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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

## The Magic of Dreams . . . Today – Tomorrow – Forever

The Omicron State organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society was founded January 25, 1936, at the Pioneer Hotel in Tucson. This year we celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The convention will be April 29, 2011, to May 1, 2011, at the Westward



Mark Hoog, keynote speaker at the Omicron State convention.

Look Resort in Tucson. Special celebrations and events have been planned, including pre-convention activities.

Official convention events will begin with a rooftop reception Friday evening featuring appetizers and entertainment by the University of Arizona “Encore” vocal ensemble. Saturday there will be a continental breakfast, followed by the general session that will include motivational speaker/author Mark Hoog, sponsored by the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee.

The Rose Boutique will be open Friday and Saturday for individual chapter sales and Latin American purse/jewelry sales. You will also have the opportunity to look at chapter history scrapbooks and a picture display of buildings named in honor of Arizona DKG members.

The birthday luncheon will include special presentations to our members born in the year 1936, mother-daughter members, 50-year and 50+ year members, and members who have had schools or buildings named in their honor.

The banquet will include music by the convention choir. Sunday morning will include the Ceremony of Remembrance and the Lei of Friendship breakfast.

## Pre-Convention Night on the Town

Thursday, April 28, 2010

Arrangements have been made for an evening of musical melodrama. Prepare to boo and hiss as you enjoy the side splitting “Curse of Pirates Gold”, presented at the Gaslight Theater.

Tickets are \$15.00. A light dinner is optional and may be ordered at table-side. Doors open at 6 p.m. with curtain at 7 p.m. Reserve your ticket by sending a \$15.00 check payable to

Omicron State to Judy Strohmeyer, 14020 N. Lobelia Way, Oro Valley, AZ 85755.

Friday morning enjoy one of Tucson’s fine art galleries; the natural wonders of Sabino Canyon, where you can ride the shuttle or hike to enjoy the Desert Museum; visit the International Wildlife Museum; or take a trip to St. Xavier Mission (the Dove of the Desert) on your way to Tubac and the mission at Tumacacori; or shop at La Encantada.

## Nominees for 2011-2013

### Omicron State Offices

#### President

Judy Vinson (Alpha)

#### First Vice-President

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho)

#### Second Vice-President

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega)

#### Recording Secretary

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)

#### Corresponding Secretary

Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota)

### Nominations Committee

Area I — Dr. Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi)

Area II — Lori Good (Alpha Alpha)

Area III — Pearl Nancarrow (Delta)

Area IV — Clarine Haslag (Upsilon)

Area V — Cinde Schuttner (Epsilon)



Phyllis Hickey named the international representative to the 2011 Omicron State Convention

## Omicron State Welcomes Phyllis Hickey

Omicron State welcomes Phyllis Hickey as the international representative to the 2011 Omicron State Convention. She was named the Business Service Administrator

for the Society effective August, 2007. Her title has since been changed to International Opera-

tion Services Administrator.

Ms. Hickey was initiated into the Society in 1986 in Connecticut, where she served as state president and was recipient of the state Achievement Award. She served on several international committees and was a member of the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar class of 2001.

She received degrees from Annapolis College and Eastern Connecticut State University and is currently working on her Ph.D. in Management and Organization.

Ms. Hickey taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades for 16 years, primarily math, and served 12 years as principal of pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

She is the oldest of six children and aunt to eight nieces and nephews. Her claim to fame is her appearance on *Family Feud* with her brothers and sisters.

Welcome to Arizona, Phyllis!

## Mark Hoog to Keynote 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is proud to present nationally acclaimed children’s author and motivational speaker, Mark Hoog, who will give the keynote address on Saturday morning, April 30, 2011.

Mark was the youngest captain for a major airline, United. He has spent his career providing leadership training to top pilots around the world and in all branches of the U.S. military.

Inspired and changed by the loss of a mentor and friend in the 9-11-2001 crash of Flight 83, Mark created the *Growing Field* book series. He speaks from the heart as he draws on years of corporate leadership and management experience to deliver powerful life lessons to children and adults.

*Your Song, The Dream Machine, Letters to Katrina*, and his latest, *Treasure Island*, which we will be privileged to be the first in the country to see, are among his works and will be available for purchase following his presentation. You can learn more at [www.growingfield.com](http://www.growingfield.com).

Jean F. Davis (Alpha Rho) Member  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

## *Pura Vida!*

# Dream with Judy!

*A message from Omicron State President Judy Strohmeier (Alpha):*



Omicron State  
President Judy  
Strohmeier

We are about to embark on a very exciting period in Omicron State history as we celebrate our illustrious past, honor our present, and look forward to our brilliant future. Over the years there have been many changes within our Society and no doubt there will be many to come as Omicron State brings its governing documents into compliance with those of International.

