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OREGON SISTERS VISIT THE “BIG APPLE”



Opening night left a dramatic impression: Here was a giant, beautiful room filled with women whom we could instantly identify as sisters, even when they spoke a different language. Quality women attended; it was inspiring to see recognition of new PhD recipients—and awards to aspiring students. The Sheraton Hotel was buzzing. The first night featured music, Broadway singers, Native American dancing, step dancing, and singers from the United Nations. What a beginning for a convention!

The Convention: “I could see the great amount of planning, organizing, coordinating, communicating, delegating, volunteering, and the like needed for such an event. The final product—meetings, speakers, breakout sessions, meals, tours, shopping at vendors, theaters—made for an enjoyable, informative, and interesting week.”

Favorite speakers: (1) Tori M. McClure, speaking on *Dare Mighty Things*, is president of Spalding University, Louisville, KY. With a B.A., Master of Divinity, JD, and MFA, she still chose to make a solo crossing of the Atlantic by rowboat—the first woman to do so. (continued, p. 3)

Oregon Delegation: Front, from left: Darlene Cook, Tirzah Barlow, Alice Hartness-Reichle, Pat Howard, Jean Fairbairn, Linda St. Pierre. Center row: Carolee Jones, Madaline Lapp, Grace Pitzer, Natalie Garrett, Sharon Hohstadt (right behind Pat Howard), Janet Walsh, Jane Dow, Barbara Meredith. Back row: Brenda Kirk, Charleen Brown, Kathie Hupp, Cari Hinesly, Kelly McIntyre, Sandy Watts.

Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim Floresville, Texas

NEW YORK! NEW YORK! It's a wonderful town! was the theme throughout reports from the 20 Oregon members who made it to “The Big Apple.” The convention was variously described as magnificent, impressive, most memorable, all aspects lived up to expectations, outstanding, wonderful speakers with motivational ideas and inspiring stories, and accolade after compliment followed. The city was described as dynamic, energetic, and upbeat. “The best thing that happened was dispelling the stereotype of the rude, harried New Yorker. Everyone I spoke with or had any type of exchange with was kind and courteous.” NYC is an amazing place. We attended Broadway shows, WALKED, saw Central Park and Times Square, rode the subway to Brooklyn, saw the fantastic view from the Brooklyn Bridge, visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the 9/11 Memorial, and so much more. “I felt that NYC was my city; pretty cool for a little country girl from southern Oregon.”

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

EXCELLENCE THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND ACTION



Alice Hartness-Reichle
Oregon Organization President

With clarity of purpose, new International President Dr. Beverly Helms has challenged our membership to evaluate our focus as a professional women educators' organization, prioritizing and strengthening goals through strategic action planning at both state and chapter levels. Researching each chapter member's priorities is essential, as chapters are the soul of the Society. Needs of present and prospective members should be a focal point in planning the directions of each chapter and of the state organization. **Imagine!**

DKG has much to offer through leadership opportunities, professional and social networking, access to professional research, offering financial assistance for further education, providing recognition for key women educators, supporting connections with the United Nations through our non-governmental, non-profit status, and influencing legislative agendas affecting education, women, and children in our Society's 18 countries. Benefits and advantages of membership are great

and are actually not realized or utilized by many members. **Imagine!**

Our new International Project, Supporting Early-career Educators (S.E.E.), focuses on directing efforts toward those who are in the forefront of education. Investing time and effort as mentors, serving as role models, and providing personal and emotional support for those just beginning as educators are also paramount to the future of DKG. Sharing the benefits of membership in our Society as a support system of key women educators assists in promoting our Seven Purposes and continuing our positive impact in local communities as educational leaders. **Imagine!**

We should also support veteran educators, for they continue to sustain all aspects of our education systems and are valued for their legacy of contributions. However, if we help those just starting out, they will step up to continue our good work, whether it is the "classic" classroom teacher or educators who impact others through their expertise in teaching any variety of subjects through their companies or through individual contact with students. Membership includes anyone who is a key woman educator hired to teach any subject at any level—and not necessarily in a traditional school building or school system. **Imagine!**

In many ways we are a "product" of opportunity and service as an organization. If we believe enough in our product to market it well and are willing to make changes when necessary, we will be successful in sustaining our membership. Basic economics! **Imagine!**

Communication at all levels of an organization or company is a critical component of marketing. Successful organizations sell their products and services by marketing and communicating their value to customers. Having defined goals and prioritized action plans leads to a clear pathway for communicating our product: the benefits of membership in DKG. Let's work as a team to meet the challenge of Dr. Helms's biennium theme: **SHARING OUR VISION AND STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY.**



Photo by Alice Hartness-Reichle

Strawberry Fields in Central Park
~~John Lennon

Imagine what we can do together!



L.E.A.P. FORWARD: Lead,
Empower, Activate, Participate

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(2) Ramu Damodaran, Deputy Director for Partnership and Public Engagement at the UN Department of Public Information, Outreach Division, spoke eloquently as he compared the work of the UN with nations as being similar to the work of teachers with students. His praise was uplifting and was wonderful to hear.

