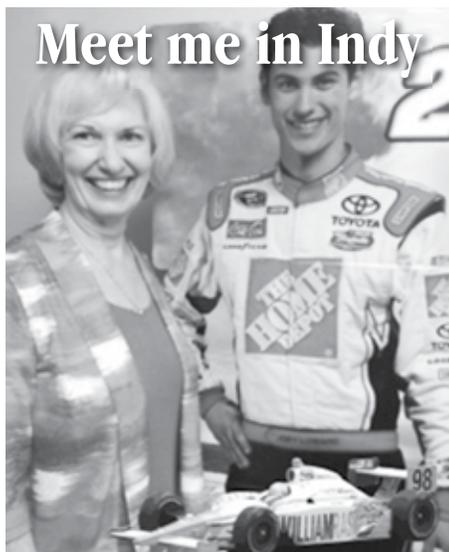




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Meet Heidi Chadwick

Heidi Chadwick, Southwest Regional Director and Omicron's convention guest, grew up in Washington state where she attended WSU. The sun took her to San Jose, California, to be an elementary teacher, assistant principal, curriculum advisor, district mentor, and workshop presenter. In 1979, Chadwick was initiated into Zeta Psi Chapter. As an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, she is very proud and grateful for all the experiences she has gained while serving as California State President as well as on international committees: World Fellowship, Leadership Management Seminar, Constitution Revision Ad Hoc, and Educational Excellence.

Chadwick and her husband Jim, who is a retired Landscape Architect, enjoy travel and visiting friends and family. In the community, she currently serves on the Board of Directors for the San Jose Auxiliary to Stanford Children's Hospital as well as Villa Montalvo Center for the Arts.

While president of the California State Organization in 2003, she promoted members' support for other teachers and started THAT (Teachers Helping Other Teachers) Program. Our International Project to Support Early

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Strive For the Stars and Shine

Omicron State Convention, April 25 – 27, 2014

Hilton Phoenix East Mesa, 1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210

Hotel reservations may be made at (480) 833-5555. **Deadline for the convention rate is April 4, 2014.**

Be sure to state the convention CODE (DKG).

Friday, April 25, 2014

Tour arranged by the Life Experience Committee

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Registration
4:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Leadership Training for Newly-elected Chapter Officers
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Rose Boutique
5:00 – 5:45 p.m.	Chorus/Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite
7:45	Opening Night Reception and Entertainment

2:45 – 5:30 p.m.	Registration
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Workshop Session III
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Rose Boutique
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Hospitality Suite
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Necrology Practice
4:45 – 5:15 p.m.	Chorus/Ensemble Practice
5:30 p.m.	Raffle Drawings
6:00 p.m.	Processional Line-up
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Rose Banquet
8:30 p.m.	Receiving Line
9:00 p.m.	Reception – Hospitality

Saturday, April 26, 2014

6:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Registration
6:45 – 7:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting
10:25 – 11:25 a.m.	Workshop Session I
11:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Rose Boutique
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	Workshop Session II
12:45 – 2:45 p.m.	Birthday Luncheon

Sunday, April 27, 2014

8:00 a.m.	Ceremony of Remembrance
8:45 a.m.	Line-up of Chapter Representatives for Lei of Friendship Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	World Fellowship Lei of Friendship Breakfast

Come to the Convention

Any Arizonan knows that a description of the Grand Canyon, even with a picture, doesn't do it justice. One has to stand on its rim and experience the awesome panorama. When Flo Fallis, president of Alpha Chi Chapter in Lake Havasu City, attended her first Omicron State Convention last year, she understood for the first time the rich traditions and history of the Society. "There are things we can recite in our heads, and there are things we understand in our hearts," she said. At that convention she experienced firsthand a panoramic view of Delta Kappa Gamma's awesome women and important goals.

All members are encouraged to share the experience of the 2014 Omicron State Convention "Strive for the Stars and Shine" to be held

April 25-27, at the Hilton (Phoenix/Mesa), 1011 W. Holmes Ave., Mesa, AZ. The Convention Committee has worked hard to make the convention

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Stepping Up with Rachel

It is amazing to me to realize we have advanced more than a quarter-way through this biennium. "Where does the time go?" is a question we all ask ourselves, especially as we move forward into yet another calendar year. Thus far, my time spent as your president has been exhilarating and far more rewarding than I ever could have dreamed. I have been traveling all over our state visiting chapters, acquiring new friendships and becoming in-

creasingly more enthused about the projects and exceptional programs in which so many are engaged. It is wonderful to learn that ever-increasing networking activities are taking place where two or more chapters meet for programs, luncheons and additional events. This gives the chapters the opportunity to share and receive ideas to increase and strengthen membership, present stimulating programs, and become more inspired through spiritual fellowship. In so doing, members build self-confidence and determination to serve their chapters by participating in leadership roles and in a wide variety of activities.

