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WELCOME TO THE 2015 - 2017 OREGON STATE OFFICERS!



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*Thanks to all for agreeing to help
the state do essential work!*

Should you come to the Leadership Transition Meeting? (June 20)

If you are a state officer, you should be there. If you are an outgoing state committee chair or an incoming chair, please plan to attend and bring materials to exchange. All newly elected members of the Finance Committee (2015-19) and continuing members (2013-17) should attend, along with incoming District Coordinators. If you signed up to be on any committee, it would help if you would come, too, so you can meet and plan with your new committee chair. **A registration form for the State Leadership Transition Meeting on June 20 is included, p. 15.**

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



*Kathy Martell, President
Oregon State Organization*

SUPPORTING OUR LEADERS

To have a strong, working organization, it is important to elect leaders who are willing to serve and to then support them during their biennium. This is true at all levels of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. In 2013, I was excited about being nominated for Oregon State Organization president because I had made a lot of friends with our members during my biennium as Vice President. Working with different chapters while organizing conventions was a real plus for me. I knew I had the membership's backing so, if elected, I would have all the support I needed to be a successful president. I was also fortunate to be retired, which gave me the time needed to serve.

The first year of my biennium, I was able to visit every chapter, either individually or at a district meeting. During those visits, I had two goals: (1) to explain the BEAR Project and (2) to talk about the leadership at the chapter level because new chapter officers would be elected in 2014. I am proud to say, even though it was hard for some chapters, every chapter man-

aged to work out a way to have one or more chapter presidents for the 2014-2016 biennium. It is my hope that the other members of the chapters stepped up to support them. All members must

support their officers to make their chapters strong. Every member must also be willing to take her turn as an officer when the time arises. Chapters, your present officers have successfully completed one year of their biennium, and the presidents were recognized at State Convention for a job well done. As they lead you into their final year, please be willing to serve during the 2016-2018 biennium so your chapter members can continue supporting each other, Alpha Rho State, DKG International, and Excellence in Education.

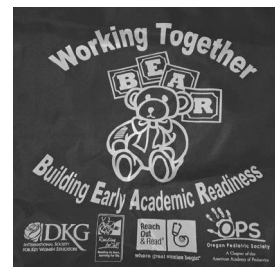
Welcome our newly elected state officers who will start their biennium on July 1, 2015! President Cindy Ryan, Vice President Kelly McIntyre, and Secretary Sandy Watts are ready to serve you. This will be the first biennium in a long time that we have had a working President and Vice President so it will be **essential** that our membership is there to support them.

Support comes in many different ways. This was the first year that all chapters, under the direction of their District Coordinators, helped to put on the state convention and what a success it was! When we have our 2017 convention (2016 will be our first official conference in Pendleton), we will do it the same way, except districts will have different jobs to do. President Cindy is filling positions on her leadership team and individuals are saying "yes" to chair committees. Next will be filling these committees with members from around the state. If you have an interest in being on one of the state committees, please e-mail President Cindy and volunteer. It is a great way to get to know more of our members. If you are asked to be on a

state committee, I hope you are willing to say "yes."

Thank you for letting me serve you over the past biennium! You helped me grow as an individual and as a leader. Friday night's interactions at convention were all the evidence I needed to know that we are truly a Society of outstanding women educators who care about each other and work to make our world a better place! Blessings to all of you!

Your loving servant, Kathy



Working Together: Building Early Academic Readiness

Thank you for coming to "Teach Peace"!

Over the years, it has been my pleasure to work on several state conventions held in Eugene. Our 2015 convention was different because each district participated in some way. Our new system seemed to work very well. Members throughout the state seemed to enjoy helping with a specific task, and local members were able to help without being responsible for all facets of the convention. "Many hands make light work." Thank you all so much!

Dr. Yvonne Fasold
Lambda Chapter, Eugene

2013 -2015 Chair
Educational Excellence Committee

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

2015 ALPHA RHO STATE SERVICE AWARDS

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY



Kathy Webster -L Priscilla Ing -R

Our **Service to Community** award goes to a member who is constantly making the world and her community a better place. She willingly volunteered her services when asked and creatively offered ideas and talents when considering global and local needs.

Her tireless efforts for over ten years have included helping women and children. She works with women as they are released from prison to rejoin the community. She sews sleeping bags for children in the First Place program and designs specialty aprons with lots of pockets for First Place teachers. She makes lap robes for residents of nursing homes and has created hundreds of fleece caps for children.

Another special project this person does is support the Springfield Public Library through Friends of the Library. She sorts hundreds of donated books and selects those for the annual Book Sale where proceeds directly benefit the library.

