



Arizona SAHUARO

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators

Convention General Session and Executive Board Meeting

Theme: Aspire, Act, Achieve, Celebrate the State – Omicron and Arizona

The 2012 Convention General Session was called to order by President Judy Vinson (Alpha). Gloria Day (Alpha) led members in the singing of several songs including an original song entitled “Aspire, Act, Achieve” written for the convention and sung to the tune of “Farmer in the Dell.”

Dr. Terri Matteson (Alpha Sigma), convention co-chair, welcomed members in attendance. Immediate Past International President Dr. Carolyn Rants (Iowa) greeted members and shared highlights from Austin, Texas, headquarters.

Ruth Wilmot (Iota) gave the opening thought. State committee reports were shared. Liz Tataseo (Alpha Delta) thanked members

who attended Legislative Day. Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) reported that some chapters have increased in membership and addressed the issue of chapter dissolution. Rules Committee Chair Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta) encouraged members to update their Chapter Rules and submit drafts to the state Rules Committee by August.

Highlights of the Executive Board meeting included (1) approval of the state budget, (2) approval of resolutions to dissolve Phi and Omicron Chapters, and (3) approval to merge Mu and Nu Chapters.

The site for the 2014 convention will be at Hilton Phoenix East Mesa.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)



Media Award winner Sue Tone of the "Prescott Valley Tribune" with Communications Chair Gloria Day (Alpha)

MEDIA AWARD

The Omicron State Communications Committee presented the 2012 Media Award to Sue Tone, columnist for the Prescott Valley Tribune, in recognition of her support for Arizona children and education.

Sue has an interesting background of teaching in a charter school and working in the court system with juveniles. This gives her a unique perspective as she covers news about schools and legislation.

The communications committee hopes to consult Sue as we broaden our skills and knowledge in public relations.

*Gloria Day (Alpha), Chair
Omicron State Communications Committee*



Friend of Educational Award winner Representative Lynn Pancrazi and Legislative Chairman Liz Tataseo (Alpha Delta)

Friend of Education

Representative Lynne Pancrazi was recognized as the 2012 Omicron State Friend of Education during the Birthday Luncheon.

Representative Pancrazi is a native of Yuma County and has represented District 24 in the Arizona State Legislature since 2007. Prior to her service in the House, she served as a teacher, instructor, and athletic coach in the Yuma Elementary School District 1 for 28 years. She has retired but continues as a substitute teacher as her time allows.

Representative Pancrazi decided to serve in the Arizona Legislature because of her concern about the quality of education in Arizona. She is a member of several committees, including Education and Public Employees Retirement and Entitlement Reform.

Her voting record is 100 per cent for education.

*Liz Tataseo (Alpha Delta), Chair
Omicron State Legislative Committee*

Omicron State President Judy Vinson (Alpha) and International Past President Dr. Carolyn Rants (Iowa)



Dr. Carolyn Rants Says “Thanks”

Dear Omicron Members,

I enjoyed attending your state convention. It was well planned and executed, and your World Fellowship Breakfast was unique. I was pleased to see that your state gave a Media Award and a Friend of Education Award. These are ways that we tell our story to the public. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in your leadership training for the presidents.

Thank you for the Arizona hospitality plus the candy, treats, and the lovely silver and turquoise necklace. It will always remind me of my visit to your state.

Dr. Carolyn Rants, Past International President

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...promotes personal
and professional growth
of women educators
and excellence in
education.

From The President

JUDY VINSON

“Celebrate the State” was the sub-theme for the 2012 Omicron State Convention -- and we did! It was, as my May “A” word said, auspicious. From beginning to end we honored, recognized,



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MERRY LEWIS

Omicron State
President Judy
Vinson (Alpha)

discussed, and learned about Arizona history and Delta Kappa Gamma.

I'd like to give one final nod of gratitude to my wonderful committee: Dora Donovan, Sandy Kelly, and Dr. Terri Matteson from Alpha Sigma Chapter and Kathy Green and Marilyn Stef-fen from Alpha Delta Chapter. So many others

helped and I thank all. I hope you were able to attend. If not, I hope some DKG friends have updated you on the great time we had. Other articles will give more specifics. Plan to attend next year. In anticipation of that, make a commitment to nominate either yourself or someone else for any of the awards.

Chapters have elected new officers for the 2012-2014 biennium. A huge thank-you goes to those of you who have served in leadership positions for your chapter during the past two years. Chapters are doing a phenomenal job of “embracing our vision, designing our future.”

You have spent many hours on Collaborative Connections projects and supported our sisters when they are in need and said, “Yes” when help was needed. I know you will mentor the new leaders in your chapters.

Your committees will provide structure for fulfilling the purposes of DKG and involving members in important projects. A number of those are Early-Career Educators, Schools for Africa, involvement in the legislative process, the state Latin America Committee, and the World Fellowship Committee.

