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## Alpha Rho State Members Attend 2010 DKG International Convention

Over 45 Alpha Rho State members attended the DKG international convention held in Spokane in July. Special awards from the Scholarship committee were given to several Oregon chapters and members who had never attended an international convention. The awards afforded them the opportunity to do so. One Oregon member, Elaine Hall, was also on the program and presented a wonderful workshop. Recognition for awards, a first-timer’s impression of the convention and other convention details will be found throughout this issue. Keep reading.



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Susan Henry, Eta Chapter

## Susan Henry Named Oregon Elementary Art Educator of the Year 2011

by Karoline Torrey, Eta

This October, **Susan Henry** of Eta Chapter, will be presented the Oregon Elementary Art Educator of the Year 2011 by the Oregon Art Education Association during the Fall OAEA Conference. The award is presented for excellence in teaching elementary school art.

Susan has been teaching art for 30 years, 17 years in her present location. Gregory Heights Middle School has been reconfigured into a K-8 school and is now known as Roseway Heights Elementary School. There, Susan teaches kindergarten through eighth grade art and eventually sees all the students in the building.

Student art is displayed on a regular basis in what is known as the gallery,

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### REMINDERS

**Alpha Rho State Convention** in Astoria, April 15-17, 2011. Be there! See page 2 for hotel information. Reserve your room now!

The next **State Executive Board Meeting** is at State Convention in Astoria.

**Celebrate, Advance, Network!** Send news to The New Oregon Trail. See back cover.

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Forms available online at the Alpha Rho State website.

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**A**ssociate with your sisters, other educators and visitors.

**Y**ield to your desire to grow personally and professionally...

COME GATHER AND **PLAY** TOGETHER, AS WE CELEBRATE WOMEN EDUCATORS AND EMBRACE OUR OREGON HISTORY IN ASTORIA, THE FIRST AMERICAN SETTLEMENT WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

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CONTACT Arlene Ydstie, [scandia@pacifier.com](mailto:scandia@pacifier.com) if you live in the North Coast area/District 4 or Kathy Martell, [kathy\\_martell@hotmail.com](mailto:kathy_martell@hotmail.com) if you live in other parts of the state.



An expanded breakfast buffet in the hotel breakfast room is included, but the room rate does not include 10% lodging tax.

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The hotel will honor the group rate one night prior and one night after the official convention dates. Extra person charges are waived. Rollaways: \$15/night. The hotel is pet friendly with a fee of \$15 per pet, per night.

Be sure to mention Delta Kappa Gamma when making your reservation.



“BLOCK PARTY” INFORMATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE, BUT AVOID THE RUSH AND BE EARLY FOR THE PARTY! **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

## “Let’s Have a Discussion...”

Revision: to see again or to change what is seen. Our Society now abides by a Revision of the Constitution. We will know that changes were enacted and will quickly recognize the adjustments, when we proceed to conduct business in different ways. Some of the changes are almost invisible--changes to titles of positions or funds; dates, editorial updates, deletions or substitutions. Some changes will only be important to members whose responsibilities are tied to the changes. At least one change will be monumental.

Why was an entire revision considered, prepared and finally enacted? I believe its time had come. For our beloved organization to fit into its rightful place of importance in the field of education in the 21st century, the Constitution had to undergo foundational changes. Changing Bylaws and Standing Rules in piecemeal fashion to achieve the same result would have been too slow. It is conceivable that, due to being unable to serve excellent educators, the Society could have deteriorated into the dust of bygone social entities. Instead, the Ad hoc committee spent a serious number of hours both personally and communally thinking, discussing, planning and preparing for a document that would allow the Society to move quickly into areas of concern and service to women educators.

What does this mean for Alpha Rho state? The obvious answer is that we too must revise. The state has received communication from International outlining the major adjustments that we must make. These will be presented for voting at the 2011 State Convention in Astoria. Chapter Presidents have also received communication from International, listing the changes that will affect the chapters. It is in these changes that perhaps the most monumental change to the Society is found.

**“An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An Active member shall participate in the activities of the Society.”**

Let that sink into your understanding for a minute.

