

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.

WHAT DOES “DIGITAL ONLY” MEAN TO ME?

In this 21st century, many--if not most--people expect to find information on the Internet. Alpha Rho State/Oregon is venturing more fully into this new world by putting the April 2014 Trail on the state Website only. We sent an alert to every member whose current demographics listed an e-mail address.

If you have a connection to the Internet, you can access the Trail on the state Website: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/OR/> If you do not have an Internet connection, the president of your chapter--or a volunteer appointed by the president--is to provide you with the *Trail*. She may decide to print a copy for you; she may share her copy via a laptop or a reader, such as a Kindle. What will not happen is a printed copy sent from Alpha Rho State/Oregon. This is a new century with new ideas!

Why? Printed copies are very costly and the budget is feeling the pinch. By accepting the challenge of digital copies, you are saving the state well over \$1100 on this issue alone.



BOOK COLLECTION IN BEND

Help support the Reach Out and Read Program at the Mosaic Medical Clinic serving Bend and Madras by bringing **NEW** books to donate at convention.



The Reach Out and Read Program is sponsored by The Oregon Pediatric Society, one of our partners in the BEAR Program. They give out new books to children 6 months to 5 years old at every well child checkup. Age appropriate books will be appreciated. They can also use books for older students if you want to donate some, but the focus is on the younger years.

Pictures supplied by the chapters and by Grace Pitzer, Oregon State Photographer. Clip art is from Microsoft Word 2010 and from DKG International.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

*Kathy Martell, President
Oregon State Organization*



**Working Together: Building Early
Academic Readiness**

MEMBERSHIP

The lifeblood of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is the chapter and the members. Over the years, membership has declined for various reasons. Chapters have had limited success in increasing membership; however, as I have visited chapters this year and have heard about projects in your communities, I truly believe this will soon increase our success level and will result in gaining new members. You are getting the Delta Kappa Gamma name out in public, and many in education now are benefitting from what your chapters offer. Chapters support early-career educators and established teachers well into their careers.

Chapters shared these projects on how they are helping all teachers work toward educational excellence. Please try the ideas if they are new to your chapter.

- Providing treats/gifts/notes of support during special times

"B.E.A.R." with us . . . as we are WORKING TOGETHER BUILDING EARLY ACADEMIC READINESS.

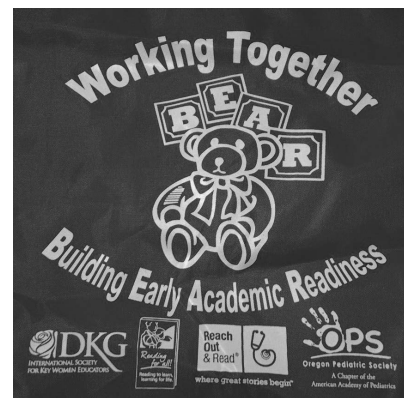
- Mentoring a student teacher
- Volunteering in classrooms
- Awarding a \$750 grant-in-aid to someone getting her master's in elementary education
- Working at the Scholastic Book Warehouse sales and "earning" books that are distributed to early-career educators to build libraries in their classrooms
- Collecting books for distribution at various times throughout the year
- Offering teacher grants – one chapter awards \$50 grants to ten teachers each year (Recipients come to a meeting to receive the award and tell what it is going to be used for.)
- Distributing dictionaries to third graders
- Giving mini-grants to high school teachers
- Delivering a "goodie bag" to new female teachers at the beginning of the year with teaching supplies and a DKG pamphlet
- Holding a special meeting where they invite new teachers to a dinner and introduce them to DKG
- Sharing coffee cards
- Making your chapter available to help teachers change rooms
- Giving a \$50 check to four early-career educators for classroom supplies
- Adopting an elementary school and collecting needed items for monthly delivery to all teachers
- Providing mini-grants of \$250 to three early-career educators.

As DKG continues to be visible in schools, offering help where needed, offering PDU's for programs at chapter and state levels, and offering mini-grants to teachers, the Society will start gaining members. Educators

know that we care about educational excellence and that we support the great job they are doing under very heavy demands. That window of opportunity will not be big, but we will have set the ground work, and they will remember all we have done to support them and their students.

