

# THE NEW OREGON TRAIL

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**Mission:** *The Society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

**Vision:** *Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.*

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## PLAN FOR CHAPTER SUCCESS

**October 31:** Pay your dues to your Chapter Treasurer.

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**Immediately:** Plan ways for your chapter to qualify for the Order of the Rose and the Rosette Award. Requirements are posted in the *Bylaws and Standing Rules* booklet presented to chapters.

**December 1, 2015**

- \* Send your Chapter yearbook or program booklet to President Cindy Ryan, your District Coordinator, and the State Program Chair.
- \* Send your Chapter Strategic Action Plan to President Cindy. Forms are on the website.

**January 15, 2016**

- \* Send Chapter Committee Reports to your Chapter President
- \* Send Winter Trail articles to Marie (cwmueller@charter.net); early conference info.

**Deadlines vary** Apply for Oregon and International grants and scholarships.

Send member information to International immediately: (1) Form #83 for a reinstated member; (2) Form #TR-A for a transfer; (3) Form #82 if anything in your own address/name has changed; (4) Form #6 if a chapter sister dies. Forms are on the International website under--get ready for it--"Forms"! at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

As events occur, send chapter news, pictures, and articles to Marie Mueller at [cwmueller@charter.net](mailto:cwmueller@charter.net)

## BLOG QUOTE OF THE DAY

*This struck me as of value for DKG members. [Marie]*

Critical thinking has to be shouted from the rooftops. Not that it should replace and do away with factual learning (lower-order thinking), but students thinking critically on their own is the pinnacle of the accumulation of knowledge and experience. - **Global Digital Citizen Foundation**

*From: Tech & Learning <[newsletter@techlearning.com](mailto:newsletter@techlearning.com)> Wed., September 30, 2015*

Read more about critical thinking at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/hope-news.php> in Connecticut's *Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Newsletter*.

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**Dr. Cindy Ryan, President  
Oregon State Organization**

I love this time of year. The weather turns crisp, leaves fall from the trees, and school is back in session. We often think of spring as the time of new beginnings, but maybe it's because I'm a teacher, that I think of fall as a new beginning as well: a time for a fresh start for our students and for us as we enter a new year.

I am excited to be sharing my first President's message with you. As you read the *Trail*, you will notice that we have started a state-level book club. I encourage you and your chapters to get involved. *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral* is one of my all-time favorite books. As you read, please share updates and thoughts with Kelly McIntyre or me. We want to include these tidbits in future issues of the *Trail*. The book club will culminate in a discussion group at our State Conference in Pendleton. So borrow a copy from the library or buy one, and start reading!

What fun it was to see everyone who could make the Fall Conference and Executive Board meeting in Philomath! A special "Thank You!" to our Kappa sisters who did an amazing job hosting. As you will read in this issue of the *Trail*, we were treated to informative workshops, good fellowship, great food, and fun. Thank you to all who attended. Well done, Kappa!

At Fall Executive Board meeting, I shared a bit more about my theme for this biennium, *Catch the Wave*. I believe in and care deeply about where we have come from as an organization. We stand on the shoulders of giants, and our rich history and traditions ground us. There is concern, however, that our traditions and, at times, our unwillingness to change with the times, can be our downfall. In our Executive Board meeting, I shared data from Northwest Regional related to membership numbers at state and international levels, and it bears repeating. At the International level, membership has dropped from 106,837 in 2009, to 76,780 in July 2015. Numbers at the state level reflect a similar downslide. We are saddened as we lose members and chapters. It is my intention that we change the tide during this biennium. We need to come together and *Catch the Wave*.

As we move forward, I challenge you to:

- Think outside of the box in sustaining and nurturing our current membership.
- Push the limits of imagination in how we invest in, recruit, and engage new members.
- Push back against thinking "This is always how we have done things."
- Get involved! We need members to step up into leadership roles across the State. If you have some time to give, contact your Chapter President or send me an email. We really do need you!

I will work with Chapters to engage in conversation and take action to *Catch the Wave*. I look forward to coming to your communities and Chapters over the next two years. Let me know if you have a special event or a chapter meeting where you would like me to be present. I will do my best and would love to attend as many as I can.

