

# THE NEW OREGON TRAIL

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**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Women Educators**  
Oregon State Organization -- Alpha Rho State



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

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



## **“STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Through the Ages at the 2014 Oregon State Convention May 2 - 4, 2014, Mt. Bachelor Village Resort, Bend, Oregon**

### **SATURDAY KEYNOTER**

**Dr. Chris Maples**  
President, OIT



Dr. Chris Maples, president of Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) since 2008, received his BS in geology from West Georgia College and his MS and PhD from Indiana University. Dr. Maples is OIT's No. 1 fan and attends as many sporting events as possible. He has an open-door policy and can be seen walking on campus, visiting with students, staff, and faculty. With Dr. Maples' experience in the STEM area, he is a great keynoter for the convention theme!



**FROM INTERNATIONAL HQ**  
**Dr. Lace Marie Brogden**  
NW Regional Director

Dr. Lace Brogden, DKG International Northwest Regional Director and member of the International Administrative Board, is an Associate Professor of French Education in Minority Language Contexts at the University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Dr. Brogden served as State Organization President in the province of Saskatchewan from 2001-2003. At the International level, she has served on the International Research Committee, on the Golden Gift Fund Committee, as Chair of the International Scholarships Committee, on the International Speaker's Fund, and as Area Representative-Canada on the Administrative Board. She brings greetings and news from International office.

### **WILL YOU WIN?**

Alpha Rho / Oregon is sponsoring a contest. See p. 6 (top) for details.

### **ALERT!**

Please note that the International DKG Web site has been updated, renewed, and otherwise improved. To reach the new site, type <http://www.dkg.org> then add it to your bookmarks. (Remember to delete your old bookmark, too.) New navigation bars and drop-down menus will help you locate information more efficiently.

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

**Kathy Martell, President  
Oregon State Organization**



**Working Together: Building Early Academic Readiness**

### Leadership

If you were to look up the definition of a "leader," it would say "a person that leads; guiding head." Now that we are well into 2014, it is time to think about our roles as chapter leaders. When we were invited to become members of Delta Kappa Gamma, it was because we were leaders in education. We have strengths that make us leaders; we just need to share them. Some of you would be outstanding chapter officers; others would be more comfortable using your strengths leading committees or organizing special projects. All of these leaders are needed to make each chapter the best it can be.

The hardest office to fill in most chapters seems to be the presidency; nevertheless, I would like each of you to look closely at your own strengths

and consider trying that president's role. Both state and International officers are here to help you succeed. You would not be alone! Encourage each other to step up to chapter leadership roles for the 2014-2016 biennium. Chapter members, remember to support your leaders in a positive way once they are in place.

DKG International is built on strong, active chapters. As I've traveled around the state visiting chapters, I have learned you are very active in your communities with many exciting programs. This doesn't just happen; rather, someone has taken the leadership role to make it happen. I encourage you to continue making a difference in your communities as it will eventually attract new members.

### BEAR Project

Since I'm talking about leadership, I would like to thank the chapters leading the way with the BEAR Project: Alpha Chapter in Klamath Falls, Omega Chapter in Grants Pass, Alpha Omicron in St. Helens, and Zeta Chapter in La Grande are our leaders.



*Learning about the BEAR Project in October: **Connie Slater**, President, Zeta (left), **Kathy Martell** (center) & **Judy Lutz**, President, Baker City (right)*

These four chapters are in different stages of implementation, and the schools they are supporting are very

excited about the program. It is my hope that next year we can expand into more areas.



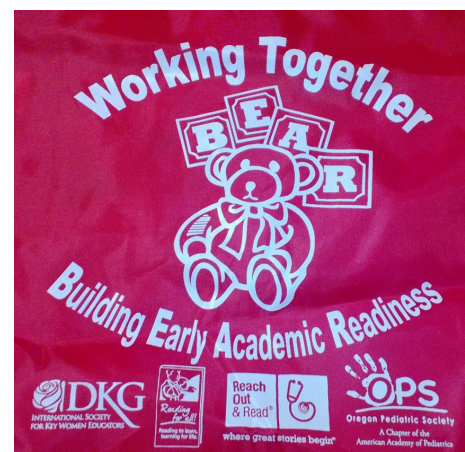
***Sharon Hohstadt**, Iota (left) & **Kathy Martell** discuss BEAR activities in LaGrande*

*Left: **Darlene Cook**, Alpha President; **Emmanuel Hernandez**, BEAR pledge student (center); **Rocio Schwartz**, new Alpha member (right)*



I'm looking forward to the rest of my chapter visits in 2014. I have been invited to chapter meetings that are initiating new members and, with great pleasure, I have been asked to help with the initiations. I hope the same will happen with the installation of new officers. I am very proud of all of you!