Celebrate your efforts at the chapter level, and we will celebrate together at state convention in May!

See you in Bend! *Kathy*



Authors on Reading

"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book! -- When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library."

— Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

"Reading was my escape and my comfort, my consolation, my stimulant of choice: reading for the pure pleasure of it, for the beautiful stillness that surrounds you when you hear an author's words reverberating in your head."

— Paul Auster, *The Brooklyn Follies*

Source: <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/reading>

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ELECTION PROCESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT 2014 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Members voting at the 2014 International Convention will consider proposed amendments that determine whether to continue with our current process of delegate voting or to institute a general election that allows every member to vote in the election of Administrative Board and elected committee members.

Current situation. All members in attendance at the convention vote on proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*. Officers and elected committee members are currently elected by state organization presidents who have one vote for every five active and reserve members. The state organization president may cast all her state's votes for a particular nominee or she may split her vote if there is more than one nominee.

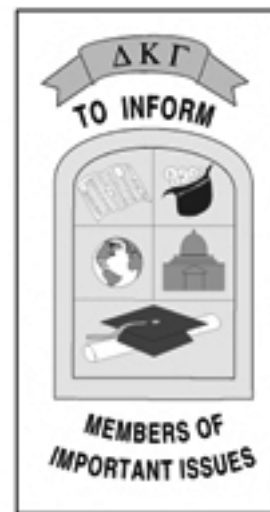
Impact of proposal. If the convention votes to allow every member to vote, all members will be able to vote for the members of the Administrative Board. All members would vote for president, the vice presidents, the member-at-large, and Finance Committee members while only members within a region will vote for their regional director and regional representatives to the Nominations Committee. Only Latin American and Canadian members would vote for their own area representative. Members would vote electronically or by requested paper ballot.

Process. The *Ad Hoc* Elections Process Committee (EPC), approved by the 2012 Executive Board and appointed by President Dr. Beverly Helms, has researched costs, consulted the Finance Committee, studied the nominations process, communicated with

members, and solicited member input via Survey Monkey and at regional conferences.

Costs. Various vending companies have submitted estimated costs of an electronic election ranging between \$15,000 and \$25,000 per election. The 2012-2014 Finance Committee is aware of the possibility of an every member voting election process. If the change is approved, the 2014-2016 Finance Committee will have the task of budgeting for the new voting process. The ad hoc committee submitted to the Constitution Committee proposed amendments that would make a general election possible. The convention has the final authority whether to approve or disapprove proposed amendments. The decision rests with the vote of the 2014 convention.

More? Go to www.dkg.org to find more information about a general election and the full results of surveys taken in 2013 on the *Ad Hoc* DKG Election Process Committee page.



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Letters of Congratulation were sent to the following individuals. Listed are name, position, reason for recognition.

NON-MEMBERS

Rep. Betty Komp, Oregon Legislator: for being recognized in the press by the Chalkboard Project for your support in the legislature of students and teachers as they work toward Educational Excellence.

Drew Moneke, Civics Teacher, West Salem High School: for being selected as the Oregon Civics Educator of the Year! Added to the Milken Family Foundation Educator Award he received four years ago, it shows that he is truly an Outstanding Educator working toward Educational Excellence.

Ericka Guynes, Principal, Boyles Elementary School, David Douglas District: for being selected as Oregon Elementary Principal of the Year in 2013. She and her staff at Boyles Elementary are doing an outstanding job with their "Collaborating as a Community" program that includes preschoolers into their school family.

Don Grotting, David Douglas Superintendent: for being named the 2014 Oregon Superintendent of the Year by the Oregon Association of School Executives (OASE) that represents all Oregon superintendents, and by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA).

Sue Miller, Chairwoman of the Early Learning Hub Inc.'s Board of Directors: Congratulations to you and The Early Learning Hub, Inc., of Marion County for being awarded the first contract from the state's Early Learning Council.

MEMBERS

Dr. Cindy Ryan, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Salem: for receiving a \$1 million federal grant for your PIECE Project (Promoting Inclusion in Early Childhood Education) and a Cornet Professional Development Award to attend and present at the National Association for Early Childhood Education (NAEYC) 2013 Annual Conference and Expo, NAECTE Fall Conference in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Nancy Golden, Gamma Chapter, Springfield: for being selected unanimously by The Oregon Education Investment Board to oversee the state's public education system as Oregon's Chief Education Officer.



