



# The Nevadagram



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### COMING ATTRACTIONS ---TBA

Check our website for a full list of important dates.

International has changed the timeline for paying dues. New members who join mid-year only pay 1/2 dues. Check with your treasurer for details.

You may want to print a copy of the Nevadagram and put it on your table to read at your leisure.

Have you updated your DKG profile?

Annual dues are now due by June 30th each year. Thank you to those who've already paid! 😊

**Apologies for the late submission of the Nevadagram. This too has become the victim of this crazy year.**

**COVID-19 changes all of our plans. Keep in contact with your local officers to stay informed.**

This issue is dedicated to the very special women who served many years as state officers and to the several others who have served the state through activity in their local chapters. We've lost eleven beautiful ladies.



Minnis Alderman passed away April 26, 2020, in Ely, Nevada, at 91. A DKG member for 58 years, she served in all facets of the organization. While living in Wells, she started Kappa Chapter. A member most of her years in Ely, she served as our state President, Parliamentarian and energetic Song Leader



Doris Nachtsheim has been a dedicated DKG member for over 45 years, serving her beloved Alpha Chapter and Alpha Chi Nevada State as Treasurer for more than 20 of those years, passing December 2020. See later message from current treasurer, Heidi Hull

### EDITOR'S NOTE

I am honored to be the Editor for Alpha Chi's Nevadagram. Thank you for your enthusiastic submission of articles from your chapters and officers. h


Following are the deadlines for coming issues:

March 1, 2021

Please forward this information and the newsletter to your publicity chair and president to be distributed to all members.

Also, please send your newsletters to me in a Word Doc, **not PDF** file and send pictures separately as they cannot be lifted from pdf files.

Thank you for your help. Sincerely,  
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	 <p data-bbox="516 459 792 483">Donna Belle (Bonnie) Pample Foard</p> <p data-bbox="602 497 706 518">May 25, 2020</p>	<p data-bbox="836 201 1159 525">Bonnie, a member of Alpha &amp; Xi Chapters for over 50 years, passed away at 94. She held numerous positions in DKG during her membership, including serving as our Nevada State President.</p>	
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Heidi Hull, State Treasurer, has brought up a recommendation that we could perhaps honor Doris Nachtsheim or others by donating money to a DKG International charity or philanthropy in their name. Contact Heidi at 217 Castle Way, Winnemucca, NV 89445) or President Cheryl Anderson.

Please see the “In Memoriam” page on our website:  
<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NV/Memoriam.html>

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

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Dear Alpha Chi Nevada State Members,

With the holiday season approaching, I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you for all you’ve done during this difficult and unprecedented year of challenges to keep in touch with each other and continue to find such creative ways to share in our DKG sisterhood.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on what we are most thankful for, and this year, more than ever, I know I am grateful for the love and support of my friends, family, and DKG sisters. This year has taught us not to take anything for granted; to appreciate the small things; and to ask for help and offer help in return.

I want to thank our wonderful Chapter Presidents for being real troopers navigating virtual meetings and programs for the first time. There have been so many wonderful ways you’ve all made this work for your members. Communicating with each other is more important now than ever. Please continue to reach out to those members who may live alone or may be feeling sad or unwell.

I would like to thank Alpha, Theta, and Xi Chapters for hosting joint meetings via Zoom with virtual guest speakers and presentations. I was able to attend two of them, and they were outstanding! I know quite a few of you have held virtual installations of officers, as well as new member inductions. Delta Chapter is having a virtual Ceremony of Remembrance this week.

Thank you for being flexible and looking outside of the box for ways to maintain communication and to carry-out the goals of our organization.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for assistance with virtual meetings or ideas for virtual programs. Remember, I am happy to set-up Zoom meetings for your chapters. I will email your members with the link. All you will need to do is give me the day and time. \*And I will be happy to attend in case you need me for trouble-shooting (of course, I could be the one causing the trouble!)

With the joy of Christmas around the corner, I am hopeful for health and happiness for all of us. May 2021 bring us a new beginning and a newfound appreciation for our wonderful lives.

Take care and God Bless.

(I wrote the letter above before my attack, so did not get it out as planned.)

MEMBERS AT WORK DURING STAY-AT-HOME MANDATES:

Cindy Frazer (Gamma) has been keeping her chapter and state officers in stitches e-mailing hilarious coronavirus cartoons. That is one way to help us stay positive and keep smiling! Jill Harper (Delta) has been sewing masks for her friends, family, Delta sisters, and anyone in the community who needs them. Marlene Killion (Omicron) is organizing Microsoft Teams for her Bible study group. Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) has been writing coronavirus newsletters for her chapter. Cecelia Neroda (Xi) has been trading e-mails back and forth with the Atlantis trying to reschedule our State Convention and arrange for refunds. Dorothy Todd (Nu) has graciously offered to put together a list of pros and cons for the discussion of possible alternative options for our convention rotation. Candy Rooney (Delta) has been putting book bags together for area students-in-transition. Karen Laskowski (Gamma) is busy creating lessons and activities for her students via *distance learning*. Please let me know of other DKG sisters' activities in our area to post! I think we would all enjoy hearing what others are doing to keep busy.

