



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



Dear Eta Sisters,

Happy Thanksgiving. Can you believe that we are so near to the end of the calendar year? It's hard for me to believe that my time as your president is coming to an end. Elections will be by email or mail so that the new officers will be installed and ready to attend the Omicron State Convention in April. So this is the 11th hour. If you are interested in running for office, please contact Pat Buckley right away.

President Joye Sterrett asked me to make sure that you are aware of changes for the state convention. New dates: April 15-16-17. New location: Four Points by Sheraton Phoenix North, 2532 W. Peoria Ave., Phoenix 85029. Directions: Take Exit 208 - Peoria Avenue - east off of I-17. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. We will keep you in the loop about cost of rooms and registration.

Our Christmas gathering is coming Tuesday, December 8 at JTED in Prescott Valley. Sherry B is taking care of reservations but the contact person is asking for numbers of attendees at an earlier date. Please RSVP **immediately** to Sherry B. Remember that husbands, friends and significant others are welcome. Cost is \$12.50 pp. We will collect for Dress a Child and have the Christmas Boutique. I will also bring the jewelry I purchased for us to sell at the Rose Boutique so that you can have first chance to buy it. There is turquoise, larimar, jadeite, and buffalo turquoise sets. Each set is different.

Also please bring a short written "selling pitch" for a favorite book of yours. Chatting up the books will be the only program for the Christmas gathering. Then give the written pitch to Sherry B for inclusion in the newsletter for members who are unable to attend. The Book Talks will take place at our last meeting of the year, June 4 at my house.

See you soon.  
Sherry Alimi-Kent

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Close, Dec. 2  
Helen McDowell, Dec. 2  
Donna Stowell, Dec. 3  
Carol Stafford, Dec. 9



## MEETING PLANS

**TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 8, 2015, 5:00 p.m.**  
Set up boutique at 4:30 p.m.

**Mt. Institute JTED Bldg.  
2970 N. Park Ave.  
Prescott Valley, AZ**

**Christmas Dinner  
provided by JTED students  
Christmas Boutique  
Donations to Dress a Child  
Share Book Synopsis**

**Chicken Piccata Buffet  
(Chicken Breast lightly floured  
and pan fried until golden  
brown served with a creamy  
lemon and caper sauce), Salad,  
Rice Pilaf, Oven roasted  
seasonal vegetables, and  
Granny Smith Apple Cobbler  
Cost: \$12.50**

**RSVP to Sherry Baca and  
include guests, on or before  
Tues., Dec. 1, 2015  
(928) 713-3684  
[sherrybaca@cableone.net](mailto:sherrybaca@cableone.net)**

**Christmas Boutique  
Bring items to sell to raise  
money for our chapter. Items  
may include Christmas  
decorations, home items, baked  
goods, handicrafts, etc.**

**Donations (Checks or cash)  
will be collected for the annual  
Dress a Child Project**

**Share a brief summary of a  
favorite book - we will pick  
from these for a book study.**

**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes**  
**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the StoneRidge Community Center**  
**Restorative Justice with Richard Moore/Napkin Folding with Linda Spellman**

**ETA Chapter Members Present:** Sherry Baca, Jenda Ballard, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Helen Colson-Carr, Linda Cramer, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger, Kris Foster, Tashia Irvine, Marilyn Jenkins, Janice Lay, Helen McDowell, Joyce Moore, Linda Spellman, Carol Stafford, Donna Stowell, and Theresa Yslas.

Refreshments were provided by the Arts and Music Committee starting at 9 a.m. Meet and greet went from 9 a.m. to 9:30 with Sherry Baca on camera.

**Call to Order:** Janice Lay and Joyce Moore led in the Delta Kappa Gamma Song, first verse only. All members joined in the recitation of the **DKG Mission Statement**.

**Program**

**Restorative Justice by Richard Moore**, founding member and facilitator for Prescott Area Restorative Initiatives (PARI). Mr. Moore gave an overview of Restorative Discipline practices including the following synopsis of Restorative Questions.