I am elated to report that many of our chapters have been initiating new members. Outstanding leaders in these chapters are approaching the new member recruitment process in an inventive fashion. They are seeking members from several areas of education, and inviting them to a special chapter function where the advantages of DKG membership are persuasively presented. This approach is prov-

ing to be quite successful.

Think about a task you may have decided to attempt, even though you knew it would probably be quite challenging. Perhaps it might have been something such as teaching a lesson in the presence of your principal or speaking to a room full of accomplished women. Nevertheless, you forged ahead, took one step at a time, and once the task was successfully completed, a wonderful, satisfying feeling enveloped you. These are the joyful feelings we can all experience on a regular basis by volunteering to serve our chapter, our state and our Society. We are an organization of key women, possessing a vast amount of talent. So please don't hesitate – say "yes" when asked to serve as an officer or committee member. Feel the joy of knowing you helped ignite the flame of success in Omicron State.

I am excited to see you at the Omicron State Convention. The steering committee has worked many hours to insure a wonderful conference for everyone. You won't want to miss it.

Carolyn Warner is luncheon speaker

Carolyn Warner, an Omicron state honorary member and a member of Alpha Alpha chapter, will be the convention speaker at the birthday luncheon on Saturday. Well known for her twelve year tenure as Arizona's elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, she is presently the founder and chairman of Corporate Education Consulting, Inc. (CECI), a national-scope consulting firm based in Phoenix, Arizona. She is an acclaimed speaker and a best-selling author and has received numerous awards, including the Racial Justice Award from the YWCA of the USA. She was named Policy Leader of the Year by the National Association of State Boards of Education. She will speak on her experiences in education, her on-site studies of schools worldwide and include remarks from books she has authored.

Lori Good, Alpha Alpha



PHOTO PROVIDED BY
CAROLYN WARNER

Rose Boutique offers fundraising opportunities

The Rose Boutique is a staple at the Omicron State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International functions. Many chapters often use this opportunity to raise funds for their various chapter programs and service projects. The boutique at the Fall Workshop was no exception. Kudos to all for their participation and for the variety of items from which to choose.

Let's make the Rose Boutique at the State Convention even bigger and better. Please contact Denise Crockett at dcrockett@saffordusd.com to inform her of your intention to participate. Signs will be provided for all chapters who respond in advance. Plan on one-half of a table for your space.

Denise Crockett, Kappa

It's going to be a great night of entertainment



Jim West, award winning Phoenix Broadcaster, will provide the entertainment at the Friday night opening of the Omicron State Convention.

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JIM WEST

Calling musicians for the State Convention

Do you like to sing? Do you play a string instrument, or wind instrument? We are looking for members to join us at the convention to sing in the chorus and/or play in a new instrumental ensemble. Please contact Gloria Day, state music chair, for further information: geanned@aol.com or 520-850-2523.



Shirley A. Farnsworth Pima, AZ	Kappa February 6, 2013
Jinnett Kirk-Shirley Tempe, AZ	Sigma September 10, 2013
Wanda Kay Tucson, AZ	Alpha April 7, 2013
Marianne Sarver Tucson, AZ	Alpha May 4, 2013
Winnie Dietrich Tucson, AZ	Mu May 15, 2013
Linda Grandstaff Winslow, AZ	Gamma August 3, 2013
Johnnie Hurn Dewey, AZ	Eta January 8, 2013
Syril A. Ross Green Valley, AZ	Alpha Rho October 11, 2013
Lila Talmadge Sierra Vista, AZ	Epsilon January 14, 2014

All Members are called to exhibit their artistic talents

It might come as a surprise to some of the Fall Workshop attendees that there was an Arts Display at the Fall Workshop. It was located in the café down the hall from the Rose Boutique as there was “no room at the inn” in the boutique area. This was both a good thing and a bad thing. The bad thing was that many members didn’t know it was there. That is too bad because many beautiful items were on display and the committee provided several “make and take” craft ideas. However, it was discovered that the Rose Boutique and the Arts Display needed to be two separate entities, which is a very good thing!