I hope, as we take advantage of this time at home, we also think about themembers in our chapters who may need a helping hand, or just a phone callof encouragement. We are a sisterhood of such loving, caring, and giving women. Please think about reaching out to those who may not be faring so well with social distancing.

Cheryl Anderson  
Alpha Chi Nevada State President

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State Officers: President Cheryl Anderson-Delta, First Vice President Pat Goeppinger-Gamma, Second Vice President Karen Laskowski-Gamma, Executive Secretary Maxine Emm-Delta, Treasurer and Historian Heidi Hull-Omicron, Webmaster Cindy Frazer-Gamma, Nevadagram-Gwen Anne Thacker-Delta



**CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS** - Per Cindy Frazer --All chapters which currently have websites [Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Theta, Kappa, Nu, Xi and Omicron] have successfully undergone the recertification process with International.

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## **XI Chapter**



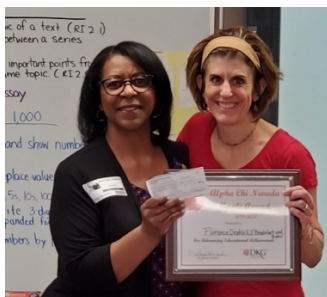
Our Octoberfest meeting was held at Patti Bernard’s home where each member brought two pairs of socks for our outreach to Community Health Alliance. We’ve all been saving spare change in our “Creating a Change in Education” money jars which will be added to members’ donations. These funds will be given to Libby Booth elementary school and other community outreach programs.

The rest of the evening was spent doing a fun pumpkin drawing art project lead by Linda Beeghly. After the meeting was adjourned, she taught a great art lesson of a still-life of 3 pumpkins. She taught sketching, shading, use of chalk, color blending and lots of other art skills that her elementary students already know!

Services for our beloved Bonnie Foard were held on Oct. 30. Anne, Patti, Linda, and Seal attended Bonnie’s Memorial Service. Linda sang beautifully! In addition, Bonnie and a friend, Carl, had a deal. The surviving friend would sing at the service for the other friend who had passed away. Bonnie was an amazing woman, and we were blessed to know her. We sent \$100 to Wooster High School in her memory.

At a Zoom meeting we learned a little more about each other by playing Two Truths and a Lie. In our lunch basket Marilynn included a Christmas picture of Santa. We raced to find ten hidden objects. Linda was the first to find them all and won a bottle of special skin cream. At the end of our time together Marilynn drew a name for a box of See’s chocolates and Linda was the lucky winner again. Christmas came early for her!

Xi Chapter wants to send everyone their heartfelt wishes for a happy and healthy New Year! May 2021 bring you all blessings and joy!



President Marilynn Howard presented our \$500.00 Apple Award to Florence Drake Elementary during a staff meeting. Principal Dr. Truax accepted the award on behalf of the staff. Funds were used to give each student a book to read during summer break.

For our 2019 Octoberfest meeting, now dubbed “Socktober”, our members donated 55 pairs of socks to the Community Health Alliance to distribute to the homeless. We plan on making this an annual event.

During our 2019 November meeting Debbie Hinman from the Historical Reno Preservation Society gave an informative Power Point presentation on the History of Reno Schools! It was a chance to look back over the decades and see how our area has changed in so many ways.



All of us in Xi Chapter were very disappointed that our State Convention was canceled due to the COVID 19 lockdown. We have rescheduled it to March 26-28, 2021 at the Atlantis and are looking forward to hosting when we can once again gather and celebrate together!

We were all saddened when our beloved founding member, Bonnie Foard, passed away on May 25, 2020 at the age of 94. She had actively served our chapter as President, Music Chairwoman, Corresponding Secretary and received the Rose of Recognition in 2001. She had also been a member of Alpha Chapter and a DKG member for over 50 years! We will sorely miss her sweet smile and beautiful singing!

Officers: President Marilyn Howard, VP Christi Pagni, Treasurer Rosemary Pressler, Recording Sec Leta Rabenstine, Parliamentarian Linda Beeghly

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## Alpha Chapter

For our November 21 Zoom Chapter meeting, one of our members, Eva Wick- LeRud, invited Lynn Arnone from the Redfield Community Outreach Program in Reno as our guest speaker. Lynn presented an insightful overview of their program and answered questions from those in attendance. She shared a PowerPoint from which we have included a few slides.

We invited members from Theta and Xi Chapters to join us. We were so happy to welcome Marilyn Howard (Xi Chapter President), Leta Rabenstine (Xi), Marilyn Naylor (Theta), and Cheryl Anderson (State President) to our meeting.





What an oddly formless Spring, Summer and now Fall this has been. We had to cancel our spring luncheon and we finally learned how to meet each other by way of Zoom. At our June 29 chapter Zoom

meeting we installed our Alpha chapter officers for the 2020-2022 biennium with the assistance of past president Kay Kurvers and Alpha Chi State President Cheryl Anderson. Our new officers are President Gemma Romo; Vice-President Betty Barker and Recording Secretary Melinda Whitney. Kay will act as our Parliamentarian and Doris Nachtsheim will continue as our very able Treasurer.

