

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

ETA CHAPTER



Dear ETA sisters,

Welcome to 2016

We had a wonderful Executive Board Meeting. Most of next year is planned with some very exciting programs. We are fortunate to have such creative minds in our chapter who gave some good leads for outstanding programming. We are hoping to get those follow-ups calls to set the year out.

We need input on our Saturday meetings for next year. We know that

AAUW has their meetings on the second Saturday of the month. Are there other conflicts we should know about? We have also planned many more meetings to take place in PV to accommodate our growing number of members who need to travel over the mountain. We need to remember that those members leave their home at about 7 a.m. to be on time. At least we can try to shorten their drive.

We have received a request for the Rose Boutique to sell and Arts/Crafts for display for the state convention. If you have ideas or crafts/art you want to display, contact Janice Lay (jlay@edkey.org). Don't forget to RSVP me yes or no about February's meeting and dinner at PBC.

Sherry A-K



MEETING PLANS - FEBRUARY 2016

TIME AND DATE

5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016

PLACE

Lincoln School Library 201 Park Avenue, Prescott, AZ

PROGRAM

Yavapai County Art Students' Presentation followed by dinner at the Prescott Brewing Company

RSVP BY MONDAY, FEB. 1, 2016

and let her know if your are coming

Sherry Alimi-Kent at 928-830-2718 or s.alimi@sbcglobal.net

FEBRUARY ESSAY READER VOLUNTEERS

The following have volunteered to help read the essays from Mayer School District. We could still use a another volunteer for grades 3-5 and grades 6-8. Please email Sherry Alimi-Kent at s.alimi@sbcglobal.net if you can help.

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

> Grades 3-5 Joyce Moore, Sherry Alimi-Kent

> Grades 6-8 Dorothy Eichbaum, Tashia Irvine

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Becky Shields, 2-5 Kris Foster, 2-7 Mona Gillum, 2-18

Delta Kappa Gamma, Eta Chapter Minutes **Executive Board Meeting** Saturday, January 23 at the home of Joyce Moore Overview of 2015 and Tentative Proposals for 2016/2017

ETA Chapter Members Present: Sherry Alimi-Kent, Sherry Baca, Linda Cramer, Chris Fonoti, Janice Lay, and Joyce Moore.

The executive board meeting was a breakfast potluck beginning at 9 a.m.

Sherry A. started the meeting with the letter from Nancy Mahon: "I love your Yearbook and Website. Your Eta Yearbook is the perfect size for keeping close and personal. The extension of your excellent website just enhances everything, locating whatever one doesn't find in the yearbook.....Thank you for the privilege of browsing through the Eta Chapter Yearbook and Website." Nancy is the Omicron appointed yearbook evaluator.

Other items of concern include:

1. The new slate of officers. It is as follows:

President Wally Turner

1st Vice President Linda Cramer and Janice Lay

2nd Vice President Sherry Alimi-Kent Jovce Moore Secretary

- 2. Consideration of our work day at various sites including Taylor Hicks School.
- 3. Request to have more meetings in Prescott Valley so that the more distant members have a shorter commute.
- 4. Update for February 9th Art Student Program. Program will be held at the Lincoln School Library followed by dinner at Prescott Brewing Company. Still need to hear from Bradshaw Mountain H. S.
- 5. Reminder that event responses should be done to the hostess each time. Evites (electronic invitations) for meetings could be established to increase RSVP's. Also the hostess could call and give a personal touch to those who have not vet responded.
- 6. Include a social activity in the new calendar for retiring teachers. Use this as a recruitment tool. Also, encouraging new members to get involved.
- 7. Evaluation of our meetings in the past year.
- 8. Tentative proposals for meetings in the next school year 2016/2017.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Moore, secretary.

Eta Chapter Officers

2014-2016

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

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ETA CHAPTER SUMMARIES by Sherry Baca

Below are some highlights from member emails and the January Executive Board meeting.