We are changing the name of the Arts Display to THE ARTS EXHIBIT, and asking each chapter to embrace this change and bring its finest art master-works to exhibit at the state convention. Remember, ART is everywhere and in everything, so don’t limit your thinking to the visual arts – bring music, poetry, literary works and anything else you would love to show.

Forms to register for THE ARTS EXHIBIT will be available soon from chapter presidents and on the state website.

Denise Crockett, Kappa

Omicron State remembers Jinnett Kirk-Shirley

Jinnett Kirk-Shirley, Omicron State President (1961-63), passed away in Tempe at the age of 94 on Sept. 10, 2013. Pattie Vincent and Karen Blackstone of Alpha Epsilon represented Delta Kappa Gamma and Omicron State at a Celebration of Life on Saturday, Sept. 21st.

A member of Sigma Chapter, Kirk-Shirley was a remarkable woman and offered much to education and the community. After graduating from Oklahoma A&M in 1941, she moved to Arizona where she earned an M.A. at Arizona State University. She taught at Phoenix Technical High School, the first desegregated high school in Arizona, then became Dean of Women at Phoenix College. In 1965, Kirk-Shirley accepted the position as Dean of Students at the new Mesa Community College. During her tenure there, she directed Financial Aid, the AWARE program, Vet-



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erans’ Services, the Child Care Services Program and Career Exploration. In all of her work, she fostered the importance of education and interaction between the multicultural populations at MCC. She was also instrumental in starting MCC’s Nursing Program. In 1972, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Hu-

mane Letters from Chapman College. Upon her retirement in 1979, the College honored her by naming the Student Union building after her – The Jinnett B. Kirk Student Center. She was quoted as saying, “There is nothing I would rather have spent my life doing than working with students.” Her whole life was one of caring and service.

After becoming Omicron State President, Kirk-Shirley shared this message with members: “For this I am deeply grateful. Thank you for your trust and confidence. May we all strive to ever improve our fellowship, our professional skills and our spiritual depth.” She worked with Kathryn Whalen and Berneil Drake on several state committees. She was recognized as a 50-year member while Donna Reynolds was Omicron State President.

Karen Blackstone, Alpha Epsilon

A True Life Experience offered to convention attendees

April 25, 2014 is Arbor Day and the first day of the Omicron State Convention. Come early and join the Life Experience Committee for lunch and an ever changing visual adventure at the Phoenix Botanical Gardens. See the exquisite exhibit of Chihuly in the Garden consisting of glass sculptures woven into the real desert flora.

Meet at the Gardens, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix 85008 (just North of the 202 Freeway in Papago Park near the Phoenix Zoo and convenient to the convention hotel). Ten is the minimum number for the \$20 group rate. Audio guides are an additional \$3.50. Electric scooters may be rented for \$35 with a refundable \$20 deposit. The Gardens are wheelchair accessible. Sign up on the convention registration form. For other details, call Dr. Marj Jones, 602-955-5574 or e-mail her at eddocmarj@cox.net. More information on Dale Chihuly and his art may be found at deltakappagamma.org/AZ/.

75th Committee names Early-Career Educator Award winners

The 75th Anniversary Committee is pleased to announce three Omicron State members as the final Early-Career Educator’s Award recipients. These awards are presented to Early-Career Educator members who started teaching in the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013. The award money is to be used at the discretion of the member for classroom needs, such as supplies, books, field trips and speakers.

Congratulations to the 2014 recipients - Hayley Fox of Alpha Rho Chapter, Savanna Troupe of Rho Chapter and Alia Rogers of Alpha Chapter.

*Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta),
Chairman 75th Anniversary Committee*

Executive Board Meeting includes special recognitions

The 2013 Fall Workshop Executive Board Meeting was held October 19th at Metro Tech High School in Phoenix with 125 members in attendance. A moment to remember the lifetime achievements of Past State President Jinnette Kirk-Shirley was held. Berneil Drake received a special plaque for her service as Editor of the Sahuaro for 30 years.

Reports from state officers, committee chairs and special remarks from Arizona Senator Katie Hobbs, our Friend of Education award winner, comprised most of the meeting.

The 75th Anniversary and 2013 Convention Committees were dissolved. Berneil Drake, on behalf of the 75th Anniversary Committee encouraged Early Career Educators who started teaching in the years 2009-2013 to apply for monetary awards that can be used for supplies, books or field trips.

The 2014 Fall Workshop will be held October 18 at Metro Tech High School.