***Take care, Cindy***

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EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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## ***FALL CONFERENCE***

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## ***PARTICIPANTS AND PRESENTERS***



*Brunch Goodies*



*Lunchtime Line  
OSU Food Service did well by us.*



*Jessie Padilla, An "Appy" First Grade*



*Grace Pitzer and Her Flowers*



## ARE YOU A READER?

YOU ARE  
INVITED TO  
JOIN A NEW  
DKG GROUP.

OREGON DKG now has a state-wide Book Club. If you are in DKG, you can join the reading and thinking about what you have read and then, at the Spring Conference in Pendleton, you can join a live, in-person discussion at a readers' workshop. This year's selected book--*Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral* (2006) by Kris Radish--was chosen by President Dr. Cindy Ryan and Vice President Kelly McIntyre. Cindy said it is so good that she has read it twice.



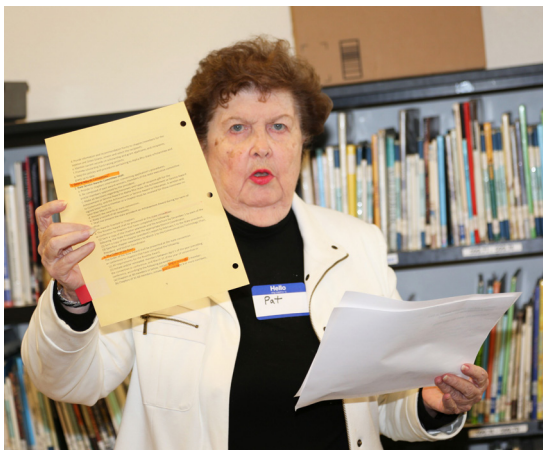
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So, clean your reading glasses, find a comfy spot, turn on the light, grab a cup of tea (or a glass of wine), and join the reading.

You can order the book through VP Kelly McIntyre or you can use your Amazon Smile account. It is likely in your local library, too. Contact Kelly if you have any questions or a problem locating a copy.

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Pat Howard & Standing Rules



Executive Board in Session



*Darlene Cook on 2016 US Forum in Washington, DC*



*Flower Power*



*Dr. Ryan & Pat Howard*



*Luncheon Entertainers  
(They were good!)*

*Fall  
Conference  
Photos by  
Grace Pitzer, home  
from her trip to  
Botswana*



*Shelly Gruver, Philomath Elem.*



*Technology: Vickie Jackson &  
Betty Yu, Student teacher*



*Sandy Watts, Registration*



*Vickie Jackson--2016 Spring  
Conference in Pendleton*



## WAS YOUR CHAPTER REPRESENTED? SEE WHICH FRIENDS YOU MISSED MEETING ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup>!

**ALPHA:** Brenda Jensen, Darlene Cook

**ALPHA EPSILON:** Cindy Ryan, Jill Snyder, Kathy Martell,  
Martha Nicoloff, Mary Lynn Morgan, Sue Nelson

**ALPHA NU:** Grace Pitzer, Marietta Kuykendall, Melanie Morris

**ALPHA OMICRON:** Kathie Hupp, Sandy Watts

**ALPHA PHI:** Alice Hartness-Reichle, Susann Swanson

**BETA BETA:** Catie Thurber-Brown, Kate Kelleher

**CHI:** Elizabeth Simmons

**EPSILON:** Cari Hinesly, Marsha Bones

**GAMMA:** Janet Walsh, Kathy Howard, Kathy Webster

**IOTA:** Vickie Jackson

### **KAPPA--Our hostesses supreme!**

**Brenda Goracke, Diane Nusom, Dorothy Vetter-Akins, Edith Orner, Elaine Hall, Gay Schnebly, Helen Cuhna, Jan Heaton, Kaye Jones, Kendra Schlabach, LoAnn Baker, Mariann Jones, Mary Klages, Nancy Payne, Rebecca Marti, Shelly Gruver, Teresa Shinn, Zel Brook, Denise Whitney**

**LAMBDA:** Chris Luehring, Clair Wiles, Nancy Schaal-McHarry,  
Priscilla Ing, Sheila Sundahl, Yvonne Fasold

**OMEGA:** Kim Roberts, Marie Mueller, Pam Boston, Peg Cowens

**PHI:** Pat Howard

**PSI:** Kelly McIntyre

**SIGMA:** Carol Bicart

### **GUESTS:**

**Melissa (new teacher)**  
**Katie (student teacher)**  
**Karen (teacher)**  
**Beverly Bodtker (transfer)**

Plan now to attend DKG events. Each will leave you enthused and energized for your work and activities! Find a sister or invite a teaching friend to join you and to share expenses for the trip.

