



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



## ETA



Dear ETA Chapter members,

It was great to see so many of you at the Honors Luncheon in March and to meet our talented honorees. This is always one of my favorite programs of ETA chapter.

Our April meeting promises to be fun, informative, and tasty. We will be meeting at Bonnie Waterer's home and enjoying a World Fellowship program on Africa. Sherry Alimi and Marilyn

Jenkins have arranged for Priscilla Finney to present on Africa. She recently returned from Kenya so she will have up to date information about the country. She will also be bringing samples of safari samosas for our refreshments. Sherry Alimi is creating a bingo game on Africa so bring your money to buy your cards and hope to win a prize..

Bonnie Waterer sent the following directions to the April meeting:

You can take either Willow Creek or Prescott Lakes Parkway to Smoke Tree. Coming down Smoke Tree from Willow Creek, proceed to Stoney Creek, which is the second road on the right after the Lutheran Church. Coming down Smoke Tree from Prescott Lakes Parkway, Stoney Creek is the second road on the left after the athletic club. Turn onto Stoney Creek and proceed to the gate. After you get through the gate, turn right onto Northridge and continue on around the curve until you reach Vantage Point Circle. Turn left and go all the way to the end of the street. Our home ( 1052 ) is on the left at the end of the cul de sac.

My husband plans to sit in his car at the Stoney Creek gate to click the gate open. (He will be there from about 5:15 until 5:45.) Just give him a wave when you arrive. If for some reason you arrive when he isn't there or enter by a different gate, just push "022" and "call". It will ring in my house and I can buzz you in by phone from there. (There is a bigger Estates gate up close to the athletic club and another gate up on Blooming Hills. However, I am recommending that people enter at the Stoney Creek gate because it is visible from my house.)

Sherry Baca, President

**We have no April Birthdays!**

**MEETING PLANS**  
April 2013

**TIME AND DATE**  
5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2013

**PLACE**  
Bonnie Waterer's home  
1052 Vantage Point Circle  
  
Prescott, AZ

**PROGRAM**  
World Fellowship - Africa  
Speaker  
Priscilla Finney and Safari Samosas  
Bring money to play Africa Bingo  
and money if you want to purchase  
extra Safari Samosas

**RSVP TO BONNIE**  
**ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BY**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 1**  
Bonnie Watere at  
928-717-2937 or  
bh2oer@aol.com

**COMMITTEE**  
World Fellowship  
Bonnie Waterer (chair), Sandy Caton,  
Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger,  
Dorothy Kellerman, Nika Nordbrock,  
Becky Shields, and Carol Stimple

**DIRECTIONS**  
See President's letter to the left!

**ATTENTION!!**



Please see article on Page 7 by Sherry Alimi with details on our April meeting and program on Africa!

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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, OMICRON STATE  
ETA CHAPTER HONORS LUNCHEON  
PRESCOTT STEAK HOUSE, March 2, 2013**

Members in attendance were

Honoree guests present were: Beth Boyd, Kelli Jo Bradstreet, Laura Cline, Stephanie Hillig, Karen Hughes, Tammy Turner, and Dr. Penny Wills.

Other guests were: Mona Gillum from Alpha Beta chapter in the valley and Bobbie McNichol, retired Yavapai College nursing teacher and guest of Donna Stowell.

The program began with president Sherry Baca welcoming everyone and thanked the following committee members for all their help with the Honors Luncheon: Sherry Alimi, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Sandy Caton, Marilyn Jenkins, and Barbara Scott. She told each of them that they were to take one of the flower table decorations home as a token of her appreciation. Then she shared a brief overview of Delta Kappa Gamma along with its purposes and mission. Included was a short history of ETA chapter that was founded 72 years ago in 1941.

Before turning the program over to 2nd Vice-President, Sherry Alimi, to introduce the Honorees, she welcomed Barbara Scott to give the Inspiration. Barbara had selected a two voice poem to read with assistance from Sherry Alimi. Sherry Alimi then called each honoree to the front and shared information about their accomplishments and activities. She presented each with a red rose and certificate. Then she introduced Sherry Baca who in turn introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Penny Wills, President of Yavapai College. (See summary of her presentation elsewhere in this newsletter.)

President Sherry Baca also had a surprise presentation for Kris Foster and Linda Spellman. Kris was given her 25 year DKG pin while Linda Spellman was given her 40 year DKG pin.