Communication was a key theme at the convention. It is important to maintain contact with your members and the state officers and committee chairmen. When we send communiqués asking your opinion, keep in mind it is your input that helps structure events and projects. If you have a question about policy, procedures, events, or deadlines please e-mail, text or phone any of the state officers and we will do our best to help you.

Membership is an ongoing concern. Your second vice-president is your chapter leader for plans to increase and maintain membership; but all members must be involved in some

way. Ask other chapters that are successfully initiating new members each year, contact the State membership/expansion committees for help and ideas, tap into the expertise of chapter members who have sponsored new members.

Have a great summer. If you don't go to New York City for the International Convention, then make plans to attend the Fall Executive Board Meeting/All Members Workshop at Metro Tech High, in Phoenix on October 20, 2012. ♥

Life Experience Committee

Those who attended the Musical Instrument Museum during the convention enjoyed a luncheon at the MIM Café. We hope we will see more members attending future events at conventions and a possible retreat.

Notice President Judy Vinson's note in the Apple Advocate about the possibility of such a retreat. As always, we are looking for ideas of new things to see and do – socially and educationally.

Remember, these events offer opportunity to renew acquaintance with DKG members we may not have seen for some time and to meet new members from other chapters.

As you know, the next Omicron State Convention will be in Tucson, so anyone in the Tucson area, please give us your suggestions.

Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta) Chair,
Life Experience Committee

Necrology Committee

The Necrology Committee reminds chapter presidents that immediately upon the death of a member the “Report of the Death of a Member” form be completed and copies sent to: Membership Services at headquarters in Austin, TX, as well as to the following Omicron State officers: president, treasurer, and Necrology chair. A copy must also be retained in the local chapter files

Chapter second vice-presidents must file the necrology report, even if no one has died. This report is due to the Necrology Committee by February 1, prior to each convention

Karen Blackstone (Alpha Epsilon), Co-Chair
Omicron State Necrology Committee

Echoes of Excellence

Excellence in education was the theme that echoed throughout the Chapter First Vice-President/Educational Excellence Committee leadership training. Seventeen Omicron State chapters were represented. Each attendee was issued a manual containing key information to assist her with her responsibilities.

Advisor Jan Rosenberg (Nu) spoke on the new committee format following the recent revision of the International Constitution and the Omicron State Bylaws and Standing Rules.

The attendees received ideas for innovative meeting programs that fit into the Society purposes and were given directions together with a checklist for formulating chapter yearbooks. Shelley Smith (Lambda) commented on ways to make the task of publishing a yearbook less complicated.

Chapters were encouraged to participate in state projects. Ann Huber (Xi) described Collaborative Connections while Shelley Smith expressed the importance of nominating a candidate for the Spotlight Award each year.

Each chapter is encouraged to support International projects. Charlotte Kraus (Alpha Epsilon) promoted early-career educators while Kathy Shroyer (Sigma) presented details on Schools for Africa.

Throughout the session it was emphasized that the state Collaborative Connections Committee wishes to establish a strong connection with the chapters and assist the first vice-presidents and Educational Excellence Committee chairmen in feeling comfortable with their responsibilities. The committee will be sending a monthly communiqué entitled Educational Echoes to help enforce a strong communication link.

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho)

Scholarship Committee

Scholarships were presented to four members at the 2012 State Convention by Scholarship Committee Chair Dr. Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi).

Penny Hanes (Alpha Zeta) received the \$1,000 Frances Toland Boyle State Scholarship; Patricia Vincent (Alpha Epsilon) received the \$1,000 Ida Flood Dodge State Scholarship; Mary Powell (Rho) received the \$1,000 Alice Butts Endowment Scholarship; and Laurie Brown (Alpha Iota) received the Alice Lang/Kay Fischer Endowment Scholarship.

Congratulations to all of these recipients.

Dr. Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi), Chair
Omicron State Scholarship Committee



Omicron State Scholarship recipients:
Penny Hanes (Alpha Zeta), Patricia
Vincent (Alpha Epsilon), Mary
Powell (Rho), and Laura Brown (Alpha Iota)



Win Holden of Arizona Highways is greeted by Alice Reule (Alpha Delta)

Birthday Luncheon

Alpha Delta members Berneil Drake and Nancy Noll provided delightful prelude entertainment, inviting audience participation on assorted percussion instruments. After the opening thought by Regina Olson (Alpha Chi) and singing our musical blessing, we enjoyed our lunch.

Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho) led the Founders' tribute and lighting of the birthday candles.

We were fortunate to have Win Holden, editor of the Arizona Highways magazine, as featured speaker. He presented a colorful history of the magazine and shared stories about the contributing writers, editors, and photographers.

