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## Lei of Friendship Breakfast

The Lei of Friendship breakfast began with the traditional procession of presidents modeling their creative chapter leis. It was a beautiful morning in the mountains for the breakfast.

A remodeled World Fellowship display featuring a world map with pushpins locating the sixteen Society member countries set the stage for the World Fellowship Readers Theater presentation, "What Can We Do?"

Convention attendees answered the call to action recommended by the committee by contributing \$900 in honor of BetteRuth Simmons-Peyton (Alpha Delta). Members also wrote cards of encouragement to all 2007-2008 World Fellowship recipients and extensions.

Each chapter president took home a packet that included the names of the World Fellowships recipients with the suggestion that each chapter connect with the students in their own ways throughout the year.

*Sharon Modi (Alpha), Chairman  
Omicron State World Fellowships Committee  
Jere Oakley (Chi)*

## Chapter Presidents' Training

Presidents' training at the Omicron State Convention was a "PowerWALK to Leadership Excellence." Friday afternoon and evening twenty-eight of thirty-two newly elected chapter presidents attended four hours of train-

ing for their new office. A fifth hour was held on Saturday morning.

Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu) assisted by Terri Matteson (Alpha Sigma), Mary Ann Yee (Rho), Connie Heron (Zeta), Joye Sterrett (Omega), and Patricia Holmes (Lambda) power-walked incoming presidents through the presentations. Topics included leadership, chapter biographies and histories, organizational structure, parliamentary procedure, communication, running a successful meeting, and the president's box.

The pace was brisk and the "walk" was extensive! Attendees finished the course challenged, motivated, and inspired to guide their chapter through a successful biennium.

Each president-elect was presented a notebook filled with vital information and resources. A mentor is always available to assist when questions arise during her term.

*Judy Chacon (Chi)  
Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu)*



*Rachel Wear receives the 2008 Omicron State Achievement Award*

## Rachel Wear – 2008 Omicron State Achievement Award

The Omicron State Achievement Award is our State's most prestigious accolade. With this award we recognize and honor members who have promoted the purposes and policies of the Society through continuing and outstanding service to Omicron State.

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) is a 16-year member who has served her chapter as corresponding secretary, first vice-president, and president, as well as chairman of chapter committees. Rachel has also served as a state officer and as committee chairman.

In addition, she co-chaired the 2007 Omicron State convention and produced the convention program booklet. She has also presented numerous workshops at chapter, state, and international levels.

Other work for our organization includes collecting books for the Hands-on Books project, raising funds for Grants-in-Aid, and organizing a clothing drive for My Sister's Closet.

Now retired, Rachel continues to teach classes at her church and serves on the Board of Directors of Ballet Continental, a local dance group.

According to the nomination letter, she is "looked to as a leader, role model, advisor, and most importantly, friend to all members of the Society."

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

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

## Walk The Talk With Dena



Dena Martin (Zeta)  
Omicron State President

My oh my! The 2008 State Convention in Prescott was awesome! I have heard so many good reports about it. I bow to the Convention Planning Committee co-chairs Marilyn Jenkins (Eta) and Karen Valentine (Eta), business manager Sue Crumrine (Alpha Eta), and registrar Janet Fish (Alpha Eta).

Dorothy Eichbaum (Eta) procured the Neely Bird for the drawing and provided the sample schoolhouse for the convention pin. Eta Chapter hosted the Hospitality Room.

Beta Chapter designed and made the centerpieces for the tables, adding a special touch for each meal.

Tau Chapter provided favors, little flip-flop sandal note pads for the birthday luncheon, and live plants in attractive containers for the banquet.

Alpha Alpha Chapter members organized the head table processions for each event. As workshop hostesses, they introduced each presenter.

Shannon Newman (Gamma) and chapter members made and placed the signs by the door of each workshop. They also made the placards for each head table guest.

The banquet speaker was the Honorable Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha) of the Arizona House of Representatives. She spoke of her passion for children and education in Arizona. Kyrsten may be petite, but she packs a powerful amount of energy to perform her duties. She left us ready to step up to the plate and get involved as lobbyists for education.

The 2008 Fall Workshop will be held at the First Assembly of God Church facility, 532 W. Ray Road, Chandler, Arizona, October 25, 2008. We look forward to additional successful meetings there.

