

# Lambda Ladies



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Editor: Clair Wiles

Lambda Chapter, Eugene, Oregon

## Lambda Ladies Making a Difference-Supporting Kids and Teachers!



Sheila Sundahl presents Beverly Emmons with a bouquet of flowers expressing our thanks and appreciation for more than two decades of organizing and fund-raising for World Fellowship. Our World Fellowship silent auction earned over \$300.00 for the W.F. fund. In addition, Co-President Camille Ronzio used her "E-Bay Magic" to sell one of the vintage lamps from the estate of Ethel Krauss for over \$400!

We also thank Bev for overseeing the estate of Ethel Krauss, Lambda member who in her will contributed her estate to provide perpetual scholarships for Cottage Grove High School students.



World Fellowship Chair Sheila Sundahl with Trang Nguyen, our UO World Fellowship Recipient. Trang shared her many experiences from the past year. She is excelling in her academics, and she is gaining expertise in assessment procedures which she will then share when she returns home.



Karen Olsen, International Projects coordinator, and Sue Colvin, doll aficionado, explain the Dolls for Africa project we'll prepare for our State Convention in April.

## New Lambda Officers!

Co-Presidents: Sheila Sundahl and Ruth Michaelson

Vice-President: Clair Wiles

Secretary: Marj Maxwell

Treasurer: Jane Landrum



THANK YOU to our out-going officers for your service and inspiration. THANK YOU to our in-coming officers for your willingness to serve as our leaders. Remember, Lambda women are always right with you to help, support, encourage, and say "YES" when you ask us!

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

## Meet Our Newest Member-Nancy Schaal-McHarry

I was born and raised in Fort Collins, Colorado, then went to college in Greeley, Colorado. I received my BA in 2005 from the University of Northern Colorado in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Elementary Education and a concentration in Spanish. I did one round of student teaching abroad in Atenas, Costa Rica at the Escuela Colina Azul. I was then a long term substitute my first year of teaching before I was hired to teach 4th grade at one of the schools where I subbed. I taught in an area of town that was literally "on the other side of the tracks" in one of the poorest parts of town.

My classroom students were all native Spanish speakers, which helped me to realize that maybe I should get an endorsement in ESL. Not only did I teach 4th graders how to speak, read, and write in English, but a fellow teacher and I started an ESL class for parents. We thought that if we wanted to help our students be more successful, why not help the parents?

### Coming to Oregon

I needed a change in my life, so in August 2008, I packed up whatever I could fit into my little purple Saturn with my cat and drove out to Eugene. I didn't have a place to live, a job, nor did I know a single soul. I found work in the 4j school district in October that year and almost six months to the day of moving here, I met my husband, Kelcy.

We were married August 28, 2010.

I now have my Master's from the U.O., with an endorsement in ESOL. I work at Monroe Middle School, where I teach a study skills class and assist special education students.

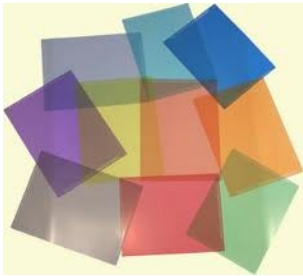
When I am not working, I am tutoring students within our community. I tutor elementary and middle school students in all academic areas and Spanish. I also like to paint with watercolors and I even sell my cards, note cards, and post-cards at the Eugene Saturday Market where I share a booth with my father-in-law who makes driftwood cribbage boards.

I am also planning to start writing a book. My family owns property in the mountains of Colorado and my father has been keeping a diary from day one. I am going to compile the best of the journal entries and find the corresponding family pictures to create this book. I want to do this so I can learn more about my family and the property before I came along.

My ultimate dream is to open a tutoring cafe. I like to do gluten-free baking since I have many food allergies. I would like to open my own cafe and offer my allergy-friendly, organic goodies as well as tutoring for those who need it. I also want to hold adult ESL classes for members in the community. I would also want to have local art on the walls as well.



### Nancy's Vision Journey via Irlen



I am very blessed to have crossed paths with Yvonne Fasold. She has opened up so many doors for me. Not only has she encouraged me to join Delta Kappa Gamma with the Lambda Chapter, but she has also helped me improve myself. She screened me for Irlen syndrome and wow! What a difference! I have always had trouble reading. When I entered the 7th grade I had a 4th grade reading level. I worked hard for a year to bring my reading abilities to beyond the 7th grade reading level. But, I still had troubles. I would get tired easily while I was reading and my rate was very slow. I had noticed that the page did funny things and always thought that I was hallucinating.