While participants waited for lunch to be served, President Sherry Baca shared messages from members who could not attend and wished happy birthday to Carol Stimple and Dorothy Kellerman. She then reminded members about the following:

1. **Collaborative Connections Hours:** everyone was encouraged to turn these in to Barbara Scott monthly
2. **Next Meeting:** Bonnie Waterer's home on Wednesday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. The program will be on World Fellowship and focusing on Africa with Guest Speaker Priscilla Finney. She will be speaking on Kenya and will bring Safari Samosas for us to enjoy. She will have extras to purchase for those who are interested. We will also play a Bingo Game on Africa that Sherry Alimi is creating.
3. **State Convention:** The convention will be held April 19-21 in Tucson. Sherry asked who was planning to attend. At this time it is Sherry Alimi and Linda Spellman. Our president cannot attend because she will be at the national math conference. Registration materials are due by April 5 and the form for a Boutique table is due March 30. We plan to sell bookmarks, earrings, and baked goods at the Boutique. We are also required to take a raffle basket. Sherry Alimi won a tea basket at the Soroptimist Tea and is donating that to use for our raffle. She will collect donations from members at the April meeting and then purchase other items to complete the basket.
4. **Mayer Elementary School Essay Contest:** Sandy Caton discussed the Mayer Schools Essay contest. They have asked if we would help read and judge their papers. They will have them in three categories: primary, intermediate and middle school. The papers are due April 12 and we would be given three weeks to get them done. Sherry asked for a list of who would be available to help read these papers. The following volunteered: Sherry Alimi, Sherry Baca, Sandy Caton, Janeth Dow, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger, Linda Spellman, and Donna Stowell, Sandy will contact Sherry Alimi when the papers are ready and we will get them to everyone to read.

**2013 ETA CHAPTER HONORS LUNCHEON HONOREES**

**BETH BOYD**



Beth Boyd, Yavapai College Geology Department Chair, was awarded a PhD in Professional Studies in Science Education from Capella University, February 2013.

Beth also has a BA in Geology and Chemistry from Oberlin College in Ohio and an MS in Geoscience from the University of Arizona. She has been a Geology Teacher and Department Chair at Yavapai College for 30 years. During that time, she has run more than 500 days of field trips around the Southwest, including backpacking trips into the Grand Canyon and camping trips all over Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, California and Mexico.

She taught geology labs for a year at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, during a one-year leave of absence, and participated in a one-semester faculty exchange with another geology instructor at Malaspina University (now Vancouver Island University) on Vancouver Island, in British Columbia.

She has made presentations to the Highland Center for Natural History, Lions' Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Scout troops, K-12 schools, Kiwanis Clubs, as well as the city's Every Summer Monday Programs, the Archeological Society, and the American Heliograph Society.

She has donated rock and mineral collections as well as home-made mineral hardness kits to schools and organizations from samples she assembled on her own time.

She has served on the county water board, judged at several science fairs and helped develop numerous Earth Science Weeks. She answers frequent geologic questions from the community and has looked at more "meteor-wrongs" than most people on the planet.

**KELLI JO BRADSTREET**



Kelli Jo Bradstreet, a Prescott High School English Teacher, Department Chair and Instructional Coach, was awarded the 2011 Yavapai County High School Teacher of the Year.

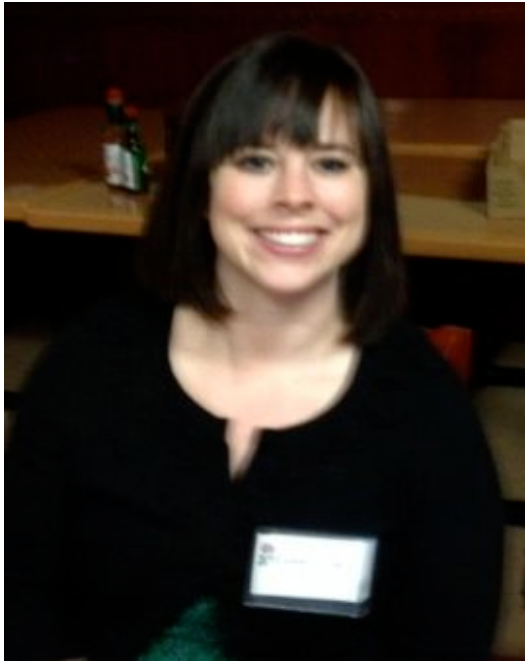
Kelli received her BA in Education From ASU and her MA in English from NAU. She has been teaching English for 28 years at Prescott High School and has served as co-chair of the department for 10 years. As an instructional coach she mentors all new teachers at Prescott High School

Kelli developed and implemented standards based and multiple intelligence curricula for an integrated English/Social Studies course and helped launch new programs at the high school including the Badger orientation Week and the Arizona Heritage Oral History Program.

