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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators



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Arizona members smile for the camera at the International Convention.

International Convention

Twenty-nine Omicron State members attended the 2010 International Convention, July 20th - 24th in Spokane, Washington. About 1,500 members from our seventeen member countries were in attendance.

From Vision to Action: Advancing the Society was the theme of the week. Each session spotlighted visions for the future as well as actions that have been taken or are currently in process.

Arizona's Jo Regenold (Lambda) had been nominated as one of the Women of Vision and Action and as such was acknowledged in the program booklet and recognized during the week.

Guest speakers urged Society members to

lead by example, become more effective, embrace technology and effectively engage others.

We embraced the cooler weather, lovely scenery, green park areas around the convention center and winding garden paths wherever we looked.

Washington Night events gave delight and joy with performances by the Angus Scott Bagpipe Band, the Harlan School of Irish Dance, and the Northwest Highland dancers -- all set to highly spirited music.

The Colla Voce and Consanare choirs, with members from fourth through college also performed several songs.

The evening ended with desserts and gifts for the convention goers.

Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)

2010 Fall Workshop

The Omicron State Fall Workshop, the Executive Board Meeting, and the Women in the Arts chapter displays will be, Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the First Assembly of God Church, 532 W Ray Road, Chandler.

Registration will be by chapter, with members paying the chapter treasurer, who will send one check with alpha list of attendees and any specific dietary requests. Information should

also include name of chapter president, first timers, and city of residency for each attendee. Mail to Marilyn Steffen (Alpha Delta) 18001 N. 88th Drive, Peoria, AZ 85382-0843 by October 11, 2010. The total cost is \$35.00.

Schedule for Fall Workshop Events:

- 7:16 - 8:26 a.m. Registration
- 7:21 - 8:37 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:47 - 10:01 a.m. General Session
- 10:12 - 12:22 pm Workshop session
- 12:27 - 1:16 p.m. Lunch
- 1:21 - 2:21 p.m. Forum
- 2:23 p.m. Closing

After lunch, a forum will be held to discuss changes to the governing documents as voted on at the 2010 international convention and also the issue of alternating conventions and fall workshops.

Members are asked to bring books for San Xavier Mission School library, grades K-8, and for Hands-on-Books for distribution at the Durango Juvenile Detention Center. The Durango books are for boys and girls, ages 8 to 18, with wide range of reading levels, and must be new paperbacks with no staples.

Raffle tickets will be available for a hand-made lamp glass necklace and earrings and for a Spirit Sculpture. The past state presidents will continue their raffle by presenting a "Mystery Raffle Basket" to help support the 2011 Diamond Jubilee Convention. The Latin American Awards Committee will be selling Society necklaces and 2011 convention pins.

*Janet Vickers (Omega)
Omicron State Second Vice-President*

2011 Diamond Jubilee Convention

Next year is the 75th birthday of Omicron State. Come and help us celebrate this very special occasion, April 29 – May 1, 2011 at the Westward Look Resort in Tucson.

Special honorees will be those born in 1936,

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

UPDATES!

See the insert in this *Sabuaru* for more information about the new committee structure and the revisions to the **Constitution** and **Standing Rules**.

Pura Vida!

Dream with Judy!

A message from Omicron State President Judy Strohmeyer (Alpha):



Omicron State
President Judy
Strohmeyer

This is going to be an exceptionally exciting year for Omicron State. Combined with exciting chapter programs, the myriad of activities planned by your state committees and your participation, it will be the most outstanding in our 75 year history.

The Fall Workshop is jam packed with variety from Make and Take, Massage for the Soul, visits to far off places, presentations on curriculum, Why a Community College, a sing-along, forum with information on the changes to the governing documents and much more. The return of the Arts Retreat is coming in early January with a variety of activities for those with talent and those who dream of having talent. The participation of a record number of members at the grand 75th Jubilee Convention will be culmination of this magnificent year honoring our treasured past and brilliant future.

The International Convention was a sensational experience from the energetic interactive keynote speaker to the election of incoming officers. Discussions on the changes to the governing documents were of extreme interest to attendees with several areas of contention: membership qualifications and terminology dealing with technology.

As we prepare for our 75th birthday celebration we have a fantastic opportunity to reflect on all of the wonderful things DKG has achieved, what it means to our lives, how marvelous our profession has been and how we can continue to foster excellence in education for the future.