It wasn't until I was halfway through my Masters program that I realized that there was a \$5 solution! Colored overlays! The day that Yvonne screened me and gave me my overlays, I read my textbook assignment for class. Oh my goodness! I started reading so fast that I got my homework done in half the time as usual, could remember everything I had read. I could even think about other things that were related to what I was reading at the same time! I felt like a genius! I am now a screener for Irlen. With the information I learned from the training, I can help the students that I work with. I am currently in the process of finding the right lenses for my new Irlen tinted glasses. I would like to thank the generous women of the Lambda chapter for their donations to get my Irlen lenses. Without all of my new sisters in education, it would not be possible.

## Members in Action

### Oregon Battle of the Books



Six Lambda Chapter members helped Priscilla Ing and McCornack Elementary School on February 17th as the students participated in their first round of “Oregon Battle of the Books” [OBOB]. Ruth, Carol, Jane, Gigi, Mary, and Yvonne all had a great time and were very impressed that so many teams of students had read 16 books and could answer detailed questions about them. Carol helped again with the semi-final and final rounds on February 21 and 24.

### Willamette High School Culinary Team

Have you ever tried making a three-course meal in one hour, using only two butane burners? That feat was accomplished February 18<sup>th</sup> by the Willamette High School culinary team at the statewide Pro-Start Culinary competition in Portland.

The four-person team, coached by Lambda member Martha Humphreys, prepared a menu of pan-seared Oregon rock fish; herbed tomato aioli served with parmesan polenta; grilled Columbia River salmon with lemon chive oil, beet pan-cetta relish, creamy mushroom pilaf and tourned roasted zucchini. Dessert was a lemon poppy seed cake.



### Our Monroe Middle School Members

Dorothy Syfert teaches 8th grade LA, 7th grade PreAlgebra and is the School Improvement Coordinator; Nancy Schaal-McHarry teaches study skills and is an aide for special education students; Guadalupe Jones teaches 6th and 7th grade LA in Spanish and 6th grade Enrichment.

## Community Events

### Friends of the Springfield Public Library Book Sale

When: Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

(You can drop in after our DKG meeting!)

Where: 225 Fifth St., Inside Springfield’s City Hall next to the Library

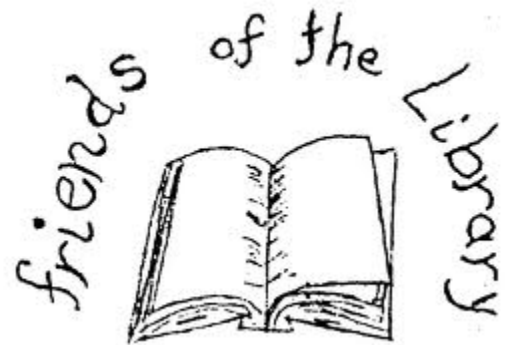
Why: All proceeds go to support Springfield Public Library programs and services.

### Friends of the Eugene Public Library Book Sale

Lane County Events Center

April 14 and 15

Watch the newspaper for times.



## Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendars!

Joint meeting of Gamma, Lambda, and Alpha Sigma Chapters, sponsored by the Lane Coordinating Council (LCC).

WHO: YOU are invited!

WHAT: "Pre-Convention Party" including lunch, compliments of the LCC

WHEN: Saturday, March 10, 2012

TIME: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WHERE: SUB (Springfield Utility Board) Board Room  
223 A St., Springfield (Corner of Pioneer  
Parkway W and A St.)

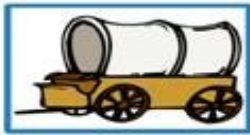
WHY: Prepare for Alpha Rho State Convention

HOW: Information, song, skit, and making a few multi-cultural dolls

(Doll-making is for all levels of expertise, from cutting patterns to sewing, to dressing the dolls.)



## Alpha Rho State Convention, Eugene 2012



Designed By Austin Freeman, Age 11

### "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/Y8bT42IQtGY>

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

**Registration forms are on-line—send yours in TODAY!**

<http://deltakappagamma.org/OR/conventions/2012/index.html>

Thank you so much to all who have volunteered to help before and during convention.

**If you have not yet volunteered, contact Darby Tracy.** We need you! {For example, Friday night's presentation by Gabrielle Ford needs 6-10 ticket takers and survey collectors. Table hostesses are needed for the meals.}