You can learn, laugh, listen, and lean back while skilled presenters share new information and ideas for personal and professional growth.

What's Next?

### **Your October chapter meeting!!**

Oregon State Conference  
April 29 - May 1, 2016  
Pendleton

International Convention  
July 5 - 9, 2016  
Nashville, Tennessee



*Our host chapter, Kappa, staffing the registration table. Note the lovely bouquet (later raffled off) and the wonderful aprons on the rack, with one "displayed" by a Kappa member.*

## FALL CONFERENCE & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Oregon State Organization of DKG is off to a rousing start with the workshops from Fall Conference! I heard only “it was wonderful” and “I learned so much” as I spoke with others who attended.

**1. *It's Always Appy Hour in First Grade*, by Jessie Padilla, Central School District, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher**

- Jessie demonstrated multiple uses of a SMART Board and iPad applications that she employs in her first grade classes. A key success story is the students' enthusiasm for participation through moving items on the board for “roll call,” answering questions, learning math fluency, taking “field” trips by Internet connections, and generally learning without recognizing that “fun stuff” is actually teaching them. Student engagement, academic differentiation, classroom community, and technological familiarity are key success stories. Jessie has written grants to obtain seven iPads and is hoping to eventually have a classroom set.--*Marie Mueller, Omega/2*

**2. *Strategies for Working With Students on the Autism Spectrum in the Classroom*, by Shelly Gruver, Autism Specialist and Special Education Teacher, Philomath Elementary School**

- How can teachers better understand and recognize attributes and characteristics of students who have autism? Participants were able to discuss, share ideas, and learn strategies to employ for increased student success.

**3. *Create Beautiful Flower Arrangement for Your Home*, by LoAnn Baker, Retired RN**

- The idea was appealing, but the reality exceeded expectations! Buckets of beautiful fall flowers and greenery were waiting for us. There were two selections of glass containers and the pre-cut foam base was already soaked, so we could immediately start assembling our personal creation. LoAnn Baker demonstrated how to begin and was patient and helpful. Lots of greenery is used to cover the base foam. A second demo by LoAnn showed how to add color with gorgeous flowers. We decided if our piece looked nice from all sides or if it needed to be against a wall. Each arrangement was unique and beautiful. All conference attendees enjoyed our work, since the arrangements were used to decorate the lunch tables. It was great fun to learn a useful and satisfying skill. (by *Martha Nicoloff, Alpha Epsilon/5, center at right*)



**4. *Explore TELL Survey Results and 50 Teaching Apps*, by Kaye Jones, Alpha Rho State Excellence in Education Chair and member of the Jefferson School Board, Kappa/3**



In 2014 teachers around the state were surveyed to determine whether educators have the resources and support necessary to provide the most effective teaching and learning environments for students. Of the 59.4 percent responding, 62 percent of schools met the 50 percent threshold. Questions included time, school leadership, teacher leadership, facilities and resources, professional development, community engagement and support, instructional practices and support, managing student conduct, and new teacher support. Other topics included free apps for teachers and a review of what [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) offers.

Your school's results are at <http://www.telloregon.org/results>. If you haven't heard about TELL results, ask your principal. Encourage your staff to examine and discuss the data. Focus your school improvement plan to solve issues to provide the most effective teaching and learning environment. Schools should celebrate positive results while considering areas for improvement. The survey will be repeated in 2016 to see if conditions improve at individual schools.

*By Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon/5*

**5. *Using Children's Books to Celebrate Diversity in the Classroom*, by Dr. Cindy Ryan, Alpha Rho State President and Western Oregon University Early Childhood Education Coordinator, member Alpha Epsilon/5**

- This workshop made me want to go buy children's books—and my youngest grandchild is 14 and is reading college physics texts “for fun”! Cindy developed a bibliography and PowerPoint<sup>(R)</sup> to share. We examined a wealth

of beautiful and thought-provoking books. I remember clearly reading about Dick and Jane and Spot—all white, middle class, with a Mom who wore dresses and stayed at home while Dad dressed in a suit when he went to work. Society has changed and our children’s books should reflect that. --Marie Mueller, *Omega/2*

6. *What’s New for Adult Readers at the Library This Fall?* by Ashley Hall, Philomath Public Library

Ashley Hall from the Philomath Public Library made sure we knew how to use the online checkout app available through public libraries in Oregon: Called library2go, it is part of the Oregon Digital Library Consortium, powered by Overdrive. It’s an easy way to search for new books or old favorites. You can place a hold on up to six books, while checking out another six, and they are returned automatically, so there are no overdue fees! You can also check out audio books in the same way. The most popular adult book titles at this time are *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins and *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye* by Rachel Joyce was also a highly recommended journey book. Ashley discussed young adult literature, which is also enjoyed by adults, including graphic novels.

