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COMING ATTRACTIONS

March 15-16, 2019
Alpha Chi State
Convention
Gold Dust West
Casino Hotel
Carson City
Hosted by
Nu Chapter

July 16-20, 2019,
DKG International
Conference (formerly
Southwest Regional)
In Costa Mesa,
California. The theme
is Technology. Check
the website for
registration.

**Have you paid your
dues?**

Check out the DKG
NEWS online. There
are various versions
for your best access.
There is also a chat
feature, information
on all conventions,
plus much more.

Check out
<https://www.DKG.org>

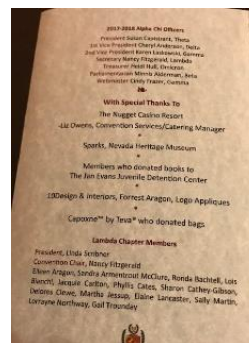
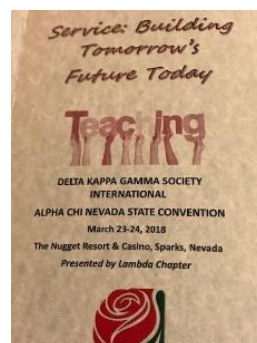


Carol Mueller Receives the Exemplary Award from Pat Goeppinger, Gamma

Carol has been a member of DKG for over 50 years. She served as President of Delta Kappa Gamma International from 2000-2002 after being 1st Vice President 1996-98, Southwest Regional Director 1982-84, chaired four international committees, and received the International Achievement Award in 1998.

Her service in Nevada has been unprecedented. She also founded Theta Chapter. Retreats, regional conferences, and conventions have all been enhanced by her expertise and willingness to serve. She is an exemplary woman educator.

CONGRATULATIONS
to Lambda Chapter for a wonderful State Convention.
You all worked hard, and we reaped the benefits.



EDITOR'S NOTE

I am honored to be the Editor for Alpha Chi's Nevadagram. This publication can only be as good as the enthusiastic submission of articles from our chapters and officers. Thank you in advance for that. This issue includes summer, fall, and winter highlights. I apologize for the late publication, but most of you know I have had a huge change in my life, and now reside in Fallon, belonging to Delta. Thank you for standing by me through the turmoil.

Following are the deadlines for coming issues:

**April 1, July 6,
October 1, January 10.**

Please forward this information and newsletter to your publicity chair and president so that it can be distributed to all members.

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**Have you updated
your DKG profile?**



Recipients of the Rose of Recognition 2018

Alpha-Doris Nachtsheim, Delta-Betsy Small, Gamma-Ilene Wagner, Epsilon-Barbara Bernstein, Theta-Louise Squatrito, Kappa-Kelly Sarbacher, Lambda-Linda Scribner, Nu-Pat Hutson, Xi-Jan Peterson, Omicron-Ilona Somers

This prestigious award is given annually to members from throughout the state. Each is selected by her chapter for outstanding service and involvement in the society and her community. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done.



Beautiful ladies who left us too soon were recognized during our **necrology remembrance ceremony**. Friends of those who have passed shared testimonies of the ladies' love for education.

Susan Luzzi from Gamma remembered Pat McNutt (1925-2017) from Las Vegas. Emily Ladner of Epsilon remembered Margaret Moss of Henderson (1931-2018). Minnis Alderman of Beta remembered Lina Sharp from Ely (1919-2018). Three members were remembered from Nu – Sharon Marvel Andreason of Carson City (1946-2017), Claudia Small of Dayton (1936-2017), and Phyllis Lorraine Bendure of Reno (1919-2017). All were outstanding educators, community servants, and valued DKG members.

Dr. Judy Mertz

Our own multi-talented Judy Mertz represented International. Now residing in Henderson, she exercises DKG membership electronically in two states, New Jersey and Nevada. She serves as Interim Membership Director internationally. She spearheaded the development of the *Collegial Exchange* magazine, broadening communication throughout the society. She encouraged us to simplify—fewer forms, use the website, use the applications, focus on all ages (we are intergenerational-young, middle, older), have online meetings, use Robert's Rules as a guide only. She said her favorite duty has been signing checks for the emergency funds (over \$100,000-\$5000 to Puerto Rico), and \$1,700,000 in scholarships. She referred to the *Wizard of Oz*: we have brains and a heart, and we need the courage to follow the curves of the yellow brick road.



More Memories From Alpha Chi State Convention



Shauna Gilboy of Omicron Wins \$500 Scholarship

Shauna Gilboy of Winnemucca won the Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship. She is a Special Education Paraprofessional in Humboldt County. She adopted and raised a sibling group of three small children, now 21 and 15 year-old twins. Currently Shauna is pursuing a B.S. degree in Speech/Language with an Early Childhood endorsement at Great Basin College. We are honored to assist her.

