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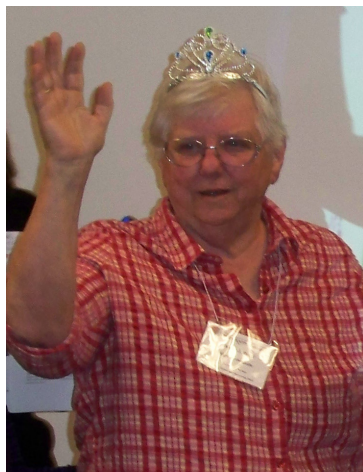


ALPHA RHO STATE 2014 SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

SERVICE TO EDUCATION
Clair Wiles, Lambda

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY
Mary Reed, Sigma

SERVICE TO SOCIETY
Marie Mueller, Omega



Articles on Clair, Mary, and Marie are located later in the *Trail*. Other achievements were also recognized at convention and are posted on the Alpha Rho State website.

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PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE REQUESTED

October 15, 2014, is the deadline for submitting proposals for changes to the *Alpha Rho State Bylaws* or *Standing Rules*. Any member or chapter is welcome to submit a proposed change on or **before the October 15 date**. Each will be considered by the committee and, if chosen, will be submitted to the membership via *The New Oregon Trail* and at the 2015 State convention. Submit proposals to Jean Fairbairn, Chair, by e-mail to jj7fair@msn.com or at her home address:

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

*Kathy Martell, President
Oregon State Organization*



Working Together: Building Early Academic Readiness

Happy DKG New Year! On July 1, we will begin the second year of this biennium. Like any new year, we look back to the year we are leaving, review accomplishments, and set goals for the year ahead.

Looking back at the past year!

Alpha Rho State accomplished much during the first year of this biennium. I was excited to see what has occurred. I visited every chapter, either individually or at a district meeting, learning of exciting activities chapters do that support Educational Excellence. I visited two chapters this spring that celebrated Educational Excellence at a special dinner and gave out local awards to community members, organizations, and teachers. These were impressive efforts; I was very pleased and proud of these chapters.

This year we made gains in technology. For the first time we produced an extra state newsletter that was all digital. At convention, registered members

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

were able to evaluate that change. Almost every evaluation appreciated the "all digital" edition; however, we are not quite ready for a total change. We want to continue making sure all members feel included in what is happening in the Society. Many evaluators expressed an interest in having more, but shorter newsletters. **Share your ideas through the survey on p. 15**

State reports, usually handed out, were all online, saving money. Our ability to keep the state website updated is outstanding. Our webmaster posts information as soon she receives it. Those unable to attend convention will find handouts under "Resources" on the website.

Alpha Chapter's (Klamath Falls) website is certified by International. Congratulations, Alpha! Epsilon (Medford), Alpha Omicron (St. Helens), and Kappa (Corvallis) also have websites, and we encourage them to apply for DKG certification. A special thank you to state experts who encourage us to move forward!

Looking ahead to next year!

As we look forward to 2014-2015, we will continue to make progress while adding goals to meet new challenges. One goal is to collaborate more. We began with the 2014 State Convention where many members were involved in making this year's convention a huge success.

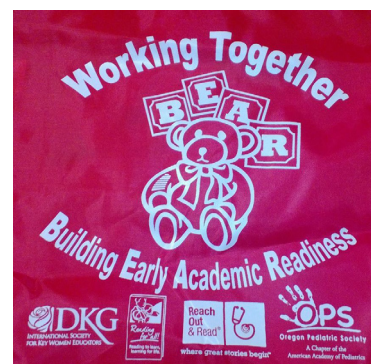
At fall conference, we will learn more about ***Moving Toward Collaboration***. This is a skill we all need, whether working in a classroom, doing a chapter project, or joining in a community activity.

Another goal is to expand the BEAR Project into more areas of Oregon and to collaborate with local businesses to sustain the project. I am researching funding sources to cover costs, especially if we change or add logos on the backpacks to match local partners. (See p. 15.)

We will continue support for International's SEE Project. Half the basket money from convention is set aside to pay state dues for one year for SEE teachers (1-3 years in education) when they become DKG members. Chapters, let us know if new members from last year fit this category or if you initiate new members before October 31, 2014, who qualify. Since membership continues to be an issue, State Membership Chair Kelly McIntyre is presenting a challenge to you. Please read her article in this ***Trail*** (see p. 11) and set goals so your chapter can meet the challenge.

I look forward to working with all of you this coming year. Thank you for your help in the year past. Together we are moving Alpha Rho State forward!