As we approach the Jubilee convention, many are working behind the scenes to insure a magical experience for all attendees. From the pre-convention night-on-the-town, Thursday, at the Gaslight Theater, and the roof top reception Friday night to our Lei of Friendship breakfast Sunday, the convention will be fun-filled with exceptional speakers, magical workshops, and a beautiful setting in the foothills overlooking Tucson.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Ad Hoc Committee has arranged an inspirational speaker to engage your imagination and motivate you to be the person you want to be as we celebrate 75 years dedicated to fostering all the best of education and look forward to a brilliant future.

Hopefully, you did not miss out on the Creative Arts Retreat, as I did. It had long been my dream to bring back the retreat and, wouldn't you know, fate dealt me a staggering blow and did not allow me to attend. As I write this, I am facing a new adventure: in a few days I will be having open heart surgery and then taking it very easy for a few weeks before I can get back into my usual routine. In the meantime, I know you are all busy working on collaborative connections, nominating your shining stars, and attending chapter meetings where support and encourage each other in the myriad of endeavors that bind us together and strengthen our Society.

It is good to be reminded that each of us has a different dream and that each of our dreams can come true, especially if we validate one another and work passionately to see all of our dreams reach fruition. All of our dreams are of great value, none too grand and none inconsequential. Each shimmers with its own brilliance, just as each of you shines like a diamond in the sky.

May all of your dreams come true and may you find the means to be the change that makes the world a better place through excellence in education and the pursuit of your passions. One person can make a life changing difference. You need not be Oprah or Bill Gates. You just need to be YOU!

## Educational Foundation NEWS

In September 2010, a total of \$8,170 was awarded to ten individuals to complete a variety of professional development activities to meet their individual educational goals. Individual awards ranged from \$350 to \$1,320. Next deadline is May 1, 2011.

Professional development awards can be used for National Board Certification. Information is available at [DKG.org](http://DKG.org)

A total of \$10,000 was awarded to seven state organizations or other entities of the Society to host seminars that impact education. These seminars are open to non-members. Seminar awards ranged from \$400 to \$2,700.

The Foundation donates nearly \$250,000 each year to improve education. It supports educational projects, professional development, seminars, and other events for learning and training.

*Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta)*  
Omicron State Liaison to Educational Foundation

## Legislative News

Omicron State's Legislative Committee has been networking and meeting with leadership from the Arizona Education Association (AEA), Arizona Education Association Retired (AEA-R), Arizona for Retired Americans (AARA), and All Arizona School Retirees Association (AASRA) for the purpose of combining forces to become more effective politically.

The first endeavor together was to host a Legislative Meet & Greet in Phoenix on October 16, 2010. When the Arizona Legislature convened in January, there were 49 new faces at the Capitol. State lawmakers face many difficult issues with an approximate \$825 million budget gap in the current fiscal year and an estimated \$1.4 billion deficit for fiscal 2012. Please join us at one of the following events:

**February 16, 2011,**  
**Omicron State at the Capitol**

**March 3, 2011**

**AEA-R Legislative Day at the Capitol**

Nominations for the Friend of Education Award are due by March 16, 2012. Nominees must have completed one full year at the legislature. Nomination forms can be found on the state website.

*Lori Good, Chairman*  
Omicron State Legislative Committee

## Rose Boutique at State Convention

Chapter members interested in showcasing items for sale must reserve a table. Without prior notification there may not be space available for you. Please notify Women in the Arts Co-Chairman Sharon Willy, at [stwilly@cox.net](mailto:stwilly@cox.net) or 623-546-2678.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (email or phone) \_\_\_\_\_



Above, Darlyne  
Blanton-Withrow  
(Omega) and Faye  
Golden (Alpha  
Delta) at work at  
the Creative Arts  
Retreat.



Above,  
Patricia Holmes  
(Lambda)  
entertained on  
the guitar at the  
Creative Arts  
Retreat.



Co-Chair Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta)  
demonstrated how to make macramé.

## Thirty-Seven attend the Creative Arts Retreat

Thirty-seven attended The Creative Arts Retreat, January 14-16, 2011, at the Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center. An abundance of great food, spacious rooms, luxurious grounds in a relaxed atmosphere contributed to the fun and festivities.

The Women in the Arts committee led by co-chairs Sharon Willy (Alpha Beta) and Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta) were ably supported by committee members; Patricia Holmes (Lambda), Suellen Brahs (Rho), Shirley Boswell (Alpha), Judy Weber (Alpha Beta), Janet Blum (Omega), Janet Fish (Alpha Eta), and Joyce Glazner (Omicron).

Crafts and music were provided by nine Omicron State members: Merry Lewis (Mu), iris card; Gigi Foulk (Mu), paper bags and beaded necklaces; Suellen Brahs, poetry; Laura Korn (Alpha Iota), photo cards; Diane Gara-Weiner, macramé key chains; Sandy Parker (Alpha Rho), spirit dolls; Gail Gentry (Alpha Rho), piñatas; Janet Blum (Omega), watercolor; Vicki Berglind (Alpha), ceramics; and three guest artists Sherry Lanman, scrap booking; Joanne Langdon, boxes; and Beth Wagenbach, cartoon drawing.

