



Arizona SAHUARO

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

Arizona members attend Southwest Regional Conference



Rachel Wear, Alpha Rho and Joye Sterrett, Omega proudly carry the Arizona banner.

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Susan Halliday, Alpha Delta and Jan Rosenberg-Noe, Nu hold a snake at the Kansas Night Festivities.

See more news from the conference inside...



2015 Fall Executive Board Meeting and All Member Workshop

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Metro Tech High School • 1900 W. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ

Register at your chapter meeting or contact your chapter president

(Schedule subject to change)

7:00 - 8:00	Set up for Rose Boutique --- Building 3
7:15 - 8:00	Continental Breakfast --- Café, Building 3
7:15 - 8:00	Registration --- Building 1
7:30 - 8:00	Set up Banquet Room and Classrooms - Building 1
8:15 - 9:50	Executive Board Meeting --- Banquet Room (Rose Boutique closed)
10:00 - 10:55	Session 1 Workshops --- Classrooms Building 1 (Rose Boutique open)
11:00 - 11:55	Session 2 Workshops --- Classrooms Building 1 (Rose Boutique open)
12:15 - 2:00	Luncheon Served. Speaker. Members asked to be seated by 12:15
2:00 - 2:30	Committee meetings, (Rose Boutique open)

Come One... Come All!!! – Guests Welcome

State Fall Workshop

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October 24, 2015 • 7:30 to 2:30

\$25

Includes:

Registration, Facility Use, Continental Breakfast & Lunch, Executive Board Meeting, Speakers, 2 one-hour Workshops, Rose Boutique Crafters and Vendors, 35 and Under & First Timer Recognition, Professional Development Hours, Committee Meetings, Awards, Raffles, Prizes & Socializing Activities

Workshops may include:

- Foldables Across the Curriculum • Benefits of Belonging
- Technology Tips and Tricks • Fill Your Bucket with Cash and Discounts
- Understand the Educational Foundation • Navajo Code Talker
- Using a Quilt to Teach the Underground Railroad • Fun Things Your iPhone Can Do
- Dropping Into My DKG: Using the Social Communities at dkg.org
- Workshops for EE and Membership Committee Chairs

To Register: Contact your Chapter President or Treasurer

Fee: \$25.00 payable to your Chapter

Registration Deadline: October 14, 2015

See You There!!!



KEY THOUGHTS FROM Joye

What's in a Theme?

As incoming president, I am often asked "What is your theme?" Themes lead our thinking and inspire us. My theme for biennium 2014-2016 is *Arizona DKG Keys for Success*, with goals to Increase Membership, Enhance Programs and Build Leadership. I will address parts of this theme in later articles.

When I asked International President Dr Lyn Schmid to share a few words about her theme, she sent this. I want to share it with you.

85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life is the theme this biennium. The important words in this theme are **Beyond and Advancing**.

First, let's look at **Beyond**. As in life, the nature of an organization is about the right balance of change and continuity. No sector is standing still and no organization can rest on its laurels and think it has done all that it needs to do. The thing that differentiates organizations that last from those that don't is the ability to embrace the challenge of change. The decisions you make about that long-term direction of your state organization will impact the choices you make and force discussion about whether you have the right strategies, processes and infrastructure to get from where you are today to where you want to be.

Do you have the right people in your state organization to drive change? How can you shape the culture and relationships in a way that facilitates necessary change? Most importantly are you investing (both money and effort) in the right places today to make sure that you will have a strong state organization in 10 years?

Next the word **Advancing**. All international committees, boards, and juries have been challenged to advance into the next generation and evolution of our Society by setting high quality targets, with every group addressing membership, marketing, our shared vision, recruitment of members and the testing of new strategies.

They have been asked to enlist diverse opinions from members, to look for innovative ideas to help shape the Society's culture for generations to come, and to enlist leaders from every role in Society. We envision every member leading from any chair in the Society to facilitate change.

