



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



Dear Eta Sisters,

I know that many of you were unable to make the trip to Williams but it was a real loss for you. Bonnie Dent, in addition to being such a talented artist, is also a gifted teacher. Our watercolors all turned out beautifully. And downtown Williams has been revitalized. I definitely want to go back just to spend the day. And of course when you're in the car you get to have great conversations. It was a wonderful chance to get to know Helen Colson-Carr and our newest transfer, Tashia Irvine.

Orientation was held at my house. We had Jenda Ballard, one of our honorees, Theresa Yslas, Helen Colson-Carr and Helen McDowell, our three new members. Cindy Franklin, another honoree, was unable to make the orientation. So we will have two additional new members from our Honors Banquet. You will remember that Jenda has developed that great program to interface general education students and special needs students. Cindy Franklin is co-owner with her husband of Franklin Phonetic School in PV and just got her Ph.D. Thank you to Kris Foster for attending orientation. Her perspective from being a scholarship recipient to a member is valuable. It is exciting to have a growing chapter. And what an honor to be recognized at the state convention for having 16 new members by initiation, reinstatement or transfer. Outstanding work, sisters. Keep the momentum going!

Our last meeting of the year will be held in Cottonwood and Clarkdale. I hope you will make a special effort to attend. We will be honoring our 25-year and 50-year members Nika and Becky, and initiating our newest members including Jenda, Helen CC and Theresa. We will also recognize Theresa Bruso, the principal of Lincoln School but who will be changing positions next year, and Karen Hughes will be the new principal. She was omitted at our Honors Banquet so we will make things right in June. At our first meeting of the next year on August 29 we will initiate Helen McDowell and Cindy Franklin. An additional orientation will be held this summer so if you have prospective members in mind for the fall initiation, please give me their contact information.

Be sure to consider attending the Southwest Regional Conference in Wichita at the end of July. You register online. You'll have a fantastic time, I know, and widen your circle of DKG sisters. This coming year will also be the U.S. Forum in Washington DC. Although Wally is not the chair this time, she will be attending. It is a great experience. Start saving up. It's worth the effort.

So many ways to grow and learn in DKG! Don't pass up these opportunities.

Sherry Alimi, President

## MEETING PLANS

June 2015

## FUN MEETING!!!!

### TIME AND DATE

10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2015

If you live in Prescott, meet at 8:30 a.m. at Sherry Alimi's home to carpool  
1920 Atlantic Avenue, Prescott, AZ

### PLACE AND PROGRAM

Initiation and Craft Activity  
American Heritage Academy  
2030 East Cherry, Cottonwood, AZ

Copper Museum Tour  
849 Main Street, Clarkdale, AZ  
(entry fee - price depends on how many in our group)

Lunch at Su Casa  
1000 S. Main Street, Clarkdale, AZ  
(order off the menu)

### RSVP BY TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015 to Sherry Alimi

s.alimi@sbcglobal.net or 928-830-2718  
We need to know numbers for the craft project and for the restaurant.



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kelli Bradstreet, June 6  
Joyce Moore, June 7  
Chris Fonoti, June 22

**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Meeting Summary  
Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Williams Center for the Arts**

**Summary Provided by Helen Colson-Carr**

**ETA Chapter Members Present:** Sherry Alimi, Sherry Baca, Helen Colson-Carr, Linda Cramer, Chris Fonoti, Tashia Irvine, Wally Turner, and Veronica Wilson.

**TAU Chapter Members Present:** Wanda Burton, Bonnie Dent, Sheryll Gibson, Priscilla Hall, Ada Hatch, Koetye Michelsen, Diane Sanders, Gwen Share, Adele Thompson, and Hattie Williams.

On Saturday, May 2, the ETA chapter of Prescott attended an event in Williams, AZ hosted by the TAU chapter of Flagstaff. We met with watercolor artist, Bonnie Dent. After a short business meeting, Bonnie instructed the ladies in a step-by-step demonstration of how to paint a watercolor mountain landscape. We were provided with all of the supplies needed. Bonnie then began with basics of how to draw in the mountains, and how to prepare the paper for painting. Unlike other mediums, as Bonnie explained, watercolor has to be done in a very deliberate manner, as you cannot paint "over" a mistake. We did discover, though, that some very unique and exciting effects can be achieved with just a brush stroke. Even though there were varied levels of expertise in the room, all were very happy with the instruction and the experience.

