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What happened at the Executive board meeting? Celebrations & Business

Cheryl Anderson, State President, called the ZOOM Executive Board Meeting to order at 9:00. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the Inspiration, Cheryl held an attendance raffle. Two lucky members won gift cards. Cheryl recognized Judy Merz, Epsilon, and Cindy Frazer, Gamma, for their contributions. Their letter and certificate appear at the end of this article. Attendance was taken, minutes accepted and the Treasurer's presented and accepted.

Committee reports were then given.

Our President, Cheryl, gave her report which was then followed by Karen Laskowski, 1st Vice-President, giving the membership report. She stated that we have 158 Active members and 12 Reserve members. Karen also spoke of two members who passed away this last year; Carol Mueller and Elaine Rohrer, both members of Theta Chapter.

The Nominating Committee, Karen Laskowski (Gamma), Chair, Pat Hutson (Nu), and Jill Murphy (Kappa) asked that if anyone was interested in being a state officer to please notify them. The committee is putting together a slate of officers to be presented at the State Convention.

Pat Goeppinger stated that the regular Nevadagram would be coming out Oct 1st and in between the regular Nevadagram would be smaller editions that focused on a particular event. Pat stated that information and forms for the Nevada Apple Award, Rose of Recognition, and the Exemplary award would be sent to the Chapter Presidents the following week. The US Forum has a new

Southwest representative, Linda Perl. She is from Arizona and a member of Chi Chapter.

Cindy Frazer, State Webmaster, reminded everyone that she will gladly post their chapter information to the state website. If the chapters are having any trouble with their websites, she is more than willing to help.

Candy Rooney, State Historian, let everyone know that the annual yearbook from each chapter needs only to include the names of the officers, meetings, and pictures (optional). If you do send in pictures for publication, you must have a signed permission slip from everyone in the picture. This form is on the state website.

Maxine Emm, State Secretary, reminded everyone to continue to let her know of their chapter newsletters and other forms of communication used by their chapter.

Leta Rabenstine reminded everyone that there are Scholarship funds available for members to attend seminars, classes, conferences, conventions, and to present trainings from the Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship Fund. Heidi Hull also urged everyone seeking to earn a Doctorate, to apply for funds from the Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship Fund.

Marlene gave a short report concerning the 2022 Summer Leadership Seminar.

Judy Silker and Marlene Killian have worked very hard to update our State Standing Rules. They presented the proposed changes. The Executive Board voted to recommend these changes to the General Session for approval and vote at the State Convention to be held in March 2023.

It was agreed upon by the Executive Board to look for a vendor that would produce Alpha Chi Nevada State t-shirts. Pat Goeppinger and Heidi Hill will be looking into this.

Cheryl Anderson brought to our attention the Good Neighbor Award. She will be sending out information to the chapter presidents.

It was suggested by Marlene Killian that The Gold Key Award be added to our State Standing Rules like the other chapter and state awards. A Task Force

was selected to write up the guidelines that would be presented to the General Membership for approval and vote at the 2023 State Convention.



A new and exciting Photo Competition was presented by Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta) called **Snap Judgement**. An article with all the pertinent information is below.

Cindy Frazer has developed a page on our state website that will show off the talents of our members. You can send in pictures of your travels or maybe an important event, a picture of your 2-D and 3-D craft projects, and even your skills at the written word. This is not a contest only a sharing page. Those wishing to participate will need to send a picture of the item being shared and a submission form to Cindy Frazer frazerc@cox.net.



Sample page plus the submission form download link

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NV/ArtfulEndeavors.htm>

Though it was a long meeting, we all felt a lot of work was accomplished. Attached are information pages for items discussed above.



Nevada DKG Scholarships – The Facts

We have two scholarships available to our members, one for everyone regardless of their level of academic achievement and one strictly for those members working toward their doctorate. They were set up in different ways and can ONLY be used as they were intended.

The Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship was set up by a founding member for the specific purpose of helping Nevada members achieve their dream of earning their doctorate. There is no way this scholarship can be used for any other purpose. None of the members contribute money to sustain this account. The trust that established this fund is irrevocable.

The Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship is for all members. Each year, each member contributes one dollar (\$1) to help this fund from dues collection. As our membership declines so does the annual contribution to this scholarship fund.

We have collected around \$170 and will award \$500 in the spring. It takes almost three years of dues to make the \$500 currently. In that time frame we have the potential of awarding \$1500. This fund will continue to decline as our membership does. I understand we have several years to come up with a plan for funding beyond the next decade.

If you have any questions about either of our scholarships, please don't hesitate to contact Heidi Hull (currently).



Emergency Fund Report 2022

The emergency fund at International is under the IEF (International Educational Foundation) umbrella. This fund helps members that are effect by natural disasters. At the International Convention at New Orleans, 15,001.60 was collected for this fund. During the 2021-2022 year approximately 22,000 was awarded to DKG members. The IEF link on the international website can be used to make donations.

Members needing help can fill out Form 84, which is accessible on the DKG International website. When the form is completed, it is sent to the State President who must verify the disaster need. The completed form is then sent to International. Once International receives the form it takes about two weeks for the applicant to receive the funds.



SNAP JUDGMENT: A photo contest for all DKG members in Nevada

Almost everyone has a cell phone these days and we commonly snap pictures of many things that catch our eye. Now Alpha Chi State Association is sponsoring a photo contest for the Fall and Winter, and we hope you will share some of your prized photos with us. There are 5 themes for the months of October through February... and the rules are listed below.

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

There will be 5 monthly contests based on the following themes:

- October: Autumn or the change of the season
- November: Halloween or gratefulness
- December Pictures that tell a story
- January: Winter

February: Love, caring, affection

Please print (or have made) a 3x5, 4x5, or 5x7 inch print of the themed photo(s) you are submitting and send them to

DKG PHOTO CONTEST 7407 Celeste Dr., Reno, NV 89511

by the last day of the month of the appropriate theme. They will be judged by a panel of volunteer members and the top two photos chosen to best express that month's theme, will be placed in the final contest of 10 pictures. In March the 10 chosen photos will be judged and ranked by professional photographers or artists based on beauty, originality, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit. The winning photographs will be announced at the annual State Convention.



Some additional information:

1. We need volunteers. Hopefully, at least one from each chapter, to come to a brief meeting each month to choose the two photos that will go forward for the final contest. A volunteer who lives too far away to make a meeting in Reno, will receive copies of the photos submitted that month, so that they can make their choice in a timely manner.
2. In order to preserve anonymity NO identifying information may be placed on the print of any photo submitted.
3. A card with the name and address of the participant, and the title of the photo MUST be included on a separate piece of paper in the envelope with the print of the photo.
4. If the likeness of any person in a photograph is identifiable, a signed statement by that person, releasing DKG from any liability, must be included with the photo. This form can be printed from the Alpha Chi website.
5. Participation in the Alpha Chi Photo Contest constitutes implicit agreement to allow DKG the unlimited use of submitted images for all legitimate purposes by Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International and its lawful affiliated state and chapter associations.

Checking in with the Chapters!

Alpha – Theta



Alpha and Theta chapter members made a strategic step forward with some joint meetings and activities. They realized that JOINT PROGRAMMING was the foundation for success. This was to help develop more diversified and interesting programs, increase audience size when having a speaker, and would promote collegiality and strengthen the bonds between members. A small committee met and developed plans for collaborating on programming, communication and support of special events. The plans were voted on and approved by both Chapters. On April 9th, the chapters held a joint planning meeting to share ideas for the upcoming year. Alpha and Theta also met jointly on May 7 at 10 AM for a gala Founder's Day/Year End Brunch, which included the installation of officers for both chapters. This was hosted at the home of Janice Clarke.

Susan Capistrant, the chairperson of the Craft Fair on June 11th, 2023, has arranged for our chapters to again be located at the Moana Nursery and she has several vendors anxious to sell their handcrafted items. A new feature this year will be an Old-Fashioned Bake Sale. We will need to have baked goods to sell – anything you like to make, from cookies, cakes, pies, banana bread etc. Please plan to bring items ready to be sold in various sizes, individual to a “baker's dozen”.

