



# Arizona SAHUARO

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

## International Dues Increase

At the fourth business session of the Delta Kappa Gamma Convention in Chicago Friday, July 25, 2008, members addressed the amendments to the International Standing Rules as presented by the International Constitution Committee. Twenty-three amendments were proposed, twenty of which were adopted. The excitement of the day came with the proposed International dues increase of twenty dollars, making total dues for International forty dollars. This was the first proposed dues increase in six years.

The amendment was presented with the rationale for raising dues as being necessary to cover expenses of running the organization. It is difficult to maintain membership services and benefits or to increase services and benefits without raising dues.

The motion was discussed extensively with arguments pro and con. Two amendments were offered to the motion. One suggested a small dues increase, and the second increased dues gradually over several years. Both amendments, each of which received some support, were defeated.

The original amendment, reading **4.11 International active dues shall be U.S. \$40 and International reserve dues shall be U.S. \$20** passed. This increase will be in effect immediately.

For a description of all the amendments and whether they were adopted, go to [deltakappagamma.net](http://deltakappagamma.net). They are presented on the opening page. If you want more information on the reasons for the dues increase, look on the website as well, under "Letter from the Administrative Board, frequently asked questions."

*Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega)  
Omicron State Parliamentarian*

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

## 2008 Fall Executive Board Meeting and All-Member Workshop

**"Women With Attitude"**

**Saturday, October 25, 2008**

**First Assembly of God Church**

**532 West Ray Road, Chandler, AZ 85223**

### Schedule

7:00 -7:30 AM

7:30 -8:30 AM

8:30-9:45 AM

9:45-10:00 AM

10:00-10:50 AM

10:50-11:05 AM

11:05-11:55 AM

11:55-12:15 PM

12:15-12:25 PM

12:30-2:00 PM

2:00-2:45 PM

Set up for Workshops, Rose Boutique

Registration, Continental Breakfast, Rose Boutique

Executive Board Meeting and General Session

Break – Go to Workshops

First Session – Workshops

- ◆ Membership, Recruiting, Retaining, Involvement
- ◆ Growth through Personal Services
- ◆ Collaborative Connections
- ◆ Exploring Authors of Arizona

Break – Move to next session workshops

Second Session Workshops

- ◆ Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter in Song
- ◆ Getting a Jump Start as Treasurer
- ◆ Write On! A secretary's Survival Guide
- ◆ Parliamentary Procedures for Chapters

Rose Boutique

Close out Rose Boutique

Luncheon, and drawings

Keynote Speaker Kimberley Babeu

State Committee Meetings

## Kimberly Babeu Luncheon Speaker

The luncheon speaker at the 2008 Fall Workshop was named the 2005 Arizona Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Educational Foundation while a physical education teacher at Flowing Wells Junior High School in Tucson. Miss Kimberly Babeu (Xi) is now the principal at Rincon High School in Tucson.

In 2005 she was honored for her work in implementing an innovative and successful before-



*Kimberly Babeu (Xi) will be the luncheon speaker at the Fall Workshop*

and-after -school program at Flowing Wells.

She said, "Being Arizona Teacher of the Year means I'm representing those kids and all the magic and art that happens between the teacher and the student."

Before working in the Flowing Wells district, she worked in the Marana Unified School District for 17 years and the San Manuel School district for five years. ♥

## Walk The Talk With Dena



Dena Martin (Zeta)  
Omicron State President

As president of Omicron State, I chose the theme *WALK*. The acronym stands for **WALK** with me in **Wisdom** to build optimistic **Attitudes**, while we strengthen **Leadership** skills with the **Knowledge** we share.

Our 2008 State Convention Theme was "A Walk Through History." The 2009 Convention theme will be "The Right Shoes Can Take You Anywhere."

The convention steering committee will be selling a gold high-heeled shoe pin with the Greek letters ΔΚΓ in red across the shoe. The money generated from the sale of these pins will help the convention steering committee meet the goals of the convention and defray registration fees.

The committee will also be selling raffle tickets on five baskets prepared by the steering committee chapters. This, too, will help with convention costs.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will also have a basket to raffle at the Fall Workshop. This will be an ongoing project until 2011, when we celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a state organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

It is my goal and prayer that at the end of my biennium I will have walked in **Wisdom**, with the positive **Attitude** using my **Leadership** skills to enhance **Knowledge** of Omicron State to our members.