The monthly newsletter, *The Howling Coyote*, in on line before it reaches the mailbox. Check it out and be in the know.

Pura Vida: It is a good life, especially as we take advantage of the opportunities offered through DKG and enhance them through our active participation.

Excellence in education and excellence in Omicron State come through our excellent members when they turn their dreams to reality and create the differences they want seen. Individually you do make a difference and collectively we make an amazing difference. ♥

Collaborative Connection Empowering Dreams to Soar!

A new school year is once again upon us, and with renewed zest and enthusiasm Omicron State members are intensely involved at all levels of the community to empower dreams to soar.

New chapter presidents and vice-presidents are ready to expand Collaborative Connections from the classroom to the Art Museum. Kudos to Dr. Marj Jones and Beta Chapter for going global with their international Art Show at the Phoenix Art Museum in support of the International Dyslexia Association.

I encourage you all to continue to document all Collaborative Connection/Mentoring hours through April 15, 2011. They will be showcased at the 2011 Spring Convention. Digital artifacts and pictures can be sent to sarojag@cox.net. Our valiant efforts will not only serve teachers and members of the school community, but the community at large.

*Saroj Jagernauth (Alpha Iota), Chair
Omicron State Personal Growth & Services Committee*

Nominations Committee

The Omicron State Nominations Committee will meet at the 2010 Fall Workshop. Nominations for the 2011-2013 biennium may be made by individual members or by chapters. Detailed information will be available after the Fall Workshop.

Omicron State Nominations Committee:

- Dena Martin (Zeta), Chair
Area I Janet Fish (Alpha Eta)
Area II Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta)
Area III Terri Ackland (Zeta)
Area IV Janis Parks (Xi)
Area V Phyllis Sue Sword (Epsilon)

Dena Martin (Zeta)

Professional Affairs

The Omicron State Professional Affairs Committee encourages all to showcase our members' current professionalism in education. The first year went so well, the committee members want to keep the enthusiasm going. Celebrate selected members' accomplishments through a posting on the state website. The highlights will include a biographical profile, a brief synopsis of the members' accomplishments, and pictures.

In a brief, detailed synopsis, members will describe how their accomplishments have helped to emphasize professionalism in education (Examples; unique or outstanding projects in education, innovative teaching methods, collaboration connections projects, National Board Certification, Fulbright Scholar, etc.).

Applications are available by email to Sandy Breece. Final selections will be made by the state professional affairs committee.

The deadlines are twice a year: March 1 and September 1. Please submit applications and pictures (mailed or e-mail) to:

Dr. Sandy Breece, Chair
3232 Pioneer Drive
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404
928-706-8663
sbreece@telesis-academy.org ♥



Women in the Arts — 2010 Fall Workshop

The Omicron State Women in the Arts Committee invites members to display their art at the 2010 Fall Workshop, October 23, 2010.

This is an opportunity for members to display artwork of all kinds: paintings, photography, graphics or fabric art, crafts, literature, etc. This display will be in the same room as last year. We cannot hang things on the walls. Please bring your own easels, table coverings, and whatever else you may need to showcase your artwork.

The deadline for reserving display space is September 23rd. The contact person is Suellen Brahs, 3655 N. Fifth Ave, #104, Phoenix, AZ 85013-3709. sbrahs@hotmail.com

Name _____

Chapter _____

Entry _____

*Sharon Willy (Alpha Beta), Co-Chair
Women in the Arts Committee*

29 Omicron State Members Attend 2010 International Convention

Alpha – Gloria Day, Susan Dolman, Judy Strohmeyer

Beta – Joan Meighan, Kim Meighan

Epsilon – Donna Reynolds

Lambda – Mary Ann Liddle, Connie

Myren, Jo Regenold,

Mu – Merry Lewis

Nu – Jan Rosenberg

Rho – Suellen Brahs,

Colleen Lines, Sally

Switzer, Mary Ann Yee

Sigma - Kathryn Payan

Omega – Janet Vickers

Alpha Alpha – Lori Good

Alpha Beta – Diane

Sheets, Marge Threewit

Alpha Delta – Berneil

Drake, Kathy Green,

Nancy Noll, Alice Reule

Alpha Rho – Jean F. Davis, Carolyn Ireland,

Bea Olivas, Rachel Wear

Alpha Xi – Liz Richardson ♥



PHOTOGRAPHY BY JIM

Carolyn Ireland (Alpha Rho) attended the International Convention in Seattle.