It is my pleasure to announce that our **2015 Service to Community** award winner is **KATHY HOWARD** of **Gamma Chapter**.

SERVICE TO EDUCATION



Judy

The **Service to Education** recipient works tirelessly to aid teachers in making the classroom experiences the best possible for students. She is an invaluable asset to Douglas Gardens School and the surrounding community. She works individually with students in kindergarten classes, giving extra help and personalized attention. Each trimester she helps with student assessments so the teachers can continue teaching. As new students enter school, she gets to know them quickly and assesses them so they can be placed appropriately in reading and, if needed, into intervention groups.

As an invaluable asset to the school, she spends countless hours doing just about anything needed: she works at book fairs, organizes and labels things, and doesn't hesitate to take home hours of work like laminating, prepping for holiday projects, cutting and organizing. Although she tends to the needs of kindergarten so well, she helps all grade levels, giving undivided, resourceful, and organized attention.

Alpha Rho State's 2015 Service to Education Award goes to JUDY SHEPPARD of Gamma Chapter.

SERVICE TO ALPHA RHO STATE



Catie

The **Service to Alpha Rho State** recipient has been an active member in DKG for 17 years. She has served her chapter as president and by organizing fund raisers, service on special leadership committees and recruiting outstanding new members.

At the state level she served as District 5 Coordinator, on the Finance Committee, and on the Educational Excellence Committee representing Professional Development. In 2009, when Alpha Rho State hosted the NW Regional Conference, this person was the bags and registration table chair. That helped lead her to her current position. We all know her as the person who has neat items in the Boutique for us to buy!

It is my great pleasure to announce that **CATIE THURBER-BROWN of Beta Beta Chapter is the 2015 Service to Alpha Rho State recipient.**

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

100 OREGON CELEBRATES CENTENARIANS

104	February 9, 1911	Irma Wauchope	Alpha Phi, 70 years
100	August 18, 1914	Dr. Neva Neill	Zeta, 69 years
102	June 27, 1913	Charlene Hanan	Phi, 48 years
101	May 2, 1914	Esther Miller	Alpha Delta, 57 years
101	October 2, 1914	Alice Fossatti	Iota, 30 years
100	November 8, 1914	Joyce Hulse	Phi

ACADEMIC HONORS

Doctorates: None

NBCT: Susan Faller-Mitchell, Omega— recertification

50 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN DKG

Margaret Johnson, Gamma
Virginia Iverson, Gamma
Mariece Lindsay, Epsilon
Dr. Barbara (Bobbi) Middaugh, Epsilon
Janice Biggerstaff, Eta

50

25 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN DKG

Sue Kupillas, Epsilon
Pamela Amato, Phi
Jarrylynn Reel, Alpha Nu
Judy Heerdt, Alpha Phi
Lacey Vogel, Alpha Phi
Leila Collier, Alpha Omega
Donna Journeay, Beta Beta
Susan Sager, Beta Beta
Jane Reyneke, State Member (recently deceased)

25

ORDER OF THE ROSE: None

ROSETTE AWARDS

Gamma
Eta
Epsilon
Zeta
Lambda
Alpha Nu



FRIENDSHIPS-- NEW AND RENEWED

by
Dr. Barbara "Bobbie" Middaugh
Past State President

Emerson said, "Keep your friendships in repair." That was on my mind when I decided to attend our State Convention in Eugene, for I had not been to one since Astoria in 2011. The first *friend* I saw as I checked into the hotel was Grace, whom I had appointed State Editor in 2001! Checking in at DKG Registration, there was a *friendly* greeting from Pam, whose chapter I had visited as State President. Upon arrival in President Kathy's suite, past state presidents Pat, Jean, Madaline, Janet, Lynn, Alice and Bridget gave me big hugs and kind words of sympathy for the recent loss of my husband. I was suddenly "back in the fold, with a feeling of being surrounded by *friends* and "family."

There were several changes in the convention process since my tenure, 2001-2003, and I could see valid reasons for those changes, all for the better. I have never seen a theme, "Teach Peace," carried throughout a convention as thoroughly as that one was, so kudos to Yvonne!

Some special treats took place. What fun it was to rejoin Alpha Rhosies and be personally thanked by Bridget for doing so! It was an honor to meet a new *friend*, Fonda, who had been a member for two weeks, compared to my fifty years. There was some hilarity about being "old" when I received a lovely golden certificate honoring my fifty years in the Society. At least ten *friends* came up to say, "You certainly don't look 85!"

It was impressive to watch Jean as she guided us through the amend-

ments to Standing Rules and Bylaws. Lively discussions took place. One, on the Order of the Rose Award, was particularly poignant for me, having initiated it while State President. Janet and I were on opposite sides of allowing transfers to count, but we're still *friends*!

