



Arizona SAHUARO

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

Fall Executive Board/All Membership Workshop

Saturday, October 20, 2012

Metro Tech High School

1900 W. Thomas Road • Phoenix, Arizona

- 7:00-7:30 a.m. Set-up for arts display, boutique
- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration, boutique, continental breakfast, arts display
- 8:30-9:45 a.m. Executive Board meeting
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. Session I Workshops
- 11:15 a.m.-
12:15 p.m. Session II Workshops
- 12:15-12:45 p.m. Committee meetings, arts display, boutique, social time
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. Lunch - served, not buffet
- 1:55-2:35 p.m. Afternoon speaker
- 2:35-2:50 p.m. Announcements, attendance awards, raffles, prizes

Workshops (to be confirmed) will include:

- Leadership
- Educational Excellence
- Membership (continuation of chapter membership committees including Strategic Action Planning)
- Photography
- Highlights of trip to Israel
- Making a Chapter Public Relations Brochure
- Make and Take
- Retiree skills making a difference
- Legislative/Bipartisan Precinct Involvement
- PR, Media and today's technology

All Omicron State Members Invited to the Fall Executive Board/Membership Workshop

Do you need to reinvigorate your chapter members? Do your members need to see “the bigger picture”? Do you need professional development hours for recertification? Do you like to collaborate and socialize with other women educators?

The Saturday, October 20, 2012 event is the place to do it all! Encourage your chapter members to attend this important and fun event. Some chapters have fund-raisers to help pay for registration for members. You could sponsor a new member and share a ride. The number of attending members will multiply the benefits to your chapter.

Professional Development Certificates will be available for workshops and the afternoon speaker.

Members/chapters are encouraged to bring: books for children, things to give away, things for the creative arts display and/or things to sell, and money to buy crafty items and raffle tickets.

MENU

Continental Breakfast

Assorted Breads and pastries • Coffee, Tea, Juice, Fresh Fruit

Luncheon

Trio Salad - including: Curry Chicken Salad • Tuna Salad • Potato Salad
Honey mustard dressing

Mini muffins • Dessert • Mini cookies
Beverage: Ice Tea, Lemonade, and Water

Gloria Day (Alpha)

Creative Arts Retreat

Back By Popular Demand

Mark your calendar for January 12 and 13, 2013 to attend the popular Creative Arts Retreat.

The event will be held at the secluded resort-like Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center, 7415 E. Elbow Bend Road, in Carefree, Arizona. The Arts and Life-Experience Committees jointly sponsor the event.

You will be able to relax for two days in a desert setting, enjoying the company of your DKG sisters and the opportunity to learn new arts and crafts, perhaps sing a song or two, and swim in the beautiful pool (weather permitting).

Since this will be a “Mini Retreat,” the price will likewise be appealing. Total price of this weekend will be \$170.00. This will include Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast, Saturday night room, all materials and hospitality goodies. Crafting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and run through the day, ending with a communal get-together for fellowship Saturday evening.

Sign up soon as the spaces are limited. Check-in time is 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Room check-in is 3:00 p.m. Registration form is on page seven of this issue.

Judy Vinson (Alpha Alpha), President For the Arts Committee
Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta), Chair
Life Experience Committee

Early-Career Educators to Receive Monetary Awards

In support of the Early-Career Educators initiative Omicron State members who are Early-Career Educators (those who started teaching in the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, or 2012) are eligible to apply for monetary gifts.

The fund will be named in memory of Past State President Jo Regenold and is funded from the 75th Anniversary surplus funds.

The money from the award is to be used at the discretion of the member for classroom needs such as supplies, books, field trips, speakers, etc. Members must complete a short application and the 75th Anniversary committee will select the winners. Checks will be presented to the recipients in February 2013.

Applications must be submitted to 75th Anniversary Committee Chairman Berneil Drake, 1650 W. Glendale Avenue, #1120, Phoenix, AZ 85021 by December 1, 2012. Form is available in this issue of the Sahuaro and at the 2012 Fall Workshop.