Educator Book Award

With plagiarism now being admitted by approximately 66 percent of high school and college students, it is no surprise that Dr. Susan Blum, Notre Dame University, researched academic dishonesty among today's students.

Her book, *My Word! Plagiarism and College Culture* (Cornell University Press) identifies a new set of assumptions about sharing, students' ideas about rules, students' understanding of how to write papers, their knowledge of plagiarism, the impact of foreign students bringing diverse cultural exposure to cheating, and other topics.

Dr. Blum was awarded the DKG Educator's Book Award for her publication.

Some of the reasons Dr. Blum sites why students plagiarize include inconsistencies among faculty, departments, and disciplines; changing ideas of originality and collaboration; lack of interest; and perceived lack of value of assignments.

What can we do to counteract the frequency of plagiarism? Some suggestions from Dr. Blum: Communicate often and publicly about this issue; admit the inconsistencies among rules and how to abide by values; focus on the usefulness and responsibility that citation reflects; and develop assignments that are perceived by students as meaningful.

Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)

¡Bienvenidas, Hermanas de Panama!

As a first-time attendee, the DKG convention in Spokane was all about "International" to me. I was drawn to the workshop entitled DKG expansion: "Voices of Influence," presented by the International Expansion Committee. I was anxious to meet our recently initiated sisters from Panama, Profesora Yadira Zuleika and Berenice Carrera de Vallejos, who represented their chapter of nearly 30 members.

To my pleasure, I was not only going to learn about the process of establishing DKG chapters in other countries, but I was spontaneously selected to participate as one of the interpreters for our Panamanian sisters.

We explored the possibilities of adopting Japan by comparing the steps taken in Panama over the past three years. Our presenter cautioned us that knowing someone in another country is not enough to make that a viable place for a new DKG chapter. It takes dedication, time, and resources along with research into legalities and acceptance by the Government of the targeted country.

Even though it requires hard work and effort, the international expansion committee encouraged members to keep growing our international vision for a greater global membership.

Kathryn Payán (Sigma)



Alternative Assessments: Assignments that Work

What do a dinner party, newspaper, and personnel file have in common? All three are reminders of ways teachers can assess student learning without adding to the teaching workload.

Bette Ann Bridges, of Massachusetts, shared student and teacher favorites from her 38 years as a chemistry teacher. Her "Scientist's File" helps students develop research skills independent of plagiarism, and can adapt to character analysis in the English classroom.

Dinner-party guests can be changed from chemical elements to famous people in history, or the chemistry newspaper could become a travel magazine to explore literary settings. Her key to success lies in the rubrics that accompany each event or product. The rubrics provide both clear directions for students and an easy grading tool, making learning more fun for all.

Janet Vickers (Omega)

Arizona Members Busy at International Convention

President Judy Strohmeyer (Alpha) attended Executive Board meetings and was in the Parade of State Presidents at the Rose Banquet.

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) was a co-presenter at the Golden Gift Workshop.

Choir Members included Gloria Day (Alpha), Merry Lewis (Mu), Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta), Jan Rosenberg (Nu), Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta), Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), and Mary Ann Yee (Rho).

Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) played her flute at two meal functions. She and **Sally Switzer** (Rho) wrote an article for *Lilacs and Roses*, the daily convention publication.

Jo Regenold (Lambda) was honored as a Woman of Vision and Action. She was also pictured in the program book as a member of the Ad Hoc Constitution Revision Committee.

Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) was pictured in the program book as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Committee Structure.

Twenty-five Omicron State members were memorialized at the Celebration of Life Ceremony at the Convention.

Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) was installed as a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation Board of Trustees.

Kathryn Payán (Sigma) was selected as a Spanish/English interpreter at the International Expansion Committee workshop. ♥



Omicron State President Judy Strohmeyer (Alpha) at the 2010 International Convention.



Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) was a workshop co-presenter at International Convention.



Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) was installed as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.

Birthday Luncheon at International Convention

International First Vice-president Dr. Jenji Souders, of Tennessee presided at the eighty-first birthday luncheon celebration with more than 1400 members in attendance. Light-hearted musical entertainment set the stage for a gala festivity.

Ramona Jeffries of Kentucky spoke on "Visions of the Future," asking all to "go green" and seek the abundance of opportunities for women in order to make a positive and sustainable difference in the ever-changing world.