Kathy



BOUNTY FROM THE UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

Thanks to Alpha Rho State sisters for buying items from the Unique Boutique at State Convention on May 2-4. Three chapters participated in our new Contract Fundraiser Sales Agreement, and your chapter may wish to do so in the future. For a service fee of 10 percent, your chapter can offer something for sale at The Unique Boutique. Your chapter is to keep an inventory of your sales and provide workers for the Boutique. Our new Square^(R) debit/credit reader was a big success and many commented that they appreciated being able to use their cards.

WHY are we so motivated to increase our sales? So we can offer more and/or larger stipends to our sisters to offset expenses for participating in DKG. We award dollars to first-time attendees to State, Regional or International Conventions or to those who qualify for an International training. A person may receive up to two Boutique Treasure Stipends/Scholarships.

2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We were very pleased to be able to award **SIX** Boutique Treasure Stipends at Bend for a total of \$1,400. Four of the recipients were first-timers to Alpha Rho State and each received \$100:

1. **Tawyna Campbell** (Omega)
2. **Karen Shelton** (Iota)
3. **Nancy Schall-McHarry** (Lambda)
4. **Debbie Wells** (Alpha Omicron).

The other two awardees will be attending the Leadership and Management Seminar (often referred to as The Golden Gift) in Austin, Texas, in July; each was awarded \$500:

1. **Kelly McIntyre** (Psi)
2. **Darlene Cook** (Alpha)

This spring the Boutique was invited to Salem's Founders' Day Luncheon and to Beta Beta's May meeting, and we would love to come to your chapter's meeting or event. For information, contact Catie Thurber-Brown at 1321 Astor Court, Woodburn, OR 97071; cthurberbrown@gmail.com or 503-975-4405 (cell). Hope to hear from you soon!

CELEBRATE CHAPTERS!!**ORDER OF THE ROSE AWARD**

Alpha Chapter, Klamath Falls

Four (4) initiates this year!

**ROSETTE AWARDS**

1. Zeta, LaGrande
2. Omega, Grants Pass
3. Lambda, Eugene
4. Alpha Sigma, Pleasant Hill/Eugene
5. Alpha Delta, Salem
6. Alpha Nu, Portland/Beaverton
7. Beta Beta, Hillsboro/Beaverton
8. Eta, Portland



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DATES TO CALENDAR SO YOU CAN ATTEND

1. July 28 - August 1, 2014
International Convention; Indianapolis, Indiana
JW Marriott Hotel
2. August 12 - 15, 2014
Early Childhood Summer Institute, Western Oregon University
Monmouth, Oregon
Locations vary and will be on the registration form.
3. September 27, 2014
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fall Leadership Conference & Executive Board Meeting
Holy Cross Church Gym
3032 Sunnyview, N.E., Salem, Oregon
4. April 17 - 19, 2015
Alpha Rho State Convention, Eugene, Oregon
Downtown Hilton Hotel
5. July 28 - August 1, 2015
Northwest Regional Conference, Regina, Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Hotel



1st Annual
Early Childhood Summer Institute
"Putting it All Together: Inclusion in Early Childhood"

Keynote Speaker:
Kristie Pretti Frontczak
Author, Teacher &
expert in the field
of early childhood inclusion

12-15 August 2014
Save the date!

*Bringing Early Childhood and EI/ECSE providers together for
conversation, professional development and fun!*
PDU's, undergraduate and graduate credits available

Preliminary Program & Registration mid-April: wouecisummerinstitute.weebly.com/
Questions? Please contact Dr. Cindy Ryan (ryanc@wou.edu)

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CONSENSUS? GREAT!!

A FIRST TIMER'S IMPRESSIONS

Nancy Schaal-McHarry

This year's convention in Bend was incredible! The location was beautiful and reminded me of my hometown: Fort Collins, Colorado. I started with the scavenger hunt to explore the area. I made two friends immediately via the hunt: **Christine Sime** and **Lace Brogden**. I was able to talk to Lace about educational issues that are of hot topic at my school, and she provided me with research to best support decisions with my school's ELL program.



Christine (L) & Nancy (R)

Every workshop I attended was relevant and applied to my career. I liked how each was geared toward certain age groups; that made choosing an appropriate workshop easy. I loved **Cindy Ryan's** workshops using ramps or a microscope that attached to the iPad and **Bev Mayhew's** workshop about abacus bracelets and terse verse. All are applicable to my ELL classes. Everyone was friendly and approachable. It was easy to walk up to a fellow educator and start a conversation.