We are an honor society for women educators. We have always prided ourselves in our high standards and requirements. Changing the membership requirement has not lowered these lofty standards of excellence. Rather, by expanding the requirements for membership, the change has placed this responsibility more clearly and appropriately on the shoulders of the chapter members. The pool from which chapters may seek and draw members has widened. It is possible now to invite women to membership who may not have years of experience, but with encouragement and mentoring, may choose to stay in the profession and thereby deepen their expertise longer than the average career length of current culture. And Delta Kappa Gamma would have something to do with that! It is also possible now to invite women to membership who have had many years of experience, but for various reasons or life situations, may have been overlooked by chapters, during their working years.

Does this mean we invite everyone? Absolutely not! It means the members of each chapter decide which requirements are appropriate.

\* Chapters may choose to not offer membership until the candidate has 3 or 5 years of experience. (This does not prevent inviting prospective members to programs and meetings.)

\* Chapters may choose to invite young members before they are offered membership in a myriad of other worthy organizations which would gladly claim their time and energy.

\* Chapters may open their membership to retirees who now have time to donate; and who have the passion and capacity for the work of the Society.

Excellence in personal and professional character has always been the hallmark of invitation into Delta Kappa Gamma. The burden, the responsibility for choosing wisely falls on us. We must go out into the educational community and find the women who meet our requirements. We must offer them the magnificent benefits of our Society and invite only those for whom we hope.

So. At the beginning of this new school year, let the discussion begin!

*Bridget E. Honan  
Alpha Rho State President*



## Updating Bylaws

by Bridget E. Honan

Bylaws are the skeleton, the framework of an organization. They give form to our substance, and we demonstrate for what we stand because of them. At the 2010 International Convention, a revision of the Constitution was presented and accepted by the membership. In conjunction with the revision, there were also changes made to the Standing Rules for that document. Consequently our state Bylaws and Standing Rules must be brought into alignment with the Constitution. We have received communication from International outlining the major adjustments that we must make. These include:

- \* Permitting states to choose designations for chapters, which may not necessarily use Greek letters.
- \* Permitting each state organization to choose its system of organization by assigning certain committees to fulfill specific responsibilities. Thus the states may create a system that will work best for their particular situation.
- \* Changing the eligibility of attendees to leadership development sessions at the Regional conferences.
- \* Clarifying what financial records a state treasurer must keep.

The Finance committee has proposed several changes as well. Most of them (so far) involve the job description of the Executive Secretary. All of the required and proposed changes will be presented for voting at the 2011 State Convention in Astoria.

Chapter Presidents have also received communication from International listing the changes which will affect the chapters. These include:

- \* The Society's new Vision statement
- \* Redefining the requirements for invitation to Active membership.
- \* Clarifying what financial records a chapter treasurer must keep.
- \* Permitting each chapter to choose how it will organize in order to accomplish its constitutional responsibilities, including the selection of committees to do the work.
- \* Defining the requirements for permissible electronic meetings.

While these changes will affect how the chapter operates, they will not require a vote. Moreover the changes will most likely not require the chapter rules to be changed.

The Finance committee has begun work on proposals for changes to the Executive Secretary position. If you or your chapter is interested in proposing any changes to the state Bylaws, please contact the Chair of the State Bylaws Committee for a form; or download it from the state website. The form must be postmarked (U.S. Post or electronically) by Friday, October 15, 2010.



### President's Schedule

August 25, 2010	Kappa Chapter
September 18, 2010	Omicron Chapter
September 29, 2010	Eta Chapter
October 18	Zeta Chapter
	Beta Epsilon Chapter
October 25	Gamma Chapter
	Lambda Chapter
	Alpha Sigma Chapter
November 6	PAC Luncheon
November 16	Alpha Epsilon Chapter



**Alpha Rho State Convention**  
**"Celebrate The Vision -  
 Advance The Future"**

**April 15-17, 2011**  
**Astoria**

You are invited to  
 The Portland Area Council (PAC)  
 Annual Fall Brunch

Saturday November 6, 2010  
 Multnomah Athletic Club

Purchase tickets from Anne  
 Pingo, 16192 SE River Forest Pl.,  
 Milwaukie, OR 97267  
 no later than October 23, 2010.



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# CELEBRATE

the excellence of D. K. G.

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## Susan Henry

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a cozy commons area that the PTA has created as a quiet reading area with the express purpose to display children's art work. One of their regular displays is Murals ala Matisse that begins with the development of color-mixing skills and extends to a large class paper mural using the cut-figure style of the artist Henri Matisse. Artwork is also displayed on a yearly basis at BESC (Blanchard Educational Service Center) and the Gregory Heights Public Library.

