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SPRING CONFERENCE -- APRIL 29 TO MAY 1 IN PENDLETON!

Registration form: on the website and on p. 11

Lodging information: p. 10

NEW KEYNOTERS IDENTIFIED

International Guest & Presenter
Dr. Beverly Helms



*Camille Preus, President
Blue Mt. Community College*

FRIDAY EVENING

Blue Mt. CC offers a full range of courses for students, and this year has debuted Precision Agriculture and Mechatronics (aka Advanced Industrial Maintenance) programs, with more to come. Hear Ms. Preus describe how Eastern Oregon benefits from work done by the Blue Mt. Community College and by the quality students who graduate.



*Wesley Mitchell, EOU Elem. Ed.
Student*

SATURDAY MORNING

Wesley experienced adversity growing up in an at-risk family, spending time as a foster child, and essentially raising himself through frightening experiences. Learn how he overcame these tremendous odds, was inspired to teach, has (almost) completed a degree in education, and has conquered the belief that "This kid doesn't have a chance!"



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



*Dr. Cindy Ryan, President
Oregon State Organization*

CATCH THE WAVE IN PENDLETON!

Western Oregon University just played host for several faculty candidates in the Division of Teacher Education. I was able to see Oregon and its beauty through the eyes of a number of people who were visiting Oregon for the first time. They all remarked about the emerald color of the grass and the beauty of the landscape. After weeks of rain, it's often easy to overlook the beauty that surrounds us, and it was fun to see our state through new eyes. As I walked my dog this morning, I could see flowers blooming and the sun peeking out behind the clouds. Spring is definitely in the air.

I had the opportunity to travel to Grants Pass and Medford in February to attend a joint Omega and Epsilon chapter meeting. What fun it was to spend time with so many wonderful women, sharing fellowship and enjoying each other's company. **Claudia Dow** (Omega) delighted us all with a workshop on *Mindfulness*. It was a fantastic day!

There is still time to nominate one of your outstanding chapter members for her work in for education, in service to community, and to Delta Kappa

Gamma. The deadline for nominations is coming up (March 15), so please consider nominating one of your deserving members. Contact Priscilla Ing or Kathy Webster for more information. (See the article on p. 7.)

Have you had a chance to read *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral* yet? Kris Radish's brilliant novel was our first choice for Alpha Rho State Oregon's first Book Club. We will have a Book Club meeting during one of the workshop sessions in Pendleton. Slide on your red high-top sneakers and join us for a lively conversation about Annie Freeman and her friends.

Catch the Wave in Pendleton! Special thanks to **Kelly McIntyre** (State VP, Psi/5), **Vickie Jackson**, and all of **Iota Chapter** for all the work they are putting into the preparation of our State Conference in Pendleton. Please check out the workshops, keynote speakers, and other fun events that have been prepared just for you. Make sure you reserve your room at the Wildhorse Resort, and send in your conference registration.

In addition to all of the Conference details, Chapter Presidents will take part in a special workshop on Sunday morning, May 1. Our morning will focus on growing and supporting membership. If you can't make it, please make sure to send a designee. We have lots to discuss.

Thank you to Chapter Presidents for working to meet deadlines for Chapter Necrology and Presidents' Reports. Your dedication and work are much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you in Pendleton!

Take care, Cindy

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

UPDATED!!

~CATCH THE WAVE OF DIVERSITY~

**NOTE:
TOUR ADDED!**

**Charm Your Way Through
Pendleton!**

The member who collects the most charms from the Pendleton community wins a prize!