Noted Programs: (1) The Educational Foundation workshop was informative and inspirational; "I'm going home to prepare a grant request for Epsilon's Young Artists of the Rogue Valley project." (2) General session discussion of ideas and plans, such as the pros and cons of electronic elections and the decision to add Support for Early-career Educators [S.E.E.] as an International project. (3) Having "strands" for all the breakout sessions was most helpful—there was plenty for everyone. Attendees just couldn't do all that they wanted to do! There wasn't time. (4) Ways to improve our website and to better connect to International were especially helpful ideas. (5) Expanding to include Japan is an exciting step for DKG.

The Convention whetted my appetite to see more historical sites on the East Coast. "I was a first-timer at an International DKG Convention when I attended in NYC. Wow! Really. WOW! The stipend from Alpha Rho State certainly helped pay my way, and I'm so glad I went. Suddenly it was time to leave....where did the week go?"

Contributors: Tirzah Barlow, Natalie Garrett, Barbara Meredith, Jane Dow, Cari Hinesly—Epsilon [Jackson County]



NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Cheyenne, Wyoming
July 31 – August 3, 2013

Your sisters in Wyoming are planning fantastic, educational, historical, and interesting tours for you to enjoy next year, but there is a catch: There are no Wyoming tours out of Cheyenne on a regular basis, so each must be customized. In order for the tour company to arrange for buses, registration and payment for tours, members must have their deposit in by **April 15, 2013**.

TENTATIVE opportunities include these: (1) Estes Park & Rocky Mt. National Park, CO; (2) Vedawoo, Laramie, Snowy Range and Saratoga, WY; (3) Ft. Laramie, Oregon Trail Ruts, Register Cliff, Guernsey, WY; (4) Cody, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Jackson Hole, WY; (5) A variety of half-day and day tours in Cheyenne.

Call or e-mail Kari Moss for tour and travel information:

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RED ROSES

Cathy Emmert, Kappa

Jennifer Gray, Kappa

Rebecca Marti, Kappa

Teresa Shinn, Kappa

WHITE ROSES

Josephine Regenold
Past State President

Hilda Jones, Kappa

You are invited to the **Oregon State Convention 2013**

BUILDING BRIDGES
TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



Red Lion Hotel on the River

Jantzen Beach—Portland, OR

May 3 – 5, 2013

Keynote Speakers and Workshops Themes of:

- Promoting wellness of adults and youth—and how it relates to a quality educational experience. Topics to possibly include are nutrition, stress reduction, and exercise.
- Research topics as they relate to wellness and *Educational Excellence*.
- Community resources available to help in *Building Bridges to Educational Excellence!* What are “Reach Out and Read” and “The Chalkboard Project”?
- Understanding women and heart disease.

Red Lion Hotel Reservations:

- Online and phone reservations accepted starting September 11, 2012
- Register online at:
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/DeltaKappaGamma13>
- Toll-free Phone Reservations
1-800-RED-LION
- Local Phone Reservations
503-283-4466

Standard: Single & Double \$116/Triple \$131/Quad \$146

Riverview: Single & Double \$126/Triple \$141/Quad \$156

Club Level: Single & Double \$136/Triple \$151/Quad \$166

Plus 14.5% local taxes and fees



Workshop Presenters:

If you have a workshop connected to one of these themes that you would like to share at convention, please go to the state website and download the presentation form, fill it out, and e-mail it to **Shirley Anderson** at shirleyranderson@comcast.net by November 10. The committee will review all applications, decide which ones fit into the themes of the convention, and notify applicants as to their decision by December.

OREGON STATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO? Financing State Conventions & Conferences

*Kathy Martell, State Vice President and
Convention Coordinator*

What I have learned about financing: Many costs are involved when negotiating contracts. The convention coordinator must help set and meet a budget where the goal is to break even to maintain the overall state financial health.

Registration fees help pay for many things necessary to have a successful event. Costs for an event vary depending on the host city, venue (convention center or hotel), and projected attendance/registrations on which the budget is based. With budgets planned to break even, contracts must guarantee a certain number of hotel rooms and a food/ beverage minimum. If these are not met, the difference must be paid from registration fees or, in a worst case scenario, the state must pay from available funds.

Materials and labor for processing registration forms, production of badges and tickets, charges for meeting rooms, flower arrangements, and printing costs must all be covered by registration fees. The state pays room and board of our International Guest from registration fees. Nonmember workshop presenters, nonmember keynote speakers, and entertainers receive a small thank-you stipend—again from registration fees. Media equipment and technical support are big line items. We keep costs down by requiring presenters to bring their own equipment and, thanks to President Alice, the state now owns an LCD projector that is shared. For the general sessions and meals, sound systems and micro-

phones are necessary and most venues charge extra for them.

When you register and see no “one-day” fee, remember that you are contributing to the entire event coming in on budget and that a convention that pays for itself from registration fees is necessary for Oregon state organization to remain fiscally sound.