The baskets were great! As a new educator, finances are tight, but I was able to participate in the drawings at an equal level with my peers. I plan

to incorporate more STEM-related lessons and activities with my students next year. I enjoyed all of the statistics presented in Dr. Maples' speech, even repeating his joke to my friends, family, and colleagues, "Nerd is a four letter word for a six-figure income." But, honestly, the most revitalizing part of the conference was the presidents' meeting. I have been elected Vice President for Lambda Chapter in Eugene, so I was energized by all the discussions. I brainstormed with **Sheila Sundahl**, our chapter president, and we came up with many wonderful ideas for the upcoming year. During this meeting, Lace Brogden kept asking Sheila and me questions about our chapter. Little did we know, but she was trying to see if we had anything negative to say about Lambda, and we didn't!

I love DKG and all the women educators involved. I especially love my Lambda Ladies, their support, guidance, friendship, and mentoring. We are an impressive group of women and whenever we gather for fellowship, I am energized and inspired to be a leader in my profession. Thank you for providing a scholarship to help me to pay my way to participate in this year's convention in Bend. I look forward to seeing you all in Eugene for the 2015 Alpha Rho State Convention!

I forgot to mention the tour! I want to thank **Kathie Hill** for giving me her ticket. The tour guides were fantastic, knowledgeable, and super friendly; my favorite stop was Atlas Cidery.

SOMETIMES THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

Roberta Hutton

Since being initiated into XI Chapter in 1972, I have attended most Alpha Rho State Conventions. None made

the impact of the most recent one at Mt. Bachelor Village.

As a long-retired educator, I found value in every speaker's comments, in each of the workshops I attended, and truly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere that was created by the outstanding accommodations, great food, exemplary service, and moving awards away from any meal service. The most formal activity was the one that should stay that way: honoring our sisters who are no longer with us. **Kelly McIntyre** and her committee did a great job.

Choosing a meeting place that inspires certainly adds to the value of traveling the distances many of sisters faced. It also seemed that the lack of having to "dress up" made interactions with one another easier. Our participant from International was very approachable and seemed at ease with the casual atmosphere. I'm sure that, like all of us, she was pleased to see involvement of students in some workshops.

In years past, I've looked at the break-out sessions and thought, "What's in it for me"? This year, I had a hard time choosing for the opposite reason: they all appealed! Even some of the baskets (great drawing idea, by the way) were focused on retirees. Here's hoping the Survey Monkey^(R) (also a great new wrinkle!) will echo my feelings about the changes that made this such a great event.

NEW PRESIDENTS' TRAINING I

Kate Kelleher

Beta Beta Co-President 2014-16

As new co-presidents of Beta Beta Chapter, we experienced a meaningful training. Actions plans were discussed and encouraged. We look forward to reviewing ours and using it as a guide

from the outgoing Board to our new Board. Such continuity! Love it! We plan to spend time with our Board this summer to digest this information. The chapter website presentation was very engaging, especially because I had my laptop with me, and Dana and I were able to follow the steps as we saw them presented. Thank you, Alpha!

The reminders about PDU's, forms, and state websites will make that process easier as we move into leadership roles. The *Go-To Guide* appears to be a handy tool for quickly finding information and answers to questions throughout the year. Parliamentary Procedures reviewed "whys and what fors." The final presentation around delegating leadership to others and building that capacity in members really resonated. It set the tone for our upcoming experience as co-presidents for a chapter of 90 members.

Beta Beta has capable, engaging presenters and leaders within our midst. We realize now that these smart, capable women will help get things done and build positive relationships at the same time, and will spread the message of DKG. All we have to do is ask them!

NEW PRESIDENTS' TRAINING II

*Dana Murphy, Beta Beta
Co-President 2014-2016*

A "take-away" that really struck me was how to publicize the work we do and let the broader community know about DKG. Using social media and having a good website are great places to start. Our chapter knows that we need to reach out to the larger community for support in fund raising events. More than just publicizing an upcoming event, I want to better publicize the impact we have. For example, I just finished putting together a slide

show presentation to celebrate projects happening in our schools because of our Elementary Music and Art Grants.

We will present the show to our members, but Presidents' Training made me realize that we should follow up with the local newspaper, school board, radio station, etc. Our scholarships, grants, literacy projects, and more are doing good things, and we need to let others know we are a strong partner in the community. In turn, this awareness should help to revitalize and build a strong membership.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION AWARD BY PSI CHAPTER

The Excellence in Action award is presented annually to recognize and honor individuals, and sometimes organizations, of Washington County that have made outstanding and continuing contributions in service to their community, particularly as it relates to education, to children, or to the general welfare of citizens. Our first award was presented in 1976; this year we honored Nadine Zimmerlund.