Lois MacMillan, Omega Chapter, Grants Pass: on your most recent accomplishment of being one of three teachers selected to present projects on Abraham Lincoln at the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. Lois presented her online *website Understanding Global Lincoln* at Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in November. Two other accomplishments Lois is proud of are being named Teacher of the Year in 2006 and receiving the Gilder Lehrman



Institute's 2006 Oregon History Teacher of the Year!

Sally Neff, Alpha Delta Chapter, Salem: on your nomination for a Crystal Apple Award in November. Sally is an outstanding P.E. teacher at McKinley Elementary, Salem-Keizer District.

Susan Faller-Mitchell, Omega Chapter, Grants Pass: for being re-certified as a National Board Certified teacher. Wow! Susan sets an excellent example for her students at Southern Oregon University.



Steffanie Willett, Iota Gamma Chapter, California. Steffanie is Head Volleyball Coach, Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay. Congratulations on receiving a Cornet Professional Development Award to attend the 2013 Fall American Volleyball Coaches Association Convention in Seattle. Steffanie joined DKG in her grandmother's chapter and attends meetings there when she is in the area. She is looking for a full time job and, if she settles in Oregon, President Kathy has invited her to transfer her membership here.

Cornet Professional Development Funds from International can be used for conference or seminar costs, online courses, workshops, National Board Certification, and other non-degree programs & are available to working members and nonmembers.

The next award cycles begin May 1 and Sept. 1. See www.dkgef.org for forms.

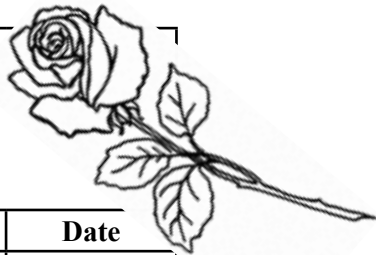
Will you join Dr. Helms in Indianapolis? Important decisions will be made, so come to make your voice heard. Join in the fellowship of Sisters; learn new information; have fun; travel; and much more . . .



Beverly Helms, Ed.D., 2012-2014 International President

Meet Dr. Helms and many more at the J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana, Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1, 2014. Let's keep **Sharing our Vision ~ Strengthening Our Society.**

Red and White Roses
 Fall 2013/Winter2014 (Official List)




Chapter	Name	Initiate	Death	Reinstate	Date
Alpha Epsilon	Linda M. Craven	X			
Alpha Phi	Joyce L. Henstrand	X			1/16/14
Chi	Janice L. Jessen	X			12/18/13
Sigma	Vicki L. Ashwill	X			12/14/13
	Annette L.Hildebrand	X			12/14/13
	Terri G. Comment	X			2/24/14
Iota	Marjorie D. Liesegang		X		11.13.13
Beta Gamma	Marian Golonka			X	
Lambda	Carolyn Rayborn		X		1/2014

CURRENT AND NEW TREASURERS: RULES FOR CLEARING OUT FILES

In response to a request from a chapter treasurer about retaining records, please go by this schedule approved by International.

~Madaline Lapp, Oregon State Treasurer

Suggested Accounting Retention Description	Legal Period	Your Call	Chapter	State
Bank statements & photo copies of checks*	4 years		X	X
Cash Disbursements (paid vendor invoices)	4 years		X	X
Cash Receipts – Deposits	4 years		X	X
Financial Statements (audits/reviews)	permanent		X	X
General Ledger	4 years		X	X
Revenue Reports and Journals	4 years		X	X
Revenue – June 30 Reports	4 years		X	X
Expenditure Budget Reports and Journals	4 years		X	X
Expenditure-June 30 Reports	4 years		X	X
Revenue Data Entry Reports	2 years			X
Expenditure Budget Data Entry Reports	2 years			X
Posted General Ledger Data Entry Reports	4 years			X
Contracts – expired	4 years			X
Correspondence – general	2 years			X
Insurance Claim Records		X	X	X
Insurance Policies – expired	4 years		X	X
Inventories of Materials and Supplies	4 years		X	X
Membership – Form 18 Printouts	7 years		X	X
Payroll Records and Summaries	8 years			X
Payroll– W2 Reports	<i>Active- permanent. Others- 8 years.</i>			
Payroll– time sheets as backup record	8 years			X
Quarterly and Yearly Tax Statements	8 years			X
Federal Report 990	permanent			X
Retirement/Pension Records	<i>Active- permanent. Others- 8 years.</i>			
Personnel Records	<i>Check with your attorney.</i>			
Property Records	permanent			X
Purchase Orders	4 years		X	X
State Convention Financial Records		X		X