The magazine receives no funding from the state but Arizona tourism benefits immeasurably from the national and worldwide publicity provided.

Gloria Day (Alpha)

World Fellowship Breakfast

Music from around the world accompanied the annual procession of chapter presidents wearing an array of beautiful leis.

Linda Stockbauer (Xi) shared information about the World Fellowship quilt that was created twenty years ago and was on display. Each chapter had been asked to create a quilt

block to represent a World Fellowship country. The committee would like to collect the story behind each chapter's quilt block. Patricia Rendon (Lambda) presented the program, Celebrating World Fellowship.

The convention closed with remarks from Dr. Rants, Jane Holdcroft (Alpha Sigma), and enthusiastic singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song,"



Patricia Rendon (Lambda) at the World Fellowship Breakfast

Gloria Day (Alpha)
Terri Ackland (Zeta), Chair
Omicron State World Fellowship committee

Chapter President Training

Twenty-four new chapter presidents received numerous tips, tools, and reference book suggestions at the 2012 Omicron State training session.

The "Delegation Game" emphasized the functions of the chapter and the need for a president to keep, share, and delegate specific duties. This process will help us make objectives clear, set goals, and prioritize duties.

Networking with people sitting next to us, collaborating and sharing in groups with other presidents and reconnecting with former colleagues proved to be relevant and enlightening.

The Omicron State Leadership Committee, chaired by Dena Martin (Zeta) and committee members Clarine Haslag (Upsilon), Saroj Jagernauth (Alpha Iota), Cynthia Katte (Tau), and Adele Thompson (Tau) presented a convincing potpourri of ways to organize, communicate, inspire and strategize so that our chapters would *Aspire, Act, and Achieve*.

Nancy Mahon (Alpha)

Treasurers' Training at Convention

Treasurers, you are appreciated. Chapters and the Society could not function without you.

The individual dues for the coming year are \$65 for active members, \$30 for reserve, and, all members \$1 toward scholarships.

State Treasurer Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) led a discussion about the forms that need to be turned in during the year. All of these can be found on the DKG website — www.dkg.org. Select Forms, then look under three categories: Treasurers, Membership, and Reports.

If there is a change in your chapter treasurer, there is a form that must be sent to International and to the state treasurer.

The Annual Report (Form 15) for chapter treasurers is due July 15. This tells about membership, scholarships, grants-in-aid, and finances of the chapter.

The next item is the IRS 2011-2012 Electronic Filing. This is necessary to keep your non-profit standing. It might be filed between July 1 and November 15, 2012.

Then comes the collecting of dues, processing, and reporting your chapter's membership. Also, the treasurer needs to report deaths of members, transfers, and dropped members. Yes, there are forms for all these circumstances. Chapter treasurers are important members of our Society.

Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta)
Omicron State Treasurer

Chapter Second Vice-President Training Session

Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta), Peggy Scott (Alpha Epsilon), Dora Donovan (Alpha Sigma), and Carmen Wendt (Chi) gave a concise, informative, and motivational presentation to the incoming chapter second vice-presidents.

Susan Halliday discussed recruitment at length, which appears to be a concern of most chapters. Several attendees told what their chapters were doing to publicize their work and gain new members.

Ms. Scott showed the correct placement of the initiation paraphernalia and displayed an initiation table. She also reviewed the contemporary initiation ceremony.

After discussion of chapter practices, the session ended with clarification of forms to be used by second vice-president.

Jan Bauschka (Alpha)



Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta) explained the revised Omicron State Standing Rules

Leadership Training

Leadership training for chapter officers was held Friday evening at the 2012 Omicron State convention. It opened with some basic information for presidents and vice-presidents. The training then broke into smaller groups with specific information for each officer.

The Sahuaro was discussed as an important communication tool. The new committee restructure was explained. Important forms are available for members who were referred to the DKG website. An in-depth overview of agenda/meeting planning was presented. A new parliamentary procedure book is now available for purchase.

Local, state, and international responsibilities were stated. The Schools for Africa project was addressed. Program ideas were suggested and places to find more ideas were shared. Each program should incorporate one or more of the seven purposes of the Society.

The Educational Excellence Committee was explained. Collaborative Connections is now divided into three categories, and new forms are available. Yearbook preparers have a checklist to use. The Spotlight Award was discussed.

Throughout the training, all presenters encouraged communication skills.

Barbara Westover (Alpha)



New member and convention first timer Julie Lewin (Chi) and Joyce Geranis (Chi) enjoyed the convention.

First-Timer at Convention

From the productive and charged leadership program to a delectable dessert bar following the convention opening, Friday evening was magical.

The colorful banners flanking the stage promoted pomp and circumstance for the convention. The singing of "Sioux City Sue" to our Past International President Dr. Carolyn Rants was a nice transition to a nostalgic and impressive program by Scott and Gwynn Henline called "Art on Cloth."