Your president and the 2009 convention committee are working on next year's state convention, which will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton at Phoenix Metro Center, 10220 North Metro Parkway, Phoenix, April 24-26, 2009. ♥

## Chapter Attendance Awards at Convention

Certificates were awarded to two chapters who had the highest percentage of members attending the 2008 Omicron State Convention.

Eta Chapter (Prescott) received the award for having the most members from inside the area and also having the largest percentage. Nineteen Eta members attended the convention.

Alpha Alpha Chapter (Phoenix area) received a certificate of merit for the largest percentage of members in attendance Area One. Twelve Alpha Alpha members were in attendance. ♥

## Program of Work Leadership Training

The Program of Work Committee presented a Leadership Workshop for incoming chapter first vice-presidents Friday evening, April 4, at the State Convention.

The purpose of the workshop was to help the chapter first vice-presidents plan chapter programs. Each Omicron State Program of Work chairman gave a 20-minute presentation.

Music Chairman Marcia Whipkey (Alpha Epsilon) not only presented songs to use but also told how to obtain CD's to play at each meeting.

Research Chairman Clarine Haslag (Upsilon) asked for names of buildings and schools that have been named after Society members.

Women in the Arts Chairman Pearl Nancarrow (Delta) presented an enlightening program on bells.

Personal Growth and Services Chairman Diane Henry (Alpha Sigma) told where we have come from, where we are now, and what we can anticipate in our future.

Legislative Chairman Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota) encouraged members to know who their legislators are and to get acquainted with them.

Professional Affairs Chairman Virginia Ptuyac (Sigma) spoke about collaborative connections.

The participants left enthusiastically ready to work on an exciting year of chapter programs.

Judy Strohmeyer (Mu) Chairman  
Omicron State Program of Work  
Diane Henry (Alpha Sigma)

## Chapter Second Vice-President Training Workshop

On Friday, April 4, 2008, sixteen chapter second vice-presidents or their substitutes attended the training workshop presented by the Omicron State Membership Committee.

A famous guest came to speak to the group. It was "Miss Annie." She spoke about her desire to create an organization that would support women educators, education, and her search for women to become the original Founders. She even shared her recipe for "Patience Candy."

A notebook of information was presented to each participant for use throughout the biennium as a guide to the office.

Four main categories were discussed and activities provided. They were:

- 1) Duties and responsibilities
- 2) Strengthening chapters and energizing the membership
- 3) Forms
- 4) Ceremonies

Attendees took "quizzes," practiced the Initiation Ceremony, created a time-line calendar, took part in a brainstorm session and played bingo, using facts about Delta Kappa Gamma.

These officers are now ready to begin their duties on July 1, 2008.

Judy Vinson (Alpha), Chairman  
Omicron State Membership Committee

## Ceremony of Remembrance Honors Fourteen

Members of Omicron State gathered Sunday morning of the convention to remember the fourteen state members who passed away during the last year.

The program, led by second vice-president Judy Vinson (Alpha), included music by Alpha members Kay Wilson and Gloria Day and by Alpha Beta member Marge Threewit.

Opening readings were given by Judy Vinson and Marge Threewit. The ceremony then proceeded with readings by representatives from each of Omicron's five areas: Saroj Jagernauth (Alpha Beta), Kathy Green (Alpha Delta), Ruth Hintz (Zeta) Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), and Vicki Berglind (Alpha).

A crystal water bowl, candles, flowers, and a bubbling vase fountain graced the ceremonial table. Each representative placed a stone in the water and then read the names of her area's recently deceased members.

Former State President Bette Ruth Simmons-Peyton was remembered in a special tribute that recapped her personal and professional life as well as many of her contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Our friends will be missed.

Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)  
Jerre Oakley (Chi)  
Saroj Jagernauth (Alpha Iota)



Gloria Day and Kay Wilson  
provided music at the Ceremony of Remembrance

## Twenty-Five Year Members

At the 2008 Omicron State Convention members who were initiated in 1983 and are now twenty-five year members were recognized.