Application form is on page five of this issue of the Sahuaro.

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

From The President

JUDY VINSON

As your state president, I am a member of the International Executive Board. The Board met on Tuesday prior to the international convention and again on Saturday to finalize the budget as it had been altered.



PHOTOGRAPH BY
MERRY LEWIS

Omicron State
President Judy
Vinson (Alpha)

We received instructions for business, for voting, and how to understand the budget. We heard inspiring thoughts and reports from Society Headquarters personnel and from International Committee members.

Of greatest interest to me was the introduction and explanation of three Standing Rules recommendations that were introduced to the assembly for vote in a general session:

1) Increase scholarship for doctoral studies from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Scholarships for other graduate studies remain at \$6,000. (Passed)

2) Change request date for International Speakers Fund for state organizations from November 1 to November 10 and May 10. (Passed)

3) Recommendation for an Arts and Humanities Jury to be established to oversee an online publication of members' art that could include color, sound and motion in two and three-dimensional art, performing arts, literary arts, and crafts. (Passed)

The Ad Hoc Committees for Study of Electronic Elections and for Revision of the Handbook also reported.

We approved expansion into Japan. Representatives from Japan were present and welcomed. They are eager to begin the process of becoming a state organization.

Back home now chapters have begun the work for the year. I hope each member will support the projects and programs of her chapter and assist its leaders in every way possible.

Plan to attend the Fall Executive Board Meeting/All-Member Workshop on October 20 at Metro Tech High School in Phoenix. Also consider attending the Mini-Creative Arts Retreat on January 12 and 13, 2013, in Carefree. You would be welcomed as a presenter at either event. Your expertise and skills are of interest to others. Do share. See further information for both events in other articles. Future Apple Advocates will provide information also.

If you do not receive the "Apple" and would like to, let me know and I'll include you. Beginning of school, of the chapter year of programs, of state events—an exciting time. Hope to see you there!

State Scholarships for Members

Omicron State members of three or more years, in good standing, and qualified to do advanced work may apply for a State scholarship. Commitment and service to the Society are additional factors to be considered.

\$1,000 scholarships are available to members for continuing education, for a master's degree, doctorate degree, or for other advanced credentials. Omicron State scholarships are awarded annually and are financed by accrued interest from the permanent Scholarship Fund. The money allotted from the scholarship portion of local chapter dues finances this fund.

Application Process

1. Obtain the required form from your chapter Scholarship Chairman, chapter president, or from the state scholarship chairman.

2. Request three recommendations. Note that one must be from an active DKG member.

3. Send the completed application to the State Scholarship Chairman Dr. Sandy Breece, 3232 Pioneer Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404. All applications and recommendations must be received by February 1, 2013. Applications should be typed/computer generated. A current photo must be included for publicity.

4. Notification of the awards will be made by April 1, 2013. Recipients will accept scholarship at the 2013 Omicron State Convention.

International Scholarships are also available annually. Application forms for the international scholarship may be obtained by writing to:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society

P.O. Box 1589

Austin, TX 78767-1589

Web Site: www.dkg.org

Nominations for State Officers

It is time to consider a state leadership position. Nominations for state officers and state nominations committee positions will be in the next four Apple Advocate. Chapter presidents will receive this form.

You can also access it on the Society Arizona web site. All applications must be a member of the Society and have served as chapter president.

Applications are due December 15, 2012 to Nominations Committee Chairman Dena Martin, 2857 N. Rosewood Avenue, Casa Grande, AZ 85122-5889

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Omicron State Membership Committee will continue training of chapter membership chairs at the 2012 Fall Workshop. Chairmen will be given guidance for increasing membership and maintaining members' interest through use of Strategic Action Planning (SAP).

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) Chair
Omicron State Membership Committee

Making a Difference, One Dress at a Time

Has your chapter planned a project to aid children in Africa? Research has shown that girls in Africa who have a nice dress are less likely to be bullied or raped. The fact that a child has a dress sends the message that someone loves and cares for that child.

