



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



ETA CHAPTER



Dear ETA sisters,

What a year for your president - two weddings of my own, a honeymoon and a new granddaughter. The end of 2015 has been full so I apologize for not getting the newsletter out earlier. My dearest hope for all my Eta sisters is that you have had a blessed Christmas and that your New Year will be full of joy, health and happiness.

Please be sure to read the articles about the passing of past president of Omicron State, Connie Myren, and also a request for interest in attending Legislative Day with a request from

me to RSVP either way. And change your yearbook to reflect the earlier date for the State Convention.

The mid-year Executive Meeting will be held at Joyce's on Saturday, January 23. This is a NEW date. It is a potluck and all are invited but it is NOT a regular meeting. We talk about how the year is going so far and what lies ahead. If you have some feedback to share on the programs both positive and negative, please pass that on to me or any other officer. Please let Joyce know if you plan on attending. Our next regular meeting will be held at Lincoln School on February 9 at 5 PM and will honor our high school art students. It's one of my favorite meetings! It's a great time to invite prospective members as it fulfills DKG's purposes. Optional dinner will be at Prescott Brewing Company. I would like a tentative RSVP (yes/no) by January 15 so I can let the manager know approximate numbers since he hires additional wait staff for us.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help read essays for the Mayer School District. However, it would be wonderful to have one more volunteer for grades 3-5 and two volunteers for the middle school grades. Contact me if you have volunteer time in February. Sandy Caton is our contact person

Grades 1-2: Donna Stowell, Janeth Dow, Linda Cramer

Grades 3-5: Joyce Moore, Sherry Alimi

Grades 6-8: Dorothy Eichbaum

Happy New Year!

Sherry A.

MEETING PLANS - JANUARY 2016

TIME AND DATE

9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2016

PLACE

Joyce Moore's home
7103 E. Lynx Wagon Road,
Prescott Valley, AZ

PROGRAM

Executive Board Planning & Potluck
Breakfast
ALL MEMBERS INVITED

RSVP BY MONDAY, JAN. 18, 2016

and let her know what you are bringing

Joyce Moore at 928-759-7106 or
normath1906@aol.com

DIRECTIONS

Go out Hwy 69 and turn on StoneRidge Dr. at the light. Travel 1.6 miles and turn left on Slow Creek Drive. Turn left on Bluff Top Drive. Turn left on Lynx Wagon Road and go to address 7103. Since there are no driveways in this section of the subdivision, attendees may want to go to the next intersection and do a U-turn.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Buckley, 1-9
Sherry Baca, 1-11
Dorothy Eichbaum, 1-31

**Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes
ETA Chapter Christmas Dinner and Boutique
December 8, 2015
Mt. Institute JTED Culinary Arts Building**

ETA Chapter Members Present: Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, Norma Bauer, Pat Buckley, Sandy Canton, Linda Cramer, Pam Dickerson, Janeth Dow, Dorothy Eichbaum, Mary Fiebiger, Kris Foster, Dorothy Kellerman, Janice Lay, Helen McDowell, Joyce Moore, Barbara Scott, Linda Spellman, Carol Stafford, Carol Stimple, Donna Stowell, Wally Turner, Maurilee Walker, Bonnie Waterer, Juanice Williams, Veronica Wilson, and Theresa Yslas.

Guests present: Sam Stimple (Carol Stimple's husband), Judy Chandran (Sherry Alimi-Kent's sister), Nancy Lee Elliott (guest of Kris Foster), Michelle Block (great niece of Donna Stowell), Phil Spellman (Linda Spellman's husband), Mary Ellen Dotson (guest of Sherry Alimi-Kent).

Dinner was served by the Mountain Institute JTED students.

Members brought items to display and sell for the annual Christmas Boutique. All proceeds will go to the chapter. There was also a donation can for Dress-A-Child.

No formal meeting but the following items are the announcements for future activities:

1. Volunteer sign up for Mayer Elementary School essay judging, Sandy Canton contact person.
2. Volunteer sign up for January 27th workday (2:30 – 4 p.m.), Lincoln Elementary School, Linda Cramer contact person.
3. Nominating Committee meeting at Cracker Barrel on Dec. 29th at 12 noon, Pat Buckley contact person.
4. Executive Board meeting Jan. 16, 9:30 a.m., at Joyce Moore's home, 7103 E. Lynx Wagon Road. Joyce Moore contact person. All are welcome. Potluck.
5. Yavapai County Art Students program, Feb. 9, 5 p.m., at Lincoln School Library. Followed by dinner at Prescott Brewing Company. Sherry Alimi-Kent contact person.

