



Arizona SAHUARO

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

Berneil Drake Receives International Achievement Award

Omicron State Past President Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta), one of our own Omicron stars, is the 2007 recipient of the International Achievement Award, given annually to one member in recognition of distinguished ser-



Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) received the International Achievement Award Medallion from International President Dr. Barbara Day.

vice to the Society at the international level.

The Achievement Award is the most prestigious recognition given to a member and honorees are selected by the International Executive Board. Berneil is the third Arizona resident ever to be so honored.

International President Dr. Barbara Day presented the award to Berneil at the Celebration luncheon held during the Southwest Regional Conference. In the presentation of the award, Dr. Day cited many of Berneil's international contributions: attended 15 international conventions, served as a website evaluator, chaired World Fellowships, Communications, and Membership committees, was elected Southwest Regional Director and International Second Vice-President.

She served the Southwest Region as Director, workshop presenter, and conference musician. In addition, she traveled to 15 states and countries as International repre-

2007 Fall Executive Board Meeting and All-Member Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007

**Central Arizona College – Signal Peak Campus
8470 N. Overfield Road Coolidge, Arizona**

Schedule:

7:00 – 7:30 AM	Set up for Workshops, Rose Boutique
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Registration, Continental Breakfast, Rose Boutique*
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Executive Board meeting
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break – Go to Workshops
10:00 – 10:50 AM	First Session Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How the Way We Talk Can Change the Way We Work · Expanding the Art of Technology in the Classroom – Using the Smart Board (back-to-back sessions) · Bare Your 'Sole' · Collaborative Connections and You
10:50 – 11:05 AM	Break – Move to the next session
11:05 – 11:55 AM	Second Session Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Expanding the Art of Technology (continued) · Collaborative Connections and You (repeated) · Lifelong Learners and How to Be One · TBA
11:55 – 12:15 PM	Rose Boutique
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Luncheon, Keynote Speaker, Raffle Drawings
2:00 – 2:45 PM	State Committee Meetings

**The Rose Boutique will be in a secured room so that all may participate in the Executive Board Meeting and General Session ♥*

sentative to their conventions, including El Salvador, Great Britain, Manitoba, and Mexico.

Most of us know Berneil as a long-time leader in Omicron State. Currently, she is completing her 25th year as editor of the *ARIZONA SAHUARO*. In addition to serving and chairing many state committees, Berneil was state president for the 1979-1981 biennium. We hear her musical talents often as she entertains us with flute and piccolo performances during state and international convention activities. Berneil began her Delta Kappa Gamma membership as a charter member of Alpha Delta Chapter, where she remains very active in supporting chapter leadership.

In her spare time, Berneil is active in the All Arizona School Retirees Association, the

American Guild of Organists, Chapter D of P.E.O., Mu Phi Epsilon, the Two B's music group, and her church.

*Berneil, we are so proud!
Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)*



**...promotes personal
and professional growth
of women educators
and excellence in
education.**

Walk The Talk With Dena



Dena Martin (Zeta)
Omicron State President

It was exciting to have 31 Omicron State members in attendance at the 2007 Southwest Regional Conference.

Past State President Jan Rosenberg and President Dena were first in line to present the state banners at the Opening General Session. We kept busy each day with general sessions, great speakers,

workshops, and tours.

Thursday evening we had a special Arizona dinner where we “toasted or roasted” Jan for her presidency in Omicron State. Several friends told tales and shared special times they remembered during Jan’s biennium. We were honored to have four of our Latin American members from Costa Rica and two from El Salvador as our guests.

Your president was privileged to work with several of the international staff and members of the Leadership Committee during her training for the state president position. Other state officers attending training sessions were Judy Vinson, second vice-president; Kathy Green, treasurer; and Berneil Drake, editor. First Vice-President Judy Strohmeyer attended the training session at the Northwest Regional Conference.

Arizona was well represented by workshop presenters at the Conference. Janet Vickers and Dr. Joye Sterrett gave a workshop titled, “Bare Your Sole,” Patricia Holmes presented “Lifelong Learners and How to Be One,” Marilyn Steffen gave her “SMART Board Technology in the Classroom” presentation, and Suellen Brahs and Mary Powell presented “What Do You Think?”