Included are Janice Lewis (Chi), Mary Wehmeyer (Alpha Rho), Lee Kerrigan (Omega), Helen Ross (Phi), Elizabeth McLaws (Alpha Eta), Elizabeth Kepner (Alpha Iota), Lois Cullipher (Alpha Epsilon), Marliss Fiscella (Alpha Rho), Lorraine Mathias (Alpha Xi), Shirley Boswell (Alpha), Judith Vinson (Alpha), Mary Shurigar (Alpha Rho), Pam Runner (Alpha Zeta), Martha Nedom (Alpha Zeta), Elida Tobar (Delta), Evelyn Craft (Lambda), Bessie Hannahs (Nu), Kathryn Morrill (Omega), Janet Schmohl (Xi), Cheryl Siqueiros (Xi), Inez Tucker (Xi), Diane Henry (Alpha Sigma), Patricia Pirkle (Iota), Nancy Bradshaw (Phi), and Kathryn Epp (Rho).

A poster was on display with their names, chapters, and available photographs. The poster will also be shown at the 2008 Fall Workshop.

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

## Jenny Lichtsinn Wins Quail

The lovely quail carving by Prescott wood-carving artist Bill Neely raffled at the 2008 Omicron State Convention was won by Jenny Lichtsinn (Alpha Rho).

Jenny is the incoming president of Alpha Rho Chapter. She teaches special needs students at Peer Integrated Preschool, Continental School in Green Valley.

Jenny said, "I love the quail! It is beautiful and I enjoy looking at it. For some reason, I just knew that I would win it." ♥

## Agriculture and Academic Achievement

The workshop, Hands-On Agriculture and Academic Achievement, was presented by

Gerry Parker from the Arizona Farm Bureau. Gerry started the workshop with a challenging ice-breaker. The participants were asked to line up by their birth dates without speaking. The exercise was then tied into seasons and agriculture.

She presented fun hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom. Another activity involved drawing our favorite lunch on a paper plate. We then broke the lunches into plant, animal or combined categories, using a Venn Diagram.

As well as ideas for lessons, we were provided with handouts and information on resource material available for use in the classroom.

*Joanne Schickle (Iota)*



*Gerry Parker presented Workshop "Agriculture in the Classroom"*

## Fifty-Year Members

Fifty-year members were honored at the Convention Birthday Luncheon where they were seated at a reserved table.

Five of the eight honorees were present. Dr. Barbara Baker (Alpha Delta), Margaret Collins (Alpha Epsilon), Nieves Johnson (Alpha Sigma), Millicent Kasun (Epsilon) and Veronica Wilson (Eta) were introduced and each was presented a red rose.

Those not able to attend were Marilyn Ludwig (Mu), Gretchen Bock (Sigma), and Cordelia Lundquist (Xi).

A tri-fold brochure told us about each honoree. These members have served in many capacities in Delta Kappa Gamma through the years and are still active in their chapters and communities.

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



*Barbara Baker (Alpha Delta)*



*Margaret Collins (Alpha Epsilon)*



*Nieves Johnson (Alpha Sigma)*



*Millicent Kasun (Epsilon)*



*Veronica Wilson (Eta)*

## Convention Luncheon

"Talk among yourselves and enjoy each other" was the opening thought for the luncheon.

The Honorable Jackie Thrasher (Alpha Alpha), Arizona legislator from District 10, was the recipient of the Friend of Education Award. Her goal is to improve educational funding and Arizona's state ranking. "Never, ever give up" is her motto.

Although no scholarships were awarded this year, we recognized eight new fifty-year members. After a tasty luncheon, Judy Strohmeyer (Mu) honored each of the founders by sharing biographies of their life accomplishments and ended by everyone singing "Happy Birthday" to them.

The final thought reminded us that a sense of purpose - - to feel needed and know where you are going and where you have been, are key pieces as we walk through history to the future.

*Sandy Hillegass (Beta)*

## Touch Math – I

Karen Blackstone's (Alpha Epsilon) presentation on Touch Math, though not a new concept, was timely as teachers today observe students struggling to learn basic math.

She emphasized that it is designed to take into consideration the natural abilities of children. A video took the members through the process and distributed training manuals and other materials.

The Touch Math method works equally well with highly skilled students and with those requiring additional or remedial help to learn math. Karen inspired attendees to consider using Touch Math with their students or with their own children.



*Karen Blackstone (Alpha Epsilon) presented the workshop, Touch Math I*

*Doris Chacon (Alpha Alpha)*



## Alpha Alpha Yard Sale

Alpha Alpha Chapter (Phoenix) held its 16<sup>th</sup> annual yard sale in February. At this year's two-day event total receipts were \$2,471.