Many more highlights took place at the convention which you will read about in other columns. I was especially delighted to have the ability to renew *friendships*, to build fond memories that will be held dear, and to observe the continuing "genuine spiritual fellowship" that exists in our Society. Thank you, Alpha Rho State, for wrapping me in your arms for a brief but most welcome time together.



50 years & "Two Weeks"
Bobbie & Fonda

A Plethora of Past Presidents



Bobbie
Middaugh

Sharon
Hohstadt

Janet Walsh

Jean
Fairbairn

FIRST TIMER'S IMPRESSION

Not knowing what to expect at my first State Convention, I figured I was just along for the ride. WOW! What a ride! I loved it all. I am so pleased to share in DKG's Peace Projects. Seeing people put aside their differences and work together warmed my heart. The two young women from the Middle East were so inspiring, as were each of the keynote speakers.

My favorite activity occurred on Friday evening, when I became known as "Two Weeks," the most recent Alpha Rho initiate. I was privileged to stand beside our 50-year member, Dr. Barbara Middaugh. What a pleasure to meet her.

Everyone made me feel so welcome by accepting me as an "educator" outside of a teaching degree (my degree is in nursing). I love children and watching those little light bulbs go on is such a treat. At this convention, I could tell how, through DKG membership and friendship, you support one another in your endeavor to bring up the next generation.

Well done, ladies. See you next year, with bells on!

Fonda "Two Weeks" Lawson
Alpha Omicron Chapter (St. Helens)

REFLECTIONS ON THE 2015 ALPHA RHO CONVENTION TEACH PEACE

After the Alpha Rho State Convention in Eugene (April 17-19, 2015), our heads are spinning! The hours were packed with socializing, recreation, business, traditions, and inspiring presentations. Just minutes after we arrived, Kate Kelleher and I joined a group of women to tour the Peace Park. Mr. John Attig, the visionary of the Nobel Peace Laureate Project, was there to greet us.

Mr. Attig started with this question, "Who can name five U.S. Nobel Peace Prize recipients?" He waited but we, as a group, couldn't deliver much. Then Mr. Attig asked, "Can anyone name five U.S. Generals?" We showed more confidence and knowledge with this question. Our group began shouting out names: "Washington, Lee, Grant, Patton, Eisenhower, Mac Arthur, Powell."



Dana Murphy, Sandy Watts, Marie Cramer, Yvonne Fasold, Carol Adams

Mr. Attig then clarified his point. He explained that it is time to honor our peacemakers as well as our war heroes. The Peace Park honors Americans who have received the international award for their contributions to world peace. It is the first memorial in the United States to honor all of the American Peace Laureates. We proceeded on the spiral path into the park

to read the accomplishments of the peacemakers as we approached their individual plaques. Our exploration was personalized when we found the plaque of the person whose name we were wearing! Earlier, Yvonne Fasold presented each of us with a suffrage-like sash personalized with the name of an American Peace Laureate. This first



Kate Kelleher as Frank Kellogg

activity set the stage for more inspirational moments to come! Read more at www.nobelpeace Laureates.org

Claire Wiles, one of our keynote speakers, is a U.S. Navy Veteran, a teacher at North Eugene High School, and Lambda Chapter president. She shared a very touching journey from war zone Iraq, where she was called to give intelligence briefings to 3- and 4-star generals, to home. Once again in Eugene, Claire developed a curriculum called "Peace, Justice and Human Rights," a study of nonviolent movements and their effectiveness. It was a very inspiring presentation! Resources for peace curricula are available for all levels at these websites: (1) www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/hopenews.php or (2) www.nobelpeace Laureates.org

We attended several great workshops. One that really struck a chord with me was titled "Peace Hopes for the Middle East." This might have been the most moving dialogue of all. We listened to two young women: Yaara Tal (an Israeli) sitting next to her friend, Deema Yusef (a Palestinian) as they shared their stories. These two girls have been

trained by Creativity for Peace in deep listening and honest dialogue that make peace possible in our conflict-torn world. They shared experiences of journeying into peace in the midst of war and chaos. Honest, inspiring, remarkable! Both attend Lane Community College now and are using their training to educate others. Explore further at www.creativityforpeace.com

By this time, we were so inspired that we, Kate Kelleher and Dana Murphy, decided to make a motion to the general assembly to collect donations for an engraved paver/brick that would commemorate the 2015 DKG Convention, Teach Peace, to be placed in Peace Park. The motion passed and we collected \$311: \$200 to the Peace Laureate Project for a personalized DKG paver; \$111 to the Creativity for Peace Camp. Many thanks to everyone for so generously supporting this idea. Speaking of generosity, we also came home with a pile of donated books for our Little Free Library.