Susan has a Fine Arts Degree from the University of Oregon, a standard

teaching certificate in art from Western Oregon University, an elementary endorsement from Portland State University, and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Portland State University. She belongs to the Oregon Art Education Association and attends professional conferences, always looking for new ideas to take back to her classroom.

Susan is currently chairman of the Art Committee for Eta Chapter and has arranged special presentations at the Portland Art Museum. Outside the classroom, she enjoys doing her own artwork, which consists of photography, colored pencil drawing, and painting.



*Linda St. Pierre at Golden Gift Seminar*



*Linda St. Pierre with her Golden Gift "Class"*

## Linda St. Pierre Attends Golden Gift Seminar

The Leadership/Management Seminar at the University of Texas in Austin was a life-changing, amazing experience! I am honored and very grateful for the Golden Gift Award that enabled me to join 29 Delta Kappa Gamma educators representing 20 states, Iceland and Finland in this leadership opportunity.

The two-week seminar was especially designed for Delta Kappa Gamma and taught by world renowned professors at the McCombs School of Business. The curriculum consisted of a variety of topics: Leadership, Educational Law, Interpersonal Communication, Effective Decision Making, Networking, Personality and Management Style, Negotiation Skills, Advocacy and Improving your Professional Image.

I am now equipped with a new tool bag of leadership skills that I will use in my role as educator, community member and leader in Delta Kappa Gamma. Being in Austin and touring the International headquarters, meeting local chapter members and getting to know the International president gave me a deeper appreciation and love for Delta Kappa Gamma worldwide. I am bonded forever to 29 sisters, The Pearl Girls, as we call our Leadership Class of 2010. (Pearls symbolize the 30 year anniversary of the Golden Gift Award.)

There are many definitions for "leadership;" but the words of Peter Drucker strike a chord with me. He writes, "Leadership is lifting a person's vision to higher sights, the raising of a person's performance to a higher standard, and the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations." This is the kind of leadership I aspire to provide.

I am very grateful to the Golden Gift Fund committee members for granting me this leadership opportunity and to the past recipients of Alpha Rho State who supported me with their cards, emails and generous monetary gift. My heart is full of love and appreciation.

Loyally,  
Linda St. Pierre  
Nu Chapter

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## Shoe-in Awards

Chapters that made the "Shoe-in" Challenge for Oregon were recognized at International Convention. Seven chapters in Alpha Rho State maintained their number of members, three chapters added at least one member from a new educational environment, and two chapters made the Shoe-in Challenge by maintaining and adding members from new educational environments. **Gamma Chapter** and **Alpha Epsilon Chapter** made the Shoe-in Challenge! **Delta Chapter**, **Tau Chapter**, **Chi Chapter**, **Alpha Omega Chapter**, and **Beta Gamma Chapter** maintained their membership. **Beta Beta Chapter** added a member from a new educational environment. Perhaps there would have been more chapters to celebrate if they had turned in their information to International.

## Muriel Danforth's Poem is Published

*By Brenda Kirk*

For several years, Iota Chapter meetings have concluded with a program provided by one of our members. Last fall, **Muriel Danforth** shared her nature photography and an original poem she had written to go along with her photo exhibition. As then chapter president, I had made a goal of submitting an article from Iota to the DKG Bulletin. Muriel gave me permission to submit her poem, and you can enjoy it in the fall Bulletin: Mother Nature, The Artist.



## Keep The Buzz Going

There were only five chapters in Oregon who were recognized as "Keep the Buzz Going" by submitting three or more press releases over the biennium. **Alpha Epsilon** was one of them, thanks to the coverage last year of the 50th birthday celebration and work on the Literacy Conference in February.

## Lambda Initiates

### 4 New Members

**Lambda Chapter** initiated 4 new members on September 16. Each woman was introduced by her sponsor/mentor and then initiated with a lovely roses and candlelight ceremony.

## Achievement Award Nominations Wanted

Every year since 2005, Alpha Rho state has bestowed Achievement Awards on members in the area of service to community, education or the Society. Do you have a member in your chapter or district who gives exemplary service in one of these areas? If you would like to nominate her, please send a nomination letter signed by a chapter president detailing why the chapter feels this person deserves the particular award sent to the Awards Chair no later than March 15.

