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Letter from the State President

This will be my final letter as your State President, as our new State President, Pat Goeppinger, will officially take over as of July 1. Congratulations, Pat; you will do an awesome job!

I want to let you all know it has been a pleasure learning all there is to know about our state organization (it took me four years and there's still so much I haven't figured out), and an absolute joy getting to know so many of our chapter members statewide. I want to thank all of the Chapter Presidents, State Officers, and State Committees & Chairs who supported me these past four years. Our team worked extremely well together, and we were able to accomplish all of our goals for the business of the Society and for Nevada State.

I am certainly leaving you in very capable hands with the new 2023-2025 State Officers. They are all experienced leaders and real go-getters, bringing with them a vast knowledge of procedures and policies, along with new program ideas. You will have the opportunity to get to know them better at the virtual fall Executive Board meeting on September 23rd. Hopefully, we will have some exciting things to share from International with everyone as Pat, Maxine, Karen, and I are attending the Leadership Training in June in Irving, TX; and Pat, Maxine, and I are attending the Southwest Regional International Conference in July in Phoenix, AZ.

I want to thank all of you who lent your support by attending our virtual State Convention this past March. I hope it was time well-spent; perhaps making the acquaintance of a few new friends in the break-out room discussions and gathering some interesting ideas and good information, as well. I know we are all looking forward to the in-person convention next year in Winnemucca hosted by Omicron and Xi Chapters.

May you and your chapters enjoy a wonderful Founder's Day and DKG's 94th birthday celebration in May, followed by a truly relaxing and restful summer! Here's to being ready come September to gear up for another fabulous year in DKG! Until we see each other again, take care of you and yours.

All my best, Cheryl Anderson Outgoing 2019-2023 Alpha Chi Nevada State President

The Convention

What a great turnout for the Convention this year! All the state officers were there as well as nine of the chapter presidents. Forty-three members, in total, were in attendance. Four Past State Presidents, Maxine Emm, Judy Silker, Marlene Killian and Dr. Joyce King were also present.

Cheryl Anderson, out State President, opened the convention with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Candy Rooney (Delta).

Christi Pagni, Xi Chapter president, spoke of how much of a difference each person can make and how that creates hope.

Cheryl Anderson introduced our Guest Speaker, Carol Herzog, Northeast Regional Director, who spoke briefly before Carol Cardillo (Theta) and Barbara Bernstein (Epsilon) were announced as the winners of the Attendance Raffle and the Springtime Scratch-off.

A Delta Rose Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Marilyn Howard (Xi) for her continual and ongoing effort to keep Xi Chapter vibrant through the Pandemic and her efforts to host a State Convention. Congratulations, Marilyn!

The members in attendance then split up into Break-out rooms to read and discuss quotes for DKG Future Hopes and Goals for Growth and Rejuvenation. I know we all enjoyed visiting with each other and discussing our quotes.

Before we started on society business, Judy Silker (Nu), our State Parliamentarian, reminded us of proper procedures.

Our minutes from the 2022 State Convention were approved and a committee to approve this year's minutes was appointed. Terrie Camenisch (Theta), Cindi Supko, (Delta) and Linda Scriber (Lambda) agreed to serve.

Cheryl Anderson thanked everyone for their support of her for her four years as State President. Cheryl's leadership held us together during four VERY DIFFICULT years! Thank you, Cheryl. Her comments to members encouraged ALL members to get involved at the state level and really get to know DKG. She expressed our success as an organization comes from the participation and leadership of every one of us. In closing, Cheryl stressed continuing to rejuvenate, revitalize, and sustain our chapters with fun activities, exciting events, and relevant programs and projects.

Our membership report was of concern. Karen Laskowski (Gamma), State 1st Vice-President reported that DKG NV State has 165 members with 153 active and 12 reserve.

Karen also reported the sad loss of four of our members: Carol Mueller (Theta); Elaine Rohrer (Theta); Dorothy Todd (Nu); and Peggy Raine (Kappa). The Celebration of Life Ceremony was both beautiful and caring.

Moving on to more society business led us to the Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report given by Heidi Hull (Omicron), State Treasurer and Linda Getschman (Nu), State Finance Chair. It's nice to report that we are not broke. There are also funds available from the Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship Fund and the Martha Schultz Doctoral Fund. If you need help with advanced degrees, please apply for these scholarships! Heidi will be stepping down as State Treasurer and Betty Barker thanked Heidi for all her support. Well done, Heidi!

Cindy Frazer (Gamma), State Webmaster encouraged everyone to look at and submit entries for the Artful Endeavors Page on our State Website.

Maxine Emm (Delta), State Communication Chair stated that NINE chapters (Yeah!) had websites and communicate with their members with newsletters or email.

Judy Silker (Nu) and Marlene Killian (Omicron) presented the recommended amendments to our Standing Rules for vote. All amendments up for vote were approved.

Some important committees were formed. A committee was formed to plan and present the 2024 new Chapter Officer Summer Leadership Training. Information will be coming next year.

Since it has become difficult for most chapters to host and finance our State Conventions, a committee was formed to look into venues and determining feasibility of in-person vs. virtual conventions. Once the committee gets going, we will be seeking out thoughts, comments and ideas from members.

A major change was made to the Gold Key Award. There will no longer be an award. It was decided by an appointed committee to use the criteria as a guide. This guide will help our chapters be successful with due dates, projects and information. Any questions can always be directed to the state officers and state committee chairs.

