

# THE NEW OREGON TRAIL



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***Mission:** The Society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

***Vision:** Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.*

## MEMORIES OF CHEYENNE & NORTHWEST REGIONAL

*Kathie Hill, Omega/2, reporting*



PHOTO BY GRACE PITZER: Standing: Jean Fairbairn, Cindy Ryan, Barbara Middaugh, Kathy Martell, Marietta Kuykendall, Kathie Hill, Darlene Cook, Carolyn Rayborn, Pat Howard, Kneeling: Alice Hartness-Reichle, Kaye Jones, Kelly McIntyre, Bridget Honan, Linda St. Pierre. Seated: Grace Pitzer

Cheyenne, steeped in history and Western culture, was a beautiful backdrop for NW Regional. Western themes thrived with The Cheyenne Trotters performing a cavalry routine in the parking lot, giant cowboy boots on the streets, and a Rodeo Roundup Info-Fair about Society purposes and offerings.

In attendance were 320 members from 20 states and provinces. Oregon was represented by 16 members. The setting of Little America, with five lodges around an enormous swimming pool and surrounded by a 9-hole golf course, made a unique venue. Members could start their mornings with yoga, aquacise or walking activities led by members, including Dr. Beverly

Helms, International President. Exercise was necessary if you enjoyed your daily 50-cent ice cream cone (or two).

General sessions, gatherings, and workshops began with Wyoming Night on Wednesday. Workshops included topics for active and retired members, Society information, and personal enrichment. The number and range of workshops meant that there was something for everyone. When not in a workshop, you could shop the NW Regional Marketplace, lounge by the pool, or play golf.

As always, speakers at general sessions were dynamic and engaging. During the Celebration Luncheon, Patricia Frolander, Wyoming's Poet

Laureate, captivated the audience with her stories of ranching and raising three children in the Black Hills of Wyoming. She read from her book *Married Into It* and related how her life changed dramatically from growing up in Boston to becoming a rancher's wife, living in a bunkhouse with no proper kitchen. Now a great-grandmother, she continues to ranch and write. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Xylena (Xye) Sanders is a young DKG member recently initiated in Oceanside, CA. Her stories of growing up, changing schools eight times, and love for her family kept us entertained at Brunch. Miss Sanders teaches middle school students with mild to moderate disabilities. She is an inspirational young woman.

The US Forum on violence against women and children was well attended. Steve Gilmore of the Wyoming Attorney General's Office presented the Power and Control Wheel and the cycle of violence from generation to generation. With his guitar and his vast knowledge (continues on p. 4)

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

**Kathy Martell, President  
Oregon State Organization**



### **Working Together: Building Early Academic Readiness**

As I write this first President's message, I think how blessed I am to be part of an organization with such outstanding women educators. By working together, we are making an impact on the quality of education in Oregon.

Literacy, the key to Educational Excellence, starts when a baby is born. Parents are a child's first teachers and it is important for them to understand early literacy development. One of the funded initiatives from the 2013 legislature aims at "Improving the readiness of children for early learning as they enter kindergarten." It will take many partnerships to successfully accomplish this goal.

My theme for the 2013-2015 Bienium is "Working Together: Building Early Academic Readiness" which

I call the "BEAR" Project. To help develop and implement this program, I received a grant from the International DKG Educational Foundation. Two organizations that are already successful in promoting early literacy are partnered with DKG to help Oregon accomplish this goal.

(1) The Oregon Pediatric Society's program--"Reach Out and Read"--uses pediatricians who work with parents on literacy development during well-child check-ups from 6 months to 5 years. Pediatricians educate parents during the checkup, and the child receives a new book to start a library at home. The Oregon Pediatric Society is taking their program into the highest poverty areas of the state. This year they chose Grants Pass. Two clinics are already trained on their program with a third in development.

(2) Since 2010 I have worked with "Reading for All," a literacy initiative supported by The Oregon Community Foundation in Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties. They supplied some of the printed parent information for the BEAR bags, let me order books through their partnership with Scholastic, and connected me with the company that manufactures bags for the program.