Kelli has developed a school-wide reading strategies program and teacher tips for parent-teacher conferences. She organizes and facilitates Writing Across the Curriculum for the high school.

Kelli conducts professional development in-services for teachers and administrators and is a district trainer for all instructional coaches in the Prescott District.

She is a member of the following district-wide committees: Evaluation, RIF, and Leadership. Kelli also serves on the NCA Literacy committee, the TASK committee, the Freshmen Orientation Day committee and the countywide assessment committee.



Laura Cline, Associate English Professor at Yavapai College, has been selected to serve as a 2013 Faculty Scholar for Phi Theta Kappa. She is only one of 25 community college instructors nationwide selected for this honor from among nearly 3,000 chapter advisors. Scholars were selected through a rigorous application process based on knowledge of the 2012-13 Honors Study Topic, "The Culture of Competition" and demonstrated excellence in teaching or administration.

Laura received her BA in English/World Literature from Pitzer College and her MA in English from the University of Arizona.

She has taught at Yavapai College for four years. Prior to that she was an English Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Arizona.

Laura works with the college honors society Phi Theta Kappa and is in her second year of advising the chapter at Yavapai College (Beta Gamma Pi). She attended training in Jackson, Mississippi in order to facilitate discussions at the annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute that will be held this June at Villanova University in Pennsylvania.



Stephanie Hillig, Principal of Granite Mt. Middle School, was named Administrator of the Year by the Prescott POPS Symphony for her continued support of the school music department. She was named the 2010 Distinguished Administrator of the Year from the Arizona School Administrators Association and in 2009 was named School Administrator of the year from the Arizona Junior High Student Council.

Stephanie has a BS in Mathematics from the University of Arizona and a MA in Educational Leadership from NAU.

Previously she was a math teacher at Mountain View High School in Tucson.

In 2008 her school, Granite Mt. Middle School, received the A+ (A plus) recognition award. In all six of her years at Granite Mt. the school has received "Excelling" and "A" labels.

**KAREN HUGHES**



Karen Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Lincoln School in Prescott, was awarded the 2012 Yavapai County Pre K-Grade 3 Teacher of the Year.

Karen received her Associate of Continuing Studies from Yavapai College in 1993 and her Elementary Education degree from ASU in 1996. She anticipates earning her Education Leadership degree from NAU in December 2013.

Karen has taught summer school for the Frontier Rotary Summer School Program in Prescott for several years since 2007. She served as a computer teacher/technician at Lincoln School in 2003-2006 and from 2001-2003 she was a Kindergarten Art teacher.

Karen has been involved in professional development in AIMS Web Assessment for Learning, Data Management, Benchmark Preparation, Cohort Training and Progress Monitoring. She has completed training in the Arizona Math Standards, Instructional Strategies, and Functional Behavioral Assessments. She serves on many committees in the school district including District Performance Pay, District Education Fair Organization, Lincoln School Site Council, RTI Team, School Behavior Assistance Team, School Leadership Team, Report Card Alignment Committee, and Teacher Evaluation Team.

Karen is an active volunteer in the community having served as President for the Prescott Area Council PTA and held several offices on the Lincoln School PTA. She was on the Yavapai Regional Medical Center Council of Electors and the Highlands Habitat Committee.

**TAMMY TURNER**



Tammy Turner, Reading Specialist/Title I Teacher at Coyote Springs Elementary in Prescott Valley, was awarded the 2012 Yavapai County Cross Grade Teacher of the Year and 2011 Humboldt Unified School District Employee of the Month.

Tammy received her AA degree in Liberal Studies, her BA in Liberal Studies/Elementary Education, and her MA in Elementary Education with a Reading Endorsement. She attended Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz, California, San Jose State University, and NAU. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from NAU with her Masters.

She taught four years at Del Rio Elementary in Chino Valley, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Title I, HIV/AIDS educator, and fourth grade. At Coyote Springs Elementary in Prescott Valley she taught 14 years – third grade, fourth grade, and K-6 Title I.