Friday, April 29, 2016

- 1:00-6:45 p.m. Registration open
Check into our rooms
- 1:00-5:00 Tours
- 6:00 Welcome by Pendleton Mayor Phillip Houk
- 6:15-7:00 Keynote: Camille Preus, President, Blue Mt. Comm. College
- 7:10-7:40 Entertainment by the Gentry's Singing & Mandolin players
- 7:30-8:30 General Session and Executive Board Business Meeting
- 8:30-10:00 Socializing. Cash Bar open

Saturday, April 30, 2016

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Wellness Activities
- 7:30-10:00 Registration open
- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast in Hospitality Suite
- 8:00-9:00 Baskets – Buy your tickets for the drawing at 4:15
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome
- 9:15-10:00 Keynote: Wesley Mitchell, Eastern Oregon University education major
- 10:00-12:00 Boutique Open
- 10:15-11:00 Workshops Sessions I (choice of 4 sessions)**
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-12:00 Workshops Sessions II (choice of 4 sessions)**
- 12:00-1:30 Baskets – Buy your tickets for the drawing at 4:15
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch and Birthday celebration
- 1:15-2:00 Keynote : Dr. Beverly Helms: *Women Leaders*
- 2:00-4:00 Boutique Open
- 2:15-3:00 Workshops Sessions III (choice of 4 sessions)**
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:00 Workshops Sessions IV (choice of 4 sessions)**
- 4:15-4:45 Basket Drawing
- 5:00-7:00 Cash Bar open in Conference area
- 5:15-6:30 Dinner and Awards
- 7:30-9:30 Pendleton Underground Tour (Sign up & pay with conference registration)
- 7:30-10:00 Hospitality Suite open

**Workshop
details
pages 4 and 5**

Sunday, May 1, 2016

- 6:30-7:30 a.m. Wellness Activities
- 8:00-8:30 White Rose Ceremony
- 8:30-9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-12:00 Chapter Presidents' Training; others welcome!
You'll learn what your officers need to do.
- Noon/Afternoon Travel home safely.



Designed by Vice President Kelly McIntyre using dreamstime.com (the surfer) and Shutterstock (the wave). Kelly then added the diamond.

PROFESSIONAL/EDUCATIONAL/PERSONAL GROWTH SESSIONS

Session I: 10:00-10:45 a.m.

“Native and Xeric Plants of Oregon’s East Side”

Presenter: Colleen Sanders, Master Gardner OSU Extension Office Pendleton
50% of Oregon is semi-arid to arid; learn what thrives under the sunny skies.

“DKGnext! Attracting and Retaining New Members”

Presenters: Karen Shelton, Milton-Freewater Unified School District, member of International President Dr. Lyn Schmid’s Committee for the Future of DKG, Iota Chapter
Learn the five steps used by DKGnext! to find new members and see how multi-generational chapters thrive on each other’s strengths.

“There’s Wool and Then There is Wool!”

Presenter: Barb Smutz, Zeta Chapter
Three different activities using wool scraps than can be purchased at Pendleton Wool Company to sculpt wool fleece, decorate clothing, and make seat pads.

“Homeless Families and their Children”

Presenter: Dr. Tillie MakePeace
How do we get public officials to notice and intervene? What consequences do students face because they have dirty clothes, no computer, no place to study, nor a steady meal to eat?

Session II: 11:00-11:45 a.m.

“Educational Excellence: Making a Difference Through Global and Local Connections”

Presenter: Alice Hartness-Reichle, NW Regional Representative for the International Educational Excellence Committee, Alpha Phi Chapter

What exactly is the “C” in ECC? Learn and discuss how DKG is accomplishing the third, and less understood, goal of the EEC: “Changing global awareness through Collaboration worldwide,” as well as emphasizing DKG’s Purpose #7 that promotes our effectiveness and participation as a global educational Society and resource. Find out how you can stay connected, both locally and globally, and share ideas, programs, and projects.



“Beads Around the World: A history of diversity”

Presenter: Virginia Blakelock
Virginia’s original art beadwork is found in many publications, including the *History of Beads* by Los Dubin; Virginia is a Smithsonian contributor of “Galaxy NGC1300,” a design of loomed beads. The act of finding an object with a hole in it, stringing it on a fiber, and adorning one’s body is an old archaeological human trait. Virginia will talk about the use of beads throughout history: money, rituals, communication, and much more.

