



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



Dear Eta Sisters,

I always just adore our February meeting when we honor our young women artists from the local high schools! And this last meeting was no exception. For the first time we had a young artist who stated that she wanted to become an art teacher, inspired by her own PHS art teacher, Ann Hein. I gave Ann information on DKG and I gave young Kyli one of our yellow cards and told her to remember us in two years when she

was graduating from Yavapai College and going on to her junior and senior year in Education to apply for the Grant in Aid. She was quite excited. Our other young artists were also outstanding. Alexa Nguyen also from Prescott is vying for a Flynn Scholarship. She is one sharp cookie. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers especially at the end of the month when she will have her interview. Our two Bradshaw Mountain HS students, Frankie Berger and Brooke Chryslre are juniors. Brooke is interested in Engineering. Frankie's art was very political. We can be so proud to be part of the educational system that brought these girls to such a great place.

We are happy to welcome and initiate our new members, Helen McDowell, Helen Carr-Colson and Theresa Yslas, after orientation. At present we plan to have the initiation at the June meeting over the mountain in Sedona. If you have friends that you think might be interested in learning more about DKG, please be sure to give their contact information to Wally. Orientation is NOT a commitment to joining, but it IS a requirement for initiation. So your friends can learn more about who we are and what we are about at orientation and then after a nomination and a vote, they could be initiated immediately.

Omicron State asked for input on Fall Workshops, State Convention and Leadership Training. The results of our conversation at the February meeting were sent on to the committee and are included in this newsletter.

Contact Linda Cramer soon with any names and contact info if you want to include a special teacher in next month's honors brunch. Be sure to include information on why you believe that they should be honored. We are finalizing our list and beginning to contact the honorees.

Happy Birthday, Kris Foster and Mona. Bon voyage to Linda Spellman on a very special cruise. And our best wishes for healthy recovery to our sisters with health issues. Hope to see you at the end of March.

Sherry Alimi, President

MEETING PLANS

March 2015

TIME AND DATE

10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015

PLACE

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

PROGRAM

Honors Luncheon

Speaker: Dr. Penny Wills, Yavapai College

The Culinary Arts students from the Mountain Institute JTED will prepare our luncheon. We will have a chicken fajita buffet that comes with tortilla chips and salsa, chicken thinly sliced and seasoned stir-fried with peppers and onions warm wrapped flour tortillas, refried and/or black beans, Spanish rice, beverages, and dessert of caramel brownies and chocolate chip cookies.

Cost is \$12.50

Guests Welcome!

If you have special dietary restrictions, please let Sherry Baca know.

DIRECTIONS

Head to Prescott Valley on Highway 69. Turn north on Glassford Hill Road for one block and then turn right on Pav Way. Drive past the Harkins Theater on your left crossing Center Street. Turn left on Park and park in the parking lot to the left closest to the first building on the left. Enter the building through the doors facing south.

RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

to Sherry Baca and let her know if you are coming or not and if you are bringing a guest.

Happy March Birthdays!

Carol Stimple, 3-19
Dottie Kellerman, 3-21

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, OMICRON STATE
ETA CHAPTER MEETING
Miller Valley School Library, Tuesday, February 3, 2015**

Members Present: Sherry Alimi, Debbie Baker, Norma Bauer, Kelli Bradstreet, Pam Dickerson, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger, Chris Fonoti, Kris Foster, Janice Lay, Joyce Moore, Barbara Scott, Becky Shields, Linda Spellman, Donna Stowell, Wally Turner, Juanice Williams, Veronica Wilson and special guest Helen McDowell.

Call to Order: The Delta Kappa Gamma Song led by Joyce Moore was the signal to start the meeting.

Program: Yavapai County Young Women Artists introduced by Sherry Alimi.
Prescott High School: Alexa Nguyen and Kyli Skinner, both seniors – teacher, Ann Hein
Bradshaw Mountain High School: Farrell Berger and Brooke Chryste, both juniors – teacher Helen Dickerson.
All four students introduced their guests, had representative pieces of their work, spoke about their art history and future plans, art medium used. Sherry Alimi presented each student an Eta Chapter certificate plus a gift certificate from The Frame and I.

DKG Minute: Wally Turner spoke about the Southwest Regional Conference in Wichita, Kansas, July 22-25.

Minutes: No additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 10th meeting.

Correspondence: Joyce Moore summarized the Rachel Ware letter concerning the legalities of Holding Harmless – “that assures international will assume potential liability to third parties and save both the state organization and chapters from the outlay of money for defense costs...that occur as a result of breeches in intellectual property law that we may make.”