Nadine joined the Hillsboro Schools Foundation after retirement from Hillsboro District in 2004. Like most educators, she really didn't retire. She quickly took a leadership role and worked on the grant-giving committee. She became Hillsboro Schools Foundation Board president for three years and is now auction co-chair.

Nadine advocates for innovative programs in the district and is passionate about grant programs. She is instrumental in W.L. Henry's backpack program that sends high poverty children home with a backpack full of

food to ensure students have something to eat over the weekend. This project provides 30 backpacks every Friday. Nadine coordinates the volunteer schedule, acquires donations, shops for the food, and even packs the backpacks.



Nadine Zimmerlund

Nadine is making a difference for children in our community. Her work is greatly appreciated. By taking care of needs, large and small, Nadine make a positive impact. She is continually making our community a better place. Nadine is very deserving of receiving the Psi Chapter's Excellence in Action Award. She's also interested in our organization!

~~Kelly McIntyre

Next deadline
for *THE NEW
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is
August 15.

BETA BETA INITIATES

Eloise Gibson

In February, the Membership Committee presented four prospective members: **Sara Childers, Graciann Harrington, Susan Stark Haydon, and Colleen Thompson** for active membership. Although snow cancelled the February meeting, 75% of members voted to offer membership to all four women. Sponsors delivered invitation packets to them personally.

On March 8, **Eloise Gibson** hosted a membership orientation coffee, The Membership Committee planned conversations and fellowship, along with a presentation about the Society, our chapter, and our activities. Sponsors attended with the prospective members and introduced them as we enjoyed refreshments.

All four prospective members accepted our invitation to membership and were initiated at the April 14 meeting.

Co-Membership/Nominations Chair **Eloise Gibson** conducts the initiation *Photo by Phyllis Jones*



Four new Beta Beta members (l-r) **Susan Stark Haydon, Graciann Harrington, Colleen Thompson, and Sara Childers.** *Photo by Phyllis Jones*



SUPPORT DKG WITH NON-DUES REVENUE

Non-dues revenue derives from sources other than Society dues to support DKG activities at all levels.

International HQ partners with businesses that provide quality benefits to DKG members while earning revenue for the Society. Each time a sale is made with these partners, a percentage of profit goes to DKG. Partners include Boon-Chapman Insurance, AIM Insurance, ID Theft Assist, Medical History Bracelet, Shop through On-

eCause, Award Concepts, and Smile. Amazon. Many members shop on line at amazon.com. If members would use **smile.amazon.com** instead, a portion of every sale would go to DKG! Try it! At **smile.amazon.com**, choose **DKG Supporting Corporation** as your charity. Then every time you shop AmazonSmile, 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchase will go to DKG. AmazonSmile is the same as Amazon with the same products, prices, and Amazon Prime benefits. It's easy! State organizations and chapters can earn non-dues revenues. Other fund-

raising ideas include auctions at DKG events, selling DKG designed items at conferences and conventions, gift wrapping at a mall, and partnering with a restaurant for a percentage of receipts

For more information, go to <dkg.org – Committees – Non-Dues Revenue> Look for business partners and fundraising ideas. **With a little knowledge and planning, supporting DKG is simple through non-dues revenue!**

Linda St. Pierre, Chair



1. Kathy Martell conducts the Basket Raffle
2. Smiling Faces
3. Scavenger Hunt Winners--with tiaras, no less!
4. Dr. Cindy and Dr. Chris Maples of OIT
5. Alpha Omicron Chapter
6. Dr. Maples and a Geek Squad member
7. Lynn, Yvonne, and Alice
8. Dr. Maples and Robotics Team
9. Lace Brogden, DKG International Representative
10. Lego Robotics Team member with an audience
11. Darlene, "The Bear," & Sandy





**CELEBRATING
STEM TOPICS, FUN,
AND FRIENDSHIP AT
CONVENTION
IN BEND
2014**



1ST TIMERS!

RAH! RAH! RAH!

Kelly McIntyre/Psi
Membership Chair

1ST TIMERS!



Seventeen first-time attendees were at this year's state convention! They now know why so many DKG sisters talk about the amazing experiences they have at convention. Don't stop at the state level. Join us in Indianapolis for International this year, or wait until next year and join us at Regional in Saskatchewan, Canada. The point is, continue attending state conventions, but broaden your experiences at regional and International levels too! Many wonderful women educators are waiting to meet you from all over the world! Oregon 1st timers for 2014 are:

1. Jacque Barthel-Fox/Iota
2. Tawnya Campbell/Omega
3. Jennifer Cole/Alpha
4. Terri Comment/Sigma
5. Helen Cuhna/Kappa
6. Susan Faller-Mitchell/Omega

7. Brenda Jensen/Alpha
8. Annette Lang-Hildebrand/Sigma
9. Shirley Lomax/Alpha Epsilon
10. Valeria Menke/Alpha
11. Marylynn Morgan/Alpha Epsilon
12. Mary Reed/Sigma
13. Nancy Schaal McHarry/Lambda
14. Kathy Schottle/Alpha Epsilon
15. Karen Shelton/Iota
16. Coleen Unger/Omega
17. Debbie Wells/Alpha Omicron

If you know of someone I missed, please send me an email so I can add them to the next Oregon Trail (kellym-ci@hotmail.com). Way to go, ladies!