Chapter members help children in attendance choose a book to take home with a bookplate inside identifying Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma as the donor.

Further publicity is attained by giving customers cards thanking them for their support and explaining that proceeds from the sale are used for scholarships for which non-members may apply.

This year items that were not sold were donated to the Sunnyslope Family Services Center, Hospice of the Valley, and Goodwill. Linens that did not sell were given to a church that makes layettes/baby blankets for the Salvation Army and West Crisis Center/Faith House.

According to Chapter President Lori Good, "Each year our yard sale seems to get bigger and better. We are trying to get the Society name to be more visible each year."

*Lori Good (Alpha Alpha), President Alpha Alpha Chapter*



## Crafts – Construct a Spirit Doll

Sandy Parker (Alpha Rho) hosted a crafts workshop to create your own Spirit Doll. The spirit moved all participants to create this doll using scrap material, lace, beads, feathers, buttons, and whatever participants could find by placing them on a bottle of choice.

Bottles were of different sizes and shapes. Each doll represented a spirit of each person's imagination and each was unique.

There were mademoiselles, fairies, shepherds, and native Americans. Some were given names such as Chief of the Wild Hair Clan and Spirit of the Prairie. As the workshop ended, some were still bonding with their wonderful creations.



*Sandy Parker (Alpha Rho) presented workshop "Crafts—Construct a Spirit Doll"*

*Patricia Buckley (Eta)*

## Women in the Arts

The Women in the Arts exhibit was outstanding. Many wonderful pastel, watercolor, and oil paintings were on display.

There were beautiful photographs made into note cards, watercolor greeting cards, and some of handmade paper by different artists.

A batik artist showed the various stages of her craft and the beautiful finished products.

Another artist displayed her hand-embroidered and cross stitch work. The Omicron State Friendship Quilt and a school bell collection also generated interest.

*Elida Tobar (Delta)*



*At left, Nieves Johnson (Alpha Sigma) stands in front of Pearl Nancarrow's oil painting of the Mine Header in Miami. Nieves recognized the location in the painting.*

*At right, members looked at the artwork at the Women in the Arts display.*



*Pearl Nancarrow and her school bell collection at the Women in the Arts display.*

## Kenya – My Homeland

"Jumbo" means "hello" in Swahili, according to Maria Ngomba. She gave a delightful and entertaining presentation about education in her country, Kenya, using photographic slides for graphic support.

In Kenya, her path for school would have been decided for her, but here she has choices. Having attended a private Catholic school through high school, she would have had to wait two years to continue her education in Kenya.

She remarked that she loves it here, but it "took some time getting used to the food." "We put cheese on cheese," she laughed. She will graduate in May from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and hopes to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara, for her Master's degree. Maria hopes to receive a grant or scholarship to help finance her education.

*Lois Cullipher (Alpha Epsilon)*

## Book Talk: A Celebration of Women

Dee Puff (Epsilon) led a delightful and informational workshop with a "walk through history" of books about women who have made a difference in our world.

She shared excerpts from books about famous and not-so-famous women. *Founding Mothers* (Cokie Roberts), *Lighting the Way* (K. G. Schiff), and *The Secret Life of Bees* (Sue Monk Kidd) were only a few of the many books she recommended.

Workshop attendees contributed by adding their favorite books. All left with a wonderful list of suggestions for spring and summer reading.



*Dee Puff (Epsilon) presented workshop "Book Talk"*

*Diane Peri (Alpha Alpha)*



Dozens of red roses go to the members and chapters responsible for the successful 2008 Omicron State Convention. You were wonderful!



Marilyn Jenkins (Eta)  
Convention Co-Chairman



Karen Valentine (Eta)  
Convention Co-Chairman

**Marilyn Jenkins (Eta), and Karen Valentine (Eta)** were the very efficient co-chairmen of the convention. Thank you.

**Suzanne Crumrine (Alpha Eta)** thank you for handling the position of business manager for the convention.

**Janet Fish (Alpha Eta)** thanks to you for serving as Registrar for the convention.

**Darcey Wimer (Epsilon)** attended the Western State Holocaust Seminar March 9-11, 2008, in Washington, D.C. At this Seminar participants were taught how to bring the reality of the Holocaust and World War II to students.

**Beth Swanson (Rho)** is the president-elect of the Phoenix/Scottsdale Unit of the All Arizona School Retirees Association (AASRA).

