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Vision: Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.

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2014 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Written by the Six Oregon Delegates (pictured below)

From the left: **Kelly McIntyre, Kaye Jones, Bridget Honan, President Kathy Martell, Madaline Lapp, Darlene Cook**

SUNDAY: An exciting part of any convention is the tours of local sites. The 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis was no exception, with shopping, wine tasting, a progressive dinner and a night at the cabaret for DKG members and guests. A special experience caught the eye of **Darlene Cook/Alpha**. It was a day to remember at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and not just any day! The NASCAR Brickyard 400 was in town! About 30 fans boarded the limo to the track. Time was provided for visiting the speedway museum, shopping for souvenirs, and enjoying a catered lunch in a suite. After three hours, 400 miles, 160 laps and several caution restarts, Jeff Gordon, a hometown favorite, made Brickyard history. Gordon won the inaugural Brickyard 400 in 1994 and has been in each race since then. His win on the 20th anniversary was his fifth, a NASCAR record. Darlene's advice to any member thinking about attending a race is: Go for it! Have fun! Just remember your earplugs!

President Kathy arrived on Sunday to

attend the first meeting of the International Executive Board. Before the meeting, she was pleasantly surprised to see **MadalineLapp/Omicron**

attended a Meet & Greet, and members attended a Q & A session on proposed Constitutional amendments and Standing Rule changes. The

convention began with Opening Ceremonies on Monday evening. The procession of the state flags was awe inspiring with several flag bearers in national dress. Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard welcomed DKG. Keynote speaker Sarah Sladek spoke



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helping the Convention Credentials Committee with the State Presidents' sign-in. Kathy reconnected with the NW Region presidents she trained with last summer and met others from all over the world.

MONDAY: Before the convention officially opened, members toured the sights of Indianapolis while the Executive Board was in an all-day session carrying out work of the Society. Convention first-timers attended an orientation later that day, "tweets"

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

*Kathy Martell, President
Oregon State Organization*



Working Together: Building Early Academic Readiness

Having returned from the International Convention, I'm ready to start a new year as Alpha Rho State President. I look forward to working with you to strengthen the Oregon state organization. Like other states, we continue to lose members and chapters. If we work together, we can turn that around. Our state membership chair, Kelly McIntyre issued a challenge in the last *Trail*. She challenged each chapter to do a **5- to 10-Year Plan** to increase membership. Identify educators who have been working for **5 to 10** years and former members who dropped **5 to 10** years ago. Bring in a member from each category in 2014-2015 to build our Society. There are many reasons educators can't join when asked or members drop out, so let's see if those "reasons" are still with them today after **5 to 10** years.

I attended the International workshop on *Membership Recruiting Strategies* that addressed the **3R's** of membership:

DO YOU KNOW YOUR 3R'S?

1. Retaining Members

Before seeking new members, we must make sure we know our current members and are meeting their needs. Are you hearing all voices as you engage members in discussions? Are you talking to one another about the value and benefits of membership? Are you celebrating when members have received an award or been honored for something special? All of us like to be honored for our hard work in some way. Are you meeting the needs of your older and younger members so everyone feels she is a valuable part of your chapter? Are you letting members know they are missed if they can't make it to a meeting? Are you offering rides to older members who no longer drive at night or at all? Let's make a special effort this year to support each other!

2. Reinstating Members

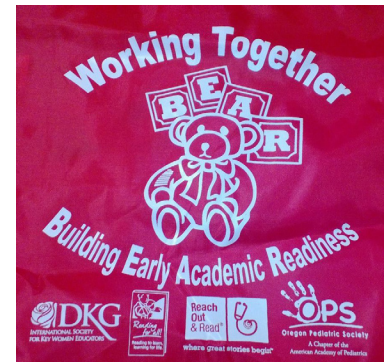
Go back to former members of your chapter and make a personal effort to reconnect with them. Let them know they've been missed. See how they are doing and if circumstances in their lives have changed so they can rejoin. Remember the **5- to 10-Year Plan** above? To find these members, go through old yearbooks or initiation records. Find who invited them to membership. Do they still know how to contact them? Invite former members to a special celebration or to do a program. Hopefully a "no" is not a "no" forever.

