



Arizona SAHUARO

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – For Key Women Educators



PHOTO BY MERRY LEWIS

Berneil Drake sharing laughs, knowledge, and happy memories.

New Staff Thanks Berneil

This issue of *The Arizona Sabuaro* is dedicated to Berneil Drake, who was the editor for thirty years! She has served the Society in numerous capacities. She became a charter member of Alpha Delta Chapter in 1967. Berneil served as state president (1979 - 1981), attended the Leadership Management Seminar (Golden Gift in 1984), served as Southwest Regional Director (1990-1992) and was International Second Vice-President (1992-1994). She was active in organizing Omicron State's unique Latin America Fund Committee. As editor, she has initiated features such as "White Roses," "Red Roses" and "Chapter Chatter." Her dedication as editor is greatly appreciated. Thank you Berneil!

The members also applaud and thank Ginny Mountain (Chi) and Beth Swanson (Rho) for their work as proofreaders.

2013 Fall Executive Board Meeting and All Member Workshop

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Metro Tech High School • 1900 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, Arizona

(Schedule subject to change)

7:00 – 7:30 a.m.

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

8:20 – 9:50 a.m.

10:00 – 10:55 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

12:50 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

Set-up for Rose Boutique and arts display

Registration, continental breakfast, boutique, arts display

Executive Board Meeting

Session I Workshops

Session II Workshops

Committee meetings, boutique, arts display, social time

Luncheon (served by culinary arts students)

Luncheon Speakers (Streetlight U.S.A.)

Attendance and First Timer Awards,

Announcements, raffle winners, prizes

Workshops will include:

Educational Excellence • KARE (Keep Active Reach Everyone) - Membership Strategic Action Planning • Highlights of Asian Journey by Ann Huber (Xi)

Tech Creativity in Computer Lab • Phoenix Zoo Programs for Students • Stand For Children

Note: Don't forget to bring your completed dresses for the **Little Dresses for Africa Project!**

Educational Foundation Celebrates 50th

The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation invites each member to help celebrate its 50-year anniversary by purchasing a candle for \$50 (\$1.00 representing each year) to add to the funds. The donor's name will be placed on the website at dkgef.org. Members may also become "Miracle Makers" by contributing \$500 in a lump sum or \$100 per year for five years. The Foundation awards grants to sup-

port and encourage excellence in education.

Individuals, chapters, or a state organization may apply for a \$1000 grant which will be awarded in 2014. Fifty (50) such grants are available.

All employed educators are eligible to apply online by November 15, 2013. Let's see some Arizona names among the recipients.

Donna Reynolds, Alpha Epsilon, Educational Foundation Trustee

Support Early Career Educators

Birthday Luncheon speaker Peggy Brewer's personal narrative celebrates the SEE Initiative: Support Early-Career Educators. Her poignant tale of why she will not join the 46% who leave within five years, despite the frustrations of job-seeking, shows the value of SEE. During student teaching and two years of substituting, DKG members gave her emails, luncheons, awards, and unsolicited recommendations when her self-esteem was lowest. She relates how she was invited, not pressured, and how members were generous, not overbearing.

When the second grade teacher finally was hired—last minute, to teach Seventh Grade Language Arts—she wrote a list of needs, and

dozens of members showed up to turn a bare classroom into her special place. Now she hap-

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Stepping Up with Rachel

I am overflowing with eagerness and positive anticipation to be serving as Omicron State Organization President for the 2013 – 2015 biennium.

I have chosen *Step Up And Shine* as my theme, and have separated the word S-T-E-P with the following key words: *Serve - Tune-In - Encourage - Participate*.

Throughout my life, I have tried to adhere to the excellent advice I received from my mother. She told me that no matter what may befall a person or what goals one may seek in life – all one needs to do is keep taking the next step,

and she will surely shine. If each of us chooses to *serve* in a particular capacity, *tunes-in* to the happenings taking place, and *encourages* our sisters to *participate* in our Society, the results may surely be remarkable.

