## 2018 All-Member Fall Workshop

You are all invited to attend the All-Member Fall Workshop at Moon Valley High School on Saturday, October 27. See your chapter treasurer for registration. The address is 3625 W. Cactus Road, Phoenix, 85029. The cross streets are Cactus Road and 36th Avenue. Park in the back of the facility. The day will begin with registration in the foyer of the auditorium. Make your way over to the cafeteria for a light breakfast. Join us for the business meeting in the auditorium. There will be two workshop sessions adjacent to the auditorium. Proceed to the cafeteria for the luncheon with our very own speaker, Merry Lewis (Nu) who will be sharing her Latin American connection. After the luncheon, committee meeting locations are available until 3 pm.

Workshops are as follows:

### Session 1

Vicki Bonavito (guest) - Brain Research & Movement, Part 2

Adam Brooks (guest) - Youth Awareness & Safety (YAS), The Effects of Social Media on Educators (double session)

Kristy Miller (Alpha Beta) - Qualities of Leadership: 7 Tips to Try

Linda Perl (Chi) -Tablescaping: Decorating Tables and Bureaus as a Hobby

Jenny Lichtsinn (Alpha Rho) - Inclusion, It Works!

### Session 2

Sherry Alimi (Eta) - Latin American Committee Purse Project: OOf!!! I'm stuffed! Adam Brooks (guest) -YAS (Repeat Session)
Susan Halliday (Alpha Delta) - Communication Using Technology
Jana Jackson (guest) - Jana Jackson for K.I.D.S.

## Calling for Nominations for State Officers and for Nominations Committee

Members interested in running for a state office are required to fill out the application form on the Arizona webpage, deltakappagamma.org/AZ. On the first page of the webpage, find Forms and Applications. The interactive Application for State Office is listed with the other forms. Please send the completed application as an attachment to an email to Nominations Committee Chair, Dr. Joye Sterrett at joyesterrett@gmail.com.

Nominations Committee members represent the five areas of the state as defined in the State Standing Rules and the Nominations Committee for 2019-2021 will also be elected at Spring Convention, 2019. Qualifications for state members serving on the Nominations Committee are: a) must have held a state office or served on a state committee and b) must have attended

a state convention and a state executive board meeting.

The same form may be used for both nominations. It is suggested you make certain the form works for you several days or weeks before the submission is due so problems do not prevent you from submitting on time. Although no applications can be accepted after the deadline, completed forms may be sent at any time and must be **received** by the deadline, **December 1, 2018**.

Nominations Committee 2017-2019

## Twenty-three state members attend the International Convention

Arizona members were busy at the DKG International Convention in Austin, Texas. Those attending included:

Beta - Kim Meighan, Julie Cober

Nu – Jan Rosenberg Noe, Merry Lewis

**Xi** – Catheryn Simpson

**Chi** – Linda Perl, Judy Tucker, Carmen Wendt

Alpha Alpha - Lori Good

**Alpha Beta** – Diane Sheets, Marge Threewit, Kristy Miller

**Alpha Delta** – Alice Reule, Kathy Green, Sue Mueller, Susan Halliday

**Alpha Epsilon** – Peg Frihart, Debby Webster, Bonnie Hill Dowdy, Dr. Margaret Hill

**Alpha Xi** – Carrie Snyder **Alpha Rho** – Bea Olivas, Rachel Wear

Alice Reule spoke at the Speaker's Fund Workshop and was the Keynote Speaker at the Southwest Regional Breakfast. She represented Arizona at the Executive Board meetings and was introduced at the Banquet.

Julie Cober, Carmen Wendt, and Kristy Miller presented workshops. Merry Lewis spoke at the Non-Dues Revenue Workshop and was installed as a Trustee for the Educational Foundation. Carmen Wendt served on the editing committee. Susan Halliday spoke at the US Forum. Marge Threewit was installed as a member of the International Finance Committee.



Arizona was well-represented at the DKG Convention in Austin, Texas.







## LET'S TALK MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

What can we do to attract and retain early-

career educators? Within two years, millennials, those born from 1982-2004, will be the largest population of the work force. We need to ask ourselves where will DKG be in 10 to 20 years? Who will fill our shoes? Millennials' lives are centered on work. They have concerns about whether Social Security will be available when they wish to retire. Their attitude is, "Don't waste my time." They look for a cause, benefits and answers from legislators. They want to be a part of a cause that does good for the community and globally such as DKG's "Schools for Africa" program. They prefer to be contacted using e-mail or texting; they may not respond to a phone call.

