



# Lambda Ladies



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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## Generation Gap? Not in Lambda!

My reaction to Darby's presentation for September's meeting is - I will forever feel I am in the presence of greatness and an enormous wealth of educational knowledge. I may be the youngest and newest sister in our society's chapter, but I feel like I belong, like I have been a member and part of this family for many years already. I feel that I have a mentor in every woman educator in our little group and I can only absorb a fraction of what you all can share with me. I know that I am a valued member, and I have felt that way since Yvonne set her sights on me, and even at the convention in April when I was abducted to be part of the same presentation Darby shared with us recently. I am excited to see what ya'll will teach me, both professionally and personally, but I am even more excited to see what this young whippersnapper will teach you!

Nancy Schaal-McHarry

### The Veterans (1922-1943)

- ☞ 51 million people
- ☞ Those born prior to World War II and those whose earliest memories and influences are associated with that world-engulfing event.



### The Baby Boomers (1943-1960)

- ☞ 73 million people
- ☞ Those born during or after World War II and raised in the era of extreme optimism, opportunity, and progress.



## We all have something to learn from each other!

### Generation Xers (1960-1980)

- ☞ 70 million people
- ☞ Those born after the blush of the Baby Boom and came of age deep in the shadow of the Boomers and the rise of the Asian tiger.



### Generation Y (1980-2000)

- ☞ 69 million people
- ☞ Those born of the Baby Boomers and early Xers and into our current high-tech, neo-optimistic time.



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

## Co-Presidents' Corner

Marj Maxwell, Ruth Michaelson, Yvonne Fasold and myself (Sheila) attended the Alpha Rho State Fall Executive Board Meeting and Conference at Tigard High School, Saturday, Sept. 29. This was the first time Ruth, Marj and I had met our counterparts from Chapters around the state. State President Alice Hartness-Reichle is a dynamic, fun woman whose energy and enthusiasm for Delta Kappa Gamma's ideals and purposes are infectious. It was wonderful watching her preside as she led us through a heavy duty meeting that was all business and all-inspiration. Amazing.

One of the things we all worked on in the daylong session was a Strategic Action Plan for our Chapters. We four chose to focus on a literacy project and budget for our 2012-2013 goals. We are writing an action plan for developing guidelines for utilizing e-readers (Kindles, Nooks, etc.) with students with various reading disabilities or disinterests. For our second SAP we actually began to instigate our budget goal at our September meeting when we voted to align our budget expenses with our income. To achieve our goal means we must find ways to fund grant-in-aids and scholarships

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plus support women educators and our literacy project without overtaxing our own members. At our Tigard meeting we heard from three Oregon chapters as to how they raised money for special projects as well as attracted prospective members. Lambda, too, has fine ideas about fund raising and we will keep you updated as to ideas that will become realities.

Ruth and I thank you for your support at our first fall meeting of the year held in Karen Olsen's interesting and colorful classroom. Darby's presentation on intergenerational interests and characteristics sparked good discussion and an occasional laugh. We look forward to an entire year of fine programs, hands-on opportunities and ways we can continue to provide support and resources for educators here and around the world.

Sheila Sundahl  
Co-President

### YOU Should Apply for a DKG Scholarship!

Any DKG member, regardless of age or years of membership, is eligible to apply for a scholarship. The form is on the Alpha Rho State website.

Scholarships are available for personal projects or study, graduate study, post-graduate study or special certification. Due dates are December 1, March 1, and August 1.



### Teaching Tip

Education is driven by assessment, so learn to use "quick checks" while moving around the room with a class list in hand. Label the targeted skill, and use an easy symbol to mark each student's progress for later use.