Xi State members from Tennessee developed the idea of sewing dresses and sending them to Africa. Sample dresses sewn from pillowcases and other cotton fabrics were displayed at this workshop. Patterns were distributed and members watched a demonstration creating a dress with ribbon ties. Sizes range from 2 to 12.

Even if you are a non-sewer, there is a task for everyone to be involved in an assembly line to complete a dress. A workshop is planned for the upcoming Creative Arts Retreat and the 2013 Omicron State Convention.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)

Achievement Award Nominees Needed

Do you want to really surprise one of your chapter members? What better way to do so than to nominate her for the 2013 Omicron State Achievement Award?

Many of our chapters have members that have contributed to the chapter as well as Omicron state by serving on or as chairman of various committees, presenting workshops, and serving in offices at both levels.

At your next meeting, look around the room and start thinking if one of your members meets the requirements. More details as well as a nomination form will be in the October Apple Advocate. Nominations are due by February 2, 2013.

Committee members are Mercedes Korn (Alpha Iota), Evelyn Craft (Lambda), and Chairman Donna Reynolds (Epsilon).

Donna Reynolds (Epsilon), Chair
Achievement Award Committee

Tour Offers Priceless Treasures in NYC

One of the more exciting aspects of attending a DKG international convention is the opportunity to visit famous and not so famous landmarks of the host city. What could be more exciting than absorbing some of the sights, sounds, and culture that defines New York City.

Although I had visited New York a few times before this July, I had never made the ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island; I was not prepared for the emotions that filled me as Lady Liberty came into view. Seeing her stand 300 feet tall over the harbor, signifying liberty and democracy to all who pass into our country, made me so proud to be an American and left me with a priceless memory of the DKG convention.

This gift of friendship from France has welcomed visitors and immigrants since 1886 — and with the current renovations will continue to be our country's dearest landmark.

Visiting Ellis Island was also a moving reflection of our country's history. A self-guided tour brought sights and stories of the immigrants who braved the passage to America and found themselves challenged by language barriers, medical exams, currency exchanges, new foods, and crowded housing. Between 1892 and 1954, it is estimated that over 12 million immigrants passed through Ellis Island; today about one-third of Americans can trace their ancestry to those people who came during this time.

Only about 2 percent were denied admission, mostly because of mental problems, chronic disease, or criminal history. A hospital was built on the island to care for the sick, but the ill were separated from their families until recovery. Because of these conditions, Ellis Island earned the name, "Island of Tears."

Two priceless landmarks — countless memories.

Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)

Drawings at 2012 International Convention

Each day of the 2012 International convention, drawings were held for various prizes. The grand prize was awarded at the Presidents' Banquet on Saturday evening.

The winner of the grand prize was Arizona's Lori Good (Alpha Alpha). Lori was presented a certificate for free registration at the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The prize also includes the celebration luncheon, regional breakfast, and President's banquet. Value is about \$400.

Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta)



Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) grand prize recipient



Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) is a member of the Board of Trustees of the DKG Educational Foundation

Seminar in Purposeful Living

The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation presented the twenty-fourth biennial Seminar in Purposeful Living July 19-22, 2012, in Washington, D. C. Aptly titled "A Capital Experience," the activities included tours, focus on the work of the Foundation, and free time. A presentation

by author/illustrator team Peter and Cheryl Barnes, introduced their children's book series about "Mice Way to Learn about Government."

Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) a Foundation Trustee voiced an inspirational thought and presented the history of the Foundation. Carolyn Simbari (Nu), Merry Lewis (Nu), Jan Rosenberg-Noe (Nu), and Suellen Brahs (Rho) and her husband, Dwight, were also in attendance.

Seven member countries were represented. After the closing, participants boarded buses to make their way to New York for the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention.

Merry Lewis (Nu)

Educational Excellence – To Educate a Girl

Convention workshop participants viewed the screening of the film "To Educate a Girl" about the progress of the Society's first international project, Schools for Africa.