Gemma, Doris and Melinda met at Wells Fargo Bank to update our signature card and correct and update our Alpha Chapter accounts and information.

Since there are so few of us who are able to attend our chapter meetings, we have decided to combine our board and chapter meetings under the heading of Board Meeting. We all share information and discuss International and State projects as well as Chapter news so the combination makes sense to us. We voted to send \$100 to the DKG Emergency Fund. Members wishing to make a personal donation can send the money to our treasurer who will then send it to State Treasurer Heidi Hull. We are trying to decide the best way to use our grant-in-aid money. We voted to have President Gemma Romo consult the IT teacher at Stead Elementary (Gemma teaches Kindergarten at the school) to see what the tech needs are at the school and other schools in the Washoe County School District are. She will report back to us at our November meeting. Melinda Whitney-Alpha Chapter Recording Secretary

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## Gamma Chapter

Correspondence – Joyce King – thanking chapter for thoughts.

Donna Harper – thanking chapter for Golden Apple award which allowed her to purchase materials for a Traveling Trunk. Donna informed us that she was received a grant to fund two identical trunks. The Traveling Trunks benefit the students of CCSD.

Karen Laskowski

Gamma Planning Schedule for 2020-2021

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>Wednesday June 24, 2020 11:30-1:30</b>	Judy Davis's Home 10125 Regency Square Ave. 702-647-2199	Planning Meeting Pot-Luck Lunch
<b>Wednesday July 29, 2020 11:30-1:30</b>	Karen Laskowski's Home 3112 Jane Austin Ave 570-814-3351	Finalize plans Pot Luck Lunch
<b>August 2020</b>		No Meeting
<b>Wednesday September 16, 2020 4:30-6:30</b>	Susan Luzzi's Home 6180 Farm Road 702-658-9341	Installation of Officers for 2020-2022 Possible presentation of revised Chapter Constitution and By-Laws
<b>October 2020</b>		Working to reschedule our Fundraiser at Pinot's Palette
<b>Wednesday November 11, 2020 11:00-1:00</b>	Donna Harper's Home 760 Star Apple Lane 760-224-5782	Bring a gift for Toys-for-Tots Possible Presentation concerning CCSD Karen, Shannon, and Kirsten
<b>Wednesday December 16, 2020 4:30-6:30</b>	Shannon Koss's Home 6138 Denton Ranch Road 734-341-0044	Pot-Luck Dinner Gift Exchange – nice gift around \$15 Project 150 Backpacks
<b>Saturday January 2021 Time and Date TBD</b>	Nevada State Museum? Waiting to see if it will be open so can reschedule our tour and lunch.	Trunk Presentation
<b>February 2021 Time and Date TBD</b>	Possible reschedule visit to Planetarium	
<b>March 26-27, 2021 Friday night and Saturday</b>	State Convention	Hosted by Xi Chapter in Reno Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa Reno, NV
<b>April 2021</b>	Founder's Day – Epsilon hosts	
<b>May 2021</b>	<u>Possible</u> tour at McGraw School of Mines	
<b>June 2021</b>	Karen Laskowski's Home	First planning meeting for new year.

<b>Date and time TBD</b>	3112 Jane Austin Ave. 570-814-3351	
<b>July 2021</b>		
<b>August 2021</b>		

Officers: President Karen Laskowski, Treasurer Judy Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Donna Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Susan Luzzi, Recording Sec Pat Goepfinger

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## Omicron Chapter



The meeting held on September 12. We are able to apply first for the state scholarship. The form is on the state website and should be sent to Leta Rabinstein prior to December. Marlene explained how the new leadership workshop will work on the Sunday after convention and focused this year on the incoming state officers.

### Teacher Orientation:

It was well received and definitely worth getting our name out. We are hoping to find a more permanent place to store stuff. This year only some stuff went, but enough it's felt it's worth continuing.

### Committee Reports:

Communication: We signed a card for Gwen Anne Thacker who is recovering from surgery.. Marlene reported that the website is updated and meets International compliances.

By-Laws: Marlene and Heidi were appointed as the committee to begin aligning our by-laws to State and International with the understanding State must approve at convention. It was decided we would invite people to our events and ask them if they seem interested to join.

Educational Excellence: We have the plaques to award from last year, but this year state has sent certificates. We need to figure out what to present at the dinner in May to all recipients.

### State Reports:

Heidi informed everyone about the committee meeting concerning any changes in the convention schedule. We also talked about inviting the Beta members to join with us in the 2022 convention here in Winnemucca. She also informed the group that International was still deciding if they'd use Go To Meeting or Zoom.

### Teacher Orientation:

We are again doing bags for the new staff members to Humboldt Schools. Dana said she'd provide candles, Jackie will provide Energy drink packets, Pilar will provide Whiteout, Marlene



will provide mints and trail mix, Heidi will provide binder clips and Jennifer will provide highlighters and water.

Committee Reports:

Communication: Marlene will send out a newsletter soon.

By-Laws - - - Jennifer will appoint a committee next meeting to align ours with state and International. Our biggest concern is how we will chose to do inductions.