Delta Kappa Gamma is making a difference and our members are leaders in local communities!



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



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## STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

*Linda St. Pierre, Chair*

#### AWARDS

Chapter newsletters, brochures and yearbooks keep members informed and provide a historical record of activities, people, and events. These publications are required by the deadline below for chapters to earn the *Rosette Award* or the *Order of the Rose Award* so chapters can be recognized!

#### DUE DATES

**December 1:** Yearbooks and Chapter Brochures were due.

**March 1: Four (4) chapter newsletters** send to Communication Committee (clair.wiles@gmail.com), State President (kkm4dkg@gmail.com), \*District Coordinator, and Educational Excellence (fasold@uoregon.edu) Newsletters must include all of the following: Society name, state name, chapter name, mission statement, date of publication, newsletter name, editor's name, articulate writing, meeting information, and at least three chapter news articles.

*\*See Leadership Directory for the name and e-mail of your district coordinator.*

#### ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

Today most members receive *The New Oregon Trail* electronically. It is convenient and saves money! A significant number of notification emails "bounced" this fall, meaning new e-mail addresses must exist for those members. It is urgent that you send members' new e-mail addresses to Linda St. Pierre (lindastpierre@comcast.net) and Jill Snyder (snyderjrn@comcast.net).

### FINANCIAL AWARD REMINDERS

*Jill Lang, Chair*

#### GRANT-IN-AID INFORMATION

- For non-members enrolled in education programs for initial licensure.
- A grant-in-aid applicant must be seeking an initial degree in education. She is required to have a standing of at least undergraduate junior status. She may have a bachelor's degree in a different field and currently be seeking an initial degree in education, making her status that of graduate student.
- Applications will be considered once during each fiscal year; two due dates are involved:
  - The applicant will submit the grant application to the sponsoring Oregon chapter by February 1 of that fiscal year (2014).
  - The sponsoring chapter will then have the responsibility of submitting the complete grant application, along with a chapter nomination letter, to the State Financial Awards Chair. This final due date will be March 1 of that fiscal year (2014).

A distinct form is used for each application.

- The Dagmar Jeppeson grant is available to candidates pursuing initial certification in early childhood/elementary through Grade 8.
- The Edith Green grant is for applicants pursuing initial certification in secondary education.

- Follow this link on the DKG website for information on submitting applications.  
<http://www.dkg.org/OR/scholarships/index.htm>

## SCHOLARSHIPS

March 1, 2014, is the next due date for scholarships awarded to members.

- Hazel Fishwood
- Emma Henkel
- State Founders and Presidents
- Personal Enrichment/  
Commemorative

Follow the link at the top of the page for information on submitting applications.



**Dana Musgrove, Zeta (left), receives her award from Kathie Hill, Omega, Financial Awards Committee**

On October 21, 2013, in La Grande, Dana Musgrove, Zeta Chapter, received a \$2000 Isabelle Houston Commemorative Scholarship from Scholarship/Financial Awards Committee member Kathie Hill. Dana will be accompanying about two dozen students to study in Italy, Greece and Turkey this summer. The students will work to earn either high school or college credits as they explore these countries, learn about, and interact with people from other cultures.

## NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

Registration is open for the National Legislative Seminar held March 16 – 19 at the Holiday Inn in Arlington, VA. The Seminar, sponsored by the U. S. Forum, will focus on federal issues affecting women, children, and education. One day of the conference is devoted to visits to Capitol Hill so attendees can meet with their congressional representatives and possibly tour the White House.

An optional tour to Mount Vernon, Old Christ Church, and Old Towne Alexandria is also being planned. Registrations postmarked by February 16 are \$160; after the 16th, costs are \$185. Rooms at the Holiday Inn at National Airport, Crystal City, are \$179 per night. Registration forms are on the International website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

*Darlene Cook, Chair*

## ALPHA SIGMA, GAMMA & LAMBDA CHAPTERS ARE SPONSORING A PEACE SEMINAR

March 8, 2014 --- 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

First Methodist Church --1376 Olive Street -- Eugene, Oregon

The Peace Symposium welcomes educators and the general public.