Arizona DKG, let's use these themes to inspire and lead us.



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Eighteen Omicron State members attended the 2015 Southwest Regional Conference. See "Reports from the field" in this issue.



Congratulations to **Alice Reule**, Alpha Delta, who passed the 100 question exam and is now a member of the NAP (National Association of Parliamentarians). Reule is a member of the Valle del Sol NAP Unit. This organization is open to individuals who want to learn practical use of parliamentary law and how to run smooth and efficient meetings. Membership gives access to resources for continued learning and excellent educational materials. Any person in a leadership position should consider joining a Unit of NAP to enhance their skills as a facilitator.

Nancy Putman (Alpha Alpha) has been elected as the Representative-at-Large to a three year term on the Arizona Education Association-Retired Board.

Merry Lewis (Nu) attended the International Leadership Association's Leadership Academy in Orlando, Florida. Mercedes Umana (El Salvador), a recipient of a Cornet Award from the DKG Educational Foundation, was also in attendance.

Saroj Jagernauth (Alpha Iota) has re-

ceived the 2015 Yale University Educator Award. She was nominated by former student Andy Rice. The award is given to educators who inspired their students to achieve at high levels. Jagernauth, a counselor at Sandra Day O'Connor High School, received an engraved desk set and a congratulatory letter.

Fall Workshop offers sessions for active teachers

Janet Vickers and Judy Lewis (Omega), semi-retired Scottsdale School District teachers, will offer sessions for those in the classroom. One workshop will give information on how to maintain certification through use of Delta Kappa Gamma chapter meetings, conferences, workshops, and leadership roles. Another workshop will explain the use of foldables in the classroom. Participants will learn basic folds, how to use them with interactive notebooks, and applications across the curriculum, and will leave with classroom-ready examples.

Please plan to attend *Benefits of Belonging* and *Foldables Across the Curriculum* at the Fall Workshop, October 24, 2015.

The way we were...

1940 (75 years ago) – Omicron State's membership total was 180.

1965 (50 years ago) – From September 18 to October 25, Morenci, Phoenix, Prescott, Yuma and Tucson held area workshops, all attended by Nina Smalley, state president.

1990 (25 years ago) – Berneil Drake was elected Southwest Regional Director.

Pick your passion in promoting Educational Excellence

As the first vice-president of your chapter, do you have an interest in DKG international projects that impact our world, such as Schools for Africa or support for early career educators or working to increase global awareness? Or, are you more eager to enlist in programs or activities that advance excellence in education here in Arizona? Collaborative Connections, our state project, tracks volunteerism in three areas: support for early career educators, community and professional hours. Also, the Spotlight Awards continue to recognize individuals who demonstrate excellence in education.

Last spring, chapters submitted projects or programs that were successful in their area. Have you had the time to peruse the list and commit to adding something new in your chapter? Are you continuing those projects that energize your membership? Strong chapter programs inspire us to become life-long learners and pertinent projects make a difference in the betterment of our communities. Pick your passion, and share it with your members.

Alice Reule, Alpha Delta, Educational Excellence Chair

Using new strategies to teach mathematics

At the 2015 Omicron State Convention Tabitha Finchum, a fourth grade teacher in Flowing Wells School District, presented the informative workshop "A Teacher's Toolbox." The workshop enlightened attendees about the differences between direct instruction and problem-based learning while teaching mathematics. Participants had the opportunity to watch Finchum in action through a videoed lesson using the technique in her classroom. As she guided her students with questions that facilitated student and group work, the system's strategy became clear. The teacher provides support and guidance while scaffolding instruction. Students generate the answers to problems, justify their answers, and have ownership of the skill for lifelong retention and implementation. Collaboration of students in deriving answers is an integral part of the process.

Although problem-based learning is not the only way of guiding students toward success, it offers an excellent approach to meeting the rigor and criteria presented in the Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards.

Shelly Lizardi, Alpha Rho

Looking for achievers

Do you know someone who should receive the Omicron State Achievement Award?