 Keep state/chapter financial records of historical or archival value permanently. For long term storage it is recommended that hard copies be kept in addition to electronic records.

**Checks whenever possible*

Revised by the 2008-2010 International Finance Committee

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE NEWS

Catch DKG Fever!

WHY a Unique Boutique? To help our sisters grow personally and professionally while expanding their DKG horizons, we want them to catch DKG Fever! We encourage their involvement at a level beyond their chapter so they connect with DKG members from around the state, region, nation and world.

HOW does the Unique Boutique do this? Profits support the Boutique Treasure Stipend—traditionally offered to first-timers attending a DKG Regional or International Convention. This year we are expanding to include first-timers at Alpha Rho State Convention and to those attending a DKG Training Seminar or Workshop.

HOW can you help? Invite the Boutique to one of your chapter and/or district events. To support our goal of offering the most money to the most people, help us to bring the Unique Boutique to you. The Boutique has been to the PAC Brunch in Portland and attended Salem’s Founders’ Day celebration. We’d love to come to you. Contact Catie Thurber-Brown at roncatiebrown1@msn.com or call 971.338.6199 (home) or 503.975.4405 (cell) to make arrangements.

Come see what’s new at the Boutique, buy a treasure, and help a sister catch the fever! **Catie Thurber Brown**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

WEBSITES

Does my Chapter need a Website?

A website is as essential as a telephone, fax or printed material and is an expectation for the 21st century. People searching for contact information about a business or organization consult the web before the yellow pages these days. No website? Your chapter has lost a potential member. A website guides readers to more information. Potential members love pictures of chapter activities and learn about benefits of membership. Websites save time! Forget the date of a meeting? Search your chapter website for an immediate answer.

Sold? To develop a top-notch site, visit DKG International for website standards and resources. Go to <http://www.dkg.org> >> Committees >> Communication and Publicity >> **Standards for Website Certification** and **Using weebly.com** Weebly® is a website where anyone with basic word processing skills can create a website at no cost. No special software is required and there are no hosting fees.

The Oregon Communication and Technology Committee is here to help! Contact Linda St. Pierre at lindastpierre@comcast.net For an excellent example, visit Alpha (Klamath Falls) at <http://alphachapterdeltakappagamma.weebly.com/>

Are you ready to take the plunge? Add “Develop a Website to increase membership and communication to your Strategic Action Plan.”

Linda ST. Pierre, Chair

PEACE SYMPOSIUM LANE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Lane Coordinating Council--Alpha Sigma, Gamma, and Lambda Chapters--presented a Peace Symposium called *Supporting Peace through Education*, on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Four keynote speakers addressed about 70 educators and community activists.

John Attig, retired history teacher, spoke about the formation of the American Nobel Peace Laureate Project which includes creating the Nobel Peace Laureate Park in Eugene to honor American Nobel Peace winners. There is need to educate people about those winners' achievements. Materials on American recipients are available at www.nobelpeacelaureates.org.

Lura Pierce shared her story of being immersed “peace,” using metaphors of butterflies and color to create objects of peace. Upon retirement, Lura took her stories and objects of peace to schools around the world where children shared their own visions of peace.



Lura Pierce and Peace Quilt

Clair Wiles, currently teaching history at North Eugene High School, discussed creating a curriculum called *Peace, Justice, and Human Rights*, and how she was challenged to hang onto peace as she was called to serve a

year in Iraq in the midst of her teaching career. Clair's message is that we can learn peace and peaceful methods in spite of the horrors of war. Planting seeds of hope, both literally and figuratively, can transform our world and us.