The Fall Workshop will be October 20, 2007, on the Central Arizona College campus. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the Executive Board Meeting will be at 8:30 a.m.

Zeta Chapter is working with the CAC staff to keep the registration, business meeting, workshops, and Rose Boutique in the same building. The only time we will move to another building will be for lunch in the CAC cafeteria. Transportation will be provided for members not wanting to walk to the cafeteria. I look forward to seeing you there.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is gearing up to report the news and reviews of the workshops and speakers at the Fall Workshop and the Spring Convention. They are looking forward to reporting the “wisdom and passion” of Omicron State through the *Sabuario*.

The committee is also looking for additional members who would like to contribute articles for the state newsletter. If you enjoy listening to motivating speakers and sharing what you’ve learned, this is a great way to contribute to Omicron State.

Contact the committee at <acw477@aol.com> or any of the members directly. The Communications Committee members are Chairman Carmen Wendt (Chi), Barbara Nielsen Dowell (Phi), Sandy Hillegas (Beta), and Dora Donavon (Alpha Sigma).

Carmen Wendt (Chi), Chairman
Omicron State Communications Committee

Omicron State Expansion Committee

The Omicron State Expansion Committee, consisting of Chairman Judy Tucker (Chi), Carolyn Ireland (Alpha Rho), June St. John (Alpha Rho), and Betty Holt (Chi) has been sharing ideas via e-mail during the summer. The committee will meet and finalize the goals for the 2007-2009 biennium at the Omicron State Fall Workshop.

Some of the ideas contributed are:

- Work with Omicron State leaders and chapter presidents to identify any specific locations in need of expansion or membership recruiting. This may be done in conjunction with the Research and/or Membership Committees.
- Build contacts in the schools and increase membership by sponsoring newer teachers for membership.
- Possibly provide an award to be given to chapters who increase chapter membership by a percentage each year.
- Provide chapters with ideas so they may become more visible/helpful in the schools in their area. Show younger teachers how our Society can be a means of “support and fellowship.”
- The committee will work with chapters who are struggling to stay viable by providing an action plan for them.

Judy Tucker (Chi), Chairman
Omicron State Expansion Committee

Membership Explosion

The Membership Committee offers a challenge. Each chapter is asked to initiate a minimum of eight new members, half of whom have three to five years of teaching experience.

These are the most important years, since so many teachers give up at this point and leave the profession.

If the person you invited is hesitant to accept due to school responsibilities, tell her of the great support system proved by Delta Kappa Gamma members. ♥

Think Globally ...Act Locally

The World Fellowships Committee encourages Omicron State chapters to “walk the talk” of encouragement and support for Arizona’s two World Fellowships Extension recipients by sending e-mails, cards, notes, and special treats to:

Precious Biyela – from South Africa, who is studying Civil Engineering at Arizona State University. Her birthday is Sept. 14, and, her address is 1050 S. Stanley Place #216, Tempe, AZ 85281. E-mail: preciousbiyela@yahoo.com

Mahishi Ranaweera Kaluarachchige – from Sri Lanka who is studying Teaching English as a Second Language at Northern Arizona University. Her birthday is April 5. Her address is P.O. Box 9676, Flagstaff, AZ 86011. E-mail address: mahishicestmoi@yahoo.com

Your chapter can do a world of good (and have a world of fun) by trying out some of the new fund-raising ideas found in the World Fellowships pamphlet. Start a “treat basket” tradition or hold a “delicious diversity luncheon.” How about “adopting one of the World Fellowships recipients” or inviting local foreign exchange students to a meeting?

Sincere thanks are extended to Omicron State chapters for their generous support and encouragement, which provide the opportunity for our Society to promote world friendship. Let us continue to dedicate ourselves to the goal of making a difference in the lives of key women educators, be they local or global.

Sharon Modi (Alpha), Chairman
Omicron State World Fellowships Committee



Research Committee

The Omicron State Research Committee has many investigations planned for the 2007-2009 biennium.

One is collecting data about our members. We will be confirming members’ current addresses and phone numbers for our state president as well as researching our members’ involvement at the various levels in Delta Kappa Gamma.

We will also be comparing the school systems of today to the ones 75 years ago. Finally, we will be creating a list of members who have schools named after them.