Eva Wick-Lerud (Alpha) stated that there are a huge number of up-coming legislative bills affecting education. Please contact her at wicklerud@gmail.com for links to directly access the bills.

Before the final session of the convention (The AWARDS) our Guest Speaker, Carol Herzog, presented two slide show presentations to get us thinking of efforts to increase membership, recruitment and retention. Carol led a discussion on Relevance, Vitality, and Sustainability. At the end, Carol Herzog reminded everyone of the International Conference in Phoenix, AZ, July 18-22, 2023.

You can tell that our convention this year was loaded with information, insights and ideas! As always, a lot of work went into organizing and putting on our State Convention. Thank you to EVERYONE who planned, presented, and attended this year.

One of the final events of the General Session was the Installation of the 2023-2025 State Officers. What a great honor to serve at the state level. With the help and guidance of our Past Officers, the newly elected officers look forward to a successful next two years.

The State Officers for 2023-2025 are:

President: Pat Goepfinger (Gamma)

1st Vice-President: Cindy Frazer (Gamma)

2nd Vice-President: Candy Rooney (Delta)

Secretary: Karen Laskowski (Gamma)

Treasurer: Maxine Emm (Delta)

Nominating Committee:

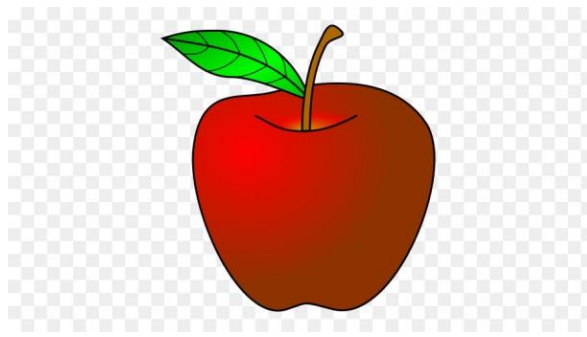
Linda Scribner (Lambda)

Penny Thompson (Epsilon)

Jill Murphy (Kappa)

NOW TO THE 2023 AWARDS!

THE ALPHI CHI STATE APPLE AWARD



Alpha	Gemma Romo	Spanish Chapter Books	Mt. Rose ES
Gamma	Lisa Lee	Robots for All	Cahlan ES
Delta	Alyssa Rojas	Science Now and in the Future	Jacks Valley ES
	Rene Smith	Tour of the World	Jacks Valley ES
	Nicole Medeiros	Gift of Time	Bordewich-Bray ES
Epsilon	Dr. Sebern Coleman	Rebel Teach	UNLV
Theta	Jamie Gustafson	STEM materials	Alyce Taylor ES
	Cathy Breshears	S.O.A.R. Behaviors Program	Florence Drake ES
Lambda	Amber Alfaro		
Nu	Cassidy Robinson		Empire ES
	Theresa Martin		St. Theresa of Avila
Xi	Elana Varskawsky		Desert Heights
	Jessica Erickson		Desert Heights
	Alysha Jones		Desert Heights
	Allena Dills		Desert Heights
	Leilani Konyshv		Desert Heights
Omicron	Brian Gauthier	Models from a 3-D printer	
	Todd Hughes	Recording School Events	
	Cindy Bravo, Madi Gage, and Kiko Ramirez	Celebration of Learning	

GOLD KEY AWARD

Alpha Chapter

Gamma Chapter

Delta Chapter

Epsilon Chapter

Theta Chapter

Kappa Chapter

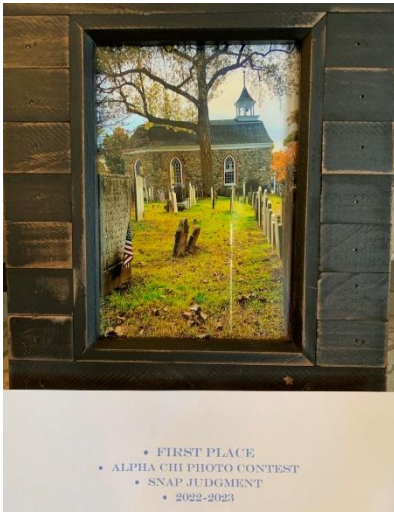
Lambda Chapter

Nu Chapter

Xi Chapter



SNAP JUDGEMENT PHOTO CONTEST



1ST Place Lori Johnson (Theta)

2nd Place Terrie Camenisch
(Theta)

Participation Certificate

Lois Bianchi (Lambda)



Rose of Recognition

Alpha Chapter

Susan Burke

Gamma Chapter

Donna Harper

Delta Chapter

Margaret von Rumpf

Epsilon Chapter

Barbara Bernstein

Theta Chapter

Carol Cardillo

Kappa Chapter

Janie Kimble

Lambda Chapter

Delores (Bart) Clewe

Nu Chapter

Pat Hutson

Xi Chapter

Leta Rabenstine



Exemplary Service Award

Cindy Frazer

Remembering those we lost.....

Carol Mueller (Theta)

Elaine Rohrer (Theta)

Dorothy Todd (Nu)

Peggy Raine (Kappa)



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- If you have not already sent in your Founder's Day article, please do so when finished.
- If you would like to submit an article or announcement to the Nevadagram, please send to any member of Editorial Staff.

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