My primary goal is to serve and connect with members and tune into the needs and suggestions of chapters. I am pleased that the KARE (Keep Active Reach Everyone) group which began work during the last biennium and is continuing under the umbrella of the Membership Committee has generated much enthusiasm.

Chapters are encouraged to participate in the International Support Early-Career Educators and Schools For Africa projects. We will continue with the state projects: Collaborative Connections and the Spotlight Awards, under the direction of the Educational Excellence Committee. We will execute state and chapter Strategic Action Plans, required by international. I also want to establish a networking system among the chapters through which they may share ideas, needs and encouragement.

Twenty-two Arizona members recently returned from the 2013 Regional Conference with many innovative ideas gleaned from the excellent

speakers and outstanding workshops. The new state officers were inspired by the exceptional leadership training. Emphasis was placed on communication and the use of technology to keep our Society in the forefront and keep all members well informed.

Exciting plans are underway for the 2013 Fall Executive Board Meeting and All Member Workshop, which will be held October 19, at Metro Tech High School in Phoenix. We will hear from speakers who will inform us on crucial issues affecting our children today. A variety of workshops are also planned. You will want to attend this informative and enjoyable event.

It has been written that being friends with someone is not just an opportunity, but also a sweet responsibility. No matter where Delta Kappa Gamma experiences may take us, we are immediately saturated by a unique brand of friendship – new, old, and life lasting. This, for me, is what makes membership in DKG so rewarding. I look forward to connecting and sharing with you, as often as possible. Let's **step up** together and keep Omicron State **shining** brightly.



For up-to-date state news GOTO <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/AZ/>

Gloria Day (Alpha) made CDs for the KDKG radio program at the Info-fair at the Southwest Regional Conference. The CDs advertised booths hosted by **Merry Lewis** (Non-Dues Revenue Committee) and **Joye Sterrett** (Scholarships Committee). **Donna Reynolds** (Educational Foundation) was interviewed “live” by the radio host.

Darby Downs (Alpha Rho) organized the filling of welcome/good wishes bags from Alpha Rho for the Sahuarita middle schools and high schools. DKG brochures were included in the bags.

Ginger Sewell (Alpha) completed 92 volunteer hours helping Red Rock School make a “BE KIND” mosaic mural. See our state website for more news and photos.

After hosting a brunch for Early Career Educators, Alpha chapter began to partner with “Treasures 4 Teachers” (affiliated with Long Realty) who gave each of the sixteen guests gift bags. Some of the teachers later returned for furniture for their schools. See our state website for more news and photos.

Donie Gignac(Upsilon)- Joyner-Green

Valley Library branch manager (and her staff) discovered that an oil painting hanging in the library is an original by Joseph O'Sickey. Worth

several thousand dollars, the 6-by-8-foot painting has been 'hiding' in plain sight for many years.

Educational Excellence Committee has broad agenda

The Educational Excellence Committee has the comprehensive duties of addressing issues in three broad areas: Educational Excellence, Empowering Women, and Supporting Global Understanding. In Arizona, we have four projects that focus on these categories. Chapters will participate here as well. They are Collaborative Connections, which covers individual and chapter contributions to work in the community and schools; The Spotlight Award, given to outstanding chapter members

for contributions in their community outside of DKG; SEE, Supporting Early-career Educators; and Schools for Africa.

The committee met August 17 and committee members are looking forward to working with Chapter First Vice Presidents to offer help in the above areas for program ideas and for reporting participation.

Dr. Joye Sterrett, Omega, Chair, Educational Excellence Committee

Friend of Education receives award

Liz Tataseo (Alpha Delta), and Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) presented Senator Katie Hobbs with the 2013 Omicron State Friend of Education Award this summer. The award to Senator Hobbs was announced at the Omicron State Convention in April.



Strengthening membership workshop held in Branson

How can membership be strengthened? In Branson at the Southwest Regional Conference Membership Training the following suggestions were given:

- Create a membership profile to see where your chapter is at this time. Identify specific areas for recruitment purposes. Check the DKG website.
- Contact previous members who dropped due to family responsibilities etc. - the time may be right to reinstate. DKG research shows that many will rejoin if asked.
- Consider short reorientation activities at each chapter meeting.
- Get members involved in your chapter planning for the year and designate tasks so

each member is engaged.

