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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

General Sessions at 2011 SW Regional Conference



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Carrying the Arizona banner at the President's professional were Judy Strohmeier (Alpha) and Judy Vinson (Alpha).

First General Session was opened by Dr. Barbara Baethe (Texas), Southwest Regional Director, followed by the presentation of state banners, inspirational thoughts, a special welcome from Dr. Mary Ann Roldan (Colorado) and Dr. Dorothy Snozek (Colorado) and words from International Executive Director Corlea Plowman (Texas).

Second General Session on Thursday was an exciting day open to non-members who wanted to participate in the education focus day. The opening speaker, Carlotta Walls LaNier, a Congressional Gold Medal recipient, shared her story with a video presentation of My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School as a member of the "Little Rock Nine."

Third General Session featured an instructor in writing, Amy Baldwin, from Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock, who shared 10 "Engagements to Commitment," strategies to help students focus and enjoy learning.

Fourth General Session: Omicron State's 2004-2006 SW Regional Director Dr. Nancy Noll presided at the session. The final conference speakers: Dr. Janet William, Mark Small, Lisa Grosz, and high school students presented "No Place for Hate" and concluded with a panel discussion on bullying.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)

2011 Fall Executive Board Meeting and All Member Workshop

Saturday, October 22, 2011

First Assembly of God Church • 532 W Ray Road Chandler, AZ

Schedule (Subject to Change)

- 7:00 - 7:30 Set up for workshops and arts display
- 7:30 - 8:30 Registration, continental breakfast, arts display (also during workshops)
- 8:30 - 9:45 Executive Board Meeting
- 10:00 - First Session Workshops
 - Educational Foundation
 - Membership techniques that work
 - Technology - introducing the social network
 - Engaging gifted children
 - Making & giving away: creating smiles
- 11:00
- 11:15 - Second Session Workshops
 - Embracing Educational Excellence
- 12:15

- 12:15 continued
- Membership Roundtable - discussing and sharing ideas
- Educators Award Book Selection
- A trip with unknown consequences through global volunteers
- Make & Use: the Magic of M.C. Escher
- 12:15 - 1:15 Luncheon/Committee meetings
- 1:15 - 1:55 Common Core Standards: What are the Implications for AZ schools and teachers?
- 1:55 - 2:25 Contribution Plans & how this will affect Arizona
- 2:25 - 2:55 Membership Video plus invite to NYC
- 2:55 - 3:10 Attendance awards, raffles, prizes



Speaker at Fall Workshop

Arizona State Department of Education Associate Superintendent Kathy Hrabluk will update members at the 2011 Fall Workshop on current state and national policies that will affect all Arizona students.

No matter what we read about Arizona's academic ratings, the state is not in a status quo mode. You will hear how Arizona teachers and administrators are taking an active role in developing quality education by being at the table in policy development.

Hear about the AZ Literacy Plan for pre-school through grade twelve. Find out that (ELA/L Literacy) means English Language Arts Literacy. Hear about the exciting new framework model blending reading and writing together with emphasis on the "reasoning"

process and research techniques from the early grades through high school.

Members will hear the new trends. Invite your friends. There will be information for everyone.

Dr. Marj Jones (Beta)



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Twenty-seven Omicron State member attended the 2011 Southwest Regional Conference in Denver, Colorado.

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

A's for Arizona

Message from
State President Judy Vinson (Alpha)



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MERRY LEWIS

Omicron State
President Judy
Vinson (Alpha)

My theme is all A's to remind us we are excelling in the work we do and the way we strive to fulfill the seven purposes. Aspire to be the best you've ever been. Act as a team to design our future on the strong foundation of the past. Achieve the goals we set to impact education worldwide.

We have new officers, new committees, revised Standing Rules and Bylaws, and a continuing group of chapter leaders. This is the perfect opportunity to build on the work that began 75 years ago with our Founders. Each of the seven purposes has an action word to direct our energies to impact education around the world.

Arizona members experienced the inspiring, energizing, informational events at the 2011 Southwest Regional. We were encouraged to embrace our vision and design our future in a positive manner, considering always what we have, not what we don't have.

Membership was the prominent message we received. When our chapters are strong, the Society is strong. Members at the chapter level are the essential part of this effective visionary, supportive organization. You are the ones who make a difference.