Lacey Stone, UNICEF, and Cathy Daugherty (VA), Educational Excellence Committee member, stated that since 1997 DKG has had partnerships with UNICEF that have focused on education and literacy in Central America, Gambia, and Afghanistan.

In 2010 members attending the convention voted to support Schools for Africa, a partnership between UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society. No dues money goes to this project; it is supported through chapters' and individuals' tax-deductible donations.

The Schools for Africa Project places special emphasis on girls, orphans, and children living in extreme poverty. More information on the project may be found at www.schoolsforafrica.com. Project donation forms may be found on the DKG web site under Educational Excellence Committee.

Lori Good (Alpha Alpha)



Redhawk Dance Troupe danced at the New York Night festivities

New York Night at the Convention

Master of Ceremonies, Karen Butters, chairman of New York Night, introduced the evening's entertainment.

The festivities included performances showcasing top-notch dancers and musicians. Jazz standards by Dandy Wellington and His Band kicked off the evening.

Next up was the Redhawk Dance Troupe in their Native American dress. Their program combined traditions from various nations, helping the audience understand the vast differences between Native American Nations.

Broadway artists Geoff Packard and Celisse Henderson wowed the audience with several Broadway tunes.

Multi-dimensional dance and drumming by Soul Steps entertained us and helped us learn that they use their entire bodies to speak; and their steps combine visual art, music, and theater to inspire youth and celebrate traditions of African history.

Beautiful traditional songs from many countries by the UN Staff Recreation Council Singers in native dress rounded out the evening. They touched our hearts with their music, ending with John Lennon's "Imagine."

Gloria Day (Alpha)

Geo Caching

This unique sport is 12 years old. It is another way to visit your city, state, country, or world. This is for those who want family fun and share a love for the outdoors.

Using a GPS system, you can find many treasures. One needs to join geocaching.com to be approved to hide items and register your item's latitude and longitude. Place your items in an airtight container and put them in a secure place.

The caches are NEVER buried, but set in out-of-the-way places -- inside tree stumps, under rocks and if small enough can be in a metal key case under a metal railing along a walkway or bridge.

It is important to follow the rules Geo Cache headquarters has established. You will be surprised to find how close a cache is to you.

Dena Martin (Zeta)



Southwest Regional Breakfast

Dr. Barbara Baethe, Southwest Regional Director, 2010-2012, presided at the Southwest Regional Breakfast.

Dr. Nancy Noll announced special awards at the Birthday Luncheon

Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) presented special recognition to members from the Southwest who

had chaired or served on international committees during the biennium. Members from Arizona who were recognized included: Dr. Cheryl Bowman (Upsilon), dissertation recognition; Dr. Nancy Noll, past Southwest Regional Director, 2004-2006; Donna Reynolds (Epsilon), Trustee, Educational Foundation Board; and Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega), Educator's Award Committee.

Californian Heidi Chadwick, Southwest Regional Director, 2012-2014, presented information about Schools for Africa.

Impressions from a first timer were presented by Martha Romrell of Utah. Money was collected for the Emergency Fund and an invitation was extended to attend the Southwest Regional Conference in Branson, Missouri.

Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta)

Broadway in NYC

When I think, New York, I think Broadway. Our hotel was in easy walking distance of the theater district and Times Square.

The focus of many speeches and workshops was the importance of getting involved in politics, so I chose to attend the revival of "The Best Man" which is a classic political drama.

Two of the main characters are running to be their party's candidate for U.S. President. One attempts to take the high road and discuss issues. He refuses to disclose dirt his handlers want him to use in order to win.

By coincidence, the author, Gore Vidal, passed away a few days after I saw the play. Many will remember his family was very political, so his knowledge of policy and issues was acute. The script reflected his urbanity and acerbic humor.



Bea Olivas (Alpha Rho) enjoyed the 2012 International Convention

Connie Myren (Lambda)

Learning from the Best of the Best

Ideas and information gathered from state organization Educational Excellence Committee reports covering the 2010-2012 biennium were presented. Topics covered were:

1. Innovative "Schools for Africa" programs and activities
2. Supporting Early Career Educators
3. Greatest supporting Early Career Educators' Impact Activities
4. Chapter Programs/Activities

An idea for keeping chapters alive and energized while working toward the new goals of the Educational Excellence Committee was discussed.