The Research Committee will meet at the 2007 Fall Workshop to discuss the implementation of these projects.

Clarine Haslag ((Upsilon), Chairman
Omicron State Research Committee

2007 Fall Workshop

The 2007 Omicron State Fall Workshop will be held October 20, 2007, at Central Arizona College, Signal Peak Campus, Coolidge, AZ.

From I-10, take Exit 190 (McCartney Road), go east three miles to Overfield Road, turn left (north) and go one mile to the college entrance.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the Executive Board Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast, Rose Boutique, Executive Board Meeting, and workshops will be in the "T" building. The Rose Boutique will be in a secured room so that all may participate in the Executive Board Meeting.

The luncheon will be held in the cafeteria and transportation will be available for those not wanting to walk to the cafeteria.



Yvonne Corley will be the Keynote speaker at the 2007 Fall Workshop.

The keynote speaker at the luncheon will be Yvonne Corley, Associate Superintendent for the Pinal County Schools. She is a native of Trinidad, Colorado, and has lived in Arizona since 1979.

Mrs. Corley has a Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University in Educational Leadership. She has 30 years experience as a classroom teacher, staff developer, director of an education service agency, and associate superintendent and has devoted her time to teacher quality and school improvement.

She was awarded the Arizona National Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 1993 and, in 1999, was a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Program for teachers. In August 2006, she was appointed to the No Child Left Behind Congressional Advisory Council by Congressman Rick Renzi. ♥

Collaborative Connections Project

Did you know that 25 per cent of teachers leave the teaching profession within the first three years; 30 per cent leave within the first five years; and 50 per cent leave within their first five years in urban areas? One of the biggest problems facing schools today is that of attracting and retaining teachers.

What can we do? Delta Kappa Gamma's Professional Affairs Collaborative Connections Project has an answer. This project focuses

on each chapter/state working together to support novice teachers. Contact your local school superintendent to get a buy-in. Next, contact a school site principal to determine the number of novice teachers. A chapter or several chapters together may choose one school. Our role is to guide, mentor, coach, and support classroom teachers.

Some examples may include: volunteer time helping in a classroom with reading, practicing math facts, writing with a small group, presenting a special lesson; providing materials such as storybooks, supplies, or bulletin board decorations; or guiding with a listening ear.

Will you and your chapter consider making this a Society project for the 2007-2008 school year? Hand in hand we will make a difference for our novice teachers and keep them in the profession. Contact Kathy Flynn, Southwest Representative, at grammaflyn@msn.com

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)

Chapter Yearbooks

Please bring three of your chapter yearbooks to the Fall Workshop. They are for President Dena Martin, First Vice-President Judy Strohmeyer, and Editor Berneil Drake.

Look for the boxes or baskets designated for these yearbooks. ♥

Time for Dues and Fees

What if a member has not paid her dues and fees for the coming year?

Membership in the Society has many benefits. Those who have not paid dues and fees should be contacted by the chapter treasurer and president to ascertain the reason.

Maybe she forgot or just needs encouragement to continue membership in the Society. Maybe she is terminally ill or no longer able to handle her affairs.

If the latter is the case, **only the chapter** by vote may make the decision for a special provision for payment. In some instances the chapter pays state and international dues and fees while waiving chapter obligations. With chapter newsletters, the member is kept in touch with her chapter.

Ann Stephens (Nu), Chairman
Omicron State Finance Committee

Chapter Presidents

Question: If the chapter president is unable to attend the Fall Executive Board meeting, can she send an alternate?

Answer: *Omicron State Arizona Standing Rules 2003, D.2.a.1* "When a chapter president is unable to attend a meeting of the State Executive Board, she shall notify the state president of her official representative so that her substitute may be seated."

Please notify President Dena Martin at martindena@hotmail.com ♥

Rose Boutique at the 2007 Fall Workshop

The Rose Boutique will be held in conjunction with the Fall Workshop. This is an excellent opportunity for your chapter or committee to do some fund raising.

Each participating chapter or committee may have one six-foot table. Some of the tables will be down the center of the room with no wall space. Bring a sign to place on your table to identify your chapter or committee and indicate where money will be used.

Time for the Rose Boutique will be 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for set-up and selling and 11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for selling.