Cathy Paine addressed how we can and must create caring, safe schools. Cathy is chair of the National Emergency Assistance Team for the National Association of School Psychologists. Her experiences helping schools and districts around the U.S. following a crisis or traumatic event demonstrate the critical need to create safety climates within schools.

The morning was filled with music, too. **Karen Olsen** set the mood by playing before the Symposium began. The Eugene Raging Grannies sang peace songs, having written new words to some old familiar tunes.



The Eugene Raging Grannies

A flag standard held 1000 cranes; hundreds of stars hung above the podium; blue glass pebbles were the tokens given to remember the morning's messages. With PDU's for educators, *Supporting Peace through Education* was a highly successful event and was well received by both educators and the community.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

March 7, 2014

Dear Kathy,

It is my pleasure to notify you that Helen Chandler of Alpha Nu/Oregon chapter has received a Cornetet Professional Development Award in the amount of \$945.00.

She plans to use her award to attend the Middle Years Programme Category 1 and 3 Workshop. We are pleased that a member from your state has received assistance, through her Society membership, to enhance her professional expertise.

Please help us encourage educators (members and non-members) who need professional development assistance to check the international website for the Cornetet Award information and application, and to apply, as did Helen. We have included her address (below), should you wish to congratulate her personally.

Sincerely,

Donna Reynolds, Chair
Cornetet Individual Professional
Development Awards Committee of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational
Foundation

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OREGON MEMBERS TO ATTEND 2014 GOLDEN GIFT FUND LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

February 7, 2014

From: 2012-2014 International Golden Gift Fund
Committee

The Golden Gift Fund Committee proudly announces that **Darlene Cook AND Kelly McIntyre** of Oregon State Organization have been selected as two (2) of thirty (30) Delta Kappa Gamma members to participate in the 2014 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. This two-week program will be held at the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin, June 28-July 11, 2014.

Congratulations and best wishes to both Darlene and Kelly on being selected for this prestigious honor.

50TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Congratulations to these sisters!

1. **Judy Brimmer**, Alpha Chapter, Klamath Falls
Project: Equipping Students for Scientific Inquiry and Engineering Design
2. **Kelly McIntyre**, President, Psi Chapter, Hillsboro
Project: Lions' Den