Get thee to a library, check it out, read book reviews, and consult the list of the ten most popular books. Find a comfortable chair and load up your e-readers. You don’t have to spend a lot to read your favorites. Go to <http://library2go.lib.overdrive.com/> and get started!

by Martha Nicoloff/*Alpha Epsilon/5*

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MEMBERSHIP R’s

RECOGNIZE

REINSTATE

RECRUIT

RESPECT

RETAIN

REWARD



## ETA SCHOLARSHIPS!

Following a suggestion by member **Carole Pegg**, Eta explored options for students who were graduating high school in 2015 and were in the foster care program in our area. Eta decided to give a one-time scholarship to a graduating senior from Madison High School as part of our community outreach program. Several criteria applied, including participation in the foster-care program and being a Madison graduate.



*Nick Spaulding (L); Eta member Lynda Bell, a former Madison High teacher (Center); Aries Adams (R)*

Because only two students applied, the original plan was amended so each would be awarded an equal amount. The students wrote essays telling of their experiences in the foster care program and their achievements in staying in school, graduating, and now being accepted into college. Each received \$800, collected by member donations. Aries Adams is attending Portland Community College, and Nick Spaulding is attending Portland State University. Nick also received about \$1500 toward a new computer from other funds contributed by Eta sisters. Last summer, an Eta member accompanied Nick and helped him select a computer. Both students wrote thank you notes to Eta and are now settled into their respective schools. Mentoring by Eta members will continue throughout the school year.

## OMEGA INFORMATION NIGHT

What an adventure this was! Originally scheduled for October 5, the meeting had to be shifted due to a bomb-and-shooter threat at Rogue Community College (RCC). Occurring only four days after the Umpqua CC massacre, the threat was deemed probable, so RCC closed and evacuated the campus while police, sheriff, state investigators, ATF, FBI, and



bomb dogs checked the campus. The threat of six bombs and four shooters turned out to be just that—a despicable threat. So . . . our meeting moved to October 12. We



had 12 members, 3 New Teacher Grant winners, and 7 invited guests. RCC provided new

technology to show the equally new PowerPoint® *Pride in the Big Picture* from International, designed to orient new and prospective members. The three New Teacher Grants winners were introduced and each was given his or her check. They will use their grants for completely different items: Yoga exercise balls for wriggly fourth graders; art easels and *Elephant and Piggie* books for a kindergarten class; and notebooks for writing exercises that are accompanied by creative artwork designed with pencils, markers, etc., for 131 sixth graders.

Our membership committee folks were “casualties” of the change in dates, so Interim President **Pam Boston** led members and guests through the slides after **Peggy**



**Cowens** set up the technology (so new that college IT staff had to assist). Around the room were posters of the *Seven Principles*. Members and guests wandered from one to the next, discussing what that principle might mean in action. The classy new brochures from International were distributed and all were

impressed by their quality.

A supper of soup, sandwiches, and chocolate chip cookies helped begin the meeting with a warm feeling and prevented growling tummies. We closed by finishing a fundraising raffle that began in August. More tickets were sold; winners were chosen; and smiles and hugs all around ended the evening.

## EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

The Regional Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) training in Regina, SK, was conducted by the Northwest Regional representatives **Alice Hartness-Reichle** (OR) and **Cynthia Moore** (SK). A list of EEC programs and activities for 2014-2016 is available at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org). This list shows which goals are met by each item listed. Many of the activities and programs are outlined in the *Go-To Guide*. The presenters discussed the three goals from the International Committee for use by both State Organizations and chapters:

1. **Empowering Women Through Leadership Opportunities** -- Have you tried attending the Alpha Rho State meetings like a Fall Conference or spring conference or convention for the training and PDU's offered? Check out the opportunities on the [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) website or on the EEC committee page for other ideas.
2. **Promoting Educational Excellence Through Projects and Programs** -- Consider giving grants-in-aid (non members), scholarships (members), encouraging current members and other teachers with treats, mentoring early-career educators, recognizing all teachers for achievements, collaborating with another organization to provide for the dictionary project, and using your imagination to support educators.
3. **Changing the Global Awareness Through Collaboration Worldwide** -- Look into supporting School for Africa; follow U.S. Forum activities; connect through social media on DKG, Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Pick your passion! "You've got to love it and you've got to have a passion." [Steve Jobs] What will you and your chapter choose? Local issues, state focuses, national concerns, and international interests--it's your choice!