The retreat ended Saturday evening with a musical interlude by guitarist Patricia Holmes and a sing-along led by Gloria Day (Alpha).

*Patricia Holmes (Lambda)*  
*Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta)*

## 2011 – 2013 Omicron State Officers Nominated

The Omicron State Nominations Committee has selected the slate of nominees for the 2011-2013 biennium.

**President:** Judy Vinson (Alpha) is currently an adjunct faculty member in the business department at Pima Community College. She has held all officer positions in Alpha Chapter. During the 2009 – 2011 biennium she has been the Omicron State First-Vice-President and has been committee chair of several committees. She was the 2003 Regional Conference business manager.

**First Vice-President:** Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) is a retired classroom teacher in the Sahuarita School District. She was president of Alpha Rho Chapter and was chair of many committees as well as editor of the chapter yearbook and newsletter. At Omicron State level she has served as corresponding and recording secretary and has been on many committees. At the state, regional, and international conven-



Judy Vinson (Alpha) nominee for Omicron State President



Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) nominee for Omicron First Vice-President



Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) nominee for Omicron State Second Vice-President



Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) nominee for Omicron State Corresponding Secretary



Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota) nominee for Omicron State Corresponding Secretary

**Recording Secretary:** Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) teaches second grade at Desert View School in the Washington School District (Phoenix). In her chapter she has served as president and on many committees. She

is currently the Omicron State Corresponding Secretary and has been on many state committees. She was the Workshop Coordinator at the Regional Conference in San Antonio and chairman of the airport hostesses at the Regional in Phoenix.

**Second Vice-President:** Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) is retired from the Phoenix Union High School District. In her chapter she served as president and first vice-president. She has been active and served on committees in Texas, Nebraska, and Kansas chapters. In Omicron State she is currently the parliamentarian. She has presented workshops at state conventions and regional conferences. Joye is currently serving on the International Educators Award Committee and is the United Nations Liaison for Arizona.

is currently the Omicron State Corresponding Secretary and has been on many state committees. She was the Workshop Coordinator at the Regional Conference in San Antonio and chairman of the airport hostesses at the Regional in Phoenix.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota) is teaching kindergarten at Joy Christian School, Phoenix. She has been the Omicron State Copy Technician for eight years. She served as president of her chapter and on several state committees. She was the registration chair for a state convention. She is very active in her community, school, and church.



Dr. Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi), Area I nominee for Nominations Committee



Lori Good (???), Area II nominee for Nominations Committee



Pearl Nancarrow (Delta), Area III nominee for Nominations Committee



Clarine Haslag (Upsilon), Area IV nominee for Nominations Committee



Cinde Schuttner (Epsilon), Area V nominee for Nominations Committee

### Nominees for Nominations Committee

Area I – **Dr. Sandy Breece** (Alpha Chi) Founder and administrator of Telesis Academy Charter School in Lake Havasu. Received Omicron state scholarship in 2007. Earned doctorate in Educational Leadership. Past president of Alpha Chi chapter.

Area II – **Lori Good** (Alpha Alpha) Past chapter president. Taught kindergarten in Washington District (Phoenix) for 33 years. State chairman of Legislative Committee. Attended two regional conferences, two International Conventions and the 2010 U.S. Forum National Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C.

Area III – **Pearl Nancarrow** (Delta) Taught for 32 years. Past chapter president. Women in

the Arts Committee, 2008-2009. In 2004, began a second “career” of volunteerism. Received the 2008 AARP Andrus Award.

Area IV – **Clarine Haslag** (Upsilon) Teaches sixth grade math and social studies at Gidley Middle School in Tucson. Past chapter president and past Tucson Council president. State Research Committee chairman, 2007-2009

Area V – **Cinde Schuttner** (Epsilon) Taught grades one through eight in rural Palominas School in Hereford, AZ. In 1985 adopted two Thai children. Chapter president for two terms. Chapter treasurer for 18 years. State music committee. Attended three Regional Conferences.

### TOMS Shoes

*Copied from DKG Network*

Immediate Past International President Carolyn Rants became fascinated with the TOMS model during the time the Society was marketing the Shoe-in Challenge to chapters. Her idea: honor our winning chapters by helping put shoes on the feet of people who need them. Through a generous gift from the Educational Foundation, we purchased TOMS shoes for children in need in the Spokane area. Our One-for-One shoes also went to Guatemala, a member country.

Now TOMS has made a generous offer to us. For every pair of shoes purchased through the TOMS web site (when the proper code is entered) -- Women's, Men's or Children's -- five dollars will be returned to the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. It is very simple: Link to the TOMS site through the Society Web site and go to [TOMS shoes](#) then make your shoe selection.

During the payment process, enter the code **dkgsi** in the discount code box. Three things will happen: You will receive wonderful shoes for yourself or your family. A child will receive a pair of shoes – One for One. The Foundation will receive funds to be used to further literacy and other projects.