STATE AWARDS

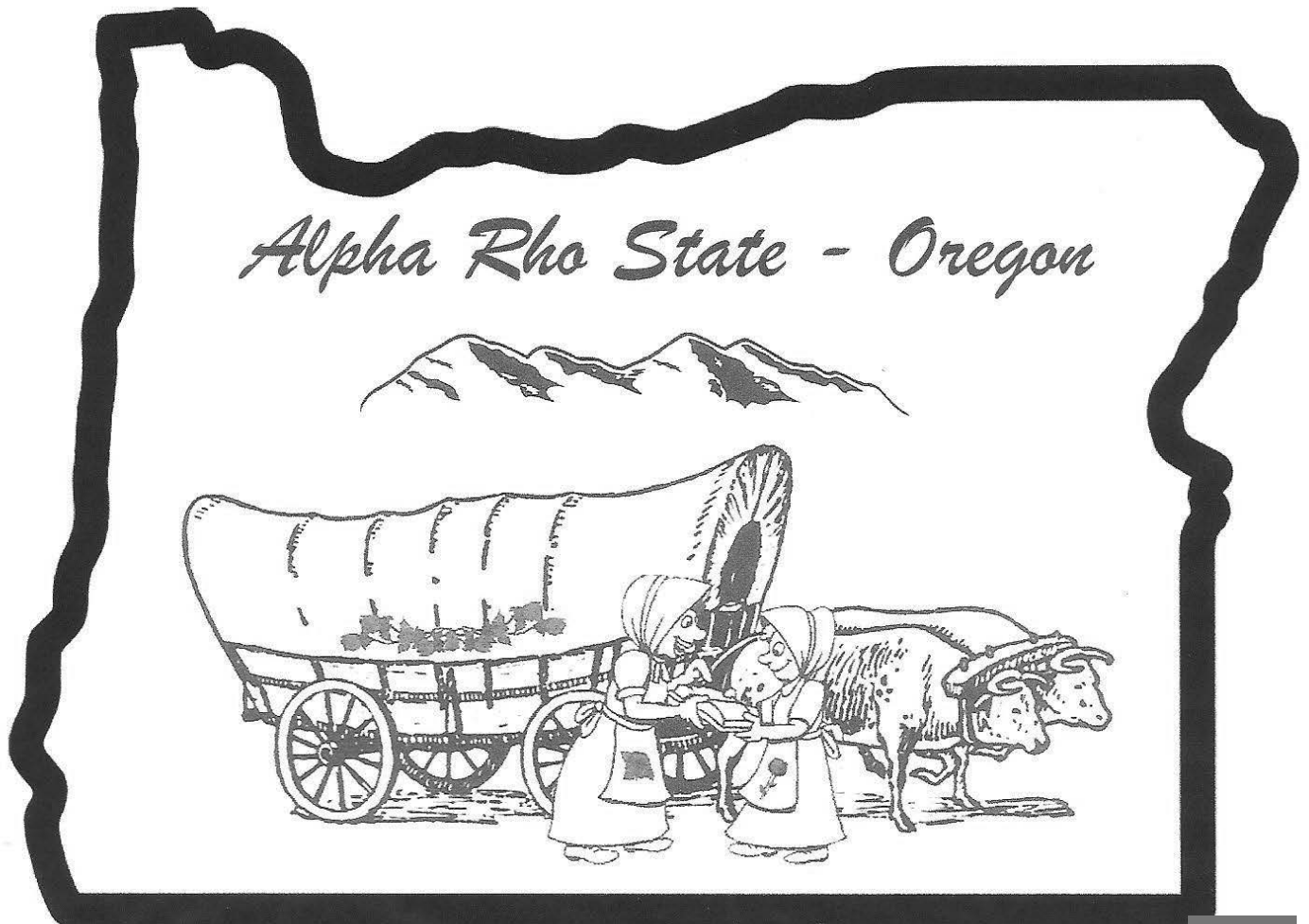
I am leaving for the ASCD Conference in L.A. Mar. 14 with Claudia Dow. We both received a scholarship that covers our expenses. Can you guess where that money came from? Hmm?? That's right...Delta Kappa Gamma! It came from our own Alpha Rho State scholarship funds.

That is one reason to stay in and to get others to join.

Peggy Boyer Cowens

LOGO CONTEST ENTRIES

- Choose your favorite logo from the three submitted (the third is on the next page).
- **VOTE** for your choice by emailing your selection to President Kathy at kkm4dkg@gmail.com by April 18.
- List "LOGO vote" as your subject line.
- Just put "1" or "2" or "3" in the body of the email.



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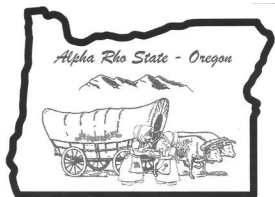
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LOGO CONTEST ENTRIES



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Note from Marie: The LOGO needs to be clear whether small or large. I put all three into boxes of the same height and width to compare them.

CHAPTER ARTICLES

Lambda: Eugene/Lane County

WHITE ROSES FOR CAROLYN RAYBORN (1935 – 2014)



Born in Weston, Oregon, Carolyn grew up on a farm, working with animals, operating farm equipment, and driving a wheat truck. After graduation of Weston High (1953), she attended Eastern Oregon College, and then received a bachelor's from the University of Oregon, and a master's from Oregon State University. She taught at Lebanon High, then moved to Sheldon High in Eugene when it opened. She taught physical education there for 34 years until retiring in 1997. "She took an interest in every student." "She changed my life." —these are among many student accolades. Carolyn coached every sport: volleyball, basketball, swimming, diving, cross country, track and field, and tennis; she took many teams to championships. She mentored in Girls' Athletic Association, taught bowling to special education students, organized intramurals, and participated in sports herself. A member of the Oregon Track Club since 1969, she was recognized for her contributions as an Honorary Life Member, a status awarded to few.

Carolyn was a member of Lambda

Chapter of DKG in Eugene, serving as president for four years. Carolyn sang with the Alpha Rhosies and in Regional and International DKG choirs. She traveled throughout the world, raised and enjoyed a productive garden, volunteered, and continued learning through classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Carolyn kept in contact with family and friends; she will be buried in Weston, near Pendleton in Eastern Oregon. Carolyn will be missed.