Why will members continue in DKG? They must feel their time spent with us is relevant. Retirees, you have much to offer by showing support, and by offering encouragement and problem-solving tips. Keep business meetings to a minimum and have a program that will be of interest, something meaningful to their lives or for the future. Create excitement at your meetings by participating in a local cause. Collect donations or items to support a local charity. One very worthwhile cause at the beginning of the school year is to get the names of new teachers from a local school and provide gift baskets. Marketing is key: use branding with the DKG logo and contact information. Make your meetings interesting and have fun, family-oriented events two to three times a year. Sometimes family members and other chapters are invited to join in a fieldtrip or a community service project. With permission, take photos and include them in your next newsletter. Recognition is very important, especially to younger members. They love and appreciate praise for their efforts! Make new members feel a part of the group by giving them a task for the future. Ask them to share what changes are occurring in education or ask for a new social media tip.

Why do members quit? It has to do with poor leadership, the way we conduct our business meetings, or irrelevant programs. Meetings running more than two hours show that we do not value their time. Make a lasting impression with guests at their first meeting or they will not return. No one wants to attend a meeting to hear members squabbling with one another.

Let us make the 2018-19 a year to be remembered - one that increases membership, new

life, new causes, new opportunities and most importantly, a fun place to be.

(Permission granted to use portions of an article from: Jeanie Coffey, VP of Association Relations, Association Member Benefits Provider )





- Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) was installed as a member of the International Finance Committee at the convention in Austin, Texas. Her term is 2018-2022.
- Merry Lewis (Nu) is a new Trustee of the Educational Foundation and will serve from 2018-2024. The mission of the Educational Foundation is to support and encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.
- Special thanks are extended to Kathy Green (Alpha Delta) for her work on this issue of the Sabuaro and to Catheryn Simpson (Xi) and Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) for contributing their photos.

(Editor's note: Please continue to send notices about the achievements of members. We love to publish them.)

## Financial help for classroom teachers

Are you a working educator who would like some financial support for classroom projects? The purpose of the Jo Regenold Fund is to give monetary aid to classroom teachers, especially early career educators. Out-of-pocket classroom expenses not reimbursed by an employer may qualify for assistance from this fund. Some such activities may include:

- science, art, and music enrichment programs
- production of a dramatic performance
- field trips not covered by the employer
- a conference or seminar registration
- supplies

See our updated website and interactive application form at deltakappagammaomicron.org.

Sorale Fortman, Xi

### June

May

2 Alpha Delta Planning Meeting,

Heard Museum, Scottsdale

Moon Valley High School -

Tour, Tucson

ALICE'S TRAVELS

Radisson Suites Hotel - 2019 Convention

Joint Meeting, Alpha Delta and Chi -

2018 Fall Workshop Tour, Phoenix

Purging Meeting - President's Box, Phoenix

### July

5-2 International Convention - Austin, Texas

Wally Turner Memorial -

### August

Final 2018 Convention Meeting - Prescott

## The way we were...

1943 (75 years ago) – It was noted that scholarship funds must be invested in "government securities or something equally secure." At the time, there was \$1175 in the fund and it was earning 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest.

1968 (50 years ago) – It was voted to send \$300 to the International Educational Foundation in honor of Kathryn Young, the Southwest Regional Director. In her letter of appreciation, she wrote "The rewards one receives for the work in this Society are many but the greatest of these are the friendships one makes."

1993 (25 years ago) – Chapters were asked to revise their governing documents and the Latin American Fund Committee became a permanent committee.



## Change is coming for chapter treasurers!

At the 2018 International Convention many changes were discussed and agreed upon. Treasurers will be hearing and using different terminology relative to membership as well as learning a new process for future payment. These details will be available when International can put the changes into place, maybe as early as 2019.

- "Initiation" of new members has been changed to "Induction" of new members.
- Members will continue to be "invited to join" versus "applying to join".
- Collegiate members can be accepted, if a chapter so desires.
- At the International level the Initiate fee of \$2.50 has been eliminated
- The scholarship fee that was sent to International will now stay at the state level.
- The payment of dues will soon be aligned with the fiscal year (July 1 June 30).