Kate Kelleher, Catie Thurber-Brown, Shirley Anderson as Catie realizes she has been honored.

Last, but certainly not least! Our own dear Catie Thurber-Brown received the prestigious **Service to Alpha Rho State Award** at the Rose Banquet on Saturday. Congratulations, Catie!

Dana Murphy, Beta Beta

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

Hi Kathy,

My name is Sharlene Wilkins. I am writing to you on behalf of my aunt Dr. Neva Neill from La Grande, Oregon.

Neva called me today and was feeling so honored to have received a Red Rose and Certificate recognizing her 100th birthday from you, the Alpha Rho State President. She asked if I could contact you and thank you for her. She isn't quite able to make the call or write you a note herself, but she did want to make sure that you were thanked for this remembrance.

Delta Kappa Gamma has always been an important part of her life, and I want to also thank you for remembering her at this great milestone in her life. She is an amazing, loving woman at 100+ years old.

Thank You, Sharlene

WONDERFUL WORKSHOPS!

If you had been here, you'd have been as "wowed" as we were! Wonderful topics, great presenters, time for questions, good materials to take home, skills to use immediately in our working and personal lives, and inspiring presentations to help us all think about peace.

Therapy Dogs: Providing Heartfelt Peace in Our Communities—Bridget E. Honan, Therapy Dogs, Inc., &

FETCH



Peace Curricula and Resources: Free Sites for Your Classroom: Panel

Peacefully Completing National Board Certification—Kelly McIntyre

Communicate Better With a Chapter Website—Grace Pitzer and Linda St. Pierre

Peace Hopes for the Middle East—Yaara Tal (right) and Deema Yusuf (left) from Lane Community College



Love and Logic: Strategies for Lasting, Loving Relationships for Families and All School Staff—Kate Kelleher

Literature and Peace: Using Essential questions to Discuss Ethical Dilemmas—Dr. Jill Slansky and Evelyn Banko

Peace Jam (cancelled due to presenter conflict)



Peace Across Borders—Tamara Flores Hernández, International Office Representative

Peaceful Strategies for Cyber-Bullying—Jennifer Harris

FANTASTIC KEYNOTERS

Nancy Schaal-McHarry from River Road Elementary in Eugene—**"Playworks"**



Claire Wiles from North Eugene High & the US Navy—**"Teaching Peace"**



Lura Pierce, Ambassador for World Peace, retired—**"A Butterfly Peace Quilt and a Teacher's Promise"**



Lura (left) and John Attig

**CAUGHT
ON
CAMERA**

Kathy Martell



The Alpha Rhosies Rock!



Dst. 4 Basket Babes
Lynée Svenson & Pam Makela-Sigleer



Bridget E. Honan



Dana Musgrove
& Kaye Jones



Bob the Bear by Alice for
Kathy--Changing the Guard



Flags by Girl Scouts Troop
20337, Eugene



Janet H. Davis &
Kathy Webster



Lura Pierce



Madaline Lapp



Newsletter Award Honorees



Bonita Fillmore, Brenda Jensen, Kelly
McIntyre, Kelly's son



Pat Howard



Kathy Webster,
Making Music



Sandy & Tamara



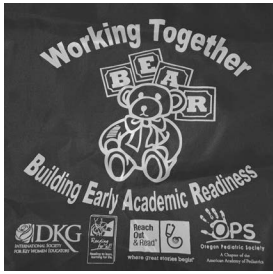
Alice Hartness-
Reichle



Karen Shelton &
Vicki Jackson



Pam
Makela-
Sigleer
at White
Rose
Ceremony



FINAL BEAR UPDATE

One of the goals for my biennium was to implement the Building Early Academic Readiness (B.E.A.R.) Program into ten Oregon schools and to help them maintain it once it was started. I am proud to say that next fall it looks like the program will be in nine schools in different places around Oregon. Mills Elementary in Klamath Falls and Lewis and Clark Elementary in St. Helens will be on their third year with the program. Athena Elementary and Willamina Elementary will be starting their second year. New to the program, but ready to go, will be Greenwood School in LaGrande, Dry Hollow Elementary in The Dalles, Evergreen Elementary in Cave Junction, and Seaside Heights in Seaside. Schools reported they are forming partnerships in their areas and are using the BEAR Program to help advertise other programs their schools are working on. Everyone seems excited about the program and the benefits of introducing the literacy focus to future students at an early age.

