



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



Dear Eta Sisters,

Happy Halloween. Fall is just around the corner. Leaves are changing. Nights are chilly. Time for feather ticks. YEAH! Thank you to all the good birthday wishes for me as I become a Medicare baby. YIKES! Loved getting a card in the mail thanks to Tashia and by email thanks to Wally, plus all my Facebook sisters.

A big thank you to Linda Spellman for organizing a wonderful Mystery Tour of Cottonwood. Everyone who attended loved it. Breakfast and Lunch were big winners and the decorations were outstanding. What a super day. I'm sorry that all of you were not able to attend because it was great. Thank you, Linda.

I'm so pleased that 8 Eta members are attending the Fall Workshop. My thanks to Marilyn for standing in for me as President to vote on various matters. I'm sure you will have a wonderful time meeting with our sisters from other chapters. I'm sad to have to miss it for the first time since I joined Eta.

Our next meeting will finally take place the first Saturday of November. Our program will be presented by Joyce's husband on Restorative Justice. It will be very interesting. I hope you will all be able to attend and will have no conflicts this month. We have all missed Mona but soon her reading conference will be in the rearview mirror and she'll be back in the fold. Our best wishes to her successful conference. Be sure to RSVP every month either Yes or No to the proper person for each meeting. This is important for refreshments on one hand and on the other hand, when we want to share duties for the meeting, it helps to know who will be in attendance.

See you soon.

Sherry Alimi-Kent

MEETING PLANS

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2015, 9:30 a.m.
Committee sets up at 9:15 a.m.**

**Stoneridge Community Room
1300 Stoneridge Drive
Prescott Valley, AZ**

**NAPKIN FOLDING BY
LINDA SPELLMAN**

**PROGRAM SPEAKER
Richard Moore
Restorative Justice**

**Refreshments by the
Arts and Music Committee**

**RSVP to Joyce Moore,
chairperson, by Wed. Nov 4
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Fiebiger, Nov. 17
Janeth Dow, Nov. 21
Janice Lay, Nov. 24

NOVEMBER MEETING SPEAKER

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.

**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Mystery Tour Fun Meeting
Saturday, October 17 in Cottonwood, AZ**

ETA Chapter Members Present: Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Linda Cramer, Pam Dickerson, Dorothy Eichbaum, Marilyn Jenkins, Janice Lay, Helen McDowell, Barbara Scott, Linda Spellman, Wally Turner, and Veronica Wilson . Special guests: Myra Boyer-Turner and Judy Chandran. Also, Phil Spellman.

The group met at Linda Spellman's "Tiny House" in the Thousand Trails Park in Cottonwood for a lovely breakfast consisting of fruit, cheese, breads, miniature omelets, coffee and juice.

Linda Spellman then presented a drawing workshop and discussed right and left brain characteristics. Each person selected a drawing to complete following Linda's directions and everyone was amazed at how well their creations turned out.

Members then were given individual bags to collect goodies as they began the "Mystery Tour". At each stop, participants were given a clue to the next stop, raffle tickets, and treats. The first stop was at Phil's green house to view exotic plants in an enclosed miniature orchard with several tropical fruit trees.

The next stop was to travel to Old Town Cottonwood and park near the Art Glitter Institute where members watched people complete glitter art and looked at finish products in the museum. Several of us "sparkled" after that visit - right, Marilyn?

Subsequent clues directed us to several local establishments including the Taverne Grille, Pawz on Main, the Cat's Meow, Verde Valley Oil Traders, Adventure Books, the Wild Rose Tea House, and Silver West. Everyone had fun touring these stores and hope to return sometime to spend more time exploring.

The last clue directed us back to Linda Spellman's other home in Cottonwood. The first item on the agenda was for everyone to view all the raffle items that were displayed in her bedroom. Then each person decided which boxes to drop their raffle tickets in for the drawings to be held after lunch.

Linda had prepared a Halloween extravaganza salad luncheon complete with tons of homemade decorations. Members enjoyed the delicious food and topped it off with homemade cupcakes.