- Develop worthy chapter projects that will affect your community in a positive manner. Consider Early Career Educators, Schools for Africa or a local service project.
- Celebrate member accomplishments. Have you thought of doing a press release?
- Develop an action plan (a simple form is available on the DKG website). Set two or three goals for your chapter for the biennium.

If interested in having a KARE (Keep Active, Reach Everyone) Ambassador visit for a chapter program, please contact Alice Reule at areule@cox.net, phone 623-533-3059 or cell 480-280-5074.

Alice Reule, Alpha Delta

DKG members make a difference

The influence of DKG membership can be a powerful force in the lives of early-career educators. Peggy Shen Brewster, featured speaker at the Birthday Luncheon of the 2013 Southwest Regional Conference, related her experience of local DKG members helping her survive days of job hunting, her assignment as a long-term sub in an 8th grade classroom, followed by a hectic ten days of preparation for her first full-time teaching position in California. Members assisted in setting up her classroom, provided e-mail support during her job search, and encouraged her to apply for teaching awards

(which she won). She remarked that DKG validated her desire to teach as she has realized the difference teachers may make in the lives of students. She reminded the audience that teachers serve as advocates for students and demonstrate respect and perseverance, traits that impact lives beyond the classroom.

Membership was highlighted during the luncheon. A first-time attendee was seated at the head table, and special recognition was given to six attendees celebrating 50 years of membership.

Kathy Green, Alpha Delta

Attending the SW Regional benefits member

The Southwest Regional Convention in Branson provided learning opportunities for every member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Trainings were held for all state officers. As state treasurer, I attended the training with many other treasurers from other states and countries. It was nice to talk over concerns and duties that we all share. The workshop about AIM Insurance Company made me more knowledgeable about insurance matters. Omicron State buys \$1,000,000 coverage to keep us from being vulnerable to lawsuits.

At one workshop, techniques were demonstrated in how to make handcrafted and computer-generated DKG-themed awards, gifts, decorations, and displays. Chapters or state organizations could use them for special events or to generate income.

At another workshop a presenter told the benefits of joy and laughter for one's health.

What a healthy week we had! It was filled with meeting, sharing, and experiencing speak-

ers, singers, conversations, and time to be with vibrant women.

Whatever your role is in Delta Kappa Gamma, consider attending a Southwest Regional Conference.

Marge Threewit, Alpha Beta



Joye Stennett and Rachel Wear carry the Arizona banner at the Southwest Regional Conference.

Keep membership fit with this workout

Ladies, it's time to pick up your barbells to develop and tone your muscles—your chapter muscles that is! What works in the gym, can work in the chapter, too. Vicki Davis from Texas shared her thoughts on weight training for chapters at the Southwest Regional Conference in her presentation, "It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter." She explained: a basic approach to weight training is repetition—and so it is with chapters—Keep Planning and Keep Doing! Some of the "reps" we want to perform include: orientation, reorientation, web site usage, newsletters, traditions and information sharing. Davis recommended chapter analysis to determine chapter health. Analysis should be followed by introduction and application of the "212 Principle" to achieve goals that strengthen the chapter and move everyone forward.

212° is the temperature at which water boils. Water is very hot at 211°, but at 212° steam is produced. With that one extra degree of heat, enough steam is produced to power an engine – a steam engine, for example. The 212 message is a call to action for those who wish to move forward—members who will contribute that extra degree.

Diagnostics center on the idea of moving chapters forward to greater strength/potential. Chapter muscles might need toning. Therefore, plans need to be formulated for fitness goals. Davis described a diagnostic tool based on the research of Linda Lambert in her book, *Connecting Capacity Building with Leadership*. Although this research was conducted in a school setting, it can be easily applied to DKG chapters. Basically, chapter members answer a few questions describing the chapter and then identify the level of participation and leadership believed to be present in the chapter. Strategies and goals are then identified.