OREGON MEMBER ON INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Linda St. Pierre was appointed to the International Communications and Public Relations Committee for 2012-2014. Linda has been a member of DKG for nine years, serving two terms as Beta chapter president. She received the Golden Gift Award and participated in the Leadership Management Seminar in 2010. Linda is currently a member of the Alpha Rho State Leadership Committee.



Linda retired in June 2012 after 32 years serving as a special education teacher and an elementary school principal. She looks forward to taking classes in technology, traveling, spending time with her grandchildren and strengthening the society of DKG.



FALL CONFERENCE IS A ROUSING SUCCESS!

Christine Luehring, Alpha Sigma

More than 60 Alpha Rho State members attended the Executive Board Meeting/Fall Conference at Tigard High School on September 29. They heard reports from State committees and took action on new business. Chapter presidents will provide details to their members.

The afternoon focused on presentations by Omega, Xi, and Epsilon chapters, relating information about special activities done to increase public recognition of DKG. The intent was to give other chapters ideas and direction for doing something similar in their own communities.

Peg Cowens, Omega, provided the detailed procedure her group uses to honor new teachers with a special dinner and other activities. She was assisted by **Sharon Costello**, who shared a “teaser” gift bag of items given to new teachers.

Roberta Hutton, Xi, explained how her chapter honors Washington County citizens. For almost 30 years, Xi has given public recognition and a dinner for select educators and those who support education. They also award a plaque for Excellence in Action and Commitment to Education.

From Epsilon, **Cari Hinesly** told about the children’s visual and performing arts show that they sponsor for 12 weeks each year from January to March. They obtain art from all schools in their area, on a rotating schedule, and display it for a week at the Rogue Valley Mall. Each Saturday, they hold a reception for those whose work has been shown.



A STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR YOUR CHAPTER

SAP Committee--Linda St. Pierre

Picture yourself on Poipu Beach, watching the sunset. That is a great vision but, to make it a reality, you need to plan how you will get there, what you will pack, and where you will stay. Developing a strategic action plan for your chapter is the same as planning a trip. As Hawaii may be a vacation objective, your chapter objective may be to increase membership. Like packing and making airline reservations, the activities you select will ensure increasing membership: inviting potential members to meetings, leaving society brochures in staff rooms, and talking to key educators about the benefits of DKG.

Involve everyone in the chapter in creating the vision and developing the plan. With your chapter members participating, use these tips for getting started:

- Consult the International and Oregon Web sites at www.dkg.org for examples and resources.
- Review the DKG Mission and Vision Statements and the seven Society Purposes.
- Brainstorm a vision for your chapter. Think BIG! A vision is an expression of optimism and an ideal state.
- Talk about "Where are we now? (Review) Where do we want to be? (Objectives) and How can we get there? (Activities)"
- Put your plan in writing.
- Review and revise on a regular basis.
- **Send a copy of your chapter's plan to Alice Hartness-Reichle by November 1, 2012. Her address is first on the list on p. 3.**

Enjoy traveling to your destination and achieving your chapter vision.



OREGON MOURNS THE DEATH OF PAST- PRESIDENT JO REGENOLD



Josephine Lucille Regenold (January 16, 1931-July 2, 2012) was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma on May 1, 1959. She held her membership for 52 years. Jo valued her membership in our Society and participated fully at all levels. She was the Arizona state president from 1979-1981. When she and Jack moved to Oregon a few years later, Jo immediately involved herself in Oregon's Gamma chapter. She served as Oregon state president from 1989-1991. During and after her biennium, she filled both elected and appointed positions at the International level.

Her decisions were firm and based on thought, but their presentation was always offered as if she were slipping your hand into a kid glove. She managed difficult situations with tolerance and humor. She will be remembered as an industrious, smiling woman who was a dear friend to our Society and oh, how she will be missed.



FINANCIAL AWARDS CHANGES!

Jill Lang, Chair

SCHOLARSHIPS: Awards to Current DKG Members

The State Financial Awards Committee offers five scholarship funds for

current DKG members, as well as two Grant-in-Aid awards for nonmembers enrolled in programs to obtain initial teaching licensure. The committee has made changes to both application forms and to Criteria Lists. The result is three new forms, available on the Oregon State Web site.

Fund descriptions have changed, too, resulting in new Criteria Lists — one for scholarships and one for grants. A single form will be used for all state applications submitted by current DKG members beginning with the due date of December 1, 2012. Applications will be considered three times each fiscal year. Due dates are August 1, December 1, and March 1.

Fund distribution preferences will be determined according to the levels of programs involved in the applications.

- **Hazel Fishwood:** Candidates must show evidence of acceptance into their program of choice and will be given preference in the following order: pursuit of a post-doctoral degree, pursuit of a doctoral degree, pursuit of a master's degree, a post-doctoral study, a doctoral study, a master's study, a general graduate study.
- **Emma Henkle:** This scholarship is available for graduate study, preferably in the field of language arts and possibly including multiple languages.
- **State Founders and State Presidents:** Candidates pursuing graduate studies will be considered for awards from this fund. One award will be designated in the name of Bernice Conoly.
- **Isabelle Huston Commemorative:** This award is available for graduate study, special certification, and studies or projects advancing educational excellence.
- **Personal Enrichment Commemorative:** Short-term programs

such as Roads Scholars or similar study groups, workshops, seminars, conferences, and non-credit courses that will aid in personal growth will be considered for awards from this fund.