Please continue to support our programs and projects by attending the 2008 Fall Workshop and the 2009 State Convention. Believe it or not, WE NEED YOU. ♥

## Write On!

### The Secretary's Survival Guide

The Workshop, Write On!, will provide useful materials and information for Delta Kappa Gamma chapter secretaries and ideas for any organization's teacher or student secretaries.

You will learn a few hints about the impact of minutes on finances, the value of minutes for conflict resolution, and how a simple thank-you note can promote both the receiver and the organization.

Have a little creative fun along the way! This workshop is for secretaries and any other passers-by who care to wander on in. Stop by, say hi, learn a little, or maybe a lot.

Janet Vickers (Omega),  
Omicron State Recording Secretary

## Free Money

It does take an education plan and some paperwork. Omicron State has scholarships to award to members who want to further their education. You must have been a Delta Kappa Gamma member for at least three years prior to July 1, 2008, and qualify for advanced study.

Application forms will be available from your Chapter President, the State Scholarship Committee, or you can pick one up at the Fall Workshop. Mail the completed form and requested materials to Omicron State Scholarship Chair, Suellen Brahs (Rho), 3655 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #104, Phoenix, AZ 85013-3709. The deadline is February 1, 2009.

International Scholarship forms are also available and can be downloaded from the Delta Kappa Gamma website. The membership requirement is the same as for state scholarships, and you must be enrolled in a graduate program at a nationally accredited institution of higher learning. The international deadline is also February 1, 2009.

Suellen Brahs (Rho), Chairman  
Omicron State Scholarship Committee



## Membership Memo

Iota Chapter (Yuma) is to be congratulated on being included in the 749 Society chapters that met the Membership Explosion challenge of gaining eight new members during the 2006-2008 biennium.

As you begin your new school year and make new acquaintances in education, be sure to keep in mind that efforts to gain membership must continue.

Two actions should be of primary importance to chapters. First, nurture current members. A strong chapter with members who appreciate the benefits of membership is more likely to thrive. Second, attract new members. Share the good news of membership and invite others to join.

The International Membership Committee has prepared a brochure called "Success Stories" that has many good ideas for chapters. The suggestions came from biennial reports, so they have been proven to be successful.

If your chapter needs support in its efforts regarding membership, be sure to contact the Omicron State Membership Committee.

Judy Vinson (Alpha), Chairman  
Omicron State Membership Committee

## Professional Affairs Committee

Members of the Professional Affairs Committee will present a motion at the October, 2008, Fall Workshop.

The motion will ask that the international "Goal of Collaborative Connections" be adopted by Omicron State as a state project. This matter may be discussed by the membership but voted on only by the Executive Board.

Collaborative Connections is a mentoring process that can involve both active and retired teachers. If you have any questions, contact Professional Affairs Committee Chairman Virginia Ptuyac, 602-298-5243.

Questions likely to be asked at the chapter level have to do with cost of the project and the responsibility of each chapter toward the project. Each of these questions can be answered by the individual chapters as they determine how much they are able to contribute.

Each member can obtain information by going to [www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net), select Committees, select International Committees, and then Professional Affairs Committee. At the bottom of the page are many articles and PowerPoint presentations. Recommended: *Collaborative Connections: Who, What, Where, and How, 2008, Chapter Program: Mentoring and Supporting New and Veteran teachers* (PowerPoint, 2008) and *Mentor Teacher to Teacher* (PowerPoint, 2008).

Joye Sterrett, (Omega)

## Nominations for State Officers

It is not too early to begin thinking of nominees for the 2009-2011 biennium. In September, chapter presidents will receive a letter from the State Nominations Committee with instructions and a nomination form that can be duplicated.

Nomination forms must be sent to the state Nominations Committee Chairman Jan Rosenberg by December 15, 2008.

Chapter members are encouraged to think of qualified members to serve in a state office. The committee would like to receive nominations from all geographic areas of the state.

The qualifications for state officers are on page 46 of the *International Handbook*, and the qualifications to be a member of the Nominations Committee are on page 5 of the *Omicron State Standing Rules, 2003*.

Jan Rosenberg (Nu), Chairman  
Omicron State Nominations Committee

## Re-Certification

Did you know your involvement in Delta Kappa Gamma can help you maintain your teaching certificate on two fronts?

Your "leadership role" as chapter president can earn up to 30 hours per year towards the 180 clock hours needed for recertification. Obtain written verification in the form of a certificate signed by Omicron State President Dena Martin and keep a log.