President Carolyn Rants, Iowa, presented the coveted International Achievement Award to Dr. Beverly Helms of Florida. Helms will serve as the 2010-2012 International Second Vice-president. Beverly served as the international communications chair during the 2008-2010 biennium. The committee received high acclaim for designing and maintaining the successful "Create-A-Buzz" campaign.

TV-KHQ, in Spokane, was named the winner of a special media award for its positive coverage of education and for its encouragement of continued excellence in education.

Past International President Dr. Barbara Day recognized twelve members receiving doctoral degrees.

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho)

"Reading By Color" The Irlen Method

Irlen Syndrome, also known as Scotopic Sensitivity, is a perceptual problem that interferes with effective reading.

Until now, it has baffled educators and medical scientists because it is undetected by standard visual, educational, or medical exams.

Educational Psychologist Helen Irlen's research revealed that some students' reading improved when a colored plastic sheet was placed on the text. She developed a patented treatment method that uses colored filters worn as glasses or plastic overlays.

The ability to determine and provide the specific color is the heart of the Irlen Method. In this workshop, three were screened for their own color preference. It was amazing to see the difference in reading both silently and aloud.

As one of the three involved in the screening, I felt my eyes relax and other people said my body language changed dramatically as I read aloud. Another person described how difficult it has been to read textbooks for graduate work. She ended up using two overlays together! www.irilen.com

Gloria Day (Alpha)

It Takes a Plan to Influence Educational Policy:

DKG Developing Collaborations with Stakeholders

This workshop presented by Colorado members Dr. Dorothy Snozek and Beth Barzdukas, addressed how collaborations between DKG and stakeholders can benefit all involved. Partnerships help meet the needs of students, improve programs, and influence educational decisions and practices. Our needs often are far more than money.

Participants reviewed major current legislative agenda and educational issues within their home states and countries. They discussed rationale and opportunities for developing effective collaborations. As DKG members, we feel inspired to improve the world and in that aim, we are more powerful together than alone. We have shared dreams and visions with many different stakeholders.

We were reminded that our commitment to education is why we were chosen to be members of DKG. We need to step forward -- not backward -----in addressing what we as stakeholders know is needed.

The future of Arizona's children . . . and our own . . . are at stake. One voice can make a difference and we are many. Don't forget to vote and encourage others to vote!

Lori Good (Alpha Alpha)



Colleen Lines (Rho), Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) and Jan Rosenberg (Nu) at the Seminar for Purposeful Living in Tacoma.

2010 Seminar in Purposeful Living

One hundred ninety-five Society members attended the 2010 Seminar in Purposeful Living in Tacoma, Washington.

The opening meeting on Thursday began with dinner and a fashion show featuring clothes from the 1800s to the 1970s.

We were treated to tours of the spectacular Chihuly Bridge of Glass, historic Union Station, Tacoma Art Museum and Washington History Museum. We discovered Tacoma to be a beautiful hilly city that featured many aspects of the production of glass.

Friday evening we were entertained with a

musical production of "All Shook Up," featuring the music made popular by Elvis Presley.

The Educational Foundation Trustees presented updates of all their programs and distribution of funds for the many scholarships and projects the Foundation supports.

Following a slide show of beautiful, colorful Washington State nature scenes, members boarded busses for the drive across the state to Spokane for the 2010 international convention. The 2012 Seminar will be held in the Washington, D.C. area, prior to the international convention in New York City.

Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta)



United States Forum

Dr. MaryAnn Rodan of Colorado chaired the US Forum meeting. She reminded members that the purpose of the Forum is to create an awareness of legislative issues impacting women, children, and education. It supports DKG purposes IV and VII. All Society members belong to the Forum.

Dr. Rodan and US Forum Representatives gave reports on Forums held at each Regional Conference. Legislative issues were identified for advocacy at the National Legislative Seminar held in Washington, D.C. in March, 2010. Issues addressed this biennium are Social Security inequities for thirteen states (WEP/GPO), gender equity salaries, education reform of the No Child Left Behind law, funding for Public Schools, and Health Reform.

*Lori Good (Alpha Alpha), Chair
Omicron State Legislative Committee*

First-Time Conventioneer Mary Ann Liddle (Lambda)

After thirty plus years' membership in DKG, I finally decided that I was long overdue to attend International Convention -- and what an enjoyable, enriching experience it was! For four days I mingled with Arizona friends and made new friendships with others from around the world. Except when I've traveled in the South, I've never heard so many southern accents in one place.