How many opportunities have we missed because we have not applied one more degree of effort than we normally do? Key ingredients to the 212 program are skillfulness (knowledge of Society and communication within chapters) and participation (involvement and collaboration). Let's **Plan** and **Do** together!

Kathy Green, Alpha Delta

Southwest Regional conference welcomes first timers

Wednesday afternoon was livened up by cheerleaders Judy Kearns (California), Shirl Hawes (Texas) and Kathy Davis (Oklahoma) waving their red and gold poms to welcome the First Timers to the Southwest Regional Conference. The record breaking group of 203 First Timers were also treated to punch and cookies, and a special white goodie bag.

The mysterious white bags at the tables included a variety of activities and sustenance treats provided by the Southwest Regional Conference to engage and challenge the participants at each table. The ice breaker activities created a relaxing atmosphere for the newbies to creatively interact with each other by sharing some personal attributes in order to better remember each other throughout the Conference. These games also provided an avenue to elicit new and exciting interactions in their chapters and throughout the state.

Kudos to President, Nadine Horner, who

crocheted over 650 lovely 3D rose pins for everyone in attendance, and to the entire Missouri DKG contingency for organizing and successfully completing an awesome Conference. Our president, Beverly Helms, shared her vision and challenges, and became the ideal model for a special presentation by our new Japanese members.

Delta Kappa Gamma sisters were always smiling and greeting one another. Ideas were flying through the air; sessions were invigorating and oozed with usefulness. DKG ladies exhibited a plethora of talents for our entertainment. Without business meetings, this time was used for sharing and exchanging ideas at excellent workshops. In addition to enjoying a little shopping, sightseeing, and entertainment, acquaintances became friends. I only wish all of my DKG sisters could have attended to see and feel the worldwide embrace of DKG.

Nancy Mahon, Alpha Chapter



First Timer Nancy Mahon (Alpha).

Sing out for non-dues revenue

With pizzazz worthy of a Branson musical, Merry Lewis' Info-Fair exhibit sang the praises of "One Cause" and other creative fundraising



Mercedes Umana, Bea Olivas and Janet Vickers help bring customers to the Non-Dues Revenue Booth

ideas like medical history bracelets. Garbed in sequined music-themed vests, Bea Olivas and Jean Fuer (Alpha Rho), and Mercedes Umana of El Salvador helped Merry pass out pencils, tootsie pops, and prizes as Fair-goers rolled dice on a giant keyboard displaying the many non-dues revenue opportunities available to DKG members. Janet Vickers (Omega) passed out brochures.

Third General Session speaker John Parke, also, promoted the excellent business sense of "One Cause" as a way of helping all levels of DKG by simply doing what we love—shopping. To learn more about Non-Dues Revenue, check out the committee's brochure at dkg.org. To shop at **One Cause**, go to <http://bit.ly/1Cause> and be sure to select Delta Kappa Gamma as your "cause."

Janet Vickers, Omega

The fourth general session provides memorable ending

The Fourth General Session of the 2013 Southwest Regional Conference was one to remember. Claudia Estrada, presider from Guatemala, provided us with the dates when the Latin American countries were initiated into DKG, along with some historical facts about the various main cities. This was informational and set the stage for what was to follow.

The Japanese members showed how to properly dress oneself in a kimono, a traditional Japanese garment worn on special occasions. Our International President, Dr. Beverly Helms, served as the model. Assistance from at least one

additional female is required.

Japanese members and Latin American members entertained with beautiful songs and dances from their native homelands.

The Guatemalan members, dressed in dark native skirts and blouses, performed their dances in a very mystical way. The dancers from El Salvador wore bright colors of gold and red and danced to the music of Nuevo Leon.

In closing, a special invitation was given for all DKG SW members to make plans now to attend the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis Indiana, July 28-Aug. 1.

Evelyn Craft, Lambda Chapter

Should regional conferences change to better serve attendees?