“Tamastlikt Cultural Institute”

Presenter: Cassandra Franklin and Bobbie Conner
Learn the story of the plateau tribes of the Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Cayuse Indian Tribes. You will explore the past 10,000 years of culture, both bad and good. Glimpse westward expansion from an indigenous perspective.

“Engaging Art Study for All Students”

Presenter: Tammy Staley, Athena Elementary, Iota Chapter
Art can improve a child’s learning. Showcasing specific projects.

PROFESSIONAL/EDUCATIONAL/PERSONAL GROWTH SESSIONS

Session III: 2:15-3:00 p.m.

“Just Ask, We Aren’t the Shark Tank!”

Presenters: Martha Nicoloff, State Scholarship Chair, Alpha Epsilon Chapter and Chris Luehring, Finance Committee Controller, Lambda Chapter

Discover Alpha Rho State Scholarships/Grants and International DKG Scholarships/Grants for which you can apply. These ladies will help you complete the forms. Don’t let the money go unused!

“Senior Programs that Enhance Quality of Life”

Presenters: Deb Richards Brumley, Director of Prosser Senior Care Facilities
How to age gracefully and enjoy life.

“Membership and Leadership – An Oxymoron?”

Presenter: Dr. Beverly Helms, Immediate Past International President

This session will focus on the feelings, needs, and interests of members of all generations in terms of the differing benefits they seek from membership in DKG. The session will also discuss inclusive leadership and strategies that can be used to increase both membership and leadership in the chapters. A primary focus will be the emphasis on allowing, encouraging, and embracing members so that they are able to *lead* from any chair.



“Common Core Vocabulary Activities K-5”

Presenter: Jackie Barthel Fox, Athena Elementary, Zeta Chapter

How can you improve your students’ scores on standardized tests? Learn research-based strategies to enhance vocabulary.

Session IV: 3:15-4:00 p.m.

“Not Your Grandmother’s Scarf”

Presenter: Nikki Murtaugh, Iota Chapter

Knit a Boomerang scarf that wraps effortlessly around your neck. This will be a hands-on presentation with knitted samples. Free patterns and links. **Bring:** 100 grams fingering-weight yarn and size 5 or size 6 circular needle; 100 grams DK or sport-weight yarn and size 9 circular needle. Kits will be available for purchase at cost.

“Alpha Rho State Book Club”

Presenters: Dr. Cindy Ryan, Alpha Rho State President, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, and Kelly McIntyre, Alpha Rho State Vice President, Psi Chapter

Come join in the discussion of our first book: *Annie Freeman’s Fabulous Traveling Funeral* by Kris Radish. Four women and a UPS package with red sneakers and ashes travel from Sonoma to Manhattan, encountering all kinds of surprises and miracles. Women empowering women!

“Plagiarism & DKG”

Presenters: Marie Mueller, State Editor, Omega Chapter and Brenda Jensen, State Communication Chair, Alpha Chapter

What can be used in our local newsletter and other publications? Get the word (and visuals!) out without plagiarism mistakes.



“Humura School in Tanzania for Children with Disabilities”

Presenter: Bertha Haas, co-founder of Humura, Psi Chapter

All children can learn using a holistic approach to educating the mind, body and family: the Humura story.

WONDERFUL WOMEN OF ALPHA RHO!

Do you know of some wonderful women in your DKG chapter, right? How can you celebrate and share their accomplishments? Write a letter of nomination telling of your outstanding chapter member(s) in light of her work for education, her service in the community, or her contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma. Send your letter to our State President or the Awards Co-chairs (below). Yes, you can do so electronically.

Tell us about your chapter's wonderful women by **March 15, 2016**. Recipients of Service to Education, Service to Community, and Service to Alpha Rho will be announced at the Oregon State Conference in Pendleton in April.