Membership - - - Tabled until a later meeting

Golden Apple - - - Dana will continue to send out and collect the information.

Fundraising - - - Fudge will be for Valentines, and we will see if we can use the Methodist's kitchen.

Installation:

Heidi presided to install both Jennifer as President and Marlene as Secretary. We install Maria at the next meeting as she had her phone on low and didn't hear Heidi call.



Message from Omicron President:

Well, we have had an eventful (and lack of event) year. We spent much of the summer months of 2019 decided whether to hold another Spelling Bee and then planning it once we had decided to move forward. I thank all the members who put in a lot of work doing things from securing the location, getting the deposit waived, collecting donations, putting the word out to potential teams, contacting vendors, and generally planning for another successful event. Unfortunately, we did not secure enough teams to hold the event.

At the same time, we also prepared to welcome the new HCSD certified employees with welcome bags. Again, thank you to those members who donated items to put into the bags, stuffing the bags, and attending the event with me to pass them out and welcome the new employees. We also set out a good collection of teacher materials that we have been collecting over the past few years to offer to these new teachers. Many new teachers were excited to have an opportunity to "shop" for free items. This welcome to new HCSD teachers was a great event and was well received by everyone.

We decided to hold off on the fudge fundraiser as we were still in good financial standings. This is a fundraiser that has been held for many years and several people have mentioned that they would like to try it again for December 2020.

We had some great applications submitted for the Golden Apple mini-grants and were able to award several to schools in both McDermitt and in town. I am always excited to see grant applications from the rural schools!

Once the COVID-19 pandemic caused the shutdown of our communities, there were some decisions that our chapter had to make. First, the annual Alpha Chi State convention that was to be held at the Atlantis was cancelled. It was unfortunate, as so much work had been put by in by Xi Chapter to make it a great convention. Our chapter was asked if we would be willing to move our date for hosting the 2021 convention to 2022, so that the state convention could be

rescheduled at the Atlantis for 2021. We all agreed that it was a good idea, so we have a little while to work on planning for the state convention to come to Winnemucca.

Many other DKG state, national, and international events have been cancelled or rescheduled. We are all working to make the best of things as they are ever changing. DKG at all levels has been very mindful of the importance of keeping everyone healthy and safe. So many of our members are in the vulnerable population, yet it is important to continue the work of supporting women in education and the important programs that DKG has in place.

Looking forward, I hope that we can continue the welcome bags for new HCSD certified staff, although the numbers may be much smaller this year. Omicron chapter has several things in place that we should be able to continue no matter what Plan/Phase we might be in. As has been the case with all of this, and in education overall, we must be flexible, patient, and understanding. I am hopeful that we can continue our support of educators in Humboldt County, and each other!

Respectfully,

Jennifer Bergenheier

President, Omicron Chapter

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## **Theta Thoughts**

The next Theta meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 6 at 10 AM on Zoom and should be most informative. All of us, as educators, have had students (or family members) with attention deficit problems. Our speaker, Margann Duke has worked in the fields of family therapy and education for the past 17 years. Currently she is in the PhD. dissertation phase of the MIND BODY MEDICINE program of California's Saybrook University. She will be sharing a brief overview of the most recent research about the brain structures that ADHD students utilize to process information and how educators can better help these students in learning new subject matter. She has four almost grown children, two of whom were adopted from Ethiopia. We are grateful to Ardynne Sprinkle for arranging this program for our chapter. Please feel free to share the link to our meeting to anyone else that might have interest in this program!

<http://empowernvteachers.org/welcome-parents-and-friends/>

Meeting ID: 873 3725 8832

Passcode: 484056

### **Earlier News-Oc/Nov 2020**

Jane K. Brown, conductor of the Reno Pops Orchestra and the Ruby Mountain Symphony, was our guest speaker. Her topic will be "Teaching the Performing Arts During the Pandemic". Jane is currently doing distance teaching in the Plumas County School District and had lots of interesting information to share. Jane is a long-time educator and is completing her dissertation for her doctorate in conducting at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

At our October meeting, we agreed to support two different projects, the Mater Academy and Picollo School.

Terri is reminding us that there are a number of members who have not yet returned their releases for the **Website Permission**.

When COVID hit hard earlier this year, we began to realize how important it was for people to have social contact. Numerous friends were affected: hospitalizations (severe illness, traumatic brain injury, pneumonia, coronavirus, necessary surgeries, etc.), broken bones due to a fall, elderly who live alone with no family nearby, isolation (Assistant Care facility, nursing home – not allowed visitors or allowed to wander from room), unexpected death of a loved one (four instances), family and/or financial problems, depression, etc. Making calls or sending emails, text messages, greeting cards and notes were helpful but not enough. Cookies, brownies, lemon squares, etc. really brightened their outlook on life. Then came the shortage of flour. An angel, who heard me complain about my inability to keep baking because three grocery stores were out of flour, rang my doorbell and deposited 25 pounds of flour and 15 pounds of sugar. I was in business again. Goodie platters or boxes are always delivered without advance notice SURPRISE! however, a note of encouragement is enclosed. Reaction? Thank you; I shared them with others; Please send more next time you bake; My favorites were . . .; etc. There is joy in giving and seeing the happiness it brings. There is even greater joy in calling them and listening to their fears, anxieties, pain, etc., then offering love, support, guidance, and plenty of prayers.