Treasurer’s Report: Sent via e-mail on February 1st. Available funds as of that date are \$1,139.57.

Membership: Wally Turner reported Helen McDowell, Teresa Yslas, and Helen Colton Carr have been voted to be new members. There will be an orientation after which there will be an initiation for these worthy members.

Education Excellence Committee: Currently, there are four nominees to be honored at the Honors Brunch, March 21st. The committee would like to increase that number by featuring women who have accomplished advanced degree, been nominate of teacher of the year, etc. Contact Linda Cramer for further updates.

Old Business: President’s Report and Necrology Report submitted to Omicron. Also the Spotlight Award for Marilyn Jenkins was submitted on Feb. 2, 2015.

New Business:

Writing Project for Mayer School District. Volunteers signed up to evaluate grades 1 – 3 are Donna Stowell and Joyce Moore; to evaluate grades 4 – 5 are Sherry Alimi and Chris Fonoti; to evaluate grades 6 – 8 are Dorothy Eichbaum and Sandy Caton.

The following is the result of the Omicron Inquiry on Conventions, workshops, and Leadership Training. The results of the questionnaire will be sent to Rachel Ware.

Section 1: State Conventions

1. If you were to design the ideal state convention, it would be held – B. every other year.
2. Length of convention would be B. 2 days.
3. Activities I would like included at state convention are A. Business Meeting, C. Break Out Sessions, D. Meals, F. Additional guest speakers, H. Remembrance Ceremony, I. Rose Boutique
4. I prefer registration fee not to exceed B. \$40.
5. I would like an option for a single-day registration A. Yes.
6. Additional comments on conventions: Don’t necessarily need paid entertainment. Don’t need International guests. Respect people’s time – start and end on time. Limit ALL speakers. Have time keepers.

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ETA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES (continued)
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Section 2: Leadership Training

7. I prefer leadership training to be held B. Every other year.
8. I prefer leadership training to be A. Independent of other state meetings.
9. I think leadership training should be provided for A. Chapter officers, B. State Officers, C. State Committee Chairs.
10. I prefer leadership training be held A. One day.
11. Format of leadership training C. Combined sessions for some offices.
12. Topics covered A.. Officer duties/report deadlines, B. General information on state and international structure, C. Parliamentary procedure, D. General leadership techniques, E. Use of technology.
13. Additional comments on Leadership Training: Important to have notebook of material. Change WHO teaches the leadership. Pick the best presenter, not necessarily the part president.

Section 3: Fall Workshops

14. I prefer fall workshops be held B. Every other year.
15. I prefer fall workshops last A. One day.
16. I prefer the following activities A. Business meeting, B. Meals with programs, C. Breakout sessions, D. Speakers, E. Rose Boutique.
17. If state conventions were to meet in alternate years, I would prefer a spring conference in its place A. Yes.
18. Additional Comments on Fall Workshops: Rose Boutique, if continued should have its own time without competition with Break Out Sessions. Attendees go for Personal Development, not for salesmanship. Sales people should not have to choose between the Boutique or attending a session. Please talk with other states which have changed their format to alternate years such as Oklahoma and Colorado. Make each gathering worthy of attendance no matter what the decisions made from this inquiry.

Other Remarks: The website and the Sahuaro need to include contact information for contacting key people who are in charge so that the president (chapter or state) is not the de facto contact. All forms on the website should be interactive so members can always send communication electronically.

Adjournment to Prescott Brewing Company for dinner

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Moore, Secretary



Art Students from PHS and BMHS pose with their art in the background.
Alexa Nguyen, Kyli Skinner, Brooke Chryse and Farrell "Frankie" Berger.

ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES
by Dorothy Eichbaum and Sherry Baca

Veronica Wilson and her housemate, Nancy Fountain, traveled on another cruise. They boarded ship in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and will cruise both the East and West Caribbean. They were due back on January 25th. Hopefully, the weather and the world conditions were kind to them.

With the closing of Miller Valley School our teachers there, **Kris Foster** and **Norma Bauer**, are waiting for School Board decisions to know what the next school year will offer them. They will be waiting to see what will be offered to them before they can make a decision for the following year.

Ellen Close has a daughter who is a pharmacist for the Public Health services-Indian Health Services -assigned to the Phoenix Indian Hospital. She was recently promoted to Captain. We send our congratulations. Ellen and her husband, Jim, are busy unpacking and settling into their home in Sedona.

The phone number in our yearbook for **Bessie Barnett** is no longer in service. It is our understanding that Bessie is with relatives in Oregon. She is legally blind and since her husband died, she had felt she could not continue to live here alone.