3. Recruiting Members

We can go back to the **5- to 10-Year Plan** again and make a personal contact with women who have been teaching that long and who qualify as "outstanding women educators." If they declined the first invite to join, re-invite them and see if they accept this time. Invite them to a function to see what we're all about. Share

the *DKG Orientation PowerPoint®* available on the International website. Wear your pin when you make these personal contacts to start the conversation. Leave both an International and a chapter brochure so they can contact you and can do some research on DKG.

Yes! Make this the year of the **3R's** of membership and complete the **5 to 10 Year** challenge! I look forward to seeing our list of Red Roses grow! Have a great year! *Kathy*



BEAR BOOKS NEEDED FOR PRE-K TO 6TH GRADES

Please help stretch our grant money from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation for the 2014-2015 school year by **bringing new children's books to the fall conference on September 27**. President Kathy will order bilingual board books for new babies. With a good collection of other new books for preschool to 6th grade students in September, we can expand into more schools. Help Build Early Academic Readiness in Oregon students!

Kathy is researching where to expand and ways for chapters to help support the program in the second and future years. You will hear an update at Fall Conference. If your chapter would like to start the program, please let Kathy know ASAP. Now is the time to be connecting with principals for fall.

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Ideas? Questions? Concerns?
Comments? Contact us!

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Convention, cont. from p. 1
about characteristics of X, Y and Z
generations and how to engage each.
The opening session was followed by

strengthening, and membership revitalization funds when requested by state organizations.



Indiana Night. *Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas*

Attendees were treated to a concert by “Indiana’s Band,” the Wright Brothers, playing western and blue grass. The foot tapping, hand-clapping music had DKG members dancing in the aisles. It was a grand opening to the convention. Monday evening’s ceremony was streamed live via the ‘Net to Society members for the very first time. Did you see it? If you did, let Kathy know how you liked it.

TUESDAY: The 2nd General Session was called to order on Tuesday morning by International President Dr. Beverly Helms. Twelve hundred DKG members, including six from Alpha Rho State, responded to roll call. Biennium reports of Executive and Administrative Boards were presented by Sandra Bull Smith, Interim Executive Director, and Carolyn Pittman, First Vice President. Dr. Helms’ report as International President provided four suggestions for strengthening the Society and moving us forward: (1) continue strengthening efforts at the chapter level, (2) balance generational differences of members and their involvement in Society leadership roles, (3) continue use of technology and (4) continue use of expansion,

The slate of nominees for the next biennium was presented by the Nomination Committee. Oregon President **Kathy Martell** nominated Past Oregon President **Madaline Lapp** as the Northwest Regional Representative on the Nomination Committee for 2014-2018. Psi Chapter President Kelly McIntyre spoke on strengthening our Society by encouraging chapters to focus on educators with 5 to 10 years’ experience when recruiting members. She emphasized the importance of asking former members to reinstate. Keynote speaker for the session was Ron Roseberg. His presentation, *Double Your Memory*, provided association and storytelling techniques for remembering facts, names and faces.

Tuesday afternoon was reserved for breakout sessions and a Q & A period on the proposed amendment changes to the *Constitution* and *Standing Rules*. Three Alpha Rho State members participated in the breakout sessions. **Kelly McIntyre**, a 2014 graduate of the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar, served on a panel with other GGLMS members to *Get in the Fast Track to Leadership*. State President **Kathy Martell**

and Alpha Chapter Immediate Past President **Darlene Cook** presented a breakout session entitled *Alpha Rho State Organization (OR) Reaches Out with BEAR (Building Early Academic Readiness)*. They showed pictures and a video of Mills Elementary students in Klamath Falls “taking the pledge” and celebrating their success in Building Early Academic Readiness with their younger brothers and sisters.