GRANTS-IN-AID: Funds for Non-members Enrolled in Education Programs for Initial Licensure

A grant applicant must be seeking an initial degree in education. She is required to have a standing of at least undergraduate junior status. Or she may have a bachelor's degree in a different field and currently be seeking an initial degree in education, making her status that of graduate student.

Applications will be considered once during each fiscal year; two due dates are involved:

1. The applicant will submit the grant application to the sponsoring Oregon chapter by February 1 of that fiscal year.
2. The sponsoring chapter then has the responsibility to submit the complete grant application, along with a chapter nomination letter, to the State Financial Awards Chair by the final due date of March 1 of that fiscal year.

A distinct form is used for each of the two grant-in-aid applications.

1. The **Dagmar Jeppeson** grant is available to candidates pursuing initial certification in Early Childhood/Elementary through Grade 8 education.
2. The **Edith Green** grant is for applicants pursuing initial certification in secondary education.



CHAPTER ARTICLES

BETA BETA "ART SALE"-- A FUNDRAISER IS BORN

*Nancy Lewis, President,
Beta Beta Foundation*

One day I was with a friend who purchased a nicely framed print at a second-hand store. We took the print to her beach house, hung it in the dining room, and enjoyed it. It made me think that I had prints others might enjoy, and maybe they had some that I would enjoy.

Soon after, I attended a Beta Beta Executive Committee meeting, and the conversation turned to, "What can we do for a spring fundraiser on the years we do not have the Spring Tea?" I proposed an art sale at our May meeting. Members would price their art and Beta Beta would take one-half of the sale price as commission. Those attending the meeting talked it over, and the Committee presented a new fundraiser to members.



*Nancy Lewis (front right), Barbara Mills,
and Mary Bell (center rear) and other
Betas shop for art.*

In May, members came with many forms of art. We placed the art throughout the room, and then had a good time "shopping." We had enough variety to make it interesting. I sold a couple of items and bought home "new" items. It was not much work to hold the Art Sale, and we raised about \$300.

Quite a few people commented that they had not known what to expect; now, most said that if we hold the Art Sale again, more people will participate and we will raise more money next time. I hope so. In a couple of years, I will have more art to "recycle."



GEOGRAPHY OF TURKEY & ITALY

Karen Adams, Sigma

"*Merhaba & Teşekkür Ederim*"; that is, "Hello & Thank You"—in Turkish. Thank you, Alpha Rho State! Your sponsorship through the State Founders' and Presidents' Scholarship helped me during my summer journey where I traveled through Turkey with 14 educators during the Oregon Geographic Alliance Advanced 2012 Summer Institute. We prepared in Oregon with orientations on Turkish language, geography, and history.

We began in Istanbul, a city of 17 million, where we had the privilege of seeing the famous Bosphorus Strait, the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, what is left of Constantine's Wall, the Grand Bazaar, and the famous Hagia Sophia Mosque (one of the Seven Wonders of the World). We hiked over mountains, cruised the Mediterranean, and even had a balloon ride over remnants of ancient Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman Empires, viewing ruins and artifacts dating to 3000 BCE.

Turkey is a haven for teachers and geographers! Everywhere we went, we found incredible museums, unbelievable architecture, and delicious food! It was as if we were walking through history and receiving a glimpse of what life was like for citizens of ancient civilizations. The region of Cappadocia was breathtaking from balloon. We saw the famous "fairly chimneys" from above and later wound our way

through tunnels and rooms in the underground city.



Karen at the Coliseum

My adventure came to a magnificent ending in Rome, capital of the Roman Empire. Thank you again, Alpha Rho State, for helping me experience the trip of a lifetime! I have pictures and experiences to share with my students and colleagues for years to come!



SIGMA SWIM PARTY AND PLANNING SESSION *Mary Reed, Sigma President*

For the at least fifteenth year, Sigma Chapter met at **Carol Bicart's** in Madras for our annual swim party, BBQ, and planning session. We began by sorting and labeling 200 books for our Care Bag Project for Head Start kids.

Crook County Friends of the Library gives us donated books following their annual 4th of July sale. We place stickers in the books showing they are donated by DKG International, Sigma Chapter, and CC Friends of the Library. These books, along with blankets, crayons, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toys, other health care and educational items will be distributed in Care Bags next February, this time to Madras Head Start classes. This annual project recognizes Head Start personnel who dedicate their teaching to small children. We are working to

recruit these teachers into DKG membership.

The annual swim party is our way of beginning the year on a positive note, feasting on BBQ hamburgers, potluck salads, and desserts, plus holding a planning session to organize our chapter's yearly meeting schedule. An Activities Director and a Food Chair are designated for each meeting, saving the Board of Directors a great deal of work. Having Internet access to most of members is a huge asset.