Bonnie Waterer had to miss the February meeting because she chairs a committee meeting at the same time for the West Yavapai Guidance Clinic. She and her husband, Lou, just returned from a great time in Hollywood with their son where they did things like visiting a movie costume exhibit, saw the WICKED play, and were in the studio audience for a Jimmy Kimmel TV show. She also shared that Ohio State University contacted her because of a picture she and Lou sent to them where they were doing the O-H-I-O in Mexico with cactus forming two of the letters. When officials at Ohio State learned they had met at OSU, they interviewed her and then wrote up an article that focused on their love relationship as well as ways that her time at OSU contributed to her work in the years afterwards. Below is a copy of this article. You can see the original at the following link:

<http://ehe.osu.edu/alumni-and-friends/o-h-i-o/>

Bonnie Waterer discovers the true
meaning of #BuckeyeLove

It was at Ohio State where Bonnie Waterer discovered two very important things about herself.

The first was that she loved education; the second, that she loved Louis Waterer.

"Let me tell you why I love Ohio State so much," she said.

"It isn't just our winning teams. It is much much more."

"I met my husband at this university."

Louis and Bonnie met on campus in the fall of 1958 when he was working as an YMCA/YWCA orientation camp counselor for incoming freshmen. It was love at first sight, according to freshman Bonnie.

"When I saw him getting on that bus, I thought 'Wow, he's cute'," she said.

A year later, Louis proposed to Bonnie at Mirror Lake. Two years later, they married. They both went on to earn their bachelor's degrees from Ohio State: Bonnie in home economics education in 1962 and Louis in physics in 1961.

After graduation, they moved to San Jose, California, and Bonnie's teaching career began. "I developed my classes by adapting what I had learned at Ohio State," she said. "I was quite successful with this and before long, I was a coordinator for the home economics programs and career centers for my school district's 10 high schools."

She went on to serve on the committee that developed California's state curriculum for home economics education. A few years later, she was awarded the Home Economics Teachers' Association of California's Outstanding Home Economics State Teacher Award and was later named one of the top 10 home economics educators in the nation.



Bonnie and Lou Waterer in 1959 - dressed to the nines for a military ball at Ohio State. They were married two years later.

Membership News from Wally Turner

Eta Chapter welcomes three new members. They are: Helen McDowell, Theresa Yslas, and Helen Colson-Carr. Initiation will take place later in the year. Congratulations to these new members of Eta Chapter.

Theresa Yslas was nominated for membership by Pamela Dickerson. She teaches at Sacred Heart School and has been teaching for 33 years. She has a Masters of Arts in Elementary Education, was the 2011 Teacher of the Year from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is a lector at church and facilitator in Children's Liturgy.

Helen R. McDowell was nominated for membership by Norma Bauer. She is currently an Itinerant Teacher of the Hearing Impaired for the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind and a Regional Consultant for the Deafblind. She has been teaching 26 years. She has a Master of Arts in Communication Disorders, is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and a charter member of the Prescott Victorian Society. She sang in the Yavapai College Master Chorale for several years and is a trained docent for the Sharlot Hall Museum's Governor's Mansion.

Helen Colson-Carr was nominated for membership by Kris Foster. She is a retired elementary teacher from Chandler and a current substitution for PUSD. She has been an educator for 40 years. Helen has a Master of Arts in Education Summa Cum Laude and is a Mentor/Cooperative Teacher in Chandler. She works with the American Lutheran Church Council, is a Women of Wisdom Leader, and a member of their Bell Choir.

Eta membership, attending the February meeting at Miller Valley School, participated in a survey asking Omicron State members about their preferences on State Conferences and Convention possibilities. This important information was sent to Omicron State Officers.

Do you know where the Southwest Regional Conference will be held?

Did you know that you now must use your membership number on your registration form for future conferences (held in odd years) and conventions (held in even years).

(see answers on Page 6)

Former Member's Husband Passes Away

Former member, Evorine Beal, lost her husband of 28 years, Richard Sidney Beal Jr., on January 29. Evorine and Richard were married in 1987 and moved to Lakewood, Colorado, where they were both on the faculty of Colorado Christian University until their retirements in 1994. That fall they moved to Prescott. Evorine was an active member of Eta chapter for several years. In 2011 they moved to East Wenatchee, Washington, to be closer to their family. Memorial services will be on March 21 at the Eastmont Baptist Church in East Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in his memory to the Eastmont Baptist Church's Hispanic Ministry, 400 S. Kentucky Ave, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Telford's Chapel of the Valley in East Wenatchee, Washington is responsible for the arrangements. If you want to leave a condolence message for Evorine, you can go to the Telford's Chapel of the Valley website and click on her husband's name. There is a place there where you can leave your message and have it private for the family.