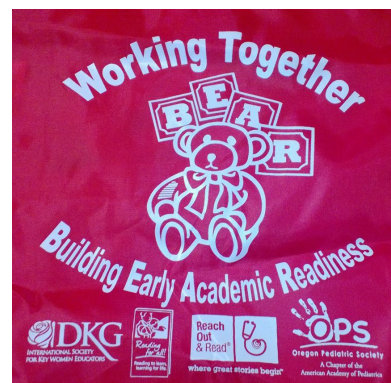
My BEAR Project is to be an extension of Reach Out and Read. **Lise Van Brunt** [Omega/2], Principal of Madrona Elementary in Grants Pass, has agreed to start the BEAR Program in her school. In October, I will visit both Madrona Elementary and Omega Chapter in Grants Pass; together we will develop a plan where DKG and Madrona staff will promote early literacy to the school's families. When a new baby is born, the

sibling(s) who attend(s) Madrona Elementary will be the literacy ambassador(s) for their family. They will let the school know when the new sibling arrives. At a school assembly, the family ambassador(s) will take a pledge to play with the baby, read with the baby, and be the best big brother/sister they can be. After taking the pledge, the sibling(s) will be presented with a "BEAR Bag" containing a teddy bear, two board books for the new baby, a book for each older sibling, information for parents on early literacy development, and information on the Reach Out and Read Program that is already in the area. A picture of the sibling(s) will be put on a special school bulletin board. At the end of the year, the school, with the help of Omega Chapter, is encouraged to host a party and invite all recipients of BEAR bags and READ!

I have also been asked to introduce this program into Klamath Falls where the Oregon Pediatric Society hopes to expand next. My goal is to get one school working successfully with this program in each area and help the staff to figure out ways to expand into other schools the next year.

This is just one way to promote early literacy. I challenge each chapter to figure out a way to promote early literacy in your area. **Remember, working together, we can make a difference.**

**Kathy**



**"B.E.A.R." with us . . . as we are WORKING TOGETHER, BUILDING EARLY ACADEMIC READINESS.**



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## FINANCIAL AWARD REPORT

### GREETINGS FROM MUMBAI, INDIA!

I am writing to you on behalf of my mentor and friend, **Dolores Scheelen** [Epsilon/2]. Dolores has been volunteering her time and services with our organization "Ummeed" for the past five years. Last year, she was awarded a DKG grant in recognition of her mentoring work with us. On behalf of Ummeed and all the families of children with autism whom Dolores has made such a huge difference to, I have written what she and her work mean to us here.

Every Wednesday for the past three years, at precisely 9 a.m., a group of young women huddle together in a room in Mumbai, India, and turn on Skype. As a familiar American face comes up on the screen, enthusiastic greetings are exchanged, and soon the team gets down to work.



*Dolores is on the Skype screen.*

The young women are all therapists working at Ummeed (meaning *hope* in Hindi), a not-for-profit organization serving children with various developmental disabilities. On Skype is Dolores Scheelen, from Medford, Oregon, who, along with her husband Robert, has been volunteering her time and services to Ummeed.

Dolores, a special educator, has decades of experience working with children with developmental disabilities, especially autism. During annual 3-month visits to Mumbai and weekly follow ups over Skype, Dolores has trained many professionals and parents at Ummeed in how to build children's skills in communication, social interaction, and behaviors.



*Dolores, 2nd from left, rear & the Autism Intervention Team*

Using a combination of incredible expertise and a rare understanding of the Indian culture, she has put together systems for child intervention and training of staff within and outside Ummeed. These are significant boosts, given that the state of autism training in India is, according to Dolores, similar to that of the U.S. in the 1980s: an inconsistent patchwork of services, often driven by well-meaning but under-equipped parent organizations.

