Western History at the Palace Restaurant  
Sitting: Alice Reule (DKG State President), Pat Park (DKG SW Region Director) and Kathi Houtcooper (Convention Co-Chair.)  
Standing: Sherry Baca (Convention Business Manager) and Sandy Breece (Convention Co-Chair).



Hospitality Room Workers!

Veronica Wilson (Hospitality Co-chair), Helen McDowell (Caterer Supreme), Dorothy Eichbaum (Hospitality Co-chair), and Pam Dickerson (Bartender Extraordinaire!)

More wine anyone???

MORE PHOTOS FROM 2018 CONVENTION



Ron Watson - designer of the garden totem raffle



DKG Members visit the Phippen Museum on tour.



Sherry Baca and Marilyn Jenkins try to relax a bit in the Hospitality Room.



World Fellowship Breakfast Table Decorations with Veronica Wilson and Marilyn Jenkins in back.

**REMAINING PROGRAMS FOR 2017-2018****Refreshments at 9 a.m. and meeting at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted**

**Sat. May 5, 2018** at Wally Turner's house in Sedona. Program: Greater Sedona Substance abuse coalition. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE Committee in charge of refreshments.

**Sat. June 9, 2018** at Joyce Moore's home. Executive board meeting. EXECUTIVE BOARD in charge of refreshments.

**PROGRAMS FOR EARLY 2018-2019**

**Aug. 18, 2018** – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. (Refreshments at 9 a.m.) **Location:** StoneRidge Community Center, 1601 N. Bluff Top Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ. **Committee:** Finance plus Arts & Music. **RSVP** to Helen McDowell at 928-308-2317. Program: Launch Pad with Courtney Osterfelt.

**Sept. 15, 2018** – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. No food will be served but water and coffee will be available. **Location:** Embry Riddle. **RSVP** to Georgia Davidson at 928-277-8234. **Program:** Planetarium.

**Oct. 16, 2018** – Tuesday, 5 p.m. **Location:** Sacred Heart School, 131 N. Summit Avenue, Prescott AZ. **Committee:** Communication. **RSVP** to Sherry Baca at 928-713-3684. **Program:** Initiation? Presentation by Debora Black, Prescott Police Chief.

**Oct. 2018** (Date to be announced)– Saturday; **Omicron State Fall Workshop.** Metro Tech, 1900 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ.

**EARLY CAREER EDUCATORS ADOPTED BY ETA CHAPTER**

Karla Cruz - 5th-6th Grade at Skyview School

Color Pencils

Thin and thick markers

Pink erasers

Lamps (small lamps to use in order to avoid use of the overhead fluorescent lights)

Washable paints/brushes

Headphones



Natalie Lusson - Kindergarten at Sacred Heart School

(Natalie wants to create a center-based Kindergarten classroom.)

Various seating, furniture; bean bags, shelves (Please ask Natalie what she needs, specifically).

Magnifying glasses, STEM materials

Scopes that students can put right over objects to magnify

Blocks, connectors and other hands-on manipulatives

Play dough and various books



**COLLABORATIVE CONNECTIONS HOURS NEEDED**

Pat Buckley requests that you please email her at the end of **each** month your collaborative connection hours. These are volunteer hours you do in the community, at church, with your school, etc. She needs the following information emailed to her at [hiram2173@msn.com](mailto:hiram2173@msn.com).

NAME	MONTH	LOCATION(S)	NUMBER OF HOURS
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**ARIZONA THEME**

*Hands + Heart = Harmony*

**Omicron State Calendar**

**OCTOBER 2018**  
 Saturday - Date TBA  
*Omicron State Fall Workshop*  
 MetroTech, 1900 W. Thomas Road  
 Phoenix, AZ

**APRIL 19-21, 2019**  
*Omicron State Convention*  
 Tucson, Arizona

**JULY 17-20, 2019**  
*Southwest Regional Conference*  
 Costa Mesa, California

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<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/AZ/>

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

*ETA Chapter*  
<http://etachapteraz.weebly.com>

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**Mission Statement**

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education*

**State Theme**

*Hearts + Hands = Harmony*

**International Theme**

*DKG - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*