1. How to network with other Educational Excellence Committee chairs through the Delta Kappa Gamma on-line group
2. Three crucial areas of focus for chapters

*Membership

*Leadership

*Educational Excellence Committee

The entire presentation is available on the Delta Kappa Gamma web site.

Jan Rosenberg (Nu)

Workshops About Finance

As Omicron State treasurer, I attended the STEF-18 training at the 2012 International Convention. Learning more about the computer program for electronically reporting dues, scholarship money, and initiation fees was invaluable. I was delighted to meet Victor Trisnadi and Linda Davenport, from the International Headquarters Membership Department, after communicating with them by telephone or e-mail.

I also learned about 501(c)(3) foundations. This may be a way in the future to make our state and chapter projects tax deductible.

In the workshop about IRS Form 990, Phyllis Hickey, Operations Service Manager, told horror stories about chapters in other states losing their tax-exempt status because they did not file. All chapters need to file by November 15, 2012.

*Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta)
Omicron State Treasurer*

International Media Award

Capital Area television station YNN News in New York received the International Media Award for its outstanding coverage of educational issues through its series "State of Education" with reporter Vince Gallagher.

Since January, 2012, Mr. Gallagher reported on such timely issues as school budgets, graduation rates, bullying, nanotechnology, and NYS K-12 Building Principal of the Year from Roxbury Central School.

For a full listing of the "State of Education" series and to access video clips, visit <http://capitalregion.ynn.com>

Start watching your news media and look for a nominee for our Omicron State Media Award to be given at the 2013 state convention. Forms are available on our web site deltakappagamma.org/AZ

Gloria Day (Alpha)



Dr. Joyce Sterrett (Omega) with Dr. Donna Hicks, recipient of the 2012 Educators Award

2012 Educators Award Dignity:

The Essential Role it Plays in Resolving Conflict

The desire for dignity is universal and Donna Hicks, Ph.D., winner of the 2012 DKG Educators Award, showed us that by choosing dignity as a way of life, we could open the way to greater peace within ourselves and to a safer and more humane world for all.

In her convention breakout session, Dr. Hicks shared her experiences and gleanings about the role of dignity in family, school, community, and international conflict resolution and demonstrated that the same principles apply in each arena.

It was from her nearly two decades in the field of international conflict resolution and insights from evolutionary biology, psychology, and neuroscience that she identified and clarified the elements of dignity and their effect on conflict resolution.

From the Preface:

Treat people as they want to be and you help them become what they are capable of being.

-Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Jan F. Davis (Alpha Rho)

Leadership/Management Seminar Reunion

The two-week Leadership/Management Seminars that precede our International Conventions date back to 1981. An outgrowth of those seminars is the reunion held at each international convention of Delta Kappa Gamma for members who have attended the seminars.

This year's reunion brought about 300 seminar alumni together to share their memories and renew friendship. Their squeals of recognition, schoolgirl-like chatter and laughter, and more than a few tears reinforced the impact on their lives that resulted from their shared

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Workshop:

Tips for Aligning Educational Excellence Committee Structure and Strategic Action Plan

Suggested steps to accomplishing the goal of aligning the structure of the Educational Excellence Committee with the Strategic Action Plan at both state and chapter levels are:

1. Have a vision
2. Where are you now?
3. Think, Pair, Share
4. Input, Collaborate, Develop
5. Monitor, Assess, Evaluate

Eta State, North Carolina, has developed a power point that is available on their web site, www.dkg.org/NC/

You may contact Jan Rosenberg at janrosenberg@comcast.net for a printout of the tips given at the workshop.

Jan Rosenberg (Nu)



Arizona Members Busy at International Convention

Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) sang in the International Chorus.

Dena Martin (Zeta) represented Arizona in the procession of state presidents at the banquet.