On October 8 we honored member **Doris Lantz** with a special dinner. Doris and husband Curt will soon move to Springfield, nearer family. Doris, who is blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa, is an inspiration to us all. She also provides goodie auction items at nearly every meeting as an ongoing fundraiser. We will truly miss her infectious smile and sense of humor as she moves to her new digs.



LAMBDA LAUDS A MEMBER'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Clair Wiles, a social studies teacher at North Eugene High School, was named Nobel Peace Laureate Park Project's 2012 Teacher of the Year for her work in teaching and inspiring peace in the classroom and community. Clair is a Navy veteran who served two tours in Iraq. She will be honored at an October event that will include Claes Nobel, grandnephew of Alfred Nobel. The Nobel Peace Park is to be built in Alton Baker Park and is scheduled for ground breaking this fall. [Adapted from an article in the *Register Guard* (Eugene, Oregon) 10 September 2012, B2]



*Clair Wiles
Lambda
Chapter
Eugene, OR*

This is a high honor, and Lambda members agree that the committee chose the very best when they selected Clair. This park is the only one in the U.S. to honor American Nobel Peace Prize winners, and its reputation is quickly growing. To have Clair honored by its dedicated committee shows that the Park Board of Directors has lead well to recognize teachers who bring the concept of peace into their curriculum.



WANTED!



Would the Portland chapter member with business connections please contact Kathy Martell, State Convention/Conference Coordinator? 503-363-3125 or kkm4dkg@gmail.com Your contact information provided at the Eugene convention has been misplaced. AND Do others have fundraising experience? If so, contact Kathy. Oregon has some special projects for our next convention that could use additional funding.

LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT SEMINAR 2012

Kaye Jones, Kappa

What an exciting two weeks! I joined 30 other DKG sisters at the University of Texas in Austin from July 1 - 13, 2012. We stayed on campus, ate in the cafeteria, and walked to the McComb School of Business. Meeting with Leaders in fields of business and education, we listened, participated, and were encouraged to share their materials. I have shared information from Dr. Richard Grant with my local school district at staff meetings at all three schools.

High points (there were so many!) included visiting DKG headquarters, holding a ceremony of remembrance at the graves of two founders, and a trip to the Alamo. I encourage Oregon members to apply. The time you will spend is truly life-changing. If you dream of learning more, start to track your involvement in education, DKG, and your community.



Kaye at Int'l HQ, Austin, TX

DISTRICT 4 **Chapter Chatter, cont.**

Tau (Clatsop & Columbia Co.): presented paperback dictionaries to each 6th grade student in the Clatskanie School Dst. for the sixth year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WE ARE ALL LEADERS

*Peggy Cowens,
Leadership Development*

One thing is for certain: we are all leaders! That is one of the reasons we were asked to join DKG! We have varying degrees of involvement within chapters and within the larger community of key women educators.

We ALL can do things to ensure that we stay connected and help our chapters run efficiently. Use this checklist to revitalize your commitment; think about what level of involvement you can offer during this school year.

1. Bookmark the website www.dkg.org and read the acceptance speech by Dr. Beverly Helms, our new International President. Click the button "Sharing Our Vision, Strengthening Our Society."
2. Mark your calendar with the dates of your Chapter meetings, so you can plan to attend. It is difficult to maintain involvement when you don't attend meetings. Scheduling on a calendar can be a challenge, so set a goal for the number of meetings you will attend so you can be actively engaged.
3. Pay your dues early and on time. Let's make it easier on those who must collect and send in dues, so they don't need to remind us of our membership fee. If you are finding it difficult to pay your dues, please reach out to your president. She will rally support for you.
4. Attend the first meeting of the year to welcome your new president and connect with your sisters. This is usually the meeting when you receive information about programs, schedules, and opportunities for involvement.
5. Finally, offer your support to the

chapter. We all have busy lives, but we all can give some level of involvement, even if it is a shoulder for another to cry on, a ride to a meeting, or lending help at a meeting.

These five steps are easily done. We ALL care about each other, we ALL need each other's strengths, and as we enter into this most challenging time in education, we ALL need to support education. Best wishes to every member!



STANDING RULES ALERT!

Jean Fairbairn, Committee Chair

Alpha Rho State Standing Rules will be open to suggested changes at the 2013 state convention in May.

Anyone may suggest a change. Suggested changes must be submitted on the correct form no later than October 15, 2012. The Bylaws committee will then review proposed changes, edit, and publish proposed changes in the February *Oregon Trail*. If you, a chapter, or a committee wishes to submit a change, it must reach Jean Fairbairn, Chair, by the October 15 deadline. E-mail or hard copy will be accepted.