Author's view:	What happened in this event? What were you thinking at the time? What have you thought about since? Who has been affected by what you have done?
Persons Impacted:	What was your first reaction to this event? How has this incident harmed you? What has been the hardest thing for you? Any lingering questions for you about the event?

All Participants: What needs to happen now to make things right?

The restorative circle process is three fold: mutual comprehension, self-responsibility, and agreed actions.

There was a lively question and answer period that followed Mr. Moore's presentation. Members were given a summary card on the process. If any member would like more information about the process or would like to be more involved, Mr. Moore can be reached at [davestwin@aol.com](mailto:davestwin@aol.com).

**Napkin Folding by Linda Spellman.** Just in time for the holidays, we have a presentation from Linda on how to make our tables more festive with the aid of folded napkins. Linda gave each person an instruction booklet on some interesting folds like the Christmas Tree, Fan in a Glass, and the Standing Candle. Video tutorials are also listed for further help. The group enjoyed the hands-on activity since Linda had both cloth and paper napkins for our practice.

**Business Meeting** with Linda C. in charge

**Minutes:** There were no additions/corrections. Minutes were included in the last newsletter.

**Correspondence:** Sherry B. had two letters of correspondence. One was from Lori Good who had praise for our newsletter. The other was from Rachel Ware with words of praise for our accomplished member, Linda Spellman.

**Treasurer's Report:** Norma reported that dates had to be corrected on the last report. She was happy to report that after dues were collected, she had sent the report out early.

**Society Business**

**Nomination of Officers:** Pat (chair) noted that the elections on new officers will be done by e-mail in January. If any member is interested in a position, please contact nominations members (Veronica, Marilyn, Kelli, Janice, Pat) or current officers for information.

**Society Mission and Purposes**

**Dress a Child:** Sherry B. said this is a 501c3 donation and is, therefore, tax deductible. We will be using the boutique collection at our December meeting for our donation this year.

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**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes, 11-7-15, continued**

**Educational Excellence Committee:** Linda C. has a sign up for the January 27<sup>th</sup> workday at Lincoln School.

**Arts and Music Committee:** Joyce said the February program will honor 4 art students as we have done in the past. Sherry B is in charge of getting art students through teachers at Prescott High School and Bradshaw Mountain High School. These worthy students will receive gift certificates. The program will be followed by dinner at Prescott Brewing Company.

**Unfinished Business**

**Rose Boutique review:** Janice lay reported new rules for Fall Workshop states we cannot have homemade goods and no alcoholic beverages. The boutique scheduled for the December meeting can have food items. Other items for the boutique are booties, jewelry, and 'clip its'.

**New Business**

1. Jewelry items purchased by Sherry A for Spring Rose Boutique will be offered first to ETA members at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Holiday Dinner.
2. Book Titles for the June Book Chats will be discussed at the December 8<sup>th</sup> dinner. Please have a short synopsis and recommendation ready to share.
3. Omicron Media Award: Kathy Green, Omicron Chair for Communications Committee states: "Please consider submitting a nominee for the Omicron Media Award to be presented at the 2016 State Convention. This is our state organization's opportunity to honor a professional broadcast or publication person....Size of audience is not a criterion, so nominees may come from any size media. Educational topics have been receiving regular coverage as of late...At your next chapter meeting, you might discuss a potential candidate..." Let's give this our consideration!

**Announcements from the floor**

Good News with **Theresa** telling of her school collection dollars for candy. The proceeds go to purchasing turkeys for the needy. **Tashia** said her daughter does hand crafted items for Catholic Charities. **Sherry B** said her 11 month granddaughter has passed all her physical tests and will be in physical therapy to learn to swallow. **Helen C.C.** said her daughter-in-law is pregnant with her second child. **Marilyn** said the Fall Workshop had eight people attending. ETA, therefore, won the award for the highest number of attendees out of the area. **Dorothy's** grandson (a Marine) will be home for Christmas.



Richard Moore spoke on Restorative Justice  
at the November Meeting

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Linda Spellman demonstrating napkin folding



Dorothy Eichbaum modeling a fan folded napkin



Helen Colson-Carr, Kris Foster, and Theresa Yslas

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**ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES  
by Sherry Baca**

**Marty Lewis** was unable to attend our November meeting because she was on her way to Paris. We want to hear all about it when she returns.