Kathy Green (Alpha Delta) kept us on time at the Fall Workshop when she rang the bell

## Fall Workshop

The 2010 Fall workshop was held October 23, 2010 at the First Assembly of God Church in Chandler, Arizona. About 125 members attended.

Interesting workshops were presented by Society members. State Treasurer Kathy Green (Alpha Delta) rang the school bell so we would know when to move on to another workshop.

### Creating Your Own Magic

The "Creating Your Own Magic" workshop was presented by Laura Korn (Alpha Iota).

The room was filled with actively involved participants. We learned how to personalize our own photo cards that we can share. Each participant created her own individual card. We shared different experiences of making greeting cards. We now know what to do with our photos while sharing magical events and places.

Mercedes Korn (Alpha Iota)

### Make and Take – The Magic of Paper

Paper, buttons, paper circles, rectangles of colored paper, strings, glitter glue – Do these sound like greeting cards?

Assemble as you please and there is an original card – made by you. Fifteen Delta Kappa Gamma members used their creative talents to share with their friends. The leaders were Dora Donovan (Alpha Sigma) and Sandy Kelly (Alpha Sigma).

Diane L. Henry (Alpha Sigma)

### Love and Logic Workshop

Barb Miller presented a practical and entertaining workshop on the basics of the Love and Logic discipline philosophy. Developed more than 30 years ago by educator Jim Fay and child psychiatrist Foster Cline, M.D., combines the knowledge and experience of over 75 years of rearing children and working with them.

Love and Logic helps parents, teachers, and administrators build positive relationships, set

limits without anger, and foster the growth of respectful and responsible children.

Barb spent the majority of the time demonstrating strategies such as "Going Brain Dead" (remaining calm and unemotional; not taking to heart what the student is saying): "One Liners" ("I respect you too much to argue"), "Enforceable Statements" (I only line up quiet children rather than "Be quiet,") and many more quick and easily learned techniques.

Ms. Miller is a trained Love and Logic facilitator for parents and teachers. She is available to teach introductory workshops as well as classes to parents and educators. For more information, contact her at 575-313-1351 or f.a.m.e.silver2007@gmail.com

Pattie Vincent (Alpha Epsilon)

### Magical Household Hints from Maureen

Maureen Felcyn (Alpha Beta) stated that her sources were from Heloise's books and articles, Dr. Oz on TV, Mrs. Green's World, and many websites.

She presented household hints on how to remove stains like blood, lipstick, and mystery spots. An all-purpose cleaner and deodorizer you can easily make is with four tablespoons of baking soda and one quart of warm water.

Some foods will help you lose weight and lower cholesterol. Did you know the Japanese are the thinnest group of people? It is because of the food they eat – a lot of fish, cabbage, and those chop sticks. Most of us would lose weight, too, if we had to depend on chopsticks.

Did you know that it is hardest to remove pesticides from strawberries and peaches than from other fruit? Soaking them in water for a couple minutes will help.

Another piece of good advice is to take all medicines/vitamins at 10:00 PM (unless otherwise directed by your doctor). This allows more time for them to be absorbed into the body.

She also gave us some tips on what to buy to stay in fashion. Leopard is in!

Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta)

### Forum Elicits Opinions on Convention Schedule

How do members of Omicron State feel about having conventions annually? Phyllis Swan (Phi) suggested conventions should be changed to an alternate-year schedule.

Ms. Swan and Phi Chapter favor a biennial convention with fall workshops continuing yearly, and adding a one-day training for new officers in even years. Expense and work falling to retired members as active teachers are too busy were primary reasons for their proposal.

The Omicron State Standing Rules only require a convention in odd-numbered years. Having one in even-numbered years is optional.

Those in favor of annual conventions cited loss of momentum, tradition, the revitalization of chapters, and the fellowship of coming together as reasons **not** to change to the alternate-year schedule. Those who favored the change argued that conventions are becoming cost-prohibitive, family and work obligations need to take priority, and money saved could be used for additional scholarships.

No change can be enacted until 2014, as conventions are scheduled through 2013. The discussion will continue until such time as a motion is presented to the Omicron State membership for a vote.

Shelley Smith (Lambda), Chair  
Omicron State Communication Committee

### Magical Moments of a Sabbatical in China

Imagine spending a semester in another country where you cannot speak the official language and you are charged with teaching college students in English. That is what happened to Debbie Foster (Zeta), Professor of Speech Communication at Central Arizona College.



Debbie Foster (Zeta) presented workshop on her Sabbatical in China

Foster spent the 2009 fall semester in a sabbatical exchange, teaching undergraduate and graduate students at North Eastern University (NEU) in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, Peoples Republic of China. As she taught reading and oral English to sophomores and communication to graduate students, Foster found many cultural differences between her Chinese and American students, and she incorporated American culture into her lessons.