Kathy Shroyer, Rho



PHOTO BY ALICE REULE

Merry Lewis (Nu) presents Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) with a plaque and flowers. Drake was the state editor for thirty years.

Metro Tech instructor shares recipe

The recipe for the Remoulade Sauce, a fine condiment served with the meal at the Fall Workshop is provided and published with permission from Dean Wilberscheid, an instructor at Metro Tech High School in Phoenix.

Ingredients

- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons Creole whole-grain mustard
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons ketchup
- ½ cup chopped green onions
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley leaves
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions

Combine all ingredients in the bowl of a food processor and process for 30 seconds. Use immediately or store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Strategic Action Planning Workshop:

Get Ready, Get Set, Go!

The charge to the Omicron State Committee Chairs and State Executive Committee members attending this workshop was to write goals and activities for Omicron State's Strategic Action Plan. The purpose of this plan is to implement DKG's Mission, Vision and Purposes at the State level. It will be designed to meet the unique needs and vision for our own State and be a road map to move from where we are to where we want to be.

At the workshop members were assigned to a focus group based on their State responsibilities. They worked with vision and diligence

to develop one or two goals with a variety of activities to accomplish them. The focus groups were Membership, Leadership Development, Finance, Expansion and Chapter Development, Marketing and Communications, Society Impact on Education and Educational Excellence. The work accomplished by these focus groups has been compiled and will be the draft for Omicron State's final Strategic Action Plan.

The Strategic Action Plan is a Delta Kappa Gamma initiative at the International, State and Chapter levels. Does your chapter have a Strategic Action Plan?

Jean Davis, Alpha Rho

Educational Excellence Committee presents the

“Nuts and Bolts”

This session presented an overview of the Educational Excellence Committee. An ice breaker started the session and consisted of a tray of nuts and bolts from which everyone selected an item and then had to find a partner that matched up a nut with a bolt. Then partners answered questions such as what chapter they were from, how long they had been in DKG, etc.

A Power Point presentation on Educational Excellence was shown. The Spotlight Award and Collaborative Connections were explained along with two international projects, Supporting Early Career Educators and Schools for Africa. Following the presentation, participants formed groups and recorded what their chapters had been doing in each of these areas.

Marilyn Jenkins, Eta

Fall Workshop attendance and first timer awards

Most members in attendance:	Alpha Delta (11)
Most % of members in area:	Alpha Alpha (45%)
Most members out of area:	Eta & Zeta tied with 9 members each
22 first timers were registered.	

Alicen Reule, Alpha Delta

DKG Creative technology is helpful

Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) presented Fall Workshop attendees with several interesting ways to use technology to assist their chapters. The meeting was held in the computer lab to facilitate a hands-on experience.

YouTube can be an effective instructional tool for many how-to projects. Helpful websites for use by chapters include: <http://www.avery.com> for office product ideas and <http://www.dkg.org/index> for Delta Kappa Gamma logos and pictures.

Another helpful tool Threewit showed was the creation of groups for e-mail. Once the names of the group members are typed and a name is given to the group, the user can click on the group name and not have to send each person an individual e-mail, which is a tremendous time-saver.

Attendees at the session were given a chapter trifold template designed by Lori Good, (Alpha Alpha). This template provides a means for giving chapter information in a concise form.

Handouts with web sites demonstrating how

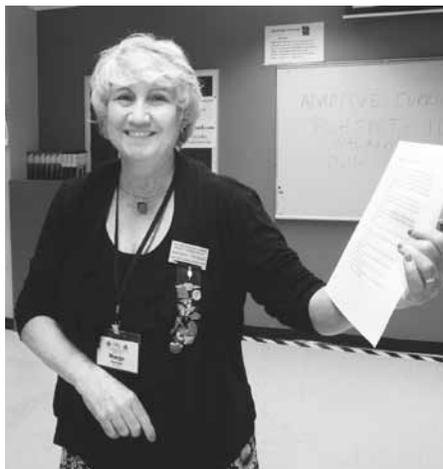


PHOTO BY MERRY LEWIS
Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) at the Fall Workshop.

to make magnets, iron-ons, gift bags, ribbon roses, and many other items proved to all the benefits of technology for use by chapters.

Maureen Felcyn (Alpha Beta) and Sherry Baca (Eta)

Journey through Southeast Asia entices members

I had never thought of Southeast Asia as a place I'd want to visit, but Ann Huber's (Xi) presentation at the Omicron Fall Workshop has made me think otherwise. Huber's narration and pictures enlightened the attendees about the area.