**Phyllis Swan (Phi)** is the president of Chapter EZ, P.E.O.

**Sandra Day O'Connor** has been nominated by Arizona for the Woman of Wisdom and Passion Award. At the 2008 International Convention each region will be awarding one woman this honor.

**Heidi Larsen (Phi)** has accepted a new position as principal at Hillside Middle School in Salt Lake City, Utah, starting on July 1, 2008.

**Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta)** was named by Society International President Dr. Barbara Day to represent the Society at state conventions in Colorado, Illinois, and Michigan.

**Ann Stephens (Nu)** has been elected president of P.E.O. Chapter AE.

**Merry Lewis (Mu)** will be attending the Golden Gift Renaissance Program in Austin,



Suzanne Crumrine (Alpha Eta)  
Convention Business Manager

Texas, in July. She was a 1987 Golden Gift recipient, received a Golden Gift Study Stipend in 1990, and was a member of the International Golden Gift Committee during the 1994-1996 biennium.

**Barbara Chinworth (Lambda)** is president of the Almaty-Tucson Sister City in Khazakistan. She has flown to Khazakistan on several occasions.

**Betty Klein (Lambda)** Her name is inscribed on a placer in the University of Arizona Women's Plaza of Honor. Betty's story is told in a recent edition of the *Tucson Citizen* paper.

**Connie Myren (Lambda), Suellen**

**Brahs (Rho), Virginia Ptuyac (Sigma), Margaret Bogan (Sigma) and Sally Switzer (Rho)** attended the Society's US Forum National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC April 20 - 23, 2008.

**Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha)** was a speaker at the Arizona Education Association Representative Assembly

**Nancy Putman (Alpha Alpha)** was the Election Chairman at the Arizona Education Association Representative Assembly.

**Barb Rath (Alpha Alpha)** will be an Academic Intervention Specialist at Shaw Butte School for the 2008-2009 school year.

## Rachel Wear and Darby Wear Downs Mom and Daughter

Like mother, like daughter - so the saying goes; and in many ways that is very true of the relationship between Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) and daughter, Darby Downs (Alpha Rho). They have great fun doing things together, including attending Delta Kappa Gamma events.



Darby Downs and her mother Rachel Wear

Darby decided at an early age to follow in her parents footsteps as educators. After high school, she earned a Bachelor's degree in Education at Grand Canyon University, followed by a Master's in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. She recently completed her administrative credentials and hopes to secure a position as a school principal. Darby taught first grade in the Marana District until her marriage in 2006, when she moved back to her hometown to teach in the Sahuarita District.

She began studying classical dance at age six and was a Principal dancer for Ballet Continental, a local dance company, for many years. She continues to teach dance every Saturday.

After rearing five children, Rachel graduated from the University of Arizona in her forties and taught third and fourth grades in Sahuarita schools until her retirement in 2002. She has passed on her love of Delta Kappa Gamma to Darby, who recently transferred to Alpha Rho Chapter and will serve as secretary in the upcoming biennium. Rachel enjoys publishing the chapter newsletter, *The Alpha Rose*. She is Omicron State Corresponding Secretary, membership committee member. She is excited to be attending the Golden Gift Leadership Seminar in Austin and the International Convention in Chicago this summer.

## June and Judy Vinson

This is the story of June Vinson (Upsilon) and Judy Vinson (Alpha). June is the mother of Judy.

When Sputnik went up, more people enlisted in the military, causing a shortage of teachers. After finishing her B.S. in Education at the University of Illinois in 1959, June taught at Newtown Elementary School, a 5 - 8 school about a mile from the family farm.

Following that she taught math at Danville (Illinois) Community College. Her last four years of teaching were at Catlin (Illinois) Elementary School and GED classes at the college in the evening. In 1978 she retired and moved to Tucson.

June and Judy are from a family of many teachers. June's mother was a teacher of crafts and Bible classes and two sisters, two daughters, two nieces, and one nephew have been or are educators.

