



Arizona SAHUARO

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

Come One, Come All to Prescott!

The Life Experience Committee challenges you to come early to take in the following events:

- **Thursday** - Make reservations to tour the **Bronzesmith Gallery** at 7331 E. Second Street in Prescott Valley. Contact Laura at 866-772-0378 for pouring at 11 a.m. Tour is by appointment only www.bronzesmith.com

- Another option is to stop at Cordes Junction to tour **Arcosanti** – a model city of the future. Open 7 days a week – tours run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 928-632-7135 for reservation.

- **Thursday-Friday** Once you are in Prescott, plan to stop by the **Mountain Artists Gallery** at 228 N. Alarcon to see the Daring Designs – new works by local and nationally acclaimed artists. Call 928-776-4009. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Or you may prefer to take a walking tour of the **Sculpture Garden** at Yavapai College, 1100 E Sheldon St. This is a 4-mile walking tour of contemporary sculpture (open anytime). While at the Yavapai College, plan to stop at the **Yavapai College Art Gallery**, featuring visual arts, open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

On Friday evening, Yavapai College Performance Hall at 1100 E. Sheldon is presenting the “Frog Bride” at 7:30 p.m. Call 928-776-2000 for tickets or you may want to take in the “Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen,” a Family Theater performance at the Prescott Fine Arts Association, 208 N. Marina Street. Call 928-445-3286. Performances are at 2 and 6 p.m.

Other highlights you will not want to miss include the Courthouse Square; Phippen Art Museum, featuring high-quality western art; the Sharlot Hall Museum and its wonderful gift shop; and Prescott’s Square Gallery with its Thomas Kinkadee paintings.

A complete schedule of events, sightseeing, shopping, and tour options will be available for you at the registration table. Don’t forget to purchase a ticket for the raffle. Local artist, Bill Neely, is carving a special piece for us — a quail. We look forward to walking with you through Prescott’s history.

*Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), Chairman
Life Experience Committee*

A Walk Through History Omicron State Convention, April 4 – 6, 2008

Prescott Resort and Conference Center, 1500 Highway 69, Prescott, AZ 86301
Reservations: 1-800-967-4637

Thursday, April 3, 2008 – Tours arranged by the Life Experience Committee

Friday, April 4, 2008

Tours arranged by the Life Experience Committee

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| 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 4:45 – 5:00 p.m. | Chapter presidents, first vice-presidents, and second vice-presidents: “Meet and Greet” |
| 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Chapter officer’s training |
| 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. | Dinner for chapter officers |
| 7:45 – 9:45 p.m. | Officer training, second session |

Saturday – April 5, 2008

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| 6:45 a.m. – noon | Registration | |
| 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast | |
| 8:00 – 9:45 a.m. | First General Session | |
| 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. | Workshops – first session | |
| | • Presidents’ Training | • Touch Math I |
| | • Kenya, My Homeland | • Citizen Lobbying |
| 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. | Workshops – second session | |
| | • Collaborative Connection | • Touch Math II |
| | • Bell Work | • Agriculture in the Classroom |
| 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Birthday Luncheon | |
| 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. | Workshops | |
| | • Hands-on Agriculture and Academic Achievement | |
| | • Crafts – Woven book marks | |
| | • Book Talk: Celebration of Women | |
| | • My Impressions and Perceptions of a Changing Asia | |
| 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Registration | |
| 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | Banquet | |
| 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. | Receiving Line | |

Kyrsten Sinema Luncheon Speaker

“Public Education in Arizona – Keeping Our Priorities in Tough Times” is the title of Representative Kyrsten Sinema’s (Alpha Alpha) luncheon speech.

Kyrsten holds a master’s degree in Social Work and a juris doctorate from Arizona State University. She is an adjunct professor in the School of Social Work at ASU and practices criminal defense law in the Phoenix community.

Prior to her work at the Legislature, she



Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha) will be the luncheon speaker at the 2008 Omicron State Convention.

was a social worker in the Washington School District. She created and directed the Sunnyslope community’s first Family resource Center. ♥



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

Walk The Talk With Dena



Dena Martin (Zeta)
Omicron State President

Happy New Year! The New Year is off and running. I'm not sure what happened to January, but it came and went without a backward look. We will have to stay on our toes to keep up with 2008.

The Omicron State Convention is just around the corner, and the Convention Plan-

ning Committee is working to make this year's convention a tremendous success.

We look forward to seeing ALL of you there. Alice Reule and her Life Planning Seminar Committee will have many places for you to visit on Friday morning and afternoon. You may even want to stay Sunday afternoon to visit more historic and interesting places.