Families at Ummeed look forward to "Dolores ma'am's" visit, for she doesn't tell them that it is wrong to let their six year old sleep with them. They love her when she greets them with a Namaste<sup>1</sup>, removes her shoes before sitting down on the mat, and

<sup>1</sup> A common spoken and physical salutation; a customary greeting when meeting and parting. A non-contact form of salutation is preferred in India and Nepal; Namaste is the most common form of such a salutation. When spoken, it is commonly accompanied by a slight bow made with hands pressed together, palms touching and fingers pointed upwards, in front of the chest. [Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Namaste>]

discusses how to include conservative grandparents in the child's therapy. Dolores truly believes that to teach is to empower. From Medford to Mumbai . . . a beautiful example of how cultures and knowledge can blend to help a greater cause.

With heartfelt appreciation of all the good work your society does,

**Dr. Koyeli Sengupta**

Developmental Pediatrician & Coordinator, Autism Intervention Services, Ummeed Child Development Center

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**Note from Dolores:** *Special thanks to all in Oregon for making my work with Ummeed possible through receipt of a State Founders' and Presidents' Scholarship.*

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## CHAPTER ARTICLE

### Annual Beta Beta Garage Sale by Eloise Gibson

The annual Beta Beta Garage Sale, held at Tigard High School on July 27, was a success thanks to the hard work of many chapter members. This year we earned about \$2,800 for the Beta Beta Education Foundation's philanthropic projects, with more money coming in from eBay sales and member donations.

Special thanks go to the **Bartniks**, the **Silcoxes**, and the **Phays** for bringing the "infrastructure of the sale" and for posting signs all over the area the night before. They are troupers who "lived" the Garage Sale for many days!

Early Saturday a large group of members moved items from **Nancy Lewis's** garage to the sale site, unloaded boxes from cars as members brought items, and set up the sale in an easy-to-shop



*Marian Ewell and Heidi Gorka*

way. Throughout the day, 40+ chapter members and spouses helped set up, work the sale, clean up, and haul away unsold items. **Julie Carlsen** secured the site; **Noriko Roberts** provided entrance to the school and students to help clean up; **Susan Herron** distributed our first ever "tax receipts" for donations; **Donna Rhinevault**, **Elaine Harris**, and **Eloise Gibson** took it in turns to cashier, package, and carry items to customers' cars. About ten members stayed all day—a big commitment. Many others worked a shift or two, making the sale a success due to teamwork and good fellowship.



*Stevie Viaene organizes items*

Event Chair, **Eloise Gibson**, thanks all who helped in any way. Members came through with the rummage, the work, and great attitudes! Start saving "Garage Sale" items for the next sale!

If you don't ask the right question, every answer seems wrong.  
~Ani DiFranco  
<http://www.care2.com/greenliving>

## FINANCIAL AWARD REPORT

Dear Alpha Rho DKG Sisters:

Thank you so much for the Isabelle Huston Commemorative Award. It is an honor to be blessed with such a loving Society. I'm looking forward to taking my students to Italy, Greece, and Turkey to explore other cultures and bring understanding of these cultures. Thanks again!

Dana Musgrove, Zeta/1

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## NW REGIONAL CONFERENCE (continued from p. 1)

of the subject, Mr. Gilmore made a lasting impression on attendees.

Something new introduced during the Conference is the DKG Arts and Humanities Juried Gallery. The Gallery webpage is still being created, but the next round of submissions begins January 1 - February 1, 2014. Items of print, performing arts, photography, and two- and three-dimensional art--all types are requested from members.

The Conference would not have been complete without celebrating our new state presidents, including Oregon's **Kathy Martell**. Oregon members held an open house that was attended by members from DKG International as well as Oregon delegates. The Conference culminated with a reception and the Presidents' Banquet on Saturday night.

Prepare for 2015 Northwest Regional Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. You'll need an updated passport, so start now.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY for the OREGON CONFERENCE & CONVENTION

May 2 - 4, 2014  
"STEM FOR ALL AGES"

Please join us at the Mt. Bachelor Village Resort in Bend, May 2-4, 2014, for the Alpha Rho State Conference & Convention. Our theme is STEM for All Ages. "STEM" is an educational initiative focusing on **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, and **M**athematics. Several workshop tracks will meet the needs and interests of all attendees.