Three speakers will direct attention to issues of peace and students:

1. John Attig, retired educator, inspiration and director of the Nobel Peace Laureate Park, will talk about the need for peace education in schools.
2. **Clair Wiles (Lambda)**, educator at North Eugene High School and Peace Educator of the Year in 2012, will share her experiences as a Naval Reservist who was called to serve a year in Iraq and how that experience focused attention on the need to teach peace in the midst of war.
3. Cathy Paine, conflict resolution therapist, will discuss laying the groundwork for peaceful interventions in student conflicts.
4. Cost to attend is \$5. This Symposium will be worth a trip to Eugene and families are encouraged to attend. Registration information went out late January.

*Empower the voiceless to find their voices.*

## CHAPTER ARTICLES

### BETA BETA FALL AUCTION

Beta Beta held its annual auction at the November meeting. There was something for everyone: goodies like peanut brittle, jams, and pumpkin bread, as well as smaller handmade items, were sold at the silent auction.

The oral auction was the highlight of the evening, with Nancy Lewis serving as auctioneer. Deb Starr and Sharon Kabusreiter assisted her. Items for auction included larger holiday decorations, presentation baskets, and artwork. Perhaps the most novel items were social events: watching the Christmas Ships on the Willamette from a member's downtown apartment balcony while enjoying eggnog and treats, bridge lunches, theme lunches, genealogy lessons, afternoon tea in a summer garden, and tours of Portland with lunch included.

This year Sandy Bartnik offered an unusual opportunity: tickets to a holiday open house featuring the extensive collections of Christmas items. At \$5 per person, this one event brought in more than \$500. Everyone who has seen Sandy's home decorated for Christmas knows that this was a great bargain. The Bartniks have many displays in every room.

Overall, the auctions and Sandy's event raised well over \$3,300 for our foundation. The foundation is the philanthropic arm of the chapter, funding our dictionaries for third graders, thesauruses for middle schools, high school mini-grants, elementary art project awards, and scholarships for future educators.



*Shopping for treasures at Beta Beta's auction & sale*

## FINANCIAL AWARD ARTICLE

Thanks to Beta Beta Chapter for referring me to the Alpha Rho State Scholarship application and to Alpha Rho for granting the Scholarship. The experience I had in Philadelphia at the American School Counselors Convention in June 2013 was amazing!

*Kate  
Kelleher  
Beta Beta*



Highlights included:

- **The American Red Cross Training: Foundations of Disaster Mental Health.**
- We participated in discussions of **Common Core Curriculum and how that pertains to school counselors...**a necessary understanding! Our role as school counselors is key.
- David Marcus spoke about the **future of college planning** as a journey of self-discovery and self-reliance, rather than as a focus on scores, grades and acceptance

letters—a paradigm shift!

- **Supporting Homeless Students and Helping Underserved Populations with Deliberate Practice** were sessions that spoke strongly to me as homeless student populations grow in our district.
- Wrap up: **Peter Yarbrough from Peter, Paul and Mary** sang *Puff the Magic Dragon* with the crowd.
- Yarbrough spoke of his passion for helping children who are hurting. That short spotlight led into a presentation from Rachel Simmons on her work with “relational aggression,” referring to **ways girls use relationships to bully one another.**

Thanks again for this amazing opportunity! It has changed my life.

### RED ROSES FOR OUR NEW SISTERS

**Alpha:** Kimberly Cappel  
Valerie Menke  
Jill Fine  
Rocio Swartz

**Iota:** Jacque Fox (Transfer)

**Sigma:** Vickie Ashwill  
Annette L. Hilderbrand

**Alpha Epsilon:** Linda Craven

**Alpha Phi:** Joyce Henstrand (the recently retired superintendent of Reynolds School District)





## LOGO CONTEST

## ALPHA RHO STATE-OREGON

### Something is wrong with this picture.

Alpha Rho State needs its own logo, so we're having a contest!

Design a logo by March 15, then e-mail your idea to Kathy Martell at [kkm4dkg@gmail.com](mailto:kkm4dkg@gmail.com). All entries will appear in our electronic *Trail* the first week in April, and everyone will have a vote. The winning entry will be announced at State Convention in May and the winner will receive a prize. The logo needs to be in a picture/graphic form, so send it as a "jpg" file. That way it can appear in various sizes in Alpha Rho publications.