The Leadership training on Friday, April 4, 2008, at the Prescott Resort and Convention Center will be held in the late afternoon for incoming chapter presidents and first, and second vice-presidents.

The state officers have been working to present you with the necessary information and guidance to make your new biennium a big success. Please plan to attend if you are a new chapter officer. Jan Rosenberg-Noe, Leadership Chairman, will continue her presidents' training Saturday morning after the General Session.

We have several terrific seminars and workshops to help you grow personally and professionally. They are listed in another place in the *Sabuario*.

I have enjoyed visiting chapters and look forward to receiving invitations from other chapters.

I look forward to seeing YOU at Prescott! ♥



Phyllis Steinmann WINGS Scholarship

Q. What fills a large shopping bag to overflowing, weighs 12 pounds, and can help build a future?

A. The mail received from 141 students from all around Omicron State expressing interest in the Phyllis Steinmann WINGS Scholarship! An initial review found 80 applications to be complete with student information, student essay, counselor recommendation, teacher recommendation, and transcripts. The response was overwhelming and will be an exciting, albeit monumental challenge, for the WINGS Board to select ten \$4,000 scholarships.

Thank you, members of Omicron State, for your success in getting scholarship information to your local high schools.

Peggy Scott (Alpha Epsilon),
Chairman WINGS project

75th Anniversary Celebration

At the 2007 Fall Executive Board Meeting October 20, 2007, an ad hoc committee was appointed to consider and make recommendations for celebrating Omicron State's 75th Anniversary in the year 2011.

To begin this celebration, mother-daughter Society members will be highlighted in each issue of the *Sabuario*. In this issue, two mother-daughter members are honored: Betsey Cary (Alpha Delta) and her daughter, Joan Auza (Iota) and Mary Hewitt (Chi) and her daughter Barbara Hewitt (Chi).

Betsey Cary, a graduate of Arizona State University, is a retired primary teacher from the Bals School District, in Phoenix. She is an accomplished pianist, church organist, and accordionist. She has played at many Delta Kappa Gamma state conventions including, Oklahoma, Iowa, California, Missouri, Utah, Nevada, Kansas, and Arizona.

Her daughter Joan received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Arizona University and taught third grade in the Yuma School District for many years. She is currently the English language learner coordinator for K-6 in Yuma. She assists students and teachers with the acquisition of the English language.

Mary Hewitt is a graduate of the University of South Dakota. She is a charter member of Chi Chapter and has served as treasurer and president of the chapter. She taught English at Scottsdale High School and at Saguaro High School, where she was chairman of the English department.

Mary's daughter, Barbara, is a graduate of Arizona State University and is a retired elementary school teacher. She first taught at Cherokee School in the Scottsdale district and then at several schools in Mesa, retiring from Robert Frost School. ♥



Mother, Betsey Cary (Alpha Delta) and daughter Joan Auza (Iota) are a talented duo.



Mother Mary Hewitt and daughter Barbara Hewitt are both members of Chi Chapter

Our Treasured Past

Every chapter needs one or more copies of *Our Treasured Past, Volume IV*.

This ten-year edition of Omicron State's history contains valuable and useful information for all chapters.

The volume of the history covers the past five biennia of our state in a new format. New elements include biographies of the state presidents, descriptions of the State Achievement Award recipients, and sections on workshops and conventions at all Society levels.

Accomplishments within and involvement beyond Omicron State are highlighted along with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and salutes to individual members.

Members may glean new ideas on programs, fundraisers, and service projects from the Chapter Highlights section, which features every chapter in the state.

Copies were sold at the Fall Workshop and will be available at the 2008 State Convention for \$5.00.

Julie Berkel (Chi), Chairman
Ad Hoc Committee, *Our Treasured Past*

IRS Requires Chapter Treasurers to File Electronically in 2008

The United States Revenue Service is requiring a new annual electronic filing for small tax-exempt organizations (normally with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less). Any chapter or state organization that meets this requirement and is not currently filing Form 990 or 889EZ must now submit an annual electronic notice (Form 990-N) with the IRS. Even if no taxes are due, the IRS will require a Form 990-N beginning in 2008. The initial filing deadline for the Society's states and chapter is November 15, 2008.

The IRS has sent letters to many chapter treasurers with instructions for beginning this online process. The Society contacted its Certified Public Accountant to verify information for treasurers. An e-Postcard must be submitted electronically to begin the IRS's electronic filing system.

Current information about the e-Postcard filing requirements can be found online at this web site: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>. Exempt organizations will find filing procedures on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/eo when the system is completed and ready to use.

The IRS also encourages treasurers to sign up for EO Update, Exempt Organizations' free e-mail newsletter. Subscribers will automatically receive the latest information about e-Postcard.