- A DKG Inductee will become a member when dues are paid.
- Chapter treasurers will be able to go online to the dkg.org website to record dues payment. Form 18's will no longer be mailed out. Totals will be computed on the website. Then the chapter treasurer will
- send International dues straight to International and state dues to the state treasurer.
- In the future, it will be possible to induct a new member in January (at the half year point) and pay a pro-rated amount.

Margery Threewit, the Arizona State Organization Treasurer will be in touch with chapter treasurers to let them know when all changes go into effect.

Marge Threewit, Alpha Beta

## Scholarships available for advanced study

It's not too early to start planning to apply for financial aid for advanced study: two \$1,000 DKG Omicron scholarships will be awarded at the 2019 State Convention to DKG members for this purpose. Suggested programs of study include the following:

- continuing education
- pursuit of a Master's Degree
- pursuit of a Ph.D. or Ed.D Degree
- National Board Certification
- advanced or specialized credentials

Refer to the Omicron State Scholarships website and the interactive application for deadlines and details of eligibility at deltakappagammaomicron.org.

Sorale Fortman, Xi





# Arizona hosts DKG members from Latin America

At the 2018 International Convention in Austin, members from Arizona hosted a celebration for friends from Latin America, "una celabration con nuestras amigas de Latin America," at a popular Texas barbeque restaurant. In traditional fashion, friendships were renewed and new ones formed as everyone enjoyed delicious food, sang happy Latin songs and reminisced about many wonderful gatherings of years gone by.

Jeannette Zuniga (International Leadership Committee), Latin American Representative Aurora Vignau, as well as DKG sisters from Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Mexican states of Baja California, Jalisco, Mexico City, D.F., Puebla, Nuevo Leon and San Luis Potosi attended this gala affair.

The Arizona Latin American Committee, currently chaired by Sherry Alimi-Kent (Eta), raise funds throughout each biennium, to assist members from Latin states with their convention expenses. These monies are also used for special fellowship conference events with our Latin American friends.

Rachel Wear, Alpha Rho



Dinner with Latin American friends is always special.

## The "Ups and Downs" of the 2018 International Convention in Austin

As a first-time attendee of a DKG International Convention, I was impressed by the "ups and down"s of the event. The "ups" started when we were in line for check-in and we were given a bottle of water by the staff at the Marriott. There were many other "ups" as we went through the days including the Opening Meeting Texas Night with the wonderful Flag Procession and the Break-out Sessions with many diverse topics. But the first "down" for me was the indecision in the General Meetings. After several days of wrangling, we still have the same name. But the whole process was intriguing. All those colored cards! Then things looked up during the Keynote Address by Benjamin Zander. He was hilarious and yet informative using music to make his point. The Keynote Address by Nadia Lopez took us inside her remarkable life. Breakout and Tech sessions left us better informed than when we came.

We experienced a "down" every time we walked out of the hotel. It was hot, and it was not a dry heat! Some of us ventured out to see the famous Austin bats. Another highlight was experiencing the great food of the area. Our tasty barbeque dinner with the wonderful Latin American members was an enjoyable event.

The greatest "ups and downs" were at the elevator. Getting so many members to and from events was daunting since there were only 6 elevators. We met many interesting ladies while going "up and down" or waiting for the eleva-

tors. My best memory was an elevator filled with women singing and making the best of a crazy situation. Or maybe it was just being among brilliant sisters from all over the world who just want to make things better for children everywhere. Either way, it was an experience that I won't forget.

Sue Mueller, Alpha Delta

## The Sights and Sounds of Austin

The Educational Foundation sponsored a gala evening of "The Sights and Sounds of Austin" at the 2018 International Convention. The fundraiser was a huge success. Highlights included two buffets, featuring Austin cuisine of Mexican food and the famous Texas BBQ.

Macy Dot, a fifteen year old singer/songwriter provided entertainment. Mariachi players and the Mendez Dancers reminded everyone of the Mexican culture prevalent in the Austin area. Country Western line dancing followed with many DKG members participating . Past International President, Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid (Pennsylvania) emceed and helped award door prizes.

Trustees of the Foundation circulated to thank members for supporting the evening. The DKG Educational Foundations raises funds and distributes monies to "give education to the world". Members and non-members are encouraged to apply for grants to attend seminars or conferences (other than DKG events) and funds for classroom projects. See www.dkgef. org for details on deadlines and how to apply. Donations may be also be made to support the mission of the Foundation.

