



The Nevadagram

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Summer Nevadagram AND Founder's Day Edition

2023 Founder's Day around the state...

EPSILON and GAMMA

Epsilon and Gamma Chapters enjoyed a joint Founder's Day Celebration. Epsilon hosted our luncheon at the Village Pub in Henderson. The theme was Hawaiian and each member was presented with a Lei. After lunch we all enjoyed a fun time of Founder's Day Bingo. Prizes were awarded to the winners; Donna Harper, Kirsten Joerns and Myrtle Hyman. Twelve door prizes were given out to members. Thank you Epsilon for hosting this year.



DELTA

Delta Chapter will be inviting prospective new members, as well as Maria Herrera Aguilar, the student teacher recipient of our Gwen Anne Thacker DKG Memorial Scholarship, and our three Nevada Apple Grant recipients, Rene Smith, Nicole Medeiros, and Alyssa Rojas, to join us at the lovely home of our hostess, Jill Harper, for our May 6th Founder's Day Brunch in celebration of DKG's 94th birthday. We will be performing a skit on the 12 Founders; showing off our beautiful chapter scrapbooks (thank you to our Chapter Historian, Candy Rooney); awarding 5, 10, and 15-year service awards; presenting Margaret von Rumpf, our Rose of



Recognition, with her crystal rose and pin; announcing our restaurant raffle, 50/50 raffle, and attendance drawing for the year (dues paid for 2023-2024) winners; celebrating our summer birthdays; and enjoying a fun sisterhood activity.





LAMBDA

Lambda Chapter celebrated Founders' Day by honoring one of our continuously active Founding members, Jacque Carlton, at Sky Peaks Assisted Living. We were honored with a luncheon served by her daughter and grandson. Many memories were shared as each person shared something special about our chapter and organization. Also, in attendance was founding member, Ann Marie Utter, who is not a current member, but we enjoyed hearing her story as well. We all left feeling inspired by Jacque's energy, memories, beautiful smile, and kind words. We also shared memories of another 90 year+ member, Martha Jessup. She also continues to inspire us with her active involvement. She rarely misses any event. Our members continue to be inspired and uplifted by these amazing nonagenarians and the legacy that began with them.

Nu

During Nu Chapter's meeting on May 20, 2023, Nan Oleson and May Whalen presented the Founder's Day Ceremony. The Nu Chapter Apple Award Winners, Scholarship and Grants-in-Aid recipients participated in the ceremony.

Xi

Xi Chapter celebrated Founder's Day Monday, May 1 with a visit from Cheryl Anderson and three of our Apple Award Recipients. Our Founder's Day Committee, Linda Beeghly and Seal Neroda, decided to do something different this year. They have been presenting interesting facts about our founders at our chapter meetings throughout the year. There was a fun Bingo game for our members to play during our Founder's Day dinner to test our knowledge about them. It was a fun and inspiring evening.  

Omicron

Omicron Chapter took to the streets of Winnemucca to celebrate Founder's Day on October 8, 2022. We chose to do a walking tour of Winnemucca. During the tour, our members were treated to a history of the people and buildings from our town's past. The day was wonderful. Everyone had such a good time that we forgot to take pictures.

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CELEBRATION

What has been going around the Chapters?

I took a look back at some of the activities and events that different chapters have sent me and I think we all need to enjoy some of the great things happening in our chapters in the last six months.

ALPHA and THETA

Alpha and Theta Chapters enjoyed a lunch at the Gold and Silver Restaurant on April 11, 2023 and later attended their school Board meeting. This was an opportunity to acquaint themselves with board members but also to let them know about their DKG membership. I know this will benefit both parties.

Alpha and Theta Chapter's SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH:

March – Linda Siminske

April - Carol Cardillo

May – Susan Burke

GAMMA



One project that our group has committed to is Janie's Classroom. We donate new books to their classroom Book Vending Machine. Karen Laskowski is in charge of purchasing the new books. Jennifer Mooris, CCSD Facilitator (left) and Karen Laskowski, Gamma Chapter (right) show off the awesome Book Vending Machine.

Gamma Chapter has done a few new things this year. Cindy Frazer, Gamma Chapter President, started two new ideas this year. First, was Trivial Pursuit. She came up with some great research items that we all enjoy trying to find the answer for by the next meeting. This idea has prompted many fun and interesting discussions.