Build leaders, take advantage of the benefits of membership, support your chapter and its members and projects. Involve others, share your dreams, contribute your time, talents, and resources. By doing this, you develop a positive message that promotes the personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Plan to join us for the Fall Workshop October 22, 2011. 🍎

Achievement Award

At the 2012 Omicron State Convention, achievement awards will be presented to two deserving members.

Each chapter president will receive an application form and a letter with information. Forms may also be obtained from a member of the Omicron State Achievement Award Committee. The postmark deadline is February 1, 2012.

We welcome Joan Tolle (Nu) as a new member of the committee.

Donna J. Reynolds (Epsilon), Chairman
Omicron State Achievement Award Committee

Membership Growth!

Workshop Will Give You Success

If you do what you've been doing, you'll get what you've been getting.

Do you want your chapter to grow? Are you looking for new members but are having limited success?

All members are invited to the recruitment session at the Fall Workshop to explore ideas for building Omicron State, chapter by chapter.

The session will include a Tip-Top list to try plus a recruiting time line with a proven track record of success. This session is aimed at giving you results.

Chapters are encouraged to have at least one member at the workshop. You will walk away armed for the new year.

This session is from the Omicron State Membership Committee and will be presented by Carmen Wendt (Chi) and Sandy Parker (Alpha Rho).

Carmen Wendt (Chi), Chair
Omicron State Membership Committee

Necrology Information

Chapter Presidents, please send the names of members who have died to:

Mary Holloway
1436 W. Cerrada Vera Cruz
Tucson, AZ 85705
or
mehway@aol.com

Thank you from Dena,

Delta Kappa Gamma members have been so special in keeping me in their prayers and sending many cards. I appreciate each and every one for all the love poured out to me.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Past State President Dena Martin (Zeta)

Scholarships

Delta Kappa Gamma offers scholarship opportunities to fulfill Purpose Five: "To endow scholarships and grant fellowships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study."

Omicron State takes this purpose very seriously and wants to encourage all eligible members to reach out for the opportunity.

Any Omicron State member of three or more years, in good standing, and qualified to do advanced work may apply. Commitment to the Society is an additional factor to be considered.

\$1,000 scholarships are available to members for continuing education, for a Master's or Doctorate degree, or for other advanced credentials.

Application procedure:

Secure the required form from your chapter scholarship chair, chapter president or the state scholarship chair.

Request three recommendations - note that one must be from an active DKG member.

Send the completed application to the state Scholarship Chair, Dr. Sandy Breece, by February 1, 2012. Application should be typed or computer generated. A photo must be included.

Notification of the award will be made by April 1, 2012. Recipients will accept scholarship at the Omicron State Convention.

Dr. Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi) Chair,
Omicron State Scholarship Committee

Membership Materials Available

"The new membership materials available on the Membership Committee resource pages and from the library on the international Web site provide a new approach to information for prospective members.

"An orientation program with script and a reorientation program for current members are available from dkg.org."

Copied from the July,
2011, BUZZ



Jill Foltz (Texas)
and Jo Regenold
(Lambda)
with their
International
Nominations
committee
display at the
Info Fair.

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Past State Presidents Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) and Jean F. Davis (Alpha Rho) enjoying the conference.

27 Arizona Members at SW Regional

Alpha Chapter

Gloria Day, Judy Strohmeyer, Judy Vinson

Epsilon Chapter

Donna Reynolds

Zeta Chapter

Ruth Hintz

Lambda Chapter

Evelyn Craft, Connie Myren, Jo Regenold, Shelley Smith

Mu Chapter

Merry Lewis

Nu Chapter

Jan Rosenberg

Rho Chapter

Colleen Lines, Sally Switzer

Omega Chapter

Joye Sterrett, Janet Vickers

Alpha Alpha Chapter

Lori Good

Alpha Beta Chapter

Diane Sheets, Marge Threewit

Alpha Delta Chapter

Berneil Drake, Kathy Green, Nancy Noll, Alice Reule

Alpha Iota Chapter

Kathi Houtcooper

Alpha Rho Chapter

Jean Fuer Davis, Bea Olivas, Rachel Wear

Alpha Sigma Chapter

Nieves Johnson

First Timers' Orientation

Southwest Regional Director Dr. Barbara Baethe and Jill Foltz (Texas) welcomed more than 80 members to the First Timers' Orientation session.