Then it was time for the drawings. Tickets were pulled out of each box representing a raffle item as members held their breath hoping their number would be called. Many of us went home with a raffle prize.



These Haunted House Decorations were made by Marilyn Jenkins, Sherry Alimi-Kent, and Wally Turner.

OUR FIRST WORKDAY AT LINCOLN SCHOOL
Linda Cramer

It was a dark and stormy afternoon during our first workday at Lincoln School on October 21. But inside the Teachers Lounge there was sunshine when our members entered to get to work.

We had quite a few requests for laminating and cutting materials for several teachers. There were also graded papers to be filed. And there was even a request to die-cut a herd of elephants!

Thanks to Barbara Scott, Bonnie Waterer, Donna Stowell, Dorothy Eichbaum, Joyce Moore, Mary Fiebiger, Veronica Wilson and me, we were able to get everything done just a few minutes before our 4:00 deadline.

Special thanks go to Barbara who spent the entire time in a little room across the hall die-cutting that herd of elephants--a huge project.

The teachers were in a meeting during most of our time there, but several of them came by to let us know how much they appreciated our work. We also received kind words of thanks from the Lincoln's new Principal (and DKG member), Karen Hughes.

Our next workday at Lincoln will be January 27, 2:30-4:00. Save the date--you won't want to miss the fun.



Linda Spellman leads the Right Brain Left Brain Drawing Instruction.



Wally Turner and Pam Dickerson with Phil Spellman outside his exotic greenhouse.



Helen McDowell preparing to enter Phil's tropical fruit orchard.



Phil Spellman has coined a special name for his mango bush: "Philnic" Mango



Norma Bauer and Dorothy Eichbaum enjoy the greenery in Cottonwood.

ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES

by Sherry Baca

Norma Bauer had a lovely time at her nephew's destination wedding in Sayulita, Mexico, about thirty miles from Puerto Vallarta. Thankfully the wedding took place before the hurricane hit there.

Sherry Alimi-Kent was off to Texas to see her other sister on October 24. We hope she didn't get bogged down in all the rain that has been hitting Texas.

Wally Turner will be gone from October 25 through November 15. She is traveling to Rome, Florence, France, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca and Tenerife, Canary Islands to Ft. Lauderdale, and then home. She is going by cruise ship and having an adventure with friends. Bon Voyage!

Joyce Moore has been unable to join us for a while due to her mom's health issues and pain. Good news is that her mom is going for physical therapy at the Del Webb out patient services in Prescott Valley and she likes the physical therapist. Let's all keep her mom in our prayers so that she starts to feel better soon.

Dorothy Eichaum sent the following note to share with everyone:

Thanks to Sherry Alimi-Kent and my good friend, Veronica Wilson, for putting together the nice recognition at the September meeting. How enjoyable to be given recognition for some efforts during my years in Delta Kappa Gamma. What a nice surprise, complete with a certificate and a beautiful cake!! Thanks to all of you who make attending DKG meetings and events such a pleasure. Cheers and Thanks- Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Gratefully, Dorothy

We send good wishes to **Mona Gillum** - she is President of the State Reading Association and their big conference is this November. Not only has Mona been extremely busy preparing for this but she has also been dealing with some health issues. We know she will do a great job with the conference but she could use our positive thoughts and prayers to keep up her strength at this time.

Congrats to **Sherry Baca**. One of her former students was featured in the Prescott Daily Courier and they recognized some of their former teachers including Sherry.



Linda Cramer and her guest, Myra Boyer-Turner are ready for lunch at the October fun day.



Pat Buckley giving a "toast" at the October fun day.





Guest Judy Chandra and her sister,
Sherry Alimi-Kent



Sherry Alimi-Kent helps clean up after the
October luncheon. The decorations
were fantastic.



Sherry Baca and Barbara Scott



Pam Dickerson and Janice Lay display Halloween
decor provided by Linda Spellman in October.



Marilyn Jenkins and Guest Myra Boyer-Turner touring the Art Glitter store in Cottonwood in October.