(Above information from Delta Kappa Gamma web site)

Workshop – The IRS and Chapter Treasurers

Omicron State Treasurer Kathy Green (Alpha Delta) presented an informative workshop on new IRS regulations for small tax-exempt organizations.

All chapters with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less will be required to submit an *annual* electronic notice (Form 990-N) to the IRS *even if no taxes are due*. The first filing deadline for chapters is November 15, 2008. Failure to file will result in the revocation of a chapter's tax-exempt status.

Chapter tax ID numbers are required for the filing. If treasurers do not know their chapter's tax ID number, it is located on the top right of the informational letter being sent to each chapter by the IRS.

Treasurers and other members may learn more by visiting the Society's web site, especially the FAQ's page and the IRS links provided in the Society's web announcement: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>. Omicron State will share more information as it becomes available.

Julie Berkel (Chi)

Luncheon Speaker

During the Omicron State fall workshop luncheon, Cinde Schuttner (Epsilon) led members in song. After lunch of chicken and ambrosia salads, brownies, and iced tea, members were informed of



Yvonne Corley, Pinal County Assistant Superintendent of Schools spoke at the Fall Workshop luncheon.

“Educational Trends and Their Impact on Arizona Students” by guest speaker Yvonne Corley, Pinal County Associate Superintendent of Schools.

Mrs. Corley focused on what transpired in education in the last seven years, current trends, and what might be expected in the next five to seven years. She used detailed graphs showing data from 2004 to 2007 in presenting the findings of No Child Left Behind on student core-subject areas and to communicate trend data and identify positive and negative impacts that have taken place in education in Pinal County as well as in the entire state of Arizona.

Wanda Lynch (Chi)

How the Way We Talk Can Change The Way We Work

Teri Ackland (Zeta) teaches college-level English at Signal Peak Campus, Central Arizona College. Highlights of her workshop on better communication included:

- The way we put our thoughts into words can lead to better communication.
- The language of complaint can be changed to use words of commitment and personal responsibility.
- Language reflects the assumptions we hold, and we must “disturb the immunity to change” to consider these assumptions objectively.
- The language of prizes and praise works better if changed to a language of ongoing regard and respect.

We can learn to use “deconstructive criticism,” which is kinder, more helpful, and more productive

Pearl Nancarrow (Delta)

Rose Boutique

The Rose Boutique saw large numbers of very enthusiastic shoppers. A variety of items were offered starting with “Our Treasured Past” – a ten-year history of Omicron State.

Other items for sale included decals, pen holders, pens, cutlery, cookie mix in a jar, cups filled with assorted goodies, handmade cards, scarves, and commercial products.

Raffle tickets were also sold for beautiful baskets filled with all types of goodies. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

Gail Nelson (Chi)



Above Kathy Shroyer (Sigma) is proud of the hand painted rose note cards her chapter had on display. Above right, Jan McGinnis (Upsilon) shows the cookie mix in jars. At right, Suzanne Crumrine (Alpha Eta) with the “raffle” baskets at the 2007 Fall Workshop.

2007 Fall Workshop A Success

One hundred plus attended the Fall Workshop held Saturday, October 20, 2007, at the Signal Butte Campus of Central Arizona College.

There were ten Omicron State past presidents, six 2007-2009 state officers, and 27 chapter presidents or alternates in attendance.

Alpha Beta Chapter, in the Phoenix area, had the most members from the area in which the workshop was held. Alpha Rho Chapter, in the Green Valley area had most members in attendance from outside the area. Gloria Guzman (Zeta), as president of the Central Arizona College Governing Board, helped arrange facilities use at no charge. Terri Ackland and her CAC students did much of the behind-the-scene work with help from the rest of Zeta Chapter.

It was announced that there will be a new format for chapter officers' training at the 2008 Omicron State Convention. Training will start Friday at 4:00 p.m. and continue through the evening. This will allow members to enjoy the Friday afternoon historical tours.

A motion was passed to purchase a new computer and software for use by the Omicron State treasurer.

Janet Vickers (Omicron)

Omicron State Recording Secretary

Lifelong Learners and How to Be One

The workshop “Lifelong Learners and How to Be One” was presented by Patricia Holmes (Lambda). It was emphasized that teachers are lifelong learners.

The workshop provided additional resources for continued learning other than college classes. Have you thought of plant nurseries, the zoo, book clubs, fabric and craft stores, cooking school, etc.? How about learning from the different informative shows on PBS, the Food channel or the Home and Garden Channel. Don't forget the gym, YWCA, and community centers.

Additionally, the instructor included articles about people who continued to learn in their chosen profession or who started new endeavors when well into their senior years.