SERVICE TO EDUCATION EXAMPLIFIED BY CLAIR WILES

On May 3 at the Alpha Rho State Convention, **Clair Wiles** of Lambda Chapter in Eugene was given the Service to Education Award. However, Clair was at North Eugene High School, administering Advanced Placement tests. We don't know how Lambda Chapter did it, but on May 12, several members of Lambda Chapter and teachers and administrators of NEHS surprised Clair at the beginning of her 5th period class and awarded her the certificate and service medal.

Clair goes above and beyond to support her students in many ways, such as conducting special study sessions and encouraging their participation in extracurricular activities. A longtime North Eugene High School teacher, she serves on a number of committees and was involved in North's transition to and from a small schools model. Clair is a tremendous advocate for peace education. After taking a leave of absence from teaching to serve a tour of duty as a U.S. Naval Intelligence officer in Iraq, Clair returned to North Eugene High and co-developed a curriculum called Peace, Justice and Human Rights in 2003. She was named the Nobel Peace Laureate Project's 2012 Peace Teacher of the Year.

The award presentation concluded by Clair asking her Lambda sisters for a Lambda hug, then her North Eugene colleagues for a NEHS hug, and lastly, her 5th period students for a class hug, at which time the extra adults in the room quietly exited.

See p. 15 for other Service Award presentations.

OREGON IS ON A “5 TO 10 YEAR” PLAN!

Membership is a vital “constant” in the life of our Society. How do we keep it thriving? Let’s strengthen chapters to re-build and re-vitalize our Society. Let’s start with members we already have. Re-inspire them. Have your chapter show the video created by International, *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*. If you don’t have a copy, order one online from the DKG Store. Help members re-affirm why they joined. Other things you can do include:

- Encourage members to come late/leave early. Let them know you want to see them.
- Highlight one or two members in each of your newsletters.
- Send notes to those who missed the last meeting to let them know they were missed.

If you feel your chapter is strong, then start re-building. Many members are retired and have been in DKG for over 25 years. We love every one of them for putting in so many hours of hard work to get us to where we are today. Chapters are trying to recruit younger, beginning teachers, but numbers show low success at keeping those teachers.

Instead, we should look at “middle” teachers, those who have been in the classroom for **5 to 10 years**. These women may have teenage children who are becoming independent. These women know what they are doing in the classroom and are less stressed. They may have time to commit to DKG. How many of those teachers do you know?

International surveys say 50 percent who dropped did so for family, personal, or professional responsibilities,

and most would return later if asked. This gives the direction to look at members who dropped **5 to 10 years** ago, because life changes. They may now be able to commit and are waiting for you to invite them back. Send them an invitation to your next meeting. Tell them they are missed and you’d like to know how they are doing.

Here’s my challenge to you: Think **5 to 10 years**.

- Think of educators who have been working for **5 to 10 years**.
- Think of former members who dropped **5 to 10 years** ago.

Let’s have chapters bring in one member from each category in 2014 - 15 to find out if that’s the way to build our Society.

*Kelly McIntyre/Psi
State Membership Chair*

THANK YOU, ALPHA RHO!

With support from an Alpha Rho personal enrichment scholarship, I was privileged to participate in the DKG National Legislative Seminar (NLS) in Arlington, Virginia, in March with 76 members from 27 state organizations.

The three-day seminar focused in part on issues and concerns brought to the U. S. Forum Steering Committee from 2013 Regional Conferences. Topics included STEM, human trafficking, the National Women’s History Museum, the Pay Equity and the Paycheck Fairness Act, Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision, teacher licensure, violence against women, hunger in America, and healthcare for women and children. We heard from speakers in each area and learned about current legislation affecting these issues.



Even though the Senate and House were not in session, we had an opportunity to tour the Capitol and meet with staff from our Congressional Districts. I visited all seven Oregon Senate and Congressional offices and met with staffers from the offices of Representatives Greg Walden and Kurt Schraeder.