Judy received her B.S. in Education from Eastern Illinois University in 1964. After graduating, she taught Spanish and math for four



Judy Vinson and her mother June Vinson

years at Chatsworth (Illinois) High School and then moved to Tucson. She worked on her Master's degree in Mexico City and Guadalajara, Mexico. Judy's mother, June, received her Master's degree in 1970 from the University of Illinois a few months before Judy received her

Master's from the University of Arizona. The following fall Judy began a 27- year teaching career at Flowing Wells (Tucson) at both junior high and high school, teaching Spanish and math while at the same time teaching in the evenings for Pima Community College. After retiring in 1997, Judy continued teaching math at the Northwest Campus for PCC and is still enjoying the teaching and tutoring she does there

## Chapter News

Information taken from Chapter News-letters sent to the editor

**Alpha Alpha** The speaker at the joint Rho, Sigma and Alpha Alpha Chapters meeting was one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan" from the Phoenix Boys Center. The AZ Lost Boys Center opened in 2003 to provide resources for hundreds of "Lost Boys" who fled civil war in Sudan and ended up in United National refugee camps in Kenya. After learning of unsanitary living conditions in Kenyan camps, the U.S. government resettled many of the refugees in America.

**Alpha Beta's** guest speaker at the April meeting was Precious Biyela, the World Fellowship recipient from South Africa. She is working on her doctorate degree in Civil Engineering at Arizona State University. The meeting was held at the Teeter House, a Victorian Tea Room, in downtown Phoenix.

**Alpha Zeta** (Casa Grande Area) The chapter project is "Against Abuse." A special basket is set out at each meeting for collection. A wish list of items to help women and children in the shelters is available in the chapter basket as well. At each meeting about 20 items are collected.

**Alpha Beta Chapter Project** is the Angel Society. This non-profit organization, operating in Maricopa County was formed in 1981. Unlike typical emergency shelters that permit a maximum stay of 30 days, the Angel Society Inc. places no maximum time on a child's stay, the average being seven months. This residential care facility for girls has ages from 11 to 18 of varying ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. ♥

## Tucson Council

The Tucson Council held its spring meeting on March 1, 2008, under the direction of President Clarine Haslag. A Grant-in-Aid recipient was chosen at that time. The Tucson Council gives a Grant-in-Aid scholarship to a young woman who is graduating from high school and planning to attend college in preparation for teaching. Renee Quihuis, of San Miguel High School, was chosen to receive the \$500 grant for the 2008-2009 school year.

Alpha and Upsilon Chapters will each give a grant-in-aid scholarship to the second- and third-place nominees.

Messages of appreciation were received from the San Xavier Mission School for the financial support given by chapters of the Tucson Council to their Accelerated Reader program. Chapters involved collected funds to

contribute to this program so that the school could purchase the books used with the Accelerated Reader Program.

Our Founders will be honored by the Tucson Council with a Founders' Day Breakfast on May 3, 2008, at the Tucson Country Club. We will also include an initiation ceremony. The speaker will be author Jan Cleere.

*Linda Stockbauer (Xi)*

## Communications Services Administrator Position at Headquarters

The International Personnel Committee is continuing the search for a Communications Services Administrator to be employed at International Headquarters in Austin, Texas. The Personnel Committee will begin review of completed applications on September 2, 2008, and will continue to receive and review applications until the position is filled.

An article posted on the official Society Website gives details outlining the job description and qualifications. The beginning salary range for the position is \$52,000 - \$54,000, depending on experience. In addition, moving expenses to Austin, Texas, will be provided, not to exceed \$8,000. Other benefits include paid medical insurance, including some dental coverage, free covered parking at Headquarters, and a 401(K) plan provided by the Society. Projected employment date January, 2009.

To receive information: <http://.deltakappagamma.net/> (Downloads)

Write: International Personnel Committee, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589  
Call toll free: 1-888-762-4685

*Jo Regenold (Lambda), Chairman  
International Personnel Committee*

## Expansion into Estonia

"On March 8, 2008, International Women's Day, Estonia became the 16<sup>th</sup> member country of the Society.

"Dr. Barbara Day, 2006 - 2008 International President, assisted by Marika Heimbach, Chair, International Expansion Committee, and Marianne Skardeus, organizing member from Sweden, conducted the initiation of 24 members, the installation of the Estonia State Organization, and the founding of Alpha Chapter.

"The event was held in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, described as "The Paris of the Baltics." Dr. Day said, "The Estonian women initiated into our Society were indeed beautiful in every way - professional, committed to

excellence in education and to our Society." Many Society members from around the world attended the celebration."