CHAPTER CHATTER



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District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): See p. 12, too

Grant Recipient Ceremony



Alpha Chapter President Darlene Cook (left) and scholarship chairman Sandy Lake (far right) with two of Alpha Chapters early career grant recipients

Epsilon: See p. 12, please

Omega (Josephine Co.): presented part of the program (Brain Gym by **Peggy Cowens**) at the February Friendship Meeting with Epsilon in Medford. Also in February Omega celebrated the Love of Teaching with members **Lise VanBrunt, Claudia Dow, and Susan Faller-Mitchell** presenting stories of inspiration for the student and first-year teachers who were able to attend the dinner. In March State President Kathy Martell joined us for a BEAR program at Madrona Elementary.

District 3

Gamma (Lane Co.): In January sisters learned about a local school district's work experience program for older students with disabilities. Our speaker explained how their commercial greenhouse and farmer's market projects teach students useful life skills. Gamma enjoyed hearing from our state president, **Kathy Martell**, in February when she shared information about the BEAR project. Afterwards we dined together at a local Mexican restaurant.

Sisters are looking forward to visiting and playing Bunco in April.

Lambda (Lane Co.): Lambda Chapter is featuring technology this spring. In February, Jessyca Lewis from the University of Oregon Lundquist School of

Business demonstrated the use of "Twitter® in the Classroom"

and told us briefly about the benefits of using LinkedIn® for teachers and

students. Our April program host **Camille Ronzio** will share tips with us on smarter and safer uses of EBay® and Craig's List®. To date Lambda has contributed hundreds of dollars to World Fellowship through EBay sales

Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon): Welcomed new member **Terri Comment**—teacher, sub, home school teacher, and mom—on February 22. Members assembled 80 care bags for Head Start students in Redmond on March 13. **Glenda Holzfuss** hosted us in Madras with soup, salad, & dessert as our potluck lunch.

Sigma Initiations



Vickie Ashwill (left) and Annette L. Hildebrand are initiated into Sigma Chapter by Carol Bicart, President



Carol Bicart (left) and new Sigma member Terri Comment

District 4 Meeting: Alpha Omega, Alpha Omicron, and Tau

On March 8, eleven members,

including Alpha Rho State President **Kathy Martell**, enjoyed a delightful afternoon tea and tour while celebrating the gift of DKG friendship at the Caples House Museum, located in Columbia City overlooking the Columbia River. The museum, maintained by the Daughters of the American Revolution, is open year-round by appointment. They strive to promote education by providing a variety of activities and events for all ages. (www.CaplesHouse.com). While at the District 4 meeting, **Judy Mattson**, Alpha Omega, was the top bidder on the St. Patrick's Day gift bag, Alpha Omicron's monthly "Bid a Bag" fundraising project created by their chapter to help offset DKG annual dues.

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): enjoyed a presentation on genealogy following the February meeting. Copresident **Shirley Mann** taught us the basics of tracing our family history. Members attended the Dst. 4 meeting at Caples House in Columbia City. The ladies of the D.A.R. will be serving a "high tea" for lunch, followed by a tour of the museum grounds. (See the Dst. 4 meeting discussion above.)

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Initiated three key women educators in February with Kathy Martell, Alpha Rho State President, participating in the ceremony.



Melanie Morris (left), Alpha Nu VP and State President Kathy Martell

Program presenter Brad Avakian, Oregon Commissioner of Labor and

Industries, spoke about high school career and technical education and pay equity for women. He discovered that two of his former elementary teachers are Alpha Nu officers: **President Marietta Kuykendall and Treasurer Elaine Mattson.**

Brad Avakian with his former 6th and 5th grade teachers, Marietta Kuykendall and Elaine Mattson



Alpha Nu's award-winning photographer **Grace Pitzer** not only took pictures of the February initiation and of the guest presenter, Brad Avakian, but she presented at the March meeting on Photography for Dummies. We learned a plethora of tips to improve our photography skills.

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): invited four prospective new members into the society. Their Membership Orientation Coffee was March 8. Those women who accept membership will be initiated April 14.

