

# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

## SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS





Dear Eta Sisters.

What a wonderful opening of a new year! It was so delightful to see you again after so many months. Our first meeting was all about us. We initiated Helen McDowell and rededicated ourselves to the DKG Mission and Business. As part of that we played "Twenty Questions" to raise funds for World Fellowship. We earned almost \$70 dollars and had fun doing it! Thank you to all participants.

World Fellowship is an important mission we support. We have been using the 50/50 raffle to collect our funds for World Fellowship.

We also honored our dear sister, Linda Spellman, with the first ever Eta Chapter Achievement Award for her service to California, Arizona and mostly importantly to us - to Eta Chapter. It's not easy to surprise her but we managed to do it. She received a framed certificate, a one-of-a-kind sparkly DKG pin (a prototype donated by Wally), and a delicious carrot cake that we enjoyed and then Phil enjoyed. We appreciate that he provides her transportation to our meetings. He has been so supportive of all things Eta even in his "castle". So thanks, Phil.

Congratulations and welcome to Helen McDowell who was initiated at the August meeting.

Our next meeting will be at Sacred Heart computer lab. Our program will be presented by an ERAU staff member on malware, ransomeware, and other ugly things that harm our computers. Bring a friend. We all need to stay safe. We will also have initiation again. There will be a surprise too. You won't want to miss it! See you there on September 26.

Sherry Alimi-Kent

## MEETING PLANS September 2015

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 9:30 a.m. (Refreshments at 9:00 a.m.)

Sacred Heart School Computer Lab 131 N. Summit Ave., Prescott, AZ

## **PROGRAM**

Computer Security by Dr. Greg Vert, ERAU

## **COMMITTEE**

Educational Excellence **Chair:** Linda Cramer

RSVP BY Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 to Linda Cramer

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#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Maurilee Walker, Sept. 5 Helen Colson-Carr, Sept. 11 Linda Spellman, Sept. 19 Bonnie Waterer, Sept. 25 Tashia Irvine, Sept. 27

## **DUES**

Dues remain at \$81 for active and \$41 for reserve members. 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.

## Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes Saturday, August 29 at the Prescott Country Club Initiation, Renewal of DKG Promise, and World Fellowship Fundraiser Activity

**ETA Chapter Members Present:** Sherry Alimi-Kent, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Sandy Caton, Ellen Close, Pam Dickerson, Janeth Dow, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger, Chris Fonoti, Kris Foster, Tashia Irvine, Marilyn Jenkins, Dorothy Kellerman, Janice Lay, Helen McDowell, Joyce Moore, Barbara Scott, Linda Spellman, Carol Stimple, Donna Stowell, Wally Turner, Maurilee Walker, and Juanice Williams.

Refreshments were provided by the World Fellowship Committee starting at 9:00 a.m. Meet and greet went until 9:30 with Janice on camera.

Call to Order: This was signaled by the singing of the "Delta Kappa Gamma Song" at 9:30 led by Janice and Joyce.

**Recitation of DKG Mission Statement** followed with Marilyn and Mary leading.

#### **Program**

**Initiation:** Sherry directed the initiation for Helen McDowell with Wally and Linda helping. Theresa Yslas was not present due to her hospitalized son and Cindy Franklin will be initiated in October.

**Recommitment**: Statement led by Wally with member response. This is done every two years as a statement of support and commitment for the purposes of DKG.

**World Fellowship**: Fundraiser activity was led by Mary who conducted a fun game of Twenty Questions. Participants gave pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters as they answered personal questions about themselves. A nice sum was collected from this activity. We have committed \$75/year for World Fellowship and activities like this could avoid use of the 50/50 raffle

#### **Business Meeting**

Minutes: There were no additions/corrections. Minutes were included in the last newsletter.

Correspondence: Thank you notes, one from Mayer Principal Patti Leonard for essay judging and the other from Nika Nordbrock, were read by Joyce.

Treasurer's Report: report included in th

e last newsletter.

## **Society Business**

**Communications:** Dorothy helped distribute the new yearbooks and requested members to keep the spines of the old yearbooks for reuse.

**Finance:** Norma headed up the committee to revise the yearly budget. Donna moved and Dorothy second to accept the budget. Donna also volunteered to audit the books.

**Membership:** Wally encouraged us to focus on new memberships.

#### **Society Mission and Purposes**

**Scholarship Committee:** No report at this time. However, the DKG Scholarship for higher degree deadline is February 1st while the Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development is February 1, May 1, and September 1 of each year.