*Kaye Jones, Kappa/4 & Alpha Rho State EEC Chair*

### CAUTION! USE OF IMAGES FROM THE DKG WEBSITE!

### PLACES TO FIND IMAGES YOU CAN USE Part 1--From International DKG

Editors sometimes want to use images from the DKG website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) for their newsletters. Be aware that the ONLY images available for use from the DKG website are those in the Logo Library.

1. Use only the graphics from the DKG International Website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Scroll down until you see Libraries. Click on libraries. Choose logos—on the right. Then select Web or Print.
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6. Avoid being sued in these litigious times in America. Be sure your chapter has signed the "Hold Harmless" form and carefully follow the rules to avoid plagiarism or illegal use charges.



Read the directions carefully for these sites and follow their directions on how you may use the items found on their site. Some of these sites have photos for sale at the top of the page to pay for the website. Avoid those unless you are willing to pay for the license to use them.

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- **EveryStockPhoto** – is a search engine for creative commons photos.
- **Flickr Creative Commons** – please note that only those pictures on Flickr under the Commons are copy-right free.
- **Foter.com** – hosts over 190 million free Creative Commons images from many online sources.
- **FreeDigitalPhotos.net** - ALL the images on their website are available free of charge, for business, personal, charitable or educational use. These free images are small sized, but perfect for websites or draft printed work. If you need a larger sized version, they are all available to buy.

*[More in the next edition of the Trail, so stay tuned]*

## CRITICAL THINKING CONCEPTS FOR CLASSROOMS

Simply put, **Academic Optimism** is a staff's belief that they can make a difference, and their belief that all students can be successful.

People with a **Growth Mindset** believe that ability can grow, whereas people with a fixed mindset believe that ability and talent can not change.

**Rigor** increases the complexity of a task, not the difficulty.

To create more opportunities for meaningful dialogue, teachers need to model and plan for purposeful academic talk, also called **Accountable Talk**. When Accountable Talk is used, students form an opinion based on evidence. They then listen to each other's thoughts in a respectful manner. They connect their responses to what others are saying. Students use sentence stems to construct their responses. Some examples include:

- ☐ Based on my evidence, I think...
- ☐ What evidence do you have to support that?
- ☐ I still have questions about...
- ☐ I want to add to what \_\_\_\_ said....
- ☐ I disagree with what \_\_\_\_ said because....
- ☐ I don't know what you mean by....
- ☐ To expand on what \_\_\_\_ said...



## RELATED SITES AND URLs

1. **Academic Optimism** At the following website you can find more information, as well as a PDF download of the SAOS (School Academic Optimism Scale), which measures a school's Academic Optimism using scaled scores. <http://www.waynehoy.com/collective-ao.html>
2. **Growth mindset.** Dr. Dweck's website is filled with information, including the four key steps to help you change from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset. <http://mindsetonline.com>
3. **Rigor** Webb's Depth of Knowledge matrix looks at the level of thinking an objective requires to complete it successfully. At [http://www.aps.edu/re/documents/resources/Webbs\\_DOK\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.aps.edu/re/documents/resources/Webbs_DOK_Guide.pdf) you can find resources for each level, as well as possible learning activities, and descriptions of teacher and student roles.
4. **Accountable Talk.** Go to [http://www.ces.rcs.k12.tn.us/web\\_uploads/203\\_accountable\\_talk\\_toolkit\\_10-09.pdf](http://www.ces.rcs.k12.tn.us/web_uploads/203_accountable_talk_toolkit_10-09.pdf) to download the Accountable Talk Toolkit.



**YOU ARE  
INVITED**

## **KAPPA Auction**

Please join us Nov. 14, 2015, 9:30 – 12:30 for brunch with a silent auction and live auction.