Presidents should log chapter meetings, plus dates and times when you worked on meeting agendas and yearbook or made phone calls to chapter members. For each hour of chapter meeting time, you may claim up to one hour of preparation time. Also log attendance at voting functions such as Fall Workshop and Convention executive board meetings, regional and international general sessions.

Your membership role can also count for up to 30 hours per year when you attend professional conferences and workshops. Did you attend incoming office training sessions or workshops last April? Save both the agenda, such as the convention program, and a statement or certificate from the sponsoring organization noting the clock hours. Also save certificates for chapter programs that center on professional development.

Source of information: The Arizona Department of Education website: [www.ade.state.az.us/certification](http://www.ade.state.az.us/certification)

*Janet Vickers (Omega)*

## HELP!

HELP! Omicron State needs your financial help beginning with the 2009-2010 year. International dues do not financially help Omicron State. An increase in the state dues is necessary for the needs of our members and to provide current services.

Expenses continue to grow with the cost of today's demands, and interest rates are still low. The Available Fund has set costs such as required bonding and maintenance of equipment so that not all the dues collected can be used as we wish.

Membership numbers have declined by about 15 per year for the last ten years, resulting in an annual decrease of \$225.

Those members who spend so many hours working and traveling for Omicron State should surely be allowed adequate financial support. Officers and committee chairmen often do not request their already reduced reimbursement that is allowed for expenses. They have made it possible to carry over funds for the following year's budget so that Omicron State is able to survive Available Fund costs.

How do we help maintain our current level of excellence? How can we help growth by the adding of two new chapters? What are we going to do to help celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? Each of us most surely can give Omicron State an amount equal to a decadent fancy dessert to ensure its wellbeing.

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

## Hands-on-Books

The 2008 Hands-on-Books Project was successful because of the support of members and chapters. We call on you again for your participation.

Through Hands-on-Books, reading material is given to young people (8-18 years old, male and female) who are housed in the Durango Juvenile Detention Center in Phoenix. Delta Kappa Gamma members and friends take books to the Center on President's Day. Each young person has a short conversation with one of the volunteers to establish interests and is then allowed to choose a book to keep. A bookplate is put in the book with the youngster's name. For some, this is the first book that truly belongs to them.

### How can you help?

1) **Donate books.** The books should be new paperbacks, no hardbacks or books with staples. The young people have different reading skills. The youngest seen was a 10-year old boy. The older girls like stories about girls in trouble who overcome their problems to become successful.

2) **Donate money to buy books.** Rho Chapter will accept donations and purchase books to take to the detention center.

3) **Join us on February 16, 2009**, when we go to the Center, talk to the kids and give them books. The students are glad to talk with adults and appreciate the books they receive.

Please bring books to donate to the Fall Workshop October 25, 2008, or mail monetary donations to Kathy Epp, 7313 N. 48<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301-2108. Please make checks payable to Rho Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma. If you want more information, please contact Rho members Mary Ann Yee or Suellen Brahs.

*Mary Ann Yee (Rho)  
Suellen Brahs (Rho)*

## The SMART Team

**Sandy Hillegass (Beta)** was recently honored by the Creighton School District (Phoenix) for "Making a Difference Through Innovation" as part of the SMART Team at Machan Elementary School.

The Student Monitoring and Resource Team (SMART) took on the challenge of designing and implementing intervention ideas that will help teachers increase learning for at-risk students who struggle with academic, social, and emotional issues.

Coming together weekly, the team meets with individual teachers who have specific

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## Rose Boutique at the 2008 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 South Devereaux, Globe, AZ 85501-2248 or e-mail [pnancarrow@cableone.net](mailto: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 15, 2008, if your chapter or committee wishes to participate in the Boutique.