International President Dr. Jensi Souders greeted the attendees with a special message.

The first timers arrived with great enthusiasm and ready to engage in the orientation. The session was designed to give them a review of the information in the conference program book and helpful hints regarding various conference activities.

The members were also given the opportunity to make connections with new friends

and to ask questions. First timers were easily identified throughout the conference by white ribbons with gold lettering attached to their name badges.

Jo Regenold (Lambda)
Omicron State Past State President

A Mosaic of Culture - Colorado Night

The 2011 Southwest Regional Conference entertainment started with astounding performances by Colorado musicians.

Koshare Indian Dancers, members of Boy Scout Troop from La Junta, Colorado, performed belt, eagle, and hoop routines to the beat of drums.

The El Mariachi Juvenal de Bryant Webster, fifth to eighth grade students from West Denver, had the audience clapping to the beat of the Mariachi music. These students follow rigorous schedules of music practice and lessons while maintaining high academic standards.

The third cultural group was the Cleo Parker Robinson Youth Ensemble, featuring young women 13 to 23 years of age who study modern, ballet, west African, and jazz dance.

The exuberant group, Denver Taiko entertained with rapid paced drum presentation. Members of the troupe are third-, fourth-, and fifth-generation Japanese Americans who honor their culture with percussion performances in jazz-like style.

Longmont, Colorado, singer and musician, Dan Wright paid tribute to John Denver's music and invited the audience to sing along. The evening included the DKG touch with Colorado's Omega State Music Committee singing "If I Had a Wagon" and "Hail Colorado."

Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)

All-States Breakfast

Saturday's breakfast was filled with music, inspiration, dancing, a fund-raising challenge, and an invitation to the 2013 SW Regional in Branson, Missouri.

Envelopes were passed to collect funds for the DKG Emergency Fund to assist our members affected by disasters. About \$10,452 was collected.

Kay Bollom (Texas), convention music chair, and her group livened up the audience with a rousing dance medley spanning several decades and musical styles. Kay, International President Jensi Souders, and our very own Berneil Drake performed flute trios. Terre McPheeters performed "I love the Rose," a song she wrote for us inspired by a poem written in the 1950's by Richard Watson Gilder.

"DKG, DKG, sisters we, come and see Missouri!" was the musical invitation to Missouri.

Gloria Day (Alpha)

Presidents' Banquet

Incoming and outgoing state presidents made a grand entrance to the Saturday banquet. Sparkling clothing, jewelry, and conversation added to the culminating event of the conference.

Southwest Regional Director Dr. Barbara Baethe presided at this festive occasion.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the convention choir performance of three songs, including "Concerto for Knives, Forks, Spoons, and One Soup Ladle." When I went up to sing with the group, I took my silverware from the table to play! The choir really performed as a team, singing expressively and having fun with the choreography and accompanying instruments.

International President Dr. Jensi Souders spoke about the Society and received a standing ovation for her passion and vision.

Another musical treat was Dr. Andrea Morris, a concert pianist from New York, performing several classical pieces by Brahms, Gershwin, and Lecuaona.

The evening and conference concluded with thoughts by Dr. Baethe and everyone singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song - - - with renewed pride in our membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Gloria Day (Alpha)

Birthday Luncheon

The Birthday Luncheon at the 2011 Southwest Regional Conference was a high point of the convention. First, Arizona's own, Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta), 1990-1992 Southwest Regional Director, presided. Then another Arizonian, Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega), a member of the Educator's Award Committee, announced the 2011 Book Award: Degrees of Inequality by Ann Mullen.

Sandra Bull (Texas) brought a message from international headquarters urging us to give encouragement to each other. This was culminated in a solo, Wind Beneath My Wings, sung by Diane Moose of Texas.

Following lunch, the Southwest Regional Chorus sang some fun melodies: We are the Music Makers, Mumbo Italiano, and R-A-G-T-I-M-E. Choir members from Arizona were Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), Gloria Day (Alpha), Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta), and Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta).

The luncheon ended with a fashion show by Coldwater Creek. Colorado members modeled the garments.

Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta)



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Omicron State President Judy Vinson (Alpha) is ready for the banquet.

The Top Things Everyone With a Brain Needs to Know

The exciting pre-conference seminar was presented by Kim Bevill, founder of Gray Matters, an educational consulting company.

This interactive seminar was fast-paced and informative. The speaker was so energetic, knowledgeable, and fun, the time flew by. Kim presented the latest scientific research on how to increase learning motivation, attention and performance.

Participants were up and out of their chairs every 20 minutes hitting beach balls, doing in place exercises, or playing musical chairs. When seated listening, we learned quickly that she would expect words and drawing to summarize the content she had just presented.

Ms. Bevill listed the ten essentials to make learning engaging: 1) awareness of interests, 2) a controlled stress environment, 3) sleep and nutrition, 4) movement is imperative, 5) music, 6) hands-on, 7) respect for differences, 8) relationships, 9) community, and 10) compassion.

As a result of this seminar, participants will happily continue using music and exercise breaks with their classes.

Check out her web-site www.kimbevill.com

*Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota)
Gloria Day (Alpha)*

United States Forum

The US Forum session featured Jill Tietjen, P.E. the co-author of *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America*.

Jill's topic was "Women Leaders: The Power of the Women on Whose Shoulders We Stand." She made five points -- all related to Delta Kappa Gamma women:

1. Engage people to act toward a common vision.
2. Institutionalize ethics and values through goals and practices.
3. Build and sustain community.
4. Demonstrate and inspire stewardship of the environment and of people.
5. Lead with wisdom from the head, heart, and gut.

The second part of the Forum featured discussion groups around the following topics: pay equity, National Board Certification, the WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) and GPO (Government Pension Offset) bills, and Women's Health issues. Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) was the moderator for the pay equity group.

A survey taken during the session resulted

in the following issues that members wish to pursue:

- WEP and GPO laws that eliminate some SS financial benefits
- Human Trafficking Initiatives
- No Child Left Behind
- Pay Equity for Women

Kathy Houtcooper (Alpha Iota)

Editors' Camp at SW Regional

Dr. Carolyn Pittman, the editor of the Arkansas state paper, offered a seven-hour newsletter editor training open to editors and interested members.

The "Camp" was a hands-on experience held on Thursday and Saturday of the Conference. Three Arizona members completed the entire course: Jean F. Davis (Alpha Rho), Merry Lewis (Mu) and Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta).

Course content included newsletter and page design, content, writing styles, editing, developing a style guide, use of color and graphic elements, publishing online, photos and picture placement, text placement, and hands-on practice with the InDesign* program.

Night On the Town

The Night on the Town at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse was a delight at this state-of-the-art six million dollar facility.

After a very good meal, we enjoyed an amusing and professional performance of the musical, "Big River." The Tony Award-winning play is based on the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and his friend Jim's escape to freedom and the many characters they meet along the way.

Ruth Hintz (Zeta)

Learn to Create a Website Using Weebly.com

The workshop leaders, Diane Moose and Carol McMillan, gave step-by-step instructions to build a chapter website for free.

This two-hour workshop gave hands on experience and time to explore and practice the process.

Attendees learned how to set up pages; make sub-headers; add columns, pictures, text with images; make links to other websites; add a photo gallery; change design and format.

If you have someone in your chapter who likes to work on the computer, make a website. Sharing information with the chapter is fun. Involve members in activities and connect everyone with state and international events.

For more information, contact Texas webmaster Diane Moose at dianemoose@gmail.com.

Gloria Day (Alpha)



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Dr. Joye Sterrett presented The Educators Award information at the Birthday Luncheon.

Educators Award

The Educators Award Workshop was presented by Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega).

The winner of the award, Degrees of Inequality, by Ann Mullen, tells of her study interviewing students from Yale and Southern Connecticut State University and compares the students on several levels.

If you have students or family members who aspire to an elite university education, Ann Mullen gives many examples of the differences in preparation. As a teacher, you may learn from examples of the ways school can prepare students for admission to top-tier colleges.

This workshop will be presented at the Omicron State Fall Workshop. Some of the fifteen books published in 2010, written by women authors and read by the Educators Award Committee members, will be given away at the workshop.

*Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega)
Member, Educators Award Committee*

Membership Basics from A to Z

To build and maintain a strong membership and a chapter, consider these A to Z basics:

- A - **Aspire, Act, Achieve**
adult education, always, atmosphere, attitude
- B - benefits, brag, brochures
- C - celebrate, colleges, community, conventions, conferences, chapters
- D - diversity, dues
- E - elevator speeches, English-language educators
- F - fun, future
- G - grandchildren, guests, grant-in-aid
- H - heart, honor, host
- I - information, initiate, international, ideas
- J - journey, jewelry, jovial
- K - kindergarten, key, knowledge
- L - law makers, libraries
- M - mentor, museum, music
- N - network, nurse educators
- O - offer, open, opportunity, orientation, Omicron State
- P - piano, preschool, presenters, principals, projects
- Q - quality, question
- R - refer, reinstatement, reorientation
- S - scholarships, students, support
- T - take time, tell, tutors, teacher
- U - UN, university
- V - value, voice
- W - website, welcome
- X - excellence, extra, extraordinary
- Y - young
- Z - zeal, zip, zzzz

Arizona Members in Key Positions at Regional

Lori Good (Alpha Iota) was a presenter at the US Forum.

Jo Regenold (Lambda) assisted with the First Timers meeting. She also assisted with the Nominations Committee workshops and the display at the Info Fair.

Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) presided at the Fourth General Session.

Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) presided at the Birthday Luncheon and played in a flute trio at the All States Breakfast.

Donna Reynolds (Epsilon) presented The Education Foundation Workshop.

Merry Lewis (Mu) presented the workshop "Joy Revisited." Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) was the presider.

Choir members included Gloria Day (Alpha), Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta), Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta), and Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho).

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) presented a work-



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Dr. Nancy Noll (Alpha Delta) presided at the Fourth General Session.

shop, Educator's Award: "Influencing Thought and Action."

Judy Strohmeier (Alpha) and Judy Vinson (Alpha) participated in the presentation of state banners at the First General Session.

Leadership Training for State

From 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 27, Wednesday 3:30 pm, June 29, incoming state presidents and a number of state executive secretaries engaged in a wide variety of activities to prepare for the 2011-2013 biennium.

International Leadership Development Committee Chair Becky Sandowski, with the help of International President Dr. Jeni Souders, Southwest Regional Director Dr. Barbara Bathe, and many international headquarters administrators and others, directed us to look at what we have, not what we don't have.

The Art of Possibilities, by Benjamin and Rosamund Stone Zander, was used as the inspiration for the seminar.

Strategies were addressed for leading change, strengthening chapters, handling financial responsibilities, and parliamentary procedures.

The duties and roles of the state president were a unifying thread throughout the training. Sources for help, resources for information, and a manual were provided.

The use of technology and team work was encouraged so that we can promote the Society at all levels.

Judy Vinson (Alpha)
Omicron State President

So You Want to Go On A Safari?

Have you ever dreamed of walking with lions? Joan McCollum and Lindsey Lawrence actually did that on their 2009 African Safari. During their workshop, they presented tips for planning such travel and pictures of their latest trip.

The ladies chose a small group travel agency, Overseas Adventure Travel, a company which limits the safari to 15 adventurers. Because legs of the journey involved small aircraft, the weight of luggage was limited to 25 pounds. This included cameras, binoculars, and hats (hair dryers were not recommended). The flight was about 21 hours long with a layover in London. The 27-day safari included stops in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe.

Accommodations are surprisingly luxurious and exotic. Some of the rooms had only one wall so that guests were able to see the animals come up to watering holes near the hotel. Food was also elaborate, with some meals featuring foods native to the area.

Day drives in Land Rovers were available with guides who specialized in tracking the wild animals. Some roads were rough, some muddy. These rides were humorously described as an "African massage." The safari included lectures on the ecosystem, local politics, and health issues.

Although an African safari may not be for everyone, Joan and Lindsay emphasized that once you go, Africa keeps drawing you back. Are your bags packed?

Kathy Green (Alpha Delta)

Denver, Colorado SW Regional

Janye Brainard (Texas)

Highlights of Colorado greeted us with Dance, drums and song to energize us. State banners, inspiring words and actions Welcomed members of the Southwest.