I still have enough supplies to implement the program into one more school. If your chapter is interested in helping support a school, please let me know soon. We want to get it introduced to the school this spring so they are ready to implement in the fall.

THANK YOU FOR THE BOOKS!



Omega Chapter's BEAR Suitcase: Ready to go for reading!

Thank you to members attending state convention for their generous donations of books for both the BEAR Program and Little Free Libraries. Chapters who brought decorated boxes were able to go home with books to help continue their literacy programs. The children of our state are the lucky ones! They will be able to have books in their homes as they develop their "Love of Reading" and work toward "Educational Excellence."

Beta Beta Little Free Library Box



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS EARNED

At the "Teach Peace" Convention, DKG distributed **164** well-deserved PDU credits!

Friday evening "Playworks": 31

At the twelve workshops, PDU's ranged from 4 to 20, with the two young women from Lane Community College (weren't they great?!) producing the highest at 20.

All workshops were inspirational and informational!


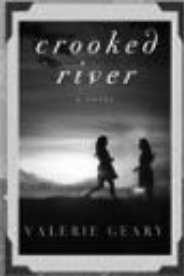
Attention all mystery reader friends!
 You won't want to miss Valerie Geary's book talk Monday, April 13.
 5:30 to 6:00pm

CROOKED RIVER is a remarkable, assured and inventive debut novel of literary suspense by a talented new Oregonian writer.

Hosted by
your local Beta Beta Chapter
 International Society of Key Women Educators
Delta Kappa Gamma

for more info:
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 (.5 PDU available)

Location:
 Calvin Presbyterian Church
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 Tigard, OR 97223

Beta Beta Flyer from their April event (see Chatter article)

CHAPTER CHATTER

Epsilon (Medford & Ashland):

Show & Tell of Historic Hats: On March 21, Ann Wilton, from Renaissance Rose in Ashland, presented an interesting and lively program. She brought her collection of hats from the past. Some members modeled the hats and were to line up in chronological order by the era in which the hats were popular. It was not an easy task! With Ann's guidance, the correct order was achieved. Ann's narration of the stages of hat designs was informative

Omega (Josephine Co.): Nine members enjoyed convention (and felt peace-full as a result). **Lois Mac-Millan** wowed us in May with her presentation on using original documents from historical periods to teach literacy skills. Our sisters have been actively collaborating on an informational letter to kick off the BEAR Program at Evergreen Elementary. We await resumes of three prospective new members and the return of previous members. We are exploring options for fundraising and membership. It was an amazing week with passion, inspiration, and development, all fueled by our ambition to serve others. Omega's light is burning brightly.

Lambda (Lane Co.): is having its annual Garage Sale at the home of Dr. Yvonne Fasold on Saturday, June 6. Proceeds support a 5th year teacher graduate student. Just in time for the garage sale, Lambda's Literacy Committee will install a Little Free Library stocked with books for neighbors and school age children. We are thrilled to see this happen. Another project we hope to accomplish is to help Yaara Tal find funding to attend the University of Oregon. Yaara and her roommate Deema Yusuf spoke at one of our convention workshops on Peace in the Middle East. Both young women impressed us all with their

commitment to understanding and hope for peace in the midst of war and turmoil.

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): Alpha Omicron had 7 of our 13 members attend state convention this year. Our newest member, Fonda "Two Weeks" Lawson, was a "star" at Friday night's "games." All seven members in attendance were actively involved at convention. We are proud of the energy our small chapter puts forth! The program presenter for our May meeting will be Nell Harrison, speaking about the new Veteran's Park in Columbia City. The park will be dedicated on May 25.

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co): was excited to have six members present at convention in Eugene. We look forward to supporting Cindy Ryan in her new role as Oregon State President. Our members and guests will be taking a tour of Liberty House in Salem for our last program of this year. We donated many hand-tied fleece blankets to children who are receiving services. Next year we plan to continue supporting the Early Career Educators we have been following the last three years. One or more may be ready to join our chapter!

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): Members hosted Valerie Geary's book talk on April 13. Her latest book, *Crooked River*, has been hailed as "a remarkable, assured and inventive debut novel of literary suspense by a talented new Oregonian writer." Beta Beta reached out to other chapters and encouraged them to join us. This presentation by Ms. Geary created networking opportunities for budding authors and was a very enjoyable program for our members, including two new members we initiated that evening.

Pi (Hood River & Sherman/Wasco/Wheeler Counties): After fundraising at their December Brunch/Auction and March Soup for Scholarship, Pi Chapter will be awarding their teacher scholarship at the May meeting. We will also recognize the Woman of Achievement and the Student of Achievement.