Alpha News



Carol Cardillo submitted suggestions for protecting your identity. She pointed out from the March/April 2022 RPEN that Nevada ranks 2nd among states with fraud complaints and 4th with the highest average loss amount due to fraud.

Theta News



Thetas have been saddened this year with the passing of two long time members, Carol Mueller and Elaine Rohrer.



Gamma

On June 4th, we met at Cindy Frazer's home to finalize business before our next meeting in September. We installed new officers, discussed fundraising activities and our joint activity with Epsilon Chapter.

After installing our new officers, Karen Laskowski and Pat Goeppinger talked about their tour of the Care 4 the Kids facility for school age children. We agreed to donate \$250 toward purchasing backpacks and school supplies. We will continue throughout the year to donate funds/books for their Book Vending Machine.

A new fundraiser was agreed upon by members. A member will donate a gift basket at each meeting to be raffled at the end. Each member donates \$5 for a ticket.

Our chapter enjoyed a night out at the Planetarium. Susan Luzzi is looking into future programs that we can attend.

We have joined with Epsilon Chapter to support the Rebel Teach Program at UNLV. Judy Merz will contact us with dates, times, and places.

Epsilon



Emily Ladner is back on the job! After making it through a tough illness, she and the Epsilon Executive Board met to work on plans to support the Rebel Teach Program at UNLV.

Judy Merz recently had another article accepted for publication in The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. A letter of congratulations from DKG International was sent to our state President, Cheryl Anderson. She shared this letter with us at the State Executive Board ZOOM Meeting. Congratulations, Judy!





Delta

Maxine Emm, along with Cheryl Anderson, Marlene Killian and Barbara Bernstein, attended the International Convention in New Orleans and had a great time and made new friends. In addition to being updated on DKG, we were able to enjoy the culture and sights of New Orleans.

If you are not a regular traveler within the United States, attending the DKG Convention is a great way to enjoy the many cities in our country.

The Delta Executive Board met on August 2nd to plan for the upcoming year. In support of the Chapter fundraising efforts including the New Teacher Scholarship, and the Apple Awards, Delta Chapter will be promoting a Restaurant Raffle, a Virtual Garage sale, and a 50/50 raffle which will also support the Delta Chapter free membership. For International fundraising efforts, Konnie McGruder will be promoting the DKG Emergency Fund, which supports DKG members that have suffered natural disasters within the U.S, and the World Fellowship, an educational scholarship for women outside of the U.S. to study at a college in the U.S.



Kappa

Back at the February meeting, Inspirational words were by Amy Reagan along with a funny Mad Libs. Also at this meeting, a co-president was added, Janie Kimble. Later, members shared what they had done over the holidays.

On September 26th, the chapter welcomed a guest speaker, Superintendent Clayton Anderson, after which they enjoyed dinner and visited. An Induction ceremony was held for Diana Bailey, Cathy Gevock, and Amy Peterson. Welcome Ladies.



Lambda

The summer was busy for Lambda Chapter.



Dayna Day
Receives the
**Grant-In-Aide
Educational
\$1,000 Gift**



These teachers created a library that is accessible and user friendly for both students and teachers. The bins are color coded with headphones. The Assistance League provided a grant for the bins and books.

Sandy & Dolores present teachers Mary Nevin and Andrea Forsyth of Picollo Elementary School the Lambda Apple Award.



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Nu

There was much to celebrate during Nu's May Meeting.

Ann Dankworth, Nu Chapter President provided a glowing account of appreciation for Dorothy Todd's receipt of the Alpha Chi State Exemplary Award with a Sunflower plant for her garden. Proud of Dorothy!

Nan Oleson and Phyllis Atkinson introduced our three Apple Awardees: Misty Lond, St. Teresa Catholic Church, Amanda Manning, Bethlehem Lutheran School, and Taylor Mandelli, Mark Twain Elementary School. All three awardees provided an overview of their usage of the awarded money

Ann Dankworth, Nu Chapter President installed the new officers: Ann Standley, President, Nan Oleson, Second Vice President, Pat Hutson, Recording Secretary. Mary Whalen will be installed in September as the First Vice President due to her absence.

