



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



Dear Eta Sisters,

We had a wonderful Executive Board Meeting last Saturday. And the most exciting news is that we have 4 prospective members. We just need to get the nominations in to Wally and she will be sending out electronic ballots to you to vote our new members in. We will have nominations from Chris Fonoti, Pamela Dickerson, Norma Bauer and Kris Foster. You have already met these women at Christmas.

What a thrill to know that we have blown past our goal of adding new members. Of course, that doesn't mean we stop looking for outstanding women educators who deserve to be members of Delta Kappa Gamma!

Other news, Karen Hughes has been named as the new principal for Lincoln School. Congratulations! Karen, you know that we are here to support you in any way. And you already know that Bonnie Waterer was honored for her service to the community. These two members will be among those we honor at our Honors Luncheon this year. We always recognize our own. If you know of someone else in your church, school or community who has received an honor, please contact Linda Cramer as soon as possible. We are compiling our list of honorees right now.

We are on track for the rest of our meetings. We will ask committee chairs to submit reports by mail to be placed in the newsletter and only corrections or additions will be reported on at meetings, in another effort to streamline our meetings. We will be organizing for carpooling to Williams for our joint May meeting with Tau. And Linda Spellman and Wally will be getting together soon to flesh out our June FUN FUN FUN meeting. Linda is fortunate enough to go on a cruise with her husband. As a result, she will be absent during the time we planned for Bunco. At the meeting we decided to reschedule Bunco for another time, perhaps during the summer as a get-together. I had a chance to play Bunco. It is fun so we don't want to miss the chance to meet and play.

We will see you at Miller Valley School if you are volunteering next Wednesday or at our February meeting also at MV. Until then, stay warm and healthy.

Sherry Alimi, President



MEETING PLANS

February 2015

TIME AND DATE

5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2015

PLACE

Miller Valley School Library

PROGRAM

5:00 p.m. Art Students
5:45 p.m. Initiation of New Members
6:30 p.m. Dinner at Prescott Brewing Company

DIRECTIONS

Park in the Whipple Street Parking Lot just past the playground when coming from Miller Valley Road. After coming through the gate, follow the yellow footprints to the first door on the right. There will be a sign there and Norma Bauer will let us in. If she is not there when you arrive, call her cell phone at (928) 713-5401.

RSVP BY FRIDAY, JAN. 30

and let Norma Bauer know if you are coming to the meeting and if you are coming to dinner at the Prescott Brewing Company
Norma Bauer at 928-713-5401 or
cabauer@northlinkcom



Happy February Birthdays!

Becky Shields, 2-5
Kris Foster, 2-7
Karen Hughes, 2-11
Mona Gillum 2-18

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, OMICRON STATE
ETA CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND BRUNCH
SHERRY ALIMI'S HOME, 1920 Atlantic Avenue, Prescott , January 10, 2015**

Members Present: Sherry Alimi, Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Linda Cramer, Pam Dickerson, Janice Lay, Joyce Moore, Wally Turner, and Maurilee Walker.

Call to Order: Sherry Alimi called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: Sent via e-mail on January 7th. Available funds for January 1, 2015 are \$1,139.52.-

Old Business:

1. February Art Student Meeting. These students are not yet identified but there will be a total of 4. They will be given gift certificates. Students will start presentations at 5:00 p.m. followed by Initiation of new members at 5:45 p.m. This is a change in date for the Initiation because the board did not want too much time to lapse with those who have shown an interest in DKG. We will dismiss to Prescott Brewing Company for dinner and fellowship.
2. Honors Breakfast Meeting March 21, 2015 @ Mt. Institute JTED Culinary Arts Building, 2970 N. Park Ave., Prescott Valley. The cost will be \$12.50. Sherry Baca has sent out the memo to Yavapai County Administrators and Educator for recognition of achievements of women educators. Those names are requested by Friday, February 6, 2015. The "To Do List:
 - a. Sherry Baca – letter to principals, e-mail to County Superintendent and colleges; letter to nominees with biographical information. Give sample of certificate to Karen Hughes.
 - b. Kelli Bradstreet – Prepare news release prior to the event and invite the press. Send new release following the event.
 - c. Linda Cramer – Type the program, gave plastic sleeves to Joyce Moore for name tags.
 - d. Karen Hughes – Copy the program, type and complete certificates for each honoree.
 - e. Sherry Alimi/Kris Foster – Prepare summaries on each nominee to be read at the ceremony.
 - f. Pat Buckley – Pick up roses for each honoree and the guest speaker.
 - g. Joyce Moore – Prepare name tags for each honoree.
 - h. Wally Turner – Prepare DKG information packets for each honoree.
 - i. Sherry Alimi – Follow-up with YC President Penny Wells as guest speaker on "Accolades for Honored Educators."
 - j. Barbara Scott/Marilyn Jenkins – Prepare table décor and favors.
3. May meeting in Williams will be organized in April
4. Bunco activity will be rescheduled.
5. June 'fun' meeting will be discussed further.