Omicron State members Diane Gara-Weiner (Alpha Delta) and Suellen Brahs (Rho) attended a workshop at the Southwest Regional which challenged those in attendance to consider conference structure, function, practices and potential changes. Moderator Jeannette Zuniga, Member at Large, posed specific questions. How will conferences look in the future, and what changes might be implemented to meet the needs of today's educators and tomorrow's leaders? The purpose of a conference – in this case a regional conference – is to provide networking and training through workshops affordable for more to attend, especially newer teachers. Reasons for attending conferences were discussed. Chapter and State officers want to become more active and learn about the Society. Other concerns focused on how officer training might be accomplished with less expense. It was suggested that all state presidents attend training in Austin at International Headquarters. This would relieve trainers from travelling to five different conferences and could be held at a time separate from the regional conferences. All members are asked to take a survey available at www.dkg.org, and answer questions on how we can best improve DKG overall and meet the needs of all members.

*Diane Gara-Weiner, Alpha Delta and
Suellen Brahs, Rho*

Branson vendor has adventure

My latest adventure took place in Branson, Missouri at the Southwest Regional Marketplace. My sister, Nancy Robles, and I set up a single table at the Marketplace to sell cards and prints of my DKG artwork and scarves from her California DKG chapter. The Marketplace shared space with the Society's Info-Fair. The "DKG Radio Station" provided an upbeat environment with information, songs, and interviews.

Vendors offered goods from candy bars to jewelry to sheet music and CDs. JWayDesignz, represented by a mother/daughter duo sold vests made from large scarves. We enjoyed giving a thumbs up or down to those who tried on the vests.

The friendly crowd of shoppers included the Kansas ladies with big sunflowers on their lapels, the very stylish Japanese delegation, as well as teachers from many other states and several nations. There were many warm smiles and greetings and many dialects of the English language were heard.

It was a noisy bustling place and sales were good. The Marketplace was closed during General Sessions, so if a meeting ran overtime, that limited shopping time. Overall, the Marketplace provided a variety of merchandise and information to the 604 delegates to the Conference.

Bonnie Dent, *Tau*



Bonnie Dent, Nancy Robles at the Marketplace

The president's banquet is a celebration

Always a signature event of a Delta Kappa Gamma Conference, this year's Presidents' Banquet began with the state presidents' procession and Arizona's beautiful and elegantly attired Rachel Wear at the head of the line. Presiding for the evening was Sandy Whitney (TX), 2000-2002 Southwest Regional Director. DKG's international flavor was reflected in the participation of six of the seven countries in the SW Region. Preceding dinner, Reiko Sumi of Japan brought us to our feet with her electrifying voice as she sang *Hana Wa Saku* (Flowers will Bloom). Also memorable was the keynote address, "Why Celebrate?" by our International President, Dr. Beverly Helms (FL), followed by the SW Regional Choir, directed by Terri McPheeters (MO). The closing thought by SW Regional Director, Heidi Chadwick (CA), and the traditional singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song", marked the end of an extraordinary conference and gave way to heartfelt, best wishes to friends old and new from near and far, and hopes and promises to see one another next year at the International Convention in Indianapolis.

Jean Davis, *Alpha Rho*

Past state presidents attend luncheon at regional

Peggy George, past Southwest Regional Director, presided at a luncheon for all state organization presidents. She presented awards to the Headquarters staff: Corlea Plowman, Nita Scott, Dr. Linda Eller, and Phyllis Hickey in appreciation for the many extra hours they give in assisting DKG members.

After the meal and bonding time with past and current state presidents, Vicki Davis, past state president of Texas, spoke on "Continuing to Grow After Your Term as State President." She included the importance of taking risks, self reflection, and not accepting the status quo.

Davis encouraged her audience to reflect on the successes and humorous events that happened during their terms of office. She closed with the statement that faith, trust, and "pixie dust" (one's dreams) are the things that allow one to be successful. When I think of the many state organization presidents, it reminds me of this quote by Robert Kirby, "The mark of a true professional is giving more than you get." This is certainly true of our past state organization presidents.

Diane Sheets, *Omicron Past State President*

Female Leadership – Be Heard!