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FROM THE U.S. FORUM: CHILD BRIDES

Although 18 is the minimum legal age for girls in the United States to marry, younger girls do get married either with the consent of their parents or the approval of a judge. In the U.S., the problem of girls under the age of 18 being forced into marriage by family members is beginning to get attention by researchers. The non-profit Unchained At Last investigated marriages in New Jersey between 1995 and 2012 and found that 178 marriages of children between 10 and 15 were approved by judges. A 2011 survey by the Tahirih Justice Center identified 3,000 known or suspected cases in the previous two years alone of girls in the US as young as 15 who were forced to marry under threats of death, beatings, or ostracism. The problem is not limited to girls. In 2006, a 10-year-old boy was married to an 18-year-old woman. In 1996, a 12-year-old girl married a 25-year-old man with judicial permission. Part of the problem is public ignorance of the problem. In addition, there are currently no federal laws that cover the problem, and state laws dealing with the subject vary widely. In-depth studies of the problem have just begun in the last few years.

Source: Usforuminfo: **Forum Connection** #145 (01-16)

OREGON INFO—added for your interest.

Who can marry in Oregon? In Oregon, you must be 17 years old before you can marry. If you are under 18 years old, you must have the written consent of a parent or guardian before you can marry. An exception applies if you have no parent or guardian living in Oregon. You cannot marry a first cousin or anyone nearer of kin to you (unless they are your first cousin by adoption).

Source: https://www.osbar.org/public/legalinfo/1131_Marriage.htm

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OPPORTUNITY

DKG Educational Foundation Hosts Nashville Event at the Wildhorse

Dust off your western wear and boots as you pack for Nashville this summer! The DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) will sponsor **Call Me Country** at the world-famous **Wildhorse Saloon** during the 2016 DKG International Convention. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the convention, either online (www.dkg.org) or using the registration form found in the Jan./Feb. issue of the *DKG News*.



Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7, in the **Wildhorse Saloon** located in the heart of Nashville's entertainment district. This three-level historic warehouse has been converted into a 66,000 sq. ft. country music dance hall, restaurant, concert hall, and TV production site. Horse sculptures and murals dominate the décor with many positioned for optimal "selfie" opportunities! The extensive "all-you-can-eat" buffet on levels two and three features award-winning BBQ selections and numerous side dishes.

The first floor features space for performances by a live band and a DJ, as well as line dance instruction for those wanting to kick up their heels. Besides dining seating, the second and third floors include cash bars and a variety of entertainment venues ranging from billiards to shuffle board to big screen TVs. Use your visit to the **Wildhorse** as an opportunity to wander in and out of all the famous clubs and shops located in the area – with a ride home to the Opryland Hotel provided at your convenience.

Your ticket (\$165) includes:

- Transportation (buses will run every 20 minutes between the Wildhorse Saloon and the Opryland Hotel)
- Access to all levels and activities
- Entertainment – DJ, live band, line dance instruction, dance floor
- Dinner buffet
- A tax deductible donation to the Foundation

Purchase tickets for the DKGEF **Call Me Country** event on the Convention Registration Form and join your friends for a "get-down good time" at the **Wildhorse** in Nashville!

CPDaugherty
January 24, 2016

**Will you join us to kick up your
heels a bit and laugh at the
Wildhorse Saloon?**



Horse photos/graphics from Pixabay.

CHAPTER CHATTER

District 2

Epsilon (Medford & Ashland): In December, Epsilon had a potluck luncheon with a holiday theme; our program/entertainment was the “Plaza Players,” a large group of women who play the ukulele, conducted by our own Barbara Meredith. Most live in various retirement homes in Medford. They played some fun sing-along tunes, and then launched into a concert of Christmas music that we all joined enthusiastically. It was a happy, uplifting experience. The meeting theme was based on the poem, “The Night Before Christmas” and we had some history about it and played a gift exchange game, where we passed the gift every time the poem said “and”! It was active and fun, and we all went home with a gift.