B. B. King, the “Ambassador of Blues,” is still constantly on the road, performing more than 250 shows a year. Andres Segovia, famed Spanish classical guitarist, continued performing well into his old age. Grandma Moses started painting in her seventies.

What would you like to learn? One is never bored when one keeps learning.

Pattie Vincent (Alpha Epsilon)

Workshops at State Convention

President's Training presented by *Omicron Past State President Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu)*

Jan's workshop is designed to prepare incoming chapter presidents for their upcoming biennium with suggestions for building a strong chapter.

This workshop is a must for all incoming presidents, even those who have held the office before. The training will be presented Friday in late afternoon and evening, then concluding Saturday morning.

Touch Math – presented by *Karen Blackstone (Alpha Epsilon)*

Karen has been working in the field of Special Education for over thirty years. She discovered the Touch Math system as a graduate student in North Dakota and for more than 20 years has been teaching it to her students as well as to other teachers and parents.

Karen will present two sessions back to back.

Bell Work – presented by *Cindy Ellis (Alpha Zeta)*

Cindy has been an educator for over thirty years and is currently teaching at Casa Grande Union High School. She also assists Social Studies teachers with Bell Work and review.

Bell Work is used to maximize time and stimulate students desire to learn. It addresses learning across the curriculum. The target audience for this workshop is high school teachers but all are welcome to attend.

Citizen Lobbying - presented by *Ari-*

zona Representative (District 15) Krysten Sinena (Alpha Alpha)

Krysten holds a master's degree in Social Work and a juris doctorate from ASU. Prior to her work in the legislature, she was a social worker in the Washington School District. She is dedicated to serving the community, focusing on advocating for disadvantaged and oppressed populations, environmental justice, and social justice. Her work in the Legislature over the last two years has earned numerous awards.

Collaborative Connections - Presented by *Virginia Ptuyack (Sigma) and Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)*

Virginia is the current Omicron State Professional Affairs Committee Chairman and Alice is an elementary teacher in the Washington School District. Their workshop was presented at the Omicron State 2007 Fall Workshop and is being repeated at our convention by request of members. The workshop encourages members to support and encourage new teachers in the classroom.

Kenya, My Homeland - presented by *World Fellowship student Maria Ngomba of Kenya*

Maria came to America to get a good education, secure a good future, and help her



Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) will present the workshop "Collaborative Connections" at the state convention

family. She is currently attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott.

She writes, "I remember the day I landed in the United States like it was yesterday. I was nervous but elated at the same time. I was going to pursue a new life in a new culture, and I did not know what to expect. I walked out of Sky Harbor Airport and I thought, I am not going to make it. All I saw was a concrete jungle and desert land. I missed the trees and the smell of the farm back home in Kenya. I used to become annoyed by people's ignorance about the African way of life and the issues affecting them. I was angry and defensive, but I came to realize that it is not the peoples fault but the media's fault. They only talk about the negative aspects of Africa and so influence people's ideas. Now I am able to educate people about what it truly is to be African, our values, beliefs, and way of life."

Agriculture in the Classroom (morning session) - presented by *Gerry Parker, AZ Cooperative Extension Program*

Gerry Parker is the Agriculture Literacy Program Coordinator for the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Program. She has taught for eight years. Gerry and her husband live on a farm in Palo Verde, Arizona, where they grow alfalfa, wheat, and corn.

The Arizona Foundation for Agriculture Literacy and the U. of A. Cooperative Extension Services present the Summer Agriculture Institute as part of its ongoing program to introduce information about agriculture into Arizona's school system.

Hands-on Agriculture and Academic Achievement (afternoon session) - presented by *Gerry Parker*

Experience a lesson that our trained volunteers of farmers and ranchers teach the youth in Arizona schools.

Book Talk: A Celebration of Women - presented by *Dee Puff (Epsilon)*

Since 1998, Dee has been the Director of Curriculum and Human Resources for the Palominas School District, in Hereford.

This book chat will include a sampling of adult and children's books that honor and chronicle the contributions of strong, influential women throughout our history. Among the texts likely to be included are *Lazy B* by Sandra Day O'Connor and *A is for Abigail* by L. Cheney.

Woven Bookmarks - presented by *Omicron State President Dena Martin (Zeta)*

Dena has been in education for over 40 years. She retired officially in 1997 but continued to work in education at the Pinal County School Office with the Educational Services Agency.

The woven bookmark you will make is

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Women in the Arts Display Registration

There will be an exhibit of artwork in the form of paintings, drawings, photography, and handcrafted items of all types. If you have written or illustrated a book or magazine article, or written a poem, bring a sample. If you are an actress in local theater, bring photos. Nothing will be sold at the convention, but you may bring a business card and put it with your display.