Contact Chairman Pearl Nancarrow (Delta) at 305 Devereaux, Globe, AZ 95501-2248 or e-mail <pnancarrow@cableone.net> to register for a space at the Rose Boutique.

___ Yes, (Chapter or committee) _____
would like to participate in the Rose Boutique.

Chapter president or committee chair name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please notify Pearl Nancarrow by e-mail or snail mail no later than October 5, 2007, if your chapter or committee wishes to participate in the Boutique.

Opening Session and Oklahoma Night

The opening of the Southwest Regional Conference in Oklahoma City began with greetings from Southwest Regional Director Lorraine Sawyer (California). Inspirational comments were presented by Jim Standing Bear, clothed in cultural ceremonial dress.

Mayor Mick Cornett welcomed the attendees. Arizona's Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta), international second vice-president, narrated the presentation of state banners. Incoming State President Dena Martin (Zeta) and outgoing State President Jan Rosenberg (Nu) carried the Arizona banner. A proclamation from the governor's office, a welcome from Northeastern State University, greetings in Spanish by Maria Alcalá from El Salvador, and comments from International President Dr. Barbara Day, rounded off the first general session.

Conference attendees were then delighted by the Oklahoma Night festivities. Musician and composer David Hooten, along with the Jazz Puppys ensemble, got our feet moving to jazz numbers. Soloist Tary Davis-Johnson and accompanist Debbie Hart entertained the audience with favorites from the musical, *Oklahoma!*

Makenna Smith, Miss Oklahoma 2007, brought beauty, poise, and talent to her performance. A special treat was the appearance of three Oklahoma youths – Miss Indian, Junior Miss Indian, and Little Miss Indian – performing Native American signing to the songs “Colors of the Winds” and “God Bless the USA.” What a wonderful insight to Oklahoma talent.



Incoming President Dena Martin (Zeta) and outgoing President Jan Rosenberg (Nu) proudly carried the Arizona banner at the first general session

Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)

First Timer at Southwest Regional

(The author, Mary G. Powell, teaches English at North High School, Phoenix, AZ)

In 2007, I attended a Southwest Regional Conference for my first time. I was both honored and proud to be among so many accomplished women. Women related their stories to me about their teaching practices, and the

joys and hardships of raising children and being fulltime teachers simultaneously.

Thanks to Delta Kappa Gamma and the J. Maria Pierce Scholarship, I am able to pursue my own goal of completing my Ph.D. in English Education.

At the President's Banquet, many new women were placed in the important role of state president. They walked with pride down the aisle to a warm reception of music and fellowship, their heads held high, smiles joyous.

International President Dr. Barbara Day also played a special role in my first Southwest Regional Conference; she warmly accepted the opinions of younger members about how to improve Delta Kappa Gamma and retain its members. Her focus on incorporating technology and practical, authentic projects are what will make Delta Kappa Gamma continue to thrive.

Overall, my conference experience was remarkable. Friends, colleagues, and women educators came together, holding the golden key to success.

Mary G. Powell (Rho)

Omicron State Members At Southwest Regional Conference

Alpha

Judy Vinson

Gamma

Helen Roberts

Epsilon

Donna Reynolds

Zeta

Dena Martin Ruth Hintz

Lambda

Patricia Holmes Connie Myren

Jo Regenold

Nu

Jan Rosenberg-Noe

Rho

Suellen Brahs Kathy Epp

Colleen Lines Mary Powell

Sally Switzer Mary Ann Yee

Sigma

Kathleen Shroyer

Omega

Dr. Joye Sterrett Janet Vickers

Alpha Beta

Diane Sheets Marge Threewit

Alpha Delta

Dr. Barbara Baker Berneil Drake

Kathy Green Dr. Nancy Noll

Alice Reule Marilyn Steffen

Alpha Epsilon

Barbara Havens Kathryn Whalen

Alpha Rho

Jean Fuer Davis Bea Olivas

Rachel Wear

All-States Breakfast

The All-States Breakfast began and ended on a proud and personal note for Omicron State members as Lambda Chapter president, Patricia Holmes, provided the prelude and postlude music.

The event's festivities included invitations to attend the International Convention in Chicago in 2008 and the next Southwest Regional Conference to be held in Reno in 2009.