Merry Lewis (Nu) was a microphone monitor at all general sessions and one executive session.

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) participated in the Educator Award breakout session.

Dr. Cheryl Bowman (Upsilon) presented a workshop on "Community Restorative Justice."

Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) participated in the Educational Foundation workshop.

Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) announced "special recognitions" at the SW Regional breakfast.

Judy Vinson (Alpha) presided at one of the workshops.



PHOTO BY JIM
Immediate Past State President Dena Martin (Zeta) was in the President's Processional at the 2012 International Convention

Arizona Members at 2012 International Convention



PHOTO BY JIM
Thirty-two Omicron State members attended the 2012 International Convention

- Alpha – Gloria Day, Nancy Mahon, Judy Vinson
- Beta – Joan Meighan, Kim Meighan
- Epsilon – Donna Reynolds
- Zeta – Dena Martin
- Lambda – Connie Myren
- Nu – Rebecca Bast, Merry Lewis, Jan Rosenberg, Carolyn Sambari
- Rho – Suellen Brahs, Colleen Lines
- Upsilon – Cheryl Bowman
- Chi – Joyce Geranis, Miki Grady, Betty Holt, Marilyn Meili, Judy Tucker
- Omega – Dr. Joye Sterrett
- Alpha Alpha – Lori Good
- Alpha Beta – Diane Sheets, Marge Threewit
- Alpha Delta – Kathy Green, Dr. Nancy Noll, Alice Reule
- Alpha Rho – Jean Davis, Bea Olivas, Rachel Wear, Carolyn Ireland, Catherine Furman

LEADERSHIP/MANAGEMENT SEMINAR CONTINUED

seminar experiences.

Arizonans in attendance at the reunion were Jean Fuer Davis (Alpha Rho), Merry Lewis (Nu), Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta), Donna Reynolds (Epsilon), Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta), and Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho).

The next seminar will be held just prior to the 2014 International Convention. For lifetime benefits in leadership, communication, and management skills, all Delta Kappa Gamma members are encouraged to apply.

Jean Fuer Davis (Alpha Rho)

Early-Career Educators Award APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Chapter _____ Date Starting Teaching _____

How and where will you use this award? _____

Please submit by December 1, 2012, to: Bernie Drake
1650 W. Glendale Ave., # 1120, Phoenix, AZ 85021

Or: berneild@aol.com



Dr. Cheryl Bowman (Upsilon) was honored at the 2012 International Convention. Her dissertation has been completed: "Perceived Effectiveness of a Community Restorative Justice Board Program."

Sally Carter (Alpha Epsilon) received her National Board certification in 2012.

Merry Lewis (Nu) has been appointed by International President Dr. Beverly Helms to serve on the International Non-Dues Revenue Committee.

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) has been selected as chairman of the International Scholarship Committee.

Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) has been named an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Central Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She has been an active member and officer of the chapter for fifty plus years.

Alpha Chapter rallied to help and support Chapter President Gloria Day after the death of her father. Members prepared and served a reception for a memorial concert at the U of A. The concert program was a tribute to Dr. Larry Day's life and career as a voice professor in the School of Music. The chapter also assisted in the memorial reception for chapter member Marianne Sarver.

Flor Peters (Costa Rica) Costa Rica State president sang at the Southwest Region Breakfast.

Laurie Romanelli (Alpha Rho) organized a summer "Camp of the Arts" for students ages 7 – 14. Laurie's daughters, Katy and Kelli, assisted with art and dance instruction. The camp culminated in musical performances based on "Alice in Wonderland."

Alpha Rho Ad Hoc Committee, in support of Early-Career Education Project, made welcome bags for new teachers in the Sahuarite/Continental area. Bags contained Delta Kappa Gamma information, supplies, and goodies. Committee will follow-up with support and invitations to Alpha Rho activities.

Keep Polishing The Apple

One of the many highlights of the 2012 International Convention was the adoption of Early-Career Educators as an official international project, which passed with overwhelming approval. This program has been recommended by the International Educational Excellence Committee and in turn, has become a key goal of the Omicron State Educational Committee.