Chapters who have not submitted their Chapter Rules for review by the Bylaws Committee are urged to **submit them immediately!**



See p. 13 for US Forum & National Legislative Seminar reports.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE NEWS

Catie Thurber-Brown

Thanks to the support of our “shopping sisters,” the Boutique Committee was excited to offer \$500, our largest stipend ever, to FIVE of our Oregon sisters this past summer. The Boutique offered FOUR scholarships for the DKG 2012 International Convention in New York and ONE to the Leadership and Management Seminar in Austin, Texas. Great job supporting our sisters! This IS the mission of the boutique: to help first-timers attend a Regional or International Convention or training. Who knew you could do so much good while shopping?!

We’re filling our inventory for this year’s gatherings, so come see what’s new at the Boutique, buy a treasure for yourself, and help a sister further her DKG experience.

To further support our goal of offering the most money to the most people possible, why not invite the Boutique to one of your chapter and/or district events? Contact Catie Thurber Brown at roncatiebrown1@msn.com or call 503.981.0073 to make arrangements. See you at the Boutique!



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED!

Kathie Hill
Scholarship Committee



Cari Hinesly, Kathie Hill, and
Natalie Garrett—the award winner

Natalie Garrett, Epsilon (Medford) received an Oregon scholarship. Natalie left September 21, 2012, for a six-week trip to Ethiopia; she is returning

to visit the village where she taught when she was a 21-year-old Peace Corps volunteer. She received a \$900 Personal Enrichment Scholarship to help her make this trip.



WHY DID YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

Kaye Jones
Membership Committee

Remember? When you joined the Society, a DKG member invited you: someone you knew and respected. You were honored by the request and decided to join.

Are there women you know who would be honored to be invited?

You can share the benefits of membership that you have experienced. On www.dkg.org is information to share and brochures to download or order for the cost of postage. These publications are current and professional. *Membership Memos* from International focus on areas like reinstatement, orientation of new members, reorientation for all members, and more.

Whom can you invite?

Invite a woman who has shown or shows the potential of excellence in education and is paid to provide instruction: a nurse who teaches nutrition, a fitness instructor, a private piano teacher, etc.



DKG LEGISLATION DAY 2013

Bonita Fillmore
Educational Excellence Committee

Monday, February 11, will be our third annual day to visit with Oregon Representatives and Senators in Salem. We will meet at 8 a.m. in the Capitol rotunda, then split up to talk with local legislators. We plan to attend a legislative session, have lunch, and possibly attend an education committee meeting. This has

been a fun and informative day in the previous years. It’s a great way to let legislators know who we are and to promote educational needs in Oregon.

The following Monday, February 18, we will have a table in the lobby area to promote DKG during OEA’s Lobby Day. (Set up at 8 a.m. and take down probably between 3 and 4 p.m.) We hope to make contact with strong women educators and interest them in DKG.

Presidents: Please send six (6) copies your chapter brochure to give to interested educators. Send to Bonita Fillmore, 1803 Lancaster Ave., Klamath Falls, OR 97601-2141. If you can help with either day, please let Bonita know at 541-884-2374. See you there!



SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

Karen Olsen, Chair

Is your chapter focusing on the DKG International Project, Schools for Africa? It is a joint campaign by UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, the Hamburg Society for the Promotion of Democracy and International Law and, of course, DKG. The goal is to increase access to quality, basic education with a special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children in 11 Sub-Saharan countries: Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Funds from chapters are dedicated to building and rehabilitating 1,000 schools that are safe; protective of students; provide clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls; and supply needed texts, furniture and materials. The goal is to train 100,000 teachers to provide quality education and basic life skills. Children are educated about hygiene and



HIV prevention. This knowledge is passed on to siblings, parents and their communities.

As you balance requests for donations this year, please consider this list of examples your chapter may want to support.

- \$10 – a learner kit for one student in Mozambique and Mali which contains a bag, stationery, a mini-atlas, math tables
- \$45 – learning materials for 10 children in Zimbabwe and Malawi
- \$135 – a 3-day training workshop for a teacher in Rwanda benefiting about 1,200 children
- \$250 – school-in-a-box kit for Burkina Faso which contains learning materials for 80 children and includes transportation costs
- \$1,500 – special support/grant for 40 orphans in South Africa
- \$4,800 – installment of a safe water unit in a school in Madagascar
- \$14,000 – construction of one classroom in Niger and one library in Ethiopia, including furniture and materials

To date, \$115 million has been collected, reaching 12 million children who are now in school! Clearly DKG, under the UNICEF umbrella, is helping to make a difference. See (1) UNICEF: <http://www.schoolsforafrica.org/> and (2) the Schools for Africa

tab on the DKG Web site: www.dkg.org The monthly *Newsette* includes information and ideas for chapters to pursue.

Following is a special thank-you letter I received after our last convention in response to the outpouring from members who donated dolls of color and other items to a new pre-school in the KwaZulu Natal region of South Africa. This high poverty area is home to the world's largest population devastated by HIV. I encourage reading this letter at a chapter meeting.

To Teachers, Thank you for bringing joy and hope to our young children. They received your gift of dolls and were very happy. Most children in South Africa do not have toys to play with both at home and school. They did not believe me when I say, they should take the dolls home. It is theirs.