Courage, support, and belief in self Led the journey to success and achievement. Challenge, connection, and appreciation Led to active, positive learning and sharing.

A birthday party, what fun!
Music, style, and fellowship,
A celebration of Society and membership,
Time for growth and power.

Teaching, that's what we do
Education is the miracle
And we are miracle workers.
Teachers join in giving and learning.

Presidents Banquet,
a time to reflect and review
The journey is an adventure both
viable and vibrant.
We celebrate leaders past and future
Leaders who choose to step up.

Be positive, focus on what you have.
Risk a little something and reap the rewards.
Step up and out to lead from all directions.
Embrace the Vision - Design the Future.

Chapter Yearbook/Newsletters

The chapter yearbook should be an essential part of every chapter, containing information that members can readily access.

Accurate contact data for members, chapter officers, and committees can be challenging to obtain. Enlist other members to verify this information before you publish. Encourage members to update their email and cell numbers when they change.

The suggested contents of the yearbook are listed on page 19 of the Guidelines for State Organization and Chapter Communications Committee Chairs, 2010 publication. Order at dkg.org. >Shopping> Society Supply Store >Publications. It is vital that you bring three copies of your yearbook to the Fall Workshop.

Newsletters can be used to supplement the yearbook by sending updated information, changes in meeting dates, and programs. They can also communicate members' health changes and needed assistance. Send your newsletters to the state president and state editor.

Communication is important for building a strong chapter, state, and international organization.

Gloria Day (Alpha), Chair
Omicron State Communications Committee

Schools for Africa

Transforming Lives Through Education

Every child deserves a quality education. In sub-Saharan Africa, one-third of all children are deprived of the chance to go to school. They miss out because of inadequate school facilities and poor teacher training. In addition, many schools lack gender-separate sanitation facilities, often causing adolescent girls to stay home. Poverty forces children to drop out of school early to help support their families.

Schools for Africa is a partnership among UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society that is helping more and more girls and boys get a quality education. By providing funds to support this critical program, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is helping to secure a brighter future for Africa's children.

To donate or learn more about Schools for Africa, visit unicefusa.org/dkg

Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin

Share Your Expertise and Viewpoints Themes and Deadlines

Spring 2012 Professional Development (Postmark deadline is December 1, 2011)

- Supporting Early-career Educators
 - Mentoring Support
- Second Language Education • Ethics
 - Culturally Responsive Teaching
 - Bullying • Multiculturalism
- Political/Economic/Legal Issues of Education
- Assessment • The “-isms” of Education

Summer 2012 Educational Technology (Postmark deadline is March 1, 2012)

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
 - Mobile Learning • Smart Technology
 - E-Texts • Phones in School
 - Second Life Virtual World
 - W2 Internet Mobile Devices
 - Virtual Learning • Animation

Emergency Fund

During 2010-2011 many storms and tornados have impacted members. Since July 1, 2010, the Society has sent checks totaling slightly more than \$153,700 to members who have experienced a natural disaster.

Floods, hurricanes, tornados, earth-quakes, forest fires, and wind storms are all natural disasters covered by the Emergency Fund.

Members continue to express their appreciation for the quick response and the \$500 checks. Individuals, chapters, and state organizations make donations to this fund to assist other members in times of need.



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The Educational Foundation exhibit at the Info-Fair was prepared by Donna Reynolds (Epsilon).

Educational Foundation

Since 1964 the Educational Foundation has given a grand total of \$2,521,954.11 to projects and awards.

A list of projects and award recipients is posted on the Educational Foundation Web page.

The Foundation is seeking applications for projects, professional development seminars, and/or individual professional awards on the subject of bullying or anger management. This topic is of concern to educators everywhere.

How can you receive a Professional Development award?

1. For an employed educator
2. For members and non-members
3. Can be used for National Board Certification
4. Info is available at dkg.org or Educator Edge
5. Deadlines are September 1, February 1, and May 1.

Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta), Liaison
The Educational Foundation

2012 Legislative Day

2012 Omicron State Legislative Day at the Capitol will be held on February 15, 2012.

At the 2011 Legislative Day, as reported by immediate past Legislative Chair Lori Good (Alpha Alpha): “We had a full and most eventful day, and members who attended stated that they enjoyed the variety of speakers. We were introduced in both the House and Senate galleries. The process of bills being discussed and voted on that day was most interesting.”