The efficient and informative business meeting conducted by President Judy Vinson (Alpha) and the other Omicron State officers and chairs gave clarity to the purposes and specific activities of DKG.

The workshops were varied and interesting – more examples of the hard work done by everyone contributing to the convention.

Arizona Highways editor Win Holden spoke with passion and conviction about Arizona and its history. Dr. Rants urged strengthening membership through excellence, diversity, and technology.

Sunday proved to be as valuable and distinctive as the previous two days. The necrology service was poignant yet celebratory – many ladies lost to us too soon. The World Fellowship lei processional uniquely represented the chapters. Patricia Rendon (Lambda) celebrated DKG's world fellowship program, showing how DKG Aspires, Acts, and Achieves, impacting education worldwide.

Nancy Mahon (Alpha)



First timers Nancy Mahon (Alpha) and her friend wore their chapter Leis at the Lei of Friendship Breakfast.

Child Trafficking

Did you know that domestic child sex trafficking is a serious threat to Arizona's children - - our children? Arizona - - Phoenix, in particular is a major sports and entertainment hub and activity increases during major golf tournaments, auto auctions, and other sporting events.

Victims come from every sector of society. Unfortunately, our current laws do not adequately protect minors from predators and pimps.

At this moment Arizona children age 14 and under are strongly protected; but children who are 15, 16, and 17 years old enjoy only token protection under our law. These older children are often misidentified as "willing participants" and are prosecuted instead of protected.

The Coalition to Protect Arizona Children from Trafficking is currently collecting 50,000 signatures to demonstrate the citizens' will to combat the problem and enlist our legislators to act.

Consult <http://protectazchildren.com> for more information.

Marilyn Duerbeck (Alpha Iota)

Developing Math Skills through Card and Dice Games

Packs of cards with game suggestions and ideas were distributed to participants. Ruth Wilmot (Iota) divided the group into pairs and led them through one of the games.

One pair of players developed another game that could be played by students. This was a fun and educational workshop that provided teachers with really useful math games to take back and utilize in their classrooms.

Jan Bauschka (Alpha)

Duct Tape Workshop!

Can duct tape be used for art? Absolutely! Janet Fish (Alpha Eta) and Donna Bentz, mother and daughter, instructed DKG members at the 2012 State Convention. Several items were made - - some practical and all colorful.

Duct tape is very versatile and comes in many colors, patterns, and sizes. Its shiny, silver and metal surface makes it the perfect for credit card covers. This exterior can prevent thieves from scanning through our purses or wallets. Using this same folding technique also produced May baskets and an assortment of cases.

The tape can be easily cut and rolled. Different colored flowers were formed to use as hair ornaments or centerpieces.

This was a make-and-take workshop. Two of the credit card cases will be carried to Peru with a family this summer.

*Barbara Westover (Alpha)
Ruth Wilmot (Iota)*

Early Schools in Arizona

A team of presenters from Alpha Epsilon Chapter (Pattie Vincent, Toni Atchison, Beth Grenfell, Karen Blackstone, Gloria Gee, and Barbara Havens) presented an interesting session about early schools in Arizona.

The Phoenix Indian School operated from 1891-1990 and was the only Federal school not on a reservation. Phoenix purchased the land, and three buildings still stand. The Memorial Hall was refurbished and is used for concerts and meetings. The land is maintained as a park by the park services.

The "Mother of Bilingual Education" was Maria Urquides in Tucson. Session attendees chuckled at the strict rules for teachers in 1872. Arizona began integrating students in 1951 - - before the national mandate.

Mary Holloway (Alpha)

Lifesaver Session at Convention

Have you inventoried your chapter recently? Is it the same chapter year after year, or are you growing, changing, and evolving? Is your chapter at work building and retaining members? Ideas were suggested to encourage members to grow a vital chapter.

- Broaden your membership - Include community members outside of school.
- Limit meeting time to 1 – 1 ½ hours.
- Use the "come when you can" policy.
- Use nametags.
- Encourage activities that result in people talking with each other.
- Use a variety of means to communicate.
- Maintain some traditions.
- Change seating arrangements at meetings.
- Try door prizes or birthday - gift drawings.
- Select experienced members to mentor new members.

*Carmen Wendt (Chi)
Sue Crumrine (Alpha Eta)*

Membership Workshop

During the Membership Workshop, Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega) held a round-table discussion on how to find, initiate, and retain members. Several members expressed that young teachers were too busy with their careers, families, etc., to consider membership.

It was also suggested that financial considerations might make it difficult for some to commit to membership.

Ideas were exchanged and further ideas were brainstormed. Thinking "outside the box" was suggested and accepted by the group as an excellent way to halt decreasing membership.