Yes, _____ Chapter
will be participating in the Women in the Arts Display at the 2008 Convention.

Chapter contact person: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Items to be exhibited _____

Person exhibiting _____

Table space needed: (type and number of items) _____

Wall space to display: (type and number of items) _____

The chapter will bring _____ (equipment) to display.

Send this registration form to Pearl Nancarrow, 305 S. Devereaux St., Globe, AZ 85501, by March 20, 2008. Questions? Call Pearl at 1-928-425-0550 or email Pnancarrow@cableone.net

2008-2010 Chapter Presidents Leadership Training

The Omicron State Leadership Committee will present a five-hour training program for all incoming chapter presidents at the 2008 State Convention. To make attendance easier for new presidents who are working, the workshop has been condensed and the hours changed.

The workshop will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Friday (with time out for dinner) and will resume from 10:10 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

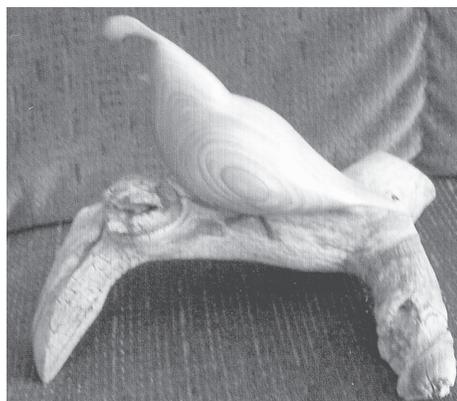
Should your president be serving for her second term, there will be new materials and ideas presented. The workshop will cover the responsibilities of the office, how and when to delegate, parliamentary procedure, running an effective and efficient meeting, how to meet the challenges of leadership, where to find answers and who to go to for help, communi-

cations, forms, documents, and a time-line of what must be done and when.

Participants will have the opportunity to share concerns and ideas and get to know each other through hands-on activities.

Current presidents, please notify State President Dena Martin as soon as your 2008-2010 chapter officers are elected. Each incoming chapter president, first vice-president/program chairman and second vice-president/membership chairman will receive an invitation and information about her respective training workshop. Also, the outgoing chapter presidents will present the incoming presidents at the Saturday Banquet Processional.

Be sure your chapter is represented on April 4th and 5th. ♥



Wood-Carving

A bird carving by well-known Prescott wood-carving artist, Bill Neely, will be a raffle item at the 2008 state convention.

Mr. Neely's carvings may be seen throughout Arizona in many fine shops. He is a retired teacher sharing his love for wood and wildlife through his carvings. He also restores and repairs Native American Kachina Dolls for various art galleries.

He has chosen to do a quail carving for our raffle. Tickets will be available at the convention.

Dorothy Eichbaum (Eta)

Sterrett Passes NAP Exam

After months of studying Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th edition, reviewing exam questions and receiving tutoring from a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), Dr. Joye Sterrett, Omicron State Parliamentarian, received word she had passed the 100-question exam.

Membership in the National Association

of Parliamentarians is open to individuals who demonstrate their continued interest in the study and practical use of parliamentary law and pass the NAP exam.

Membership gives access to resources for continued learning, excellent educational materials, and the opportunity to discuss parliamentary law with other members. Dr. Sterrett belongs to the Valle del Sol NAP Unit. ♥

Prescott Resort and Conference Center

3500 Highway 68 • Prescott, AZ 86301

Room Rates

Room	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Queen Room	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$119.00	\$139.00
Queen Suite	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$119.00	\$139.00

All room rates are subject to 8.825% privilege surcharge (subject to change without notice). Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; check-out time 12:00 noon. If a group participant arrives prior to 3:00 p.m., rooms will be assigned as they become available.

For reservations, call 1-800-967-4637. Mention that you are a member of Omicron State The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. ♥

Chapter Second Vice-President Membership Chairmen

All chapter second vice-presidents and/or membership chairmen will meet Friday, April 4, 2008, at the Omicron State Convention in Prescott.

The training session will begin at 4:45 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m, and the second session of the training will begin at 7:45 p.m. and end at 9:45 p.m.

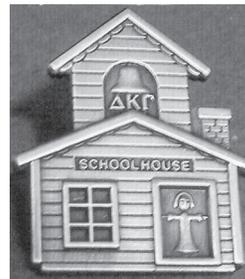
All participants should bring the packets/notebooks that were distributed at the training of the 2006 second vice-presidents. Also bring a copy of the Delta Kappa Gamma documents:

- *Guidelines for Chapter Membership Committee Chairmen*
- *Constitution and International Standing Rules*
- *Ceremonies*
- *Handbook*
- *Orientation Guide*

If you do not have hard copies of these documents, you may download them from the Society website.