Corlea Plowman, the new Executive Coordinator, challenged us to replenish the Emergency Fund, which aids members who are hit by disasters, of which there have been many during the last several years. Southwest members attending the breakfast responded by donating a whopping \$5,000.00.

At the conclusion of the breakfast, Omicron State members headed to the Third General Session, where the presider was Immediate Past Omicron State President Donna Reynolds.

Jean Fuer Davis (Alpha Rho)



Dr. Barbara Baker (Alpha Delta) and her friend Dr. Betty Barger (Maryland) at the All States Breakfast.



Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) presided at the Third General Session.



Patricia Holmes (Lambda) played guitar music at the All States Breakfast.

Underachievement: A Culture of Failure

Dr. Sue Pettit grew up with limited vision of her abilities and opportunities for further education. Most teachers and counselors directed her to lower level coursework that did not prepare her for higher education.

After a counselor encouraged her to go to college, she began an educational journey that led to her doctorate. In her present position as a college professor, she is studying the limits that affected her in her own grade and high school education.

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She presented her research in a workshop session at the Southwest Regional Conference, titled "Underachievement: A Culture of Failure."

In her studies, she concluded that educational leadership attributed persistent underachievement to poor instruction and the teachers attributed it to the inferiority of the student attending the school.

Four categories contributing to failure named by the teachers were cultural, social, behavioral, and cognitive. Though the teachers were compassionate and hardworking, Sue concluded that their expectations contributed to underachievement of the students.

Suggestions were made for ways schools could help students to greater achievement.

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega)

Banquet

The Southwest Regional Banquet began with the 2007-2009 State Presidents' procession conducted by Past International President Evelyn Barron. Music was provided by Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) and Beth Harrington (Oklahoma).

The 534 members in attendance donated a total of 455 bilingual children's books to students in Oklahoma.

The keynote banquet speaker was International President Dr. Barbara Day, who focused on eight new Society initiatives: including emphasis on the arts, collaboration with novice teachers, making Delta Kappa Gamma's presence known, worldwide expansion, healthful living, integrating technology into the Society, and creating legislative programs based on research.

Research surveys were conducted at the conference asking teachers to explain their most pressing concerns with education. Survey results found the following issues mentioned most often: safe school environments, community support, active teacher participation in school decision making, administrative support, and adequate teaching supplies.

Dr. Day also emphasized the importance of staying in tune with today's young teachers. She has met with young teachers at all conferences to gather ideas on retaining membership and promoting innovative future service projects.

The banquet ended with the toe-tapping music of the Southwest Regional Chorus, led by Donna Talley.

Mary G. Powell (Rho)



Omicron State President Dena Martin (Zeta) and International President Evelyn Barron. Barbara Day at the conference banquet.

Bare Your "Sole"

Do you remember Cracker Jax toys? The power of concrete objects to generate critical thinking and creative writing was evident as participants played and reminisced over tiny chalkboards, miniature cans of soda, and colorful plastic diaper pins

Omega Chapter members. Dr. Joye Sterrett and Janet Vickers reprised this workshop in which shoes – real or cutouts – were decorated with pictures and symbolic objects.

The shoes become a brainstorming tool for students' fables, AIMS-style reflective personal narratives, and persuasive writing.

Participants at Southwest Regional turned the session into part playtime, part opportunity to get to know themselves and each other better, and came away with many ideas for both classroom use and chapter programs.

The workshop will repeat at the Omicron State 2007 Fall Workshops.

Janet Vickers (Omega)



Janet Vickers (Omega), Dr. Barbara Baker (Alpha Delta) and Judy Vinson (Alpha) at the All States Breakfast.

Omicron State Members Were Leaders at the Southwest Regional Conference

Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) directed the presentation of the State Banners at the First General Session, and presided at the Celebration Luncheon.

Jan Rosenberg (Nu) and Dena Martin (Zeta) carried the state banner in the president's procession.

Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) presided at the Third General Session.

Janet Vickers (Omega) and Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) presented the workshop, "Bare Your Soles." Jan Rosenberg was the facilitator for the workshop.

Patricia Holmes (Lambda) presented the workshop, "Lifelong Learners and How to Be One." She also played classical guitar at the All-States Breakfast.