All Delta Kappa Gamma members are asked

to "keep polishing the Apple of Support" by recognizing new teachers and helping to relieve them of any frustration they may be experiencing in order to maintain enthusiasm and joy for teaching.

Support may be given in numerous ways: by awarding grants or gift cards, by furnishing gift bags or school supplies. Members might also volunteer in the classroom or assist at school events.

When we, as volunteers, step into educators' classrooms, we should keep in mind the value of genuine friendship, while we demonstrate our appreciation for the work they are doing and our sincere desire to lessen their heavy load a bit. So, let us go forward and share our strengths with a smile on our face and patience in our hearts. As a result, we will surely acquire many new and innovative members.

*Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), Chairman
Omicron State Educational Excellence Committee*

New International Standing Rules

An Arts and Humanities Jury was added to the International Standing Rules by a vote taken at the 2012 International Convention. The Arts and Humanities Jury shall rate and select members' artwork for online publication and/or display, including sound and motion, in (a) two- and three-dimensional art; (b) performance art; (c) literary efforts; (d) photography; and (e) crafts. Application forms may be obtained from Society Headquarters.

The assembly also voted for "Support for Early-Career Educators" as a second international project.

Scholarship awards were also increased. The award for doctoral students was increased to \$10,000.

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega)



Past International President Carol Mueller (Nevada) with Costa Rica member Ana Aguilar

Costa Rica Members in NYC

For the past twenty-five years Arizona members have developed a close relationship with members in Costa Rica. We have shared many happy times together.

Members from Costa Rica attending the 2012 International Convention in New York City included:

State President – Flor Peters
Jeanette Zuniga • Alejandrina Mata
Priscilla Mata • Julieta Castro
Ana Lourdes Acuna
Ana Isabel De Aguilar • Maria Bujan

Meet 2012 – 2014 International Officers and Related Personnel

International President

Dr. Beverly Helms (Florida)

First Vice-President

Carolyn Pittman (Arkansas)

Second Vice-President

Dr. Lynda B. Schmid (Pennsylvania)

Executive Director

Corlea S. Plowman (Texas)

Europe Regional Director

Marika Heimbach (Germany)

Northeast Regional Director

Mary Lee Makinen (Maryland)

Northwest Regional Director

Dr. Lace Marie Brogden (Saskatchewan)

Southeast Regional Director

Dr. Hanna W. Fowler (Georgia)

Southwest Regional Director

Heidi Chadwick (California)

Immediate Past President

Dr. Jensi Souders (Tennessee)

Member-at-Large

Barbara Whiting (Minnesota)

Member-at-Large

Jeanette Zuniga (Costa Rica)

Area Representative (Canada)

Agnes L. Moynihan (Canada)

Area Representative (Latin America)

Monica J. Ochoa (Baja California, Mexico)

Parliamentarian

Jean Gray (Maryland)

Eighteen Member Countries

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has been organized in 17 members countries. At the 2012 International Convention, the assembly approved adding Japan. The installation will take place in the near future.

United States - 1929

Canada – 1952

Norway – 1970

Sweden – 1972

Mexico – 1974

Finland – 1974

Guatemala – 1975

Iceland – 1975

Netherlands – 1976

Puerto Rico – 1976

Great Britain – 1977

El Salvador – 1978

Costa Rica – 1980

Germany – 1992

Denmark – 2007

Estonia – 2008

Panama – 2009

Japan – approved 2012

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Omicron State

Creative Arts Retreat

REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, January 12 and Sunday, January 13, 2013

7415 E. Elbow Road • Carefree, Arizona

Please print all information clearly. Each person should send in a separate form, but indicate the desired roommate so we can assign rooms in advance.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

CHAPTER: _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS? _____

ROOMMATE: _____

EMAIL: _____ CHAPTER: _____

LIST TOPICS OF INTEREST: _____

Indicate art, craft, music, drama, dance or form of writing (creative writing, poetry, journaling, other) you would be willing to present.