*Judy Vinson (Alpha), Chairman,
Omicron State Membership Committee*

Convention Pin



The convention pin is now circulating for early sales and will be available at the convention. The antique silver pin is 1 1/4 inches high, and three-dimensional. It is an original design of a historical school house.

Pins are \$5.00 each and are available with or without insignia, making them suitable for either members or non-members.

Dorothy Eichbaum (Eta)

Incoming and Outgoing Chapter Officers

All incoming and outgoing chapter officers should check with one another and make sure the packets and notebooks given at the leadership training in 2006 are in the hands of the incoming officers for the 2008 workshop.

All incoming officers should bring their packets to the Prescott Leadership Training on Friday afternoon of the convention. ♥



Desi Raulston (Alpha Rho) has been named principal of Sopori Elementary School in the Sahuarita District.

Linda Evans (Tau) was named the Flagstaff Wal-Mart teacher of the year.

Millicent Kasun (Epsilon) was recently recognized for her service with the Bisbee Arts Commission.

Carol Cody (Eta) is the general manager for the Yavapai County Democratic Party headquarters. She recently was awarded the Hope-Independent Award which goes each year to a local Democrat who best embodies democratic ideals.

Darlyne Blanton-Withrow (Omega) performed with the Deseret Chorale at many events in Mesa and Tempe.

Marilyn Meili (Chi) was one of the 30 participating artists at ZOO PAINT 2007 at the Phoenix Zoo.

Mindy Whalen (Alpha Alpha) is the Washington District Education Association President.

Kathryn Brown (Alpha Alpha) is a violinist with the ProMusica Arizona group.

Gloria Guzman (Zeta) received the Valle del Sol Public Service Award at Central Arizona College.

Jean Fuer Davis (Alpha Rho) and her husband, Chet, were honored by the Greater Green Valley Community Foundation for their ongoing community service, including many volunteer positions. Jean devotes five days of service per week as the Director of The Green Valley Animal League.

Terri Ackland (Zeta) has been promoted to the position of Dean of Arts and Social Sciences at Central Arizona College.

Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta) has been elected the 2008 Auxiliary Board of Directors President at the John C. Lincoln Hospital, North Mountain.

Rita Nader (Alpha Zeta) was elected secretary/vice-president of Central Arizona College Governing Board.

Gloria Ann Guzman (Zeta) was elected



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Pacific Regional Chair at the ACCT Conference in San Diego in September. In January she was also elected Board Chair of the Central Arizona Community College Governing Board.

Thanks to **Dorothy Eichbaum** (Eta), **Marilyn Steffen** (Alpha Delta), and **Pearl Nancarrow** (Delta) who contributed photos for this issue of the *Sabuaro*. **Beth Swanson** (Rho) and **Ginny Mountain** (Chi) proof read the articles. Thank you. ♥

Chapter News

Epsilon: *Books from the Heart* is a program in which chapter members provide books to each newborn baby at Sierra Vista Regional Hospital during the month of February.

Iota: At the December brunch, members brought a toy for a child at Safe House and sundries for their moms.

Lambda: At one meeting, notes from the 1957 chapter yearbook were read. Memories of many of the early members were recalled.

Omicron: Claire Radich's 40th year as a Society member was celebrated at the chapter's September meeting.

Phi: At their September meeting, Phi Chapter honored (a) the member who has lived the longest in Arizona, (b) the member who has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member the longest, (c) the newest member of the Society, and (d) the member who has lived in Arizona the shortest time. Members brought new or slightly used kitchen items for "Save the Family."

Rho: Fund-raising can literally be fun and games, as Rho members who attended their January 5 chapter meeting will tell you. Under Mary Ann Yee's leadership, members and guests played Bingo, Bunko, and other games for prizes and then participated in cake walks – both activities bring in cash for the chapter's scholarship fund. A year-long fund raiser handled by Sally Switzer is the sale of Watkins products like our mothers and grand mothers bought from door-to-door salesmen – among them, extracts and spices for their baking needs. A continuing project is a cooperative effort with Fry's and Basha's grocery stores in which they pay our chapter purchases, depending on the total purchases during the year. Chris Reed heads the grocery fund-raiser.

Alpha Alpha: Jackie Thrasher, a member of the Arizona State Legislature, was initiated into Alpha Alpha Chapter December 1, 2007. She is an instrumental music educator at Lookout Mountain School.