Has your nominee made continuing and outstanding contributions to Omicron State and to her local chapter? Don't forget that your nominee must have been a member of our Society for a minimum of five years. We encourage you to resubmit prior forms. Nomination forms will be available in your chapter presidents' packets at the 2015 Fall Workshop. The postmark deadline is February 15, 2016. Mail your nomination packet to:

Evelyn Craft (Lambda)
Achievement Award Chair
5642 S. Cactus Wren Ave.
Tucson, AZ. 85746
520.578.0779

Nominations received after the posted deadline cannot be considered.

*Evelyn S. Craft, Lambda,
Omicron State Achievement Award
Committee Chairman*

Keeping the spine in check

April Woolsley, presenter at the Omicron State Convention, began the session talking briefly about anatomy, specifically bones and muscles and the makeup of the body. She explained how Yoga promotes physical, emotional, mental and spiritual good health. Yoga involves poses which support posture and joint health.

Woolsley demonstrated several poses and encouraged the attendees to do them with her. One of the poses was the "Table Pose" which strengthens the lower back and is good for lower back pain. "Twisting" involves turning from one side to the other making sure there is proper alignment while breathing correctly. She taught that the most important thing to do when doing any pose is to make sure the spine is elongated. She also discussed and demonstrated the importance of correct breathing. All poses may be individually modified.

The class watched as she demonstrated several poses. Those who were physically able tried some of the poses that could be done in the space allowed. Some members of the session who were very involved in Yoga in their own lives were encouraged to share poses that had helped them with specific problems. The group was also encouraged to participate in a question and answer time.

Christina Lawver, Xi and Tina Thompson, Nu



AKT Inaugural trip to
England, Scotland & Ireland

July 18-29, 2016

Find more information at dkg.grouptoursite.com



A Roast for Rachel

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) crowned Rachel Wear with a giant golden star and gave her a red supergirl cape, Joye Sterett (Omega) proposed submitting Rachel's face on the new \$10 bill, and Jan Rosenburg (Nu) had us all in stitches as she read Donna Reynold's (Alpha Epsilon) tribute taking Rachel down memory lane in the life of an Omicron State President during the past bienium. The Latin American Sisters and Arizona members attending the event all took part as they danced and sang the following song, words written by Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta).

Rachel

(Tune: *The Brady Brunch*)

Here's a story,
Of a lovely lady,
She was president of Omicron State,
For the last two years working everlasting –
Making Arizona DKG top rate.

Here's the lowdown,
Her name is Rachel.
She is from Sahuarita Alpha Rho,
Everyone she knew on a committee,
For they could not seem to answer "no".

Shining stars
Abundant.
She completed necessary tasks and trends,
Her sweet smile and her humor
That's the way we all became her best
friends.

After the dinner some of the attendees took the trolley home singing songs in Spanish and English. From there they went to the Keyn Summer Concert dancing to live music and getting wet in the WaterWalk Commons just south of our Hotel along the Arkansas River.

Lori Good, Alpha Alpha

The U.S. Forum Southwest Session

The U.S. Forum session at the Southwest Regional Conference was filled to capacity with DKG members seeking information on current legislative action. Southwest Representative Kathy Davis (OK) welcomed all in attendance and recognized key members of the Forum. Speaker Cynthia Adair of Oklahoma encouraged all to engage in the activities of the U.S. Forum and to relentlessly recruit members to join in the effort for beneficial legislation for women.

Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta), spoke about the educational issues and legislative challenges Arizona educators are currently facing.

Representative Davis promoted and gave highlights of the National Legislative Seminar, which will be held in Arlington, Virginia, March 13 – 14, 2016. Additional details about the seminar may be found on the U.S. Forum Website at usforumdkg.org. The U.S. Forum Connection, a free monthly e-newsletter, is available at bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com.



Wally Turner (Eta) and Kathy Davis (OK) work at the US Forum table.