Go to Meeting Training

Delta Kappa Gamma in Nevada has embarked on new training for its officers and members. For a few years we have paid to use “Go to Meeting,” but have never used it. Currently the Executive Board has met twice, alleviating travel across the state to handle business. During these sessions, members can meet together in a local area or dial in on their own computers or phones to be part of the meeting. Up to 50 participants can be on at once. The sessions are coordinated by Cindy Frazer, Webmaster, through DKG International. We have definitely moved into a new era for Alpha Chi.



Golden Apple



Each chapter will be awarding grants to chapter members who need funds for a classroom project. Do you have an innovative idea: family night materials, equipment or models for science, creativity technology tools, or unique ideas to support your curriculum? The deadline for application is very close. This program is part of the Gold Key requirements for chapters. It is funded by Delta Kappa Society International. Check with your chapter for details.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nanette Olsen

Nanette of Nu Chapter was awarded a scholarship from DKG International’s Cornet fund. She attended an art workshop in Scottsdale where she learned about the use of acrylics in her paintings. She plans to use that knowledge when she travels to India later next year to work with students there.

Delta Details

Delta has inducted three new members. Pam Gilmartin has numerous fun-filled sisterhood activities whether in her cafetorium or a living room or on a deck, to build collegiality and unity. The most recent was blowing bubbles to rid any troubles or bad memories from 2018 and then making a wish on a candle for 2019. We collected canned food items to donate to the needy. A great Christmas party was hosted by Cindy Supko.

Thoughts from Theta Chapter

SEE—Support for Early-Career Educators and Schools for Africa are both active projects of Theta. Teaching is challenging and retaining good teachers is challenging. Theta has adopted Washoe Inspire Academy focusing on early childhood and pre-K students donating goodie bags containing learning tools, art supplies, and small books.

Theta joined Alpha to tour the Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club which has multiple facilities providing before and after school programs, full programs for school breaks, transportation from select schools, nutritious meals daily, summer camps, teen programs, financial assistance, scholarship opportunities, and many more services for academics and athletics.

Omicron Comments

Omicron reflected on the State Convention speakers, particularly Keynote Speaker, NV State Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson who spoke about increasing money for education, all-day kindergarten, and raising teacher pay—a very positive speech. Also, the enlightening presentations throughout the convention by Dr. Mertz, were appreciated. Omicron is proud to have the state treasurer, Heidi Hull in their chapter as well as the scholarship winner, Shauna Gilboy. Other highlights for them included touring the Nevada Heritage Museum, visiting the little White School House, and walking through the Southern Pacific train cars.

Nu Notes

Dr. Vincent Solis, President of WNC was the guest speaker for the first meeting of the year. He spoke of his goals, student retention, and swiftly developing technology, especially artificial intelligence. He said psychology careers will multiply due to the need for technology users to learn how to interact with others rather than just machines.

At the October meeting and social, Lisa Lee from Advocates to End Domestic Violence was guest speaker. She spoke of the work advocates have done providing victim services in Carson City and the surrounding areas. They offer a 24-hr hotline, a 51-bed emergency shelter, life skills classes for women in the shelter, and programs for middle and high school age children to help them be successful in school. Appropriately, members brought toilet paper, baby diapers, baby wipes, and paper towels to donate to her vital group.

At the November meeting, Roni Hanneman from the Carson City Chamber of Commerce spoke about their dynamic Travel Club which hosts tours throughout the world and is especially inviting to those who do not speak a foreign language.

In January Nu was privileged to hear from Linda Lawlor, Juvenile Probation, Deputy Chief, explain their Violence Prevention Partnership.

Questions and Answers (taken from Theta Newsletter and DKG website)

Did you know?

Bylaws at the chapter level are referred to as *rules*.

Bylaws at the state level are name *bylaws*.

Bylaws at the international level are named the *Constitution*.

A *revision* of bylaws (whatever the name) must be authorized by the membership assembly that the bylaws represent. A *revision* substitutes an entirely new set of bylaws for the previous document.

An *amendment*, with the process of amendment outlined in the bylaws, is a proposal to *amend by inserting, striking, or inserting and striking words or combinations of words*; the proposed action—if adopted—is to modify something previously adopted as a bylaw (or standing rule) by the assembly it represents.

**You are a role model for your children, students, and friends. Politics do not need to divide you.
Throughout history, the pendulum has swung back and forth.**

**SAVE THE DATE – REGISTER NOW\\
MARCH 15-16, 2019**



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CONVENTION**

**The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International**

**GOLD DUST WEST CASINO HOTEL
CARSON CITY, NV**

HOSTED BY NU CHAPTER

*“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can
change the world.” — Malala Yousafzai*

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of the Nevadagram. I hope you have enjoyed “catching up” with some of the chapters. Watch for the Special Edition about our upcoming State Convention.

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