# STATE RULES COMMITTEE REPORTS ON CHANGES

Business conducted at the International Convention was very time consuming but of utmost importance. Only two state rules committee members (Rachel Wear and Jan Rosenberg) were able to be in attendance, so several Arizona members assisted in keeping track of the floor action. With amendments to the amendments, or trying to get to a microphone to speak, or moving from a constitutional amendment to a related standing rule or considering a single amendment to voting on an entire bundle of amendments; it sometimes became a challenge to keep up! In all, 96 amendments were adopted out of a total of 79 constitution and 43 standing rules amendments proposed.

The state rules committee will be working to make the necessary changes to our state documents and informing the chapters of the required changes to their rules. We hope to have these available for the Fall Workshop.

Janice Rosenberg, Arizona State Rules Committee Chair

## **Laughing Your Way** to the Top

Did you know that humor is closely related to genius and creativity? This surprised me. I always knew I was humorous, but now I know I'm a genius too! LOL. Yes, you were supposed to laugh. Laughter increases blood flow, reduces muscle tension, BURNS CALORIES, (who doesn't want that) and massages intestinal organs. According to Beta Chapter's Julie Cober, who presented a workshop in Austin, we all need to laugh more. At three years old we laugh up to 300 times a day; and by age 40, we're only laughing 4 times a day. Julie shared that one of the top regrets of the dying is that they had not laughed enough. So, go ahead, loosen up, live a little and laugh a lot! In all seriousness, humor is a well-respected and desirable trait that the military looks for in a good leader. Research done in 2007 by John Morreall found that 67% of employees will work harder for a leader with a sense of humor. So, to sum it up, laughing not only helps you to live a longer, healthier life, but it can build working relationships that tighten that bond between leader, educator, and student and foster learning.

Kim Meighan, Beta

## DKG Member shoots for the Stratosphere -"Flying on SOFIA"

MJ Tykoski (Texas State Organization) brought the world of science and astronomy directly into the classroom though her experience with SOFIA. My thoughts throughout her presentation were, "I wish I had had such a passionate science teacher when I was in the

8th grade." SOFIA stands for Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy. It is a joint NASA and German Aerospace Center project. 747SP aircraft with a large hole in its side and a large hole in its side? It held an infrared telescope, which had a diameter of 100 inches and see, enabled the astronomers to obtain sharper images as they studied stars, planets, comets, asteroids, black holes and other galaxies. She worked on a university research team for 12 years while she continued teaching 8th grade was essential. As SOFIA took flight, Tykoski had the adventure of a lifetime when she flew a mission. Through this adventure she was able to design experiments for her 8th grade class.

Debby Webster, Alpha Epsilon

## Reule revisits the **DKG Purposes**

Have you reflected lately on "Why you became a DKG member, or what you are planning to do for future generations of DKGers?" This was the focus of Arizona State Organization President Alice Reule's speech at the Southwest Regional Breakfast in Austin, Texas. She reviewed the seven purposes of our organization in her stimulating PowerPoint presentation. Reule reminded us to reflect on how the following purposes affect our daily lives. I will only highlight a few that were addressed.

The first purpose: "To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship" is so evident when attending an International Convention. On opening night of the conven-

The plane, an airborne observatory, is a Boeing cruises in the stratosphere above 40,000 ft. Why weighed 20 tons. Infrared, the light we cannot science. An incredible amount of teamwork What fortunate students!

tion, the flags representing our seventeen different member countries are presented. When attending chapter, state, regional conferences or international conventions, it gives a member opportunities to associate with other like-minded educators and establishes life-long friendships and travel buddies.

Purpose two gives honor to outstanding members at all levels of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Purpose four, encourages members to endorse, sponsor and support desirable legislation and initiate legislation in the interest of education. When members are able to attend the National Legislative Seminar, in Washington, D.C., their voices are heard on Capitol Hill.

In purpose six, scholarships provided at the state and international levels; along with informative and purposeful workshops, give opportunities for personal and professional growth.

In closing, Reule challenged us to make the seven DKG Purposes our story and together we will move forward in DKG. She stressed for us to develop a "can-do attitude" just like Annie Webb Blanton demonstrated during her lifetime.

Diane Sheets, Alpha Beta

## Benjamin Zander presents Keynote Address

Benjamin Zander offered the attendees of the DKG International Convention in Austin entertaining and thoughtful insights to leadership. Zander is the conductor of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, has served on the faculty of New England Conservatory, is a recipient of the Caring Citizen of the Humanities from the United Nations, and has presented many keynote addresses to business forums and international audiences.