**Carolee Jones**  
4360 North Foothill Road  
Medford, Oregon 97504-9726

## Fundraiser is Successful

*By Eloise Gibson and Sandy Bartnik*

Beta Beta's annual garage sale was a huge success, leaving the previous record in the dust! Chairwoman, **Pam Damm**, reports we grossed \$3273.17 during the July 31 fundraiser held at Tigard High School.

Most members supported this project through donating, working and shopping. In addition to the many members who worked, two other groups helped.

**Catie Thurber-Brown** asked Tigard High Key Club members to assist with set-up and break-down. These students did a terrific job!

Additionally, it would be very difficult for Beta Beta to hold this sale without the support of more than a little man power...literally! The Beta Beta "Men's Auxiliary", led by Wayne Bartnik, helped with hauling, unpacking, setting up heavy fixtures, delivering larger items, and putting up 40 signs all over Tigard! Beta Beta members are proud of our chapter's teamwork!

## Lambda Helps "Fill The Bus"

Lambda's first chapter meeting of the year consisted of a tour of the Schnitzer Art Museum at the University of Oregon. The tour was led by Lambda member **Camille Ronzio** who is a museum volunteer. Donations were given to project "Fill the Bus" which provides field trips to the museum for local elementary school students.

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# ADVANCE

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## Scholarships Available to Members

by Alyce Sandusky

I am sure all of you who attended the International Convention in Spokane had a wonderful time. I have heard many good reports from some of you. I was happy that the scholarship committee, along with the Unique Boutique, was able to award seventeen ladies with scholarships to help them attend International.

There are some deadlines coming up that you who may be applying for new scholarships need to be aware of. If you want to apply for the **Commemorative Scholarship** you have to have your application in by **December 30, 2010**, and again on **March 1, 2011**. Other scholarships that are available are as follows: **Founders & Presidents Scholarships, Hazel Fishwood Scholarship, Emma Henkle Scholarship, Jeppeson Grant, and Green Memorial Grant**. The deadline for all of these is **March 1, 2011**.

I hope some of you will apply as we have money to give to members who are interested. We have one applicant at this time and only gave out two scholarships last year. Scholarships are here to be a blessing to our members and as a recipient myself I can say I was very thankful for the financial help.



## Updates to Note

The fifth **Purpose** now reads: "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators."

## WASP to Speak at Joint Chapter Meeting

by Chris Luehring

Kathryn Miles, a member of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) in World War II, will be the special guest speaker when members of Alpha Sigma, Lambda, and Gamma meet in October. She will tell about her experiences as an aviator during the war.

This 88-year-old woman was among the 200 female pilots who received the Congressional Gold Medal in a ceremony in Washington, DC in March. The WASPs were trained to ferry aircraft, test planes, instruct male pilots, and tow targets for anti-aircraft artillery practice, taking the place of the men who had gone to combat. Though they performed military duties, they were not acknowledged as being a full-fledged military group until 1977.

The contributions of this special group of women will be explained to DKG members at Ebbert Memorial Methodist Church in Springfield on Oct. 25. The meeting is sponsored by the Lane Coordinating Council. Members from other chapters are welcome to attend. For further details, contact **Yvonne Fasold**, Lambda chapter.

The statement on **membership** now reads: "An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society."

## Thank You

Thank you to Alpha Rho State for granting me a \$300 scholarship as a "first timer" to International Convention in Spokane. I have a childhood friend who lives in Spokane and the trip provided me the opportunity to spend some quality time with her. The money helped not only defray the cost of the convention and travel, it enabled me to take full advantage of everything the convention offered and to bring my friend along to High Tea and to the Rockin' B Ranch supper show. Thanks again!

**Marie Cramer**, Alpha Delta Chapter

## New International Project Announced

by Maila Cadd

At the International Convention in Spokane, Washington, members voted on an International Project which partners DKG with UNICEF. The Schools for Africa project will benefit 11 countries. Contributions from members will assist in providing quality education to many disadvantaged children in Africa. Read more information about this project in the Sept/Oct issue of "The DKG News."

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# NETWORK

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*Kathy Webster presents children's books*

## Gamma Chapter Presents Books

*by Kathy Howard*

On August 9, **Gamma Chapter** presented Pearl Buck Center's outgoing kindergarten class with books. Each child received seven new books. **Shirley Bragg** and **Kathy Webster** represented the chapter in presenting the books to the children. The children participated as Kathy read Going on a Lion Hunt. The celebration ended with a snack of juice and cookies.