-Alpha Pi Chapter

## Tribute to Clair Wiles: Nobel Peace Laureate Project Teacher of the Year: 2012

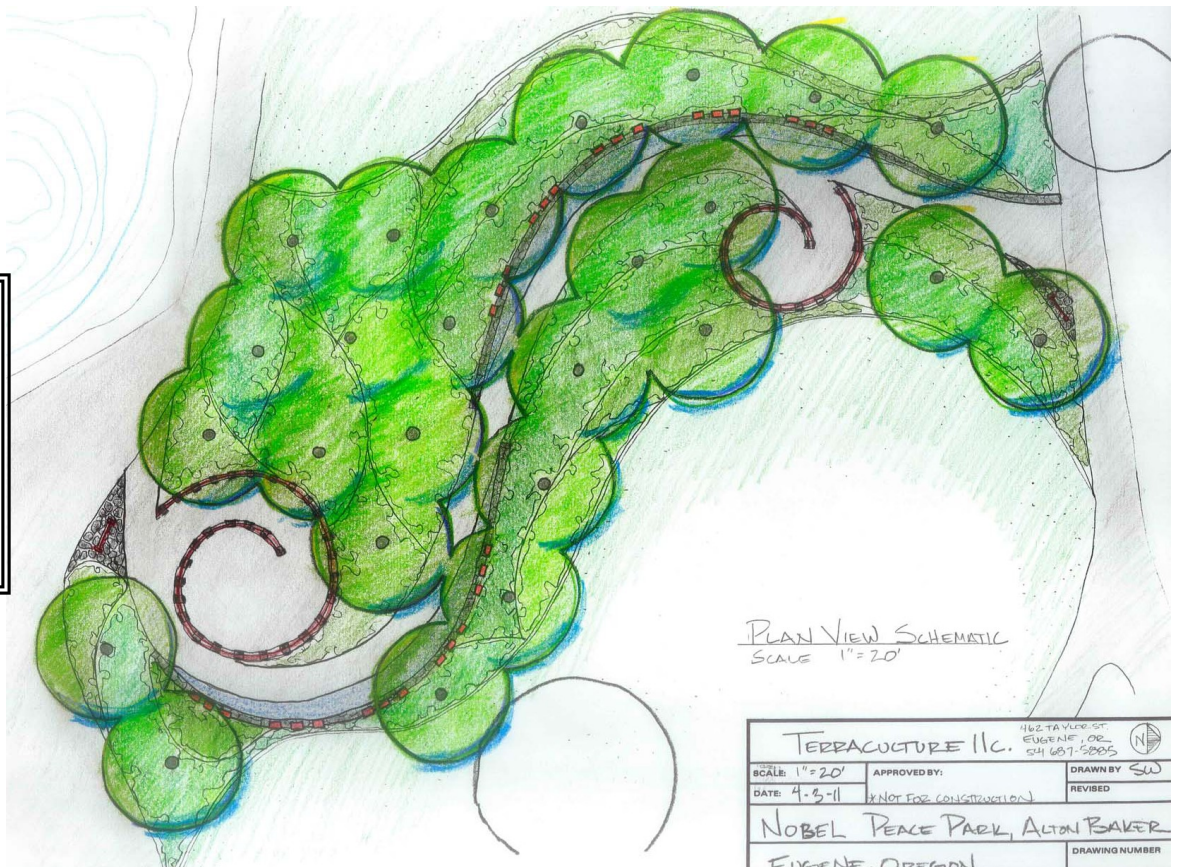
In 2003 Lambda welcomed four lovely women into our Chapter, all of whom have made fine contributions to the Society. From the beginning, however, Clair stood out. She eagerly worked with our Chapter presidents on everything from programs to monthly communications. The Chapter began to take notice. Clair was savvy about students and computers, communication and involving others, Iraq and the military. In her unassuming, fun-loving, edgy, keen-eyed approach to problems, Clair became our "Go To" person for any number of concerns. She thrived on it.

In 1991 a young Clair enlisted in the Navy to see the world and began saving for a college education. In 1995 she was ready to launch her educational plans to become a teacher. In 2003 while teaching History at North Eugene High School, she and Pam McCarty spearheaded North Eugene's "Peace, Justice and Human Rights" curriculum, a study of nonviolent movements and their effectiveness. In 2006 Clair was called up to serve as a reservist in Iraq. During her time there she served as a team leader for IED patrols (Improvised Explosive Devices). She also found herself doing intelligence briefings for 3 & 4 Star Generals. Clair's time in Iraq affected all of us deeply and gave our Chapter a special reason to intensify support for one another as well as Clair. She came back and got into the groove of teaching but with even more dedication to teaching young people how to think, how to determine consequences for their actions, and how to live an ethical life.

The Nobel Peace Laureate Park Project's Board of Directors selected Clair as its 2012 Teacher of the Year. In December Clair will address the community at a major celebration on the opening of the Nobel Peace Laureate Park in Eugene. Claes Nobel, grandnephew of Alfred Nobel, will attend as well as dignitaries, civic leaders and Delta Kappa Gamma sisters. To say we are proud of Clair who has dedicated her life to her students and her country is an understatement. We are incredibly blessed to have Clair in our Chapter where her kindness, expertise and humor permeate our gatherings. We salute this remarkable 39 year old woman who represents the ideals of Delta Kappa Gamma and who balances reality and idealism with grace and untold courage. Congratulations, Clair.

She will be formally recognized at the ribbons cutting ceremony and dinner on December 5th.

