



Omicron State  
Organization

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



# HEARTBEAT

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Promote Leadership Increase & Sustain Membership Support Early Career Educators

Arizona Theme: Hands + Heart = Harmony

## Upcoming Events

**October 21, 2017**

**Fall Workshop**

Metro Tech High School  
1900 W. Thomas Road  
Phoenix, Arizona 85015

**April 13-15, 2018**

**2018 State Convention**

Prescott Resort and  
Conference Center  
1500 Highway 69  
Prescott, AZ 86301

PLEASE FORWARD THIS LETTER TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS

## JULY

DEAR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS,

Welcome to the 2017-19 biennium!

At the Exchange meeting held in Casa Grande in May, there were 25 enthusiastic members in attendance eager to learn their new roles. As you know, the work of the Society is done through individuals working together in a committee structure. Guidelines for State Officers and State Committee Chairmen can be found in the 2012 Procedures Manual for Omicron State. The Handbook is a valuable resource for you to begin your committee work.

It takes many hands to get a job done! I am busy filling committee slots. It is most encouraging when I hear members actively seeking a position and willing to contribute to furthering the goals of the Society. Please contact me if there is a committee in which you would like to be involved.

Goals for the biennium:

- 1) Promote leadership
- 2) Increase & sustain membership
- 3) Support Early Career, seasoned & retired educators

## COMMITTEES

Committee chairs, as you contact your committee members, I would highly recommend that you read the committee reports from the April convention (green cover spiral notebook). Please note the recommendations given for your committee. If you have questions, contact previous members. Collaborate with your members to make plans and began implementation. Also, make the Executive Committee aware of your plans.



### ***Mission Statement***

*The Delta Kappa  
Gamma Society  
International  
promotes  
professional and  
personal growth of  
women educators  
and excellence in  
education.*

**International President's**

**Theme:** Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

**President's List:**

- 1) Meet with your Executive Committee to finalize plans for the new biennium.
- 2) At your first meeting verify all addresses, phone numbers and notify International and me of any changes.

**Membership**

Download the *Pride in the Big Picture* presentation to your computer so that it is ready when you need it for new member orientation in the fall.

**Thanks to Bonnie Dent**

(Tau)

Bonnie designed the heart pin for this biennium. If you choose to purchase one—\$5.00 each. Place your order with your president. Proceeds go to offset the 2018 Convention expenses.

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

**STARTING A NEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE NON-DUES REVENUE**

Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) is chairing this special committee to investigate ways to generate additional revenue to off-set convention expenses. If you have an idea to generate funds, please contact a member of this committee: Merry Lewis (Nu), Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) or Wally Turner (Eta).

**STAYING HEALTHY**

With the high temperatures in the state, remember to keep hydrated. Drink more water than normal. If you exercise outdoors, remember to apply sunscreen, take water with you and go early in the morning.

**RECRUITING YOUNGER MEMBERS**

Change is inevitable. Make membership a priority in your chapter. Did you know that young members like to use all types of media? They still like to be contacted individually. Send a personal invitation using the internet to invite to a meeting. Identify their interests through a survey or questionnaire at your first meeting. The first or second meeting is crucial, pay attention to the newcomer and make them feel a part of your group. Otherwise, they may not return.

Membership Chair Susan Halliday encourages us to be on the lookout for potential prospects this summer.

**ATTENDING REGIONALS**

First Vice-president Carmen Wendt (Chi) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta) attended a NW Regional for their officer training and the convention. Marilyn Steffen (Alpha Delta) is also attending the regional in Spearfish.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) will receive officer training in Hawaii starting Sunday evening and continuing through Tuesday. Sahuaro Editor Merry Lewis (Nu) and Treasurer Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) also have a training. In addition, 20 other Arizona members have made plans to attend the SW regional in Hawaii, many of which are first timers.

Latin American dinner is planned to honor our Latin American sisters. Thank you to all who contributed to the Latin American fund to make this a reality.

Keep cool during this heat wave.

Sincerely,

Alice Reule  
DKG AZ Omicron State President