If you know someone who may or may not have a need, just call to say “Hi.” It is never too late to make a contact. You can make a difference by showing a little interest and caring.

**I am only one. But still I am one. I cannot do everything,**

**But still I can do something.**

**And because I cannot do everything,**

**I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.**

**Edward Everett Hale**

Co-Presidents Jane Barnes and Terrie Camenisch, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Flori Woodford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Louise Squatrito, Recording Sec’y Kathy Leonard, Corres. Sec’y Charlene Harris, Treasurer Susan Capistrant, Parliamentarian/Past President Ardynne Sprinkle, Co-Communications Chairs Terrie Camenisch & Janice Clarke, Newsletter Editor Janice Clarke

Theta held its first meeting of 2021 by Zoom January 9. We have a wonderful presentation planned. Ardynne Sprinkle gave a wonderful presentation about arts and art projects during the pandemic and Marilyn Naylor spoke on Partners in Preservation – Washoe Valley.

Sad news--We learned from one of Marilyn Gross friends in another chapter that she unexpectedly passed away on October 3, 2020. Marilyn joined Theta Chapter in 1985 and had been an elementary and high school teacher in WCSD. Marilyn loved to travel yet loved to be home with her precious pets. Several years ago, an accident which caused serious injuries prevented Marilyn from attending monthly chapter meetings. As her recovery progressed, she decided to move from her beautiful home with a pool in Reno to another home in Spanish Springs closer to family. Marilyn was renewing acquaintances with some chapter members recently and had invited them to her new home for a lovely lunch in October. Unfortunately, that happy event never happened. We remember Marilyn’s enthusiasm in preparing Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families, helping the chapter gather stuffed animals for children separated from their families during the Christmas holidays, and making the challenging DKG badges for a regional convention.

#### INFORMATION FROM NEVADA STATE

At the State Executive Board meeting on September 12, 2020 Marlene Killion presented the revisions for the State Bylaws that she and Gwen Anne Thacker had spent many hours updating. The revised bylaws were approved by the Executive Board and will be presented for adoption at

the Nevada State Convention in March 2021. The proposed bylaw changes are available on the state website for your review.

#### LANDSCAPE PAINTINGS AVAILABLE

Susan Capistrant and Howard Friedman are offering Howard's beautiful oil paintings, mostly landscapes in various sizes, free of charge to our Theta Chapter members. What a beautiful tribute to lift our spirits during this COVID pandemic. Thank you, Howard. Please call Susan to make arrangements. Carol Cardillo is looking forward to receiving one very soon.

None of us will forget our "World of COVID" Year. It has been an interesting time for all of us, we are sure.

The past nine months have been a time of quarantine, isolation for many, fear and/or anxiety for some, loss for others, rescheduling of trips and vacations, but also a time to slow down for a time, no scheduling, some self-reflection, catching up on books and movies, renewing friendships, maybe even redoing things around the house or completing projects that have been waiting for attention, many more complex issues for others, and most importantly for the moment, most of us have become friends with, or at least we are tolerating, technology and ZOOM!

We will be working within the COVID-19 guidelines of the State, CDC, and Dr. Anthony Fauci's safest recommendations through the end of this year and maybe January, and we will be meeting via Zoom.

#### WELCOME TO DKG'S FUTURE

We are never too old to learn. State President Cheryl Anderson held a practice ZOOM meeting for state executive board members on Saturday, August 29, 2020. President Cheryl was brilliant leading the technologically challenged members (me included) through the opening process and basic operations. She also provided a raffle prize (\$10 Starbucks gift card) which was won by Heidi Hull and drew our attention to two new state website entries called *Kudos & Acclaims* and *Memorials*. Please check out the state website to see what is happening in our sister chapters.

#### DKG SISTERS NEED EACH OTHER

The COVID pandemic has affected us in many ways: medical problems, financial challenges, emotional issues, spiritual doubts, and sometimes grieving for a loved one. Life, however, continues on with the good and the bad.

This is our time as educators, mothers, and sisters to bring help, healing, and comfort to our families, our DKG sisters, our neighbors, and our community. We all know someone who has been ill, injured, undergone surgery, strapped for cash, feels isolated/abandoned due to institutional lockdowns, etc. To anyone of those mentioned, your prayers would be most appreciated. Furthermore, you could reach out with a phone call, an email, a greeting card or note, a bag of food, a gift card or cash, an amusing joke, a plate of cookies, etc. You can be a shining light in one person's day. Try it, you will feel better too.

#### CYNTHIA FRAZER SHOUT OUT Nevada State Webmaster

As Communications Chair of Theta Chapter for many years, I requested Cindy's expertise on numerous occasions. Sometimes there were little inquiries, other times it meant doing research to find the answer or contacting International for assistance. Cindy always responded promptly,

never criticized my ineptness, and followed through with graciousness and courtesy until a satisfactory solution was found.