One of his memorable comments: " ... every time you open your mouth, it's an opportunity for leading..." and good leaders most frequently lead by vision, Zander also said. Another insight he offered is that "leaders make other people powerful." Zander envisions and creates possibilities for himself and others as he transforms lives, perhaps a talent bestowed upon him by his own father. He described his father's experience in a prison camp during WWII in which despair, sorrow, and hopelessness reigned. His father decided to start a "university" holding classes for fellow prisoners. His father, a creative thinker, turned this horrible experience into a more tolerable one with "vision," "hope," and "creativity." As an exercise in creativity, he had the audience sing the "Happy Birthday" song several times to one of the Texan members, each rendition delivered in a different style and energy.

If you would like to know more about Zander's insight into leadership, you might be interested in a book he co-authored with his partner, Rosamund S. Zander, The Art of Possibility.

Over 2000 members attended General Sessions to discuss and vote on 120 amendments to the Society's governing documents. See corresponding articles on pages 3 and 4.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

# A First-timer's Perspective of an International Convention



(Editor's note: Catheryn Simpson (Xi), from an Air Force Family, bad the opportunity to study at six universities. She volunteered at an elementary school (over 10,000 hours) and became a substitute teacher. She taught ESL in Japan and was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 2017.)

As a new member of DKG, I attended the International Convention in Austin, Texas. Some things, including the convention program, were confusing for a new comer. However, I was overwhelmed by the kindnesses shown to me by

sisters from all over the world. It was fascinating to hear about various educational successes and disappointments. Members should GO AND LEARN at events like this. Try to get funding from your chapter, but go.

I attended the workshop presented by an Arizona State Organization member. Kristy Miller's (Alpha Beta) presentation on "Cultural Diversity in Your Classroom" was of special interest to me, as I had been fortunate enough to attend her talk in Prescott, Arizona. Her confidence shone through the talk and her visual graphics were excellent. As with many presentations of this style and format, the time for covering the topic was short but she is to be commended as she kept on schedule and was able to answer questions from the attendees.

The subject matter was especially interesting to me as I reflected on my introduction to cultural diversity in Ontario, Canada, and Japan. Approaches to use include "how are we different and how are we the same?" Repetition of songs in the language of both cultures is helpful.

Miller's presentation was well received and attendees left with much to ponder regarding the subject.

Catheryn Simpson, Xi

### A Visit to DKG International Headquarters

After forty years as a member of DKG, I visited the International Headquarters while in Austin. Upon arrival, we were divided into small groups and greeted by our guide, Christine Morrison. Entering the building there is a rose and ivy wall hanging engraved with the names of donors who have given \$10,000 to the Society. A book on the table below has the names of those who have given \$1,000. Moving along the hallway, we were able to meet Mary Sanchez, the longest serving employee who has been at Headquarters for almost 50 years.

While in the library, Morrison related the interesting history of the building, from the lot purchase in the 1930's, to occupancy in April 1956, debt free. Early on, Indiana State Organization donated a painting. In 2015, DKG received a generous offer for the painting, and with Indiana's consent, it was sold and the proceeds paid for the much needed renovation of the headquarters.

The highlight of the tour was the Blanton room, which can be used by DKG chapters for special occasions. It is beautifully furnished with a 10 foot long velvet sofa which was donated by the Georgia State Organization, alabaster framed mirrors, a portrait of Annie Webb Blanton above the fireplace and a large breakfront containing china and mementos of the Founders.

Headquarters, a sense of pride for all DKG members!

ludy Tucker, Chi Chapter

### CONVENTION MEMORIES



Since the 2018 DKG International Convention was held in Austin, many members were able to tour Headquarters. Lori Good (Alpha Alpha) is pictured by a portrait of Annie Webb Blanton, DKG's founder.



## Making membership meaningful

In today's busy world and with the high demands put on teachers, and our aging membership, we must become creative to be able to recruit and retain an active membership. The following are ideas on strengthening membership which were presented at workshops at the International Convention. Details and instructions will be included at the Fall Workshop in October by State Membership Chairman Susan Halliday.