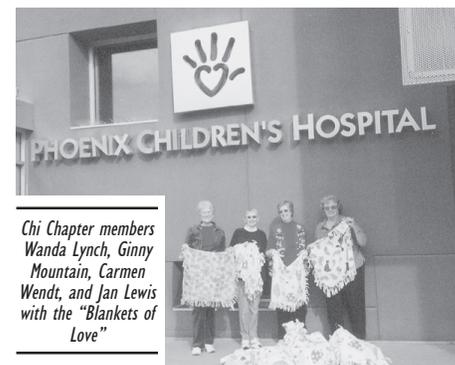
Alpha Beta: The chapter's October meeting was held at the Black Canyon School for Girls where our members assisted the girls in making greeting cards and gift bags.

Alpha Delta: Members donated clothing, toys, and food items to a disadvantaged family at Christmas time.

Alpha Zeta: The husband of member Beth Pulver is stationed in Afghanistan. Members prepared a fully stocked care package for him at Christmas time. Members also made 50 pouches, filled them with Society note pads, pencils, brochures, and chocolate treats. The pouches are used as a way to introduce potential new members to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Alpha Beta: In December eight members wrapped gifts purchased at Border's Book Store. The "tips" they received went to the chapter's Scholarship Fund.

Chi Chapter: "Blankets of Love" is Chi Chapter's ongoing project of donating blankets to each child entering the Phoenix Children's Hospital. The soft fleece blankets become the child's "security" blanket and go everywhere with them. Blankets and fringe are pre-cut and the chapter spends a "knotty" meeting tying the fringe. In 2007 forty blankets tagged as gifts from Delta Kappa Gamma and five purchased items were donated. ♥



Chi Chapter members Wanda Lynch, Ginny Mountain, Carmen Wendt, and Jan Lewis with the "Blankets of Love"

Omicron State Achievement Award

Do you know someone who should receive the Omicron State Achievement Award - someone who has made continuous and outstanding contributions to Omicron State and to her chapter?

Colleen Lines, our newest honoree, joins a group of esteemed women educators and outstanding Omicron State leaders.

Think of someone worthy to nominate for this special award! Applications will soon be available through your chapter president. They will be due February 1, 2008.

*Terri Ackland, (Alpha Zeta), Chairman
Omicron State Achievement Award Committee*

Come to Chicago July 22 – 27, 2008

Start planning now to attend the 2008 International Convention in Chicago. Our speakers and workshops are going to be great, the setting is beautiful, the price is excellent, genuine fellowship will be in abundance, and continuing education credits will be available.

The convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at O'Hare International Airport at Rosemont, Illinois, about 17 miles northwest of Chicago.

There will be a variety of options from taking bus tours, to riding the CTA train with a Chicago mentor, enabling convention attendees to experience the incredible offerings that are unique to Chicago.

Thursday night of the convention will be the date for the annual Arizona dinner. Details later.

You may take your first step towards attending the convention by registering online. It's a simple process, and you can use your credit card with confidence. Go to the Society website for more information. ♥

What is the Cornet Award?

The Cornet Award for Professional Development is an individual award granted to educators for the purpose of participating in professional seminars, workshops, lecture series, national certification, on-line courses, and other non-degree program opportunities.

For the purposes of this award, Professional Development is defined as "a growth-promoting learning process that empowers employed educators, early-career educators, and second-career educators to further excellence in education." The award is available to all educators who meet the stated criteria.

The Cornet Award funds participation in professional development activities sponsored by organizations or institutions other than the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The award may not be used for Society-sponsored events. It may not be used for college or university courses leading to the completion of a degree program. The award may pay for registration, fees, travel, lodging, books, and other expenses necessary for participation in professional development activities.

Who may apply, and how often? Educators who meet the stated professional development definition criteria may apply. Applicants may win a Cornet Award only once but may apply up to two times a year should their first application be unsuccessful. Postmark deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 of each calendar year.

Forms are available online at the Society website. ♥

Job Opening at Headquarters

The International Personnel Committee has begun a search for a Communication Services Administrator to be employed at Headquarters in Austin, Texas.

The Communication Services Administrator manages Communication Services Operations, including public relations, publications and society supply inventories. The administrator provides expertise for the publication of the *Delta Kappa Gamma NEWS*, the *Bulletin*, the *Presidents' Page*, all official documents and other publications as may be assigned.

She serves on the Communications Committee as an ex-officio member without vote and on the Editorial Board as an ex-officio member with a vote. She performs other duties as assigned by the Executive Coordinator and/or International President.

An information packet, including specifications related to the position, salary range, moving expenses, benefits, and time line, is available upon request and on the Society website. Official applications must be submitted and postmarked no later than March 3, 2008.

Request information from the International Personnel Committee, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589; Email AnitaW@deltakappagamma.org; toll free phone: 1-888-762-4685. fax: 512-478-3961 or download from Society website www.deltakappagamma.net.