Jan Rosenberg (Nu) presented a "Spotlight on Arizona" at the Fourth General Session.

Marilyn Steffen (Alpha Delta) presented the workshop, "SMART Board Technology in the Classroom." Alice Reule was the facilitator.

Suellen Brahs (Rho) and Mary Powell (Rho) presented the workshop, "What Do You Think?"

Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) provided piccolo and flute music for the First General Session and the Banquet.

Connie Myren (Lambda), Mary Ann Yee (Rho), Jan Rosenberg (Nu), Marge Threewitt (Alpha Beta), and Mary Powell (Rho) were members of the choir. ♥



Marge Threewitt (Alpha Beta) sang in the chorus at the SW Regional Conference

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“What Do You Think” Workshop

Mary G. Powell (Rho) and Suellen Brahs (Rho) presented a workshop entitled “What Do You Think,” which involved using an anticipation guide to initiate student interest in reading in the classroom.

The anticipation guide consists of a series of true/false statements that the teacher writes related to the daily reading; the students then answer the questions on their own as a pre-reading guide and do a pair-share afterward to look at their partner’s responses. After reading the piece of literature, the students answer the questions again, according to the reading, and discuss their new responses.

Women educators from the fields of health and fitness, science, English, and math were all in attendance. Other ideas for the guide were incorporated as well; the guide may be used at wedding/baby showers, parties, and anniversaries.

Mary G. Powell (Rho)

“Oklahoma” Under the Stars

For those who love musical theater, an afternoon trip to the outskirts of Tulsa for a “stage-wagon” style barbeque followed by an outdoor production of the musical, “Oklahoma,” is a “must do.”

The musical was staged in a natural setting with live horses and a real “surrey with the fringe on top.” The voices and choreography were perfect for the various roles and our st – re – tch limos rolled back to the hotel in Oklahoma City with sleepy but very satisfied campers.

The food was good as was a native Indian dancer who entertained before the show. And what fun it was to meet members from other states in the Southwest Region!

Jan Rosenberg (Nu)

Night on the Town

A busload of Delta Kappa Gamma women headed for a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Friday evening at Oklahoma City’s Cattlemen’s Restaurant.

A delicious buffet dinner was served as we participated in the play, the “The 1890 Boneyard Gulch Town Meeting and Election.” The play took us back to the early 1900s and the days of town meetings held at local saloons. Many laughs were shared as members enjoyed interacting with the cast.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)

Lifelong Learners and How To Be One

The workshop, “Lifelong Learners and How to Be One,” was presented by Patricia Holmes (Lambda).

Patricia began the workshop by giving a brief account of her own quest to be a lifelong learner. The audience then participated by listing things they would like to learn, and prizes were given to the ones Patricia chose as unique.

Each participant was given a list of resources to help with the learner’s quest. She gave examples of people, famous and unknown, who were good examples of lifelong learners.

Patricia Holmes (Lambda)

Educator’s Award for 2007

The book, *The Power to Transform Leadership That Brings Learning and Schooling to Life* by Stephanie Pace Marshall received the 2007 Society Educator’s Award.

The book brings a positive, life-affirming approach to educational theory and practice. Dr. Marshall urges leaders to reconnect, mend, and reweave learning systems into mind-shaping, natural designs that generate understanding and affirm life.

As founder of the prestigious Illinois Math and Science academy, Dr. Marshall invited learners of all ages to navigate complex disci-

plines and embrace the new landscapes that are created along life’s journey. When parents ask students, “How did you learn today?” rather than “What did you learn today,” the lesson and process merge to bring new life to learning.

The annual \$2,500 Educator’s Award recognized educational research and writing and honors women authors whose work shows potential for significant influence on education and society. ♥

2007-2008 Order Forms Available

Due to the recent increase in postage and cost of paper, the Society has been forced to address its own rising operational costs.

One of the areas that has been hit the hardest is Society materials. While we continue to save money by writing, designing, and printing in-house most of the brochures and forms that are used on a regular basis, we are unable to continue mailing these resources free of charge.

The new Order Form lists the shipping and handling charges that will now be applied to each order.

Members can still download many of these materials from the website free of charge. ♥

Info Fair

The Info Fair at the Southwest Regional Conference featured displays by the various International Committees. In addition to the visual presentations, there were hand-outs available that explained the work of the committees.