## Thirty-two Omicron State Members At International Convention

### Alpha

Judy Vinson

### Beta

Joan Meighan  
Kim Meighan

### Zeta

Ruth Hintz  
Dena Martin

### Lambda

Connie Myren  
Jo Regenold

### Mu

Merry Lewis  
Judy Strohmeyer

### Rho

Suellen Brahs  
Colleen Lines  
Sally Switzer  
Mary Ann Yee

### Sigma

Virginia Ptuyac  
Kathleen Shroyer

### Omega

Dr. Joye Sterrett  
Janet Vickers

### Alpha Alpha

Lori Good

### Alpha Beta

Diane Sheets  
Marge Threewit

### Alpha Delta

Dr. Barbara Baker  
Berneil Drake  
Kathy Green  
Kathy Moore (ex)  
Dr. Nancy Noll  
Alice Reule

### Alpha Epsilon

Karen Blackstone

### Alpha Iota

Kathi Houtcooper

### Alpha Rho

Jean Fuer Davis  
Carolyn Ireland  
Bea Olivas  
Rachel Wear

### Alpha Sigma

Nieves Johnson

## City Tours in Chicago

Convention tours offered over ten different ways to explore the fascinating city of Chicago. With an urban population of three million and a suburban population of nine million, the city and its energetic citizenry offer an eclectic menu of ways to experience the Windy City.

One of the most enjoyable stops on the Chicago Art and Art Institute tour was Millennium Park, where "The Bean" is displayed. The Bean is a legume-like structure made of highly polished stainless steel that reflects the city's skyline. Visitors can walk under the concave chamber, where reflections are distorted and multiplied.

Another dramatic display of public art is the Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park. The fountain, built in 1927, has many decorative details including four bronze seahorses. Every hour a magnificent water display erupts, sending a jet of water 150 feet into the air.

The Windy City Experience tour was a coach ride through the Loop area: Chinatown with its unique architecture, groceries, restaurants, and gift stores; the Magnificent Mile with enticing stores and skyscrapers; the Water Tower (a landmark that endured the great fire of 1871); and the Museum Campus, where everyone captured the skyline and lake photographically.

A visit to the Sears Tower added to the day's excitement with tourist rides to the 103<sup>rd</sup> floor (in only 45 seconds) to view the city from above. The building, commissioned by Sears, Roebuck and Company, was opened in 1973 and stands as the tallest building in the U.S., allowing visitors to see to Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana.

Chicago offers so much fun and artistry that it was difficult to come home.

Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)



Terri McPheeter (Missouri) and Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) entertained on several occasions.

## CHICAGO

Janye Brainard of El Paso, Texas records in free verse the events and happenings of conventions. She shares this poem about the International Convention with Arizona members.

What time are we getting up?  
What is today?  
Which workshop are you going to?  
Who is the guest lecturer?  
What's for lunch?  
Why are the elevators so slow?  
Wasn't Illinois night fun?  
Why do they call it the Windy City?

So the week began at the  
2008 International Convention  
Leading with Passion and Wisdom  
Chicago, Illinois, July 22-26

Wisdom and Passion in word  
Wisdom and Passion in song  
Wisdom and Passion in life  
Wisdom and Passion for all.

Vendors and Visual Arts  
Workshops and state pictures  
New friends, new ideas  
And, of course, shopping.

Reunions and lunches  
Tours and traveling the EL  
Gathering Wisdom, Visiting Passion  
Each day a new venue, a new challenge.

Regional Breakfasts and forums  
Elections, pictures and rehearsals  
Business session with amendments and  
discussion  
Ending in time to begin with Night on the  
Town.

A Celebration of Life and music  
Guest Lecturer and concluding business  
A beautiful ending with a reception  
Installation and banquet.

A time for renewal and rejoicing  
A time of exploration and growth  
Where Wisdom and Passion met  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. ♥



Ruth Hintz (Zeta) and President Dena Martin (Zeta) found the Arizona section at the International



Alpha Delta Chapter members Kathy Moore, Alice Reule, Dr. Barbara Baker, Berneil Drake and Kathy Green



Dr. Barbara Baker (Alpha Delta) and Colleen Lines (Rho) at the convention

## Omicron State Members Leaders at International Convention

Dr. Nancy Noll, international second vice-president, introduced the Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Bena Kallick, on Tuesday morning.

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), Mary Ann Yee (Rho), Merry Lewis (Mu), and Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) were members of the convention chorus that sang at the "Celebration of Life" and the "President's Banquet."

Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) played her flute at the Friday evening reception, accompanied the choir at the "Celebration of Life," and played the prelude at the Thursday morning session.

Dr. Nancy Noll presented the workshop, "Southwest Region Task Force on Committee Restructuring." Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) was the recorder and Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta) was the Arizona representative at the workshop.



International Second Vice-President Dr. Nancy Noll at the podium

Jo Regenold (Lambda) chaired the International Personnel Committee Workshop entitled, "Getting Along in a World of Strange Animals: Advancing Relationships with Knowledge, Wisdom and Passion."



