



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



Dear Eta Sisters,

Please indicate whether you are attending our next meeting on Saturday, May 2. It is in Williams and is a joint meeting with Tau. It is important that as many of you as possible attend this meeting since it is our first attempt at a joint meeting which is highly encouraged by Omicron and International. I always like it when we are trailblazing. Omicron thinks we are an excellent group of movers and shakers. Let's prove them right!

If you live on the other side of Mingus Mountain, please email Wally Turner about carpooling. You ladies can make your plans as they fit your geography. If you live on this side of the mountain, please write Sherry Baca that you are attending and would like to participate in a carpool or if you will drive by yourself. When I come back into town from my honeymoon cruise, I'll contact you and we can set up cars and times.

A reminder that we will be having orientation at Sherry Alimi's house on Sunday, May 3 from 2-4 pm. If you have a friend who would like to know more about DKG, please contact Wally Turner with her name and if you will be joining your friend so that we can have enough refreshments. We show a DVD on the meaning and honor of membership. Attendance to an orientation is NOT a commitment to joining but it is an excellent way to get some valuable information. In addition, if your friend joins after being nominated for membership and voted upon, then she will not have to attend another orientation and she can be initiated immediately.

You, the members of Eta Chapter, have done a superb job in increasing our membership. We are one of the chapters in the state that have reached the Five by Fifteen goal set this biennium. Congratulations. We have added some wonderful women educators and have been fortunate to get many transfers and reinstatements. Good for you. Keep up the good work.

Sherry Alimi, President



MAY BIRTHDAYS
Norma Bauer, May 6
Debbie Baker, May 30

MEETING PLANS

May 2015

TIME AND DATE

10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2015
Meet Between 8:30 - 9 a.m. to carpool
Contact Sherry Baca if you live in Prescott and Wally Turner if you live on the other side of Mingus Mountain for carpooling details.

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PLACE

Williams Center for the Arts
(the Old School Building)
Sheridan and 3rd Street in Williams, AZ

PROGRAM

Watercolor Landscape Workshop
All supplies will be provided. If you wish to mat your work, a mat, backing board and sleeve will cost \$2.00

Presenter: Bonnie Dent from Williams

Afterwards we will go to lunch at a local restaurant - pay for your own

RSVP BY WED., APRIL 29, 2015

DIRECTIONS

From Prescott head north through Chino Valley and turn East on I-40 at AshFork for about 17 miles. Take exit 163 turning right at the bottom of the exit ramp and drive south through town and then turn right on Sheridan Street for one block. Turn left on 3rd Street and another left into parking area on west end of old school. Our classroom is upstairs on the 2nd floor.



**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes
Saturday, April 4 at the home of Bonnie Waterer
Executive Board Meeting to Plan 2015-2016 Programs**

Members Present: Sherry Alimi, Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Linda Cramer, Joyce Moore, and Bonnie Waterer.

Call to Order: We had an informal call to order with breakfast food and refreshments provided by attendees.

Discussion on World Fellowship - whether to continue the 50-50 raffle. The board feels the raffle should be continued but we need to set it up at a table rather than passing a basket. We currently have \$85 and wish to use \$75 for World Fellowship with any remaining dollars to go to grant-in-aide.

The following is a summary of events for the coming year:

July – 2nd week; Book Discussion of Spare Parts; location changed to Sherry Alimi's home.

Saturday, August 29 – World Fellowship Fundraiser Activity (perhaps a game like '20 questions') and new member initiation; Sherry Baca to contact Donna Stowell for use of Prescott Country Club Owner's Building

Saturday, September 26 – Program choices of "Rock It" by Melanie Wilson or "Security (emphasis on the elderly) Fraud" by Terri Axelon or "Computer Security" by John Hass; Sherry Alimi to make contact and confirm which program will be used and the location of the meeting.

October Social Event – Linda Spellman; to be after Fall Break which is 10/3 – 10/11

Saturday, October 24 – Omicron State Fall Workshop

Saturday, November 7 – Speaker Richard Moore on "Restorative Justice" followed by napkin folding with Linda Spellman.

December 7-9? – depending on availability. Sherry Baca will confirm the date. Christmas dinner by JTED students; Christmas Boutique; Dress a Child.

Saturday, January 16 – Executive Board Meeting; all members invited; potluck brunch.

Tuesday, February 9 – Annual Student Art Program; Sherry Baca will contact Kelli Bradstreet to see if the Prescott District Board Room can be our location; followed by a dinner at PBC.

Saturday, March 5 – Speaker will be one of the choices listed for the September meeting.