Katie Snapp addressed attendees at the All States' Breakfast with comments encouraging women to pursue leadership roles and practice techniques that will help them achieve their goals. Snapp's emergence as a top trainer nationally in leadership and team building grew from her work in male-dominated careers. Research shows that women and men think differently. Men are seen as focused; women are seen as multi-taskers. When outnumbered, women's skills may not emerge. In business, women are expected to adapt to male patterns of behavior. She challenges women leaders to be more outspoken about their talents. They should challenge workplace expectations in the ways to dress, act, etc. For example, why not carry a pink computer tote bag, why not dress in soft, clothing styles? Do these behaviors impair effectiveness? Snapp's tips: 1. Always act confident and often people will begin to agree with you. 2. You get what you plan for, not what you want, so plan wisely.

Other events at the breakfast included a solo by Flor Perez of Costa Rica – *The Impossible Dream*; reports from both the U.S. and Latin

Forums; and the announcement that the Educator's Book Award was won by Sara Lightfoot for her book entitled *Exits: The Endings That Set Us Free*. Donations collected at the breakfast for the Emergency Fund totaled \$15,872.

Kathy Green, *Alpha Delta*

Branson, Missouri

The fog rises over the river,
And the sun shines behind
The clouds tinged in pink.
My day has begun in Branson.

Music, dance, singing, fun,
Friends, smiles and inspirations:
Southwest Regional shines with
Heartfelt joy and anticipation.

The culmination of months of
preparation,
The expectations of new
friendships,
The reunion of sisterhood,
The caring, sharing and
supporting of membership.

Each day planned.
Each detail checked and
rechecked.
Seven countries and twenty-two
states
Sharing our Vision: Strengthening
our Society.

Janye Brainard
Kappa, Texas

Ad Hoc Omicron State committee report

Approved, April 20, 2013

Chapters, the heart of Delta Kappa Gamma, are organized in Arizona by local areas and units. Arizona Bylaws, Article V, Section C, page B4: Areas: Areas for the purpose of rendering better service to the membership and for providing area representation on various committees shall be defined by the State Executive Board. (SR C-Organization, 1) and Section D, page B4: Units: Units for the purpose of equalizing the responsibilities for state conventions shall be defined by the State Executive Board. (SR C-Organization, 2).

Rationale for Redistributing Units

With the projected loss of three Omicron chapters by April, 2012, the convention units would become lopsided with regard to the number of chapters and active members available to plan and do the work of putting on a state convention. A balance is needed, as well as consideration of the geographic placement of our chapters and travel required. An Ad Hoc committee was formed to study the current Units and to propose a revised alignment of chapters. Each of the present Units was represented on the committee.

The committee considered travel time for planning, appropriate facilities and the fact that it is necessary to include chapters located in the area of the convention.

The Ad Hoc committee also recognizes that Phoenix area chapters have periodic Fall Workshop duties and Tucson area chapters have Council and May Breakfast/Initiation duties. Therefore, convention units were planned so duties did not fall in the same years as events with other work.

Each Unit contains some chapters that are geographically scattered; however, they are linked to the nearest urban chapters.

Ad Hoc Committee - Chair, Jan Rosenberg, Nu
Unit 1, Julie Berkel, Chi
Unit 2, Barbara Markert, Upsilon
Unit 3, Dorothy Eichbaum, Eta

President, Judy Vinson, Alpha
Unit 4, Janet Vickers, Omega
Unit 5, Marty Nedom, Alpha Zeta
Unit 6, Janis Parks, Xi