Among members representing the various committees were International Speakers Fund Chairman Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) and International Personnel Committee Chairman Jo Regenold (Lambda). ♥



Jo Regenold (Lambda), chairman of the International Personnel Committee, at the Info Fair display.



Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) is chairman of the International Speakers Fund Committee.



Joyce Geranis (Mu), principal of Collier Elementary School in Tucson, was named by State Superintendent Tom Horne to the Circle of Honor as one of the top 1 per cent of school principals in Arizona. The award includes a \$5,000 scholarship for the study of educational leadership.

Nancy Perry (Beta) has been requested by the President General of Daughters of the American Revolution to serve as National Vice-Chairman of the National Bylaws Committee for the term 2007-2010.

Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) was awarded the International Achievement Award at the Southwest Regional Conference.

Beth Swanson (Rho), **Virginia Mountain** (Chi) and **Dena Martin** (Zeta) were the proof readers for this issue of the *Sabuario*.

Photos in this issue were taken by Omicron State Photographer **Marilyn Steffen** (Alpha Delta) and by the Society photographer Jim Miller of Texas. www.photosbyjim.com

Special Red Roses to our dear friends from Costa Rica who joined us at the Arizona dinner.

Come to Prescott in the Spring Time

The 2008 Spring Convention will be held April 4 to 6, 2008, at the Prescott Resort in Prescott, Arizona.

You will not want to miss the exciting activities the convention committee is planning for you. Invigorating up-to-date, informative business meeting, not-be-missed workshops and information, tours of historic Prescott, and much, much more.

Come on Thursday morning and make plans to tour the Bronzsmith in Prescott Valley. Pouring occurs on Thursday and may be observed by reservation, and you can tour the gallery on Thursday or Friday. Bronzsmith is closed on Saturdays.

Sample workshops and information that will be available: SMART Boards, JETED'S, Quilting, Identity Theft, Curriculums for the Changing Worlds, Math Consortium, Antiquing, and NCLB update.

Complete information, agenda, and registration form will be in the next *Sabuario* and from your chapter president.

If you have questions, please contact Convention Chair Marilyn Jenkins at 928-775-4589 or 928-533-5927.

*Marilyn Jenkins (Eta), Chairman
2008 Omicron State Convention*

Life Experience Seminar Committee

The Omicron State Life-Experience Seminar Committee's purpose is to provide Omicron State members with an opportunity to develop their personal and professional growth skills.

The first order of business is to schedule activities for members during the 2008 Omicron State convention in Prescott. Kris Foster (Eta), from Prescott, offered some possibilities: touring several museums such as the Smoki, Sharlot Hall, and the Phippen Cowboy Museums; visiting the Court House Plaza; and perhaps having lunch at the Hassayampa Inn.

More details will be forthcoming after the Fall Workshop..

*Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), Chairman
Omicron State Life-Experience Seminar Committee*

2008 Seminar in Purposeful Living

Prior to each international convention, a special seminar is held in an area close to the convention city. Registration is limited to the first 250 Society members who apply. Educational topics, as well as personal life issues, are featured at each seminar. Short tours of historical areas give participants a flavor of the seminar site.

The 2008 Seminar will be held July 17 to 20, 2008, in Dubuque, Iowa, and Galena, Illinois. Dubuque, the oldest city in Iowa, is nestled in the bluffs of the Mississippi River. You will experience life on the Mississippi, see the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, the Riverwalk, the Grand River Center, and the Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark.

You will cross the river and experience the vintage charm, unique shops, and period architecture of Galena, Illinois.

Watch for the registration form in the January/February 2008 issue of the *Delta Kappa Gamma NEWS*. ♥

Helen Roberts Sends Greetings

Helen Roberts was Omicron State President 1981-1983. She was a member of Gamma Chapter and now lives in the state of Oklahoma. She attended the 2007 SW Regional in Oklahoma City.

As the Oklahoma state officers began making preparations for the Southwest Regional Conference, I wondered how many Arizona members would be coming.

When I walked into the first General Session, I was happy to see so many Arizona members. It was like old times! You made this a very special Regional Conference for me.