It was an exciting and informative three days. Thank you, scholarship committee and Alpha Rho members, for the opportunity to represent Oregon at the seminar. I hope to see more of you at NLS in 2016.

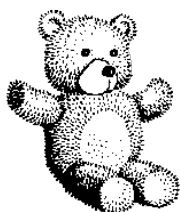
Darlene Cook

BETA BETA AWARD WINNER

Donna Reynolds, Chair of the Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards Committee at DKG International, notified President Kathy on June 2 that **Caroline Hay** received a Cornetet Award of \$2,000. She will attend the Summer Seminar Abroad for Spanish Teachers.

Please encourage educators (members and non-members) who need professional development assistance to check the DKG website for Cornetet information and applications.

CHAPTER CHATTER



District 1

Zeta (Union Co.): May was awards month for Zeta. We awarded scholarships to two young women enrolled for master's degrees at Eastern Oregon University. **Diana Croucher and Mary West** received Crystal Apple Awards. **Sharon Hohstadt and Judy Martin** were recognized for 25 years of membership in DKG. **Dana Musgrove** is chaperoning a group of high schoolers to Italy this summer, thanks to a DKG scholarship.

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): May is the month for scholarships given to students going to college, but Iota Chapter chose to do something different. Oregon wants to change its standards about education and wants early learners to be ready for kindergarten. Iota is giving scholarship money donated by members to two preschools in the area to help preschoolers attend. ABC in Athena and King's Kids in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, each received \$450.

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): enjoyed an April tea party hosted by **Alyce Sandusky**. Past State President **Jean Fairbairn** traveled to Klamath Falls to present her workshop: *Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Plate?* Thanks, Alyce and Jean, for a wonderful chapter event!

In May students participating in the BEAR project at Mills Elementary

were treated to a party hosted by State President Kathy and several Alpha members. Reading, singing, dancing, crafts, and ice cream were enjoyed! At our May banquet we honored five educators and one community volunteer with Excellence in Education Awards. Recipients were

- Trudy Willhite, Klamath Union Teen Parent Program
- Lesly Harmon, Elementary Ed
- James Roemer, Special Ed
- Bill Sigars, Early Childhood Administration
- Dr. Chris Maples, Higher Ed Administration
- Valerie Smith, Community Partner.

Alpha Chapter Volunteer of the Year went to Ruth Chamberlin for her work in the after-school mentoring program, local story-telling festival, and art projects. State President Kathy presented Alpha Rho State Media Awards for promoting literacy projects in the media to both Samantha Tipler, reporter for the *Herald and News*, and Joe Spendolini, webmaster for *Klamath Online* and moderator for panel discussions on public access TV.

Epsilon (Medford & Ashland): hosted a display of student art collected from schools around the Rogue Valley at Medford's Art-in-Bloom on Mothers' Day weekend. This is our third year, and many visitors remark that they look forward to seeing the display each year.

At the last meeting of 2013-14, we learned about climate science from Dr. Laura Meredith, oldest daughter of **Barbara Meredith** of Epsilon. Laura is one of few female atmospheric chemists.



Installation of the new officers followed. Installing Officer **Judy Bamforth** did a great job, despite having a challenge with the ceremonial wording where there were multiple officers in some offices and with shuffling of officers from one office to another. We have a good slate for the next biennium!

Omega (Josephine Co.): Celebrate summer with us at our 2014 Dollars for Scholars Yard sale. Since the heavy smoke from fires in Douglas County caused our last sale to be cancelled, Omega sisters had MANY goodies to share this year. On June 21, **Pam Boston**, our new First Vice President, hosted the sale.

2014 – 16 Omega Officers:

- **President Tawnya Campbell**
- **First Vice President Pam Boston**
- **Second Vice President Chris Miner**
- **Treasurer Kim Watson-Roberts**
- **Secretary Colleen Unger**
- **Corresponding Secretary Susan Faller-Mitchell**
- **Yearbook/Brochure Rhonda Pugsley**

District 3

Gamma (Lane Co.): ended the year with a discussion of a new chapter project and decided that we would volunteer to supervise school field trips at Camas Country Mill (owned by Gamma member **Sue Hunton**). Camas Country provides students the opportunity to see first-hand and up-close how grains are grown and processed while explaining the farm-to-table connection

Kappa (Corvallis & area): will hold its first meeting on August 19, a potluck luncheon. With new materials being passed out for our notebooks, we will have planning meetings beginning in July and regular meetings during the year. November brings our major fundraiser--a live and silent auction.

Kaye Jones & Helen Cunha are sharing the 2014 - 16 presidency.