**Cindy, you are a real treasure to DKG** as well as being an outstanding citizen with an outgoing and humorous personality who displays respect, kindness, patience, and genuine concern in helping others. Thank you for all that you do for DKG. Much of Theta Chapter's success is due to your support and guidance whenever requested. **Thank you. HOORAY FOR CINDY!**  
**Carol Cardillo, Theta**

### Would You Like a Cookie, Snickerdoodle, Italian Ricotta Cheese or Lemon Square?

Throughout the sheltering at home time one Theta Chapter member has been busy baking "quarantine cookies" to deliver to people who need a little more TLC. These special cookies have been a welcome treat for families who lost loved ones, for patients recovering from surgery or injuries, for shut-ins who live alone and for caretakers for dementia relatives. What a recipe! Other members have continued to be active and giving in their sheltering time. Members continued to help with daily care of grandchildren. While social distancing in the front yard, one member listened to her grandchildren's school writing assignments. How wonderful that she could coach and encourage her grandchildren.

We have all had to continue life as normal—as "normal" as could be under the circumstances. One member nursed her husband after open heart surgery. Another member has had to recover from hand surgery. Others of us have gone shopping trying to social distance and don face masks as we have tried to carry life on as normally as possible. Many of us continued to carry on our physical activities—walking and running. Those of us who would have ordinarily gone to the gym for exercise had to substitute the great outdoors for the gym group setting to avoid coronavirus disease transmission. Many of us have continued on our path of personal growth. Whether we like it or not, we have had to learn to communicate through Zoom, Google meet and Skype. One member communicated with her daughter in Japan with Whatsapp. This has become her substitute for the actual visit of her daughter's family from Japan. We have all had to adapt. We have had to use our creative skills to reshape our lives and to continue to live and grow. Would you like a cookie?

The 2019–2020 school year that we all lived through set the stage for us to manage what was described above. Theta Chapter was moving along as all chapters were. Then our 2019-2020 school year came to an end—an end that was a bit unexpected. We had a good year despite many cancellations. We started our year with our September meeting at which we organized and reacquainted. Our organizing consisted of regrouping in our committees in order to define our purposes and goals. In October, we went tech. We reviewed the DKG International website as well as the Nevada State and our chapter websites. Our novel November meeting was jointly held with Alpha Chapter. We pursued our Society mission to promote professional and personal growth of women educators. We listened to and participated in an informative and cooperatively engaging presentation by school psychologist and former principal, Doug Whitener. During the December holiday period many of us donned hats and attended the Alpha Chapter Holiday Tea. A good time was had by all!

With the onset of the new year, we pursued our chapter Apple Award project. At our January meeting we collected and packaged cooking and arts and crafts materials for a special class in Douglas County. In February we continued our love for learning. We hosted the principal of ACE charter high school and we learned all about the workings of the school. We even donated to a project the school was involved in.



As we all know starting in March our United States society came to a halt due to the coronavirus. As a result, our Delta Kappa Gamma Society followed suit. The Nevada State Convention was cancelled and rescheduled for next March 2021. Our April sponsored joint meeting had to be cancelled. Our Thespian pursuits will have to be pursued later. Theta's annual Arts and Crafts Fair and May Founders' Day meeting had to also be cancelled. The State Eureka Leadership gathering was also cancelled. Even with all of our cancellations our positive spirit continues to live on. We shall return! Would you like a cookie?

We look forward to continuing our quest for professional and personal growth as well as our contributions to excellence in education. And above all, we look forward to our continuing of our friendships in the coming year. We must stay safe and healthy. We must stay strong to make the cookies and to eat them.

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## **Nu News**

We met in beautiful South Lake Tahoe in September. Linda Morris was our hostess and our guest presenter speaking about her Cairn terriers.

Pat Hutson and Ann Dankworth drove carpools to the lake.

Thanks to all who sent in their dues promptly to Linda. This certainly made planning her budget for this coming year easier.

They will have lots to share with us at the September meeting.

The new Nu Nevada Apple Mini-Grant committee met throughout this summer and has developed criteria and other documents for the award. This year we will be presenting one \$250.00 award to a teacher at either Carson High School or Pioneer High School to be used on a new or on-going project. We'll need the chapter's approval for the budget and for the project itself.

Thanks once again this year to Julie Young, Linda Getschman, and Cora Cowan for putting together our chapter yearbook with updated information!

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## **Lambda's Latest Lines**

Lambda's White Elephant Zoom Party -- Monday February 22, 2021-- 10 O'Clock A.M.  
Look for your Zoom invitation from Dave Bianchi. If you don't zoom, phone in to Lois – 848-8358 or Delores – 813-3700

Find something you do not need in your house...wrap it with what you have available Lois and Dave will pick up your gift on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> also delivering your gift. Do not open until Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lambda's Zoom Party.

- Welcome Claudia Menesini. We are delighted you are now a Lambda sister
- Lambda will be selecting Student Interns for the Grant & Aide scholarship
- A late spring or summer wine tasting may be planned
- Lambda contributed to the Eddy House and renewed Women History membership

Lambda supports the Eddy House with a \$250 donation  
March 2021 State Conference postponed

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A delightful gathering on Delores’ beautiful patio for coffee and catching up was held June 22. Those attending were Laurie, Ronda, Nancy, Lois, Delores and Linda with special guest, State President, Cheryl Anderson. Thanks, Cheryl, for coming, your words of wisdom were well taken. We decided to form our yearly calendar month by month being aware of changes with the Pandemic.