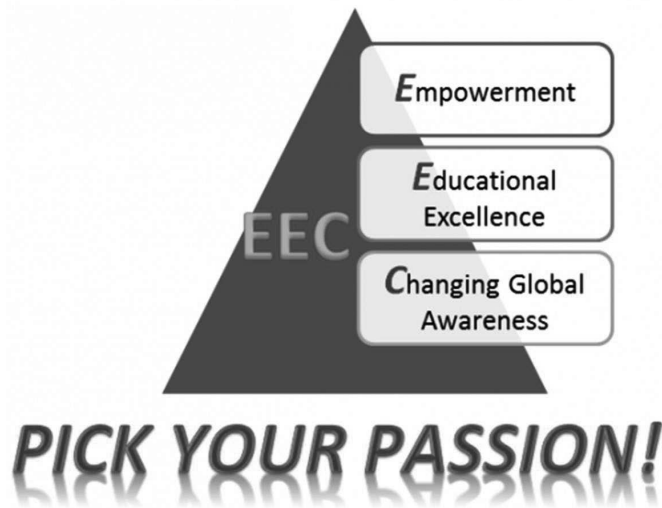
Chi (Clackamas): Chi has experienced some outstanding programs this year. Visits to several community programs were made while chapter guests also brought news of activities. In December, gifts were sent to The Inn, a shelter for homeless young persons in Clackamas County. In addition to personal hygiene items and sports equipment, members donated \$165 to The Inn for their behavior modification program. In February, numerous dental hygiene items were taken to the Milwaukie High Wellness program. This unique program is run by the district and serves middle and high school students who have personal needs. In March, Chi donated a music scholarship to a student enrolled in the Youth Music Program in West Linn. This is a special program for students who cannot afford music lessons or the rental or purchase of an instrument. Chi is proud to be serving students in local school districts .

TREASURERS, TAKE NOTE!

State Active and Reserve dues have increased by \$1 for this biennium. State Active Dues are now \$22 and State Reserve Dues are \$12. The totals for State and International Dues, plus the Scholarship Fee, are \$63 for Active and \$33 for Reserve members.



**NEWS FROM
INTERNATIONAL
HEADQUARTERS**



**ATTENTION! ~ ATTENTION!
CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND CHAPTER
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

PICK YOUR CHAPTER'S PASSION

The mission of The International Educational Excellence Committee is to assist states, chapters, and members by providing access to amazing programs, activities, and projects through the International website. These opportunities are “tried and true” and were shared by state EEC chairs and state presidents from all our 17 countries through their bi-annual reports. The ideas embrace our Seven Purposes of the DKG Society, as well as confirming the EEC mission statement and current biennium goals.

Please connect with the International website at www.dkg.org and click on “committees” on the upper tool bar. Click on the Educational Excellence Committee. Scroll down to the left under the EEC logo and committee photo, where you will see a series of options. Click on COLLECTION OF PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES. This recently updated 2015 document will provide you with 30 pages of very detailed information about **successful chapter and personal opportunities**.

**PICK YOUR PASSION AND SHARE THE EXPERIENCE OF
DKG MEMBERSHIP!!!**

*Alice Hartness-Reichle, Alpha Phi/6
International Educational Excellence Committee Member*

THE US FORUM

The purpose of the US Forum is to inform members of pending legislation that furthers the Purposes of the Society. We are dedicated to being an advocate for women, children, and education by maintaining affiliations with other like-minded organizations

and by surveying members to determine their legislative priorities.

At the NW Regional Conference in Regina, you will have a chance to voice YOUR priorities. Surveys at the four regional conferences will determine topics to be addressed at the National Legislative Seminar in March 2016.

The Northwest session is scheduled at 10:15 a.m. on July 30. Come to help DKG be the “Voice of Education”!

*Darlene Cook, Alpha/2
NW Regional Representative
to the US Forum*

ALPHA RHO STATE CONVENTION 2015: WHAT AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Being part of this wonderful International Society for Key Women Educators has been one of the most amazing experiences in my life, not only as a person but also as a professional.

Taking part of the International Administrative Board where I have duties to do as the Latin American Representative gave me the great honor to be invited by the state of Oregon to attend their 2015 Convention as the International Representative.

Walking into the airport and identifying Kathy Martell and Cindy Ryan was the first amazing thing, that feeling that we have known each other forever was great and unique. I enjoyed everything from the very first moment I met them until the moment I said goodbye.

Meeting incredible women; talking and listening to them sharing their knowledge and experiences; reflecting about peace in our lives, classrooms, communities and countries; chatting, eating, drinking and having fun during the convention; and carrying a wonderful basket filled with treasures—all of these have provided a fascinating chance to strengthen our Society through making new friends and being part of the wonderful family we have in DKG.