Enrichment came from attending excellent workshops such as the one conducted by anthropologist/author Dr. Susan D. Blum (this year's Educator's Award recipient) on the topic of plagiarism.

Then there were outstanding speakers such as Coca-Cola's Chairman and CEO, John F. Brock; advocate of change, Amanda Gore; and retiring Iowa legislator (and Carolyn Rants' son), Christopher Rants. All shared wisdom and humor formed from their vast experiences that entertained and instructed.

Each day we attended a General Session



Lambda members, Jo Regenold and Mary Ann Liddle enjoyed the International Convention.

where Constitution changes were read, amended, discussed, and voted. This process, while tedious, progressed in an orderly and efficient fashion, thanks to the leadership of President Rants and Robert's Rules of Order. Indeed this was a week to observe all our international leaders actively leading our Society.

Would I attend again? You bet. This is an opportunity to learn, rejoice, to meet and see in action our Delta Kappa Gamma leaders. ♥

Leadership in the 21st Century

Team above all, forever! How can we get students in a "turn-around school" to improve? Treat them all like future leaders! Cathy Daugherty of Virginia, mixed history dating back to Romans and Macedonians with U.S. military leadership models. She shared action plans easily applicable both to DKG -- "leadership beyond the hat and pearls" -- and to the classroom -- "U.S. has been at war since 1991. Give students another model."

Cathy's advice: Start with words like loyalty, duty, honor, pride, and personal courage. Move on to actions: The leader keeps emotions in check and looks out for the needs of others, bringing calm out of chaos. The leader emphasizes relationships and consensus building, and looks into the crowd for the next leader. She knows both her strengths and her self-defeating behaviors. She asks and delegates, so she will hear yes more than no, and will get a warm feeling in return.

Five attributes of the effective and inspiring leader: Be loyal to subordinates and participate eagerly. Stand up for what is right, even in the face of others' anger, to create a culture of accountability. Know when to overlook established policies. Instead of lamenting the passage of old ways, find opportunities in new projects. Surprisingly, Cathy says, leaders do not spend time motivating "employees" who

lack intrinsic motivation; leaders make better use of time developing strength, honor, and a problem-solver attitude to make the classroom or meeting a better place.

Janet Vickers (Omega)

Presidents' Banquet at Spokane

The processional of the 2009-2011 state organization presidents included Omicron state Judy Strohmeyer (Alpha).

The 2010-2012 international officers were installed. Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) was installed as one of the Educational Foundation Board Trustees.

After a dinner of salmon and steak, the convention chorus entertained members. Arizona chorus members included Gloria Day (Alpha), Merry Lewis (Mu), Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta), Jan Rosenberg (Nu), Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta), Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), and Mary Ann Yee (Rho).

The evening culminated with an address by the newly installed International President, Dr. Jeni Souders from Tennessee, whose biennium theme is *Embracing the Vision – Designing the Future*. She challenged us to do more for beginning teachers to help them stay in the profession and encourage them to become members of the DKG Society.

Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta)

The Power of "No"

When the same word that prevents chaos also creates dissonance, how can we control its effects?

Karen Breuer of British Columbia spoke of ways to say no to get the results we desire -- in class or out. In essence, replace the word with phrases that establish boundaries yet don't alienate the listener.

"You can't" confines; instead, "You may" liberates. "I don't care" rebuffs; "I have no preference" enables action.

Dr. Breuer encourages us to listen to words that translate into "no" and decide which phrases use confining language. Choose instead liberating words. When we don't want to hurt feelings, but disagree with a plan, "Before I can assist, you will need to. . ." frees us from worry even as it sends our message. "I can't support you . . ." unbinds us yet allows the listener to proceed.

Invitations like "Help me understand" say "no" with empowerment. "How else can I assist" and "What if" address the situation with integrity, precision, and care for others, even as they show we command respect and remain committed to a goal.

Janet Vickers (Omega)

2010 Golden Gift Reunion Tea

The Golden Gift Reunion Tea July 21 was overflowing with excitement as members of all thirty Leadership/Management classes joined in celebration. The 2010 Class, in matching black attire, twirled long strings of pearls, which depicted the thirtieth anniversary. The "Pearl Girls" were the highlight of the festivities as they sang and danced to their own special creation.