The newsletter is designed to keep members informed about current legislation affecting education, women and children.

Rachel Wear, Alpha Rho



PHOTO FROM MARGE THREEWIT
Diane Sheets, Alice Reule and Marge Threewit wearing their hardhats.

Pre-Conference tour goes underground

Marge Threewit and Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta) and Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) were at the right place at the right time on the Tuesday morning prior to the Southwest Regional Conference in Wichita, Kansas. All of the tours had been cancelled, so we were so lucky to be invited to ride along with two other members who were planning on driving to Hutchinson and taking the Salt Mine Tour. After taking an elevator 650 feet below the earth's surface, in total darkness, we were given hard hats to wear for safety reasons. Then we browsed the museum and mining gallery waiting for our Salt Mine Express. The train ride took us through a part of the mine that was active in the 1940s and '50s. Later, we took a "Dark Ride" on a tram to learn about air flow and nuclear waste. After collecting our salt rock specimens, buying a few items in the gift shop, and being shown where movies, costumes and other items are stored in an environmentally conducive environment, we returned to earth's surface.

On the way back to Wichita, we stopped in the Amish community of Yoder, and had a delicious lunch. Even with buckets of rain pouring down as we headed back to the hotel, we had a wonderful Salt Mine Safari Day.

Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta)

Arizona members welcome Latin American friends

Our Latin American Sisters added joy to a celebratory “roast” honoring past President Rachel Wear. Guests from El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Mexico attended our dinner at the Allegro Restaurant in Wichita, Kansas. The evening festivities closed with the Latin American sisters singing three songs in Spanish and presenting favors to us. Thanks to all who attended for making our celebration a lasting memory for Rachel.

Alice Reule, Alpha Delta



PHOTO BY LORI GOOD, ALPHA BETA

L to R: Immediate past president Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), Jeannette Zuniga (Costa Rica), Tamara Flores (San Luis Potosi), Barbara Rodriguez (Puebla), Julieta Macais (San Luis Potosi), Elyn Rodriguez (El Salvador), Myrna Blazquez (Puebla), Thais Castillo Alfero (Costa Rica), Maria Jimenez Bujan (Costa Rica), Mercedes Umana (El Salvador) and Omicron State President Joye Sterrett (Omega).

Fill your bucket with cash and discounts

Margery Threewit (Alpha Beta), the Southwest Regional Representative for the Non-Dues Reve-nue Committee, as well as Omicron State’s treasurer, was a presenter at the DKG Southwest Regional Convention in Wichita, Kansas. She presented a comprehensive listing of ways to raise non-dues reve-nues for chapters and find good buys and discounts for DKG members.

Threewit listed ideas for chapters under five categories: (1) apply for a DKG grant, (2) hold a sale, (3) get support from local businesses and organizations, (4) hold an event, and (5) work for pay.

If you’re looking for DKG Educational project grants, go to: dkgef.org and click on projects and then click on apply. One of the sales ideas suggested was a truck and/or car trunk sale preceded by adver-tising the event.

Write grants to local stores for special projects. Set up in-kind partnerships with local businesses for products, discounts, gift certificates or gift baskets in exchange for services provided. Hold a golf Scramble Tournament for both men and women to participate. Sell tickets to a luncheon or dinner using food donated by members, served by officers or local celebrities and/or ask a local celebrity to speak. Wrap gifts at a local mall/retail outlet during a holiday season.

A DKG brochure titled “Non-dues Revenue” may be found on the dkgef.org website. Click on “library”, “resources” and finally on the brochure to download this valuable resource. Support for DKG members at no cost to members include the following:

GoodSearch: <http://goodsearch.com/goodshop?charityid=> and

Amazon Smile: <http://smile.amazon.com/>, and also dkg.org under committees.

Good buys, discounts and cash available to members can be found at places like Liberty Mutual which offers members a 15% discount, and provides professional liability insurance for \$45 per year.