The Second idea has become one of our favorites. It is called One Thing... Cindy Frazer will come up with a question, such as.....Who would be the ONE person you would most like to have a conversation with and why? Our members then share their answer or thoughts with the group. We are learning so much about each other we did not know. We started our own Basket Raffle for each meeting to help raise funds to support our projects. Each member will sign up to bring in a basket, the theme is their choice, and we all make a donation and put our name in the cup. The lucky winner goes home with a special gift. We all agreed at our planning meeting in June that all three of these new ideas will be continued this coming year.

DELTA

The 2022 Northern Nevada Holiday Luncheon hosted by Delta Chapter in Minden, Nv was outstanding. For those of you unable to attend, you missed a grand event. Carson Valley Inn provided a wonderful soup,

salad, and dessert buffet in a cozy room large enough to include an entertainment area for bell ringers and ukulele performances. Delta Chapter had several holiday baskets and a quilt available for raffle prizes, cute handmade necklaces, bracelets, and holiday cards, and numerous favors of candy bags, special DKG chocolate bar and cookie, crackers with toys and jokes inside, mini sanitizers, holiday masks, elf games, etc. We all enjoyed the Christmas skit and the Right/Left holiday pass-around gift story whereby one person at each table ended up with the winning gift. Lastly, the annual fundraiser for the coveted American Doll with an alluring array of clothes made by Leta Rabenstine was won by Carol Cardillo. Wow!!! Such a fantastic win!

This was first time the American Girl brand announced a doll of Chinese American descent as the 2022 Doll of the Year. Carol knew the perfect child for this doll, an 8-year-old sweetheart of Chinese American descent. Caroline Asikainen (XI) provided the picture of Carol Cardillo and Charlene Harris with the doll before they left the restaurant. Thank you, Caroline. Two pictures are attached showing this little 8-year-old girl (also of Chinese American descent) opening her gifts on December 24 and several days later when she dyed her hair (turquoise with parent permission) to match the doll's hair. Theta members who attended the luncheon have already seen these pictures. We hope the rest of you will enjoy them too. The child's parents are delighted to share these happy photos and send their sincere and joyful thanks to Delta Chapter. For privacy and safety reasons the attached photos may not be posted on the internet or included in any other publication. Thank you for understanding. As a follow-up, Carol celebrated the Chinese New Year in January with the family at a Chinese restaurant where the mother collaborated with the Chinese chef in her native language. We all enjoyed many dishes that do not appear on the regular menu. This was Carol's most enjoyable meal of the entire year.

THETA

Two mini grant proposals for school funds were awarded by Theta Chapter in November, 2022. One \$250 award was given to Alyce Taylor Elementary kindergarten teacher Jamie Gustafson for STEM materials for her students. She stated in her application that the program would build creativity, encourage teamwork and encourage experimentation, as well as prepare children for their future.

The second \$250 grant went to Florence Drake school counselor Cathy Breshears to fund the S.O.A.R. behaviors program. (Safe, Outstanding Learner, Always Respectful, Responsible). Our mini-grant provides the resource for the Drake Prize Box which is a school wide incentive. Students are able to be recognized when demonstrating positive social and behavioral outcomes, individually and as a class.

Lambda



Ten Lambda members gathered on Delores' beautiful patio on May 22 to celebrate two future teachers both graduating just a few days earlier from UNR. Both women stated they wanted to be teachers at an early age and will be working on their Masters degrees. They are already involved in the teaching profession. It was delightful meeting their parents and special friend.

Lambda's 2023 \$1,000 Grant Recipients Lauryn Freud and Jacqueline Stobe.

On April 24, 2023, Lambda Chapter celebrated founding member, Jacquie Carleton. The luncheon was hosted by Jackie's daughter, Lynne Fells, and grandson, Forrest.

Reaching out to the Members...

1. I am sending out a plea for anyone wishing to showcase their writing talents to step forward and become the NEVADAGRAM editor. If you are interested, contact Pat Goepfinger at onehappygrandma@cox.net or 702-308-3489.
2. Please send articles about your chapter's activities, projects, and events to Pat Goepfinger at onehappygrandma@cox.net or 702-308-3489. Pictures would be wonderful.
3. Cindy Frazer is willing to help with technology help and website assistance.
4. Please check out our Alpha Chi State website. Open up all the titles and see what wonderful things are available.

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President	Pat Goepfinger
1 st Vice President	Cindy Frazer
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES...

- July 1 Dues submitted to State and International by Chapter Treasurers
- July 15 Annual Report (Form 15) submitted by Chapter Treasurers to Maxine Emm, State Treasurer memm35@gmail.com
- September 16 Please note date change. Annual Fall Alpha Chi Nevada State Executive Board Meeting (ZOOM) at 10:00am

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