As a visiting professor at NEU, Foster had the opportunity to participate in additional unexpected activities, including teaching a public speaking elective class, presenting public speaking academic lectures, acting as a guest lecturer for a non-English major class, coaching students for a speech competition, working with students in their Model United Nations, and acting as a guest critic with national judges at the National Heritage Museum Guides competition.

Terri Ackland (Zeta)



Judy Vinson (Alpha)  
raffle winner  
with the Autumn  
wreath



Kathy Epp (Rho)  
winner of the  
75th Anniversary  
"Mystery Basket"

## Lucky Winners!

### Chapter winners for attendance:

In-area, most attendees  
Alpha Delta (11)  
Alpha Epsilon (11)

Outside area, most attendees  
Alpha (6)

Highest percentage of members in attendance

In-area - - Alpha Delta 46%  
Out-of-area - - Zeta 26%

### Raffle Winners

Alpha Rho sold the most tickets

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Basket  
"The Mystery Basket"  
Kathy Epp (Rho)

Lamp Glass Necklace  
Susan Dolman (Alpha)

Autumn Wreath  
Judy Vinson (Alpha)

### 2011 Convention Gifts

Kristin Audello (Lambda)  
Mary Brock (Iota)  
Marilyn Daniels  
Linda Lancaster (Omicron)  
Lois Risch (Iota)

## The Magic Educational Opportunities in Arizona's Community Colleges

Terri Ackland (Zeta), Dean of Arts and Sciences at Central Arizona College presented the workshop.

She led the group in lively and interesting discussions about the status of junior colleges. Her main concern centered around the high school students being counseled into the junior college experience prior to attending a four-year university.

Another concern was the reading, writing, and math skills of the incoming students.

Dena Martin (Zeta)

## Magic Happens When You Integrate Math and Art

Sandy Parker (Alpha Rho Chapter president) demonstrated that with art and mathematics, "you can't have one without the other."

Participants in her workshop created tangrams, dodecahedrons, and tessellations, determined the number of gifts in "The 16 Days of Christmas" by discovering patterns, and were introduced to the "Four Color Theorem".

Poetry, raps, and drama reinforced facts, and participants left {actually they had to be pushed out the door so lunch could be served in the room.) energized and reminded that there are still ways to "teach to the test" that are fun, creative, hands-on, and mind-engaging.

The lessons, while geared for grades 4 through 9, are appropriate for children from 5 to 90,

Jean F. Davis (Alpha Rho)

## Music: Makes Us Merry and Bright

You missed a fun forty-five minutes if you didn't sing, swing, and sway with Gloria Day (Alpha) at the fall music workshop. First we did some warm up exercises. I had little voice training and it was a long time ago, but I think I detected a difference. We were energized and ready to harmonize. Try adding some breathing and vocalizing to your morning work-out.

Next we sang some fun songs to share at chapter meetings. Gloria has obtained original DKG music and has permission to use it at the 2011 Omicron State Convention. We have wonderful vocalists in Arizona but also many who just sing for the joy of it. Put these two groups together and there is a fine massed choir. As with many situations in teaching, teaming makes good – GREAT. Join the Chorus at the state convention.

Contact Gloria at gjeanned@aol.com to obtain copies of the music.

Vickie Berglind (Alpha)

## The Magic of Stories from the Heart

Roni Capin-Rivera Ashford gave a lively presentation about her books, "My Nana's Remedies" and "Hip, Hip, Hooray, It's Monsoon Day!"

Her children's books are printed in both Spanish and English, and are about life in southern Arizona. Roni brought cinnamon and juniper for us to tie into bundles and take home, and two of the teas, hibiscus and chamomile, mentioned in "My Nana's Remedies" for us to sample.

She talked about how there is grace and synchronicity in everyday life, if you just know how to look for the higher meaning. She wrote "My Nana's Remedies" for her first graders and wrote it in Spanish so they could learn in their own language, and could relate the story to their own experiences.

Carolyn Risch (Alpha)

## Saved with a Flash – It's Magic

Patricia Holmes (Lambda) gave members the solution to storing information on their computers with the use of an external device called a flash drive. Patricia demonstrated how to safely save documents with a flash drive and stressed the benefits of its use.

*"Flash Drive, Flash Drive – they say it's magic.*

*Saves documents, photos, and even a graphic!*

*Small in size with many "gigs" – affordable, too.*

*Leaving home, the portable drive goes with you.*

*Sometimes called a thumb drive or memory stick,*

*They all work the same with just one mouse click.*

*Don't worry if your computer takes a crash dive,*

*Your flash drive information will always survive.*

*Go for it, go for it - try the flash drive magic*

*And to all your back-up woes, you can say ciao."*

Jo Regenold (Lambda)



## Women in the Arts

The Women in the Arts Committee would like to thank the ten members who participated in the Women in the Arts display at the 2010 Fall workshop: Vicki Berglind (Alpha), Gigi Faulk (Alpha), Beth Frederick (Alpha Epsilon), Kim Meighan (Beta), Regina Olson (Alpha), Sandy Parker (Alpha Rho), Peggy Scott (Alpha Epsilon), Judy Strohmeyer (Alpha), Adele Thompson (Tau), and Judy Weber (Alpha Beta).