Omicron State members attending the tea included Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta), Jean F. Davis (Alpha Rho), Merry Lewis (Mu), Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta), Donna Reynolds (Epsilon), Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta), and Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho).

The L/M Seminar was initiated in 1979 in commemoration of the Society's Fiftieth Anniversary, with the first class held in 1980. Thirty outstanding women are selected by the Golden Gift Committee each biennium to participate in two weeks of intense leadership training at the University of Texas, Austin. Each recipient is rewarded with not only invigorating leadership training but also the genuine spiritual fellowship that results in a lifetime of invaluable friendships.

*Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho)
L/M Class of 2008*



On right, Jo Regenold (Lambda) stands next to our Founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.

Regenold a “Woman of Vision and Action”

Jo Regenold (Lambda) was honored at the 2010 International Convention for being a “Woman of Vision and Action.” Jo joined 187 women who were recognized and listed in the convention program.

The women are considered to be innovators and visionaries. They are able to see the “big picture” in the Society and share their vision with others.

Jo fulfills the Purposes of the Society in her service, mentoring, and leadership.

Merry Lewis (Mu)

Diamond Anniversary Award

On the occasion of Omicron State’s 2011 Diamond Anniversary, the Achievement Award Committee will present awards special to this event. As presented and approved at the 2010 State Convention, no more than ten Society members will be honored with a special pin selected for this occasion. After 2011 the awards will return to the usual pin for a maximum of two deserving recipients.

Criteria for nominating a member for 2011



Six members from Costa Rica attended the 2010 International Convention.

Costa Rica Members at Convention

Six members from Costa Rica attended the 2010 International Convention. State President Flor de Maria Perez was a vocal soloist on several occasions.

They sang and danced at a special Arizona/Costa Rica reception. Several of the members were involved in workshop presentations.

Arizona and Costa Rica developed a very special bond in 1983 when the Southwest Regional was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix. ♥

will essentially follow that used in previous years for the Achievement Award. The same form will be used. The accompanying letter will be different in that the focus will be on the candidate’s contributions to and effective efforts in Omicron State. Chapters may nominate members previously submitted who were not awarded.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2011.

Mary Ann Liddle (Lambda), Chair
Omicron State Achievement Award Committee

Yes, You Can Go to That Meeting!

Have a sore throat or fever and don’t want to share the germs? You’re in California and the meeting is in Prescott, AZ? Already said you’d be at a meeting to give input and now you can’t afford the air fare to get there?

Try the downloadable program at skype.com. All you need is to have it on your home computer or laptop along with a camera. At the other end, a computer/camera with Skype and an Internet connection will put you right there along with everyone else.

This summer, our chapter was going to share planning with Eta Chapter in Prescott, but our local members were all out of town at summer conferences. It was left to me and I was in California. Well, thanks to Vice President Laurel Wolfinger, I was able to attend and share in the fun of that meeting. Laurel’s laptop was placed on a chair just as if I were sitting there. I was able to see a number of people and could hear everything. When they needed input from me, they could all see and hear me.

We talk about ways to go green. Think of how much gasoline I saved and how much wear and tear on the car not to mention the stress of going to Arizona in the summer. Try it! It’s a great way to meet when someone is far away or ill.

Linda Spellman (Alpha Omega)

2011 Omicron State Legislative Day at the Capitol

Legislative Day at the Capitol will be held February 16, 2011. At the 2010 Legislative Day, a State Representative and a representative from the Governor’s Office spoke to attendees. The State Treasurer gave a tour of his department and offices. We also toured the Old Capitol Museum and were introduced in the House Gallery.

Members attending stated that they appreciated the variety of speakers and activities at this event. Mark your calendar and plan to attend to learn more about our state history and current legislation.

Lori Good (Alpha Alpha), Chair
Omicron State Legislative Committee

International Speakers Fund

The International Speakers Fund (ISF) Committee is seeking applications for members to participate in this program. Established in 1984, ISF facilitates exchange of Society speakers among member countries and helps unite women educators of the world. The ISF Committee selects speakers from among the applicants. ISF speakers went to Maine and Costa Rica in 2010.

An interactive speaker’s application form is available on the website as a download. These applications must be returned by e-mail attachment to International Headquarters at isfapp@dkg.org by September 15.