From the bright lights and fast pace of Singapore to the ancient ruins and reconstructed temples of Cambodia to the welcoming people of Viet Nam, we were treated to appealing scenes and fascinating stories of their customs, past and present. The citizens are very industrious and work hard to contribute to a growing economy.

Florence Foster, Upsilon

"Little Dresses for Africa" workshop motivates members



PHOTO BY MERRY LEWIS
Pillowcase dress.

Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) and Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) conducted a demonstration session on the "Little Dresses for Africa" project. They began with a video on the Schools for Africa, showed several dresses that had already been donated and answered questions. Many girls do not go to school in Africa because they have nothing to wear.

Good gave a very informative demonstration on making the pillowcase dresses. A simple dress can be made out of a pillowcase or simple yardage, bias tape and ribbon or lace for trim.

Participants were treated to a fashion show video of African girls wearing their dresses and were given a pillowcase to take home and make their own dress to donate. The final collection is expected to take place at the 2014 State Convention. All donations made at that time will be appreciated.

Janet Fish (Alpha Eta) and Pat Buckley (Eta)

Reading Detectives Program includes parents

Sandy Hillegass (Beta) presented the session on the Reading Detectives Program. The program is a special form of reading instruction for children and parents which includes the use of Predictive Assessment for Reading (PAR). The presenters work in the Cartwright District and have really seen success using

PAR. They have opened it up to parent workshops to teach parents strategies to help kids read. Hillegass has waiting lists of parents wanting to enroll in the workshops. She also mentioned there are grants through Target for reading materials.

Marilyn Jenkins, Eta

Supplies for an Early Career Educator



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Alia Rogers (center) was happy to receive materials for her classroom. Attendees at the Fall Workshop donated supplies for Early-Career Educators. Clarine Haslag (Upsilon) and Janet Vickers (Omega) presented Alia with the gifts.

Members learn more ways to 'Stand for Children'

On October 19th, over 125 DKG members assembled at Metro Tech High School in Phoenix to attend this year's fall workshop, Step up and Shine. Among the day's events were a number of workshops.

Community activist Robin Stamp, a businessman and a Madison School District board member, presented the Stand for Children workshop. Mr. Stamp spreads the word about legislation in the areas of professional development, school finance, and teacher evaluations as he advocates for Arizona children. Begun in 1996 and now a 501(c) (3) organization, this group has been actively engaged in Arizona primarily in the Phoenix Metro Area.

Stand for Children volunteers have recently been focused on the Common Core Standards newly renamed as the "Arizona College and Career Ready Standards." Their work has been centered on getting the correct information out about the new standards and to dispel misinformation. It is a huge task and DKG members are all cordially invited to Step Up for our public schools by contacting: Mr. Robin Stamp at 645 North 4th Avenue, Suite A Phoenix, AZ 85003, cell: 602-317-7646 or emailing him at rstamp@stand.org. More information about this organization can be found on their website at www.stand.org.

Mary A. Chernoski, Alpha Rho

"Move to Learn with Brain Gym" workshop motivates members

Patricia Rendon (Lambda) presented an interesting, hands-on workshop entitled, "Move to Learn with Brain Gym." Rendon explained that there are 26 Brain Gym movements a person can do to facilitate an integrated mind and body as well as new learning. Rendon taught attendees 6 of the 26 movements by demonstrating and having members perform them. These movements may be used for individuals, students and family members. Many of the movements are ones that members may already be doing in aerobics classes.

Rendon used these movements for a number of years while teaching and at present teaches "Move to Learn with Brain Gym"



classes in the Tucson area. There are also classes available in the Phoenix area. Websites that are helpful include www.braingym.org (courses & instructors) and www.braingym.com (to order books & materials).

Carol Hullihen, Alpha Alpha

Curve Stitching can be used in the classroom

Judy Vinson (Alpha) presented a workshop on Curve Stitching, which links math and art. Participants were given the opportunity to investigate the process by making a project during the workshop. Using the necessary tools and templates, it was easy to see the math needed to complete the tasks. Attendees were pleased to learn an activity which would appeal to students.

Schalawna Howard, Alpha Sigma

WEBmaster invites members to "STEP into My Lab"

This session was presented by State WEBmaster Dana Jaeger (Alpha Iota) at the Fall Workshop. Jaeger took everyone on a tour of the new website that she has been working on since she accepted the position. Members present were able to give her constructive feedback on items there and ideas of new things she could include. To view the website go to: deltakappagamma.org/AZ/.