Diane Gara Weiner (Alpha Delta)  
and Sharon Willy (Alpha Beta)

## Cora Thorp Memorial Scholarship

The Cochise County Epsilon Chapter has been given \$15,000 to establish a memorial scholarship in honor of Omicron State Past State President, Cora Thorp. The full tuition scholarship, plus textbook money will be awarded yearly to a Bisbee High School female graduate who is attending Cochise College starting in January, 2011.



*Past State President Cora Thorp honored by Epsilon chapter*

The recipient must carry a full load of classes for both semesters and be an education major. The amount of money should provide scholarships for approximately eight years. A chapter scholarship committee has been established to follow this project through to completion.

Cora was a Society member for almost a 60-years. She was Omicron State President in the 1973-75 biennium. During her biennium she encouraged the state to take a greater part in Project North America at Navajo Community College.

She was recipient of the state achievement award. Later she served as international parliamentarian when Dr. Gloria Little was international president. Cora also served on eight international committees and was a Golden Gift recipient in 1984. She was always proud that she traveled to 16 countries and 36 states during her active participation in the work of the Society.

Many other organizations were recipients of Cora's active involvement. Above all, Cora was a devoted mother to her four sons. She was honored for her excellence as a mother by being awarded the Arizona State Merit Mother in 1971, and the BPW Woman of the Year in 1978. Her most cherished award was the Arizona Mother of the Year Award in 1972.

A celebration honoring her contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma and her community was held in October, 2010, at the Memory Gardens in Bisbee. Members sang several hymns, led by Cinde Shuttner. As members spoke about Cora, roses were placed on her grave. Millicent Kasun sang "One White Rose," a song she had sung at Cora's funeral service.

At the chapter meeting held later, photos, and scrapbooks were on display. Her family was in attendance at this celebration.

*Donna Reynolds (Epsilon), Chair Cora Thorp Memorial Scholarship Committee*

## Mercedes Korn and Laura Korn Alpha Iota Mother/Daughter Duo

Mercedes Ferrer Korn (Alpha Iota) has served as a chapter officer in every position except treasurer. She was president in 1992-1994. In 1996 she was Omicron State Convention Chairman. Whenever her chapter was involved with a convention, Mercedes volunteered. The legislative committee was started when she was chair.

Mercedes loved teaching math. She attended numerous National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) conferences and was once the only representative from her district in New Orleans. She was involved in writing the Math Scope and Sequence for Washington Elementary School District. In 1996 she was awarded a grant for summer school to the U of A for Math for Minority Students. She co-authored a book on the use of Math Manipulatives.

Today Mercedes serves as treasurer of the Paradise Valley Senior Center Board. She teaches an exercise class called Bone Builders.

Daughter Laura Korn (Alpha Iota) has served as chapter secretary and is currently first vice-president. Laura was a chapter grant-in-aid



*Mother - Daughter Laura and Mercedes Korn (Alpha Iota)*

recipient in 1993 – 1997. Mom and daughter both share a passion for politics and are on legislative committees.

Laura works at Barry Goldwater High School, Phoenix, teaching Special Education transition skills, health, marketing, and language arts. She is a Deer Valley Association representative and sits on the Performance Pay committee at the district level.

One of Laura's hobbies is completing long-distance runs. She completed two half-marathons in North Carolina and Phoenix.

## Regenold Appointed to International Committee



*Jo Regenold (Lambda) appointed a member of the International Nominations Committee*

International President Dr. Jensi Souders has appointed Jo Regenold (Lambda) as a member of the international nominations committee. Jo is past international second-vice president and past state president of Arizona and Oregon. She was a sub-committee chair on the international 2008-2010 Ad Hoc Revision Committee and has served on the international level for over thirty years.

The Nominations Committee is responsible for soliciting nominees by print and electronic means for positions to be filled at the international level and is charged to follow the eligibility, qualifications and guidelines for selecting nominees. The committee shall present its report of nominees for elective positions of the Society to the international convention in even numbered years.

## Common Core State Standards

What are the Common Core State Standards? Cheryl Lebo, the Associate Superintendent of Standards for Assessment, stated it is an initiative led by Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the National Governor's Association for Best Practices (NGA Center), in

partnership with ACT, the College Board, and Achieve to develop common core standards in mathematics and language arts.

These are new standards that teachers will be accountable for the 2014-2015 year. Ms. Lebo suggested that the kindergarten teachers begin implementing these new standards next year, as they will be the first group testing.

The CCSS for math should be available for viewing at [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org) The criteria are to provide fewer but more focused, clearer, higher standards that will be aligned with college and work expectations. The content will be rigorous with the application of knowledge through higher-order skills.