Creative Arts Retreat January 14-16, 2011 Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center

All members are invited to attend the Creative Arts Retreat. You do not need to be creative to attend. Just come and have some fun with fellow DKG members.

This event is all-inclusive: two nights, five meals, and workshops for \$275 (based on double occupancy) PLUS a registration fee of \$30 (for materials). All presenters will have the registration fee waived. A deposit of \$75 must be paid at the Fall Workshop or by November 1, 2010. Make checks payable to DKG Arts Retreat and mail to Diane Gara-Weiner at 1226 E. Avenida Hermosa, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

Anyone wishing to be a presenter of an arts/crafts project or teach dancing, music, recite poetry etc., contact Sharon L. Willy or Diane Gara-Weiner, co-chairs for the Creative Arts Retreat.

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dgweiner@hotmail.com

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swilly@cox.net



Darcey Wimer (Epsilon) was selected as Arizona Air Force Association Teacher of the Year for the 2009-2010 school year. She is a sixth grade teacher at Palominas Elementary School.

Pearl Nancarrow's (Delta) art-work was shown at the Copper Mine Picture Café in Miami, Arizona, June 26 through August 8, 2010.

Nancy Jones (Upsilon) At the state convention of the Knights of Pythias Nancy received the Humanitarian Award of the Year for her work with Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, The Christ Child Society, and the Mooseheart Orphanage in Illinois..

Adele Thompson (Tau) successfully completed the Snow Bowl up-hill hike in less than two hours, raising money for breast cancer research,

Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha) will be on the November 2, 2010 ballot for State Senator from District 15.

Lela Alston (Alpha Delta) will be on the November 2, 2010 ballot for State Representative from District 15.

Jackie Thrasher (Alpha Alpha) will be on the November 2, 2010 ballot for State Representative from District 10.

Merry Lewis (Mu) took the 2010 International Convention photos for this issue of the *Sabuario*.

Beth Swanson (Rho) and **Ginny Mountain** (Chi) were proof readers for this issue of the *Sabuario*. ♥

Sterrett Appointed to International Committee

International President Dr. Jensi Souders has appointed Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) as a member of the International Educator's Award Committee. Joye is a past president of Omega Chapter and is currently Omicron State Parliamentarian.

This committee is charged with the responsibility of selecting a book that meets the criteria of being written by a woman. The content may influence the direction of thought and action necessary to meet the needs of today's complex society. It must show a relationship to education



Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) appointed to International Educators Award Committee.

everywhere. This year's selection, presented at the 2010 International Convention, is *My Word! Plagiarism and the College Culture*, by Dr. Susan D. Blum. ♥

Schools for Africa Campaign New Society Project

According to the UN newsletter, June, 2010, Society members are reaching out in support of women, women educators, and the needs of children throughout the world. DKG has partnered with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in support of education in developing countries for many years.

The UNICEF's Schools for Africa Campaign, which was endorsed by the DKG Administrative Board in January, 2010, as a proposed Society project. It was presented and approved by the membership at the 2010 International Convention.

The U. S. Fund for UNICEF describes this project as "as joint campaign founded by UNICEF and the Nelson Mandela Foundation to promote education for children in Africa. The campaign will increase access to quality basic education for children with special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children."

For information on how you can support the project, go to dkg.net and select Library, Schools for Africa Project, then What Your Support Can Do.

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega)
Arizona Liaison

Our Heritage

Check your chapter supplies. Do you have the three volumes of *Our Heritage*? The 325 page Volume I reviews the events of the years 1929 to 1960 in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

The 184 page Volume II emphasizes the activities of the Society from 1960 to 1970.

Our Heritage Volume III is an 800-page digital document in the PDF format. It is a history of reflections and growth of the Society 1970 – 2008. It includes a video tour of headquarters and the Delta Kappa Gamma song in four different modern interpretations, recorded in 2010.

The co-authors of this document are Iowans Dr. Constance Hoag and Odelia Schunk.

Included in the digital document is the 1986-1988 International presidency of Dr. Barbara Baker (Alpha Delta). You will also find the names and pictures of many Omicron State leaders.

These publications are available from the Society website dkg.org. Go to "shopping", then to "publications." ♥



Past State President Dena Martin (Zeta) and daughter Debi Ybarra (Iota).



Denise Martin (Nu) is the daughter of Dena Martin.