**Sherry Alimi-Kent** had to miss the November meeting because after she returned home from visiting her sister in Texas, Steve and she were called to California to spend time with Steve’s mother while his sister went on a cruise.

**Tashia Irvine** shared her pride in her daughter who is an 8th grader at Sacred Heart School. Her daughter started a service club there and with the help of 21 other students, they raised \$1000 for a local charity of their choice. An article featuring her daughter appeared in the local newspaper.

**Theresa Yslas** said that after Halloween a local dentist, Dr. Carlisi, buys back candy at a price of \$1 a pound. Her students collected 50 pounds and used the \$50 they earned to donate it to St. Vincent de Paul to purchase turkeys for the needy. She was very proud of their community service.

**Helen Colson-Carr** reported that her oldest son was married a year ago and has a 9 month old baby. Well, his wife just found out she is pregnant again!

**Dorothy Eichbaum’s** grandson in the Marines is coming back from Kuwait. He will dock in Pearl Harbor November 20 and be home for Thanksgiving.

**Sherry Baca** shared that her 11 month old granddaughter had surgery at Phoenix Children’s Hospital on Oct. 21 with 5 doctors. The surgeon removed the nasal feeding tube and inserted a gastric tube in the baby’s side. Tests and biopsies were done by the ENT, the Pulmonologist, the GI, and the Audiologist. The good news was that the tests showed everything was normal including the baby’s hearing so there is no structural reason why she cannot swallow. This means it is probably developmental and will be treated with feeding therapy and electronic throat stimulation. They are hoping that in 2-3 years the baby will be able to swallow on her own and not only be able to take liquid nourishment through the tube in her side.



Mary Fiebiger and Pat Buckley



Joyce Moore and Helen McDowell



Janice Lay and Donna Stowell





Dorothy Eichbaum and Marilyn Jenkins



Sherry Baca and Linda Cramer



Norma Bauer and Jenda Ballard



Tashia Irvine and Carol Stafford

### **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**



Members are reminded to bring box tops from participating sponsors to each meeting to support our schools. We will have a box there to collect your donations.

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[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

*DKG Foundation*  
[www.dkgef.org/](http://www.dkgef.org/)

**Omicron State Calendar****March 13-16, 2016**

*US Forum National  
 Legislative Seminar  
 Washington ,D.C.*

**April 15-17, 2016****DATE & LOCATION CHANGE**

*Omicron State Convention  
 4 Point Sheraton Phoenix North  
 2532 W. Peoria Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ*

**July 5-9, 2016**

*International Convention  
 Opryland Resort  
 Nashville, Tennessee*

**October 22, 2016**

*Omicron State Fall Workshop  
 Metro Tech High School  
 1900 West Thomas Road  
 Phoenix, AZ*

**January 13-15, 2017**

*Creative Arts Retreat  
 Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center  
 Carefree, Arizona*

**April 21-23, 2017**

*Omicron State Convention  
 Radisson Suites  
 6555 E. Speedway Blvd.  
 Tucson, AZ*

**July 2017**

*Southwest Regional Conference  
 Honolulu, Hawaii*

**WE NEED IDEAS FOR THE BOUTIQUE AT STATE**

At the November meeting members were asked to brainstorm ideas as to what we could sell at the State Boutiques. We can no longer bring baked goods from home - only commercially prepared items. Some of the ideas mentioned are listed below. If you were not at the meeting and have other ideas, please share them with our president.

Mugs with DKG on them  
 Mason Jar Teacher Survival Kits  
 Jewelry  
 Knitted and Crocheted Items

***STUDENTS HAVE THE ENERGY,  
 IMAGINATION AND  
 INTELLIGENCE TO MAKE A  
 DIFFERENCE IN THEIR  
 COMMUNITY. THEY NEED ONLY  
 BE ASKED TO SHOW WHAT  
 THEY CAN DO.***

**Mission Statement**

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
 International promotes professional and  
 personal growth of women educators and  
 excellence in education.*