Saturday, April 2 – Officer Installation

Friday - Sunday, April 22 – 24 – Omicron State Convention

Tuesday, May 3 – Initiation of new members

Saturday, June 4 – Social and Book Talks

Sunday, June 5 – Executive Board Meeting; All members invited.

It was discussed that we will need a potential slate of officers for 2016. Several names were suggested for various officers.

Tentative workdays are slated for January, March, April or May to be similar in time and scope with the current Miller Valley workdays.

Please refer to the Activity Spread Sheet for time, locations, contact person, and refreshment committees.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Moore, secretary

SUMMARY FROM STATE NEWSLETTER**by Barbara Scott****AZ Voices**

A statewide civic engagement platform is now available that lets you discuss important issues with fellow Arizonans and elected officials. The Bill pages component allows you to follow, rate, and deliberate legislation under consideration by state lawmakers, and the Idea pages lets you post and discuss ideas for improving Arizona. In order to rate bills, you must be registered to vote in Arizona, and you may sign on through Facebook, your driver's license or voter registration. Go to www.AZVoices.gov.

Collegial Exchange

This new DKG publication will feature articles written by members to help working teachers with life in the classroom. It is intended to be a "tool through which members worldwide may exchange creativity, key ideas and much more." It will also feature articles for members who are no longer teaching. Collegial Exchange will be mailed in November 2015.

New booklet available

Expansion Chairman Carmen Wendt and Membership Chairman Alice Reule created a booklet that contains the favorite programs and projects of Omicron State chapters. It is designed to be used as a reference tool for chapters in planning programs, projects, and special events. Each chapter president will receive one in their convention packet.

Sad News

Past State President Berneil Drake passed away recently. She was deeply involved in Alpha Delta Chapter, Omicron State, and International for many years, and will be missed.

REPORT FROM 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT**by Linda Cramer****BOOK STUDY IN JULY**

Do you remember a news story from 2004 in which a team of kids and two teachers from an underfunded high school in Phoenix beat M.I.T. (yes, that M.I.T) in an underwater robotics competition?

It seemed like a fairy tale then, but the real story is much more exciting and inspiring than a fairy tale could ever be. The book is titled Spare Parts, a true life story about how they and their teacher managed to scavenge \$800 and spare parts to build a robot, while facing challenging opponents including the MIT team of engineering students who had a \$10,000 grant from ExxonMobil. And yet they won!

As an educator, you will love this story. We plan to meet during the second week in July to share our reactions about the book. We'll announce the date and place soon. In the meantime, you can buy the book on Amazon for around \$8.00, get it from the library, borrow Linda Cramer's copy, and/or rent the movie which came out this year and has the same title, Spare Parts.

WORKDAY AT MILLER VALLEY APRIL 29

Our next workday at Miller Valley School will be Wednesday, April 29, 2:30—4:00. It's that hectic time of year for teachers, and they always appreciate our efforts. So I hope you can make room in your busy schedule to help cut, staple, laminate, or whatever they need. If you can attend, please let Linda Cramer know at 443-1947 or waylinaz@msn.com. Thanks.

ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES
by Dorothy Eichbaum and Sherry Baca

Helen Colson Carr reported that her son was born on Valentine’s Day and now her grandson was just born on St. Patrick’s Day! Holiday babies!

Chris Fonoti was unable to attend the DKG Convention because she was traveling in Hawaii at that time. Aloha!

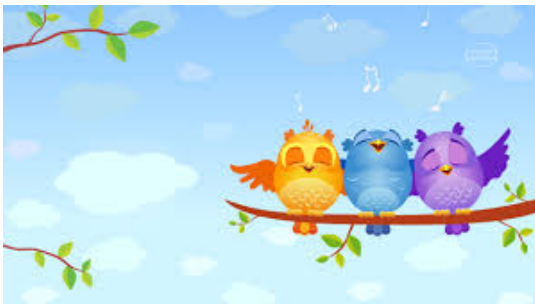
Kris Foster reminds everyone that former students and staff of Miller Valley School are invited to the 99th (and final) Birthday Party for the school on May 1, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Veronica Wilson hosted a second-generation Easter Egg hunt in her back yard.- a very important tradition!

Kelli Bradstreet reports that the weekend of May 2 is a busy one for her. Her son Wesley, is auditioning for a role in Godspell and she also has to chaperone the prom.

Carol Stafford reports that she is getting out and walking now but is staying close to home and her husband. He went to an ear, nose and throat doctor and is being sent to a physical therapist. We send both of them get well wishes and hope they are out and about soon!