Mother and Two Daughters DKG Members

Past State President Dena Martin (2007-2009), Zeta Chapter participated in the initiation of her eldest daughter, Deborah Ybarra, into Iota Chapter. Yuma.

Debi is the co-founder of Harvest Preparatory Academy, a public charter school serving students Pre-K through 12th grade in Yuma and a satellite K-3 campus in San Luis. Debi also serves as co-pastor of World Harvest Church along with her husband Dr. Mario Ybarra.

Dena also took part in her second-eldest daughter's initiation into Nu Chapter at the 2010 May Breakfast in Tucson. Denise Martin taught and served as a vital part of the birthing of the HPA organization. She is currently employed by Southgate Academy in Tucson, as a grant writer and assists with oversight of the transportation department that she developed and managed for Southgate. As an entrepreneur, she serves as a private consultant for developing and managing pre-school programs in Arizona. ♥

Southwest Regional Directors

The 2008 - 2010 Southwest Regional Director Kathy Flynn (Colorado) has compiled a forty-two page publication of the *Southwest Regional Conferences and Directors*.

The first Southwest Regional Director was Dr. Dixie Young of Oklahoma in 1946. Included in this publication is a review of each regional conference. You will also find pictures and biographical sketches of the regional directors. Four directors have been from Arizona. During the 1966-1968 biennium Kathryn Young was the director, in 1976-1978 Dr. Gloria Little, in 1990-1992 Berneil Drake and in 2004-2006 Dr. Nancy Noll. ♥

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Tips for Chapter Newsletters

*Copied from
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How does a chapter newsletter editor decide which type font to use in a publication? There is no one answer, but there are considerations which lead to selection of types that readers find comfortable.

Serif faces are familiar and comfortable for readers as these are found in most books and newspapers. Serif fonts have a little extra stroke at the end of the letter. Examples of serif fonts are Times New Roman, Bookman, Goudy Old Style, Rockwell, Palatino, and many others.

Sans serif types include Arial, Helvetica, and Verdana. These are frequently used for headlines.

For a complete list, "Google" list of serif and sans serif types. ♥

Communications Awards at International Convention

The 2008-2010 International Communications Committee announced the chapters reported by their state organization as having submitted three or more press releases to community newspapers.

Gamma, Epsilon, and Chi Chapters from Arizona were among the 565 chapters honored. ♥

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mother-daughter members of the Society, and members who have had schools or buildings named in their honor.

There will be displays and a workshop featuring memorabilia of the 1930s plus a fashion show of the latest styles of that era. If you have items such as clothing, dishes, kitchen tools, or pictures that you would like to share with us, please contact chairman Berneil Drake, berneild@aol.com Photos of items that are not transportable would also be appreciated.

At the 2010 Fall Workshop Past Omicron State Presidents Kathryn Whalen and Sally Switzer will present a very special raffle basket, "The Mystery Basket." Tickets will be available at the workshop. ♥

Shoe-In Challenge

Ten Omicron State chapters were recognized at the international convention for meeting The Shoe-in Challenges for meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Maintained the number of members in their chapter from January, 2009, through May 2010
- Increased the overall number of members in their chapters in the same time frame as above
- Added a member from an educational environment not currently represented in their chapters

Congratulations to the ten Arizona chapters: Alpha, Lambda, Nu, Xi, Tau, Chi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Iota, and Alpha Rho who met one of more of the Shoe-In Challenges. ♥

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Books for San Xavier Mission School Library, Grade K – 8

Books for Durango Juvenile Detention Center
Ages 8 – 18 (Paperbacks, no staples)

Four (4) copies of your chapter Yearbook for the State officers.



Dates to Remember

October 23, 2010

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

January 14-16, 2011

Creative Arts Retreat
Scottsdale Resort & Conference Center
7700 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, AZ

April 29-May 1, 2011

Omicron State Convention
75th Anniversary
Westward Look Resort
245 E Ina Road, Tucson, Arizona

June 27-July 2, 2011

Southwest Regional Conference
Hyatt Regency Tech Center
7800 E. Tufts Ave., Denver, Colorado

Seminar in Purposeful Living

July, 2012
Washington, DC

International Convention

July 23-27, 2012
Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers
811 7th Avenue & 53rd Street
New York City, NY

Southwest Regional Conference

July 17-21, 2013
Branson, Missouri