Kathy Rothchild provided a glowing report on our International Fellowship recipient from Bangladesh. The Nu Chapter hosted this recipient who is now studying in London. Thank you, Kathy!

September's meeting was just as busy. Chapter President, Ann Standley's plan for the Strategic Plan is Mission, Vision, and Purpose. This encompasses promotional and professional growth of women educators and excellence. A discussion was held on highlighting our chapter and coming together as a group. "Breathe It In" is our theme: The Circle of women around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we're weak and sing with us when we are strong. *Sark*

Ann and Mary collected boxes of books that be given to homeless children within the Carson City Community.



Xi

Xi Chapter's first meeting of the '22-'23 year was productive and fun. It was good to share stories of our summers with friends we hadn't seen since May.

Our new President, Christi Pagni, cheerfully brought us back to planning the Convention for March. It will finally happen, in person. Our amazing Marilyn



Howard brought us up to date on the location plan. The final decision must wait until the end of September. More info to follow.

One reason we love our chapter is the philanthropy we work together to provide. We had a ball stuffing backpacks for kids at local schools. Next month will be our Socktober Project, donating socks to the local mission/veterans home. We also donate food and time to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada in the name of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Think about buying raffle tickets for our annual fund raiser, the American Girl doll with a wardrobe made with love. Xi Chapter sends love to all!



Omicron

Oh Fudge!

On December 10th Jennifer, Marlene Jackie, Lonnie and Heidi got together at the United Methodist church to make fudge. This year's eighty pounds of old fashioned, white chocolate with starlight mint topping and Andes mint chocolate will help fund our Apple grants for the coming year. Since 2014 we have granted \$4,273 to all kinds of exciting projects. Some of those have been funding a watering system for a school green house, small student sized basketball hoops, leveled high school essential literature, wiggle seats, book backpacks, CAD

system cutter, books about healthy choices for PE, and many others. Recipients have been from Lowry High School, McDermitt Combined School, Winnemucca Junior High, French Ford Middle School, Sonoma Heights Elementary, Grass Valley Elementary, Winnemucca Grammar School and Denio School. After the fudge was made, we went out to lunch. The chapter will accept new applications in February, and funds distributed in March. Members will look forward to hearing about the projects when we invite this year's recipients to dinner in May.



On February 17th, the chapter enjoyed Tole Painting. Julie, a chapter member, opened her studio for members and their families to paint rabbit welcome signs. The wood was precut and they could choose between a variety of brushes and colors. While paint was drying, everyone enjoyed snacks and visiting.

Omicron's April meeting included an American Red Cross Emergency Preparedness program presented by volunteers: Marlene Killian, Karen Rogers, and Julie Street. The program highlighted emergency evacuation kits.

There were four applications for the Apple Grants and all were accepted. The recipients were invited to the May 12th meeting.

During their May 12th meeting, the installation of the new officers was held.

New 2022 – 2024 Chapter Presidents

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| Alpha | Gemma Romo & Melinda Whitney |
| Gamma | Cindy Frazer |
| Delta | Maxine Emm |
| Epsilon | Jennifer Neeman & Barbara Bernstein |
| Theta | Jane Barnes & Terrie Camenisch |
| Kappa | Jill Murphy & Janie Kimble |
| Lambda | Linda Scribner |
| Nu | Ann Standley |
| Xi | Christi Pagni |
| Omicron | Jennifer Bergenheier |





