



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



Dear Eta Sisters,

I hope that you all have had an extraordinary and memorable summer. It seems to me that it has just melted away with the heat. I can't believe it is time to begin a new ETA year. Please notice that our first meetings of the year are on unusual dates due to how Labor Day falls this year.

Our first meeting is Saturday, August 29. Our program is initiation of three new members, Cindy Franklin, one of our honorees from the March Honors Luncheon,

Theresa Yslas nominated by Pamela Dickerson and Helen McDowell nominated by Norma Bauer who were unable to attend last spring's initiation. We also should be welcoming a transfer member, Marty Lewis. She connected to us through Bonnie Waterer. In addition to the initiation ceremony, we will have our recommitment to DKG for all members, a requirement every two years. Then our program will be rounded out by a World Fellowship fun fundraiser of Twenty Questions. Be sure to bring about \$5 in change including pennies, nickels, and dimes. I'm sure you will enjoy what Mary Fiebiger has developed for us. So the meeting will be all about us!

The second meeting is Saturday, September 26 at Sacred Heart School. We are still shoring up the program but it is supposed to be about computer security from a person from ERAU. There is no meeting in October but there will be a social event in Cottonwood on October 17 designed by our resident "Good Times" lady, Linda Spellman. You won't want to miss it!

Mark your calendars for our first meetings. Bring some change for Twenty Questions. Renew your commitment to DKG and Eta Chapter. Make plans to pay your dues before the October 31 deadline. See you soon!

Sherry Alimi-Kent

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Betty Palmer, Aug. 23
Amber Marchant-Lee, Aug. 26
Pam Dickerson, Aug. 30



MEETING PLANS

August 2015

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2015

9:30 a.m.

(Refreshments at 9:00 a.m.)

**Prescott Country Club
Property Owners' Building
1133 Old Chisholm Trail
Dewey, AZ**

PROGRAM

Initiation and Recommitment
World Fellowship Fundraiser

COMMITTEE

World Fellowship

Chair: Mary Fiebiger

Members: Sandy Caton, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mona Gillum, Dottie Kellerman, Nika Nordbrock, Becky Shields, Carol Stimple, Wally Turner, Bonnie Waterer

**RSVP BY Monday, Aug. 24, 2015
to Mary Fiebiger**

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2014-2016

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SIX ETA CHAPTER MEMBERS FEATURED IN ARIZONA SAHUARO JULY NEWSLETTER

Six ETA chapter members were written up in the July 2015 issue of the State DKG Newsletter, the *Arizona Sahuaro*. Below are reprints of the articles.

At the 2015 Omicron State Convention, three 50- year members were honored. One was **Becky Shields** of Eta Chapter. Becky is a Phoenix native. Her teaching career spread from San Bernardino, California to Glendale, and then to Prescott where she taught kindergarten until her retirement. Shields is a pillar of the American Lutheran Church where she has devoted her tie and energy. She serves the “least of these” promoting the first purpose of our Society.

Congratulations to our 25-year members: **Anita Nordbrock** of Eta Chapter.

Seven individuals were recognized for their contributions to the community or to the field of education at the Omicron State Conference luncheon on April 25, 2015. Each of these professional women were honored with a special certificate and were featured in a PowerPoint presentation. **Marilyn Jenkins** has volunteered with Yavapai County Tech Prep Consortium, American Lutheran Church and with community projects such as Dress a Child, Prescott Community Cupboard Food Drive, Habitat for Humanity, and the Prescott Zoo.

Linda Spellman's article entitled “The Truth about Common Core Standards” was recently published in the Verde Valley Independent.

Sherry Alimi recently traveled to Guatemala and was able to contact two of our DKG sisters, Carmen Beatriz de Majia, State Organization President and Claudia Estrada who took her on a tour of their school.

Sherry Baca recently coordinated a Yavapai County Mathematics and Science Day entitled “Soaring to New Heights With Math and Sincere” Baca is one of only 20 educators in the nation to have secured a \$1000 grant to assist with this event. From morning until afternoon, students from all across the country were able to test their brains individually and in teams on practical math and science applications.

