

# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

## SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS





Dear Eta Sisters,

What a great meeting! Although Professor Vert didn't address what I thought his topic would cover, I found the information not only interesting but frightening. I was thinking that I would like Part 2 of his topic and what I can do to protect myself. Is that what you thought too?

It was wonderful to add two new sisters to our ranks. We hope that Theresa's son's health improves and we wish great success to Cindy

Franklin's satellite school in Phoenix. Be sure to talk to her about how she uses phonetics to teach reading. It's fascinating. Welcome to both of them.

And then at last to be able to formally thank Dorothy Eichbaum for her service to our chapter, serving as president and chief archivist. Her scrapbooks are beautiful. I know she will soon begin the search for her Sorcerer's Apprentice so she can be there as support as one of you takes over this task. When she began long ago, she was basically on her own and self-directed. She recognizes that this is difficult as a "go it alone" job. Think about it and talk to her if you are interested.

Let's make sure that we support our "fun" agenda by attending the Mystery Mystery in Cottonwood. Now that Linda Spellman has unveiled the activities, you can see that she has put great effort into the planning and staging of this social. You may think that going over the mountain is inconvenient, but just remember our members who **faithfully** come over the mountain for our **monthly** meetings. The dates for over the mountain activities were chosen for good weather. I hope you all will respond and send your checks for \$8 for this fun-packed day and invite a friend. These socials are opportune moments to show prospective members the sisterhood and comradeship of DKG and Eta in particular. Be sure you RSVP to Linda Spellman so she can plan the menu and to Sherry Alimi-Kent so a caravan or carpool can be developed.

Sherry Alimi-Kent

#### **MEETING PLANS**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Linda Spellman's Tiny House 6400 E. Thousand Trails Road Cottonwood, AZ

### PROGRAM BY LINDA SPELLMAN

Continental Breakfast
Right Brain Art Activity
The Greenery
Old Town Cottonwood
(Boutiques, wine tasting,
teahouse, bookstore, & more)
Salad Luncheon
Fashion Show

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS!** 

COST: \$8.00 Needed by Oct. 10

RSVP BY OCT. 10 to Linda 805-231-4846 <u>lindaspellman@usa.net</u>

#### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Ora Beth Cesarini, Oct. 2 barbara Scot, Oct. 21 Veronica Wilson, Oct. 21 Sherry Alimi-Kent, Oct. 22 Sandy Caton, Oct. 27 Mary Shenefield, Oct. 31

### **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, September 26 at Sacred Heart School Computer Security Program and Initiation

**ETA Chapter Members Present:** Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, Pat Buckley, Sandy Caton, Linda Cramer, Pam Dickerson, Janeth Dow, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger, Kris Foster, Cindy Franklin, Tashia Irvine, Dorothy Kellerman, Janice Lay, Marty Lewis (had to leave early), Helen McDowell, Joyce Moore, Barbara Scott, Becky Shields, Linda Spellman, Carol Stimple, Wally Turner, Veronica Wilson, and Theresa Yslas. Special guests: Greg Vert, speaker from ERAU on computer security; July Chandran, Sherry A's sister; Nancy Elliot as a guest of Kris.

Refreshments were proved by the Educational Excellence Committee starting at 9:00 a.m. Meet and greet went until 9:30 with Sherry B. on camera.

**Program:** Greg Vert gave a most informative presentation concerning computer security starting with a very sobering statistic: there are about 250,000 attacks on the Pentagon Security System every hour – many of which are from China. Dr. Vert said that infrastructure attacks will be the next war. Some of the reasons for 'hacking' include: theft of information, gathering of information, curiosity, denial of computer service to others, economic warfare. Then he discussed possible hackers: disgruntled employees, programmers testing their skills, foreign intelligence operatives, kids, accidents that appear to be attacks. On the last item, they use cyber forensics to collect data to figure out what went wrong. After this, our speaker talked about techniques of hacking: gain root authority, steal the password file and replace it; block the system resources, masquerade as a trusted computer, find a port not protected, guess a password knowing a person's background.

Finally, Dr. Vert had some suggestions for members of DKG: our password should be at least 8 characters with 'funny' characters ahead and behind the main word; encrypt documents with a password; have layered security; scan thumb drives with anti-virus programs; do not get any 'free' items on the internet. Dr. Vert can be reached via e-mail at <a href="mailto:vertg@erau.edu">vertg@erau.edu</a>.

At 10:15 Veronica read a tribute to Dorothy about her many years of DKG service including presidency from 1998 to 2002, membership on state committees, and currently being our historian and archivist. We appreciate all that she has done.

Call to Order after a short break: Signaled by singing of the "Delta Kappa Gamma Song" at 10:40 led by Janice and Joyce.