Come relax, have fun, and take part at Mt. Bachelor Village Resort. Bring your family, so they can have fun swimming, riding bikes, playing games, and exploring! Reserve your room online at: <http://www.mtbachelorvillage.com/delta-kappa-gamma.php>

### Tentative Conference Schedule

**Friday, May 2:** Check into your room at the Resort, then join us at 7:30 p.m. for our general session.

**Saturday, May 3:** Enjoy early morning exercise and breakfast. A welcome and keynote speaker begin at 9 a.m., followed by a variety of workshops with broad appeal ranging from early-career to retired educators—something for everyone!

After innovative morning workshops, we will have lunch and a second keynoter. Two hours of workshops are followed by the President's Procession and an awards ceremony, leading up to a delicious dinner, great conversation, and time spent with friends.

**Sunday, May 4:** Start the morning with the White Rose ceremony followed by breakfast and President's Training. For those of you who need not take part in the President's training, a variety of fun tours will entice you.

**Join us in Bend for STEM for All Ages!**

## SOMETHING NEW IN BEND: RAFFLE BASKETS

This venture will replace the Silent Auction. The process: Double tickets will be sold by the yard (about 20 tickets) at \$10/yard. Separate your rows of tickets, then insert them into numbered sacks by your desired basket. The more tickets you put in, the better your odds of winning that basket will be. Up to 1000 tickets can be sold.

You do not need to put your name on the tickets, as each is numbered. Just do not lose your part of the tickets! Winning numbers will be drawn from the bags just before lunch Saturday and will be taped to the appropriate basket. Winners can claim their baskets soon thereafter.

If you need more information, see the Sigma gals in the Hospitality Room on Friday evening. *Mary Reed, Sigma*

**October 31, 2013:** Dues and fees are due to your chapter treasurer.

## FINANCIAL AWARD REPORT

I earned my Master's in Administration in California in 2009 then moved home to Portland, OR. To obtain an administration license here, I needed to take (again) School Law and School Human Resources courses from an Oregon school. Those two classes cost \$4,000!

I was exuberant when I received a \$2,000 scholarship from Alpha Rho State. Now that my classes are completed (I earned an A in both), I am continuing to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, waiting until my little guy goes to kindergarten, and then I'm going to jump to the "Dark Side." I'm so grateful for this scholarship, and it means so much to know that women are supported when moving into leadership roles.

*Debbie Starr, Beta Beta/5*



*Debbie Starr & Son*



## FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

**Executive Board** met at 1 p.m. on September 21, 2013.

Colorado sent thanks for support during the floods, and Delta Chapter requested dissolution. The Treasurer's Report included the Annual Report to International and the state budget.

From Regional Convention: A special convention workshop—"It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter"—urged chapters to remain positive and move forward rather than moaning about problems. Instead, concentrate on problem solving. Thanks to **Linda St. Pierre**, a slide-show with highlights of the convention featured the Wyoming landscape, resident animals, and enthusiasm of participants.

During reports, items stood out: Members (1) need to be sure that, on their demise, the family will return the DKG pins to the chapter, and (2) are encouraged to get the message across to Oregon legislators to leave PERS alone; we don't appreciate having what we invested (through legislation demanding that we do so) being taken away to pay for bad decisions.

The Leadership Development presentation started with a challenge: "You encouraged her to run for President; now how are you going to support her?" It is incumbent on the membership to carry some of the load. How? Determine the most critical problem facing the chapter; then analyze options for solutions. The second segment was "Ways to Ignite Member Participation." People join organizations for many reasons; for DKG to attract members, chapters must fulfill at least one of the person's reasons, provide opportunities for input and

feedback, share responsibility and decision-making, and offer challenges and numerous opportunities for involvement. Suggestions for increasing the attraction of meetings, projects to inspire members to participate, and ways to encourage participation at the State and International levels followed.