Omicron State Calendar

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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2014-2016

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Mission Statement

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

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WORKDAY AT MILLER VALLEY

Linda Cramer

Eleven DKG volunteers gathered at Miller Valley Elementary School to fill the requests left for them by the teachers and staff.

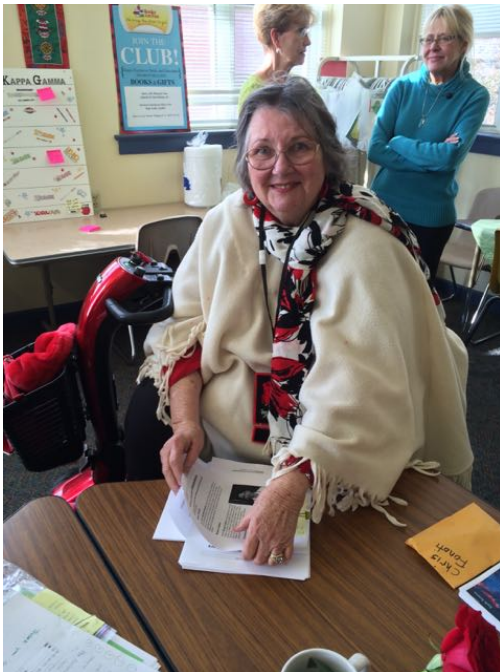
The work included putting up bulletin boards, laminating materials, assembling booklets, and correcting worksheets. Requests came from classroom teachers, the school nurse, and the reading specialist.

At the end of the workday, all eleven volunteers were involved in cutting out reading unit tags which we had already laminated. As we sat together at tables, cutting and chatting, I was really struck by the fact that all of us had just saved that classroom teacher hours of work if she had had to do this on her own.

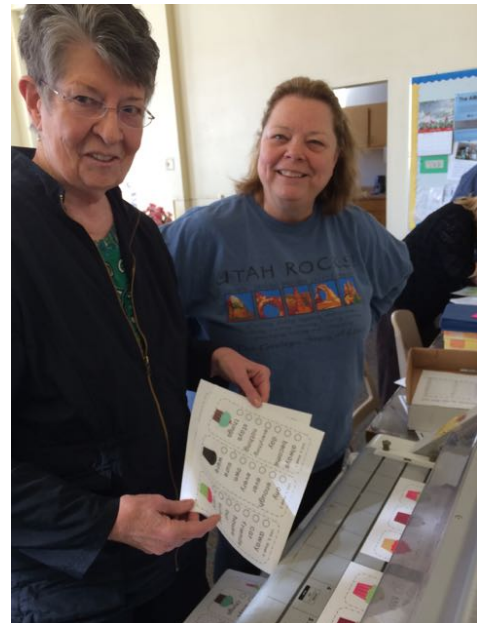
But with our workforce, we accomplished that job for her, as well as all the other requests, and did it in our allotted hour and a half.

Thanks to everyone who helped with this project: Sherry Alimi, Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Ellen Close, Janeth Dow, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mona Gillum, Marilyn Jenkins, Joyce Moore, and Linda Spellman.

With the closing of Miller Valley School, the location our future workdays will have to be decided. We are sending out a survey of the Miller Valley teachers to determine which grade levels have been most active participants, and to get feedback from teachers about the workdays we have held.



Linda Spellman



Ellen Close and Sherry Alimi

Answers to Membership News Questions from Page 5

Answers: Wichita, Kansas-July 2015

Membership number is found on the membership card that you received when you paid your dues.



Dorothy Eichbaum



Sherry Baca, Janeth Dow, and Norma Bauer



BMHS Art Students:
Brooke Chryslle and Farrell "Frankie" Berger

**Thank You from Ann Hein
PHS Art Teacher**

Thank you very much again for this opportunity DKG provides to the art students. In addition to being recognized for their artistic accomplishments, it is a great experience for them to speak in public and to socialize with adults from their community. I just love attending this meeting each year.



PHS Art Students and Art Teacher: Alexa Nguyen, Mrs. Ann Hein, and Kylie Skinner

Eta Chapter Volunteers for Mayer Schools

Eta Chapter has been asked to read student essays. Sandy Caton is our contact person and we thank her for helping Eta fulfill the DKG mission of excellence in education.