If you like traveling, join Delta Kappa Gamma on the Inaugural Tour with GoAhead Tours as they take a trip to England, Scotland and Ireland. It’s a 12 day tour, beginning on July 18, 2016. To participate, go to: <http://dkg.grouptoursite.com/>. The seats are already being purchased.

Nancy Mahon, Alpha



Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), introduces the Keynote Speaker at the Second General Session.

Cyberbullying explored at conference

“Just turn off your computer.” Justin Patchin, Southwest Regional Conference guest speaker and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, explained how this solution, far from stopping online bullying, actually extends consequences for the victim.

For today’s adolescents, who haven’t known a time without Internet and cell phones, life online provides a “seamless complement” to offline, as when they text a friend sitting right next to them so parents won’t hear. To take away their chosen means of interaction leaves victims still “tethered” to the tormentor.

Dr. Patchin contrasted bullying (an act done repeatedly, over time and with a power differential) and rudeness. For example, a rude friend might post your picture online without permission. A bully posts the same



photo on a “Hot or Not” polling site, or creates a “Make Fun of” website.

The viral potential of websites allows for victim vulnerability with no escape. So what can be done? For cyberbullying victims: Don’t retaliate. Do keep evidence and share it with an authority. For the rest of us, Patchin advocates a simple action: Promote kindness.

Model moral behavior, even if the situation is not our responsibility. Move potential bullies from shouldn’t because they might get in trouble, to wouldn’t. Online meanness is “just wrong.” Join others to stand by the victim online and in real life. As a result, we will meet the needs expressed in one teen-created video, “Please don’t let me hurt anymore.”

Janet Vickers, Omega

Members explore the University of Arizona's "World of Words"

Last February members from Lambda, Xi, Chi, Alpha and Alpha Rho chapters plus an Illinois DKG member listened to Ron Marx, Dean of the College of Education, explain the evolution of the UA library which houses over 30,000 volumes of children's and adolescents' literature known as The World of Words.

The books, collected by Dr. Nancy Short and utilized by students in the university's Children's Lit classes, were originally housed in the College of Education basement. They needed to be more accessible and to be on a reinforced floor, which could safely support their weight. The idea was born to create an inviting space to house the books and be open to the public as well as the UA community.

The result is a space with windows facing the Catalina Mountains to the north and murals aimed at capturing the imagination of visitors. There is a "workspace" or classroom, a gallery to display original signed illustrations from many of the first editions and office space for visiting authors. Only Germany boasts a larger library of its kind.

The event was sponsored by Lambda and organized by Carol Bahill and Susan Hergenhan. Additional information about the library can be found at www.wowlit.org.

Shelley Smith, Lambda



PHOTO BY PATRICIA HOLMES, LAMBDA
Susan Hergenhan, Mary Ann Liddle, and Carol Bahill, (Lambda) as the tri-chapter event.

Meet Kobe Allardice

Teaching as a profession seems to be taking a 'bad rap' these days, but then there are future teachers like Kobe Allardice. She is the recipient of the Upsilon Chapter

(Tucson) grant-in-aid for 2015. Kobe plans to attend Northern Arizona University this fall pursuing a degree in elementary education. In a letter to Upsilon Chapter she wrote, "I have a passion to be the foundation of a child's learning process and I want to be a teacher that is memorable to students as they grow older."

Kobe, a graduate of the Academy of Tucson, was a member of the National Honor Society (2013-2015), yearbook editor (2012-2015), newspaper editor (2012-2015), and president of the Fellowship of Christian Students (2013-2015). While active in school, she also worked as a babysitter/nanny, was involved in her church, and participated in many community service projects such as MDA soccer fundraiser, Operation Christmas Child, and the World Vision 30-Hour Famine fundraiser. Sports played an important role in her life, too, as she played soccer on a club team and was a referee at the Academy of Tucson Middle School (2012-2015).