Jo Regenold (Lambda) and her parrot, "Miss Polly" presented the Workshop "Getting Along in a World of Strange Animals: Advancing Relationships with Knowledge, Wisdom and Passion"

Dena Martin (Alpha Zeta) was introduced as the Omicron State President at the Saturday evening President's Banquet.

Merry Lewis (Mu) was the state photographer for the convention. Thanks also to Kathy Moore (formerly of Alpha Delta) for taking many pictures.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) and Kathy Green (Alpha Delta) assisted the editor in obtaining stories about the convention. ♥

## 2008 Educator's Award Recipients

*Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature*  
Linda Lear, St. Martin's Press

Everyone knows Peter Rabbit; however, not everyone knows the life of his creator, Beatrix Potter. Biographer Linda Lear presents the unique characteristics of Beatrix Potter, encompassing the extraordinary life of naturalist, writer, illustrator, entrepreneur,

farmer, and environmentalist, reaching worlds beyond the expected. The reader learns that perseverance and preservation are important legacies despite gender bias and personal loss. Linda Lear extols and clarifies the identity of Beatrix Potter through careful documentation and detailed research that highlights the magic and magnitude of Peter Rabbit's creator. ♥

*Mirage: Napoleon's Scientists & the Unveiling of Egypt*

Nina Burleigh, Harper Collins

Scientific discoveries, analyses and records underscore the Napoleonic conquests of Egypt at the turn of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Documented scientific inquiry, personal sacrifices, and political intrigue propel the reader on a trip to the past that has influenced the present and may impact the future. Author Nina Burleigh highlights significant French discoveries in Egypt, such as the Rosetta Stone, as she presents the story of the hardships endured by the soldiers and the 150 "savants" of Napoleon's 1798 expedition. Burleigh's gripping human account and exemplary research challenge the reader to explore history and its global ramifications. ♥

## First-Timer at Convention

I arrived in Chicago on Monday, July 21, 2008. On Tuesday, I went on the "Women in Chicago" tour (the Chicago Fire and Jane Adams' Hull House). Tuesday night, my cousin joined me and we attended the Opening Session and the Illinois Night festivities.

There were many workshop opportunities. My favorites were Membership and Successful Chapter Practices, Social Security, and a Photography Seminar.

Another highlight of the Convention was going to see "Mamma Mia" at a nearby movie theater and dinner at the Bogart Restaurant with some Omicron State sisters.

All in all, it was very interesting and informative.

Karen Blackstone (Alpha Epsilon)



First-timers Kathy Moore (Alpha Delta), Karen Blackstone (Alpha Epsilon), Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) and Lupita Chaves (Costa Rica)



Our friends from the country of Costa Rica

## Our Friends from Costa Rica

A special friendship was developed with members from Costa Rica twenty-five years ago when the Southwest Regional Conference was held in Phoenix.

The members from Costa Rica are invited to be our guests at the Arizona meal event. This year eight members from Costa Rica attended the International Convention in Chicago.

Ana Isabel de Aguilar, Marta Morales de Ardon, Marielos Bujan, Julieta Castro, Ana Lupita Chaves, Ilse Leer, Teresita Pereira, and Jeannette Zuniga send their thanks to Arizona for the hospitality.

Ilse Leer sends this poem.

### Chicago '08

Nuestro corazón es su corazón  
Su corazón es nuestro corazón  
Gracias gueremos decirles hoy  
Gracias gueremos decirles hoy.

Hoy celebramos 25 años  
De conocernos y de hermandad  
Día con día crece así nuestra amistad  
Mucho las gueremos, Omicron

Our hearts are your hearts  
Your hearts are our hearts  
And we want to thank you all  
And we want to thank you all.

Twenty-five years of love and care  
Have given us a link to share  
Our friendship grows day after day  
We really love you, Omicron ♥

## President's Banquet

At the reception preceding the banquet, toe-tapping music was provided by Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) accompanied by Terri McPheeters from Missouri.

The sound of trumpets told us it was time to enter the Grand Ballroom for the Presidents' Banquet and Installation Ceremony. The music, "Pomp and Circumstance," brought in the outgoing and incoming Administrative Board, Elected Foundation, and Committee Members.

The 2006-2008 State Organization Presidents were introduced. New Administrative Board members were installed in an impressive ceremony.