Veronica Wilson and Dorothy Eichbaum deciding in which containers they want to deposit their raffle tickets.



Samples of more raffle items from the October fun day!

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**FALL WORKSHOP
METRO TECH HIGH SCHOOL, PHOENIX**

Eight Eta chapter members attended the Omicron State Fall Workshop on October 24, 2015: Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Mary Fiebiger, Marilyn Jenkins, Janice Lay, Barbara Scott, and Linda Spellman. There were 142 in attendance from throughout the state.

Janice Lay organized our Boutique table displaying booties, earrings, bookmarks and clip its. We learned we were not going to be able to sell any food items that weren't commercially prepared after we had taken wonderful chocolate waffle cookies that Carol Stimple had donated. But no problem, our own members gladly purchased them and took them out of circulation! Yum Yum! The total profit we made from the boutique was \$70.75.

After the business meeting, members attended two workshop sessions and then met back for lunch and the program. Elsewhere in this newsletter are summaries of different workshops provided by our members.

The delicious luncheon was prepared by the students at Metro Tech High School and consisted of Chicken and Mushroom Ragout, Vol-au-Vent, Butter Lettuce with Quinoa Salad and Honey Mustard Dressing, Mini Zucchini Muffins, and Assorted Cookies and Bars. The luncheon speaker was Pearl Chang Esau, Executive Director of Expect More Arizona. Her talk was on Issues in Education and is highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter.

Following the speaker, they had the raffle basket drawings. Barbara Scott won a large Rest and Relaxation Basket complete with candles, music, shower gel, a watch, lotions, and other fun items. Theresa Yslas's name was drawn for a full registration to the state convention in April in Phoenix.

Then awards were given out to 14 First Times and to chapters with the most members present. Our very own Eta chapter won the award for the most members outside the area. Alpha Alpha had 12 members in attendance and won for the most members in the area - 55%. Xi Chapter won for the largest percent outside the area - 21%.



Janice Lay at the Eta Boutique table at the Fall Workshop in October.



Marilyn Jenkins holding Eta's certificate for having the most members in attendance at the Fall Workshop from out of the area.

FALL WORKSHOP PHOTOS



Mary Fiebiger and Pat Buckley



Janice Lay and Barbara Scott



Sherry Baca and Marilyn Jenkins



Linda Spellman and Norma Bauer



Barbara Scott wins the Rest and Relaxation Raffle!

ISSUES IN EDUCATION

Pearl Chang Esau, Executive Director of Expect More Arizona

Pearl Chang Esau, currently director of Expect More Arizona, was the luncheon speaker at the Delta Kappa Gamma Fall Workshop. She had been working for Teach America but left in 2009 to help found Expect More Arizona which became a nonprofit in 2011. This nonprofit, nonpartisan organization is dedicated to ensuring every Arizona Child has access to a world class education, from the early years through college and careers. Every child has so much potential. Where they were born or their socioeconomic status should not determine their future. Pearl was greatly influenced by her father who was born in a poor family in Taiwan but through education is now a University President. He always told his family that "Knowledge is Power".

Expect More Arizona believes in High Expectations and Excellence for every Arizona Child. Pearl highlighted each of the following and discussed them in detail:

- Degree, certificate, or credential attainment
- College and career readiness
- Early literacy
- Kindergarten readiness
- Funding to support excellence for all
- Great teachers and principals

Pearl reported that Arizona has a high number of kids in poverty and Arizona is changing. By 2020 68% of all jobs in Arizona will require post secondary education and the focus will be on critical thinking and problem solving. A high school diploma alone is no longer enough. Currently 1/2 of high school graduates are not ready for post secondary education. Currently 37% of Arizona adults aged 25 and older have a post secondary education. This means a certificate, AA or BA degree. For Latino adults, 11% of those 25 and older have a BA compared to 33% of white adults. But 43% of the K-12 population is Latino. By 2025 Arizona will be a majority-minority state. In Arizona 25% of those under 18 years are below the poverty line.