5 by '15 - **Eta Chapter** was recognized as one of 12 chapters that brought in a minimum of 5 new members, including transfers, reinstatements or honorary during the 2013-2015 biennium.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND DUTES UPDATE



The finance committee recommends that dues remain at \$81 for active and \$41 for reserve members. Of these amounts, \$15 or \$10 are the chapter portion. Dues payment is required by October 31. Should anyone wish to pay a portion now and the balance by October 31, that is acceptable. Additionally, \$20 per member is requested for the grant-in-aid fund. (This contribution does not have a deadline.) Contributions and dues may be included in one check, payable to Eta Chapter.

Dues may be paid at the meeting or mailed to our treasurer, Norma Bauer, at 4815 Hornet Drive, Prescott, AZ 86301.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW TRANSFER MEMBER: MARTY LEWIS



Marty Lewis graduated from NAU in 1967 with a degree in Elementary Education and then received her Masters in Special education from the University of San Diego. She taught for 36 years and retired in 2004. Marty taught in four different counties in California: Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego and Orange. She also taught in Massachusetts, Florida, Phoenix, and the Virgin Islands. Part of the reason she has such an extensive number of places where she taught was due to her husband, Eric, being a Marine Corps Officer so they were transferred to new locations. However, after teaching elementary and special ed for several years, Marty moved into being a middle school counselor. In California they started phasing out these counselors so she had to move to find other counseling positions. Other times she moved because she didn't want to stay in a district with year round school calendars.

One of her favorite positions was teaching special ed for grades 6-9 in the Virgin Islands. She and Eric just decided to sell everything in California and move to the Virgin Islands. They even built a house there which was an adventure. They had to import all the construction supplies to build their home and lived there 5 years. She relates that the school had a staff of 35 of which only 12 were non West Indian teachers. She loved teaching there and still keeps in touch with many of her students who are in their thirties now. In fact, she is planning to go back next year to visit some of them.

After leaving the Virgin Islands, she returned to her home town of Whittier, California to finish her teaching career. This was her hometown so she ended up teaching in the same school she had attended: Dexter Middle School.

Marty has been living in Prescott for the past five years and for four of those years she has been going to school at Yavapai College. She recently finished her AA degree in Social and Human Services and completed an internship with the VA Hospital in mental health. Her internship was at Oasis - a psycho social rehabilitative recovery center at the VA.

Marty and her husband have one son who served as a doctor in the navy but is now retired. They also have two dogs. She belongs to two book clubs, is a member of AAUW, and likes to garden. She plans to continue to volunteer at the Oasis center at the VA Hospital once a week. Welcome, Marty!

BOOK CHAT by Sherry Alimi-Kent

What better way to lighten the summer than to meet a group of women you like, have a few refreshments and discuss an interesting book? I have to admit that a Book Chat is perfect.

A small group gathered at Sherry Alimi's house on July 15 to discuss the book **Spare Parts** by Joshua Davis. It is a story that first appeared and got attention in the magazine "Wired". Four unlikely students join the Robotics Club at Carl Hayden High School in Phoenix and end up competing and winning an underwater robot competition against well-funded university teams like from M.I.T. All four students were undocumented. Their ingenuity and life experiences and \$800 and dedicated teachers were all they needed to impress the judges. It is definitely a "feel good" story.

Discussion was centered on the structure of the book, differences between the movie and the book, and the politics of both the author and the state in which we live. Attendees included Joyce Moore, Linda Cramer, Sherry Alimi and her guest, Cynthia Delameter, and Cynthia's newly retired friend from California who was visiting her.

Be sure to keep your list of good reads for Eta's biennial book chat. Members will be asked to recommend books at the Christmas dinner. The book chats will take place at the end of year in June in Sherry Alimi's house.

ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES
by Sherry Baca

Wally Turner sends some information for all members. She received a letter from PBS mentioning that they had launched a website, PBS Learning Media, a public media education platform. She wanted to share it as a useful tool for members through Arizona as well as the United States: <http://az.pbslearningmedia.org/>

Our sympathies go out to **Pam Dickerson** on the loss of her mother right as school was starting this year. She had to leave to go back to Michigan for the funeral.

Janeth Dow was not able to attend the book chat in July because she was doing volunteer work in Costa Rica.

Helen McDowell was also not able to attend in July because they were squeezing in a family get away to San Diego that week. She went back to work on July 29th and wanted to know where the summer went?