I like your team spirit, working together just to make children in poverty stricken areas happy. Their parents were also shocked and happy. They were not expecting this to happen to their children. I wish they can learn from what you did, your team spirit and your ways of expressing love.

*Thanks again, Mrs. D. N. Sabela,
Principal of Sryobonga Creche,
Aug. 27, 2012*

I recently met the daughter of the principal, Nothando, a student at the University of Oregon, taking an intensive English course through December 2012. She described how she helped her mother distribute the dolls to the children. With a big smile on her face, she kept repeating, "They couldn't believe it." The photo (left) shows the children holding cloth bags made by Lambda, Gamma and Alpha Sigma members. Inside each bag is a doll. What simple joys we can bring! What will be your next Schools for Africa project(s)?



COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Each year Alpha Rho State asks that chapter newsletter editors send a minimum of four (4) newsletters and a copy of your chapter's current brochure to the State Communications and Technology Committee no later than March 15, 2013.

We prefer to receive these digitally, by email, but are still accepting paper copies if a chapter cannot e-mail them. Our goal is to save paper, money, and effort by asking for digital communications. The Committee revamped evaluation criteria for newsletters. If you are a chapter newsletter editor and have not received a copy of the new criteria, please e-mail Eloise Gibson to request one.

Send newsletters, brochures, and requests for information to **Eloise Gibson, Chair**, Communications and Technology Committee elog16@comcast.net or 16 Hotspur Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97035.



CHAPTER CHATTER



DISTRICT 1

Zeta (Union County): initiated two new members: **Jacque Bartell-Fox** and **Monica Boucher**. Jacque was Union County Teacher of the Year for 2012. Zeta presented two \$1000 scholarships to women education students at Eastern Oregon State University. New officers are President **Connie Slater**, Vice President **Vicky Hallmark**, Co-Secretaries **Tara Tucker** and **Debbie Mills**, Treasurer **Dana Musgrove**, and Parliamentarian **Sharon Hohstadt**.



L to R: Vicky Hallmark, VP; new member Jacque Bartell-Fox; Treasurer Dana Musgrove; new member Monica Boucher; out-going VP Judy Martin; and President Connie Slater.

DISTRICT 2

Omega (Josephine County): The *Daily Courier* Nonprofits Yard Sale netted us \$509.20--but we earned it on a 104 degree day!

DISTRICT 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): Besides being pleased as punch with the honor accorded to our member, Clair Wiles, Lambda held a highly successful rummage sale and earned nearly \$700 for projects.

Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon): A long-time member, Patricia Anderson, passed away on her 78th birthday, May 27, 2012; she joined DKG in 1971. Since she had no family in Oregon, we asked her sisters back east if Sigma Chapter could clean her apartment and have an estate sale, keeping the proceeds for our projects and Grant-in-Aid Scholarship programs. With permission in hand, we spent several days collecting, cleaning and transporting her belongings to Prineville for our 8th Summer Rummage Sale on July 20-21.

Karen Adams, recipient of a \$1500 Alpha Rho State Scholarship, traveled to Turkey for her Geo-Oregon trip. We are eagerly awaiting the presentation about her travels.

Alpha Sigma (Lane Co.):

Working together is FUN! Chapter members gathered during the summer to create items for Bags of Love or other agencies. Some knitted small quilts, while others chose to make Hug Me dolls for Schools for Africa. Working in the comfort of members' homes added to the pleasure. With no business meeting, time was directed to producing crafts and sharing conversation. We hope that additional work parties can take place while members continue to work on projects on their own.



Lisa Lilles works on a blanket as Sherryl Barnum gives Janie Faris a knitting lesson

DISTRICT 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): two members attended the International Convention. **Kathie Hupp** and **Sandy Watts** shared their experiences in September. Their enthusiasm is contagious; we are hoping to send even more members to future events. We were pleased to learn of our chapter's contribution of 134 volunteer hours to local teachers in the T.H.A.T program for 2011-12. Several retired members are already volunteering this year. Such dedication!

DISTRICT 5

Delta (Mid-Willamette and Yamhill Co.): set a goal of 24 bags of school supplies for local children. **Rosie Lieuallen** will be both president and secretary for 2012-13.

Alpha Epsilon (Salem/Polk Co.): held our first meeting at La Casita (The Little House) in Salem in August. We toured the house and garden, including the library that our grant will be supporting this year. Five members helped with the September Health Fair for Head Start children. We helped guide about 200 families to stations set up at The First Nazarene Church where the children received vision, hearing, and dental checks; appointments for physicals; and even a new book.

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): held its annual garage sale July 28, raising \$2,500 for our budding foundation that assists local teachers and schools.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): At Alpha Nu's first two meetings, an action plan was finalized for helping the active teachers in our chapter by volunteering and making available mini-grants to them for needed projects. Fall meeting guest speakers were (1) Roz Babener,

former Beaverton School teacher and founder of the Community Warehouse, who shared her organization's mission of providing household items for people in need; and (2) Tamra Hass, a Beaverton Schools specialist, who informed us about the successes and challenges of meeting needs of students with autism and described how current best practices evolved.