## STEM Through the Ages

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Join us in Bend to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Whether you are interested in learning how to incorporate STEM into your classroom or how to Skype with your grandchildren, you'll find it here!

The 2014 State Convention in Bend will be a laid-back, relaxing event. We have fun activities planned: an Alpha Rho Scavenger hunt, tours, and wellness activities on Saturday morning. Convention will be a time to network with old and new friends, enjoy great food and drink, and learn what is happening with STEM from early childhood to retirement. Festivities begin **Friday** afternoon with the Hospitality Room, the first clues for the Scavenger Hunt, convention registration, and checking into rooms at Mt. Bachelor Village Resort. The first official event

begins Friday night with the General Session and Executive Board Meeting. See you all there!

**Saturday** will be jump-started with a variety of wellness activities: a walking group, tai chi, and water aerobics. What a fun way to start a busy day! Our first keynote speaker is Dr. Chris Maples, president of Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), who will share his wealth of knowledge on STEM topics. He is excited to be joining us.

High quality STEM workshops occur Saturday. Whether you are an early childhood, elementary, middle, high school teacher or are retired, there will be something for you at each session. Workshop sessions include robotics in middle/high schools, brain games for those who are retired, and engineering in early childhood. Between the ses-

sions is a scrumptious lunch to enjoy.

Drawings for basket-affle winners will take place after the last workshops. Awards and recognition of presidents will follow, with a relaxing networking dinner to follow.

**Saturday evening** ends by connecting with friends in the Hospitality Room and participation in the **Local Pour** (A Beer, Wine, Cider, and Spirits Odyssey Tour) if you preregister for that activity.

Stay for **Sunday's events!** They begin with the White Rose Ceremony, followed by breakfast, Presidents' Training, and the GPS Eco Challenge. If you don't feel like joining the tours, you and your family can go swimming, hike along the Deschutes, or take a leisurely bike ride. Everyone

can enjoy a portion of the events at the Alpha Rho State Convention at Mt. Bachelor Village Resort. Join us!

### What to Wear

One of the unofficial themes for this year's convention is "relaxation." There are no formal events scheduled, so bring casual clothes and a jacket for the cool mountain evenings. Tuck in your swimsuit to join the fun in the pool and add sneakers for walking.

### ACTIVITIES AND TOURS

Activities are provided by both Mt. Bachelor Resort and Alpha Rho. We have lots planned for you and your family.

#### At Mt. Bachelor Village Resort:

- Bike Riding
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Fitness Center
- Playground for kids
- Hiking along the Deschutes River Trail
- Complimentary guest pass to the

Athletic Club of Bend (indoor pool, rock climbing wall, steam rooms, and more)

#### Alpha Rho Activities:

- Alpha Rho Scavenger Hunt (Friday & Saturday): Take part in a challenging scavenger hunt that will have you searching out clues that lead to prizes.
- Wellness Activities (Saturday morning)
  1. Water Aerobics with Kaye Jones (Kappa Chapter)
  2. Walking with Jean Fairbairn (Chi Chapter)
  3. Tai Chi with Barb Meredith (Epsilon Chapter)

### TOURS

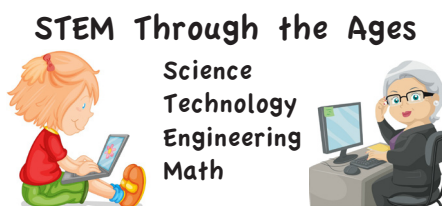
#### Saturday Evening: The Local Pour: A Beer, Wine, Cider, and Spirits

Odyssey: We'll pick you up at the Resort to begin a journey of four amazing, handcrafted "pour producers" that have engendered Bend's fame for tasty niche libations! You will go behind the scenes of the normal tasting room experience to witness fermentation

and distillation magic. From mash tun to still to waxing a bottle top, you will get an insider's look at some of Bend's outstanding pour houses - all the while enjoying complimentary samples. Throughout the tour, your professional guide will dazzle you with the highlights of beautiful Bend, delving into the natural and cultural history of the area.

#### Sunday morning: GPS Eco

Challenge: You will be picked up at the Resort and driven to the high desert for a 2-mile adventure with GPS in hand. Waypoints along the challenge are coupled with intriguing clues, which lead participants through forest, sage, rock out-croppings, and cool caves. Ingenuity and team skills are useful to complete this fun morning.



### Mt. Bachelor Village Resort Reservations Are Now Open!!

Online and phone reservations are accepted.