Sherry Baca, Eta

StreetLight USA Speakers raise public awareness

The luncheon guest speakers from Streetlight USA opened our eyes to the reality that child sex trafficking exists here in Arizona, especially in the Mesa/Chandler area. Carolyn Jones shared her moving experience as a victim beginning at age 13, staying in bondage for over two decades and now as a survivor. She currently serves as a mentor for residents, and as an advisor for staff at the Safe House which accommodates 24-48 girls.

Since its inception in 2007, Karen Bugg has served as spokesperson for StreetLight USA whose goal is to eradicate child rape for profit. Bugg credits 18 local churches and more than 70 from across the nation for generating over \$2.5 million in fundraising efforts. She also credits law enforcement agencies such as mayor's offices, the FBI, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. She encouraged DKG members, as retired teachers, to volunteer and to consider making a donation or dropping off personal care items.

A donation was given by Omicron State and several members made personal donations after the talk.

If you are interested in learning more or supporting Streetlight USA, their website is www.StreetLightUSA.org, phone 623-425-0900.

Alice Reule, Alpha Delta



Fall Workshop raffle winners and prizes

Raffle tickets were sold to members at chapter meetings and at the Fall Workshop with \$612.00 collected to offset costs for the 2014 State Convention. Theme Baskets were provided by Alpha Iota, Alpha Eta, Gamma, Tau and Eta Convention Chapters.

Basket Winners included Ann Huber (Xi), Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), Caroline Schau (Alpha), Patricia Buckley (Eta) and Lynn Pinda (Alpha Alpha). The winner of a free state convention registration was Norma Bauer (Eta). Mary Fiebiger (Eta) won a ticket to the convention rose banquet.

Virginia Hourihan, (Alpha Alpha) and
Lori Good, (Alpha Alpha)



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Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha Honorary Member) completed the Ironman Arizona triathlon in Phoenix finishing in 15 hours, 12 min, 34 sec to become the first sitting member of Congress to complete such an event. Kyrsten completed a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile cycling ride and a 26.2 mile run. Kyrsten is a first-term lawmaker representing Arizona's 9th Congressional District.

Nancy Magelli (Alpha) has infused Alpha with enthusiasm and extra insight on ways to help our "Early-Career Educators" indirectly and directly and our Alpha goals collectively. Collaboration with various businesses has allowed the chapter to fund projects and be more visible in the community allowing Alpha to assist more people.

Mary Chernoski (Alpha Rho) recently retired, has been elected Vice President of the Sahuarita School District Educational Foundation. Mary is working to build endowment funding, organize fundraisers and initiate an alumni network. The foundation awards scholarships and mini-grants, and maintains a pre-school and after-school program.

Soralee Fortman (Xi) received the Brandeis Volunteer of the Year award from the Brandeis National Committee for the work she has done for various Brandeis activities.

Carmen Wendt (Chi) has received the National Scholastic Press Association's Pioneer Award, NSPA's top honor to individuals. It recognizes substantial contributions to scholastic journalism outside regular job requirements. Carmen is a master educator in journalism.

Help needed at Indianapolis Marketplace

Merry Lewis, International Non-Dues Revenue Committee member, asks all Omicron State members attending the International Convention to help her at the Marketplace. Please contact Lewis at merrysl@aol.com to sign up to help for 1-3 hours.

Election process to be considered at 2014 International Convention

Members voting at the 2014 International Convention will consider proposed amendments that determine whether to continue with the current process of delegate voting or to institute a general election that allows every member to vote in the election of Administrative Board and elected committee members.

All members in attendance at the convention vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and the International Standing Rules. Officers and elected committee members are currently elected by state organization presidents who have one vote for every five active and reserve members. The state organization president may cast all her states'

votes for a particular nominee or she may split her vote if there is more than one nominee.

The ad hoc committee submitted proposed amendments to the Constitution Committee that would make a general election possible. The convention has the final authority whether to approve or disapprove proposed amendments. The decision rests with the vote of the 2014 convention.

Go to www.dkg.org to find more information about a general election and the full results of surveys taken in 2013 on the Ad Hoc DKG Election Process Committee page.

ad hoc DKG Election Process Committee



International President Beverly Helms invites members to the International Convention in Indianapolis.