Book Talk suggestions for the June meeting include:

1. The Necklace: Thirteen Women and the Experiment That Transformed Their Lives by Cheryl Jarvis
2. Madam Curie and Her Daughters by Shelley Emling
3. The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
4. All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

LEGISLATIVE DAY - February 10, 2016

Dear Chapter Presidents,

I hope you've been enjoying the holidays and have had a time of fun and relaxation.

Legislative Day is on February 10, 2016 and will begin at 8:30. Our committee has been working to make it interesting and informative. We've lined up some legislative leaders (Dr. Eric Meyer, last year's friend of education recipient), Representative Kate Brophy McGee, Representative Rebecca Rios, and hopefully one more. We've left time open for your members to arrange to visit with their representatives and attend committee hearings as well as sitting in on a session of the House or Senate. Lunch is on your own. We'll also be sending flyers in January.

Please encourage your members to make plans to attend. This is an excellent chance to listen to our legislators and also to share our concerns. We hope those who attend contact their legislators before February 10 to make an appointment for a visit.

I have two favors to ask: Please email me back so I know you have received this message (I want to be sure I have all your emails correct), and, at your next meeting, please ask for a tentative count of members who are planning to or thinking of attending Legislative Day and email me with a number.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Marilyn Duerbeck, legislative chair

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ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES
by Sherry Baca

Below are some highlights from member emails and the December 2015 Christmas dinner when members introduced themselves.

Marty Lewis sent regrets for not attending our Christmas dinner. She had just returned from a trip to Paris and was immediately leaving for California that day. Safe travels to her. She writes she is anxious to get to know all of us and plans to see more of us in 2016.

Ellen Close was also unable to attend the Christmas dinner. She had recently returned from her trip to Ireland but then had to go to Helen, Montana. Her oldest daughter's husband passed away. All of her kids came for the funeral and she was busy getting them all on the plane when she wrote. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Marilyn Jenkins could not attend the December Christmas dinner because she was invited to the Lions Club festivities where they honored her late husband. We missed her and hope she had a good time.

Mona Gillum was unable to attend the December Christmas dinner as she was in Central America with her husband on a cruise. It was a much needed vacation after a busy semester as President of the State Reading Council. Not only has she been visiting reading councils throughout the state of Arizona as part of her responsibilities as president, but she was also planning the state conference that took place in November. Mona reports that the conference was fabulous and well attended with positive reviews. Congratulations on a job well done!



Sherry Alimi-Kent traveled to Chicago to be at the birth of her first granddaughter, Cassidy Noelle, who arrived on December 15 weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. Congratulations! Above and below are photos of Sherry with baby Cassidy and her big brother, Alexander!

For Christmas, Sherry and husband Steve will welcome his family to Prescott for five days - Steve's mother, sister and husband.

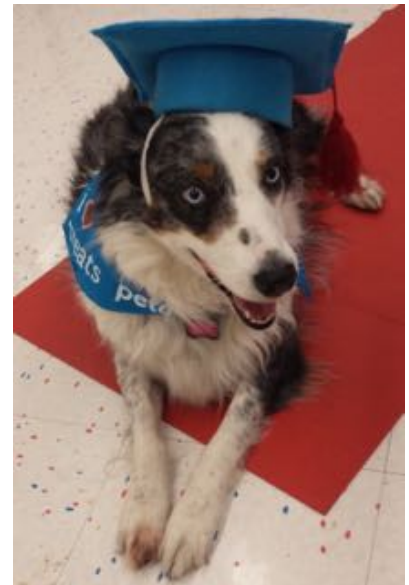
Maurilee Walker recently rescued a blue-eyed Australian Shepherd who just passed her test of Canine Good Citizen Award. She is pictured below in her graduation cap!



Dottie Kellerman, Sherry Baca and Juanice Williams



Sherry Alimi-Kent with baby Cassidy and big brother Alexander



Marilee Walker's new dog!



Photos of the Mountain Institute JTED students who prepared and served our delicious Christmas dinner!



Barbara Scott, Dorothy Eichbaum and Veronica Wilson



Some nicely made items for sale at the Christmas Boutique



Lots of baked goods and other items for sale at the Christmas Boutique!



Jewelry for sale at the boutique compliments of Sherry Alimi-Kent





Phil Spellman, Pam Dickerson, and
Linda Spellman



Helen McDowell, Mary Fiebiger,
and Bonnie Waterer



Linda Cramer, Sherry Alimi-Kent, Judy Chandran,
and Maurilee Walker



Sam & Carol Stimple with Janeth Dow



Joyce Moore and Sandy Caton



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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*



Kris Foster and Theresa Yslas
 (Photographer Sherry Baca apologizes for not noticing Kris blinked at the wrong time!)