We concluded the session with lunch in a nearby restaurant, the Grand Canyon Cafe, and a visit to the gallery which Bonnie owns with three other artists. Along with experiencing such a delightful time, it was also so nice to meet and spend time with members of the TAU chapter.



Bonnie Dent, Watercolor Landscape Art Instructor



Chris Fonoti and Priscilla Hall display their art work in progress



Helen Colson-Carr and Sherry Alimi are hard at work creating their masterpieces

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**ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES**  
by Dorothy Eichbaum and Sherry Baca

**Helen Colson Carr's** twin grandsons will turn 7 in May. She also related a story about how Zig Zieglar was a Sunday School speaker at her church in Plano, Texas and quite interesting.

**Chris Fonoti and Helen Colson-Carr** have been subbing in Prescott. Chris also is subbing in Chino Valley and often 3-4 days a week.

**Sherry Alimi** will have her 1st wedding ceremony in Paso Robles, CA on May 23 at Steve's sister's vineyard. Sherry's son, Alex will be there along with her two sisters and her brother. Then on June 14 she will have her second ceremony and reception here at Goldwater Lake for her Arizona friends. She says to come and dress casual and bring your Kayak!

**Tashia Irvine** is taking a break from teaching to raise her two children - a boy and a girl. They are in 6th and 8th grade at Sacred Heart School.

**Sandy Caton** had her daughter and granddaughter visiting in May.

**Carol Stimple** has been busy nursing Sam back to health. He fell and broke his ankle.

Speaking of broken bones, we send our healing wishes to **Juanice Williams**. She was at a car wash and fell and broke her leg. She ended up having to have a hip replacement. She was in the rehab hospital for a while but her daughter hoped to bring her home soon.

One of our soon to be initiated members, **Helen McDowell**, will not be able to attend in June because she will be traveling in Hawaii. Aloha, Helen.

Congratulations to **Linda Spellman** for having an Op-Ed article she wrote published in the Verde Valley Independent.

**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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**TIDBIT FROM SHERRY ALIMI****Are You a Member of Arizona State Credit Union?**

If you are a member, you are special! Are you aware that this bank is the only one in town with a coin counter? If you are a member, you get the coins counted for free. All others have to pay 10% of the total just like the Coinstar Machines. We will be doing a special program next fall for World Fellowship involving coins so we need you. Let Sherry A known by email. And ladies, start saving up your coins for this fun program!

**New Officers for the Next Biennium**

It is not too early to think about running for an office in Eta. The slate of new officers will be developed by the Nominating Committee by February and voted on in March or April so that they can be installed and attend the State Convention at the end of April 2016 in Phoenix. If you would like to be on the Nominating Committee, contact Sherry Alimi. This is a committee which is appointed by the President of the chapter. Pat Buckley has agreed to chair this committee. Other members will be appointed.



ETA Chapter Members Learning to  
Paint with Watercolors

From front to back:

Chris Fonoti

Tashia Irvine

Veronica Wilson

Sherry Alimi

Helen Colson-Carr

Wally Turner

Linda Cramer

Sherry Baca is taking photo!





Linda Cramer and Wally Turner



Sherry Baca and her first watercolor!

Members from TAU Chapter



Sherry Alimi, Wally Turner, and Helen Colson-Carr pose for a photo at the Grand Canyon Cafe in Williams.



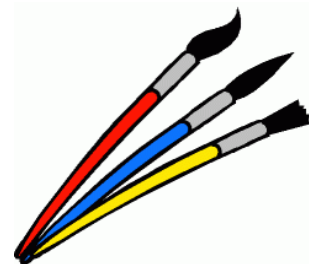
Tashia Irvine, Chris Fonoti with Adele Thompson from TAU at lunch in Williams



Veronica Wilson and Linda Cramer



Veronica Wilson and Tashia Irvine



### DKG FAREWELL TO MILLER VALLEY SCHOOL

Our final workday was held April 29 at Miller Valley School. The school itself will close next month. Sherry Alimi, Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Janeth Dow, Marilyn Jenkins, Bonnie Waterer, Veronica Wilson and Linda Cramer were kept very busy with teacher requests.

We did a lot of laminating and cutting, two very time-consuming tasks that many hands can accomplish so much more quickly. In addition, there were papers to grade and files to put in order.