The intent is that the new standards will improve the chances for Arizona students to compete in a global market.

*Rebecca Sutton (Alpha Zeta)*

## Alpha Xi Chapter in Sun City Area

Alpha Xi Chapter held their first meeting of the year at Casa Del Rio. The chapter meets once a month, October through April. A work session followed the business meeting in October. We filled 200 gift bags for the 2010 Fall Workshop. Irene Shoup chaired the project.

Past and present Society members living in the Sun City area who would like more information about Alpha Xi Chapter may call President Kay Drake at 623-975-7188, First Vice-President Ruthann Welander at 623-972-7217 or Second Vice President Irene Shoup at 623-974-0831.

Winter visitors to Arizona are welcome to attend the meetings.

*Irene Shoup (Alpha Xi)*



**Lisa Holland** (Epsilon) was selected as one of the year's Women of Achievement by the Bisbee Business and Professional Woman's Club. She is the principal of Bisbee High School.

**Michelle Headley** (Alpha Delta) has been selected to be in the National Board Certification program. She teaches fifth grade at Sevilla West Middle School in the Alhambra District (Phoenix).

**Merry Lewis** (Mu) is one of the trial students for "Joy University", an on-line course produced by Amanda Gore, who was a speaker at the 2010 international convention. Students read, record their thoughts in an on-line journal and a physical journal, and interact with each other.

**Marilyn Ludwig** (Mu) has been highlighted in a full-page article in the *University of Arizona College of Education News*. In the article, Marilyn says, "I'm still excited about life. I view things as challenges, not as problems."

**Gerae Peten** (Alpha Beta) received her Doctoral Degree from Northern Arizona University on December 16, 2010. She has been named a University Development Representative for Grand Canyon University.

**Precious Biyela**, former World Fellowship recipient at ASU completed her Doctoral degree on December 16, 2010. She is currently a postdoctoral fellow at McGill University in Quebec, Canada in the department of civil engineering and applied mechanics.

**Kyrsten Sinema** (Alpha Alpha) was named as one of the "40 under 40" rising stars of American politics in the October 25, 2010 issue of Time Magazine. In November she won the election as Arizona State Senator for District 15.



*Dr. Precious Biyela, World Fellowship recipient, received her Ph.D. from ASU.*

**Dr. Joye Sterrett** (Omega) has been named the Arizona liaison for Delta Kappa Gamma at the United Nations. Her main responsibility is to send UN related information to chapter groups.

**Beth Swanson** (Rho) and **Ginny Mountain** (Chi) were the proofreaders of this issue of the *Sabuaroo*. **Merry Lewis** (Mu) was the official photographer at the Fall Workshop.

**Carmen Wendt** (Chi) has received the title Master of Journalism Education. This is earned through The National Journalism Association. She completed a lengthy project and passed a 2½ hour essay exam

## New International Committee Educational Excellence

*(The Educational Excellence Committee News)*

The fifteen members of the new Educational Excellence Committee adopted a self-definition, which will be equally appropriate for state organization and chapter committees: "The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide.

For the Society to have the greatest impact on education, chapters and state organizations need to focus on no more than two Society-wide initiatives. To embrace our vision, "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide," the committee urges every chapter and state organization to focus on two major initiatives:

- **Support for the Society's official Schools for Africa project**
- **Support for early-career educators**

Information on these initiatives is readily available on the DKG website and in its publications. 🍏

## International Adopts Policy for Use of Electronic Communications

In an ever-increasing technological world, the Society has recognized the need for policies to guide chapters and state organizations that choose to use the International website or be linked to it in some manner.

The complete policy as adopted in July, 2010, is available to be downloaded so that each chapter has a copy for reference purposes. Briefly, it contains a definition of electronic communications, the scope of the policy, access restrictions for the Society, and user responsibilities, as well as information on how to link to the international website.

Forms such as rental requests/fee, certified link requests, and information on unlinking - are also part of the document.

In order to ensure that each chapter is in compliance and to acquire the necessary information and forms should your chapter decide to move forward with any of the types of communications detailed in the policy, please access this at your earliest convenience and make it a part of your chapter's files.

*Shelley Smith (Lambda), Chair Omicron State Communications Committee*

## Educational Foundation Provides Varied Funding

Members are encouraged to apply for the varied fundings that are available through the Educational Foundation. The Foundation has

awarded \$2.3 million since 1964 and continues doing so to improve, enrich, and encourage intercultural understanding and excellence in education.

Project information either for individuals, state, or groups is available at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Go to Educational Foundation to read what is available. The Cornet individual awards in February, 2010, totaled \$19,923 in grants to 19 recipients. You could have been one of the recipients.

July 19-21, 2012, is the date of the next Seminar in Purposeful Living. The "Capital Experience" participants will stay at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, just a short distance from the Reagan Washington National Airport. There will be metro access to DC's metropolitan area with many tours. Plan ahead to join the group prior to the 2012 International Convention in New York City.