New Business:

1. Streamlining our meetings. Suggestions were entertained such as
 - a. Reports can be written for newsletters and only corrections or additions will be mentioned at meetings.
 - b. Not every committee needs to report each time. Committee chairs please hand a summary to Sherry. Reports need to be concise. There will be exceptions made when reports are imminent/important.
 - c. Need to have more 'fun' activities; allow more time for these activities. E.g. ice breakers, napkin folding, etc.
 - d. Guest speakers need to be kept to 20 minutes and then have time for question/answers. 3 minute warning.
2. Reports by end of January 2015 to Omicron including President's, Necrology, Treasurer's Reports – Detailed info given to help Sherry A. with President's Report.
3. Spotlight Award March 15 – Sherry Baca has already done the interview of Marilyn Jenkins.
4. Achievement Award – Open questions on this; candidate to have service to DKG/Omicron State
5. Miller Valley – continuing service to this school questioned. Norma Bauer will make a questionnaire to see if teachers want continued support. Continuing discussion about service to different school next fall.

Announcement: Carol Stafford fell and broke her pelvic bone 2 weeks ago.

Next Activity: Wednesday, January 21st @ 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Miller Valley School Workday.

Retreat: Jan. 31-Feb. 1 – Omicron State Arts Retreat; Spirit in the Desert, Carefree, AZ

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 3rd @ 5:00 p.m. at Miller Valley School, room 23. See additional notes under Old Business

Adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Moore, Secretary

ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES
by Sherry Baca

Carol Stafford fell and broke her pelvic bone. She reports she is doing better and not in as much pain now. We send her our heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery.

Maurilee Walker reports that she has had a very challenging year teaching in Strawberry. One-third of her class are special needs students. For the two years prior to these students being in her classroom, the school

Chris Fonoti regrets she was unable to attend the January meeting but she was in Bullhead City attending the coronation of the 2015 Arizona Rodeo Queen. Following that she was driving to Henderson, Nevada, to visit her sister. She sends everyone Happy New Year wishes. She also reports that her friend, Dr Judith Coates (Jude), is interested in joining Eta chapter but is busy with company from Canada this month.

Barbara Scott could not attend the January meeting because she was entertaining out of town company.

Bonnie Waterer could not attend the January meeting because her AAUW groups has a standing meeting on the 2nd Saturday of every month and this month they have a speaker on Sex Trafficking. She will also be unable to attend the February meeting because she chairs the Community Relations Committee for the west yavapai Guidance Clinic Governing Board and that is the same time they meet each month. Her committee is working on a new suicide prevention program for youth that is being careful planned so that the youths participating are accompanied by adults.

We hear that **Linda Spellman** is going to be going on a cruise with her husband. Bon Voyage and have fun!

Sherry Alimi is excitedly looking forward to her honeymoon cruise to the South caribbean from April 11-24.

Ora Beth Cesarini shared that a big highlight of her year was her 80th birthday celebration on October 2. Three carloads of her relatives came up from Mesa for the day. She also shared this Christmas story: "We had a lovely Christmas in our new home. When I was 3 months old, living in Ft. Thomas, AZ, my parents went to the "five and dime" in Safford, AZ. They bought a sweet little angel with silver-tin wings and a white skirt with silver stars on it. It has been on my tree every year, so this was the 80th year she graced our tree. Her wings are a bit tarnished and bent, and the little skirt has lost some stars, (sort of like me), but it certainly warmed my heart.

Dorothy Eichbaum also celebrates her 80th birthday with her family this January. She feels that her life has been productive and cherished. And expects more of the same!



Linda Cramer and Sherry Alimi



Norma Bauer and Maurilee Walker



Joyce Moore, Sherry Baca, Pat Buckley



Wally Turner, Janice Lay, and Pam Dickerson



At the January Executive Board meeting, members sang Happy Birthday to Sherry Baca and Pat Buckley! And then everyone enjoyed a Red Velvet Cake.



From the January Stepping Stones...
by Barbara Scott

"As we Omicron State sisters step together into the New Year and our final few months of this biennium, my heart swells with appreciation for the support, cooperation and love I continue to receive as your president. It is a pleasure to reflect on the positive progress we have generated throughout the past months." President Rachel Wear

Support Team

Chaired by Diane Sheets, the team has been successful in helping chapters that face challenges, which has resulted in increased membership.