One teacher asked for someone to come to her room to help with sorting and packing up of the 3M's: multitudes of manipulative materials. In addition, things must be sorted and packed according to what teachers have personally purchased, and what the district has provided.

This year is made more difficult by the fact that there will not be a Miller Valley School next year, so everything must be sorted and moved to other buildings.

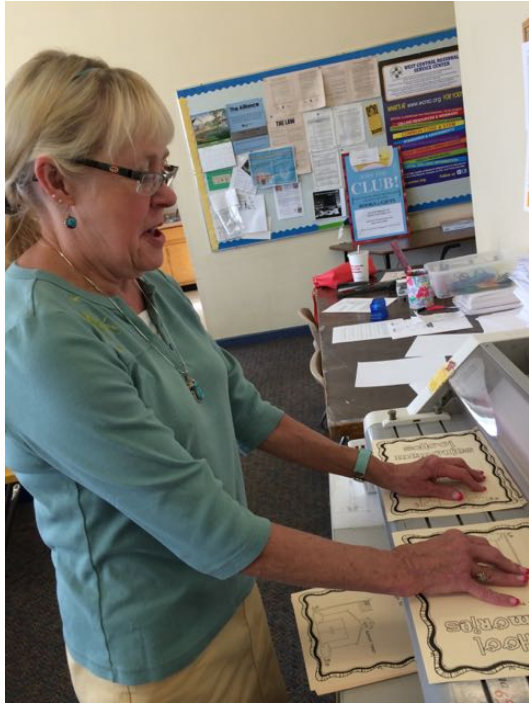
Closing out the school year is always a major task, but when a building is closing, there is also an emotional closure to work through. Our thoughts are with the entire staff of Miller Valley as they bring things to a fond farewell.



We did LOTS of cutting! Clockwise from top: Bonnie Waterer, Marilyn Jenkins, Sherry Baca, and Linda Cramer



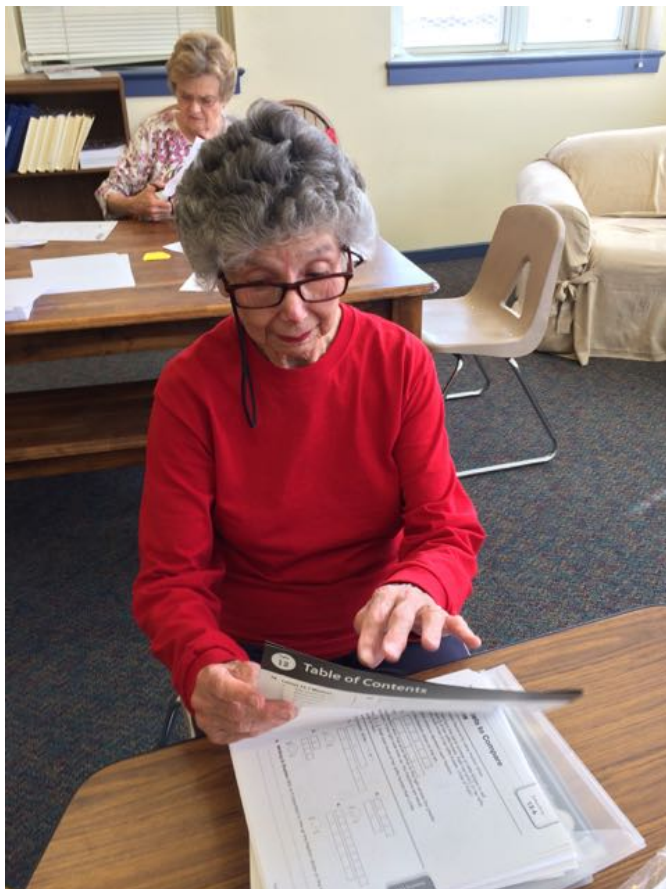




Janeth Dow - laminator machine expert!



Sherry Alimi mastered the paper cutter!



Veronica Wilson is organizing papers while Linda Cramer works in the background!