During dinner, "The Strolling Strings" serenaded the members. It was a grand night as

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## Diane Sheets and Jenny Gendreau Mother and Daughter

Diane Sheets and Jenny Gendreau are mother/daughter members of Alpha Beta Chapter.

Diane, a native of Arizona, received her bachelor degree's in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University and her master's in Educational Counseling from Northern Arizona University. She also holds a Special Education Certificate and Special Reading Endorsement.



Past State President Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta)

She taught second and third grades and spent ten years in special education in grades K – 8. After retiring from her 35 years of teaching in the Washington Elementary School District, she became a part-time instructor/supervisor for student teachers at Chapman University.

Diane has been active in Delta Kappa Gamma since her initiation in 1979. She has served at all levels of leadership in her chapter and was state Recording Secretary, State First Vice-President, State Parliamentarian, and Omicron State President. She attended the 1995 Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar in Austin, Texas, and received the Omicron State Achievement Award in 1994. She was a member of the International Leadership Development Committee.

Currently Diane enjoys volunteering for Friends of the Phoenix Symphony, serving on a Maricopa County Juvenile Justice panel for the community of Peoria, and presiding as Auxiliary President of John C. Lincoln Hospital North Mountain, where she volunteers on Wednesdays.

Jenny Gendreau, Diane's oldest daughter, gave her mother an early surprise Christmas present by joining Alpha Beta Chapter in December of 1999. Jenny received her Bachelor of Science in Education at the University of Arizona



Jenny Gendreau (Alpha Beta)

and her Master of Arts degree in Education from Arizona State University.

She began her teaching career in the Alhambra School District, where she taught second and fourth grades for 19 years. In 1988 she was one of a hundred teachers nationwide

to receive the Sallie Mae Award for her outstanding first-year teaching performance.

Jenny obtained her Administrative Certificate and is currently the Social Services Liaison for the Alhambra district, overseeing many district programs, including their homeless, refugee, and Indian Education programs.

Diane and Jenny enjoy attending chapter meetings and other Delta Kappa Gamma events together. ♥



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Omicron State will be held at the 2011 State Convention. Omicron State was founded January 25, 1936, at the Pioneer Hotel in Tucson.

The 2011 State Convention will be held in Tucson. We have begun celebrating this occasion by honoring mother/daughter members in each issue of the *Sabuaro*. In this issue of the *Sabuaro* we are honoring another four members. The committee continues to search for more mother/daughter members. Please contact the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chairman Berneil Drake if you know such members.

At each state Fall Workshop and State Convention, the past state presidents will be offering special-theme baskets in a raffle. At the 2008 Fall Workshop, past presidents Dr. Nancy Noll and Diane Sheets will present a theme basket, "Take Time for a Break." Money received from these raffles will help defray the extra expense of the anniversary celebration.

Were you born in 1936? The committee would like to feature Omicron State members who were born in this special year. Do you have pictures or memorabilia from 1936? A display will be featured at the 2011 convention. Share your findings with committee chairman Berneil Drake.

Watch for more news of the special events that will take place at the 2011 Omicron State Convention.

Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta), Chairman  
Ad Hoc 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee

## Joan and Kim Meighan

Both Joan and Kim Meighan are members of Beta Chapter, and both taught in the Roosevelt District in Phoenix. Both received their Bachelor of Arts degrees from Arizona State University.

Joan was born in Iowa and attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, for two years and then transferred to Arizona State University. She taught first and second grades at Sunland School in the Roosevelt District for 35 plus years.

Daughter Kim is a native Phoenician and has both her Bachelor of Arts and Master's in Education from Arizona State. She has taught in every area of Special Education from homebound medically fragile students, autistic children, severe profound, trainable, hearing-handicapped, preschool special needs, and currently learning-disabled students.

This is her 23<sup>rd</sup> year in the Roosevelt District, twelve of those years at R.I.C.H. (Roosevelt's Instructional Center for the Handicapped) and the last eleven years at Sunland School.

Kim also trains all of Roosevelt's Special Education Staff once a week after school and, for the past five years, during the summer on the WEB-based IEP program.

Both Joan and Kim love to travel and socialize with family and friends. Joan is a Red Hat Society member and a weekly church volunteer. They both volunteer five times a year making and serving pancake breakfasts to the homeless at Grace Lutheran Church.