*Donna Reynolds (Epsilon), Trustee Educational Foundation*



*Patricia Rendon (Lambda) stands in front of the school in Jacqué, Panama where she taught.*

## Volunteers Teach in Panamá

Patricia Rendon (Lambda) and her husband, Fernando, volunteered through NGO, Bridges Across Borders. They served for five-weeks as mathematics and English teachers at a private school in Jacqué, a small town, population 1,500, in Darién, Panamá. This community has many families who are refugees -- survivors of the violence that occurred in Columbia in the 80's and '90's.

The school is called El Colegio de la Tierra and is in its fifth year of existence. Until now, it has run only on privately donated funds. In Panamá, it is only obligatory to study through the eighth grade, so our students are there because they want to continue their education.

This year, a total of 25 students in tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades, who range in age from 16 to 22 attend the school. The students are highly motivated to learn English. One of the challenges of teaching at this school is the lack of materials. Our only supplies were a whiteboard and markers, a teacher's edition of the text from which we taught, and notebooks and pens for the students. Another challenge is finding qualified Panamanian teachers who are willing to work fulltime in such a remote area.

*Patricia Rendon (Lambda)*



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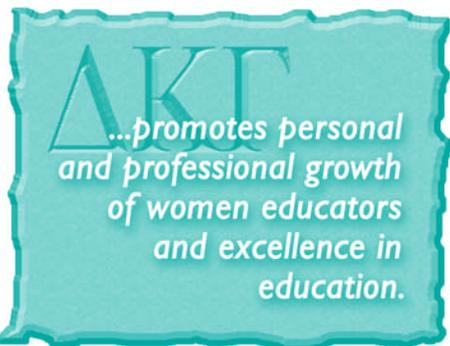


<b>Mary Joslin</b> August 13, 2010	Alpha Sigma Buckeye, AZ
<b>Frances Ybarra Amabisca</b> September 12, 2010	Alpha Sigma Goodyear, AZ
<b>Betty Fairfax</b> November 7, 2010	Beta Phoenix, AZ
<b>Virginia Eberle</b> November 23, 2010	Alpha Zeta Casa Grande, AZ
<b>Mary Hewitt</b> November 30, 2010	Chi Gilbert, AZ
<b>Vera Workman</b> December 27, 2010	Rho Phoenix, AZ

### Omicron State Bylaws and Standing Rules

The Omicron State Rules Committee has studied the Constitution and Standing Rules changes made at the 2010 International Convention. Members have had nine day-long meetings in revising the Omicron State Bylaws and Standing Rules. Committee members are: Chairman Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta), Merry Lewis (Mu), Donna Reynolds (Epsilon), Jan Rosenberg (Nu), and Dena Martin (Zeta). Jo Regenold (Lambda) is the advisor.

The recommended changes are included



in the insert in this issue of the *Sahuaro*. Members should read the complete revision carefully, bring your copy to the state convention, attend the informational session on Friday, and be ready to vote at the business session on Saturday morning.

*Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta), chairman  
Jo Regenold (Lambda), advisor  
Omicron State Rules Committee*

### Registration Form Tips

The official registration form for the 2011 Omicron State convention is included as an insert in this issue of the *Sahuaro*. Please fill out the form completely, marking every meal and event you plan to attend. Meal tickets are required for all meal events, including the Friday reception and Saturday continental breakfast.

The meal prices include fees for the use of meeting rooms. Please indicate any food restrictions on the registration form. Guests will need to purchase tickets for meal functions.

The Friday reception and the Saturday morning continental breakfast are included in the registration fee. Registration after the April 1 deadline and on-site registration will include a \$10.00 late fee.

*Gloria Day (Alpha), Chairman  
2011 State Convention*

### 2011 Convention Hotel Westward Look Resort

To reserve your hotel room for the convention, you must register by phone (520-297-1151) and ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma room rate: \$129 plus tax and fees for single/double and \$139 plus tax and fees for triple/quad. This rate is also good for three days prior to and after the convention. Reservation deadline is April 11, 2011.

The resort grew from an hacienda-style home built less than six months after Arizona became a state in 1912. It is located at 245 E. Ina Road at the foot of the Catalina Mountains. To learn about the history of the hotel, check <http://www.westwardlook.com/resort-history>

### Dates to Remember

#### February 16, 2011

State Legislative Day  
Arizona State Capitol  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona

#### April 29-May 1, 2011

Omicron State Convention  
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

#### October 22, 2011

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

#### April 20-22, 2012

Omicron State Convention  
Scottsdale Resort and Convention Center  
7700 E. McCormick Parkway  
Scottsdale, Arizona

#### July 19-21, 2012

Seminar in Purposeful Living  
Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel  
Arlington, Virginia

#### July 24-28, 2012

International Convention  
Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers  
(Seventh Avenue) New York

#### April 19-21, 2013

Omicron State Convention  
Radisson Suites  
6555 E. Speedway  
Tucson, Arizona

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