**Volunteer work and donations:** It was verified that we will continue our volunteer work but at a new location of Lincoln School. Box tops will go to Sacred Heart Grade School.

**Collaborative hours:** All hours in volunteering (including such things as education volunteering, St. Vincent de Paul and hospital hours, animal welfare) need to be given to Barbara. She will accept hours dating back to June of this year.

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#### Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes from August 2015 (continued)

## New Business Fall Workshop

A discussion was conducted about whether to have participation in the Rose Boutique for both the Fall Workshop and the State Convention. Last year \$116 was made in the Fall while \$81 was made in the Spring. Donna moved to do both fundraisers this next year and then decide if we want to drop one of them. Janice seconded the motion. These monies go into our general fund.

The Fall Workshop form must be in by October 14<sup>th</sup>. The event will again be at Metro Tech in Phoenix. ETA Chapter discussed keeping the workshop at that location because it is centrally located. The following people have decided to attend this year: Marilyn (who will be voting as Sherry A's representative), Janice, Norma, and Pat. If anyone needs a form, please use the website which has all forms available.

**Achievement Award:** A wonderful tribute was made by Sherry A. to honor Linda Spellman. The tribute enumerated so many of the accomplishments of this very active member including her involvement in her California chapter as president as well as her involvement in Arizona - being webmaster of Omicron State and now ETA's webmaster. Her motto - make activities 'fun' - continues on October 17<sup>th</sup> when she will hostess a Girls' Day Out with cost of \$7.50. She helped start a California chapter whose influence has extended across the United States.

**Announcements from the floor**: Sherry A will be a grandmother – again! Sherry B was absent because of a mother/daughter trip.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Moore, Secretary



Linda Spellman was honored with the first ever ETA Chapter Achievement Award at the August meeting in appreciation of her outstanding service to DKG in California, Cottonwood, at Omicron State and in our ETA chapter. Below are photos of the cake and sparkly DKG pin presented to her.





## TWO INITIATIONS ON TAP FOR NEXT MEETING

## THERESA YSLAS

Theresa Yslas, our dear friend, will at long last become a member of DKG and a sister to all Eta Chapter members this September meeting. She was voted in the early spring of 2015 but we asked those who had been voted on to perhaps delay initiation until May. Theresa was unable to be at spring initiation due to family obligations but she has attended our meetings faithfully. Nominated by Pamela Dickinson, Theresa is presently a teacher at Sacred Heart School with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She is a veteran teacher of 33 years. In 2011 she was named Veteran of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year. Welcome, Theresa.



## **CINDY FRANKLIN**

Cindy Franklin is presently the Curriculum Supervisor and Kindergarten teacher at Franklin Phonetic School in Prescott Valley. She has a B.A. in Elementary Education, an M.A. in Computer Applications, and recently published her Ph.D. dissertation in 2014. The title of her dissertation was Extracurricular Activity in Elementary Students and the Link Between Participation and Achievement. She is a published author of educational materials and a member of ASCAP. She has taught 34 years in Alhambra, Snowflake, Bagdad, Humboldt and Franklin Districts. Together with her husband, she found the Franklin Phonetic Charter School in 1996. She was honored at our 2015 Honors Luncheon and has chosen to accept our invitation for membership. Welcome, Cindy.



## OCTOBER 17 Linda Spellman



It's "Mystery Girls' Day Out 10/17 is the day that's set Directions to place number one On the 16th you'll get!

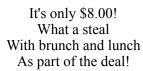
At 9:30 AM sharp The activity will begin So get there by nine To fit coffee and bathroom break in

> What are we doing? That's for me to know, You'll get clues Telling you where to go.

We'll travel around From Subtropical to Pines Wear comfy shoes And don't dress to the nines.



We'll enjoy fine art, And the arts of shopping and fashion And end with lunch together With food as an art of passion



Get your reservation in By October 10 By sending a check Before then.

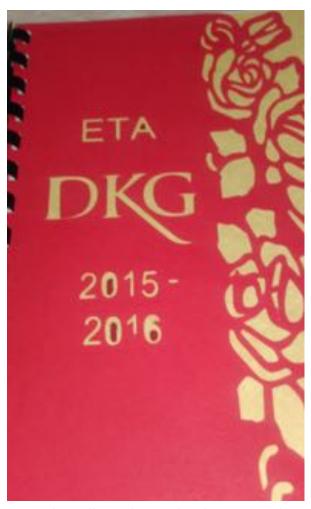
You don't want to miss This Grand Adventure! It will be a lot of fun, That's for sure!