Plan to join other Omicron members in February, 2012, to meet state legislators and be an active advocate of education.

All chapters, start thinking about nominations for the Friend of Education Award which will be presented at the 2012 Omicron State Convention.

Liz Tataseo (Alpha Delta), Chair
Omicron State Legislative Committee

International Achievement Award

Immediate Past International President Dr. Carolyn Rants is the recipient of the 2011 International Achievement Award.

The recipient has advanced the Society through her vision of marketing, membership diversity, and generational issues. A forward-thinking leader, she encouraged creating a buzz for the Society, updating current Society brochures, and creating new professional recruitment materials.

She oversaw the revision of the Constitution and International Standing Rules and skillfully guided them through the 2010 International Convention voting.

Since Dr. Rants lives in Iowa, she received the International Award during the Northwest Regional Conference at The Fantasy Land Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



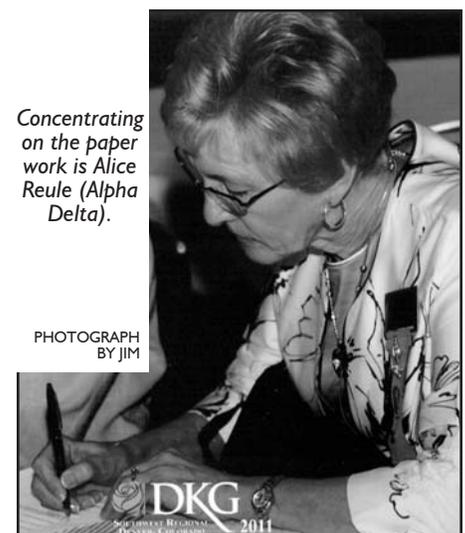
World Fellowship

Prepare for a world of fellowship! The annual Lei of Friendship breakfast at our spring Omicron State convention will be a chance to celebrate with our sisters in education.

Thanks to the World Fellowship Committee: Chairman Terri Ackland (Zeta), Denise Crockett (Kappa), Diane Henry (Alpha Sigma), Patricia Rendon (Lambda), Angelica Rodriguez (Beta), and Linda Stockbauer (Xi).

We will be cooking up some international ideas for the state convention at our committee meeting during the Fall Workshop. If you have any unique ideas for consideration, please let us know.

Terri Ackland (Zeta), Chairman
Omicron State World Fellowship Committee



Concentrating on the paper work is Alice Reule (Alpha Delta).

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Senator Kyrsten Sinema (Alpha Alpha) and Representative Lela Alston (Alpha Delta) received the 2011 Phoenix Pride Community Spirit Award.

Representative Lela Alston (Alpha Delta) has been selected for the 2011 Career and Technical Educational Policy Maker of the Year Award. 🍷

Contact Your Legislator

*Copied from Eta State News
(North Carolina)*

Exercising our voice to legislators has never been more important. The following is a ranking of most to least effective means when contacting local or international government officials.

1. Personal visit
2. Handwritten short letter
3. Type-written letter
4. Phone call to a key office staffer
5. Phone call to the reception staffers
6. Personally written fax
7. Obvious form letter or fax
8. Personally written email
9. Obvious form email

Exchange Meeting Held in Casa Grande

Friday, June 3, 2011, President-elect Judy Vinson (Alpha) welcomed 16 Omicron State members to The Property in Casa Grande.

The new biennium theme is "ASPIRE to be the best you've ever been, ACT as a team to design our future on the strong foundation of the past, and ACHIEVE the goals we set to impact education worldwide." An apple symbol will be featured as the new logo.

Each committee chair shared pertinent information with members about their committee, including expectations and changes for the new biennium. The meeting ended with incoming committee members meeting with outgoing members one-on-one to exchange materials and information regarding the new positions.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)

President Judy V. Names Committee Chairmen

Society Business

Communications and Publicity

Gloria Day (Alpha)

Expansion for Chapter Development and Renewal

Dora Donovan (Alpha Sigma)

Finance

Merry Lewis (Mu)

Leadership Development

Dena Martin (Zeta)

Membership

Joye Sterrett (Omega)

Necrology

Karen Blackstone (Alpha Epsilon)

Nominations

Dena Martin (Zeta)

Rules

Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta)

State Archives

Sharon Modi (Alpha)

Society Mission and Purposes

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World Fellowship

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Early Career-Educators

Let's polish the apple by supporting early career-educators.