Kim's son, Zach, is a junior at Arcadia High School and on the varsity football team. Kim works at the snack bar and at the apparel shop twice a week during the football season for the Arcadia Boosters Club. ♥



Kim and Joan Meighan (Beta) are pictured at the 2008 International Convention

## Seminar in Purposeful Living

The theme of the 2008 Seminar in Purposeful Living was "River of Dreams: A Wise and Passionate Adventure." Two hundred Society members attended the July 17-20, 2008, Seminar in Dubuque, Iowa.

Dubuque, the first city founded in the state of Iowa, in 1788, is nestled in the bluffs of the meandering Mississippi River. Across the river is the historic town, Galena, Illinois.

Members listened to local historians tell about the early life on the Mississippi, visited the Field of Dreams in nearby Dyersville, Iowa, dined at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, and shopped in Galena.

The Seminar was sponsored by The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. Arizona members who attended the Seminar were Dr. Barbara Baker, Suellen Brahs, Berneil Drake, Kathy Epp, Colleen Lines, Dena Martin, Dr. Nancy Noll, Sally Switzer, and Mary Ann Yee.

Since 1964, the Board of Trustees of the Educational Foundation has distributed nearly \$1.7 million in its efforts to improve, enrich and encourage intercultural understanding and excellence in education.

Thanks to the Educational Foundation 27 projects will continue. More than \$52,300 was awarded in 2008 to renewal projects ranging from numerous groups distributing books to babies, special needs students, ELL learners, libraries and other countries to childcare scholarships for Latino families and a therapy dog in the reading classroom.

More than \$80,925 was awarded to 50 new projects in 2008. These projects support new activities such as assistance in purchasing educational materials including binoculars, graphing calculators, maps and globes as well as providing help for learners in Nepal, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Siwa (Egypt) and First Nation students in New Brunswick.

Project application packets are available from July 1 to December 1 at [www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net) or the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589.

Projects must meet one or more of the following:

- Support and encourage intercultural understanding
- Encourage standards of excellence in education
- Assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities and other persons, organization,, trust funds or foundations in support, encouragement, and improvement of education. ♥



On May 28, 2008, **Mary Alice McNamara** (Rho) played the National Anthem with the Arizona Viola Society at the Arizona Diamond-back baseball game.

**Darlyne Blanton-Withrow** (Omega) sang with a fifty- member choir in Switzerland and Germany. The choir was conducted by Dr. Ron Staheli, of Brigham Young University.

**Kim Babeu** (Xi) has been named Principal of Rincon High School in the Tucson Unified School District. She is also working on her doctorate.

**Janis Parks** (Xi) and **Dr. Judy Rogers** (Xi) are K-5 Mathematics Specialists for the Tucson Unified School District.

**Lorrie Sheehy** (Xi) is an Education Program Specialist – Transition with the Arizona Department of Education.

**Mary Stuewe** (Xi) has been named Assistant Principal of Pistor Middle School in the Tucson Unified School District.

**Joye Sterret** (Omega), Omicron State Parliamentarian, and **Nancy Perry** (Beta) attended the Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians annual meeting August 16 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Tempe.

**Beth Swanson** (Rho) and **Virginia Mountain** (Chi) assisted with the final proofing of this edition of the *Sabuario*.

**Joy Mims** (Epsilon) is the National Junirette Chairman and the Arizona Second Vice President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. In June she attended their annual International Convention in Chicago.

**Nancy Nicholson** (Epsilon) has been named the principal of Bisbee Middle School. She is a recent transfer from a chapter in Alaska.

**Pearl Nancarrow** (Delta) has been selected by AARP, the nonprofit membership organization for people 50 and over, to receive the Arizona 2008 AARP Andrus Award for Community Service, the Association's most prestigious and visible volunteer award for community service. ♥

## 2010 Seminar in Purposeful Living

The 2010 Seminar in Purposeful Living will be held at Hotel Murano in Tacoma, Washington, July 15-18, 2010.

The newly renovated hotel is filled with magnificent glass displays and combines comfort, art, and service. Gigantic glass creations

hang from the tall ceilings and each floor features an exhibit by a different artist.

The city of Tacoma is filled with museums, galleries, crafts, theater, and music. The charming towns on the saltwater shores of Puget Sound, the unique regional cuisine, and the majestic Mount Rainer create additional interest for guests. Whether you are an artist, musician, historian, shopper or one who loves to learn, experience and enjoy, Tacoma is the place to be! ♥

## Emergency Fund

The Delta Kappa Gamma Emergency Fund, created in 1948, is maintained by voluntary contributions. The fund is used to assist members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, or other catastrophic disasters. Currently, these gifts are U.S. \$500 to members recommended by chapter and state organization presidents.