Copied from the Internet.  
[www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net) ♥

## Proposed International Dues Increase

The following paragraphs are quoted from the January/February, 2008 Delta Kappa Gamma NEWS.

"After spending many hours in studying, reviewing, and adjusting the budget; after working with the business personnel and financial advisors of the Society; and after making every attempt to resolve the financial needs of our Society; the International Finance Committee, at the advice of the Auditor/Financial Advisor, has submitted a proposed amendment to *International Standing Rules* 4.11 to **increase the international portion of member dues to \$40.00.**

"The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International operating expenses continue to increase with the cost of today's demands. If we are to maintain the professional services and opportunities to our members, it is imperative that we increase our income to meet these demands."

For detailed explanation, please refer to the complete article in the NEWS. ♥

## Financial Support Needed

Once more the Omicron State budget for 2008-2009 had to be cut from previous years. Because of the decline in membership, there was again a shortage of about \$700 for the Available Fund.

A dues increase to be voted on at the 2009 State Convention is a necessity for the survival of Omicron State. Officers and committees have already had a decrease in the amount of fund allowed them.

Many are already subsidizing the state by not submitting their expenses. It has reached the point where this is not enough for state-level programs to function.

Our dues are among the lowest in the Society and need to be increased so that we remain a top-rated state. Each of us can do her part to keep us there.

*Ann Stephens (Nu), Chairman  
State Finance Committee*



Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha) presented workshop, Citizen Lobbying

## Citizen Lobbying: It's not that scary and we need your help

The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha), Arizona legislator from District 15 since 2004, is a local educator and recipient of the Friend

of Education Award.

At a convention workshop she shared a brief overview of the process of moving bills through the House and suggested ways for each of us to be more involved with our state government. Her current concerns are the budget crisis, and ways to avoid cuts in social services and education.

Representative Sinema described the process of bill origination by citizens, lobbyists, and legislators followed by introduction to either chamber by a sitting member.

The chief clerk assigns a number to the bill, and the bill is then sent to committee, where members debate its merits. If it passes, the bill must go to the rules committee to decide on its constitutionality and presentability. It may then go to Caucus and informal debate of the Committee of the Whole, at which point the bill may be amended.

For the third read, the bill goes to a vote of all members who are seated for this public vote. The bill then goes to the other chamber for the same process. Additional processes are required when the two chambers are in disagreement, and the bill is finally presented to the Governor.

In order to be efficient citizen lobbyists, Sinema suggests that any correspondence we send contain bullet points for readability, with important information in bold print.

The AEA keeps an updated chart of current legislation on their website for easy access to legislative bills.

Sinema stated that there are several steps to contact our legislators efficiently. They include learning who our legislators are, scheduling appointments ahead of time, writing or e-mailing, and showing up on lobby days to share the observation space with paid lobbyists. She also said that we should seek areas of commonality with our legislators and be specific about which bill is at issue.

She said that simplicity matters: one piece of paper for correspondence, 12-point font, and fourth grade language and logic. It is important to be non-combative, non-accusatory, truthful, prepared to wait for an appointment, expecting rapid changes in legislative schedules.

Maintaining regular contact with legislators is best, being sure they know that we are their constituents, and including personal information like home address and phone, e-mail address, and a brief, polite message. It is also possible to register at the Capitol to testify in committee. After registration, one can log in from a home computer. In this way, our comments become part of the state legislature's history. With this clear description of the process, any one of us can easily become a citizen lobbyist.

Terri Ackland (Zeta)

## News from the Parliamentarian

Sometimes committee reports will end in a motion that requires action from members or from the Executive Board. To influence any action that may be taken, members should understand this procedure.

Members may anticipate a motion at the end of a committee report at the 2008 Fall Executive Board meeting. The Professional Affairs Committee may present a motion as a result of their work on Collaborative Connections. This is an international project of the Society, a partnership between a Delta Kappa Gamma chapter or state organization and local schools or school districts. (Information at [deltakappagamma.net](http://deltakappagamma.net) under Professional Affairs Committee.)

According to Teaching Guide for Pointers on Parliamentary Procedure, a motion is required if the report contains recommendations or a resolution to carry out the committee's recommendations. Immediately after the report has been read to the assembly, the chairman of the committee or other reporting member says, "Madame President, by direction of (or on behalf of) the committee, I move the adoption of the resolution just read." When there is only one recommendation and it is not in the form of a resolution, she makes a motion, for example, "Madame President, by direction of the committee, I move the adoption of Collaborative Connections as the state project."