## Membership Think Tank—Ways to keep membership meaningful

Meaningful programs – relevant, interesting

Mentoring for the classroom and the Society

Scholarships – Available from the State and International for academics, workshops, and classroom projects

Professional Hours – Chapter second vice-presidents will have certificates to award hours for attending chapter meeting programs

Use technology – Make meetings more accessible, strive for better communication, offer attendance through Skype (satellite meetings) Leadership Training – help to advance members in their careers

*Meaningful projects* – these should be relevant to the community

### Technology to Strengthen DKG Chapter Membership

Surveys

Game Makers

Social Media

Websites

Newsletters

Constant Contact – multimedia: text, email, phone calls, and personal letters Organizing, Archiving, Sharing, and

Brainstorming

#### **DKG Website**

Go to Resources to find additional ideas on **Keeping Members Engaged** 

Susan Halliday, Alpha Delta



### **CONVENTION MEMORIES**

Photograph backdrops were scattered all over the convention halls and Arizona members took advantage of the opportunities. Photo (right) Diane Sheets and Marge Threewit (Alpha Beta) chose the spot with live models.

Below: Members from Latin American countries were hosted by Arizona members at a Texas restaurant.





## UNITED STATES FORUM NEWS

The United States Forum met on Friday, July 20, at the 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas. The Operational Guidelines were adopted. An ad hoc committee will make needed amendment and editorial changes and the guidelines will be posted.

Members attending the forum elected the following 2018-2020 United States Forum Steering Committee members:

- Kathy Davis, OK, United States Forum Chair
- Sally Nyhus, MN, Northwest Representative
- Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, NY, Northeast Representative
- Daphne Cagle, CA, Southwest Representative
- Karen Walton, SC, Southeast Representative

Their contact information can be found on the DKG International Website under the 2018-2020 Steering Committee Page.

The United States Forum supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators. They provide U.S. members of DKG with relevant information on pending issues and legislator contact numbers to enable more effective advocacy. You may like to visit the U.S. Forum page on Facebook.

Lori Good, Alpha Alpha

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

October 13, 2018

Legislative Meet and Greet 10:30-11:30 Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1212 E. Glendale Avenue | Phoenix, AZ

#### October 27, 2018

All-Member Fall Workshop Moon Valley High School 3625 W. Cactus Road | Phoenix, AZ

### January 19-20, 2019

Creative Arts Retreat
Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center
7415 E. Elbow Road | Carefree, AZ

#### March 15-18, 2019

National Legislative Seminar Washington, DC

### June 7-9, 2019

Arizona State Organization Convention Radisson Suites 6555 E. Speedway Blvd. | Tucson, AZ

### July 17-20, 2019

Southwest Regional Conference Hilton Orange County 3050 Bristol Street | Costa Mesa, CA

### 80 YEARS PLUS LIVING IN A TECH WORLD

The technological changes that have taken place in the past 85 years, my lifetime, have been mind boggling. The more new fangled gadgets, the less comfortable I am.



Joanne Crown, one of the newest members of Chi Chapter.

However this spring I had an exciting rewarding experience with technology.

I am Joanne Crown, one of the newest members of Chi Chapter, initiated in May, 2018 using Facetime. I taught elementary school in New York and Florida for forty years and subbed for the last ten years. I always wanted to join DKG especially since my niece, Linda Perl, sang the praises of DKG throughout the years, but I never could find a chapter near me. ENTER FACETIME!

After being approved by Chi Chapter for membership, because Linda wanted to see one of my wishes come true, the officers of Chi arranged for me, an 85 year old from Boynton Beach, to be inducted with a younger educator, by using Facetime. I was part of the ceremony. Laura Hardy, the other inductee, and I repeated the pledge together. We learned about the seven purposes, the symbols, and the founders. I met the members, witnessed Julie Berkel signing the book for me, and was part of the congratulatory process. All by using Facetime.

I am so honored to be a member of DKG and look forward to using Facetime to attend meetings and programs. In reflection, DKG and I are in our 80s. DKG is 4 years older than I. When I visited the website and noticed all the digital information on the website, I was impressed how DKG is embracing technology, motivating me to do the same. We both may be fumbling a tad bit, but in our 80s we both are truly part of the 21st century, and as educators, we continue to learn no matter how hard the journey.

Joanne Crown Chi Chapter, Omicron State





### Omicron State Legislative Committee

presents

## LEGISLATIVE MEET & GREET

Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1212 E Glendale Ave Phoenix, AZ

Saturday, October 13, 2018 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet and Greet Potential Policy Makers and be informed about initiatives

## INTERNATIONAL HAS CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Effective July 1, 2018, the PO Box will be discontinued.

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