Unfinished business addressed IRS issues (all chapters are now current!) and the State Strategic Action Plan. Chapters should develop Strategic Action Plans (with emphasis on ACTION). Submit them to the Educational Excellence Committee and President Kathy.

Under new business, chapters are invited to apply to host an Oregon State Organization Conference. Two issues required action: (1) the dissolution of Delta Chapter passed, and (2) purchase of state liability insurance passed. Preliminary information on the 2014 State Convention in Bend was presented, along with passing permission to open a State Convention bank account.

The meeting closed with song, leaving the members with enthusiasm and high hopes for the potential in their chapters.

Following the meeting, the Finance Committee conducted an in-house audit of the Treasurer's records and found all in good order. The committee decided that chapters may have an opportunity to use the Unique Boutique as a venue for items to sell at state gatherings. Procedures need to be agreed upon by the Unique Boutique management to make such an opportunity available.

*Maureen Haugen, Omicron/2*

### Workshops—WOW!

Participants and observers submitted rave reviews for all four morning workshops:

1. *Seasoned With Play: How Teachers Keep a Playful Attitude in the Midst of Academic Overwhelm.* **Claudia Dow**, NBC Early Childhood Teacher, Omega/2.
2. *Attachment and the Impact on Brain Development.* Linda Cra-ven, Director of Early Childhood Education at Family Building Blocks
3. *The Little Brain That Could: What We Know About Executive Function and Self-Regulation in Early Childhood.* Dr. Patti Blasco, TRI Associate Research Fellow.
4. *A Safe Place to Fall: Creating Community & Belonging In Inclusive Classrooms.* **Dr. Cindy Ryan**, WOU Early Childhood Faculty, Alpha Epsilon/5

Workshop rooms were packed with eager listeners who absorbed data, participated fully, asked questions, shared experiences, noted ways to use information, and were reluctant to have sessions end.



### PAC BRUNCH--and PDU's

Tickets (\$25) can be purchased from Jean O'Neil and District 6 presidents until Oct. 28. The bunch will be at the Multnomah Athletic Club, 1849 S.W. Salmon, Portland, on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. The program features speakers on Early Childhood Education at state, local and neighborhood levels. Please join us and **invite non-members.**

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

### Community

Scott Ryan, a language arts teacher at the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility for At-Risk Girls in Albany, was one of four teachers nationwide to receive the highest honor in "Lighting the Fire" awards for inspiring his students. This award was given out by the Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings.

### DKG Members

1. **Dr. Cindy Ryan**, Alpha Epsilon/5, helped write a grant for Western Oregon University, and they received a \$1 million federal grant for their PIECE Project: Promoting Inclusion in Early Childhood Education. The goal is to help teachers be prepared to work in diverse classrooms.
2. **Marie Cramer**, Alpha Delta/5, received the Oscar Schaff Award from the Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics for being an outstanding secondary math teacher! Marie taught math at McNary High School in Salem before retiring and doing some work for the Oregon Department of Education. [See the short article below.]
3. **Peggy Cowens**, Omega/2, contributed to the article "Beyond the Grade: Oregon Educators Are Leading the Way in Transforming Student Learning" published in the June 2013 issue of *Today's OEA*. Peggy continues to help teachers develop their best professional methods for teaching as they work to assist both students and parents to understand and support benefits and differences in proficiency-based learning.

## RECOGNITION FOR A DKG MEMBER!

### **Alpha Delta's Marie Cramer**

**Recognized--See #2, above**

Alpha Delta Co-President Marie Cramer was selected unanimously as the recipient of the 2013 Oscar Schaaf Secondary Mathematics Education Award. This award is Oregon's highest honor for those middle, high school, or college teachers who have shown:

- Enthusiasm as a person, teacher, and leader that reflects the person for whom the award is named
- Demonstration of thinking by using a model that makes mathematics meaningful
- An organized focus for his or her teaching
- Great interest in problem solving
- Generous sharing of information,

serving as a mentor, offering support and guidance

- A long-term involvement with the mathematics community

"Your nomination demonstrates the impact you've had on mathematics educators and students well beyond your classroom."