These motions do not require a second, since they come from committees in which more than one person had already recommended their consideration. They are subject to debate and amendment. The maker of the motion is entitled to speak first in de-

bate if she claims this right by rising and addressing the chair promptly after the motion has been stated by the chair. She would then give length and breadth of the project, duration, and cost. Usually it is not wise to "adopt" an entire report, only the motion or resolution at the end.

Omicron State members should watch for this committee action at the 2008 Fall Workshop.

Joye Sterrett (Omega)  
Omicron State Parliamentarian

## Will Collaborative Connections Be Our Next State Project?

Momentum is building in Arizona. Professional Affairs Chairman Virginia Ptuyac (Sigma) shared the history of the Collaborative Connection project during a workshop at the state convention. She urged members to become involved.

Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) shared a personal experience in mentoring a second grader who attends Desert View School. After working with Lori, the little girl was all smiles with her newfound success—her first 100 percent in spelling.

The committee distributed thank-you cards and encouraged members to write a personal thank you to novice teachers for the current school year. Attendees were given a survey to research how many chapter members are currently mentoring novice teachers (three years or fewer), volunteering in classrooms, or supporting the universities by taking interns and/or student teachers.

Each chapter is asked to complete the survey and total the number of participants and hours for the 2007-2008 school year.

The Professional Affairs Committee would like to see Collaborative Connections become a new Omicron State project. We encourage you to discuss it at your chapter meetings. Together, we will make a difference in the lives of students—and best of all, help with retention of teachers in the profession.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)



Virginia Ptuyac and Alice Reule presented a workshop on "Collaborative Connections"

# White Roses

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

<b>June Cordier</b> January 3, 2007	Alpha Xi Sun City, AZ
<b>Aileen Allen</b> January 21, 2008	Sigma Prescott, AZ
<b>Florence Terwilliger</b> April 26, 2007	Alpha Iota Phoenix, AZ
<b>Pauline Coleman</b> May 23, 2007	Alpha Epsilon Scottsdale, AZ
<b>Ann Groves</b> August 7, 2007	Delta Globe, AZ
<b>Louise Marie French</b> September 10, 2007	Alpha Sigma Phoenix, AZ
<b>Margaret Porras</b> November 17, 2007	Delta Gilbert, AZ
<b>Hope E. Lara</b> February 11, 2008	Xi Tucson, AZ
<b>Carol Anderson</b> March 8, 2008	Alpha Sigma Phoenix, AZ
<b>Susan Buffington</b> March 15, 2008	Rho Scottsdale, AZ
<b>Maxine MacKenzie</b> March 23, 2008	Alpha Alpha Phoenix, AZ
<b>Marguerite Marshall</b> April 17, 2008	Rho Phoenix, AZ

## Dates to Remember

**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

**April 24-26, 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

### 2010

International Convention  
Spokane, Washington

**June 27-July 2, 2011**  
Southwest Regional Conference  
Hyatt Regency Tech Center  
7800 East Tufts Ave  
Denver, Colorado 80237

## Arizona Website

You will now find the *Sabuaro* and President Dena Martin's monthly newsletter on the Arizona website. Start with [www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net) then click on Society websites. Next click on state website links and you will find Arizona listed. Click on Arizona and you will find both the *Sabuaro* and the president's newsletter.

While you are looking at the Society website, note all of the Society information that is available. You will find committees, downloads, Educational Foundation, forms/applications, Emergency Fund, Forums, links of interest, programs and shopping. ♥

## CHICAGO

### 2008 International Convention

July 22 - 26

### Arizona Breakfast

Thursday  
July 24 8:00 a.m.

\$35.00  
Payable to Dena Martin

## Rachel Wear Receives Golden Gift

Recently the International Golden Gift Fund Committee met in Austin to select the Gold Gift recipients who will be attending the Leadership/Management Seminar at the University of Texas, Austin, June 28 - July 12, 2008. Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) has been chosen to attend.

Thirty members of Delta Kappa Gamma are selected to attend from those who apply for this opportunity, an experience comparable to a \$5,000 scholarship.

This two-week experience will provide Rachel with classes in effective decision making, networking, leadership styles, presentation skills, and communication skills taught by professors of McCombs Business School at the University of Texas. ♥

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