She received the 2007 Mayor’s Recognition Award from the Town of Prescott Valley, the Eisenhower Distinguished Educator Award and the 2002 Rotary Teacher of the Year.

**SHERRY BACA**



Sherry Baca, Mathematics Teacher at Prescott High School, K-12 Mathematics Coordinator, and Director of the North Central Arizona Mathematics and Science Consortium, was awarded the 2012 Yavapai County High School Teacher of the Year.

Sherry attended NAU and received her BS in Education in Mathematics in 1971, her MA in the Teaching of Mathematics in 1972, and her Administrative Degree in 1983. She has been teaching mathematics for 41 years including 3 years at Prescott Junior High, 13 years at Granite Mt. Middle School and the past 25 years at Prescott High School. She has taught part-time for Yavapai College, Prescott College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the University of Arizona, and Portland State University. She also taught summer workshops for the Math Learning Center and Teachers Professional Development Group out of Oregon.

Sherry has received several awards some of which include: the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching for the State of Arizona, the US West Teacher of the Year for Arizona, the National Tandy Technology Scholar Award, the National Toyota T.I.M.E. award, the State Farm Good Neighbor Award, the Arizona Association of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Education Award and the NAU Distinguished Alumni award.

Currently Sherry is co-sponsor of the Mathematics Club at Prescott High School that has over 160 members and sponsors Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honors Society. She is chair and co-chair of several committees including PHS Renaissance, NCA math, Math Curriculum Mapping, and the PHS graduation photo restoration committee. She is one of Yavapai County's Cadre of Mathematics Trainers for the Common Core Standards and serves on the Yavapai County Tech Prep Board.

Sherry served on the Mathematical Sciences Education Board in Washington D.C. for three years and has held several state and national math offices. She is a presenter at State, Regional and National Math Conferences.

**DR. PENNY WILLS**



Dr. Penny Wills, Yavapai College President, was named President of Yavapai College in 2011. She holds a PhD in Higher Education from Michigan State University that was received in 1983.

Penny received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Cincinnati in 1974 and her Master's of Science in Counseling from Miami University in 1975.

She has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in Education at various colleges and universities.

Prior to her arrival in Arizona, Dr. Wills was the president of Northeast Iowa Community College.

She has extensive experience in such fields as student development, assessment, planning, and quality improvement. She has a reputation for forming effective partnerships with industry, K-12, and state agencies.

She has served on various community, state and Federal Boards including the Iowa Department of Economic Development Commission, the American Association of Community Colleges, the Rural Policy Research Institute, the Iowa Bioscience Alliance Board, and the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety.

In her own words:

“Being a first generation college student is a point of pride for me. In addition to my academic degrees, I’ve been selected to teach as well as attend select professional institutes including two at Harvard University. I’ve served in various professional associations at the state, regional, and federal levels. I am proud and honored to have worked with professionals, both from colleges and the local communities, to strengthen academic excellence, increase accountability to the communities, and enhance economic development both regionally and statewide.”

**APRIL MEETING**  
by Sherry Alimi, 2nd Vice-President

What a wonderful gathering for our Honors Luncheon. I was elated to see an excellent turnout and was totally impressed with the women we honored.

Our next gathering is our annual Africa theme. We will be playing Safari Bingo. I've got the cards ready to go and the clues. We won't be playing with numbers, of course. We will have clues for your answers on your cards. You know, a little bit of cerebral exercise to fill in the card. The cost of the cards is \$5 for one, \$7 for two and \$10 for 3 cards. We should have a wonderful time, learn or remember a little about Africa, and collect money for a worthy cause. We had such a super time playing Jeopardy last time. I promise it will be just as much fun. There are prizes for winners and there are a lot of prizes!

Our guest will be Priscilla Finney, from Kenya. She is the owner of Safari Samosas, small triangular pies. You probably will recognize her. She sells at the Farmer's Market at the college and at the courthouse on the special weekends when there are activities and celebrations on the square. She will talk to us about her country, specifically the educational system, share some of her samosas and will have frozen samosas on hand for purchase. There are 6 samosas in vacuum sealed packages for \$12. There are 7 kinds of samosas that she makes: beef, chicken, mung bean, mushroom, potato, chorizo and veggie. My personal favorites are mung bean and mushroom.

Bring your checkbooks. Priscilla has also brought many textiles from Kenya to sell. She brought some for me to see as we talked about her program. They are very lovely and include shawls (wool for \$15 and fancy for \$25), scarves in cotton (\$10), and tablecloths measuring 64 in X 37 in (\$20). These are items that she brought back from her recent trip to Kenya. The money from the sale of textiles will help her widowed sister support the education of her 4 children. So again you are helping out the children in Africa.