As a result of her hard work and her commitment to her community, Kobe won the President's Award for Excellence (2012-2014), High Academic Achievement Awards in math and in English, and of course, she was on the honor roll (2011-2015). To add to her all-around abilities, she had her art work displayed in the Eastside City Hall (Tucson).

Shari Stewart (Upsilon), Assistant Superintendent of the Academy of Tucson, praised Kobe for her perseverance despite her father's untimely death in the fall of her senior year. With her family's help and the support of her school and church, she continued to excel and reach her goals. As she heads off to college, Kobe wants to encourage other education students to 'keep at it' and strive to become the best teachers they can be.

Carol Trejo, Upsilon



PHOTO BY CAROL TREJO

Kobe Allardice (award recipient) and Shari Stewart (Assistant Superintendent of the Academy of Tucson and a member of Upsilon Chapter).

Lambda Chapter to host tour of GAP Ministries in Tucson

Tucson area chapters of DKG, mark your calendars now! Lambda will be sending out an invitation in late fall to attend a tour of the GAP Ministries facility with a luncheon following on the premises. The date for the tour is Saturday, February 6, 2016. Since the Sahuaro won't be published until after that date, the chapter has decided to use this format as a "save-the-date" announcement.

GAP Ministries is a social service nonprofit serving Southern Arizona since 1999 and "Stands in the GAP" for those in need in three core areas: Family, Community, and Ministry. It is always looking for volunteers to help with their many programs. If you are intrigued and are looking for an opportunity to make a difference, or are just curious about this organization, join Lambda to find out more.

Shelley Smith, Lambda

Alpha Chapter stays busy

Alpha Chapter had a busy summer. In July members toured the Mission Garden in Tucson which is at the foot of "A" mountain. This is a project to restore the gardens once used by Mission San Agustin. Currently they have figs, pomegranates, grapes and quinces that are thriving, with plans to include plants that the early Hohokam used and to rebuild the Mission chapel and convent.

On August 14, members attended "The Amazings in Action" at the Great American Playhouse in Oro Valley. This melodrama-type play was fun for the whole family.

Alpha members Carolyn Risch and Nancy Mahon attended the DKG Southwest Regional Conference in Wichita in July, where they met new friends and learned new things, which they presented to the Alpha committee chairs at an August meeting.

Andrea Divijak, the principal of Quail Run Elementary School is their new initiate.

Alpha Chapter will also present three early career educators from the Marana Unified School District with \$200 grants-in-aid.

Carolyn Risch, Alpha Chapter President

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Society Business



Kathy Green, Alpha Delta

Communications
"This biennium we would like to work on new ways to market and promote the Society at the state level employing current technologies as available."



Ann Huber, Xi

Expansion Chairman
"One focus is to work towards the development and renewal of existing chapters."



Linda Perl, Chi

Finance Chairman
"My committee will be working each year to present a fair, balanced budget to the membership."



Rachel Wear, Alpha Rho

Chairman, Leadership/Nominations
"I would like to enhance, extend and make the officer training informative so it will help our new leaders build confidence in their leadership skills."



Saroj Jagernauth, Alpha Iota

Necrology Chairman
"My goal is to provide a program to honor members who have passed away."



Donna Reynolds, Epsilon

Rules Committee Chairman
"My committee is responsible for keeping our governing documents in compliance with international. State members may make recommendations for changes."



Dena Martin, Zeta

State Archives Committee
"My goal is to help bring each chapter's history records up-to-date."



Dana Jaeger, Alpha Iota

Webmaster
"I am putting technology to use to provide our members with up-to-date Omicron State news."

Society Mission and Purpose



Evelyn Craft, Lambda

Chairman, Achievement Award Committee
"We will work to hold consistent standards as we choose deserving members to receive the award."



Diane Gara-Weiner, Alpha Delta

Arts Chairman
"We'll be providing opportunities for members to display/sell their work and to encourage members to try new mediums."