The award was presented at the Oregon Math Leaders conference in August.



**Marie Cramer (right) receives her award; Nancy Zernal (left) offers congratulations.**

Chapter Rules need to be reviewed by the Bylaws Committee. If you have not done so in the last two years, please do it. If you have completed this task, great!

**Jean Fairbairn, Chair**

Can your chapter recommend a local person--a community member or a chapter sister--who has a positive influence on education? Let Kathy Martell know. Strong contributors to education need to be publicized so our communities know their accomplishments.

## UNIQUE BOUTIQUE NEWS

Dear Alpha Rho State Sisters:

Thank you for your support of our mission: Helping our members to attend their first State/Regional/International Convention, Conference, or a DKG Workshop/Training. We do this by using the proceeds from the Unique Boutique to fund the Boutique Treasure Scholarship. This scholarship/stipend helps offset the cost of meetings and thereby helps sisters discover the joy of camaraderie, learning, and fun that is part of professional and personal growth at DKG events.

Who knew one could do so much good while shopping! We're getting ready for this year's gatherings, so come see what's new at the Boutique, buy a treasure for yourself or someone else, and help a sister further her DKG experience.

Why not invite the Boutique to one of your chapter and/or district events?

Contact Catie Thurber Brown at [ron-catiebrown1@msn.com](mailto:ron-catiebrown1@msn.com) or call 971-338-6199 to make arrangements. See you at the Boutique!



## CAPTURING CHEYENNE IN PICTURES.

Photos by Grace Pitzer (except two)



Beverly Helms, Carolyn Rants &  
Corlea Plowman



Bridget Honan & Kelly McIntyre



Alice Hartness-Reichle & Buffalo



Grace Pitzer & Friend  
Photo by Kathie Hill



Jean Fairbairn & Linda St. Pierre



Cindy Ryan, Kathy Martell &  
Kathie Hill



The Snowy Range and Marie Lake



Marietta Kuykendall & Grace Pitzer at  
over 10,000 ft. in Rocky Mt. Nat'l Park



Pioneer lady



Have you seen her? There's a reward  
out for Barbara Middaugh!



Pat Howard, Kathy Martell, &  
Bridget Honan



Elaine Hall & Kathy Martell  
Photo by Kathie Hill



## FINANCIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

### Congratulations, Debbie!

Who? Debbie Starr, Beta Beta Chapter, District 5

What? \$2000: State Founders' and Presidents' Scholarship

When? August 2013

Why? Debbie is completing coursework to meet Oregon's requirements for administrative certification!

Where? Concordia University

How? Debbie earned her California administrative credential and is finishing work for Oregon certification.

### Congratulations, Dana!

Who? Dana Musgrove, Zeta Chapter, District 1

What? \$2000: Isabelle Huston Commemorative Scholarship

When? August 2013

Why? Dana will be accompanying 25 students abroad as they work to earn either high school or college credits.

Where? Italy, Greece, and Turkey

How? Hands-on experiences for students as they explore the countries, learn about the cultures involved, and interact with people internationally.

The next due date for submitting financial awards applications is December 1, 2013! Check the website for details:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/OR/scholarships/index.htm>

## WHITE ROSE Fall 2013

**Paula Ann Morris, Eta**  
d. June 16, 2013



## CHAPTER CHATTER



### District 1

**Zeta (Union County):** In April Zeta met at the Grande Ronde Retirement Center where member **Neva Neill** lives. The program honored long-time educators in our community. It was a wonderful program where members introduced honorees who then had a chance to reflect upon their years of teaching. That was the best part and brought a tear to many eyes in the room.