There's much to do And no committee assigned So it's more volunteers I'm trying to find.

> I won't need you before Just the day of the event You'll find it amusing And time well spent.







Linda Spellman designed and cut out each individual cover for our 2015-1016 yearbook!

## Eta Chapter Officers 2014-2016

**President** 

Sherry Alimi (928) 830-2718

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Sherry Baca (928) 713-3684

## **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

## **USE THESE WEBSITES**

**Omicron State** 

http://www.deltakappagamma.org/AZ/

DKG Arizona Facebook

DKG www.dkg.org

**DKG Foundation** www.dkgef.org/

## Mission Statement

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

## ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES by Sherry Baca

**Helen McDowell:** Her future son-in-law, Jacob, returns from deployment with the army on September 5th. Jacob and Colleen will be married November 28th.

**Sherry Alimi-Kent:** Grandbaby #2 is due December 10th. She will join her brother, hopefully on time. "Mimi" (Sherry) will go to Chicago for this event.

Ellen Close: She will miss our September meeting because she will be in Ireland. She is 100% Irish and hasn't been back there in four years so it is time for a visit. She and her girls have stayed in the home where her mom grew up in Co Cork and she has also been in her dad's home in Co Mayo She reports it is beautiful country there.

Mona Gillum: She is currently visiting reading councils throughout the state of Arizona as part of her responsibilities as President of the State Reading Council. She is also planning their State Conference in November. Due to these demanding responsibilities, she probably won't be able to attend many DKG meetings for a while as her hands are full. But she sends good wishes to everyone. And we send her our best wishes for a successful conference.

**Chris Fonoti:** She is subbing at Prescott High School int he special education department until they find a para pro for the transition students. They have supposedly hired someone who will take over on September 15. In the meantime she was in the Chino Valley Territorial Days Parade on September 5th and has been practicing target shooting for her up-coming elk hunt.

**Joyce Moore:** She has been spending extra time with her who is in a lot of pain from what appears to be a sciatica nerve. She has been running her to chiropractic, doctor, and x-ray appointments. She is afraid she might have to hospitalize her since her mom isn't eating much. We send Joyce our prayers for her mom's swift recovery.

**Sherry Baca:** She and her husband just returned from an RV trip through New Mexico to see family and then up to Colorado. They camped first in South Fork on the Rio Grande River and then went up into Breckenridge for a longer stay. Their youngest daughter, Jenny, took off a day and a half from her engineering job in Denver and joined them for an extra long weekend of camping. They had a great time hiking, touring sites, and playing all sorts of games in the camper just like when Jenny was a little girl.

<u>Veronica Wilson</u>: We wish Veronica a speedy recovery on her 6th nose surgery that is coming up in early September. We hope this is the last one of these she has to have.

Mary Shenefield: She recently had to write a note for her college newsletter as a member of the Class of '51 and wanted to share what she wrote with our chapter. She misses everyone. It is great to hear what she is doing while living at the Beatitudes in Phoenix.

My third hot summer in Phoenix; it would be unbearable if I hadn't made so many new friends or become so involved in new activities that keep me busy with no time for complaining. Happily, I enjoy my work on the Life Long Learners committee. Enrollment approximating 175+/- in a population of 500 residents is enthusiastically supported by participants as well as administration. Our Design Studio is a group of elders that is making a difference. Very rewarding is the opportunity to mentor at an underperforming school. Reading to and helping a third grader to read provides hope for the success of a struggling child. And unbelievable is our Neighborhood Project. We assist in a program that instructs refugees in learning the English language. Additionally, I participate in the Residents Council as Parliamentarian. Apart from these volunteer services, I find The Beatitudes offers a variety of trips and tours that are fun and informative. I'll be touring the Arizona Museum of Natural History this week and next on the agenda is the popular production of Wicked. Last month was a locally produced dog show and my sweet Shih Tzu won first place. Very exciting is that one of my granddaughters accepted a professorship at Arizona State University. I now can see two of my five great grandsons more frequently. And, of course, having my son and wife here is a bonus. Although I have some physical problems natural to the aging process, sustainability is maintained with exercise of mind, body, and spirit.

Norma Bauer: She will be going to Sayulita, Mexico for her nephew's wedding at the end of September while Clyde's daughter and husband will come to stay with him. It is located about thirty miles from Puerto Vallarta. We look forward to hearing more from her when she returns.