How do you apply for an Emergency Fund gift?

- Notify your chapter president of your loss to natural disaster and your current address
- Chapter president informs state organization president
- State president contacts Executive Coordinator Corlea Plowman in Austin, Texas with the name of the member(s), member's chapter, exact nature of disaster sustained, and current mailing address
- The executive coordinator approves the request and mails a check from International Headquarters. ♥

## Cornet Fund for Professional Development

The Educational Foundation provides assistance for participation in professional development activities.

- Lucile Cornet Individual Awards assist educators in their participation in professional development opportunities.
- Grants are awarded to employed educators, both Delta Kappa Gamma members and non members.
- Grants are available for early-career educators and second-educational-career educators.
- In February 2008, \$19,628 in grants went to 13 recipients
- Go to [www.educatoredge.org](http://www.educatoredge.org) for information. This website lists a variety of professional development opportunities.
- Application deadlines for Individual Awards are February 1, May 1, and September 1 depending on date of the activity. ♥



**June Roda**  
June 8, 2008

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Tucson, AZ

## Dates to Remember

### 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  
1100 Nugget Ave., Reno, Nevada

### July 15-18, 2010

Seminar for Purposeful Living  
Tacoma, Washington

### July 20-24, 2010

International Convention  
Spokane, Washington

### June 27-July 2, 2011

Southwest Regional Conference  
Hyatt Regency Tech Center  
7800 East Tufts Ave  
Denver, Colorado 80237

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## International Officers

International officers were elected at the 2008 International Convention in Chicago.

- Dr. Carolyn Rants of Sioux City, Iowa is the International President.
- Dr. Jensi Sounders of Ooltewah, Tennessee is the International First Vice-President.
- Dr. Sigrún Klara Hannesdóttir, of Reykjavik, Iceland is the International Second Vice-President.
- Katherine Flynn of Longmont, Colorado is the Southwest Regional Director. ♥

## Golden Gift Seminar

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) attended the two-week 2008 Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas, McCombs School of Business, in Austin, Texas.

The Seminar consisted of 30 Delta Kappa Gamma members who worked on communication, leadership, and management skills. Members from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and the Netherlands were in attendance.

During the last three days, thirty previous Seminar participants, including Merry Lewis (Mu), who were involved in previous seminars met for an intensive review. This Renaissance class and the 2008 class joined for some sessions and joined in the graduation ceremony.

Merry Lewis (Mu)

## Leadership Training for Chapter Presidents Continued

The Omicron State Leadership Committee will be presenting a one-hour follow-up workshop for all chapter presidents in April at the Omicron State Convention rather than at the Fall Workshop.

Several presidents suggested they would have better knowledge of the needs and requirements of the office by the later date and thus have better questions for the committee.

Each president was given a leadership committee member to be her mentor. This list is

included in the Presidents' Handbook. The committee encourages the presidents to contact them with any questions. None are too trivial or just to talk things over.

Presidents should be prepared to share their problems and their successes at the April workshop.

*Jan Rosenberg, (Nu), Chairman*

## THE SMART TEAM CONTINUED

concerns about a child. After reviewing the initial concerns and what steps the teacher has already put into place, the team brainstorms and makes new suggestions or plans for future intervention.

The team works collaboratively to understand individual complexities, interpret data, and be creative to ensure that each child is provided with tools necessary to achieve at his/her highest level.

*Sandy Hillegass (Beta)*

## PRESIDENTS' BANQUET CONTINUED

the International Choir raised their voices in song. The gavel was passed by Dr. Barbara Day, reminding us to continue with **Wisdom and Passion**, to Dr. Carolyn Rants, who will take us **From Vision to Action: Advancing the Society**.

The evening closed with the retiring of the state flags, the Delta Kappa Gamma song, and memories of the 2008 Convention in Chicago.

*Lori Good (Alpha Alpha)*

## Thanks from our Nancy Noll

"Many thanks to the members of Arizona for the watch I received at the Arizona breakfast during the International Convention in Chicago. I also appreciate the gift of a contribution in my name to the Educational Foundation. It was very thoughtful of you.

"I have appreciated the support of everyone and the opportunity to represent Arizona on the Administrative Board during the last four years. Thank you!"

*Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta)*



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