District 4

Tau (Clatsop & Columbia Cos.):

After being inspired at convention and feeling empowered, Tau Chapter drafted a letter to 16 former members, inviting them to reconsider membership in our chapter. Already one member has asked to be reinstated!

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): Eight of our 11 active members attended state convention in Bend. We are very proud of our small--but mighty--active chapter.

District 5

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): In April, Alpha Nu learned about *The ADHD Mind—ADHD in the Classroom and Real Life*, presented by Dr. Nancy Zemirah and Arthella Starke. The speakers shared the neurological basis of the disorder, needs of student in the classroom, and long-term outcomes. Alpha Nu members shared favorite books in May, which generated many titles for summer reading enjoyment.

Officers for 2014 - 16

- **Jo Rossman, President**
- **Marsha Stewart and Shirley Gidley, Co-1st Vice Presidents**
- **Nadine Eaton, Second Vice President**
- **Kay Phillips, Secretary**
- **Elaine Mattson, Treasurer**
- **Lynetta Weswig, Parliamentarian.**

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): Officers for 2014-2016

- Co-Presidents: **Kate Kelleher & Dana Murphy**
- Co-1st Vice-presidents: **JoAnn Brinkman & Debbie Starr**
- Co-2nd Vice-presidents: **Phyllis Jones & Eva Miller**

- Co-Recording Secretaries: **Jeannette Voss & Karen Wedeking**
- Corresponding Secretary: **Sherrie James**
- Historian: **Sharon Kabusreiter**
- Membership/Nominations Chairs: **Elaine Harris & Barbara Mills**
- Parliamentarian and Treasurer positions are to be appointed by the new board.

District 6

Beta Gamma (Canby/Molalla):

Awarded three \$150 Teacher Grants in our school districts: Oregon City, Canby, and Molalla. We had planned to give just one grant, but our members were so impressed with the three finalists that they voted to award each. Nicole Nelson requested board games to increase reading skills in her 2nd grade team. Patricia Browder asked for book sets to assist her 3rd and 4th grade ELL students to meet Common Core standards, and Angela Kastrava needed language art games and writing curricula for Spanish Language Arts and English Language Development student in 2nd through 5th grades.

Beta Gamma also gave care boxes of 100 personal care items (e.g., deodorant, soap, shavers, feminine hygiene, laundry soap) to the homeless liaison director in each district in the fall/winter and for spring/summer. Both projects are possible through the generosity of members and through several fundraisers.



B.E.A.R to Expand!

Books for Pre-K to 6th Needed

We have received another grant from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to expand the BEAR project into other areas for the 2014 - 15. If you have a low-income school in your area that your chapter would like to help, please let President Kathy know (kkm4dkg@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Ideally chapter members and President Kathy should meet with the principal of the school before summer break. If not, we need to meet with him/her as soon as principals are back to work in August.

To make the grant money stretch as far as possible, please **bring children's books to the fall conference on September 27**. President Kathy will order bilingual board books for the new babies. With a good collection of other new books for preschool to sixth-grade students in September, we can expand into more schools. Help Build Early Academic Readiness in Oregon students!

THANK YOU

Claudia Dow & Peggy Cowens

We wish to thank the Alpha Rho Financial Awards Committee for awarding us the Hazel Fishwood Scholarship. Claudia and I were able to attend our first ASCD Conference. It was a life-changing experience, as the focus was on whole-child learning. A highlight was listening to Sir Ken Robinson speak about creativity. Our on-going dialogue and shared learning experiences made for rich professional growth and a deepened friendship.

<i>Red and White Roses</i> April 1, 2013 – April 1, 2014					
Chapter	Name	Initiate	Death	Reinstate	Date
Beta Beta	Lavelle Province: Initiated 1954!		X		3//27/14
Alpha Nu	Kristin Lynn Hayward	X			4/14/14
Alpha Nu	Jennifer L. Ashley	X			4.14.14
Alpha Nu	Amy Hattendorf	X			4/14/14
Beta Beta	Sara Childers	X			4/14/14
Beta Beta	Graciann Harrington	X			4/14/14
Beta Beta	Susan Stark Haydon	X			4/14/14
Beta Beta	Colleen Thompson	X			4/14/14
Kappa	Janet Ghani	X			4//19/14
Kappa	Robin Weiss	X			4//19/14
Kappa	Windy Beam	X			
Kappa	Becky Peterson	Transfer			
Eta	Edith Bryant Aanderud		X		4/18/14
Alpha Delta	Jennifer Irving	X			
Alpha	Jill Sine	X			
Alpha	Rocio Swartz	X			
Alpha	Kim Cappel	X			
Alpha	Alexia Menke	X			
Beta Gamma	Marian Galonka	X			
Alpha Epsilon	Linda Craven	X			
Alpha Phi	Joyce Henstrand	X			
Chi	Janise Jessen	X			
Sigma	Vickie Ashwill	X			
Sigma	Annette Lange Hildeband	X			
Sigma	Terri Comment	X			
Iota	Karen Shelton	X			

REMINDERS TO CHAPTER TREASURERS

Thank you to chapter treasurers for the work you do for your chapter and Oregon. A “special thank you” to chapter treasurers who send reports and dues in on time. It is greatly appreciated. You are dedicated DKG women.