It doesn't matter what language you speak, what skin color you have, or what culture and ideology you practice—the most important thing is that you know that whenever you have the occasion to take part in any activity of the Society anywhere in the world, as a member, speaker, guest or representative, you will find a friend there who is a passionate teacher just like you.

What an unforgettable experience! I was delighted and thankful for my time in Oregon. **85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life!**



*Tamara Flores Hernandez
International Guest
2014-16 Latin American
Representative*

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUNDS FROM MEMBER GENEROSITY

- Peace Park Paver: \$200 and \$111 for the Creativity for Peace Camp
- Scholarships: \$1,357
- Baskets: \$1,155 (Divided between scholarships and support for early-career educators who have difficulty paying dues.)

FYI: 19 chapters presented 26 lovely baskets, including the “watermelon” basket. Catie Thurber-Brown won it, then promptly gifted it to Tamara Flores Hernandez, who loves all things watermelon.



Catie (left) & Tamara (right)



ORDER OF THE ROSE

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Chapters, take note! At the 2015 Alpha Rho Convention, requirements for receiving the Order of the Rose were updated. **Chapters**

must meet all requirements for the Rosette Award (see below). With DKG International's emphasis on the three R's of membership--**Retention, Recruitment, and Reinstatement**--revised Order of the Rose requirements also require that:

- Chapters of 30 members or below must initiate or reinstate 1 member,
- Chapters of 31-60 members must initiate or reinstate 2 members,
- Chapters of 61 members or more must initiate or reinstate 3 members,

between April 1 of the year preceding the convention or conference and March 31 of the year of the convention or conference.

Sadly, this year there were no recipients of the Order of the Rose. With revisions to the award and additional emphasis on reinstatement of former members, plan now so that Oregon's 2016 Conference will have many chapters receiving the Order of the Rose honor.

ROSETTE AWARDS

1. December 1 Chapter Program Booklet or Yearbook and Brochure. Send a digital copy each to State President and District Coordinator.
2. February 1 Chapter President's Report. Send a digital copy to State President
3. March 1 Four (4) Chapter Newsletters. Send a digital copy to Communication Chair, President, and District Coordinator.



READ ALL ABOUT IT! STATE FINANCIAL AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE!

Jill Lang, State Scholarship Chair:
jaceel@comcast.net

State Level Scholarship Applications:
www.dkg.org

STATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Due Date to State Scholarship Chair:
August 1, 2015; Dec. 1, 2015; Mar. 1, 2016

- Hazel Fishwood Award for graduate programs
- Emma Henkle Award for graduate work
- State Founders/Presidents Award for graduate studies
- Commemorative/Personal Enrichment Award

Past awards have been granted for:

- Help with lodging, airfare, registration and other costs for workshops and conferences
- Master Gardener Program
- National Board Certification
- University program for administrator's license
- Personal pleasure trips within the US or to a foreign country
- Personal trips to trace family history
- Chaperoning for school travels
- Language immersion programs
- Volunteer projects to help others
- Institutes for further learning
- College programs of study

APPLY TODAY!

STATE DUES HELP FOR S.E.E. MEMBERS

All chapters are on the lookout for "key women educators" to invite to membership in our outstanding organization. Please remember: Funds are available to help pay the state portion of dues the first year if your new member is an early career educator with three or fewer years in an education field. To access funds, please write President Kathy (or Immediate Past President after July 1) at kkm4dkg@gmail.com with the name of the new member, and Kathy will send you a voucher to send to the chapter treasurer with the rest of the dues payment.

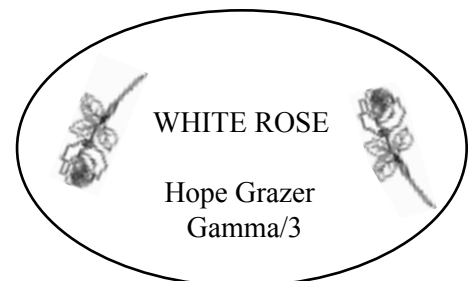
2015 CONVENTION HOSTESSES

Coordinator: Dr. Cindy Ryan
Alpha Epsilon/5

- THANK YOU!
- Dst. 1:** Hospitality
 - Dst. 2:** Decorations
 - Dst. 3:** Publicity, Properties, Non-member Registration, PDU's, and Tour
 - Dst. 4:** Basket Drawings
 - Dst. 5:** Saturday Night Reception
 - Dst. 6:** Registration Assistants

Thanks to all whose hard work and willingness to assist made this a wonderful convention, full of fun, networking, and learning opportunities.