Why should everyone care? Because the 18,000 Arizona students who dropped out of high school this year will produce 7.6 billion less over their lifetimes than graduates. The Arizona GNP is going down - we are one of a very few states on a downward trend. Drop outs are more likely to be incarcerated, to have more illnesses, and to not pay taxes.

A key issue is are we are doing enough to support K-12 education in Arizona. We are one of four states with major cuts to education funding:

- Over \$100 million in cuts to K-12 on top of 20% cut to per pupil funding
- Cuts of \$70 million for FY17 and \$30 million to JTED
- Cut of \$99 million to Universities - they were cut by 50%
- Community Colleges in Phoenix were zeroed out and not supported at all
- Percent of state funding has decreased while local funding has increased causing inequities

The impact to learning has meant school closures, 4-day school weeks, teacher/instructional support layoffs, low teacher pay, eliminating full day kindergarten, and elimination of CTE offerings.

Expect More Arizona Priorities include 1) Funding the money in the lawsuit for schools and 2) Increasing the funding for education. The state owes education \$1.2 billion in back pay along with about \$36 million a year. A Classrooms First Initiative Council has been appointed by the governor to revise the funding formula to help education. We need to get involved.

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ISSUES IN EDUCATION (continued)**Pearl Chang Esau, Executive Director of Expect More Arizona**

Nationally, 46% of new teachers leave in the first 5 years. In Arizona, 24% of current educators are able to retire in the next few years. Arizona currently ranks 42nd in average teacher salary.

Expect More Arizona (EMA) supports high academic standards. The current Arizona standards were adopted in 2010. These raised the bar for college and career readiness because there is more focus on critical thinking and problem solving. It is not a federal mandate and curriculum is determined at the local level. EMA supports these standards. They've seen improvement by variation across the state. Teachers like the content of the standards but say that implementation has been rocky. These standards have moved the proficiency bar higher than what it used to be with AIMS.

As her time was running out, Pearl quickly urged that we sign up to receive information from EMA and shared several resources:

- A web site for parents resources to help with high standards: arizonaaimshigher.org.
- Your Voice Matters
- Has tag teacher Tuesday
- Sign up online at ExpectMoreArizona.org or facebook.com/expectmorearizona

FOLDABLES ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**Norma Bauer**

The description of *Foldables Across the Curriculum Part 1* attracted my attention with the phrase "to increase interest and participation among students." Following presenters Judy Lewis and Janet Vickers' introduction, workshop attendees brainstormed reasons to use foldables in the classroom. A lengthy list included engagement, review, fun, tactile learning, organizing, creativity and focus. Basics demonstrated and made in this session were half books, no-staple bound books, two-tab books and three-quarter books; and many ideas for using them were suggested. That fifty-five minute time period passed much too quickly. Resources for the workshop include Dinah Zike publications. If members wish further information from the workshop, I am happy to share with them.

Janice Lay

How to use Foldables - can be used as an attention getter, hands-on, fun way to engage students in their learning. Foldable can be used as an alternative assessment, study guide, or graphic organizer that will give a quick accountability of each child's learning. The various foldable can be used at any grade level in all areas of the school's curriculum.

FILL YOUR BUCKET WITH CASH AND DISCOVERIES**Linda Spellman**

This session presented by Marge Threewit, presented a variety of programs and strategies to raise funds. There were good ideas for ways to enhance projects and funding for scholarships, while there were a few ways to enhance our chapter erupting budgets. We also discussed hindrances to fund-raising (inability to raise money with food items, less support from local organizations and businesses, and the increasing age of our membership.)

A nice handout was compiled and given to participants listing all of the programs and strategies discussed in the presentation.

DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND WHAT IT DOES?**Barbara Scott**

An informative workshop titled "Do You Really Understand the Educational Foundation and What It Does?" was presented by Donna Reynolds, past Omicron State president and member of the Educational Foundation Board. The goals of the Foundation are: giving to educate the world, encouraging intercultural understanding, supporting professional development, and encouraging standards of educational excellence. It is not supported by your dues, but receives completely separate funding from donations, and is available to members and non-members. More than \$4 million has been awarded since it was founded in 1964. Some examples of projects that have been funded worldwide include: \$3,500 for the BEAR Project (Building Early Academic Readiness) in Oregon; \$900 for Helping Homeless Students Succeed in College in Wisconsin; \$4,500 for iPads as a Tool to Excite a Desire to Learn in Finland; \$6,696 for Understanding the Unique Needs of Students Who Are Deaf/hard of Hearing in Kansas; and \$3,500 for the Wuliwon Reading Project in Canada. Learn more from the website: www.dkgef.org.

Mrs. Reynolds also spoke about the Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards, which fund participation in professional development activities and provide reimbursement for expenses. It doesn't fund Society sponsored events or college courses leading to completion of a degree program. There is a limit of \$2000, and applications are due Sept.1, Feb 1, and May 1.

There are many, many opportunities to receive funding for projects from the Educational Foundation, so check it out at the website mentioned above.

**USE THESE WEBSITES*****Omicron State***

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Mission Statement

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

FUN THINGS YOUR IPHONE CAN DO

Sherry Baca

This session was presented by Tracey Antista from J. Robert Hendricks elementary in the Flowing Wells district in Tucson. She first had a QR code projected on the screen with a link to her powerpoint presentation. For many teachers, this was a new idea. She showed everyone how to download a free app named "Inigma" on your phone that would scan the QR code and load her presentation on your phone. She also explained if you were running out of memory on your phone you could download Drop Box and place the presentation in your drop box so you could access it from any of your devices. Drop Box is internet based and not iCloud based for storage.

She was using the Keynote App on her iPad to do her presentation. It allowed her to use a stylus to write on her iPad so she could make notations that would be projected on the screen. She shared her website appsfromanappoholic.weebly.com where she has posted all of her presentations.

Tracey took participants to the Settings menu on the phone and walked them through the submenus of General to get to Accessibility. She showed everyone how to turn on Speak Selection that turns your phone into an audio book. She has 6th grade students who can't read so she downloaded the book the Hobbit through her iBooks program and turned on the Speak Selection. The device then reads each word as it is highlighted on the screen. This helps her students follow along and read hearing the correct pronunciation and seeing the word highlighted in the story. It has been most engaging for some of her reluctant readers. She also demonstrated that through the Accessibility menu you could change the size of the text on the screen and you could make it bold. There is also an LED flash alert you can get to under the Accessibility menu. You go to the Hearing menu and select LED Flash. Instead of ringing, your phone will flash 3 bright flashes.

Users of iPhone are familiar with Siri - the built in voice. She demonstrated how you can ask Siri to "Read My Email" so you can do it hands free. You can also ask Siri "What Song is Playing?" She challenged everyone to check out 52 Funny Things to ask Siri". The link was in her handout but you can also google it to find it

Tracey also discussed taking several photo bursts by holding the camera button down, shaking the phone to undo things, and making albums for your photos. She had more to share but ran out of time.

The last thing she shared was the Health App which gives you an easy-to-read dashboard of your health and fitness data. These can collect your heart rate, calories burned, blood sugar, cholesterol, etc. The Health App puts all the data in one place, accessible with a tap, giving you a clear and current overview of your health. You can also create an emergency card with important health information that's available right from your Lock screen.

Omicron State Calendar

March 13-16, 2016

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

April 15-17, 2016

DATE & LOCATION CHANGE

*Omicron State Convention
4 Point Sheraton Phoenix North
2532 W. Peoria Avenue
Phoenix, AZ*

July 5-9, 2016

*International Convention
Opryland Resort
Nashville, Tennessee*

October 22, 2016

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

January 13-15, 2017

*Creative Arts Retreat
Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center
Carefree, Arizona*

April 21-23, 2017

*Omicron State Convention
Radisson Suites
6555 E. Speedway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ*

July 2017

*Southwest Regional Conference
Honolulu, Hawaii*