Attendance encouraged at the National Legislative Seminar

Join your DKG sisters in Washington, D.C. for an exciting and informative National Legislative Seminar. The National Legislative Seminar (NLS) organized by DKG's U.S. Forum Committee occurs biennially. The next NLS will be held March 16th-19th, 2014, at the Holiday Inn, National Airport, 2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA. There is an optional tour to visit Mt. Vernon and Old Towne Alexandria sites. The NLS registration form is available at <http://deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/File%20Sharing/files/2014%20NLS%20Reg%20Form.pdf>. LaWalta (Wally) Turner (Eta) is the US Forum Chair.

Lori Good, Alpha Alpha

Alice Reule receives Golden Gift award

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), Omicron State second vice-president, will attend the Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas, Graduate School of Business in Austin. She will join 29 other vibrant members from around the world for two weeks of intensive training in leadership. Topics for her study include result-oriented negotiations, building useful networks, successful communication and understanding personality and management styles.



Tucson Fourth Graders Support Ronald McDonald House

Becky Cavazos's (Nu) fourth grade class at Borton Magnet School in Tucson, Arizona supported the Ronald McDonald House by collecting 137,586 pop tabs weighing 97.4 pounds. During the collection process, the pop tabs were used as hands-on activities to teach "place value" in mathematics. Students grouped them by tens, hundreds, thousands and then practiced their counting and addition skills. Even the Kindergarten students learned basic "place value."

In May 2013, the fourth grade class delivered the pop tabs via a field trip to the Ronald McDonald House in Tucson. The students toured the house to learn first-hand the operations of the facility and observe how they serve out-of-town families who have a sick child in a Tucson hospital.

The Borton School students were very proud to donate the pop tabs and support other children in this manner. The Ronald McDonald House receives money for each pound of pop



PHOTO BY BECKY CAVAZOS

tabs and then uses the money for their home's expenses.

Nu Chapter and the Tucson Coordinating Council of Delta Kappa Gamma are happy to

support our member, Becky Cavazos and her students in this ongoing school community project.

Pearl Zimmerman and Katherine Lackey (Nu)



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Omega Chapter hosts brunch

On Jan 11, 2014, Omega chapter hosted a brunch for prospective members. In this photo, Cathy Rathbun, President Judy Lewis, Janet Blum and Janet Vickers welcome members and invited guests in front of a DKG display. Several chapters across the state have been successful with similar informative events.

Three generations of members in Omicron State

Lucille Bridgewater (center), a charter member of Rho Chapter with her granddaughter, Chelsea Bridgewater and her daughter, Alison Bridgewater at an Alpha/Rho joint meeting.

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Current International Office Chair Title: _____

Current State Officer or State Committee Chair Title: _____

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| • Past State President | Y | N | • 25 Year Member (1989-2014) | Y | N |
| • Chapter President (2012-2014) | Y | N | • 50 Year Member (1964-2014) | Y | N |
| • Chapter President (2014-2016) | Y | N | • 50+ Year Member (1964-2014) | Y | N |
| • 1 st Omicron State Convention | Y | N | • Attained a PHD, EdD or Nat'l Board Cert. | | |
| • Chapter Charter Member | Y | N | (during 2012-2014 biennium) | Y | N |

Mark the functions below that you wish to attend. Indicate the number and names of guests attending. Fill in total amount for each function, ending with the overall TOTAL amount due.

EVENTS	ATTENDING	COST PER PERSON	AMOUNT DUE
REGISTRATION FEE			
POSTMARKED BEFORE APRIL 12		\$45.00	_____
POSTMARKED APRIL 13-20		\$60.00	_____
Friday "Chihuly in the Garden" Tour	Y N	\$20.00	_____
Guest: _____	# _____	\$20.00	_____
Friday Night Reception	Y N	NO CHARGE	0
Guest: _____	# _____	\$15.00	_____
Saturday Continental Breakfast*	Y N	NO CHARGE	0
Guest: _____	# _____	\$15.00	_____
Saturday Birthday Luncheon*	Y N	\$25.00	_____
Guest: _____	# _____	\$25.00	_____
Saturday Rose Banquet*	Y N	\$39.00	_____
Guest: _____	# _____	\$39.00	_____
Sunday Lei of Friendship Breakfast*	Y N	\$25.00	_____
Guest: _____	# _____	\$25.00	_____
Chorus Participation	Y N	NO CHARGE	0
Ensemble Participation	Y N	NO CHARGE	0
		TOTAL	_____

*SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (Please explain): _____

I give my permission to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to use my photograph and/or my name in the *Arizona Sahuaro* and/or the Omicron State Website: Y N

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●●●●●●●● **NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 15th** ●●●●●●●●

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Upsilon Chapter holds successful Rummage Sale

Upsilon Chapter of Tucson raised \$1,609.00 at its recent rummage sale in November. Academy of Tucson Middle School provided the space for the event. Items included clothes, shoes, dishes, photo frames, books, Christmas decorations, VCR's and tools. Teaching supplies, which were no longer needed, were donated for the rummage sale.

