

Lambda Ladies



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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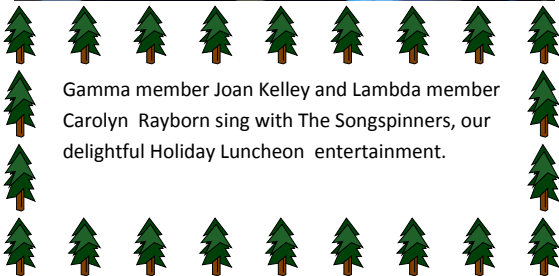
Lambda Chapter, Eugene, Oregon

Luncheon Donations Add Up to a Brighter Future



Our annual Holiday Luncheon at Shadow Hills was enjoyed by almost 50 members this year, with special guests joining the members of Gamma, Lambda, and Alpha Sigma Chapters. The Songspiners delighted us with holiday musical selections, our cookie exchange provided a variety of treats, and the food was delicious. Members were generous with donations to Pearl Buck and a joyous spirit prevailed.

Our final total for Pearl Buck was an even \$500. Please thank all your members who participated by baking and buying cookies or donating to the stocking. This will go a long ways in getting some little ones ready for kindergarten. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. THANK YOU! Kathy Howard, Gamma Chapter.



Gamma member Joan Kelley and Lambda member Carolyn Rayborn sing with The Songspiners, our delightful Holiday Luncheon entertainment.

Lambda Ladies Support Head Start!

Once again the Lambda ladies outdid themselves with wonderful warm clothes for the Head Start children at the Bethel site located at Willamette high school. Many of these children -- all below the poverty level-- do not have enough warm clothes for these cold Oregon days.

With sale shopping and generous donations, we gave 38 sets of sweatsuits to the children. The warm clothes are put in the holiday sacks. Many of the parents wrap up these outfits and give them to their children for Christmas. Once again we proved what a small group of determined women can do. This year because we had the outfits so early, the teachers were able to be sure that each child had exactly the right size suit for them! Thanks so much for spreading the joy! Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma has a special place in the hearts of the Bethel Head Start teachers! They send their enthusiastic thanks your way! They look forward to seeing the children wear the big smiles of the children as they wear their new outfits this New Year!



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

Meet Our Newest Member-Julie Voelker-Morris



By Julie Voelker-Morris

I was raised in small towns in Nebraska and Iowa to a family of teachers, Lutheran pastors, and farmers. Self-educating and teaching others in school, church, or community has been part of our family history for generations upon generations. I graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD with degrees in Theatre Arts and English.

Following a theatre career that took me to a number of states throughout the Midwest, I worked as a guest theatre artist and taught writing and research in the Integrated Studies Program at Southwestern College in Winfield, KS. I determined that a graduate degree was needed and migrated to Eugene to complete a masters in Arts Management with concentrations in Community and Performing Arts at the UO.

While in the program, I met my husband, Robert. We just celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary

in December! We have two wonderful children:

Isaac, a third grader, and Elise, a Kindergartener. I am also in my 10th academic year as a part-time instructor at the UO. I teach undergraduate courses such as Art & Gender, Art & Human Values, and Visual Literacy that encourage critical thinking about the visual world of art, media, and culture that we encounter each day. I also co-edit a journal, Culturework (<http://culturework.uoregon.edu>), copy edit for Studies in Art Education, have enjoyed the same book club for almost 6 years, and prefer walking, yoga, and swimming in a warm pool to other forms of exercise.



Our newest members with Alpha Rho State guests State Vice-President Kathy Martell, new member Julie Voelker-Morris, soon-to-be-initiated Nancy Schaal-McHarry, and Alpha Rho State President Alice Hartness-Reichle.

Monroe Middle School Thanks You!

By Dorothy Syfert

Throughout the district, the percentage of students who participate in the free and reduced lunch program has increased over the years, and James Monroe Middle School is no exception. In fact, many students enjoy two meals a day at the school--breakfast and lunch. Vacation times are exceptionally difficult for these students because they will not benefit from the food provided by the district. Each year, Monroe students, families and staff members participate in a Food Drive to help school families over the winter break. This school year, some of you heard that contributions were down, yet the needs were higher, and brought bags and boxes of food and household items to the Holiday Luncheon. What a wonderful surprise to discover all the "packages" under the Christmas tree were for Monroe's Food Drive. Due to your contributions and the efforts of all involved, Monroe was able to provide 2500 meals over winter vacation to those school families in need. A heartfelt thank you to each one of you who took part. Monroe Middle School is truly blessed to be part of such a caring community.



Member News

Honorary Coach Carolyn

Carolyn Rayborn, member of the "Order of the O", was recently selected to be an Honorary Coach for the University of Oregon women's basketball game against Cal State University – Northridge.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, January 19, 4:30 p.m.

North Eugene High School
200 Silver Lane

Join Clair Wiles at North Eugene High School to learn what is currently happening with North Eugene's small schools.



Saturday, February 11, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
West 13th Ave. and Olive St.
World Community Service
World Fellowship Auction – Raising funds for women to study in the US and Canada

This year's auction will be a bit different. We'll have a few special items from the Ethel Krauss Estate. In addition we'll have --- ??? What "big ticket" item do YOU have to offer? Will you contribute a weekend at your beach house or mountain cabin? Or a ride in your vintage automobile? Or four hours of paper-grading? OR ??? (Do you remember when Dennis Fasold would contribute carpet cleaning for your home?) Be creative and generous!

Alpha Rho State Convention

"Sustaining Excellence in Education"

Eugene Hilton, April 20-22, 2012

Great speakers and workshops! Come enjoy, learn, and help. PDUs available. Colleagues welcome.

Friday night presentation will be open to the public, but space is limited, so sign up early!

"Gabe and Izzy – America's Voice for the Bullied" (see gabeandizzy.com for info.)

<http://youtu.be/Y8bT42lQtGY>

Saturday morning's keynote speaker will be Dr. Nancy Golden, Springfield Superintendent and Gov. Kitzhaber's education advisor.

Have you seen the great logo designed by Karen Olsen's student? It's in [The Trail](#).

