

Lambda Ladies



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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Lambda Chapter Meetings

August Meeting

Lambda Chapter is filled with energy. Our first meeting was a tour of the Schnitzer Art Museum at the University of Oregon, led by our very own Co-President **Camille Ronzio**, a museum volunteer. We gave donations to project "Fill the Bus" which provides field trips to the museum for local elementary school students.

October Meeting

On October 14th, members gathered at Monroe Middle School to hear teacher Linda Smart explain about her "Peace Jam" class. Students raise money to help others. Last year they sent money to Haiti to aid earthquake survivors; this year they will decide on a way to help people in their local community. Learning what the students are doing is inspiring.



On October 25th, over 30 members from Gamma, Lambda, and Alpha Sigma Chapters were enthralled by the program presented by Kathryn Miles, World War II aviator. As a Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP), Kathryn towed targets and ferried planes during the war. She told stories of an emergency landing in a farmer's field and the struggles she and her fellow WASPs endured as they broke into a traditionally male career field. Although the WASPs served side by side with their male counterparts and often had better flying records, they had to fight for recognition as members of the military.

Installation of Officers

In April we thanked our out-going officers and installed Co-President Camille Ronzio and Co-Secretary Rosemary Erb. Meribeth Olsen generously offered to continue as Corresponding Secretary. Paula Lockhart has graciously agreed to continue as our Treasurer, but she is looking for a Lambda sister to mentor this year, who would then become Treasurer the next year. Do YOU like to organize money and membership records? We need you!

In September, with roses and our pledges of support, we installed our remaining officers: Co-President Susan Colvin, Vice-President Sherry Cossey, and Co-Secretary Debbi Eberle. We thank our new officers for their willingness to serve in leadership roles and support them with our generous participation.

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

New Members

On September 16, we met at the home of Lambda Historian **Joan Cavin** to initiate four new members. Each woman was introduced by her sponsor/mentor and then initiated with a lovely roses and candlelight ceremony. Our new members are **Mary Koritnik**, now retired, who taught Spanish at Cal Young Middle School and coordinated UO student teachers for her building; **Martha Humphreys**, who teaches culinary arts and family/consumer science at Willamette High School and coaches their award-winning culinary team; **Marjorie Maxwell**, now retired, who taught family/consumer science at Springfield High School and continues to organize the Springfield Youth Day of Caring, in partnership with United Way and the Springfield community; and **Jeanette Engel**, music teacher at Crest Drive and McCornack Elementary Schools who assists fifth-grade teacher, Lambda's **Karen Olsen**, with the production of McCornack's yearly spring musical. We are proud to honor these four outstanding teachers with Delta Kappa Gamma membership and welcome them as Lambda Sisters. We also welcomed back **Marilyn Moblo** with a rededication ceremony. Thank you, Membership Committee, for the beautiful ceremonies.



Member Activities

Lesley Matson and her husband have moved from Lakewood Estates to Solvang Retirement Community. Downsizing is difficult work, but thanks to Lesley's many hobbies and her generosity, she became "Santa Claus" to many organizations, including her church, PEO, Eastern Star, St. Vincent DePaul, the Family Shelter, Friends of the Library, Lambda Chapter, MECCA and the Lane County Jail. Lesley, all of these organizations appreciate your donations!

Carol Adams and her husband have also been busy moving. They are now back in their home, after extensive remodeling. While she's been "living out of a box" it has been hard to reach her, but now we know the secret: If you want to contact Carol, call her cell phone #541-954-9724.

Genevieve Barham may be 95 years young, but that doesn't keep her from "learning new tricks." She is now online at gbsucc@gmail.com

Sheila Sundahl is teaching a series of weekly classes for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in Cottage Grove. We know the participants appreciate her expertise and care.

Sherry Cossey is the newsletter editor for both the local and state organizations of the Garden Club. She is still active with musical performance, too. Thanks, Sherry, for our Lambda Yearbook! And congratulations on the many blue ribbons your lovely and unique flower arrangements earned at the fair.

Yvonne Fasold is volunteering to screen Monroe Middle School students for Irlen Syndrome, which can be helped by using colored overlays. She is also giving inservices to help teachers prepare students to meet the new reading test graduation requirement. (Class of 2012 and beyond)

Paula Lockhart is again teaching math at LCC. This year she has two sections of Math 60, which is the first semester of high school algebra. It takes patience, but Paula says she "has nice students and is enjoying it."

YOU: What are your projects and activities? E-mail your 50-100 word news to Editor Clair Wiles by December 15th for the next issue. (No e-mail? Just call.) wilesc@comcast.net or 541-521-8408.

On the Lighter Side

While playing with her grandsons on their new trampoline, **Yvonne Fasold** found that she could still do the classic "seat-twist 180-seat" maneuver from her high school days.

An Invitation from Alpha Sigma Chapter

Please join us for our November meeting:

Wed. Nov. 17 at 4:15 p.m.

“Bags of Love” Office, 3910 A West 1st Ave., Eugene

Our own **Darby Tracy** is active with “Bags of Love”, and suggests that we bring personal items for children up to seven years old who have been removed from their homes and are in need of a little extra-special care.

Chapter Projects

Sweatsuits for Headstart: Bring money or sweatsuits to the November 20th meeting.

Helping in Classrooms: **Guadalupe Jones** asked members if they could help at Monroe Middle School. **Susan Colvin, Rosemary Erb, Marj Maxwell, and Yvonne Fasold** have answered that call.

Sue also volunteers at Willamette High School, helping **Martha Humphreys'** students with their sewing.

Fundraiser: Spanish-English Dictionaries for Guadalupe's classes
10 members met at Ruth Michaelson's home to make 60 (Wow!) fabric pins.
Each pin is unique and will sell for about \$3.00 at our meetings.

Tell us about your classroom work by e-mailing Clair by Dec. 15th.

International Convention in Spokane, July 2010

Meribeth Olsen reports, “It was wonderful to meet people from all over the world. Karen and I really enjoyed touring the Spokane area, also.”

Carolyn Rayborn's highlight was singing as part of the chorus and also in the 17 member Northwest Ensemble. The Ensemble sang Arlene Ydstie's (Oregon) “Canon of Delta Kappa Gamma's Mission” to over 1400 members at the second general session.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND TEACHING TIPS

Next Meeting

Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Eugene District 4J Office, Tower Room (door by tower)

200 N. Monroe, Eugene

Program: Marilyn Williams' doctoral dissertation research
"Using iPod Touches to Improve Reading Comprehension"

Bring: Sweatsuits for Headstart; Money for the December luncheon

TEACHING TIPS

Try to avoid saying "this is really easy," when introducing something new or responding to a student's question about a problem. If the student is having difficulty with a concept, such a statement can make them feel stupid or inadequate.

Chris Luehring – Alpha Sigma

Make connections between curricular lessons whenever possible. Learning becomes more deeply rooted this way.

Alpha Pi

Vary your voice volume, and do not hesitate to speak with expression. Sometimes using a low, quiet tone is very effective. Attention is attracted in a positive way.

Alpha Pi

Using names: Self-esteem and confidence are built by simply speaking to each person as students arrive and leave. Be sure to use his or her name.

Kathy Howard - Gamma



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