## YEARBOOK CORRECTION:

**Ora Beth Cesarini's** mailing address had a typo - two numbers were reversed. It should be:

7483 E. Grandview Drive.

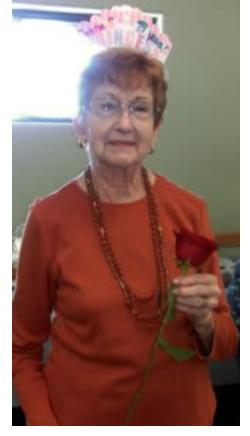




Wally Turner preparing for the August Initiation Ceremony.



Barbara Scott models her crown with 14 years of DKG membership.



Donna Stowell models her crown with 29 years of DKG membership.



Princess Crowns were prepared for each member to wear at the August meeting depicting the number of years they had been in DKG.

## FALL WORKSHOP INFORMATION OCTOBER 24, 2015 METRO TECH HIGH SCHOOL

**LOCATION**: The Fall Workshop will be held at Metro Tech High School, 1900 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ. Due to a water leak under the Lecture Hall, the Business Meeting has been moved to the Banquet Room, which is the dining area, in Building Three. We will start our meeting there. The workshops will be held in the classrooms in Building One. Registration will be moved, too, so look for signs as you approach the entrance.

**COST**: Twenty-five dollars covers the cost of registration for Fall Workshop. This includes the continental breakfast, lunch, and rent for the location. You will also learn from different workshops and the business meeting. The chapter treasurer sends in the registration for all members to:

Virginia Hourihan 5301 W Willow Ave. Glendale, AZ 85304-1368 Deadline October 14, 2015 Contact: vhourihan@cox.net

**ROSE BOUTIQUE**: The Rose Boutique will be open extended hours. It will be open before the business meeting after the boutique tables are set up from 7:00 to 8:00. The Rose Boutique is located in the dining area near the continental breakfast. Come early to register, shop and eat. The Rose Boutique will open again after the first workshop and also be open at the end of the luncheon. If your chapter wants to reserve a table for sales to benefit your chapter, the deadline for submitting the entry form is October 10, 2015. Send to Diane Gara-Weiner, 1226 E. Avenida Hermosa, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

RAFFLE BASKETS: Large gift baskets are raffled at Fall Workshop to make money for Spring Convention 2016. The gift baskets have generous gifts following the theme selected by the chapter and are made by the eight chapters on the convention committee. Eta Chapter has received 30 tickets to sell: one for \$1 or six for \$5. Members do not have to be present to win. Because we only have a meeting in September and a social event in October, these will be the only opportunities Eta members will have to purchase those tickets. Marilyn Jenkins, who will be Sherry Alimi-Kent's voting substitute at the Fall Workshop, will turn in the money and the ticket half for Eta members. She will also bring any baskets you win to the November meeting.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**: The continental breakfast will be served in the Café, just to the east of the dining area in Building 3 from 7:00 to 8:00. Assorted breakfast bakeries, individual yogurts, fresh fruit and berries and fresh juice, coffee and tea will be available. A plated lunch will be served. We have always enjoyed breakfast and lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts Students at Metro Tech High School. If you have ordered a special plate because of dietary restrictions, we are asking you be served that selection, otherwise we run out of the other meals.

**WORKSHOP SESSIONS**: Topics for ten workshop sessions following the business meeting are below.

- Foldables Across the Curriculum (A 2-hour activity based session especially useful to the classroom teacher.)
- Fun Things Your iPhone Can Do
- Educational Foundation and information on grants and awards
- Using a Quilt to Teach the Underground Railroad
- Increase Membership and Connect to DKG Groups
- Fill Your Bucket with Cash and Discounts
- Navaho Code Talkers
- Educational Excellence for your Chapter
- Benefits of Belonging: Focus on Teacher Certification

Theme: Arizona DKG Keys to Success

## THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Eta Chapter Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2015

Balance forward August 1, 2015			\$ 1775.76
Receipts  chapter portion, dues & fees (20 A, 1 Init.) grant-in-aid fund donations general fund donation dues, fees collected for State, International "good news" "pin lady" update credit union dividends			305.00 409.00 19.00 1325.00 2.00 5.00 0.12
Expenditures (282) S. Baca, reimbursement: yearbook			13.00
Balance September 1, 2015			\$ 3827.88
Cash distribution:	checking savings	\$ 3802.71 25.17	

total for grant-in-aid \$1508.61 collected for State, Int'1 1325.00

available funds \$ 994.27