WEDNESDAY was a full day. The 3rd General Session discussed issues of regional conferences and Society publications. Starting in 2016, hosting a “state night” at regionals will be optional. Registration may now include reduced fees for host state members who are assigned specific duties at the event. Regions will continue to have individual conferences. A new publication will focus on classroom practices, initiatives and viewpoints, reviews of instructional materials, and technology. At the U.S. Forum, **Darlene Cook/Alpha** was introduced as a nominee for the NW Regional Forum Representative and was subsequently voted into this office. Congratulations, Darlene! Birthday Luncheon attendees were entertained by a chime group and had time for visiting and networking.

Oregon’s **Kelly McIntyre/Psi** was presented with a 50th Anniversary Project Award from the Educational Foundation to support her counseling project, Lions’ Den. **Judy Brummer/Alpha**, who was unable to attend, also will receive a 50th Anniversary Award for her project, *Equipping Students for Scientific Inquiry and Engineering Design*. Congratulations to both ladies!

After lunch, Oregon members had their picture taken and then it was on



Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas
Kelly McIntyre with Dr. Helms
 to two breakout sessions, each offering 14 different topics, followed by choir rehearsal and a free evening.



NW Regional Presidents--Kathy is 5th from the left
 Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas

THURSDAY: Oregon members attended the NW Regional Breakfast. Before the breakfast, **President Kathy** cast Oregon’s 139 votes for the election of our new International officers. **Kelly McIntyre/Psi** was honored by being asked to give the inspirational message! Breakfast was good, company was enjoyable, conversations were lively, and Northwest members donated to the Emergency Fund. Together the regional breakfast groups collected \$20,000 for the Emergency Fund!

After breakfast, the 4th General Session was called to order, reports from the five regions were shared, and election results were reported. Angie Ruffin, a North Carolina teacher, sang a delightful song titled *Still Teaching After All These Years!* to the tune of *Glad to Be an American*. She had us all laughing. The business of the *Constitution* and *Standing Rules* filled the time. Upon adjournment, we made our way to breakout sessions again and rehearsals. *Meet & Greet* for the Leadership Management Seminars (Golden Gift), held Thursday afternoon, was attended by **Bridget Honan** and **Madaline Lapp**, 2008; **Kaye Jones**, 2012; and **Darlene Cook** and **Kelly McIntyre**, 2014. “Class” pictures and visiting was fun for all. At the end of the day, Oregon members went *Out on the Town* for dinner and great fellowship.

FRIDAY: It’s Friday already? We couldn’t believe the week had gone so quickly! We began the day with a *Celebration of Life* ceremony. Cynthia Morre (Saskatchewan) honored our NW Regional sisters, 21 of whom were from Oregon. The International Choir beautifully sang *Circle of Life* and Jensi Souders (Tennessee) ended the ceremony by playing the *DKG Song* on her flute. In the 5th (and final) General Session, we were able to efficiently finish voting on the



GGLMS Class of 2008
2014 DKG International Convention
Indianapolis, Indiana

Oregon's Bridget Honan and Madaline Lapp are in the front row. Madaline (far right); Bridget (holding a yellow sign, center)

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remaining *Constitutional* amendments and *Standing Rules*. We enjoyed a skit on how our DKG song "may" have been written and possible tunes we could have ended up with. It was very entertaining! After announcements, we retired the flags and finished an hour ahead of schedule, giving us free time before the Presidential Banquet.

Jensi Souders, receiving the 2014 Achievement Award, and Dr. Helms

Photo courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas



The banquet began with introductions

and beautiful music from our International Choir. Following the choir, state and provincial presidents were introduced. Following the blessing, performed by pianist Gerry Hacker, 2014 Golden Gift graduate, we were served a magnificent dinner. This was one meal worth the price, especially when paired with the reception appetizers. The food and the wait staff were exceptional!