Money from this auction allows us to support literacy programs in our area and internationally.

At St. Mary's Upper Social Hall, 501 N.W. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Corvallis, OR  
Park in the lot in front of building.

## **LEARN ABOUT OUR NATION'S LEGISLATURE AND VISIT WASHINGTON, DC, IN 2016**

The **US Forum National Legislative Seminar** will be held March 13-16, 2016, at the Holiday Inn, National Airport, in Arlington, Virginia. Topics to be addressed are:

Bullying/Cyber Bullying  
High Stakes Student Testing  
Gun Violence/Mental Health  
Human Trafficking  
Pay Equity for Women

**YOU ARE  
INVITED**

Guest speakers and discussion time will be allowed for each of the five topics. Participants will also spend a day on Capitol Hill and have an opportunity to visit with staff members of our Oregon Senators and Representatives.

Registration fees for DKG members are \$160 if postmarked by February 13. After that date, fees are \$185. Room rates are \$189 per night if reserved by the February 12 cut-off date. An optional tour of Ford's Theater, the White House Visitors' Center, Arlington Cemetery, various Smithsonian special exhibits, and several monuments is scheduled for March 13.

Registration forms are on the US Forum website home page at [www.usforumdkg.org](http://www.usforumdkg.org) For additional information or questions, please contact Darlene Cook at [kfteach@aol.com](mailto:kfteach@aol.com).

Come join DKG members from across the nation as we "communicate, cooperate, and put advocacy into action."

Darlene Cook, Alpha/2  
US Forum Northwest Regional Representative, 2014-2016

# CHAPTER CHATTER!

## District 2

**Alpha (Klamath Co.):** Alpha's first meeting was October 17. The Early Educator Grant Applications went out to schools. We give three \$250 grants to educators with ten years' or less experience. The grants will be presented in November along with our annual scholarship silent auction and initiations. Then it's the fun of the holiday season with our Christmas Energizer and gift exchange. We are looking forward to a very productive and fun year.

**Omega (Josephine Co.):** Four members enjoyed Fall Conference. Thanks to all for supporting our fundraiser! October was our "information night" to orient and inform new and prospective members. We had a great evening. November: Technology Update!

## District 3

**Gamma (Lane Co.):** In August Gamma Chapter delivered 12 books to each of the Eugene Pearl Buck graduating preschoolers as they prepare for kindergarten in the fall. Proceeds from our yard sale were donated to Camas Country for educational field trips where students learn how grains are



*80 Gamma New Teacher Bags*

grown and processed in order to keep all the original, healthy nutrients.

Eighty "new teacher bags," which included Gamma brochures, were assembled and distributed to teachers joining Springfield School system.

**Kappa (Linn Co.):** met October 17 with a presentation from our Women in the Arts Committee, followed by a business meeting that includes handing out current notebook info. See the flyer about our November 14 brunch and auction--our major fund raiser. We have invited a speaker who benefited from our donation while working with primary Saudi students who came to Corvallis with their parents. The teacher had no ESL materials for the students. We resume meeting on January 18. Kappa is collecting and donating books to the Corvallis Food Bank for families of children who participate there. We included a sticker with DKG & Kappa denoting where the books were from.

**Lambda (Lane Co.):** Members will tour the Schnitzer Art Museum October 24 with Lambda member **Camille Ronzio** as tour guide. The museum is one of our favorite meetings each year because of Camille's knowledge of Asian art. The museum's fund raiser, Fill the Bus, pays for field trips for elementary age children. Each year Lambda donates to "fill a bus or two," so children from as far away as Oakridge can spend quality time in the Schnitzer Museum.

Lambda's ambassadors **Bev and Jodi Emmons** keep the Service Station, a place for the homeless to get meals and showers, supplied with personal items as well as meats and fresh fruit. Last month they took many pounds of meat and boxes of fruit. This month they took pillows, shoes and clothing, laundry soap, and household items. Folks at the Service Station are most grateful for all the donations the

Emmons women bring them.

**Sigma (Deschutes, Jefferson & Crook Cos.):** will host an after school DKG informational/follow-up meeting for new teachers at the Jefferson County Library annex in October for potential membership drive. December is a Saturday brunch and cookie exchange in Bend.

## District 4

**Tau (Clatsop & Columbia Cos.):** For the tenth year, Clatskanie Kiwanis Club and Tau Chapter partnered to present dictionaries to the sixth grade students of Amber Crawford and David Crawford at Clatskanie Elementary School on Thursday, September 17.