District 5 Joint Meeting

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.) and Alpha Delta (Marion Co.): Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Delta members enjoyed modeling Chico's Fashions at our joint Founders' Day celebration. We also read at Washington School in Salem to help celebrate Dr. Seuss Day. Over 350 people enjoyed pizza followed by a choice of story readings with Dr. Seuss activities. Alpha Epsilon is busy preparing for State.

Three members are presenting workshops! Please join us for breakfast in the Hospitality Room.

District 6

Phi (Multnomah County): Several times a year member **Angie Zimmerman** plans fun field trips for Phi as a change from helping classroom teachers. March takes the group to the art gallery in the Oregon Jewish Museum to view works by Sara Harwin, a Portland artist. In the exhibit *Illuminated Letters: Threads of Connection* she combined use of paint, paper cuts, and fiber arts to construct the pieces on display. We'll finish at a nearby restaurant.

Alpha Pi (Multnomah Co.): was very fortunate to have member **Dr. Jeannette Lyons** share "Seven Tips for Health" at its March meeting. Everyone enjoyed practicing some of the various tips. In April the chapter looks forward to a presentation on *Wil of God [sic]*, by Carrie Wilson Link. It's the amazing story of a mother raising a special needs child.

Beta Gamma (Canby/Molalla): State President **Kathy Martell** visited in January. Two high school exchange students presented the program. Beta Gamma's February meeting featured a program on autism presented by Lori Baker, Autism Specialist, Silver Falls School District.

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Alpha (Klamath Co.): began the new year learning about a mentoring program through Klamath County's Citizens for Safe Schools. In March, **Peggy Cowens** (Omega) traveled to Klamath Falls to present information on *Brain Gym International*. Non-members were invited and the

chapter offered 1.5 hours of PDU credits. Thanks, Peggy, for a wonderful program!



Peggy Cowens & Darlene Cook at the Brain Gym Int'l Presentation

Judy Brimmer was recently awarded one of fifty \$1000 grants from DKG's Educational Foundation 50th Anniversary Celebration. Judy will use the grant to develop a science lab at Mills Elementary School. Way to go, Judy!

Congratulations also to **Nancy Gilder** and **Arlene Sigurdson** who are celebrating 25 years with DKG and to first-year member **Valeria Menke**, who is presenting a workshop on *FIRSTRobotics* at State convention & conference in May. Your Alpha sisters are proud of all you have accomplished!

Epsilon (Medford/Jackson Co.): Epsilon Chapter enjoyed having Omega Chapter from Grants Pass join us at the February meeting. "Brain Gym," presented by Omega member Peggy Cowens was very interesting. As a workshop at last year's state convention, it was a hurried presentation; it was great to see it again at a more relaxed pace.

Epsilon members again hosted the "Young Artists of the Rogue Valley" project. Each week, members displayed student artwork from a different school district at the Rogue Valley Mall. For some districts, that can mean more than 100 pieces of art. Then that district had a reception to

honor those with artwork displayed. Entertainment was presented by students from that district at the reception. With six districts in Jackson County, it is a six week commitment for the members--a very rewarding and enjoyable commitment! The artwork reflects very talented students of all ages.

Epsilon members mounting pictures for display at the Rogue Valley Mall



Is your chapter represented? Share your good ideas so other chapters can benefit--or perhaps will realize that they, too, have done something that will inspire others.

Be sure you are in the next issue. Just send a sentence or two of "chat-ter" to Marie Mueller, editor, at cwmueller@charter.net



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DKG International Convention

July 28 - August 1, 2014
JW Marriott, Indianapolis, Indiana

Alpha Rho State Convention

April 17 - 19, 2015
Eugene Hilton, Downtown

2014 PRESIDENT KATHY'S SCHEDULE		
Date	Chapter(s)/Activity	Location
3/19	Psi	Hillsboro
4/10	Lambda	Eugene
4/15	Alphi Phi	Milwaukee
4/17	Iota	Pendleton
4/18	Zeta--Visit Zeta's BEAR Proj.	LaGrande
4/21	Pi	Hood River
5/ 2-4	Oregon State Convention	Bend
May	Omega's BEAR Celebration	Grants Pass
5/15	Alpha's BEAR Celebration & Meeting	Klamath Falls
May	Alpha Omicron's BEAR Celebration	St. Helens
7/28 - 8/1	International Convention	Indianapolis, IN