*Sharon Hohstadt (left) honoring  
Neva Neill (seated)*

In May Zeta awarded scholarships to two women students at Eastern Oregon State University: Jordann Roberts and Dakota Jenkins.

### District 2

**Alpha (Klamath Co.):** learned that International certified their new chapter web site. Visit their site at <http://alphachapterdeltakappagamma.weebly.com/> Many thanks to the web site editor **Brenda Jensen**. Alpha is only the second Oregon chapter to achieve this recognition.

**Omega (Josephine Co.):** lost long-

time member **Martha W. Nelson**, 96, this summer. This lovely lady contributed much support to the chapter.

The annual *Courier* Nonprofits Yard Sale—our major fundraiser!—was cancelled due to “Hazardous” air quality (over 350 ppm when less than 50 is healthy) from local wildfires. Our “New to You” jewelry and personal décor sales to support Early-career Educators are continuing this year.

### District 3

**Gamma (Lane Co.):** Thanks to the generosity of Gamma members, **Kathy Howard** and **Joan Travis Kelley** purchased 90 books this year to give the children at Pearl Buck Center Preschool. A sticker shows each was a gift from DKG International--Gamma Chapter. After selecting 9 books for each child, Kathy and Joan delivered them to the classroom in individual gift bags on August 5 and enjoyed time reading to the children, presenting the bags of books, and sharing a snack. The children and teachers were excited and very appreciative. Thanks to everyone for donations for books!



*Kathy Howard, reading*

**Lambda (Lane Co.):** had two successful Grant-in-Aid fundraisers at **Dr. Yvonne Fasold's**. In early June our annual garage sale spilled into two other neighbors' yards! Then,

## Epsilon At Work & Play



Epsilon's summer luau and Executive Board meeting at Jane Dow's home: From the left **Rosie Ruiz, Dolores Cadwallader, Janet Hegna Davis & Carol Moody**. Good programs are on track for 2013-14.

thanks to a remarkable donation of books from long-time member **Lesley Matson**, Yvonne held a two-day book sale that brought in an additional \$120. **Camille Ronzio** put artwork on Craig's List and sold lovely prints donated by a chapter member, the proceeds of which go into our Grant-in-Aid fund. For this coming March, our Lane Coordinating Council plans a half-day seminar focusing on Peace Through Curriculum with celebrity speakers and at least two workshops for teachers of all grade levels. Watch for details in January 2014.

**Alpha Sigma (Lane Co.): Marty Madden** took a cruise through the Inland Passage to Alaska with her two adult daughters in September. With one daughter's recent retirement and Marty's advanced age (95), they felt this would be a good time for this family adventure. **Pamela Irvine** and her husband made a trip to Peru in late September, visiting Machu Picchu and going down the Amazon River. Members look forward to reports and pictures from Marty and Pamela, either at a meeting or in the chapter newsletter.

### District 4

**Tau (Clatsop & Columbia Cos.):** On September 18, for our eighth year of partnership with the Clatskanie Kiwanis Club, we presented paperback dictionaries to each sixth grade student at Clatskanie Elementary School.

**Alpha Omicron (St. Helens):** is answering the call for Early Childhood Education. Some retired members are offering their services to the St. Helens School District as volunteers to administer AIMSWEB (elementary reading tests). The chapter will award ten \$50 grants to local teachers this fall, as was done last year. Their grants will assist with the transition into this new school year.

### District 5

**Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):** Alpha Nu's June biennial garage sale was a success. The fundraiser provides money to finance our teacher grant program. Sixteen members volunteered 520 hours supporting classroom educators last school year for T.H.A.T. Historians **Jo Rossman** and **Grace Pitzer** have started doing oral histo-

ries with members. Grace was inspired to do the project after attending a class at the DKG International Convention in New York City.