Some of you will remember **Bobbie Knowles**, a former member who relocated to the valley. When contacted about joining DKG this year, she wrote back the following: *Enjoyed hearing from you. I am doing well. I purchased a home. I will not be transferring membership as I have too much going on in my life! You can take me out of the yearbook. Blessings to you and friends in DKG.*

Maurilee Walker retired from Pine-Strawberry school in May. Congratulations to Maurilee and we hope she will be able to join us for more gatherings this year.

Congratulations are also in order for **Amber Marchant-Lee** who retired from her position of Superintendent of Camp Verde School District. We wish her well in her future endeavors and hope to see her more at meetings.

Sherry Baca and her husband, Ed, took a two week RV trip with another retired couple in their 5th wheel in July. They drove up the coast of Oregon and camped at Gold Beach where the hubbies fished for salmon on the Rogue River. They spent time at the beach and visited the Sea Lion Caves and saw Heceta Head Lighthouse. On the way home they drove along the Umpqua River to camp at Diamond Lake. Then toured Crater Lake and Mount Shasta before driving through Lassen National Volcanic Park and then returning home.



Omicron State Calendar

October 24, 2015

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

March 13-16, 2016

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

April 22-24, 2016

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

July 5-9, 2016

*International Convention
Opryland Resort
Nashville, Tennessee*

July 2017

*Southwest Regional Conference
Honolulu, Hawaii*

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Omicron State

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www.dkgef.org/***

Mission Statement

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

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Eta Chapter Treasurer's Report July 1, 2015

Balance forward June 1, 2015	\$ 2135.76
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Receipts

initiation fees, state/int'l portion	10.00
initiation fees, chapter portion	10.00
grant-in-aid fund (cash exchange)	19.73
Rose boutique	81.00

Expenditures

(276) Omicron State, initiation fees	10.00
(277) P. Buckley	114.00
P. Buckley (cash exchange)	19.73
(278) M. Jenkins	114.00
(279) W. Turner	102.00
(280) J. Lay	66.00
(281) DKG Society Int'l, WFF	75.00

Balance July 1, 2015	\$ 1755.76
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Cash distribution:	checking	\$ 1730.59
	savings	25.17

total for grant-in-aid	\$1079.61	
	<u>available funds</u>	<u>\$ 676.15</u>

August 1, 2015

Balance forward July 1, 2015	\$ 1755.76
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Receipts

grant-in-aid fund	20.00
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Expenditures	(none)
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Balance August 1, 2015	\$ 1755.76
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Cash distribution:	checking	\$ 1750.59
	savings	25.17

total for grant-in-aid	\$1099.61	
	<u>available funds</u>	<u>\$ 676.15</u>

**REQUEST FROM OMICRON STATE PRESIDENT
Joye Sterrett**

Dear Omicron State officers, past presidents, committee chairs, and members,

We have several members who would welcome a note from you. I believe all will talk on the phone, as well. They would appreciate knowing you are thinking of them. I have talked to all three and am sharing their comments.

Connie Myren, showing her sense of humor even in trying circumstances, tells me to share this: "Connie is being treated for liver cancer and would love to hear about your fun and interesting activities by cards or email---and she promises not to write back a whiny card." Connie, we wish you progress in the treatment and look forward to hearing from you, whiny or not. Write Connie at:

Connie Myren
7524 N. Rosario Circle
Tucson, AZ 85251-1603

Judy Vinson is recovering from knee surgery. Although the recovery is sometimes painful and slow, she is working on recovery with physical therapy and doctor's appointments. She has a sister and a niece helping her. Judy, we know you will continue to improve and brighter days are ahead. Write Judy at:

Judy Vinson
14240 N. Bowman Road #2
Tucson, AZ 85739-1920

Karen Blackstone was severely bitten on the leg by a pit bull near her home in Mesa. She has been in pain and recovery is slower than she would have liked, but she is starting to walk again. She is staying with her daughter, but her address is still her home. Karen, keep up the good work! Write her at:

Karen Blackstone
1230 N. Mesa Drive
Apartment 123
Mesa, AZ 85201

Thanks for writing a note or card. Knowing others are thinking of us is always a support in difficult times.



**Hope you feel
better soon**