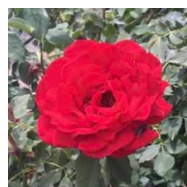
“I loved having the opportunity to be a part of your membership discussion and to brainstorm ideas together. I can certainly see how close you all are, how well you get along, and how well you work together. I have every confidence that your chapter will continue to thrive!

Please let me know if I can ever be of help to you, and do not hesitate to invite me again!”  
email received from Cheryl Anderson, State President



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## Delta Details



What a fantastic turn-out we had in November for our first virtual meeting! Seventeen of us navigating the Zoom platform!

I want to thank Pam for planning a really fun fall sisterhood activity - which involved using our "Chat", so that we could all see each other's responses! This interactive activity was a great way to keep us engaged!

Congratulations to our attendance winner, Jill; and to our DKG Scavenger Hunt winner, Brenda; Thanksgiving Scratch-off winner, Konnie; Thanksgiving "Mix-Up" Word Un-scramble winners, Rosanne & Diane; and "I Am Thankful" ABC's winner, Jill.

Thank you, Brenda, for getting the minutes out to us! Thank you, Jill, for doing a super job with correspondence! Thank you, Maxine, for another marvelous Delta Details! Thank you, Jan, for your donation of five more purses! Thank you, Annette, for checking into Carson Tahoe Hospital for us! Thank you, Candy, for offering to do the Austin's House Christmas stockings!

It was good to have our dear Gwen Anne back looking healthy and fabulous!

December we will not have a business meeting, just a fun and laughter-filled gathering of friends and Christmas activities!

I want to thank all of you who participated in our special Christmas Zoom. We had a very beautiful Ceremony of Remembrance for Kay Brown. Chris, Jan, and Corazon were able to share stories about her life and their special relationships with her. I want to thank Candy for going through our scrap-books to find photos of Kay. I want to thank Diane for going through past Delta records to find her Delta membership information.

I want to also thank Candy for putting together the beautiful Christmas card scrap-booking DIY project. She cut out each piece by hand!

Lastly, on a personal note, I can't tell you how touched and moved I was during Margaret's inspiration/power point presentation on leadership, and to find out that the focus was me. I want to especially thank her for putting all the pieces together, and her creativity in designing the Delta Rose to display the attributes you all contributed. It was beautiful. I can't express my thanks enough to all of you for taking the time to participate and respond to Margaret's request for your words. The whole thing was such high praise, and I will never forget it or you.

I would also like to thank all of you for your kind get-well wishes, cards, texts, emails, phone calls, flowers, dinners, and special treats. It is wonderful during these times to have such beloved friends. Your support gave me strength when I most needed it.

### Delta Chapter (Carson City, Dayton, Lake Tahoe, and Carson Valley) Annual Philanthropic Projects, Programs, Scholarships, and Grants

EDA (End Domestic Abuse) PURSES: Each year members donate their gently-used purses filled with toiletries for women staying at the local domestic violence shelters.

BOOK BAG BASH for “Students in Transition”: Members work together to fill book bags with age-appropriate books, pencils, and journals for summer reading. The bags are delivered to Carson City and Carson Valley Schools. (Candy Rooney)

AUSTIN’S HOUSE CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS: Small items are gathered and delivered in Christmas Stockings for the children staying at Austin’s House.

CARSON TAHOE HOSPITAL COLORING BOOKS AND CRAYONS: Coloring books and crayons are delivered to the children’s ward at Carson Tahoe Hospital. (Pam Gilmartin, Annette Hodorowicz).

FOOD CLOSET DONATIONS: Canned food items are donated to local food closet. (Cheryl Anderson)

RETIRED TEACHER MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT: Identifying and contacting newly retired teachers for membership and invitation to a luncheon for Newly Retired Teachers.

STUDENT TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS: The Chapter raises funds for Scholarships to present to selected student teachers in Carson City and Carson Valley. (Brenda Downs, Cheryl Anderson)

NEVADA APPLE MINI GRANTS: The Chapter raises funds to support \$250 mini grants for selected classroom teachers. The selection is based on how many students will be targeted in the use of the project or program and how well it matches the standards. (Cheryl Anderson)

DKG SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL WORLD FELLOWSHIP AND EMERGENCY FUND: Money is collected at monthly meetings to support DKG members that would be attending education programs in the United States and to support DKG members that have been impacted by catastrophic natural disasters. (Konnie McGruder)

ANNUAL DELTA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP GARAGE/YARD SALE: Members work to raise money each year with a Garage/Yard sale to support our Scholarship for New Teachers.

RAFFLE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER: The members support a 50/50 Raffle and a Silent Auction during the year to support the Chapter’s Scholarship and Grant Programs. (Pam Gilmartin, Gwen Anne Thacker, Cheryl Anderson)

Cheryl Anderson, Delta Chapter and  
DKG Alpha Chi Nevada State President

Delta Chapter awarded 6 Nevada Apple Awards this year. Thank you notes were received from the Awardees.