Jan Bauschka (Alpha)



Connie Myren (Lambda) and Ruth Hintz (Zeta) check the convention schedule.

Pride in Membership

Friday's training and cross-training workshops featured presentations by Omicron State Membership Committee members to help incoming chapter officers with their new jobs. Training for the second vice-presidents included

1) Recruiting and keeping members, 2) new initiation ceremony, and 3) forms.

Merry Lewis (Mu) and Mary Ann Liddle (Lambda) presented a skit to coincide with slides from international cd, *Pride in the Picture Orientation*. The script was an informal presentation featuring:

Benefits of joining and maintaining DKG membership:

- Leadership training and opportunities,
- Chapter projects
- State opportunities
- International opportunities,
- Benefits of joining and maintain membership
- Member scholarships
- Support to women educators worldwide
- Mentoring new teachers

The original slide presentation on cd, *Pride in the Big Picture*, and the printed *Orientation Guide* are available from International or your computer – enter...

dkg.org/Library/MembershipCommittee.

Chapters may create their own script to accompany the slide presentation. It is useful for recruiting new members as well as a re-orientation tool.

Mary Ann Liddle (Lambda)

Early-Career Educators

“Early-career educator” is a relatively new initiative, which DKG International has asked that Omicron State adopt. How is “early-career educator” defined? It’s an educator in grades K-8 in the first five years of teaching.

Why is this initiative so important? First, teaching is especially challenging for those entering the profession or in their early years. Also, retention of dedicated and competent teachers is vital to maintain a world-class educational system. Often the challenges are so overwhelming that some educators leave

the profession before experiencing all the joys associated with influencing the learning and development of students.

How can DKG chapters in Omicron State help prepare our students and teachers to meet these standards? Experienced teachers would provide support to early-career educators. There are three possible methods of support: 1) Build relationships through networking and sharing, 2) Provide monetary grants or donate materials and/or: 3) Be directly involved – chaperoning, lesson planning, etc.

We each have different gifts to share. The hours volunteered by chapter members are to be tabulated and reported as collaborative hours.

Charlotte Kraus (Alpha Epsilon)

Rose Mall Joins Fashion Square for Up-Scale Shopping in Scottsdale

After a smooth move from Pueblo Room to Maricopa Room, the Rose Boutique specialty Mall had its grand opening.

Three fine shops - - Alpha’s Home Goods, Alpha Beta Knit Shoppe and the unique Sigma Bling Chip Clip Place - - did thriving business on opening day.

Chi Doll, Card and Gift Emporium displayed a diverse product line fully appreciated by their clientele. Omicron’s most talented writers purchased materials at Alpha Epsilon’s Fascinator Shop, the exclusive distributor for Debby Webster Jazz Journals.

Meanwhile, fine art aficionados browsed and made purchases at nearby Bonnie Dent Art Gallery before stepping next door for chocolate and nutty treats at the Eta and Eats Baker.

Enthusiastic but inept gardeners solved their horticultural dilemma at Lambda’s Miracle Grow Metallic Garden Nursery.

Business was so good at the new mall’s Zeta Winery that their entire stock was swooped up by one lucky DKG connoisseur.

Environmentally green and thrifty consumers shopped President Judy V’s Recycle-Re-gift establishment. She almost reached her goal of a complete clearance before inventory had to be taken again.

The highlight of the grand opening was the 5:15 Power Pic Raffle, where 12 lucky winners took home the spoils.

If you missed out this year, remember you can’t win if you don’t play. Just ask Connie Myren (Lambda), who was seen modeling one exquisite couture shirt she acquired from Latin America.

Vicki Berglind (Alpha)

Winners, All!

Lucky winners of the Omicron State Convention Raffles

Jenny Lichtsinn (Alpha Rho)
Lia Sophia Tabitian Necklace

Merry Lewis (Mu)
Gold Canyon Candle Basket

GiGi Foulk (Mu)
Italian Basket

Kathi Houtcooper (Alpha Iota)
Red Bow Day Off Basket

Bea Olivas (Alpha Rho)
Pamper Yourself Basket

Claudia Butler (Lambda)
Green Apple Relaxation Basket

Liz Tataseo (Alpha Delta)
Travel Coffee Set and Hand Towels

Judy Vinson (Alpha)
Snowman Bear

Pat Buckley (Eta)
Bears Christmas Tree

Marilyn Daniels (Alpha Beta)
Glitzy Cowgirl Hat

Carol Hullahen (Alpha Alpha)
Pashmina Indian Shawl

Wanda Lynch (Chi)
Tea Cup Puzzle and Tablecloth

Velia Luera (Zeta)
Happiness Photo Frame

Shauna Pattin (Alpha Iota)
Wine Basket

Connie Myren (Lambda)
Latin American Committee Raffle

Thanks to Vicki Berglind (Alpha) for all of this information.