Denise Crockett, Kappa

Creative Arts Retreat
"The 2017 Retreat will offer a variety of activities for members and guests at the Spirit in the Desert Retreat in Carefree."



Gloria Day, Alpha

Music Representative
"I encourage members to sing at state events."



Marilyn Duerback, Alpha Iota

Legislative Chairman
"This committee works to keep the members informed about legislative issues and to plan a Legislative Day at the capitol."



Renate Krompasky, Nu

Life Experience Seminar
"I will be learning right along with the attendees."



Shelley Smith, Lambda

World Fellowship
"My goal is to make members more aware of World Fellowship."

(Editor's note: Educational Excellence, Membership, Scholarship and the Latin America Committee chairmen will be highlighted in the next issue of *The Sahuaro*.)

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Dates to Remember

October 24, 2015

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

December 1, 2015

Golden Gift Applications Due

March 13-16, 2016

National Legislative Seminar

April 29-May 1, 2016

Omicron State Convention
Embassy Suites Hotel
2577 W. Greenway Rd. • Phoenix,
Arizona

July 5-9, 2016

International Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention
Center
Nashville, Tennessee

July 4-7, 2017

Southwest Regional Conference
Honolulu, Hawaii

SW Regional draws Eighteen from Arizona

Members attending the regional participated in many ways. One member sang in the chorus. Members introduced speakers at the general session and at the workshops. Some members worked at the Info-fair. Some led workshops. Everyone shopped at the Marketplace. Food, fun, fellowship along with keynote speakers, leadership sessions, and music are only a few of the things enjoyed by all. Those attending from Arizona were:

Alpha – Nancy Mahon, Carolyn Risch

Epsilon – Donna Reynolds

Eta – Wally Turner

Nu – Merry Lewis, Jan Rosenberg-Noe

Omega – Joye Sterrett, Janet Vickers

Chi - Carmen Wendt

Alpha Alpha – Lori Good

Alpha Beta – Diane Sheets, Marge Threewit

Alpha Delta - Alice Reule, Susan Halliday

Alpha Iota – Kathi Houtcooper

Alpha Rho – Rachel Wear, Bea Olivas, Jean Fuer-Davis



Beth Grenfell Alpha Epsilon
Denver, CO August 7, 2015

Planning ahead is the KEY

KEY women educators will want to wear their KEY pins to the Omicron State Convention. Here are some KEY facts about the convention. Mark your calendars with the dates April 29 – May 1, 2016. Plan to spend those KEY dates at the Embassy Suites North, 2577 West Greenway in Phoenix. The KEY intersection is the I-17 and Greenway Road.

Speakers, workshops, leadership training, food and fun will be the order of the day. And don't forget shopping at the Rose Boutique. Best of all it is the KEY time to spend in fellowship with your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters.

Suellen Brahs, Rho

First-Timer's impressions of Southwest Regional Conference

It was wonderful to have DKG husbands meet us at the airport baggage claim and see that we got on the shuttle. Very good use of manpower. First impression of Kansas - green, flat, and hotter and more humid than Tucson! The Kansan DKG members wore sunflowers on their lapels so we could ask them anything, and we did. They were most helpful. Each day's general session was very informative. We learned about wind power possibly being the way the Egyptians built their pyramids and raised their obelisks. We learned about today's teens and how they use and view technology and about cyberbullying. The breakout sessions provided new information on everything from how to

raise money, how to accommodate different ages' assumptions at meetings, best education books of the year, global awareness, using communication, and even the value of humor. Kansas Night - "Take a Bite Out of Kansas" - had vendors and authors from all over Kansas giving out freebies and presenting talks. We got to sample Kansas beef and cheese, popcorn, potato chips, and more, as well as listen to an author who collects historical and unusual aprons! We heard many Texas and Oklahoma accents, and got used to those, and enjoyed a hula presentation by the Hawaiian delegation as they invited us to the 2017 Southwest Regional.

Carolyn Risch, Alpha Chapter President

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