Arizona Legislative Day

February 11th will be your opportunity to meet newly elected lawmakers and Representative Lela Alston, and the possibility of talking with your state senator and district representative (it is recommended that appointments be made in advance with them). The event begins in the House Building, Room 38, at 8:30 A.M.

New Children's Library at the University of Arizona

Lambda Chapter invites all DKG members to attend their event on Saturday, February 7th, at 9:00 A.M. at the library, which houses an international collection of children's and adolescent literature - the largest collection of its type in North America. Dr. Ron Marx, Dean of the College of Education, will speak at 10:00 A.M. Location: College of Education, 4th floor, Room 453, 1430 East Second Street, in Tucson. For more information: Carol Bahill, cbahill@yahoo.com.

Scholarships and Grants

Several state scholarships are available. International scholarships and grants are also available, and application forms can be accessed at dkg.org. The Education Foundation awards Lucile Cornet Individual Professional Development Grants. It funds approved applicants who participate in professional development activities, and focuses on activities that contribute to an educator's personal growth. Applications are found at www.dkgef.org/awards.html. **Deadline: February 1, 2015 for state or international applications to be received.**

Spotlight Award

Omicron State encourages each chapter to nominate one of its members each year for this award. The purpose is to highlight her dedication to her community. Nominees are honored at the upcoming state convention Birthday Luncheon, and will be featured in the Sahuaro. Deadline: March 15th.

Mission Statement

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

Omicron State Calendar

January 31 - February 1, 2015

Omicron State Arts Retreat
Spirit In the Desert
Carefree, AZ

April 24-26, 2015

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

July 19 - 24, 2015

*Southwest Regional Conference
Hyatt Regency
Wichita, Kansas*

October 24, 2015

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

April 22-24, 2016

Omicron State Convention
Embassy Suites Phoenix North
2577 W. Greenway Road
Phoenix, AZ

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Talk on Sex Trafficking and Prostitution Given at AAUW General Mtg.

Jan. 10, 2015

by Bonnie Waterer

Note from Bonnie: I took notes at the sex trafficking talk at the general AAUW meeting at Yavapai College. Below are my notes to share this information with our DKG membership. I personally believe that we need to warn vulnerable young women in our schools of this danger.

The presentation was made by Detective Jessica Barnard and a man who I believe was from the sheriff's office, but I didn't get his name. She puts ads on the web to attract men in order to catch them, and he also works as a decoy. In her ad Jessica says she is 18, but when contacted, she will tell the man she is actually a little younger or that she can bring in another girl who is younger.

Sex trafficking involves recruitment, harboring, transportation and more of a person for prostitution. One scary fact is that 12 to 14 is the average age of entry! Both mental manipulation and physical force are used. The pimps are usually black men, but they choose white girls because they make more money that way.

The girls come from the street, from schools, and from malls. They tend to be from problem families. These days they also use Facebook to attract them, sometimes with a reference to a modeling career.

Those involved in the pimping and prostitution refer to it as "the game". The young women pulled into this don't dare interact with any pimp but their own. The place where the girls stay is called a "stable" and the girls are called "cattle". The girls are branded with tattoos. They get beat up if they are not bringing in enough money.

We viewed pictures of a girl over a seven year period during which she lost her good looks due to her lifestyle, which also included drugs and beating by the pimp. Most of the young women die in their mid-thirties. Their life expectancy is quite short.

When girls run away, they may get to go to a shelter, but that is only a temporary place for them. When asked, the speaker said that there is a direct correlation with the many rehab centers here in town.

After they are lured with some gifts and attention, the pimp may say that he wants the girl to spend some time with a friend of his because he is short of money and she can get paid for an evening with this man. Then this request increases until she is working for him. She does not get to keep any of the money, but is required to turn it all over to her pimp. However, money accounts and such might be listed in her name so that if she is arrested the police will not know how to find her pimp, and she does not dare reveal his identity.

Other money crimes are sometimes involved such as identity theft and tax evasion. A great deal of money is made when there is a big event in a city such as the Super Bowl. Thousands of the men attending these events search for prostitutes. Since we are close to Phoenix, the pimps and girls travel through our area and make some money on their way to the city. Jessica said she will get 500 calls herself around Super Bowl time.

Three times this year the local authorities have gone after the men looking for underage prostitutes. They have arrested nine men who are buyers each of these times, and then published their pictures. Of these 27 men, 24 were looking for underage girls. The speakers told us that they are currently focusing on the problem in this area of the state, and are also spending more time informing the public of the issues.