

# ALPHA/THETA THOUGHTS

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

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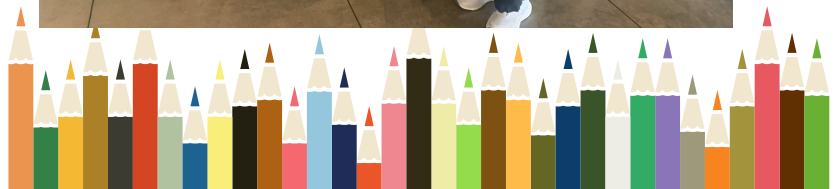
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## Alpha/Theta February Meeting

by Linda Siminiske

Six members of Alpha and three members of Theta enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Art Museum on February 9. Following, a brief business meeting was held and plans for the March meeting were discussed. Yolanda gave out DKG t-shirts to those who ordered them. Then docent, retired teacher and artist, Jan Chin, led a group tour. She showed us pictures and a model of the museum expansion project which is going on at present. Then we proceeded upstairs to see the lovely paintings of Charlotte Skinner. Jan explained her colors and styles. From there we observed a unique exhibit, "Speechless", speakers that made no noise, by artist Cannupa Hanska Luger. On the third floor there were collages of Nick Larsen titled "Old Haunts and Lower Reaches" from Rhyolite, Nevada, now a Ghost Town 30 miles from Death Valley.





Thanks to Marilyn Naylor and Linda Siminiskie for photos.

## May Chautauqua Joint Meeting and Founders Day

by Ardynne Sprinkle

The next joint meeting of Alpha and Theta Chapters will be held on May 4 at the South Valleys Library. The performers, all retired educators from the Washoe county School District, will portray women who were local teachers from 1935 to 1945 and have had the honor of having schools named after them. Following the presentation, the DKG women will celebrate Founder's Day with a lunch at that location.

All members are encouraged to note this very special date on their calendars!

Chautauqua performers are pictured here.



### Editor's Note:

In reviewing the last Collegial Exchange from DKG (2023 Volume 90-2), I would like to encourage my colleagues to read some of the articles that I found most interesting. First is an article called Impacting Worldwide: A Story of Networking, which is a very riveting account of a Ukrainian teacher of English, who was displaced from her home by the war and through contact with DKG, was able to relocate to England. The second article of special interest to me was called Entering Auschwitz-Birkenau from the Back, which related in detail the horrors of what happened during that Holocaust at this site, which I had the privilege of visiting a few years ago. The third article that I recommend is Talking an Intelligent Approach to Artificial Intelligence. I think this is a topic of real concern to all of us as we learn to deal with the challenges of this new technology.

-Janice Clarke

## Spotlight of the Month

### LORI JOHNSON

Lori Johnson, Theta Chapter, is a native of Florida and graduated from Emory University with Phi Beta Kappa honors. As a young tennis player, she won the Georgia State Women's Intercollegiate Championship.

She moved to Denver, where she worked with a firm that provided innovative service for deaf/blind preschoolers, and then relocated to Boston College for her Masters in Education and Psychology. Because she was familiar with the Tahoe area, she accepted a position with the Carson City School District before moving to the Washoe County Schools. Her role as a School Psychologist in the state lasted for over 34 years before retirement, at which point she became the School Psychologist for Coral Academy and ACE in Reno, and also currently works for the White Pine School District, as well as Rite of Passage in Yerington.

In her leisure time - Lori enjoys gardening, reading and her daily walks. She often visits her daughter, who lives in New York.







## NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS - THETA

Congratulations to the new slate of officers for 2024!

President - Susan Capistrant

1st VP - Jane Barnes

2nd VP - Terri Camenisch

Recording Secretary Chair - Ardynne Sprinkle; Recording pool - Louise Squatrito, Ann Marie Squatrito, Lori Johnson, Margann Duke

Corresponding Secretary - Charlene Harris

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## Meetings Scheduled

### Theta

March 13 - 10 AM Mimi's Restaurant

### Alpha

March 7 - 4-6 PM Kay Kurvers Home

Alpha Chi State Convention - Winnemucca - April 12 - 1