Delta Chapter is currently trying to create a Legislative Advocacy Committee.

The group decided to focus on recruiting Retired Teachers for membership to DKG rather than new teachers. Pam Gilmartin will be planning a luncheon for newly retired teachers.

The group voted to reschedule the Northern Nevada Luncheon that was to be hosted this year by Delta Chapter for next year, 2021.

The High Tea that is usually scheduled for October is planned for the Spring, if circumstances improve regarding COVID- 19.

Color crayons are being collected to go with the coloring books for Carson Tahoe Hospital. Purses are also being collected to fill with toiletries for the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Maxine Emm – Co-President





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**2021 – A year of promise and hope?**

*It's our actions that define us-  
 Our thoughts, our will, our ways.  
 We are all in this together.  
 Soon there will be better days.  
 --Victoria Calleja*

We have just finished a very atypical year, leaving all to wonder what actually lies ahead for 2021. No one knows what 2021 will bring and nobody knows what our “new normal” will be or even look like. Although there are dire warnings of this pandemic “getting worse, before it gets better,” in my mind, 2021 has to be better than 2020! I also yearn for our additional stress and anxiety to abate “sooner, rather than later.”

The pandemic has brought massive changes to almost every aspect of our lives...how we live, where we live, where we go or cannot go, what we do or cannot do, where we work, how we go about our work, what it means to be a “kid” these days, what it means to be a student or a classroom teacher, what family and friends mean, what is actually important. I suspect that after many months of being placed on “hold”, many of us have begun to ask what is my role in all of this,



where do I fit in and how do I adopt/adapt a new way of thinking that takes everyone into account so *all* can look forward to the future with hope?

Our efforts to break the COVID-19 siege revealed both the best and unfortunately, the worst of the American character. Our journey from here on should be quite clear, yet very simple...resolve to be patient and steadfast and to collectively spend 2021 fighting for science, truthful facts and honesty, democracy and empathy and to repair, mend and heal, if we can, all that was lost in 2020.

With the newly approved vaccines, I am hopeful there will be better days ahead and certainly look forward to 2021 being a year of reawakening and recovery for us all. Life, without a doubt, will continue to be and feel different as we recalibrate and refocus our optimistic hopes on achieving the “new normal.” We too are looking forward to returning to normalcy. We encourage you all to “stay the course,” remain vigilant and patient, and take to heart the following words of Victoria Calleja.

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Soon there will be better days.”**

Wishing you and yours a brighter and happier 2021! Diana – Ohio State

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<b>President:</b> Cheryl Anderson (Delta) <b>First Vice-President:</b>	Pat Goepfinger (Gamma)
Pat Goepfinger (Gamma)	<b>Rose of Recognition Chair:</b> Pat Geoppinger (Gamma)
<b>Second Vice-President:</b>	<b>Exemplary Award Committee:</b>
Karen Laskowski (Gamma)	Pat Goepfinger, Chair (Gamma), Cheryl Anderson, State President (Delta), Carol Cardillo (Theta), <b>Treasurer:</b> Heidi Hull (Omicron)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Cecelia Neroda (Xi), Heidi Hull (Omicron), Karen Laskowski, Alternate (Gamma)
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Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta)	

**NevadaGram Editor:**

Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta)

**State Website:** Cindy Frazer (Gamma) **Historian:** Heidi Hull (Omicron)

**State Committees:**

**By-Laws:** Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta)

Marlene Killion (Omicron)

**Communications:** Maxine Emm (Delta)

**Finance Chair:** Linda Getschman (Nu) **Leadership:** Gwen Anne Thacker (Delta)

Marlene Killion (Omicron)

**World Fellowship:** Pat Geoppinger (Gamma)

**State Membership/Necrology:**

Karen Laskowski (Gamma)

**Nominations:**

Emily Ladner (South) Gamma  
Juanita Karr (Outlying NV)  
Kappa Pat Hutson (North) Nu

Treasurere (Omicron);  
Susan Capistrant, Past State President (Theta)

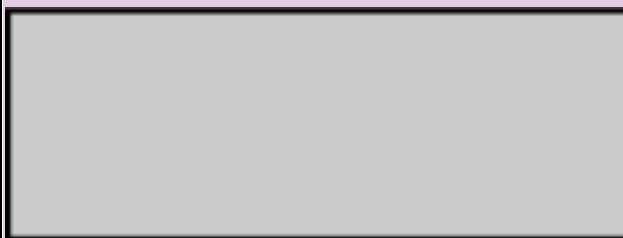
**Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship:** Leta Rabenstine (Xi)

**Emergency Fund:** Marlene Killion (Omicron)  
**Educational Foundation:**

Karen Laskowski (Gamma)

**Arts and Humanities Jury-Nevada Representative:** Ardynne Sprinkle (Theta)

**US Forum Southwest Regional Nevada Representative:** Pat Goeppinger, Gamma



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**Thank you to all those who sent cards and letters and sent messages throughout my trials of 2020.**

**Happy Valentines' Day 2021. Gwen Anne**