*Jo Rossman (left) interviewing Mary Crawford*

At our first meeting on September 9, we enjoyed a potluck dinner before the business meeting

**Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.):** started the year on a beautiful day at a member's home. She and her husband hosted a wonderful luncheon and, in return, we provided some school supplies for Vernonia School District. September brings another evening of serving homeless youth at HomePlate in Hillsboro. We thoroughly enjoy meeting and talking with these young people. HomePlate serves the homeless youth in Washington County and was honored with the Excellence in Action Award this past year. In October, our first official meeting features Scott Ryan, Lighting the Fire award recipient, as our guest speaker. [See picture on p. 11]

**Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood):** members are applying for 501(c)(3) status for our Foundation. We raised funds at the Spring Tea and Summer Garage Sale for our Foundation's philanthropic projects. This enabled us to give \$5,000 in scholarships to Early-career Educators who finished their degrees this past summer.



## District 6

**Eta (Portland):** Eta members volunteered several days at Schoolhouse Supplies this past year, sorting and tallying boxes of materials. They accrued over 20 hours (3 hours = 1 voucher) for 7 vouchers that were then given to our only full-time teacher, Sue Henry, for purchase of supplies.



*One group of volunteers was (standing) Janet Kurkoski and Kathleen Allen; (seated) Karoline Torrey and Trudy Orth.*

**Alpha Pi (Multnomah Co.):** was very pleased to present over \$400 worth of books to new Portland public school teachers earlier this year. These books were earned by members working at the Scholastic Warehouse Sale this past June.

### SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA (SFA)

*Karen Olsen, Lambda/3*

Oregon chapters are challenged to identify time at meetings to focus on Schools for Africa (SFA). SFA became an International project in 2010. Since then, over \$120,000 was donated by members for projects in 11 sub-Saharan countries: Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

SFA focuses on providing access to quality education, particularly for

## WAITING FOR A RIDE.....



Psi Chapter on the way to. . . From the left *Anne Kingsley-Beeson, Roberta Hutton, Bertha Haas, Kelly McIntyre, Donalene Biller, Janet Schultz, Janice Story* [See the article, p. 10]

girls, orphans, and vulnerable youths. UNICEF partners with DKG, working with governments, local authorities, and communities to train teachers to provide quality education; build and improve school facilities; provide supplies; and create a healthy, safe, and clean place to learn and play.

**Focus on South Africa:** At the 2011 Oregon State Convention, many members donated dolls-of-color for a small pre-school in the Zulu Nation. After two years of hard work and fundraising from many sources, the pre-school is about to move to a new, larger facility where it can serve more children in this impoverished community hit hard with HIV and AIDS. The dolls were much appreciated.

More dolls have been made and are ready to be sent with the help of Lambda members and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Eugene's McCornack Elementary. Some Gamma members and friends

are making little soccer "pinnies" for the four year olds so that they can tell who is on which team. Soccer is a very popular sport in South Africa and toddlers learn the game early.

How can your chapter help the South Africa project? The pre-school would love to start a library for children ages 2 – 5. Any books designed for young children to help them learn their colors, numbers, etc., would be much appreciated. Members can bring books to our 2014 state convention.

Some great PowerPoint presentations for chapter meetings are at [http://www.kintera.org/site/c.meJMIOwErH/b.8584941/k.3D44/Schools\\_for\\_Africa\\_presentations.htm](http://www.kintera.org/site/c.meJMIOwErH/b.8584941/k.3D44/Schools_for_Africa_presentations.htm)

If you would like to contribute, donation forms are at [http://www.kintera.org/atf/cf/%7B70FE631E4-44B9-4D36-AE7D-D12E4520FAB3%7D/SCHOOLS\\_FOR\\_AFRICA\\_BROCHURE.PDF](http://www.kintera.org/atf/cf/%7B70FE631E4-44B9-4D36-AE7D-D12E4520FAB3%7D/SCHOOLS_FOR_AFRICA_BROCHURE.PDF)

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Oct. 14	Beta Beta, Tigard
Oct. 15	Sigma, Madras
Oct. 21	Zeta, Iota, Beta Epsilon, LaGrande
Nov. 2	PAC Brunch, Portland
Dec. 11	Chi, Portland

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