On February 13, Epsilon hosted yearly joint meeting with Omega Chapter, and they gave the program. We had a salad luncheon afterward, and our guest was Cindy Ryan, the State President. It is always enjoyable and inspiring to get together with the Omega gals!

Omega (Josephine Co.): On March 7, Omega is hosting an “open-to-the-public” workshop on Autism, presented by our own Kim Roberts, Three Rivers School District Teacher Consultant on that topic. So far, 32--yes, 32!--guests have registered, representing various local schools and colleges. [P.S.: Omega had a great time visiting Epsilon last month. They were gracious hostesses.]

District 3

Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon): Members have organized the Care Bag Project for the last 14 years. They rotate Head Start Schools in Madras, La Pine, Redmond, and Prineville. This year will be to Prineville, where 80 bags were assembled to be distributed March 8. They contain a coloring book, crayons, a hot wheels car, a toothbrush & toothpaste (often donated by local dentists), a washcloth and soap, two reading books donated by Friends of the Library in Madras & Prineville, socks, a comb, a stocking cap donated by several knitters, and a soft polar fleece blanket. A longer article with picture was in the Prineville *Central Oregonian* and Madras *Pioneer* in February.



Members of Sigma Chapter working on Care Bags include Terri Comment, left, Sandy Loomis, Terry Kollen, Karen Adams, Mary Reed, Glenda Holzfuss, Carol Bicart, Laurie Sensibaugh and Christine Sime.

CHAPTER CHATTER, continued

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.): Our retired members met early in February to send coffee cards and Valentines to all working members. We will be meeting in March in our newest member's classroom to learn about the teaching experiences of two members in Shanghai, China. In April, we are hosting a panel presentation on Early Education Readiness. Several members are planning to attend the Oregon Conference in Pendleton. See you there!

Since the last report in 2015

WHITE ROSES Members in Chapter Eternal

PHI

Mildred Joyce Hulse, d. 2015
Alice M. Ellis, d. 2015

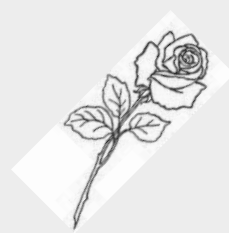


ALPHA

Raenelle Zumbo, d. 2015

RED ROSES

New, Reinstated, and Transferring Members



OMEGA

Lisa Kramer: October 5, 2015—Reinstated after teaching in Taiwan for two years.
Kelly Turner: December 7, 2016—New member; Spanish instructor at North Valley High
Carrie Gragg: December 7, 2016—New member; Third grade, Evergreen Elementary

Wildhorse Resort Reservations Are Now Open!!

Online and phone reservations are accepted. Make sure you identify yourself as being with the Delta Kappa Gamma conference to get our group rate.

- Register online at: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/152414ce19d84594>
 - Group ID: 8034
 - Password: 10480000965
- Toll free phone reservations: 1-800-654-9453

Group room rates range from \$86.25 to \$104.50 (before tax). **Conference rates are available until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 7, 2016.**

If interested, you can also ask about staying at **the Wildhorse Resort RV park.**

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Deadline for next Trail

May 15, 2016

- Tell us about your trip to Pendleton.
- What is your chapter doing this summer?
- Who are your new officers?
- Do you have a photo to share?
- How many are going to Nashville?

President Cindy's 2016 Schedule		
Date	Chapter/Activity	Location
2/13	Epsilon & Omega Joint Meeting	Medford, OR
3/8	Alpha Epsilon Present program on China	Salem, OR
3/16	Psi Excellence in Action Event	Hillsboro, OR
4/29 - 5/1	Oregon Conference	Pendleton, OR
5/31	Eta	Tualatin, OR
6/12 to 26	International Teaching Trip	Shanghai, China
7/5 - 7/9	International Convention Gaylord Opryland Resort	Nashville, TN