Marty Lewis and her husband have experienced a terrible tragedy - the sudden loss of their 46 year old son on December 6. He was their only child so this has hit them in a most devastating manner. She says that they are getting by day to day with the love of friends and family. They were out of town for our January meeting. We send Marty and her family our deepest sympathy.

<u>Tashia Irvine</u> was also unable to attend the January meeting. She was helping her mom recover from surgery at that time. We are sure that her assistance was most appreciated by her mom.

Norma Bauer's husband, Clyde, had been hospitalized for some testing but is now home with hospice care. Please keep him and Norma in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

<u>Linda Spellman</u> had corneal implant surgery in Phoenix in mid January. She may not be at meetings for a while during her recuperation period. We wish her speedy healing.

<u>Helen Colson-Carr</u> was unable to come to the January meeting because she pulled a tendon or muscle, and can hardly move. She reports she has been sitting around and watching the blizzard reported on the East coast news.

<u>Cindy Franklin</u> wrote that she could not attend the January meeting due to a funeral. We extend our sympathies to her.

Shirley Fenderson had surgery on her heel in January. She has had this done on her other heel previously and now had to do the other one. We send her get well wishes.

<u>Janice Lay</u> is having another grand baby in June 2016. And she bought a brand new car!

Sherry Alimi-Kent thanks everyone for postponing the January Executive Board meeting for a week so she could travel to be with her blind sister on her 70th birthday. Her sister's husband has some long-term health issues so she was extremely happy to have Sherry there on this birthday. Sherry is also excited to have a new suite of kitchen appliances and new granite counters.

<u>Veronica Wilson</u> could not attend the January meeting because she had a very important meeting at church she had to attend.

Joyce Moore's sister, Janet, will be relocating to Prescott from Seattle and will live right next door to their mother. Joyce is so excited about this. Her sister is a retired elementary music teacher so she hopes to get her to come to DKG.



Linda Spellman and Wally Turner went to the Mary Fisher Theater at the Sedona Film Destival to see a screening of a new documentary about Tab Hunter's life. They report it was very well done, but the highlight of their day was Tab Hunter himself and his partner of 33 years who did a Q and A after the show. They got to meet him afterwards and took the pictures you see here.



Wally Turner, Tab Hunter (looking good and charming at 84 years old), and Linda Spellman



Members at the January
Executive Board:
Linda Cramer, Janice Lay, Sherry AlimiKent, Sherry Baca and Joyce Moore.
Not pictured is Chris Fonoti because she
had to leave early for Las Vegas.





Chris Fonoti sitting on the roof of her unique home. Since Chris has to leave the January meeting early before photos were taken, this photo was inserted.





Lincoln Workday in January by Linda Cramer

Thanks to Bonnie, Joyce, Marilyn, Sherry Alimi-Kent and Sherry Baca, we had a very busy and productive workday at Lincoln School. This is our second time at Lincoln and teachers gave us some big projects. And what a variety! We did laminating, cutting, book assembling, making stars on the die-cut machine, and cutting out the inside circle of what seemed like 1000 Styrofoam plates.

As usual, we all had a good time, but we didn't quite finish and we could have used more DKG folks. So when our next workday comes around, please volunteer if you can. In fact, maybe you could mark that day on your calendar right now. It's Wednesday, April 6, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Thanks!



Marilyn Jenkins, Joyce Moore and Linda Cramer



Seated: Sherry Baca, Sherry Alimi-Kent, Bonnie Waterer Standing: Linda Cramer

Omicron State Calendar

February 10, 2016

Legislative Day at the Capitol House Basement, Room 35/38

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



REMINDER - BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUMMER BOOK CHAT

The following four books were recommended for our summer Book Chat. Everyone is asked to pick one or more of the books to read and be ready to discuss at out June 4 meeting.

<u>The Necklace: Thirteen Women and the Experiment That Transformed Their Lives</u> 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 Hitlers philosophy. In Saint-Malo Werner and Marie's lives converge.

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 Gäetan, 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.