**Recitation of DKG Mission Statement** with Cindy and Theresa as leaders.

**Initiation:** Sherry A. directed the initiation for Cindy and Theresa with Wally, Linda S., Janice, Pat, and Linda C. helping.

**Business Meeting:** Minutes (Joyce) were in the last newsletter; no additions/corrections.

#### **Society Business**

**Communications:** Sherry B. requested the members communicate attendance (either yea or nay) to the RSVP person for each meeting. Also Helen volunteered to summarize the state newsletter and write articles for newspaper publication.

**Finance:** Sandy stated the dues need to be received the end of October. Kris was the collector of pin and good news money.

**Membership:** Wally encouraged us to seek new members in different environs.

Nominations for biennium officers: Pat reported our election will be in February.

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

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

**Educational Excellence Committee**: Linda C. announced our first Work Day at Lincoln Elementary will be October 21st.

**World Fellowship Committee**: Mary was pleased with our August fund raiser and that we had enough for the \$75 contribution set aside for World Fellowship. Carol moved and Veronica seconded that we suspend the 50/50 raffle for this year. Motion carried.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Rose Boutique:** Janice displayed some of the items ready for sale at the Fall Workshop. There were adorable hand-made booties for children. Carol said she would have her famous cookies ready to go as well as Janice's wonderful salsa. The boutique will be from 7 to 8 a.m., after 1<sup>st</sup> workshop, and after the luncheon. Volunteers are needed for the work ETA's portion of the boutique.

**Fall Workshop:** At this point we have seven attendees including Sherry B, Norma, Pat, Marilyn, Janice, Barbara, and Linda S. The \$25 registration fee must be collected so that Norma can write a single check for the group. **Social Event:** Linda S. stated she needs \$8 per person for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Social Event. This will cover both brunch and lunch.

#### **New Business**

**SOS** (Support our Students): Kris's guest, Nancy Elliot, eloquently presented the case for supporting Prescott's bond/override. Among other things, Nancy discussed the value of good schools and the problems of frozen salaries plus the teacher turnover rate of 50%.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Moore, Secretary



Linda Cramer, chair of the Educational Excellence Committee, welcomes everyone to the refreshment table at the October meeting.

## FALL WORKSHOP OCTOBER 24 Sherry Alimi-Kent

Now is the time to commit to attending the Fall Workshop at Metro Tech High School on Thomas in Phoenix. This will be the first time I have to miss attending the Fall gathering since I joined Eta, but as many of you know, I will be in Texas taking care of my sister. Thank you to Marilyn Jenkins who will be my stand-in for voting purposes.

Please contact Norma Bauer and submit a check to her for the \$25 registration. She will submit one check to Omicron State. Your registration will include a continental breakfast and full lunch prepared by the culinary students of Metro Tech, always delicious. And also you will hear speaker Pearl Chang Esau from Expect More Arizona, an organization working for world class education in Arizona. And if you are looking for continuing education credit, your registration will include that too.

Contact Janice Lay who will be running the Rose Boutique if you can donate some time at the workshop to sell our products or if you are donating something to sell. Money helps our chapter.

# THE MYSTERY IS UNVEILED by LINDA SPELLMAN

In the past, I've planned "girls' day out" activities for my sister and girlfriends and for my DKG retirees in California. We've often driven many miles (up to Santa Barbara and over to the Huntington Museum for Art and "tea"). No one seemed to mind the secrecy.

But, from a few comments at the September meeting, I can see that some of you really want to know what we're doing before making a commitment. Hopefully, the following information will make you more comfortable with the day. And, please, invite sisters, friends, or prospective members. I committed 24 to 30 people to several of the people we'll meet along the way, and I'd like to meet that commitment.

- 1. A continental breakfast and art at Linda's tiny house. We'll find seats on the deck or out under the pines to experience a right brain art activity. Think you can't draw? I'll prove you wrong. I've taught these lessons to fourth and fifth graders, teaching staffs, RV resort residents, and happy cruisers aboard Caribbean, Princess and Orient Lines. (I've NEVER had anyone not do a good drawing !!!)
- 2. Think you can't grow orchids, bromeliads, and tropical fruit in Arizona? Well, a brief stop and tour of "The Greenery" will surprise you.
- 3. Old town Cottonwood will also be a surprise to those of you who have not been there the last few months it's full of eclectic boutiques, wine tasting rooms, a teahouse, a great bookstore with a 10% discount for you, and a great olive oil store. If you like sautéing with garlic, check out their garlic-infused olive oil. We'll start at Art Glitter's showroom of projects using glitter with a demonstration of using lace to create great cards. Then on through the couple of blocks of town. There are places to sit along the way, especially coming back on the other side of the street. Clues will lead you to certain stops where you'll receive special treats and pink tickets these are especially important.
- 4. Then, a five minute drive over to Linda's house will bring us to a salad luncheon (perfect for the vegan, glucose, lactate, and gluten intolerant) accompanied by a fashion show from Allie Ollie (located near JC Penny in Cottonwood and in the Gateway mall in Prescott).