Each presenter will receive a (transferable) certificate for a discount on cost of registration for the convention in April. Also, upon request, you may receive a reasonable amount of reimbursement toward supplies you need to offer your workshop.

Cost is \$170.00 due by December 1, 2012. This includes Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast, Saturday night room, all materials and hospitality goodies. You may split the payment into a deposit of \$100.00 and balance of \$70.00 due by December 1, 2012.

If necessary, a refund must be requested in writing by December 7.

Mail this registration form and your check to:

Carol McSwain

6301 E. Larkspur Drive

Scottsdale, AZ 85254-4450

I give my permission to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Omicron State to use my photograph and/or my name in the Arizona *Sahuaro* and/or the Society web site.

____ YES ____ NO

Delta Kappa Gamma-Omicron State
1650 W. Glendale Avenue, #1120
Phoenix, Arizona 85021

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

Marianne Sarver	Mu
Tucson, AZ	June 9, 2012
Josephine Regenold	Lambda
Tucson, AZ	July 2, 2012
Annieta Salsman	Omega
Phoenix, AZ	August 21, 2012

Dates to Remember

- October 20, 2012**
All-Member Workshop
Executive Board Meeting
Metro Tech High School
1900 West Thomas Road • Phoenix, Arizona
- January 12 – 13, 2013**
Creative Arts Retreat
Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center
7415 E. Elbow Bend Road
Carefree, Arizona 85377
(480) 488-5218
- April 19-21, 2013**
Omicron State Convention
Radisson Suites
6555 E. Speedway • Tucson, Arizona
- July 17-20, 2013**
Southwest Regional Conference
Hilton Branson
Branson, Missouri
- April 25-27, 2014**
Omicron State Convention
Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa
1011 West Holmes Avenue • Mesa, Arizona
- July 28 – August 1, 2014**
International Convention
JW Marriott Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2015 Southwest Regional Conference**
Kansas
- 2017 Southwest Regional Conference**
Hawaii



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**Past State President
Jo Regenold**

Past Arizona State President (1977-1979), Jo Regenold, died July 2, 2012. She had valiantly fought her illness for eleven months. She leaves behind her husband, John, her sister, Mary, and a host of Delta Kappa Gamma friends from around the world. A member of the Society for 52 years, Jo had contributed at all levels, serving as president of two state organizations as well as in elected and appointed positions at International. She was a member of the International Nominations Committee (2011-2012) and participated electronically from home. Her love for the Society and its members showed in her leadership, writing, and mentoring of members.

Merry Lewis (Nu)

**Tucson Area
Coordinating Council**

The Tucson Area Coordinating Council awarded a \$500 grant-in-aid to a high school senior pursuing an education degree. Members from Upsilon, Mu, and Xi contributed additional money to fund two more grants-in-aid. Total for the grants is \$1500. Lambda Chapter awarded grants-in-aid to four high school students and to four Middle School fine arts students for a total of \$1400. Alpha Chapter awarded grants-in-aid to two early career educators for a total of \$500. Alpha Rho Chapter awarded grants-in-aid to two high school students for a total of \$600. Nu Chapter awarded one \$300 grant-in-aid to a high school graduate pursuing an education degree.

Grand total of financial support from the Tucson Area chapters for 2011-2012 is \$4,300.

Gloria Day (Alpha)



United States Forum

Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh, U.S. Forum Chair, introduced Forum speaker Siobhan "Sam" Bennett, president/CEO, Women's Campaign Fund. Sam provided an insight into how women affect the political process and what we can do to influence legislation that affects women, education, and children. She encourages women to run for office and to support other women for office. "When women win, all women win." An overview of the 2012 National Legislative Seminar was given, future Forum actions were discussed, and the election of the 2012 – 2014 U.S. Forum Committee was held. Wally Turner (Oklahoma) was elected US Forum Chair and Kathy Boyer (Utah), Southwest representative.

Lori Good (Alpha Alpha)

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