THANK YOU!



COMING EVENTS

2016 SPRING CONFERENCE
April 29 - May 1, 2016
WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO

You'll be coming up the Columbia when you come!
You'll be visiting Tamastlikt when you come!
Pendleton Underground, Woolen Mills, Pow Wows, and lots of thrills!
You'll be coming up the river when you come!

You'll try your luck at the casino when you come!
You'll have blue skies and sunshine when you come!
Tamaslikt, Pendleton Underground, & Hamley's Leather Works!
You'll be coming up the Columbia when you come!

SEE YOU IN PENDLETON NEXT YEAR!!



District 1 is inviting us to come to Pendleton in 2016.

HISTORIC GENTLE HOUSE—DIRECTIONS

855 N. Monmouth Ave.
Monmouth, Oregon 97361

I-5 Northbound

Take Exit 228 (Corvallis/Highway 34W). Follow Highway 34W for approximately nine miles to Corvallis. As you approach Corvallis, merge into the right lane. After crossing the bridge over the Willamette River, you will take a right on 3rd Street/99W and follow the signs to Monmouth. Continue on 99W for approximately 20 miles until you reach Monmouth. At the first four-way traffic light, turn left on to Main Street. Travel six blocks to a four-way stop and turn right on to North Monmouth Avenue. Follow through campus; Gentle House will be on the right-hand side just past the Oregon Military Academy and Gentle Avenue.

I-5 Southbound

Take Exit 261 (Salem Parkway). Follow the Parkway into Salem. The Parkway will curve to the left and become Commercial Street. Stay on Commercial until you reach Marion Street. Turn right onto Marion Street, cross the bridge in the far left lane. This takes you onto Highway 22. Continue on Highway 22 until it meets Highway 99W (approximately 10 miles); turn left at streetlights. Follow Highway 99W for approximately 5 miles; turn right on Hoffman Road. Continue on Hoffman Road to Riddell Road, turn left. Riddell Road turns into Monmouth Avenue — follow until you see Gentle House on your left.

REGISTRATION, p. 14



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

**Alpha Rho State
 State Leadership Transition Meeting**

**Saturday, June 20, 2015
 Monmouth, Oregon**

Join us for a day filled with both work and fun!

The meeting is open to anyone who would like to come, but it is necessary for those who are state committee chairs and newly elected officers

Where: Historic Gentle House on the campus of Western Oregon University
 855 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth, Oregon 97361



When: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., June 20

On our agenda for the day:

- Transition all materials and knowledge from the 2013-2015 Leadership Team to the 2015-2017 team.
 - Discuss the 2015 State Convention
 - Get to know new state leaders and share ideas
 - Begin planning for the 2015-2017 biennium
 - Take a guided tour of the Historic Gentle House

A block of rooms is being held for Friday & Saturday at the Red Lion
 (reserve your room by May 31)
 3301 Market St., NE, Salem, OR 97301
 (503) 370-7888

June 20, 2015, State Leadership Transition Meeting Registration

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please note any dietary needs: _____

Cost: \$20.00 (includes breakfast pastries, drinks, and lunch)

Make checks payable to: Alpha Rho State (Note on Memo Line--Transition Meeting)

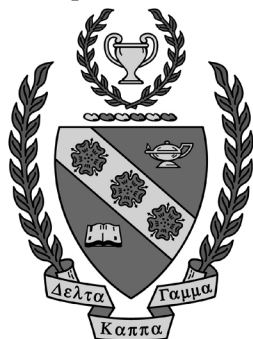
Mail completed registration form and check to:
 Jill Snyder, 2465 Timothy Dr., NW, Salem, OR 97304

Lunch will include:
 A variety of pizza options (vegetarian, meat, etc.), salad, cookies, and beverages

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 20, 2015 (Sat.)

Leadership Transition Meeting
Historic Gentle House
Western Oregon University

July 28 - August 1, 2015

Northwest Regional Conference
Regina, Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Hotel

September 12, 2015 (Sat.)

Fall Conference and Exec. Bd.
Philomath Elementary School

President Kathy's 2015 Schedule

Date	Chapter/Activity	Location
5/16	Beta Beta Spring Tea	Tigard
6/20	State Officers'/Committee Transition Meeting at Western Oregon University	Gentle House Monmouth
7/29 - 8/1	NW Regional Conference	Regina, Canada
9/12	Fall Conference and Executive Board	Philomath Elem.
4/29 - 5/1, 2016	2016 Spring Conference Wildhorse Resort & Casino	Pendleton

Deadline for September DIGITAL Trail

August 10, 2015<<NOTE the changed date!