The day's activities will end with a drawing of your pink tickets for some great prizes!

Get your reservations and checks in now - \$8! October 10 is the deadline, and that's just around the corner.

#### PLEASE RSVP:

Call Linda or email her. Then mail her the

Linda Spellman 1-805-231-4846 2275 W. Roper Lane



check for \$8.00.

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# THANKS FOR THE ETA MEMORIES - TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY EICHBAUM by Veronica Wilson





At the September Meeting, President Sherry Alimi-Kent presented Dorothy Eichbaum with a certificate for her years of dedication to ETA chapter of DKG. Veronica Wilson read the tribute (see below) and members celebrated with Dorothy by partaking of a delicious cake in her honor.

Though Dorothy Eichbaum was born in Colorado, Arizona caught and held her thanks to her decision to be a nurse. She trained at Good Samaritan School of Nursing at ASU and came to work at the Veteran's Administration, then called Fort Whipple. Marriage to Fred Orth kept her here in Prescott. She was Head Nurse for PUSD for 25 years. (I knew her at Washington and Lincoln Schools, but she was al a long time at the junior high.)

She accepted membership in DKG on 9-16-78, thirty-seven years ago, and has been one great gift ever since. Dorothy was president 1998-2002. She has worked on our yearbook every year since 1998....copying the pages, collating the pages, and putting the pages together.

Dorothy has lent a talented hand to State Conventions as well as Regionals. Especially notable was "The Year of the Boots". State Convention coffers were enrich by raffling the beautiful Neeley Bird one year and schoolhouse pins another. Both events were due to Dorothy's initiative. One convention she served as Hospitality Chair.

In other state activities she has been Chair of Professional Growth and Services. All in all she served 6 years on state committees. This is especially notable considering travel from our area. State officers and committee members have been guests at her home may times when the visited Prescott.

Dorothy is now our chapter Historian, and we have some outstanding scrapbooks to enjoy.

In addition to her DKG activities she has also served on the school board at her church and is currently a docent at Sharlot Hall Museum. In between times she bakes cookies for funeral receptions and takes meals to the sick. The cookies also go to a grandson in the Marines.

I've grabbed her away from all this on several occasions to travel to Alaska, Mackinac Island, B.C. and down south to Charleston and Savannah. She's a great travel companion.

Congratulations Dorothy and thank you for all you do!



ABOVE: Cindy Franklin, Pam Dickerson, Barbara Scott BELOW: Mary Fiebiger, Linda Spellman



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#### **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/

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### 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

**Kris Foster:** On October 17, Kris will miss the social because her grandson, Hunter, will celebrate his first birthday at a family and friend gathering at Fain Park.

**Janice Lay:** Her newest grandson, Ryker Pierce, 7 lb 12 oz and 20" long, was born September 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. This is her 3rd grandchild.

Chris Fonoti: Recently Chris entered her mini "Dandy" horse in the YC horse show in the halter class. She competed against 2 beautiful, well-trained Saddlebreds, and two quarter horses with expensive special halters. Then her former driving teacher made her enter the cones obstacle event and she ended up taking 2nd place. Afterwards she took Dandy home and brought back her big horse. When they went into the arena for the Western Pleasure, the judge announced, "looks like Chris took her little guy home, fed and watered him and he GREW!" It got a big laugh.





Guest Nancy Eliot and Kris Foster

Veronica Wilson and Tashia Irvine

#### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

Nancy Eliot, guest of Kris Foster at our September meeting and colleague at Granite Mountain School, spoke to our group at the September meeting and gave some excellent points to share with our friends and neighbors and especially naysayers to support the bond/override.

Education is the best provision for old age - Aristotle

What do good schools do for you and your community?

- INCREASE your property values
- LESSEN the time your property stays on the market if you are selling
- MAKE the community safer (crime drops)
- BRING businesses into the area
- LOWER your taxes because more businesses means an increase of tax revenue
- ATTRACT good medical staff and doctors and dentists (they have children who attend schools)
- MAKE the work force competent and you get better service
- IMPROVE national security because better educated high school graduates improve the armed forces, police and fire departments
- CREATE an informed public and impede the rise of tyranny

Important fact: 80% of Arizona education is bond-funded. In most other states, it is 50% bond-funded.