Dena and I have been exchanging e-mails. I asked her to make plans for a quiet time and a cup of coffee after her president's training. She invited me to Arizona Night and I enjoyed seeing everyone from Arizona.

This coming year I will serve as a member of Gamma (Oklahoma) State Membership Committee and also as president of Alpha Theta Chapter.

Husband Bob, and I live on an acreage outside a university town. Bob is busy keeping the land clear and chauffeuring me to Oklahoma State Literacy Board meetings where I serve on the Board of Directors. I am also a volunteer for the Pontotoc County Literacy Coalition tutoring international students.

In my spare time I serve on the Pontotoc County Historical/General Board and also do research for people working on their family history.

Best wishes for a great biennium.

*Helen Roberts
Omicron State President 1981-1983*



Past State Presidents Helen Roberts and Kathryn Whalen (Alpha Epsilon) at the Arizona dinner.



Maria Bujan (Costa Rica), Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta), Ana Aguilar (Costa Rica), Dena Martin (Zeta) and Jeanette Zuniga (Costa Rica) at the Arizona dinner.

White Roses

"A Moment to Remember...
A Lifetime to Honor"

Dr. Stella Sorensen Iota
June 28, 2007 Yuma, AZ

Ann Louise Groves Delta
August 7, 2007 Globe, AZ

Jennie Welcome Epsilon
August 10, 2007 Douglas, AZ



International Scholarships

Do you need some money to complete your doctorate degree?

February 1, 2008, is the deadline for international scholarship applications. Members initiated on or before July 1, 2005, who have completed a masters degree and are, preferably, pursuing a doctoral degree are encouraged to apply for one of the available scholarships. Application forms are available from International Headquarters and the Society website.

Because the participation of an applicant in Delta Kappa Gamma receives considerable weight in the evaluation, the prospective applicant should participate in her chapter functions and accept state positions that might be offered to her, as her studies allow. She should also make an effort to attend her state conventions, regional conferences, and international conventions.

Mary G. Powell (Rho) is one of the twenty-six Society members who received a \$6,000 scholarship for 2007-2008.

Dates to Remember

October 20, 2007

Omicron State Fall Workshop
Central Arizona College
Signal Peak Campus
Coolidge, Arizona

April 4-6, 2008

Omicron State Convention
Prescott Resort Conference Center
Prescott, Arizona

July 17-20, 2008

Seminar in Purposeful Living
Dubuque, Iowa, and Galena, Illinois

July 22-27, 2008

International Convention
Hyatt Regency O'Hare
Rosemont, Illinois

May 1-3, 2009

Omicron State Convention
Four Points Sheraton at Metro Center
Phoenix, Arizona

July 6-11, 2009

Southwest Regional Conference
John Ascuaga's Nugget, Reno, Nevada

Society Website

The Society website address recently changed to www.deltakappagamma.net. The e-mail addresses for the International Headquarters staff remain the same.

First Online NEWS Published

The 2007 July/August *NEWS* is the first "only online" issue. Action at the 2006 International Convention mandated that one of six issues per year be published electronically to eliminate printing and mailing costs.

Please print and distribute this issue to chapter members who do not have internet access. Go to the deltakappagamma.net website to find the July/August *NEWS*.

Thank You from Jackie Cuppy

Dear Friends in Omicron State,

It was such a pleasure being with you for the Omicron State Convention. Congratulations to your outgoing officers and best wishes to your incoming officers. You are certainly in very good hands.

Jan's theme of "Leading From the Heart" was so appropriate for all the activities. I will treasure the beautiful turquoise pin, shaped like a heart, that you gave me. It will be one of my treasured pieces of jewelry.

The welcome gift of a spa basket is already in place for me to use at my leisure . . . so you know you will be in my thoughts as I recall the warm hospitality, the Life Experience Tour, singing in the choir, and the leis of friendship that ended the convention.

Warm regards,

Jackie Cuppy

Immediate Past International President

Property Chairman Needed

Omicron State is looking for a Property Chairman. The chairman will be responsible for the storage of the Society paraphernalia that is owned by the state.

The chairman would need to bring the paraphernalia to the Fall Workshop and the State Convention. A large storage area would be most helpful.

Contact President Dena if you could fulfill this vital role. Call her at 602-309-8678.

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