Apples, Apples, From Everywhere!

Karen Blackstone (Alpha Epsilon) showcased a portion of the 800+ apples she has collected from over the world. Her apples range from ½” to 9” and are made out of everything imaginable.

In addition to these apples, she also collects apple memorabilia such as lamps, clocks, candles, clothes, dishes, toys . . . the list goes on. Many have been given to her; but Karen feels she has apple magnetism at stores, restaurants, galleries, antique shops, and wherever she travels. Her friends, relatives, and students know her as “The Apple Lady.”

Besides apples, Karen collects red roses, bells, butterflies, dolls, paperweights, and other things. Her collections all started as a reminder of the special people in her life.

Lori Good (Alpha Alpha)



Peggy Scott (Alpha Epsilon) with 50-year honoree Pat Ceballos (Alpha Eta)

Recognizing 25- and 50-year Members

Recognized at the 2012 state convention were twenty-five members who have belonged to DKG for twenty-five years. These members were introduced at the Birthday Luncheon and their names were listed in a brochure with cover designed by Jo Regenold (Lambda).

Eight members were honored as having been members of the Society for fifty years. One of these members, Patricia Ceballos (Alpha Eta), was in attendance at the luncheon. Patricia noted that her proud legacy comes from her grandmother, Sedona.

Peggy Scott (Alpha Epsilon) presented Patricia with a fifty-year pin, a certificate of recognition, a long-stemmed red rose reflecting the Society's beauty of mind and spirit and a long-stemmed rose crafted from wood signifying the unfading beauty of membership. Dora Donovan (Alpha Sigma) had crafted a rosette for Patricia to wear.

Peggy Scott (Alpha Epsilon)

Arizona DKG on the Internet

dkg.org/Society websites/United States/Arizona

- Read about Alpha Chi Chapter in Lake Havasu when they initiated Karen Barnes and Apryl Cooley
- Check what Alpha Iota Chapter is doing
- See the Alpha Beta Chapter photos
- Read the latest Apple Advocate from President Judy Vinson
- Chapter Rules check lists are there to help you

Thanks to Webmaster Suzanne Crumrine, all of this information may be found on the Arizona website. You may contact Suzanne at suzannecv@q.com to publicize events and happenings in your chapter.

Chapter Help Available

Chapters are invited to contact the Omicron State Expansion or Membership Committees for assistance with chapter tasks.

The committees may have materials available including programs, communication, ice-breakers, finding new members, and discussion

of what is a successful chapter.

Teams may be available for visits to chapters. Call or send requests for ideas or help to Dora Donovan (Alpha Sigma) mdd8351@cox.net, or Dr. Joye Sterrett at sterr8113@aol.com

Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega), Chair
Omicron State Membership Committee

Rose Banquet

The banquet began with the traditional honor processional of past state presidents and outgoing and incoming chapter presidents.

Karen Carney (Alpha Alpha) presented the opening thought. After the meal, an enthusiastic chorus entertained with fun and inspiring songs: "Accentuate the Positive," "The Entertainer," "Ragtime Cowboy Joe," and "Song of America," written by two composers from Arizona.

The guest speaker was past International President Dr. Carolyn Rants, who informed us about new ideas and challenged us to invigorate our chapters and members. Reminding us about the international convention in New York, Carolyn told us about the media event. Attendees are invited to buy a red DKG scarf and wear it outside the "Today Show" on Thursday of the convention. Look for us; we will be waving!

After many awards and presentations, Pattie Vincent (Alpha Epsilon) presented the closing thought. We then adjourned to the Hospitality Room to continue our fun.



Dr. Caroline Rants
International representative

Gloria Day (Alpha)

Spotlight Awards

The Spotlight Awards now come under the auspices of the Educational Excellence Committee chaired by Omicron State First Vice-President Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho). The first four recipients were named at the 2012 Fall Workshop, and the committee felt it was fitting to include all of them in the Power Point presentation created by Denise Martin (Nu) at the convention Birthday Luncheon.

A short synopsis of their noteworthy accomplishments outside of DKG was read by Shelley Smith (Lambda) and each received a framed certificate from Jenny Lichtsinn (Alpha Rho). Their pictures along with the description of their contributions to their communities and to education will be posted on the Omicron State website.

Recipients include Judy Strohmeier (Alpha), Dr. Marj Jones-Shafer (Beta), Terri Ackland (Zeta), Renate Krompasky (Nu), Bonnie Dent (Tau), Helen Schwerter (Alpha), Rita Ponzo (Alpha), Joan Meighan (Beta), Gigi Foulk (Alpha), and Karen Thompson (Chi).

The committee urges each chapter to nominate one of its outstanding members for this coming year so that she too, may be recognized. Chapter first vice-presidents received the guidelines for nomination and the necessary form at their training session. Questions may be directed to Shelley Smith belleshelley@aol.com or to Jenny Lichtsinn (Alpha Rho) lichtsinn1@cox.net.