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*. ♥

Juried Art Exhibit Planned At Chicago Convention

(information from Society web site)

Communicate your emotions and ideas through creative expression at the *Passion for the Visual Arts Exhibit* at the 2008 International Convention in Chicago, July 22-26, 2008. Members are invited to submit an application to be part of this exhibit by March 15, 2008. Download the application and information form in MS Word, interactive or PDF versions.

There will be a jury process to ensure quality and professionalism of the exhibited work. The visual arts exhibit is slated for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the convention. ♥

Wanted!

Members who have earned their doctorates during this biennium (July 1, 2006, through July 1, 2008) will be honored for their accomplishments at the 2008 International Convention in Chicago.

To receive this recognition, members who meet this criterion must submit the following documentation, according to Standing Rule 2.7:

- a copy of the dissertation inside cover page with the appropriate faculty signatures
- a copy of the inside cover giving the name of the author, the title of the dissertation, the particular degree earned, and the date it was conferred.

Please send documentation by April 1 to Jill Foltz, Program/Membership Services Administrator, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589, or FAX it to 512-478-3961. ♥

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taken from a workshop presentation she attended at the 2006 International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. It doesn't take long to make but will be a beautiful gift for shut-ins, relatives, friends, and yourself.

My Impressions and Perceptions of a Changing Asia - presented by Judy Strohmeyer (Mu)

Comments based on recent and not so recent trips to Asia will include reflections on physical, educational, political, economic, and social changes as parts of third-world Asia emerge and surpass once economically strong competitors of the region, while others struggle to meet daily survival needs. ♥

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

Evelyn Steward Franks Alpha
August 30, 2007 Tucson, AZ

Bette Ruth Simmons-Peyton Alpha Delta
November 21, 2007 Phoenix, AZ

Gladys Phillips Alpha
January 16, 2008 Tucson, AZ

Past State President Bette Ruth Simmons-Peyton Dies

Omicron State Past President Bette Ruth Simmons-Peyton died November 21, 2007.

Bette Ruth was a charter member of Alpha Delta Chapter and served as its president during the 1984-1986 biennium. She was the Omicron State President, 2001-2003.

She enjoyed public speaking and was the keynote or banquet speaker at several Regional Conferences and state conventions.



Omicron State Past President
Bette Ruth Simmons-Peyton
(Alpha Delta)

In 1995 she attended the Society Leadership/Management Seminar at the University Texas. She was a member of the International World Fellowships Committee. When she was Omicron State World Fellowships Chairman, she chaired the project that developed the World Fellowship Quilt.

Her Bachelor of Science degree is from Oklahoma Baptist University and her M.A. in Education, from Arizona State University. She was a teacher/professor in the Department of Business at Phoenix College for many years. ♥

National Legislative Seminar

The National Legislative Seminar will be held April 20 - 23, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency in Arlington, Virginia.

There will be four days of knowledgeable speakers, insightful workshops, legislative contacts, and dynamic work sessions.

The seminar gives each member an opportunity to join a team of highly motivated individuals interested in government workings and how YOU can help affect policy.

Join the 2008 advocates for children by initiating and implementing action to improve the lives of women and children through education.

For hotel reservations, phone 703-418-1234 or (toll free) 800-233-1234. Make reservations by March 31, 2008. Be sure to ask for the US Forum, Delta Kappa Gamma special rate. Registration form for the seminar is on the Society web site. Click on US Forum. ♥

Would You Like to Include More Music in Your Meetings?

International music representative, Janice Moen, has created a music compact disc and booklet containing both new and traditional Society music. The CD is especially useful because it contains two renditions of each song, one with instrumental music only, the other with instrumental and vocals.

The booklet contains the words of all the songs and music for many of them. The cost is \$10.00 plus \$2.00 shipping for each set ordered.

You can order "Music for Meetings and Ceremonies 2007" by calling International Headquarters Order Department, toll-free 888-762-4685, ext. 125 or by completing the order form on the Society web site. ♥

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Society Website

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

Omicron State Bylaws Review

The International Constitution Committee has completed its review of state organization bylaws this year. State organizations submitted their bylaws to the International Constitution Committee members, who reviewed them in depth to be sure the bylaws are in agreement with the current *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules*.

A letter of congratulations has been sent to Omicron State President Dena Martin with details of the review. The letter from the Constitution Committee states, "Omicron State is to be congratulated for keeping their bylaws up to date." ♥

Dates to Remember

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

October 25, 2008

2008 Executive Board Meeting
All Member Fall Workshop
First Assembly of God Church
532 W. Ray Road
Chandler, Arizona

May 1-3, 2009

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



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