Support THAT program. What is THAT program? It is a proven successful program for early-career educator support that originated in California and now being recommended by the Educational Excellence Committee as a model for chapters throughout the Society.

The program asks members and chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators as many of you are already doing. Each chapter is to keep a record of the hours members spend with their support, as well as money spent for this support. A big (phony) check representing the total amount of money and value of hours spent will be presented to a government official in Washington D.C. in summer 2012 to show how much our Society has saved the government because of our support.

Click on the DKG web site for Support for Early-Career Educators for forms and program ideas.

75th Anniversary Archives News

*(Copied from the March, 1936,
Delta Kappa Gamma News -
archives research by Merry Lewis)*

"We not only represent the 'Baby State,' but we are the Delta Kappa Gamma's really youngest child, according to the latest available reports from the department of vital statistics. In fact, we are only ten days old, having been ushered into our present status on the evening of January 25, 1936, after a very hearty banquet at the Pioneer Hotel in Tucson.

Dr. Blanton was too ill to attend our arrival which, to us, seemed almost as bad as a premature birth in mid-ocean, until we met her substitute, Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax, of whom we can most sincerely say, "She came, She saw, She conquered."

The whole evening, from the time of our arrival at the hotel until the last goodnights were said, was one of inspiration and comradeship."

*Anne Paget Rogers
State President*

Arizona Website

Welcome to the Omicron State website. It is "under new management." Thanks to Suzanne Crumrine (Alpha Eta), the Omicron State Webmaster, the website is now edited, updated, and ready for viewing.

Check out the biennium theme of State President Judy Vinson (Alpha):

Aspire to be the best you've ever been.

Act as a team to design our future on the strong foundation of the past.

Achieve the goals we set to impact education worldwide.

The international website is worth visiting frequently to keep up to date with events, plans, and changes for the entire Society. Go to dkg.org



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July 16, 2011	Phoenix, AZ
Nancy Perry	Beta
August 12, 2011	Phoenix, AZ
Betty Nye	Xi
June 11, 2011	Tucson, AZ
Judy Strohmeyer	Alpha
September 6, 2011	Flagstaff, AZ

Remembering Judy Strohmeyer

Immediate Past State President Judy Strohmeyer (Alpha) passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2011 in Flagstaff, Arizona. Our last memory of Judy was as she proudly carried the Arizona State banner with incoming State President Judy Vinson at the 2011 Southwest Regional Conference in Denver, Colorado.

We have lost a giving, caring, and creative member who was passionate about making a difference in education worldwide. She will be remembered for her colorful attire and her many craft gifts that she shared with members.

At this point, there is no service planned. 🍀



Costa Rica members with Nieves Johnson (Alpha Sigma) at the Arizona/Costa Rica reception.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MERRY LEWIS

Hands On Books Project is No More

We have come to the conclusion of the Hands On Books project to the Maricopa County Durango Detention Center.

Omicron State members, under the leadership of Rho Chapter, gave fourteen years of service and love to the detainees at Durango. Thank you Mary Ann Yee (Rho) for your leadership in this project.

We can now concentrate on collecting books for the boys and girls at San Xavier Mission, which is a K-8 school south of Tucson. Bring your books to the Fall Workshop. 🍀

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Freebies Table at Fall Workshop

There will be a Freebies Table at the Fall Workshop. This table will have useable, good condition items classroom teachers can use. All for free.

De-clutter your home office. Some one could use those extra pencils, pens, crayons, markers, paper, tape, paper clips, folders, envelopes, rubber bands, etc.

Your space will look so neat and tidy when you donate those useable items. A teacher will thank you. 🍀

Dates to Remember

October 22, 2011

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

February 15, 2012

Legislative Day at the Capitol

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

July 17-20, 2013

Southwest Regional Conference
Hilton Branson
Branson, Missouri

July 28-August 1, 2014

International Convention
JW Marriott
Indianapolis, Indiana

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