Dr. Terri Matteson, principal in Humboldt, is a DKG member from the Phoenix area who has had a standing invitation to visit our chapter. She writes to tell us that she is retiring in June and returning to live in the valley. She appreciates us keeping her in the loop on things and wishes our chapter luck in the future.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION ON SUNDAY, MAY 3

We will have orientation on Sunday, May 3, in the afternoon for our three newly elected members – Theresa Yslas, Helen Colson-Carr and Helen McDowell. If you have a friend that you are thinking of inviting to join DKG, asking them to come to orientation with you is a great way to give them some information. Orientation is NOT an obligation to join, but it IS a requirement once a recommended person is voted on by the membership. And the orientation will give them a great way to meet a few members informally. Contact Sherry Alimi or Wally Turner if you have a friend you would like to invite. Orientation will be held at Sherry Alimi’s house from 2-4 p.m.

Omicron State Calendar

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

Mission Statement

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

Eta Chapter Officers

2014-2016

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**WELCOME TO NEW TRANSFER MEMBER
TASHIA IRVINE**

DKG Eta chapter extends a warm welcome to Tashia Irvine. She is reinstating her membership and transferring from Alpha Zeta chapter of Casa Grande, Arizona. Tashia has been a full-time mom since moving with her husband and two children (6th and 7th graders at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Prescott) to Prescott in 2010. She is actively involved at Sacred Heart. She has served on the PTSO executive board for four years (currently President), is in her fifth year as chairperson of the annual Spring Gala fundraiser, is the parent mentor for the Sacred Service club, is a member of the school's technology committee, and is a middle school room parent.

Tashia holds a Masters of Education from Northern Arizona University and a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies from National University. She began teaching elementary school in 1997. In 2000, she became a tutor at Central Arizona College and quickly moved into a faculty position teaching reading and English composition. Tashia became an Academic Advisor at the college in 2007 and created their online advising program to better serve distance learning students. She received the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2009, was named one of Central Arizona College's Exemplary Women Leaders in 2010, and was chosen Faculty Mentor of the Year in 2010 for her work with students transitioning out of the foster care system and into college.

Below is her contact information:

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Sherry Alimi and Steve in Barbados



Dr. Penny Wills, Yavapai College President, speaks at Eta's Honors Luncheon



Sherry Alimi welcomes members at Honors Luncheon. In background are Dr Penny Wills, Janeth Dow, and Juanice Williams.



JTED Students provided the meal for the Honors Luncheon



Honoree Bonnie Smith and Ellen Close

Bonnie is a 5th grade teacher at Big Park Community School in Sedona, a Siemen's Challenge Environmental Competition State Winner, Mentor teacher in 2011 and 2012 and was named named Yavapai County Teacher of the Year in 2013. She has a B.S. in Psychology from Trent University, a B.S. in Education from Queen's University and is seeking an M.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama.



Janeth Dow and Honoree Karen Hughes

Karen teaches at Lincoln school and was just named the new Principal at the school for 2015-16. She was awarded the 2012 Yavapai County Pre K-Grade 3 Teacher of the year, was a DKG Chapter honoree in 2013 and initiated into Eta Chapter in 2014.



Honoree Sara Rosengren and Janice Lay

Sara is a Language Arts Teacher and Department Chair at Chino Valley High School where she coaches the new Speech and Debate team. She has a B.A. in English Literature from California State University at San Bernardino and an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction/ESL with Honors from ASU. In 2013 she was nominated for Yavapai County New Teacher of the Year and a Rural Teachers Award.



Kris Foster and Honoree Joni Burriss

Joni has been an English Language Learner Teacher at Miller Valley School but is currently a first grade teacher there having completed her Early Childhood Education endorsement in 2014.



Honoree Cindy Franklin and Linda Spellman

Cindy is Curriculum Supervisor and Kindergarten teacher at Franklin Phonetic School in Prescott Valley, Founder of this Charter school and published her Ph.D. dissertation in 2014 titled *Extracurricular Activity in Elementary Students and the Link Between Participation and Achievement*. She has a B.A. in Elementary Education and an M.A. in Computer Applications. She is a published author of educational materials and has taught 34 years.



Marilyn Jenkins and Honoree Bonnie Waterer

Bonnie is a retired Home Economics teacher from San Jose, CA and was named Outstanding Home Economics Teacher there and in the top 10 in the USA. She was awarded NARBHA's Leta Clancy/Cecil Lockhart-Smith Award in recognition of work in behavioral health services as community relations chair for the West Yavapai Guidance Clinic Board of Directors.