Shelley Smith (Lambda)

Educational Excellence Committee Member

Sterrett and Wendt Achievement Award Winners

Joye Sterrett (Omega) has served at all three levels of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. At the international level, she is on the Educators' Award Committee. At the state level she served as Parliamentarian and is now the second vice-president. Locally, she is past president of Omega Chapter.

She has had an article published in the "Bulletin" and regularly contributes articles for the Sahuaro.

Her chapter says Joye's contributions go beyond those listed, because on a day-to-day basis, she is consistently supportive of others at all levels.

Carmen Wendt (Chi) has served Delta Kappa Gamma in most offices and committee leadership positions within her chapter.

She has presented many workshops at the state level, both at Fall Workshops and State Conventions; and she served as photography instructor for two Life Experience Seminars.

Carmen contributes very active support and versatility in many areas. A twenty-four year member, she is always willing to help wherever she is needed.



Achievement Award winner
Carmen Wendt (Chi)



Achievement Award recipient
Dr. Joye Sterrett (Omega)

Donna Reynolds (Epsilon), Chair
Omicron State Achievement Award Committee

2012 Legislative Day

We had a full and most eventful Legislative Day on February 15, 2012. Members who attended said they enjoyed the variety of speakers and their willingness to answer questions.

Representative Lela Alston (Alpha Delta) welcomed the group and gave an overview of happenings at the Capitol.

Bills in committees from Representatives Alston and Kimberly Yee and Senator Schapira were heard.

Senator Crandall's assistant supplied information about upcoming bills while he was tied up in committee and Rebecca Gau gave a presentation that was an overview of Arizona Ready.

Delta Kappa Gamma members appreciated the introduction of DKG in the House and Senate and all were very positive about the entire experience.

*Liz Tataseo (Alpha Delta), Chair
Omicron State Legislative Committee*



Merry Lewis (Mu) with Past International President Dr. Caroline Rants (Iowa)

Mu and Nu Chapters to Merge

A resolution was read at the 2012 Omicron State Convention that merges Tucson chapters Mu and Nu. The procedure is relatively easy.

There is a section in the Society's new "Go-To Guide: Handbook for Chapter Members" that explains how to merge chapters.

The staff at Headquarters will assist the chapters in completing the merger.

Merry Lewis (Mu)

New Fund for Omicron State

A sum of \$5,000 has been gifted to Omicron State. A member was concerned that some members might not apply for the Golden Gift Seminar because, if accepted, a \$500 registration fee is required.

The new state fund will supply any necessary fees after an applicant is accepted for a Golden Gift Seminar

The Seminar usually takes place in even-numbered years and is an opportunity to hone leadership skills and to meet and work with other vibrant members from around the world.

When the \$5,000 is depleted, the donating member will work with the State Executive

Board to replenish the fund.

It is hoped the Golden Gift Committee will receive many applications from Arizona members for the 2014 Seminar.

*Merry Lewis (Nu), Chair
Omicron State Finance Committee*



Centennial Quilt on Display

As a volunteer at Desert View School in Phoenix, the idea of making a centennial quilt for the school became a reality after talking to the principal and staff.

The second grade students, using crayons suitable for cloth, created the designs in art class. The principal, art teacher, homeroom teachers, and aides also designed quilt squares.

The quilt has 80 squares - all depicting the five "C's" of Arizona: cattle, copper, climate, citrus, and cotton.

The completed centennial quilt was on display at the 2012 Omicron State convention and more recently at ASU West during the annual Washington Elementary School District Art Show.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), Quilt Maker

Are You Ready for the Big Apple?

About 25 Omicron State members have indicated they will be attending the 2012 International Convention in New York City, July 24-26, 2012. Are you one of them?

The Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers will be full of Delta Kappa Gamma members from around the globe. The entire convention will be under one roof.

There will be plenty of free time to explore and take advantage of tours, shopping, sightseeing, enjoying friends and attending a Broadway play.

Members will don a custom-designed red scarf and go en masse to the Today show on July 26, 2012. Not only will members have a chance to see Matt and Ann and Al, but also they will be celebrating NBC News as recipient of the 2012 DKG International Media Award for NBC's Education Nation series.

Enjoy all that mid-town Manhattan has to offer: Central Park, Times Square, the Theater District and much, much more. Come along and join us.



Janet Fish (Alpha Eta) is a member of the Northern Arizona University Alumni Choir. They sang recently at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Mary Liz Pierce (Beta) was voted the "Faculty Member of the Year" by the students at Central Arizona College's Superstition Mountain Campus.

Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) has been named Executive Secretary of the All Arizona School Retirees Association Scholarship Foundation Board. Berneil Drake (Alpha Delta) is the treasurer of the Board, Ann Stephens (Lambda) and Annji Craig-Wooten (Kappa) are Board members.

Desiree Raulston (Alpha Rho) is the principal of the new Copper View Elementary School in the Sahuarita School District.

Ann Jahnke (Iota) was recently named Yuma County Intermediate Teacher of the Year. She teaches at J. B. Rolle School and will retire at the end of this year.

Jenny Lichtsinn (Alpha Rho) has been named Teacher of the Year in Continental School District. She has also been selected to serve on the Arizona Department of Education HELP Manual revision team.

Lisa Holland (Epsilon) has been accepted into the doctoral program at the University of Arizona. She is the principal of Bisbee High School.

Susan Quinn (Lambda) co-authored a book with Dr. Cynthia Dowdali-Thomas, "Hey You's From Heaven." It is about the part of the Tohono Chui culture that helps people deal with the grief of losing a loved one.

Lois Fitch (Chi) was presented with the 2012 D.A.R. Women in American History Award. The award was presented by Carmen Wendt (Chi).



Carmen Wendt (Chi) and Lois Fitch (Chi) at the DAR meeting

Lisa White

(Chi) has completed her training and is now a docent at the Phoenix Art Museum.

Chi Chapter brought the Harvey girls to Life as they hosted a coffee after the matinee performance of Celebrating Arizona Women sponsored by AAUW at Scottsdale Community College.

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Josephine Bates Casa Grande, AZ	Delta April 9, 2012
Hazel Bonebrake Casa Grande, AZ	Alpha Zeta May 30, 2012

Dates to Remember

July 19-21, 2012

Seminar in Purposeful Living
Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel
Arlington, Virginia

July 24-26, 2012

International Convention
Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers
(Seventh Avenue)
New York, New York

October 20, 2012

All Member Workshop
Executive Board Meeting
Metro Tech High School
1900 West Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ

April 19-21, 2013

Omicron State Convention • Radisson Suites
6555 E. Speedway
Tucson, Arizona

July 17-20, 2013

Southwest Regional Conference
Hilton Branson
Branson, Missouri

April 25-27, 2014

Omicron State Convention
Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa
1011 W. Holmes Ave
Mesa, Arizona

July 28 – August 1, 2014

International Convention • JW Marriott Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana

2015 Southwest Regional Conference
Kansas

2017 Southwest Regional Conference
Hawaii

My Memory of Judy Strohmeyer

*By Past State President
Diane Sheets (Alpha Beta)*

My first memory of Judy Strohmeyer was when I attended the Women in the Arts Retreat in 1999 at the Rio Rico Resort. I was in awe watching the many creative talents she displayed as co-chairman of this event.

Later, as Judy began to accept more leadership positions in Omicron State, she was always willing to share her many strengths, skills, and attributes with us. Judy has left her creative imprint on everything she touched. Those many imprints will be a lasting memory and tribute to her.

Ceremony of Remembrance

The Sunday morning ceremony began with a musical prelude and tributes to Past State President Judy Strohmeyer by Mercedes Korn (Alpha Iota) and Joan Meighan (Beta).

Fifteen members who passed away last year were remembered as a short tribute was read and a white wood rose was placed in a vase. The ceremony concluded as members joined in singing "The Peace Prayer of St. Francis."

Assisting in the ceremony were Mary Hol-loway (Alpha), Pattie Vincent (Alpha Epsilon), and Kim Meighan (Beta). Gloria Day (Alpha) led the choir members with the music.

*Karen Blackstone (Alpha Epsilon)
Co-Chair Omicron State Necrology Committee*

DKG has a Website Library

Copied from The Bridge – Virginia

There is an electronic library that can be found on the DKG website. The library is a place to find information about a broad spectrum of Society activities. Included via a link are blogs by the International President, Executive Director, Information Services Administrator, Membership Administrator, and the Operation Services Administrator. You can learn what each of these women is doing each month.

Another feature includes program ideas for the fine arts, Society purposes, projects, and a Founders quiz that could be used as a chapter program.

The library also includes documents useful to members. You may find PowerPoint templates, the strategic action plan, and tips for creating a chapter action plan.

Resources from international committees can be found quickly. There is also access to past issues of the Bulletin and the DKG News.

Membership Activities Highlighted

Three Omicron State chapter membership activities were spotlighted in the recent DKG Southwest Regional Membership Memo.

Evelyn Craft (Lambda) stated the chapter gives notes of appreciation to staff members at certain schools. Jean White (Tau) suggested putting a dollar in a brag bag for each "brag" at chapter meetings. Jean Davis (Alpha Rho) listed maintaining a chapter web site, Facebook, and Twitter accounts.

*Joye Sterrett (Omega), Chair
Omicron State Membership Committee*

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