## Ask Miss Delta

**Miss Delta K.G.** Knows that many answers lie within the membership of DKG. Members have vast skills, knowledge, and creative ideas, ready to be shared with others. Send your questions to Miss Delta and they will be printed here, for others to respond to.

Submit requests to, [bahbriggs@gmail.com](mailto:bahbriggs@gmail.com), place "Miss Delta" in the subject line, and be sure to give your contact information (email) for others to respond to you directly. **Go DKG !!!**

## Calling For Fabulous Speakers

*by Bridget E. Honan*

"You gotta have a dream...if you don't have a dream, how you gonna have a dream come true?"--Rogers and Hammerstein

At the 2009 Northwest Regional conference members were treated to hearing Margie Boulé, Muriel O'Tuel, Laurie Wimmer, and Dr. Gwen Simmons. This summer in Spokane, members heard Amanda Gore, Christopher Rants and John Brock.

Do you know a fabulous professional speaker, or have you heard of one that you would like to listen to personally? Do you know of one through your membership in any other organizations? The state president is interested in creating a list of such speakers; so that planning for bringing one to a state convention or another DKG event in Oregon can be started. If you have a name or two in mind, please send them to her at [bridgethonan@gmail.com](mailto:bridgethonan@gmail.com)



## Tips for Teachers Needs Input

*by Bridget E. Honan*

At the 2009 state convention a "Tips for Teachers" booklet was presented and made available for chapters to use and share. Since that time members have used them as gifts to new teachers, prospective members, and for programs. The original booklet held many ideas for elementary teachers but fewer for middle school, junior high, high school and advanced learning levels. It was subtitled "Surviving The Early Years".

At the "Fall" Executive Board meeting in June, Christine Luehring of Alpha Sigma volunteered to begin collecting more tips and ideas for the formation of a new booklet. The hope is that many Oregon members from all levels and educational environments will contribute so that the booklet can be more usable by educators. Here are some categories to consider:

Classroom management

Curriculum fun ideas (that could be used at many levels or across the curriculum)

Stress management

Ways to collaborate to save time and energy

Grading

Conferencing/Negotiations with students

Communication with parents, guardians and/or adult students

Ideas for Substitute teachers

Please take the time to send in your excellent ideas to Chris at [cluehrin@epud.net](mailto:cluehrin@epud.net) so she can get started.

## New Project

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Would your chapter consider making a donation? As little as \$45 will provide learning materials for 10 children in Zimbabwe and Malawi. Donations can be sent to US FUND for UNICEF, Attn. NGO Department, 125 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038. Checks can be made to the US FUND for UNICEF.

For additional information, visit the library section of the DKG Web site. There are brochures available with a tear-off portion that can be sent with donations.

## Who Knows About Us?

*by Dr. Yvonne Fasold*

If we asked your superintendent or principal, “Do you know anything about the organization Delta Kappa Gamma?” what would the answer be? “I don’t think I’ve ever heard of it.” or “It’s a group of women educators.”

The Research Committee asked ten administrators that very question. The results? Eight gave some variation of “I don’t think I’ve ever heard of it.” One administrator knew that one teacher on staff was a member and that the group gives scholarships. One administrator is a member!

## Alpha Epsilon’s Newsletter Has New Feature

Due to many members who like to travel, Alpha Epsilon has decided to add a new travel feature to their newsletters. It will be called “Travel Adventures” and feature places near and far where their members have traveled.



*Grace Pitzer - mentoring at Spokane?*



*Lynn Hughes, Kathy Martell, Kathie Hill, Jill Snyder, Peg Cowens, and Madaline Lapp socializing (or mentoring?) in Spokane.*

## Will You Help Us Create A Buzz?

*by Dr. Yvonne Fasold*

Ask your administrator if he or she knows about The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. E-mail the answer, along with district and school, to [fasold@uoregon.edu](mailto:fasold@uoregon.edu).

If your administrator is a key woman educator, invite her to membership!



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If your administrator does not know about our group, please provide a brochure and tell your story—what you personally gain from DKG membership.

Create a way that your chapter can provide a service to your school. E-mail a short description of that service, along with district and school to [fasold@uoregon.edu](mailto:fasold@uoregon.edu).