- Your books should close on June 30.
- Form 15 (end-of-the-year report) is due to the State Treasurer by July 15. Form 15 is available on the DKG website: <https://www.dkg.org/content/annual-report-chapter-treasurer-form-15-0>. It will not be mailed.
- After July 1 and before November 15, file Form 990-N (e-postcard) electronically with the IRS to keep your tax-exempt status. Send a copy of your confirmation of Form 990N to me,
- All dues and fees must be paid to the chapter treasurer by October 31. Form 18 (dues) and Form 18-A (members dropped) are due to the State Treasurer by November 15. If you have questions, please contact me.

Madaline Lapp, Alpha Rho Treasurer

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WHAT DO YOU WANT IN THE NEW OREGON TRAIL?

Because members voted that they would like to see a shorter *Trail*, published more frequently, your State Executive Board needs to know what you want to see in the Trail and what could be online only. Check the items you'd like, add others, tell us to drop an item--but let us know. If we do shorter monthly or bi-monthly versions, which items should we have every month and which ones can be in every other month or as needed?

Online	Print	Content
		President's Message
		Executive Board Contact Info
		Dates and Events for Planning
		News and Events from International
		Honors, Awards, Recognitions
		Committee Reports and Plans
		Red and White Roses
		Pictures of People and Events
		News and Reviews of Recent DKG Events
		Chapter Articles
		Chapter Chatter
		President's Scheduled Visits
		Other (describe)

Send your choices to:

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SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Our Recipient of Alpha Rho State's Service to Community Award served as her chapter president for five years from 2007-2012. She has been an active member of DKG for 27 years. She works tirelessly to raise funds for chapter projects, especially the Care Bag preschool give-away project. She generated publicity for DKG through local newspapers around the event.

She is very active and cares very much for children and adults, not only in her own community but also worldwide. She has taken glasses to Mexico through Lion's Club and has saved hygiene items for women in foreign countries, collecting "left-overs" from local hospitals and doctor's offices to send to India, and has hosted foreign exchange students.

It is with great pleasure that we can present this 2014 Service to Community Award to **Mary Reed, Sigma Chapter**.

SURVEYMONKEY AND THE 2014 STATE CONVENTION

What does a monkey have to do with the 2014 State Convention evaluation? With a nod to the 2014 State Convention theme of *STEM Across the Ages*, SurveyMonkey®, a web-based survey, allowed us to gather evaluation data from participants. We tried something different and are thrilled with the results. Over 70 convention participants completed the online survey, giving us opinions on a variety of convention topics. SurveyMonkey collated and summarized the data, allowing us to spend our time in analysis. We received 45 pages of data, a researcher's dream. Thanks to all who participated!

Questions asked ranged from satisfaction with location, workshops, and keynotes to timing of the General Business meeting. Overall, participants were very satisfied, with over 94% responding in the "satisfied" to "extremely satisfied" range. We take each answer seriously, and we will use the information to make upcoming conventions and conferences the best they can be!

If you participated in the 2014 State Convention in Bend and you didn't get a chance to take part in our on-line evaluation, please contact Cindy Ryan (ryanc@wou.edu) with ideas or thoughts on the convention. We would love to hear from you!

SERVICE TO SOCIETY

by Peggy Cowens

Because Marie could not attend Convention, due to her husband's illness, Omega Chapter surprised her with the medallion on May 19, 2014. We treated Marie to dinner, a reading of the recommendation letter, and our admiration for her commitment to DKG. We are all so proud of **Marie Mueller**.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DKG International Convention
July 28 - August 1, 2014
JW Marriott, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Alpha Rho State Conference &
Executive Board Meeting**
September 27, 2014
3032 Sunnyview N.E., Salem, OR
Holy Cross Church Gym

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President Kathy's 2014 Schedule

Date	Chapter/Activity	Location
June	Pi Chapter	BEAR Expans.
7/28 – 8/1	International Convention	Indianapolis, IN
Aug.-Oct.	BEAR Expansion & Continuation	Varied
9/27	Fall Conference & Executive Board	Salem