- Register online at: <http://www.mtbachelorvillage.com/delta-kappa-gamma.php>
- Toll free phone reservations: 877-394-8966.
- Local phone reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Room rates range from \$100 for a standard hotel room to \$316 for a 3-bedroom home. You will have no trouble finding what you need. **Convention rates are available until April 1.** Expect an added 16.5% in taxes and fees.

## 2014 Alpha Rho State Convention



**Mt. Bachelor Village  
Resort  
19717 Mt. Bachelor Dr.  
Bend, OR 97702  
1-800-452-9846**

Print name as you wish it to appear on badge:

Dr, \_\_\_\_\_

First name MI Last name

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

___ Current Chapter President	___ State Exec Officer (position)_____	___ became a member in 1964
___ Proxy for Chapter President	___ State Committee Chair(position)_____	___ became a member in 1989
___ Past State President	___ Convention First Timer	___ new member since 4/1/13
___ Plan to sing with <b>Alpha Rhosies</b>	___ 1st sop.      ___ 2nd sop.      ___ alto	

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### Convention Registration

**Registration fee: Required for all Members:**

**Early Bird**--postmarked on or before **April 11, 2014**

Postmarked after **April 11, 2014**

**Chapter President Training (Sunday):** (Other officers welcome)

<u>COST</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
\$45.00	\$ _____
\$55.00	\$ _____
\$10.00	\$ _____

**\*\*Spouses and guests are welcome at all functions.**

\*\*Please indicate if you need special accommodations due to mobility, oxygen tank use, hearing, vision, or other such health concerns:

\*\*Please indicate if you are interested in obtaining **Professional Development Units (PDU's)** for state licensure for the eligible workshops. (Free to registered members). Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## MEALS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>x Quantity</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Saturday Lunch</b>	\$20.00	_____	\$_____
Soup, Baked Potato, and Salad Bar			
<b>Saturday Dinner</b>	\$30.00	_____	\$_____
Fajita Buffet Dinner			
<b>Sunday Breakfast</b>	\$18.00	_____	\$_____
Breakfast Buffet (bagels, scrambled eggs, bacon, drinks)			
<b>Activities &amp; Tours:</b>	<b>(must register now)</b>		
<b>The Local Pour- Pub Tour 7:30-10:30pm Saturday</b>	\$69.00	_____	\$_____
<b>GPS Eco Challenge--9:00-2:00 Sunday</b>	\$69.00	_____	\$_____
Cost includes drink samples, appetizers, transportation, tax, and tip			
<b>Checks made out to Alpha Rho State Convention 2014</b>	<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>		<b>\$_____</b>

**Cancellation Policy:** *Written request for cancellation must be received by the registrar no later than April 21, 2014*

**Mail Registration & Check to:**  
Brenda Jensen  
16000 S. Poe Valley Rd.  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603-2632



**For Reg. Committee Only**  
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## 2014 CONVENTION SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Mt. Bachelor Village Resort  
Bend, Oregon

### Friday, May 2, 2014

1:00-6:45 p.m.

Registration open in Conference Center  
Boutique open in Foyer East in Conference Center  
Hospitality Room open in Fireside Room--Join us!!  
Check into our rooms

7:00-9:30 p.m.

General Session and Executive Board Meeting

9:30-10:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room open in Fireside Room

### Saturday, May 3, 2014

7:00-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast in Hospitality Suite

7:30-8:15

Wellness Activities available (walking, tai chi and, depending on weather, water aerobics)

7:30-10:00

Registration open in Conference Center

8:00-9:00

Boutique open in Conference Center

8:15-4:00

Baskets in Conference Center hallway. Buy your tickets for the Saturday raffle at 4:30 p.m.

9:00-9:50

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Chris Maples**, President of OIT

10:00-10:50

Workshop Sessions I (choice of 4 sessions)

11:00-11:50

Workshop Sessions II (choice of 4 sessions)

12:00-12:30 p.m.

Break

12:00-1:30

Boutique open in Conference Center

12:30-1:15

Lunch and networking

1:30-2:20

Keynote Speaker: TBA

2:30-3:20

Workshop Sessions III (choice of 4 sessions)

3:30-4:20

Workshops Sessions IV (choice of 4 sessions)

4:30-5:00

Basket Drawings in Conference Center hallway

5:00-6:30

Awards

6:30-7:30

Dinner and networking

7:30

Hospitality Suite open. Join us!

OR

OR

7:30-10:30 p.m.