THANK YOU for helping spread the word about Delta Kappa Gamma! You are helping support key women educators and excellence in education.

## Mentoring

*by Dr. Yvonne Fasold*

Share your great ideas! What does your chapter do to mentor fellow teachers? The Research Committee would like to hear your ideas, so that we may share them with others.

Discuss a new idea! Did you read the column in the Sep/Oct 2010 DKG News by our new International President Dr. Jensi Souders? She asks, “Are we certain that the...college education majors to whom we give grants-in-aid actually enter the teaching profession? Stay in the profession?” She continues, “Would the impact on education be greater if all chapters gave grants to first or early-year teachers to fund classroom needs or projects or to buy supplies? I believe it would.”

What does your chapter think about Dr. Souders’ suggestion? Does your chapter already give grants to classroom teachers? I know Alpha Sigma does, so please let the Research Committee know if your chapter does also. We are especially interested in knowing how you raise money for the grants, so that we may share your creativity with other chapters.

## International Convention 2010 . . .

### A First-Timer's Experience at International Convention

by Kathy Howard

My first experience at a Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention was fantastic. I arrived on Wednesday in time for a wonderful Italian dinner with other Oregon attendees. It was a time for all the Oregon members to gather together, which was nice, because I did not see many of them again during convention.

Spokane was a perfect location. It is a beautiful city. Our housing was on a park and each morning we walked through the park and over the Spokane River to get to the Convention Center. Every resident I came in contact with was so very gracious, helpful and welcomed us with sincerity.

I met ladies from many different states and from around the world. During meal times and between workshops we had time to share experiences in our personal lives, teaching lives and our DKG lives. It is a small, small world. Most places are having the same problems as we are in Oregon, keeping members and gaining new members. And most school districts are going through the same tough financial times.

The workshops were extremely informative. There were workshops for the beginning teacher, the experienced teacher and those of us retired. Many of the workshops were so popular that there was standing room only. I especially enjoyed "Laughing Your Way to Better Health" and learning more about our "Societies Social Networking".

And the general sessions. WOW! DKG politics at work! Carolyn Rants

was sensational keeping us on task and interested while revising the Constitution. The whole process was fun, interesting and informative.

I would like to thank the "Boutique Treasure" for the Alpha Rho State Scholarship and my own chapter for the Blanche Jackson Scholarship. Without these funds I would not have had this wonderful experience.



Janet Walsh, Sandra Epperson, and Kathy Howard from Gamma Chapter - enjoying the banquet at Spokane.



Clara Wendt, Epsilon Chapter, enjoying the Northwest Regional Breakfast in Spokane.



1st general session in Spokane



(Note: Elaine was the only member of Alpha Rho State that presented a workshop at International. Elaine is pictured on the left.)

### Thoughts From Elaine Hall on International Convention

Arrived in Spokane ready for HOT weather. I was pleasantly surprised that the weather was comfortable and the city was prepared for visitors. How do you actually describe convention? It is a large group of teachers who love what they do, and have a calling to help educate the world. I was fortunate enough to be able to share a project during a workshop that was partially funded by a Golden Gift Special Stipend. My Aunt (Jan Moen) and I put together a book that is a compilation of 10 children's book reviews and lesson plans that are matched up with 10 songs, written by Jan. We recorded each song and the CD comes with the notebook. We had such a great time sharing our passion during the workshop. The teachers were supportive and excited for us. Hopefully it provided them with new things to use in the classroom as well as share with colleagues. I strongly encourage teachers to share their skills with the local chapter and then move on to the state and international forums. It is a ball!





*Bridget Honan and Kaye Jones enjoying the festivities of the banquet in Spokane.*



*Alice Hartness-Reichle, Kaye Jones, Charleen Brown, and Carolee Jones enjoying refreshments at the banquet in Spokane.*



*An outdoor BBQ, the cowboy way, proves to be entertaining for many in Spokane.*



*The Unique Botique raises funds to assist members in attending conventions such as the International Convention Spokane.*

## *Snap Shots of International Convention*



*Pat Howard and Dr. Barbara Middaugh socializing at the Oregon Dinner in Spokane.*



*Presentation of the flags is quite an experience at an international convention, as it was in Spokane.*

## **Contact Information Changes**

Here are the latest changes in contact information for our members:

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