Pat Buckley, Janice Lay, Wally Turner, and Mary Ellen Dotson

Mission Statement

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

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUMMER BOOK CHAT

At the December meeting, members were asked to bring book recommendations for our book chat later this year. The following four books were recommended. Everyone is asked to pick one or more of the books to read and be ready to discuss at our June 4 meeting.

The Necklace: Thirteen Women and the Experiment That Transformed Their Lives by Cheryl Jarvis
(Recommended by Linda Spellman)

One day in Ventura, California, Jonell McLain saw a beautiful diamond necklace in a jewelry store window and wondered: Why are personal luxuries so plentiful yet accessible to so few? What if we shared what we desired? Several weeks, dozens of phone calls, and one great leap of faith later, Jonell and twelve other women bought the necklace together—to be passed along among them all.

The dazzling treasure weaves in and out of each woman's life, reflecting her past, defining her present, making promises for her future. Lending sparkle in surprising and unexpected ways, the necklace comes to mean something dramatically different to each of the thirteen women. With vastly dissimilar histories and lives, they transcend their individual personalities and politics to join together in an uncommon journey—and what started as a quirky social experiment becomes something far richer and deeper.

Madam Curie and Her Daughters by Shelley Emling (Recommended by Joyce Moore)

Published to widespread acclaim, in *Marie Curie and Her Daughters*, science writer Shelley Emling shows that far from a shy introvert toiling away in her laboratory, the famed scientist and two-time Nobel prize winner was nothing short of an iconoclast. Emling draws on personal letters released by Curie's only granddaughter to show how Marie influenced her daughters yet let them blaze their own paths: Irene followed her mother's footsteps into science and was instrumental in the discovery of nuclear fission; Eve traveled the world as a foreign correspondent and then moved on to humanitarian missions. Emling also shows how Curie, following World War I, turned to America for help. Few people know about Curie's close friendship with American journalist Missy Meloney, who arranged speaking tours across the country for Marie, Eve, and Irene. Months on the road, charming audiences both large and small, endeared the Curies to American women and established a lifelong relationship with the United States that formed one of the strongest connections of Marie's life. Factually rich, personal, and original, this is an engrossing story about the most famous woman in science that rips the cover off the myth and reveals the real person, friend, and mother behind it.

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (Recommended by Bonnie Waterer and Dorothy Eichbaum)

Marie lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History where he works as the master of locks. When she is six, she goes blind and her father builds her a miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve the Nazis occupy Paris and they have to flee to the walled city of Saint-Malo where her reclusive great-uncle lives. They take with them a valuable jewel from the museum, keeping it hidden and a secret.

Meanwhile in a mining town in Germany an orphan named Werner grows up in an orphanage and is unchanged by a radio he finds. He becomes an expert at fixing radios, and that wins him a place at an academy for Hitler youth. He becomes disenchanted with Hitler's philosophy. In Saint-Malo Werner and Marie's lives converge.

This very well written book came out in 2014. It holds your attention with the many fascinating characters and the history of that time.

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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUMMER BOOK CHAT (Continued)

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah (Recommended by Kris Foster)

FRANCE, 1939

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets Gætan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can...completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.



JANUARY WORKDAY AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

**Wednesday, January 27, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
by Linda Cramer**

Here's a great way to start the New Year--help the teachers at Lincoln School during our workday on Wednesday, January 27. We are putting together a grand crew; those who signed up already include Sherry B, Donna S., Joyce M., Marilyn J., Dorothy E., Barbara S., Bonnie W., Veronica W., Janeth D., Sherry A., and (depending on her schedule) Norma B.

However, the more, the merrier, and the sooner we finish all the tasks. So if I don't have your name, and you are able to come, please contact Linda Cramer, 443-1947 or waylinaz@msn.com.

Dear Omicron State members,

With permission, I am forwarding below the letter I received last night from Mary Ann Liddle, Lambda. It is the request of the family that all of you be notified. As a past president, Connie was appreciated for her support, her generously sharing new ideas and a sense of humor that helped us all.

When additional information is received about a celebration of life service, I will pass the information on to you.

Joye (DKG State President)

With a heavy heart I write that last Wednesday night, Dec. 23, our Connie Myren passed away at sleep in her home. Her family asked me to notify all of you. Round the clock her family took turns being with Connie, and she enjoyed up to the last the notes, calls, and visits extended by many. We will miss her presence but remember her leadership, passionate interests, humor and companionship.

The family plans to host a celebration of Connie's life, an event date yet to be determined.

I know that you will all agree with me that our lives were much the better for knowing Connie. May you remember her with affection and admiration.

Sincerely, Mary Ann Liddle