REVISED CONVENTION UNITS

APPROVED AT THE OMICRON STATE CONVENTION - APRIL 9, 2013

ACTIVE MEMBERS	CHAPTER	SPAN	LOCATION	TOTAL
<u>UNIT 1: 2016, 2020</u>				
16	Beta	8 yrs.	E. Phoenix	
25	Sigma/Rho	7/6 yrs.	Phoenix	
29	Chi	4 yrs.	Phoenix	
19	Omega	7 yrs.	Pho./Scotts.	170
19	Alpha Beta	7 yrs.	Phoenix	
19	Alpha Delta	4 yrs.	Phoenix	
28	Alpha Epsilon	6 yrs.	Mesa/Gilbert	
15	Alpha Sigma	4 yrs.	Goodyear	
<u>UNIT 2: 2017, 2021</u>				
14	Zeta	7 yrs.	Kearney/Hayden/Eloy	
25	Iota	4 yrs.	Yuma	
26	Nu/Mu	4 yrs.	Tucson	
30	Upsilon	4 yrs.	Tucson	161
25	Alpha Zeta	7 yrs.	Casa Grande	
51	Alpha Rho	4 yrs.	Green Valley/Sahuarita	
<u>UNIT 3: 2014, 2018</u>				
17	Gamma	6 yrs.	Holbrook	
29	Eta	6 yrs.	Prescott	
24	Tau	6 yrs.	Flagstaff/Williams	
20	Alpha Alpha	6 yrs.	N. Phoenix	171
13	Alpha Eta	6 yrs.	Winslow	
28	Alpha Iota	5 yrs.	N.W. Phoenix	
23	Alpha Xi	2 yrs.	N.W. Phoenix	
17	Alpha Chi	2 yrs.	Lake Havasu City	
<u>UNIT 4: 2015, 2019</u>				
34	Alpha	4 yrs.	Tucson	
17	Delta	4 yrs.	Globe/Miami	
25	Epsilon	4 yrs.	Sierra Vista	159
32	Kappa	4 yrs.	Safford/Pima/Thatcher	
29	Lambda	4 yrs.	Tucson	
22	Xi	4 yrs.	Tucson	
				Totals: + 661

Night on the town is entertaining

I really didn't want to attend *The Shoji Tabuchi Show* in Branson. I didn't want a Japanese show; I wanted a country western show. Isn't that what Branson is all about? Finally the day before the show I gave in and bought my ticket for Shoji. The show had rave reviews.

Friday night three busloads went to dinner at the Great American Steak and Chicken House. The next stop was the Shoji Tubachi Theater.

The theater is an experience in itself, decked out in pink and purple. After being escorted to our seats, we were encouraged to visit the restrooms before the show. Over the top Victorian solarium is the best way to describe the very large and ornate ladies' room. The men's room, I hear, holds a billiards table.

Finally the show began and I was not disappointed. I got my country western show and

then some. Shoji Tabuchi is a talented showman, playing the violin, singing, leading his band, and even showing some dance moves. Shoji played with a six-piece band and was accompanied by his daughter, Christina, and her troupe of singers/dancers. The show had something for everyone: country, bluegrass, rock, ballads, and even Christmas. At intermission Shoji and Christina met the audience and posed for pictures. The show ended with patriotic songs and a standing ovation.

Susan Halliday, Alpha Delta

The U.S. Forum:

How can YOU be an advocate for good?

The U.S. Forum selects issues affecting women, children, and education upon which U.S. DKG members may take action. At the SW Regional Forum in Branson, U.S. Forum Chair Wally Turner shared current legislative issues. Guest speaker Lisa Maatz demonstrated the effectiveness of working with other “squeaky wheel” groups, pairing DKG with AAUW (The American Association of University Women). Discussion groups focused on what further information is needed and next steps to get involved for three topics: Pay Equity, Violence Against Women, and STEM Education (Science, Technology, Economics, and Math).

Pay equity discussions recommend watching city, county, and school boards; talking to human resource directors about pay and hiring practices, and ensuring that administrators’ salaries are available as easily as are teachers’ pay; and creating links so your chapter members can readily contact legislators and senators. Also consider programs that teach women negotiating skills.

For local information and involvement to prevent Violence Against Women, attend Omicron State’s Fall Workshop, Oct. 19, at Metro Tech High School in Phoenix. Excellent

luncheon speakers from StreetLight USA will discuss sex trafficking and similar issues prevalent in Arizona.