Mary Fiebigler and Honoree Jeaneen Leach

Jeaneen is a Language Arts Teacher at Ash Fork Middle School and has also taught 8th grade at Granada East School in Phoenix. She received her B.A. in English and Secondary Education, and an M.A. in Secondary Education at ASU. She is currently working on a Masters in Education Administration at Grand Canyon University. She loves working with middle school students and was awarded the Yavapai County Small District Category Teacher of the Year in 2014.



Honoree Jennifer Estrada was unable to attend

Jennifer is an English Teacher at Chino Valley High School, completed a Masters Degree in English with Honors at NAU, and is a finalist for the 1st Year Teacher of the Year for Yavapai County. She was a Research Associate for education outreach programs developing programs to integrate technology into science and social science classrooms. Her research team has published several papers including a chapter in the Geological Society of America's publication of special papers.



Honoree Jenda Ballard and Pat Buckley

Jenda is the Unified Sports Teacher and Coach at Chino Valley High School where she initiated the Unified Sports Program that helps integrate students with disabilities and general education students through interaction and competition. She received her B.S. in PE from Texas A & M and has taught and coached for more than 10 years in Texas and Arizona.



Honoree Kim Barker and Norma Bauer

Kim is Secretary at Miller Valley School and was awarded the “Going the Extra Mile” award in 2014. She is the first face Eta Chapter members see when volunteering at the school and is the first secretary to receive Eta honors.



JTED Student Kira Moll is reunited with her Kindergarten Teacher at the Honors Luncheon - Honoree Penny Nicholas

Penny is the poster teacher for the book: *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*



Honoree Penny Nicholas and Wally Turner

Penny Nicholas is a Kindergarten Teacher at Washington Elementary in Prescott and was the 2013 Yavapai County Teacher of the Year. She has taught Kindergarten since 1988 and before that was a 1st grade teacher for 20 years. Prior to that she was the owner and director of the Flagstaff Early Childhood Education Center. She holds a B.A. and M.S. in Education from NAU and was awarded the George Washington Medal of Honor in Education - Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. She has helped 3 generations of young children learn to read, write, spell, and do math but more important to love their country, be kind and caring, and to be people of character.



Sherry Baca and Honoree Karen Sampson

Karen is a K-1 Math/Science Teacher at Washington School, the Yavapai County Teacher of the Year in Pre K-3 for 2014, the Arizona Education Foundation Teacher of the Year in 2015, and recipient of the “Going the Extra Mile” award in Prescott in 2013. She has 27 years of teaching experience, 10 of which have been in Prescott. She was also Teacher of the Year at El Camino Academy in Bogota, Colombia in 2000. Karen strives to find creative ways to enhance learning through music movement, technology, and a hands-on learning environment.



2015 HONOREES

Jeaneen Leach, Bonnie Smith, Cindy Franklin, Joni Burriss, Penny Nicholas, Bonnie Waterer, Karen Sampson, Kim Baker, Karen Hughes



2015 HONOREES HONORED IN ABSENTIA**Jamie Bjune**

4th grade teacher at Miller Valley School, B.A. from Northwestern University, pursuing M.Ed at Western Governors University, nominated for 2013 First Year Teacher of the Year.

Shannon Feipel

B.A. in Special Education from U of Northern Iowa, teacher in Chino Valley for 16 years, named 2014 Cross Grades Teacher of the Year.

Shelly Helmken

B.A. from Lawrence University, Elementary Education Certification from NAU, taught on a Navajo reservation for 2 years, at Miller Valley for 7 years, nominated for 2014 Yavapai County Teacher of the Year.

Diane Pritchett

Former K-12 music teacher, 4th grade teacher, reading specialist and coach, school improvement coordinator, K-12 principal, named new Superintendent of Seligman Unified School District.

Renee Raskin

B.S. in Business Administration from U of Wisconsin, worked at the YC School Supt's Office and PUSD as Chief Financial Officer, was appointed in 2014 as Yavapai County Education Service Agency Chief Deputy.

Dr. Kristen Rex

Former Principal of Glassford Hill Middle School, former Superintendent/Principal at Seligman Unified School district, named Superintendent of Yavapai Accommodation School District in 2014.

Tania Sheldahl

Earned her Associate's Degree from Yavapai College, Bachelor's in Business Administration from NAU, and served as financial aid advisor at Yavapai College. In 2015 was named Dean of Student Development at Yavapai College.

Dr. Risha VenderWey

Former ESL, Kindergarten-3rd grade, 1st and 5th grade teacher, elementary principal at Page Unified School District, instructional coach for Flagstaff Unified School District, named Superintendent of Schools for Coconino County.