Wally Turner and Linda Spellman

### SEPTEMBER INITIATION

Wally Turner, Linda Spellman, Sherry Alimi-Kent, Janice Lay, Pat Buckley, and Linda Cramer.



Dorothy Eichbaum & Janice Lay



Welcome new initiates: Cindy Franklin, Theresa Yslas



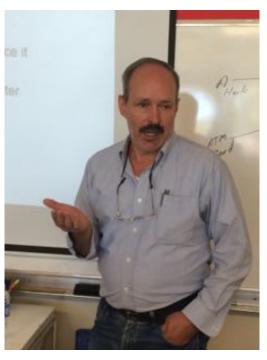
Sherry Alimi-Kent, Becky Shields, and Judy Chandran (Sherry's sister)



Sandy Caton, Janeth Dow, Kris Foster



Marty Lewis (new transfer member) and Joyce Moore



Dr. Greg Vert, ERAU Assistant Professor of Cyber Security, was the guest speaker at our September meeting.



Dottie Kellerman & Carol Stimple

# NOVEMBER MEETING PREVIEW SPEAKER: RICHARD MOORE

Richard Moore (Joyce's husband) is a founding member and facilitator for Prescott Area Restorative Initiatives. In May 2015 PARI facilitated a 2-day training for teachers and administrators to promote Restorative Discipline (RD) practices in the PUSD. The presentation for DKG on November 7, will introduce the restorative approach as a set of guiding principles which sees relationships as central to learning, growth, and an inclusive, respectful school culture. RD thinking and practices are a paradigm shift from traditional rule-based, punitive discipline systems. It is not a program, curriculum, or specific activity. Success is realized as everyone in the school community feels more connected and respected, which mitigates conflict and enhances learning outcomes.

# OCTOBER 21 WORKDAY - LINCOLN SCHOOL by Linda Cramer

Since Miller Valley School has been closed, we will now be working with teachers at Lincoln School on Park Avenue (near Sharlot Hall Museum): 201 Park Avenue, Prescott. The workday is Wednesday, October 21, 2:30-4:00 pm. We have several volunteers, but we can use more so that we can accomplish all the tasks that teachers will ask us to do.

I have directions for parking and entering the school as there are certain security measures that we need to be aware of. I will email these directions to all of you who volunteer.

Please contact me if you can join this new adventure!



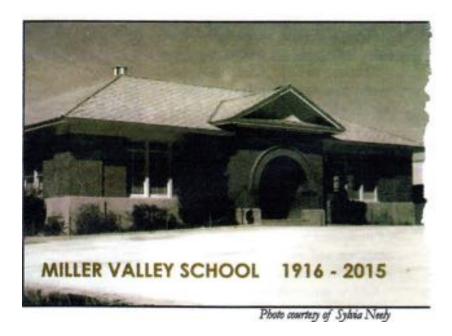
Photo courtesy of Sharlot Hall Museum

# FOCUS ON PRESCOTT'S HISTORIC SCHOOLS

These photos along with an article appeared in the August/September issue of Prescott Woman magazine on Pages 80-82. You can read the entire article online at the following address:

http://prescottwomanmagazine.com

Thanks to Veronica Wilson for sharing this information!



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO KELLI BRADSTREET

The following photo of Kelli appeared in the August/September 2015 issue of Prescott Woman magazine along with an article entitled *FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD FOR PUSD - Embracing Change Paves the Way Toward Better Education*. In the article, Prescott Unified School District Superintendent, Joe Howard, discusses changes coming to PUSD this fall.

He is quoted as saying "Two powerful women in the community have embraced the challenges instrumental in taking Prescott Unified School District to a new level. Both have the vision for a bigger future for the children and families they serve through education. Kelli Bradstreet, Director of Professional Development and Instructional Coaches, boasts 30 years in education, including teaching high school English, and coaching volleyball and track. She is one of Prescott's first instructional coaches, and will coordinate professional development for the district and help facilitate curriculum development." The other woman he highlights is Teresa Bruso, principal of Granite Mt. School, a S.T.E.A.M. infused school focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. (We honored Teresa earlier this year since she couldn't attend our Honors Luncheon.)

Howard goes on to say that "Kelli Bradstreet is one of the best thinkers I know." He refers to ability to push the envelope, and go outside of the box. He stated she has always been the person in meetings to challenge the group by saying "Hey, are we really making a difference here?"

Check out the complete article at <a href="http://prescottwomanmagazine.com">http://prescottwomanmagazine.com</a> on pages 37-39. Also on Page 80-81 of the same magazine there is a special feature on the two PUSD schools that closed: Washington Elementary and Miller Valley Elementary.



"Ten years ago I received an email from a student I had my first year of teaching. She said that she wanted me to know that I was responsible for changing the course of her life."

-Kelli Bradstreet