Artist rendering of the Peace Park currently under construction in Alton Baker Park





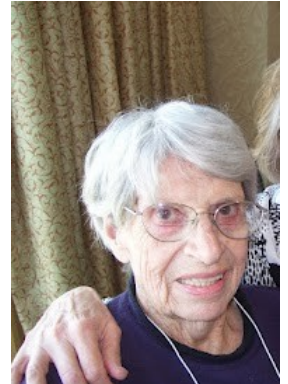
## Remembering Lambda Chapter has recently lost two of our beloved sisters They will be remembered and missed

By Dr. Yvonne Fasold

### **Genevieve Barham - July 17, 1915-May 27, 2012**

Genevieve was full of vitality and humor, actively participating in our Lambda Chapter meetings at age 96. She was initiated into Alpha Iota Chapter in 1962. When that chapter disbanded, Genevieve and her friend Carol Adams came to Lambda Chapter, and we are so glad they did!

At our Alpha Rho State Convention in April, Carol brought Genevieve to the Birthday Luncheon to be recognized for her 50 years of participation in DKG. Genevieve was thrilled to receive a certificate and a standing ovation.



Genevieve had interesting stories to tell of her childhood and her

early career as a teacher in Colorado. For one chapter program, she painted a vivid picture of the Dust Bowl and Great Depression years. She described the dangerous dust storms in such detail that we could almost see the dark rollers forming in the distance, covering the plains like a tidal wave, and engulfing their house.

After she and her husband moved to Eugene and raised two daughters, Genevieve was a teacher at various schools, including Willakenzie Elementary, where she shared materials with then first-year teacher and current Lambda member, Lesley Matson. Genevieve mentored countless university students as an intern supervisor. One of her many awards was Teacher of the Year in 1965. In honor of Genevieve's interest in politics, be sure to vote!

### **Lydia Jo Alzueta - June 2, 1992-September 14, 2012**

Lydia has been a Delta Kappa Gamma "member" since she was born. Her grandmother, Bev Emmons, would sometimes bring her to Lambda meetings, much to our delight. We remember her laughter, her dark eyes and dark curls.

As she grew older, Lydia, along with her mother Jodi, always helped us with our service projects, such as Relief Nursery sweats, Cookie Exchange, Yard Sale and Hwy 99 Service Station donations. Lydia always helped Bev set up for the World Fellowship Silent Auction, and she helped with decorations for Eugene-hosted state conventions.



Lydia has been to State and International DKG Conventions and Northwest Regional Conferences. She went to more conventions than most "real" members! We thought it was time that her sisterhood became official, so in 2007 Lambda Chapter initiated Jodi Emmons and Lydia Alzueta into our Lambda Chapter as Honorary Members.

Lydia graduated from Willamette High School in 2010 and was enrolled in the nursing program at LCC. She enjoyed family, friends, photography, drawing, her flower gardens and doing crafts. Bev, Jodi, and Lydia traveled together, joked together, made mischief together, and shared their laughter with others. In memory of Lydia Jo, let's hoist our glasses and shout "Apple Juice!"



## Upcoming Events!

**October 25, Thursday, 4:30pm at North Eugene High School, 200 Silver Lane, in Clair Wiles' classroom**



We will explore the possibility of a new literacy project, Kindles for Classrooms. Because many students need larger print, audio support or simply a handheld device for focus, e-readers are one possible way to engage reluctant readers of all ages. Our program is Geek Speak. Are you familiar with the terms flash drive, thumb drive, ereaders? This month's program is a natural follow-up to September's Inter-generational Program because we will focus on terms and concepts, devices and programs that many of us older folks are not familiar with or comfortable using. Under Clair and Marilyn's tutelage we will all come away from this meeting more knowledgeable about current technology and its practical uses.

**November 8, Thursday, 4:30pm at First United Methodist Church's Youth Room, 1376 Olive St.**

We will meet downstairs in the Wildish Youth Center for a program on Chair Yoga with Julie Marie. During this stressful season, who couldn't use some techniques on relaxation. Julie Marie is a licensed massage therapist.

Also happening this late afternoon at the church is the start of the UMW Bazaar. Those coming to shop will pay \$5 admission. Look for one of us to let you in the doors without paying. If, however, you do want time to purchase items, please be ready to pay the admission fee. The bazaar hours are 4-7pm.

Bring: Sweatsuits or money for Head Start children (sizes 4-6x)

**December 8, Saturday, 11:30am, Shadow Hills Country Club, 92512 River Road**

Our Lane Coordinating Council has planned another lovely holiday event with good food, fun entertainment, a cookie exchange and an opportunity to support Pearl Buck Center with donations. Tickets are \$18. More information will follow. Do plan on coming.



### Dues

Our yearly dues are \$80 and payable to Lambda Chapter no later than Oct. 30. Please send checks to Jane Landrum, our Chapter Treasurer, 3609 Wilshire Lane, Eugene, 97405. If a little financial help is needed, a quick call to Jane will handle any and all financial concerns. Plus, your call will be confidential.