Teaching materials and books, not sold at the rummage sale, were donated to Christ Child Layette Reading Program and Literacy Volunteers. A carload of used professional outfits went to My Sister's Closet. Goodwill collected the rest of the unsold items.

President Marge Gilbert and Treasurer Barbara Markert commended the chapter for its hard work in planning, setting up and helping with the fourth annual rummage sale. Proceeds will be used for convention expenses and to help aspiring teachers.

Clarine Haslag, Upsilon



PHOTO BY CLARINE HASLAG, UPSILON

Upsilon members Donna Yoder and Carol Trejo supervise the jewelry table.

Kappa Chapter serves the Gila Valley in Graham County

Kappa Chapter made and donated "Bags of Love" and delivered them to the local Department of Economic Security. Children in crisis will receive the bags. Members filled the bags with gender and age appropriate items for

newborns to one year-olds. Items included stuffed animals, toys, notebooks, pencils/pens, personal hygiene articles, socks, underwear, games, washcloths and blankets.

Annji Craig-Wooten, Kappa



PHOTO FROM ANJNI CRAIG-WOOTEN

CHAPTER PRIDE

I remember my first day at college. Dr. John Pescosolido, a noted author of reading books and innovator of reading programs said "You are here to be teachers. Even if you become president of this college, you will mark on your resume that you are a teacher." I was impressed with that little talk and I always answered correctly -- "I am a teacher."

And so it is with our Delta Kappa Gamma chapters. In the days when the key pin was designed to be worn over one's heart, I am sure that represented that the chapter always came first, no matter what. Have you noticed that when asked about a chapter, a member starts with "my chapter"? Are we teaching this to our new members? Are our present members remembering this? When I was first asked to be a member of the Society, I was working two jobs, had a family and was attending the University of Arizona. I made time for my chapter, because it was important to me. Three chapter members insisted that I attend a state convention. They gave me the sofa at the hotel and they showed me what being a member really meant. They really cherished one another and they included me.

Now you can wear the key pin on a chain. You can use the letters DKG instead of the Greek letters. You can wear slacks to meetings! But you can never not love your chapter. It's the heart of your DKG life.

Merry Lewis, Nu

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Step Up and Shine

by Patricia Buckley (Eta)

- S share the gifts that you possess
- T teach others the value of education
- E educate everyone in the community
- P promote educational excellence
- U unite teachers and lawmakers
- P prepare students for college and careers
- S show off our students' accomplishments
- H help develop character
- I initiate innovation
- N never give up fighting the fight
- E excellence in education only comes with commitment

Meet Heidi Chadwick

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Career Educators embraces her passion still today. These early-career educators are our future.

Chadwick believes that the more we serve our Society, the more we gain in friendships, leadership skills, and many wonderful experiences. She is delighted to be the International Representative to the Arizona State Organization Convention. Collected from Heidi Chadwick.

Come to the Convention

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exciting, enjoyable and rewarding by providing outstanding speakers, special entertainment and a variety of workshops.

Highlights of the 2014 Convention include International Guest and Southwest Regional Director Heidi Chadwick, who will present a workshop and speak at the banquet. Carolyn Warner, former Superintendent of Public Instruction and one of Arizona's leading advocates for education, will speak at the luncheon. Members who attended the National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, Virginia—a U.S. Forum event—will also share information. On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, Leadership Training will be provided for chapter presidents and other officers so that they will have the information and skills needed to carry out the responsibilities of their offices.

Jim West of the Arizona Music Hall of Fame will present the entertainment at the Opening Night Reception. West is an award winning radio disc jockey and historian of music of the 50's to the present. His presentation is entitled "The Phoenix Sound." Everyone is bound to enjoy

this musical history lesson.

Information about registration is available in the Sahuaro and at the Omicron State website.

Regina Olson, Alpha Chi

Dates to Remember

February 2014

Arizona Legislative Day
State Capitol Building
Phoenix, Arizona - Date TBA

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

Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, 2015

Omicron State Arts Retreat
Spirit in the Desert
Carefree, Arizona

April 24-26, 2015

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

July 19-24, 2015

Southwest Regional Conference
Hyatt Regency
Wichita, Kansas

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