**Alpha Omicron (St. Helens):** is looking forward to distributing dictionaries to third graders in the St. Helens School District this November. More than 230 dictionaries have been purchased for three elementary schools. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year that our chapter and the local Kiwanis have completed a Dictionary Project together.

## District 5

**Psi (Aurora, Beaverton, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Portland, Vancouver, and Banks):** has been busy this fall delivering about 125 dictionaries to third graders. Two members attended Farm Plate, a fund raiser for Home Plate, an organization that helps homeless youth in our community. We also bring dinner to Home Plate at least four times a year and serve it to those attending. A member organizes a fund raiser, The Taste of Tanzania, held in February. Funds raised pay for staff for a whole year at a school for disabled children in Tanzania.

**Alpha Delta (Marion Co.):** dissolved its chapter and members are joining Alpha Epsilon.

**Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.):** Welcome to sisters formerly in Alpha Delta! Welcome, also, to **Beverly Bodtker**, a recent transfer from California!

**Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):** began 2015-16 with our traditional potluck social at **Mary Ann Grimes'** home.

Marsha Steward, Vice President, presented our active teachers with goody bags containing cookies and snacks to show our appreciation for the work they do each day. Our speaker was Candace Leslie, executive director of Northwest Children's Outreach (NCO), a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping families in the Portland area. NCO collects and distributes items which care-providing agencies can then access, providing necessities that families need for their children. It is run by volunteers only.

Our October meeting featured learning about ISB and Option Programs in the Beaverton School District. Our presenters were Kristin Hayward and Amy Hatendorf. In December our chapter will donate items, and at our March meeting, members will volunteer at NCO's Beaverton location, sorting clothing and packing orders.



**Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):** Ben Bowman, pictured above, a staff member of Margaret Doherty, the House Education Chair, spoke at the October

meeting. Mr. Bowman filled us in at length on the Legislature's recent work in the field of education.

## District 6

**Alpha Phi (Clackamas Co.):** is looking forward to our annual Fall Scholarship Auction in November. Funds raised from this popular event are distributed to a variety of individuals and organizations. For several years we have helped a young woman in Panama to obtain a higher education degree. We have also contributed to a clean water project started by a chapter member and her husband. They teach natives in several South American countries how to easily purify their water for drinking and cooking. Their nonprofit organization is called Agua Pura Pura.

**Alpha Pi (Clackamas Co.):** Our October meeting featured a guest speaker from the Clackamas County Women's Shelter, a facility providing emergency housing to women and children fleeing abuse. Members brought toys, games, and books as gifts for children at Christmas. We welcomed a new member at our initiation ceremony. Most of our chapter will be attending the Fall Brunch on November 17 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. This year's speaker will be Phil Stanford, and those who have heard him speak before say he is terrific. We hope to see many of you there!

### MAKING MONEY—The easy way...

DKG sisters, do you ever shop on Amazon? If so, do something for DKG.



1. Check out Amazon Smile.
2. Select Delta Kappa Gamma as the organization to which you'd like to donate 0.5 percent of the total spent.
3. Wasn't that easy?

### REINSTATEMENTS

- Epsilon/2: Andra Hollenbeck
- Omega/2: Lisa Kramer--returning after teaching two years in Taiwan.

### TRANSFERS

- Alpha Epsilon/5: Beverly Bodtker, Transferring in from California



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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 13 - 16, 2016**  
**US Forum, Washington, DC**

**April 29 - May 1, 2016**  
**Oregon State Conference**  
**Pendleton, Oregon**

**July 5 - 9, 2016**  
**International Convention**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  
**(Gaylord Opryland Center)**

### **PRESIDENT CINDY'S 2015 – 16 SCHEDULE**

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Chapter/Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
11/17/15	Portland Area Brunch	Portland, OR
4/29- 5/1, 2016	2016 Spring Conference Wildhorse Resort & Casino	Pendleton, OR
7/5 - 7/9, 2016	International Convention Gaylord Opryland Resort	Nashville, TN



### **REMINDERS TO TREASURERS**

1. Send your dues and Form 18 to Madaline Lapp, State Treasurer, by November 10.
2. All treasurers need to file Form 990N (an e-postcard) with the IRS immediately or by November 15, 2015, at the absolute latest.