Local Pub Pour Tour (Sign up & pay with convention registration.)

### Sunday, May 4, 2014

7:30-8:00 a.m.

White Rose Ceremony

8:00-8:30

Breakfast

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Chapter Presidents' Training; others also welcome!

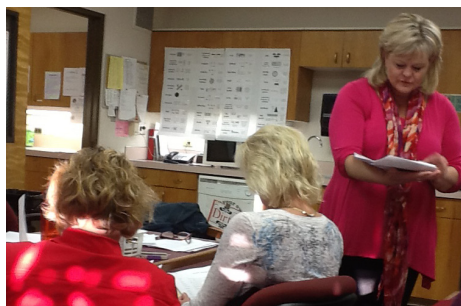
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

GPS Eco Challenge Tour (Sign up & pay with convention registration.)

## District 1

**Zeta (Union County):** In November we learned more about Oregon's Common-Core standards and prepared small treats with DKG information enclosed for area teachers. December brought a festive holiday party with a special presentation by a local bell choir that member Mary Jane Johnson plays with. We were taught some basic bell-ringing skills and were allowed to try playing some simple carols. What fun!

**Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.):** is expanding membership efforts by having each meeting as a workshop for PDU's, followed by a short business session.



The picture features our October meeting and math workshop given by Jacque Fox, our new transfer member, to teachers in the Milton-Freewater School District. Seven non-members attended the workshop for PDU's. For the November 21 workshop "Getting Your Finances In Order," no guests came, so we only had a business meeting. A yoga workshop is the focus for February, and we will invite 12 schools to attend our gathering in Pendleton. Two candidates will be initiated in spring.

## District 2

**Alpha (Klamath Co.):** started 2013-14 with a visit from **State President Kathy Martell** who traveled to Klamath Falls to help Alpha set up the BEAR project in a local

## CHAPTER CHATTER



elementary school. The BEAR program is well underway; our first student was featured taking the oath on a local television program in November. Several additional students are ready to pledge to read and help with their younger brothers and sisters.



*Mills Elementary Principal Fred Bartels administering the BEAR Pledge to student Emmanuel. His family observes.*

Thank you, Kathy, for helping to bring this fabulous program to Klamath Falls and to Mills Elementary.

In November, Alpha celebrated its 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We awarded three grants to early career educators, and held our annual scholarship auction. December: members celebrated with a Christmas energizer and gift exchange at the home of **Linda McBride**.

**Omega (Josephine Co.):** learned about new classroom technology in October, then heard from the Women's Crisis Service Team in November about domestic violence and abuse. It was a sobering presentation. Our December social, delayed a week by the early snowstorm, was absolutely in the spirit of Christmas. What fun we had!

## District 3

**Gamma (Lane Co.):** Sisters enjoyed their annual September potluck where retired members provided the food. We discussed Oregon legislative actions regarding PERS and wrote postcards to legislators. In October, co-president **Sandra Epperson** led Gamma through a digital review of the International website. November brought a chance to learn about bee keeping and related topics. We finished 2013 with a holiday potluck. Each sister brought a children's book to donate to a local charity.

**Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon):** On December 14, a cookie exchange gave us goodies for home. Our successful membership drive brought two new members: (1) **Vickie Ashwill**, longtime teacher in Madras and (2) **Annette Lange Hilderbrand**, a Madras native and daughter of beloved Sigma member, **Ida (Mac) Lange**. Both are enthusiastic promoters of education and positive assets to Sigma, Alpha Rho State, and DKG.

**Alpha Sigma (Lane Co.):** Experiencing foreign places through others' eyes has been accomplished through special programs. In November, members learned about a summer mission trip to Portugal taken by local teacher **Lori Griffiths** and others from her church. They shared photos and personal stories about their trip, emphasizing the educational programs. In January, Lori's mother and daughter shared their experiences as part of a mission group that went to Mtendere Village Orphanage in Malawi, Africa, which coordinates with the DKG International Project of Schools in Africa.

**District 6: Alpha Phi celebrated their 40th Anniversary in October 2013 with Chi Chapter, their sponsoring and sister chapter.**

## District 4

**Tau (Clatsop & Columbia Cos.):** On November 25, Tau Chapter, celebrated the teachers at Clatskanie Elementary School by providing refreshments and DKG brochures in their staff room.