Want to keep informed or get involved? (1) Ask DKG’s SW Regional Representative Kathy Boyer to forward U.S. Forum Connection newsletter, and the Action Network from AAUW. Kathy can be reached via the Forum website: <http://deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum>. (2) Come to Fall Workshop to share your concerns about the Forum topics with State Senator Katie Hobbs, District #24, Omicron State’s 2013 Friend in Education.

Janet Vickers, Omega

Arizona members attend the SW regional conference

The 2013 Southwest Regional Conference in Branson, Missouri, was attended by 604 members. Twenty-two Arizona members, including three chapter presidents, and six past state presidents, were in attendance. For the first time 6 members from Japan participated in the workshops and performed at events.

Those who attended from Omicron were:

Alpha	Nancy Mahon
Epsilon	Donna Reynolds
Zeta	Dena Martin
Lambda	Evelyn Craft, Connie Myren
Nu	Merry Lewis
Rho	Suellen Brahs, Colleen Lines
Tau	Bonnie Dent
Omega	Dr. Joye Sterrett, Janet Vickers
Alpha Beta	Diane Sheets, Marge Threewit

Alpha Delta	Dr. Nancy Noll, Diane Gara-Weiner, Alice Reule, Kathy Green, Susan Halliday
Alpha Iota	Kathi Houtcooper
Alpha Rho	Jean Davis, Bea Olivas, Rachel Wear

Marge Threewit and Rachel Wear performed with the chorus. Threewit also participated in a Japanese umbrella dance. Merry Lewis, with the assistance of Jean Davis, Janet Vickers, Mercedes Umana (El Salvador), and Bea Olivas, presided at the Non-Dues Revenue booth at the Info-Fair.

Dr. Joye Sterrett worked at the booth representing the International Scholarships Committee and Donna Reynolds with the assistance of Dr. Nancy Noll oversaw the Educational Foundation booth. Lewis, Reynolds, and Sterrett participated in the DKG Radio Program to explain the roles of the committees they represented. All three also conducted workshops during the conference.



Support Early Career Educators

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pily applies the same patience, perseverance, and generosity with her students. Knowing that a world in which students do things right the first time does not exist, Peggy gives second chances and instills value in her teens, as DKG did for her. “Teaching,” Peggy reminds us, “is about building relationships and love of learning.” Thanks to years of constant support, DKG has a brand-new member and the teaching profession another talented, passionate young educator.

Janet Vickers, Omega

Arizona night hosts seven guests



The Cantina Loreda Restaurant in Branson was the setting for Omicron State Members to visit with seven guests from Latin America. Guests this year were from Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica. All received grants from the Latin American Fund to help them with their hotel stay. Pictured are Jeanette Zuniga (Costa Rica), Connie Myren (Lambda) and Suellen Brahs (Rho).

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The **Second General Session of the 2013 Southwest Regional** opened with the Presentation of Flags, comedian Homer Lee (Terry Wayne Sanders), the honoring of past Regional Directors, and an impressive First Timers report. In addition, four Society headquarters' administrators presented reports, which ignited our perspectives on how to spark our members' passion for our Society. The Keynote speaker was Kathy Bauer, a trainer of employee wellness for the Monterey County Health Department in California. Her topic was "The Power of Laughter as a Stress Reducer." Bauer shared many ways to reduce stress stating, "the shortest distance between two people is a smile," "misery comes free," and "joy, fun and laughter takes planning."

Dena Martin, Zeta

Correction (from Spring issue):

Marion Triem did not do a workshop at the state convention.

Dates to Remember

October 19, 2013

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

February 2014

Arizona Legislative Day
State Capitol Building
Phoenix, Arizona - Date TBA

April 25-27, 2014

Omicron State Convention
Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa
1011 West Holmes Avenue • Mesa, Arizona

July 28 – August 1, 2014

International Convention
JW Marriott Hotel • Indianapolis, Indiana

Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, 2015

Omicron State Arts Retreat
Spirit in the Desert
Carefree, Arizona

April 24-26, 2015

Omicron State Convention
Radisson Suites Tucson
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July 19-24, 2015

Southwest Regional Conference
Hyatt Regency
Wichita, Kansas

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