### ORIENTATION SUMMARY - Wally Turner

On May 3rd, the prospective member orientation was held at the home of Sherry Alimi. Jenda Ballard, Theresa Yslas, Helen McDowell and Helen Colson-Carr joined Kris Foster, Sherry Alimi and Wally Turner for the Orientation. The honor of membership, purposes, general meeting procedures, scholarships and general information on DKG was discussed. Eta Chapter will initiate some of the prospective members at the June 6th meeting and are thrilled that each of them accepted the invitation to membership. Another initiation will be held in the Fall of 2015 to accommodate more prospective members who were unable to attend the Orientation or who cannot attend the June initiation. Now is the time for each of you to nominate more prospective members.

### DKG Moment - Wally Turner

Did you know that there is an Initiation fee (\$10.00) as well as a Key pin fee (\$15.50)? Sometimes the chapter member pays the Initiation fee for the prospective member that they recommended. This is not a requirement, only a lovely gesture.

### Sunshine, Lollipops and Rainbows - Sherry Alimi

First, a huge debt of thanks is due Janeth Dow who for many years faithfully has been Eta's Sunshine Lady, spreading good cheer to sick, sad and celebrating Eta sisters. She has understandably asked for time off for good behavior and will hang up her pen at the end of June 2015.

Our newest transfer, Tashia Irvine, will be taking up the pen and receiving your card and stamp donations as she begins her job as our new Sunshine Lady on July 1. Thank you to Janeth for her service and thank you to Tashia for accepting this role without hesitation.

### Treasurer Notes - Norma Bauer

**Dues option:** As you know, dues deadline is October 31 each year. Any member who wishes to pay part earlier and the balance before November 1 may do so at any time. Currently dues are \$81; if the finance committee recommends a change, that will be presented at the first meeting in the fall.

**Grant-in-aid donations:** If you have not contributed during the 2014-15 year, please consider doing so before June 30. The finance committee suggests \$20 in lieu of a chapter fund raiser.

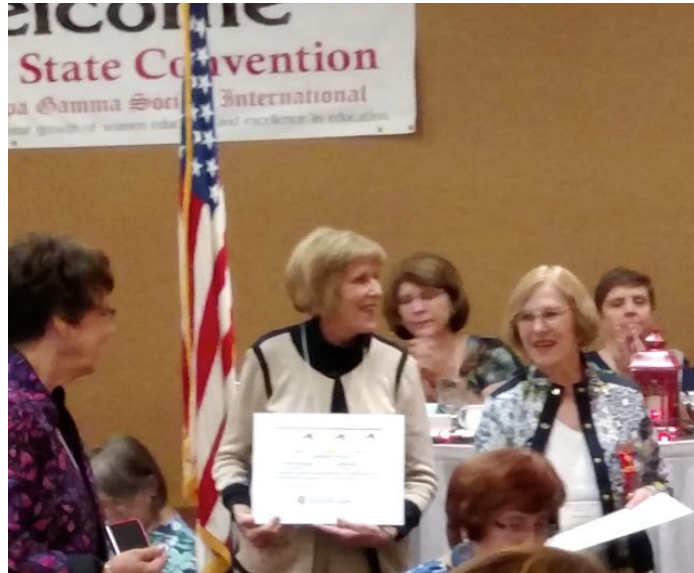


**ETA CHAPTER REPRESENTED AT DKG STATE CONVENTION**

Five members of ETA chapter attended the Omicron State Convention April 24-26 in Tucson: Pat Buckley, Ellen Close, Marilyn Jenkins, Janice Lay, and Wally Turner. Reports will be in the next newsletter. Thanks to Pat Buckley for the photos.



Janice Lay



Marilyn Jenkins accepting Eta Chapter certificate.  
(See page 10 for photo of certificate)



Marilyn Jenkins and Ellen Close



Ellen Close and Wally Turner



### Sherry Alimi and Steve Kent's Wedding

Just a reminder that all Eta sisters are invited to attend Sherry and Steve's wedding on Sunday, June 14, at Goldwater Lake at the first ramada (the one nearest the lake). The ceremony will begin approximately at 3 pm. and the party will follow. Please wear picnic attire with appropriate shoes if you wish to kayak, play volleyball, horseshoes, trek on the trails, or dance. Party will last until dusk. Steve and Sherry request that you RSVP by June 1 with number of guests so that there will be enough hotdogs and hamburgers for all. If you wish to bring some food to share, that would be wonderful. If you feel inclined to grill, that would be outstanding. If you want to clean up, that would be totally awesome!! Just let Sherry know your volunteer status. See you there.