US Forum

Greetings! I am Linda Perl, DKG's newly elected Southwest representative to the US Forum. I am also the webmaster for the US Forum website at dkgusforum.org. Please check it out, and all suggestions and comments are welcome. I am from Arizona, a member of 27 years, held many positions in my chapter, Chi. I am currently State 2nd Vice President and State Membership Chair. Besides DKG, I am very involved with The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale as President and Fundraiser Chair of the Auxiliary and Governing Board Member. I taught high school for 30 years, and after I retired from teaching, I flew the skies for the Southwest Airlines for 16 years, retired two years ago. I may have served you a coke and a snack at one time. I am eager and happy to service you on the US Forum. Thank you to Daphne Cagle who served as Southwest Representative the last biennium. Daphne's leadership and dedication are impeccable. She will now be working with the International Membership Committee concerning expansion. I am honored to have worked with Daphne, and I can only hope I can fill at least one of her very large shoes. I certainly will do my best. The Mission Statement of the US Forum is the United States Forum seeks to serve the interests of members which reflect the purposes and mission of the Society. Emphasis is on sharing information and ideas which explore solutions to common problems. Through the newsletter, website, social media and webinars the Mission Statement shall be met. Bev Johns, the Northeast Representative, is the administrator of the Facebook pages. You can access the main page at <https://www.facebook.com/ffi> At International Convention, the US Forum adopted the resolution about Mental Awareness in education pertaining to educators and students. The resolution can be read on the website page. Please familiarize yourself with the resolution. You can be a part of designing programs, webinars and write articles dealing with this paramount issue plaguing our society. I welcome all correspondence, ideas, suggestions, articles, and information at usforumswrepl@gmail.com or chiscottsdale@gmail.com My phone is 602 363 4088, and texts are welcomed as well. Here's to a great biennium. Linda Perl



What's next for DKG?

DKGNext: Relevance, Vitality, Vibrance

How does an organization founded nearly 100 years ago stay relevant, vital, and vibrant in today's society? This question framed the discussion for the 2020 DKGNext Think Tank that met in mid-November and resulted in the following suggestions:

Continue to shift the mindset that DKG is a "secret society" to one that has DKG highly visible, not only in schools but also in communities the chapters serve.

Continue to shift the mindset about membership eligibility.

Match chapter activities with community needs related to education, women, and children.

Extend visibility of chapter activities beyond traditional print modes by using a variety of social media platforms.

Share best practices. Become more collaborative.

Provide assistance to state organizations and chapters on how to market through social media.

Update DKG swag.

Develop branded, wearable items such as t-shirts.

Promote the Society as DKG to eliminate sorority connections that remain with the Greek words.

Simplify, simplify, simplify. Have fewer restrictions. Make it easier to be a member.

Blend tradition with newer ways of conducting business.

Orient and mentor new members. Personalize the orientation to fit the chapter's culture.

Ask members what they are looking for in DKG and match what and how all levels of the Society perform and behave relative to those expectations.

Help members with different levels of expertise through "differentiated implementation" methods.

Develop the mindset that membership carries a responsibility to be engaged, informed, and involved.

The think tank team - Shannon Cato (California), Heather Dunn (Arkansas), Becky Johnen (Pennsylvania), Chastity Ragsdale (Tennessee), Leslie Valentincic (Texas), and Tina Wolfe (Louisiana) - recognized that implementing these suggestions does not come without challenges. Some of these challenges include the multi-generational and multi-cultural makeup of DKG members and the need to balance all the Society does to honor this diversity, mindsets steeped in tradition and hesitant to change, levels of technological expertise that vary in depth and breadth, acceptance of different perspectives and skill sets, the desire for things to change quickly, and competition with other organizations for members.

At the 2022 convention in New Orleans, DKGNext team members will begin to address some of the challenges to keeping DKG relevant, vital, and vibrant. They are planning breakout sessions on What Change Requires of Us (a look at several requirements that will help the Society, state organizations, chapters, and members embrace, deal with, and manage change with an emphasis on effecting a mindset change) and on technology (use of Google docs and more). In addition, team members are considering creating a resource list for posting on the DKG website; creating roundtable discussions around best practices for chapters, classrooms, and Zoom options; and designing training programs that can become programs for chapter meetings.

DKGNext is an initiative created by Past International President Lyn Schmid. The first session was held in 2015, and the team was comprised of seven women representing Generation Y. The current team is comprised of six women suggested by Administrative Board members based on visits to state organizations.

Please send all articles for publication to Pat Goepfinger at onehappygrandma@cox.net.

Alpha Chi State Officers

President: Cheryl Anderson

1st Vice-President: Karen Laskowski

2nd Vice-President: Pat Goepfinger

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support and help.**

To be there for each other.