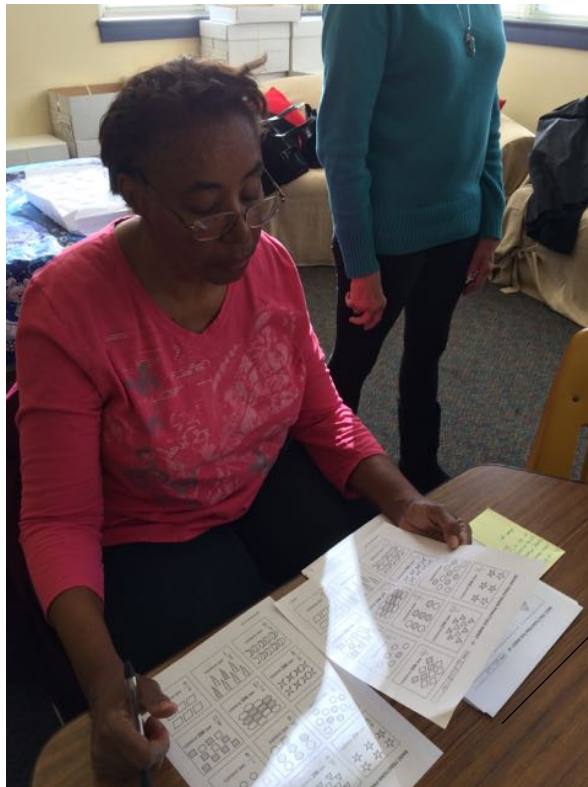
Donna Stowell, Joyce Moore and Linda Cramer are reading essays from students in grades 1-3. Chris Fonoti and Sherry Alimi are reading essays from grades 4-5. Sandy Caton and Dorothy Eichbaum are reading grades 6-8.

Evaluators will work and meet as a grade group. Evaluation sheets are included. When all essays for the grade group are read, one winner and two honorable mentions are chosen for each grade group. The winner will receive a monetary prize and a certificate and the others a certificate. Eta's job is to choose the top three in each age group and return the essays to Sandy. There is no time limit so there is time to complete this volunteer mission.

Volunteers are reminded to keep track of your grading hours and travel time so you can report these as Collaborative Connections hours to Barbara Scott.



Joyce Moore and Janeth Dow



Mona Gillum





Teaching Runs in the Family for New Lincoln Elementary Principal (Article appeared in the Daily Courier on January 29, 2014)

Karen **Hughes** followed her son to Lincoln Elementary School one day, and she's been going back ever since. Fourteen years later, she's been named by the school's administrator beginning in the fall of 2015.

Hughes grew up in Phoenix, where her father, a 33-year teacher, set an example for her. "I was inspired by him," she said. "He loved his job and he loved teaching kids."

Teaching became her family's vocation of choice, as two of her sisters also are educators.

In her early years, **Hughes** became familiar with Prescott as her family visited friends and relatives in the area. So she was right at home attending [Yavapai College](#) before transferring to [Arizona State University](#), from which she graduated with a teaching degree in elementary education in 1996.

Fifteen years ago, she became a Prescott resident again. Within months, she was involved at Lincoln Elementary School as a volunteer, first on the playground, then in the classroom. Over the years, she was a substitute teacher, a PTA president and, for the last 10 years, a full-time teacher.

She said in the time she's been at Lincoln, she worked with four principals who gave her opportunities for volunteering and professional development.

"I had such a good introduction to leadership," she said. "I've been leading up to this."

That trajectory led her to pursue a master's of education degree from [Northern Arizona University](#). In the fall of 2013, she completed her principal internship under the direction of Teresa Bruso, who she'll be replacing at Lincoln. (Bruso is taking the helm of Granite Mountain Middle School.)

Hughes said her predecessor has built the school with teams that coordinate at grade levels, school wide and with parents, an effort she hopes to continue.

With all the shake-ups in schools across Prescott Unified School District, **Hughes** acknowledged her position won't be the only change for Lincoln Elementary. There will be new teams of teachers, new kids and new families.

"I want to start building community," she said.

After the school year starts and as the new faces at the school come together, **Hughes** said her focus will shift to academics.

"We are in a strong forward movement," **Hughes** said of the current faculty. She praised her peers for embracing standards in the classroom, which she said puts the school in an instructionally strong position.

"It's a good thing," she said of the faculty changes in store at Lincoln.

"I am thrilled about new ideas and new blood."

"Our elementaries are so strong," **Hughes** said. "I want people to feel confident wherever they land."

Many of the Lincoln Elementary School's new students next year will be coming from Washington School, which was recognized for its technology-infused blended learning program. Others will come from Miller Valley, where parents point to programs that support English language learners and students from low-income families.

While she notes Lincoln Elementary won't have everything that other schools in the district currently offer, she's confident all students can be successful at the Lincoln.

"Kids are engaged and thriving and loving it," she said.