## District 5

**Alpha Delta (Marion Co.):** has adopted Four Corners Elementary for our chapter project. At the beginning of school, we donated school supplies. For our Christmas gift, we adopted a family by providing a Walmart gift card with which they could do holiday shopping, and we provided a case of facial tissues for classrooms. Each month we bring different supplies for donation; e.g., January is hand soap/sanitizer month.

**Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.):** welcomed new member **Linda Cra-ven** (right), director of Early Childhood Education Programs at Family Building Blocks in Salem. She was initiated by **President Martha Nicoloff** (left) and **Debra Freels**.



Alpha Epsilon welcomed four new teachers to the profession by presenting them with thank you cards (for joining the ranks of teachers) and coffee cards (for energy). We provide support and encouragement throughout the year as part of our SEE program. We are assisting with plans for a Founders' Day Fashion Show and lunch to be held in early March. Non-members are invited, and we will

present benefits of membership. Members are also working on and will donate fleece blankets for children at Liberty House in Salem where children are evaluated for possible abuse.

**Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):** partnered with Beaverton's Chehalem Elementary to focus our classroom volunteering, direct our giving to education/community projects, and identify possible teacher grant recipients. Coordinators **Shirley Gidley** and **Susan Ulbricht**, plus five other members, have signed up to support students and teachers. Presenters at fall meetings were our own talented members: **Lisa Senter**, **Helen Chandler**, and **Lynetta Weswig**.

In October Helen and Lisa told of their middle school's professional learning communities where teachers work collaboratively, focusing on the learning of each student and using action research, inquiry and results-oriented goals to monitor progress. In November Lynetta, a therapist with the non-profit Language Skills Therapy group, shared her expertise in remediating students diagnosed with dyslexia. Adding cash to our treasury, Helen and Lisa chaired an enjoyable November fundraiser as we made holiday ornaments. In December, members gave generously of cookies and gift cards. Alpha Nu gave the home-baked cookies to our active teachers and the gift cards went to help needy families at Chehalem Elementary and homeless students in the district.

**Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):** has submitted its application for 501(c)(3) status to the IRS and is awaiting the response. Meanwhile, Beta Beta members continue to raise money to fund their foundation's philanthropic work ([see the article on p. 5 about our most recent fundraiser](#)).

## District 6

**Eta (Portland):** members continue to volunteer once a month to sort and count new and used supplies for Schoolhouse Supplies. Vouchers earned are given to teachers in the Portland district who can then select supplies for their classrooms at no charge. We plan to continue this program through May 2014.

**Pi (Hood River & Sherman, Wasco & Wheeler Counties):** celebrated Founders' Day with an annual dinner and by honoring a local "Woman of Achievement" and a "Student of Achievement." The Dalles and Goldendale members met for a summer picnic at Maryhill Museum. Pi began the busy school year with a presentation by Carola Streeper, a local acupuncturist, who explained benefits for well-being, health, and stress reduction. In another session, members who are professional knitters taught those who are beginners. The annual Holiday Auction Brunch was so successful that Pi earned enough money to cover our Early Educator Grant-in-Aid!

**Alpha Pi (Multnomah Co.):** had a wonderful December gathering with food and song at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Books were collected for new teachers. We eagerly anticipate our February meeting with a discussion of the Everybody Reads selection: *My Beloved World* by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.



## WHITE ROSES

Mrs. Marjorie Liesegang, Iota, died November 13, 2013. A resident of Hermiston and a member since 1954, she was Iota president in 1972-73.



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<b>2014 PRESIDENT KATHY'S SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter(s)/Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
1/16	Beta Gamma	Canby
2/1	Alpha Pi	Portland
2/10	Alpha Nu	Beaverton
2/18	Omicron	Roseburg
2/20	Alpha Sigma	Pleasant Hill
2/22	Finance Committee Meeting	Salem
2/24	Gamma	Eugene
3/1	Alpha Delta & Alpha Epsilon	Salem
3/8	District 4	St. Helens
3/8	Peace & Education Forum	Eugene: Dr. Ryan
3/13	Eta	Beaverton
3/15	Omega's BEAR Project	Grants Pass
4/15	Alpha Phi	Milwaukee
4/17	Iota	Pendleton
4/18	BEAR Project	La Grande
4/21	Pi	Hood River
<b>5/2-4</b>	<b>Oregon State Convention</b>	<b>Bend</b>
5/15	Alpha's BEAR Celebration	Klamath Falls
6/21	Lambda	Eugene
7/28-8/1	International Convention	Indianapolis, IN