See you then and I hope you bring a guest. It will be entertaining and delicious.

**OMICRON STATE SPOTLIGHT AWARD  
TO CAROL STMPLE**

We have been notified that Carol Stimple has been named an Omicron State Spotlight Award Recipient for the 2011-2013 biennium. Only SEVEN were named for the entire state. They will be honored at the State Convention Birthday Luncheon. Carol, we are so proud of you!



**Highlights from State President's Newsletter**  
by Barbara Scott, Past President

Judy Vinson is encouraging chapter members to consider participating on a state committee. There are many positions to fill, and you can state your preferences. If you are interested, talk to Sherry B.

**State Convention:**

It will be held at the Radisson Suites, 6555 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, April 19 - 21st. The phone number is (520) 721-7100, and reservations must be made by the end of March in order to get the convention rate, which is \$113.92 for single or double, and \$125.22 for triple. When reserving, use the code 413DKG.

Registration opens at 4:00 p.m. on Friday the 19th. The opening events on Friday night will include a musical presentation by an Upsilon member's high school group, which will be held in a "magical garden". On Saturday morning the business meeting will have a very full agenda, including the election of new biennium officers and also members of the Nominating Committee. Mary Lee Makinen, the Northeast Regional Director, will be the international representative, and Maria Mercedes Umana from El Salvador will be the International Speakers' Fund representative. Other highlights include the chorus, awards, hospitality room, and World Fellowship program. The processional for the Saturday night banquet will honor chapter presidents and chapter **treasurers**. On Sunday morning, there will be the Ceremony of Remembrance for all deceased members. (This will really hit home for Eta this year, because of the two members we have recently lost.)

**DKG International Studying the Election Process:**

An Ad Hoc Election Process Committee has been appointed to explore ways to handle DKG's elections. The key items being explored are:

- Should each member of The Society be able to vote for officers, administrative board members and members of elected committees? Do we want one member, one vote?
- Currently state organization presidents vote at international convention where state organizations have a voting strength of 1 vote for every 5 active and reserve members. What are issues surrounding this representative election?
- Should more nominees be listed on the nomination slate? Should the duties of the international nominations committee be reviewed and evaluated?
- How might we conduct a general election with every member voting? Should we look at possible electronic election processes?

**Keeping In Touch**

Members are asked to send personal news to either Dorothy Eichbaum or Sherry Baca for this column. Feel free to email them, phone them or drop a line. We like to hear about your trips, family news, and events touching YOUR lives. Please share.

**Marilyn Jenkins** is still in Phoenix. She is having therapy for her back and hip about twice a week and says it is finally starting to feel better.

We extend our positive thoughts to **Bessie Barnett** who has to keep her legs elevated to prevent swelling.

**Mary Shenefield** dropped by the March meeting but was unable to stay because she had to go to a funeral of a long time friend. She is finally driving again after her fall and looked great.

**Carol Stafford** was unable to come to the March meeting because she had a cousin visiting from Idaho. Carol has had several health issues in the past couple of months. She had cataract surgery in January and will soon have her new glasses. She has a torn rotator cuff and may be having surgery in the future. We send her our best wishes for a total recovery.

**Veronica Wilson** is singing again and will be performing with the Yavapai College choir for their performance. She also is a regular with the church choir at Sacred Heart Church. She sends hello to the “gang. She will miss the convention this year since she is leaving on a cruise on April 13.

**Chris Fonoti** had to miss the March meeting because she had a Wildlife Federation meeting in Kingman and she is on their board.

**Two ETA Members Honored**

At the March meeting, Kris Foster and Linda Spellman were recognized for their years in DKG. Kris was awarded her 25 year pin. She recalled that she was a recipient of the Grant-in-aid award and became a member through the efforts of Dorothy Kellerman and Carol Stimple.

Linda Spellman was presented with her 40 year pin. She became a member in Oxnard, California and then moved to Thousand Oaks. She is now a member of ETA chapter.



**Omicron State Calendar**

**Omicron State Convention**  
 April 19-21, 2013  
 Radisson Suites, 6555 E. Speedway, Blvd.  
 Tucson, Arizona

**International Convention**  
 June 23-27, 2013  
 Sheraton at 5th and 53rd St.  
 New York, New York