November 16 is Alpha Nu's 50th anniversary celebration.

DISTRICT 6

Alpha Pi (Multnomah Co.): is looking forward to presenting many new books to beginning teachers in the Portland Public Schools. These books were earned by members working at several Scholastic Warehouse sales over the past year. A very informative October meeting provide members with information on the Oregon ballot measures.

Alpha Phi (Clackamas): is proud of members in state office: **President Alice, Jill Lang** (Scholarships), **Sue Swanson** (Membership).

Pi (The Dalles): kicked off 2012 with a lovely salad dinner and health and wellness tips provided by chapter officers. Pi will be organizing the silent auction for State Convention and encourages all chapters to donate baskets filled with goodies to promote healthy eating and wellness activities. Donations of basket(s) designed by individuals are requested as well.



US FORUM & LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

Darlene Cook

Educational Excellence Committee

The US Forum held at International Convention in New York featured Sam Bennett, president and CEO of

OREGON HONORARY MEMBER DR. HESTER TURNER



Lunch with our esteemed **honorary member, Dr. Hester Turner**, resident of NYC since 1966 and 95 years young. From the left: Darlene Cook, Pat Howard, Dr. Turner, Alice Hartness-Reichle, Kelly McIntyre, and Linda St. Pierre.

the *Women's Campaign Fund* and *She Should Run*. Bennett emphasized the importance of women representatives at all levels of government and administration. She encouraged DKG members to support women seeking office and to run for elected offices themselves. "When women win, all women win."

The National Legislative Seminar, held in Washington, D.C., last March, passed two resolutions from the regional conferences: (1) a proposal from Washington State promoting arts in schools and (2) one from NE Regional preserving Social Security. The Forum discussed issues such as the GPO-Windfall elimination, heart and health care, Medicare and Social Security, Title IX, bullying, and violence against women. **Cory Peters** was chosen as northwest representative.

Members wishing more information on Forum activities should e-mail Dr. Bedenbaugh, chair, at Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu.



TEACHING TECH TIP

Have you visited ConnectedEducators.org? If not, give it a try. "The U.S. Department of Education would like to see an expansion of the role of online communities of practice in everyday teaching . . . , so it is funding the Connected Educators project . . ."

Goals include:

- Deepen educator participation online.
- Create resources
- . . . best practices
- Research key questions . . .
- Support and encourage innovations . . .
- Create new communities [that] support goals of the National Education Technology Plan.

<http://www.connectededucators.org> [Information adapted from the 39(4)18].





**Our new
International
President
Dr. Beverly Helms**

*Photographs by Jim,
Floresville, Texas*



Carolee Jones, Grace Pitzer, Charleen Brown after a
carriage ride in Central Park *Photo by Grace Pitzer*



Pat Howard, Madaline Lapp, Sharon Hohstadt, Grace Pitzer
before the President's Banquet *Photo by Grace Pitzer*



Alice Hartness Reichle, Jean Fairbairn, Pat Howard at
Northwest Regional Banquet *Photo by Grace Pitzer*



Carolee Jones and Charleen
Brown in Times Square
Photo by Grace Pitzer



Sandy Watts and Kathie Hupp, "holding Oregon"
Photo by Grace Pitzer



Madaline Lapp presenting the
International Finance Report
Photo by Grace Pitzer



Flag Ceremony: *Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas*



Jane Dow and Natalie Garrett, Epsilon *Photo by Grace Pitzer*



Times Square
Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas



Madaline Lapp, Darlene Cook, Tirzah Barlow, Cari Hinesley
in a General Session *Photo by Grace Pitzer*

Seneca Fall, NY, National Park Museum and Heritage Site ~ Birthplace of the Women's Rights Movement with the first convention convening in July 1848! "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal." (Elizabeth Cady Stanton) Visited by President Alice, who was thrilled to see Abigail Scott Duniway of Portland, OR, featured in a display for being a very vocal NW advocate for women's voting rights.

Photo by Alice Hartness-Reichle



Madaline Lapp (right) with past Int'l Presidents Dr. Paula Dent & Evelyn Barron
Photo by Grace Pitzer



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Chapter Strategic Action Plans Due

November 1, 2012, to President Alice

Oregon State Convention

May 3 - 5, 2013

Jantzen Beach/Portland, Oregon

Northwest Regional Conference

July 31 - August 3, 2013

Cheyenne, Wyoming



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Eta	Aug. 22
Beta Gamma	Sept. 20
Alpha Pi	Oct. 4
Alpha	Oct. 13
Portland Area Council Brunch	Nov. 3
Alpha Nu's 50 th Year Banquet	Nov. 16
Lane County Council Luncheon	Dec. 8
2013	
Alpha Omega	Feb. 4
Beta Epsilon (with State Special Membership Team)	Mar. 9
Omicron	Mar. 19
Lane County Chapters: Lambda, Alpha Sigma, Gamma	Apr. 11
NOT YET SCHEDULED? Call Alice today for a time!	