INSTALLATION: After our meal, new International officers were installed. Nancy Davis (Tennessee) sang *Wind Beneath My Wings* as a thank you from Dr. Helms. The song was beautifully done. Tissues should have been passed out! Next came the passing of the gavel to Dr. Lyn Schmid. Her outstanding acceptance speech is available on the International website (dkg.org) and we strongly urge you to read it. It shows the direction DKG will be headed in the next biennium. Dr. Schmid's theme for her biennium is **85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life**. Her speech quotes Dr. Annie Webb Blanton as saying, "Be

progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value, but don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you." So expect change in this biennium. If DKG is going to move forward, change must occur. Change needs to start with you. What are you doing to help sustain the Society? What change can you make?

SATURDAY we said good-byes. Many hugs were exchanged and promises were given to meet at the **next International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, July 5-9, 2016.**

We hope more Oregon members will join us there so together we can experience the many inspiring facets of an International Convention.



*2014 - 16 International President
Dr. Lyn Schmid
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Jim, Floresville, Texas*

DARLENE COOK ELECTED



During the U.S. Forum Session at the International Convention in Indianapolis, **Darlene Cook**/Alpha, was elected NW Regional Representative to the U.S. Forum, succeeding Cory Peters of Minnesota in the position. Others elected include the chair, Judy Fox Jackson of Tennessee; Northeast Regional Representative Carmela DeMarco of New Jersey; Southeast Regional Representative Carrie Frye of Florida; and Southwest Regional Representative Kathy Davis of Oklahoma. The Northwest Region identified human trafficking of females in the North Dakota oil fields as a prime initiative for the region.

FINANCIAL AWARDS UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE

Jill Lang, State Scholarship Chair:
jaceel@comcast.net

State Level Applications:

www.dkg.org

STATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

- Hazel Fishwood Award for graduate programs
- Emma Henkle Award for graduate work
- State Founders/Presidents' Award for graduate studies
- Commemorative/Personal Enrichment Award

Due Dates to State Scholarship Chair:
December 1, 2014; March 1, 2015

STATE GRANT AWARDS

- Jeppeson Grant-in-Aid for Elementary Education Majors
 - Green Grant-in-Aid for Secondary Education Majors
1. Due Date to Sponsoring Chapter: February 1, 2015
 2. Due Date to State Scholarship Chair from Sponsoring Chapter: March 1, 2015

International Level Applications:

www.dkg.org

Due to Int'l HQ: November 1, 2014

- Lucile Cornetet Awards for Sponsoring Seminars

Due to Int'l HQ: January 1, 2015

- Grants for Projects of the DKG Educational Foundation

Due to Int'l HQ: February 1, 2015

- Thirty \$6,000 international scholarships to members for master's degree study and \$10,000 for work at the doctoral level

Due Dates to International Headquarters: September 1, 2014; February 1, 2015; May 1, 2015

- Lucile Cornetet Individual Awards for Professional Development

(*Conferences, national certification, online courses, etc.)

IN MEMORIAM

Past International President Dr.

Irene Murphy passed away. Services were August 11 in Hanover, Pennsylvania. The next International publication will feature her obituary.



BETA BETA GARAGE SALE

The annual sale at Tigard High School on July 26 was a success and earned about \$1850 for the Beta Beta Education Foundation philanthropic projects—and dollars are still coming in.



Lee Woodward

Special thanks to Sandy and Wayne Bartnik, Wendy and Steve Silcox, Elaine and Charlie Harris, and Scott Gibson for bringing and setting up the sale infrastructure, for posting signs, and for “living” the sale. They were joined early by many members who arranged sale items to be attractive to shoppers. Noriko Roberts' students helped with set-up and again with take-down. They were a tremendous help! Special thanks also go to husbands and children.



*Sandy Bartnik &
Husband Wayne*

More than 50 chapter members and spouses were actively involved. Several members stayed all day; others worked a shift or two.

Event chair Elaine Harris extends a special thanks to all who worked in any way. Members came through with what it took for a great sale that was a success due to teamwork and good fellowship. Start saving items now for next year's sale!

Photos by Eloise Gibson



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA



**Fall Leadership Conference,
Chapter Treasurers' Training & Executive Board Meeting**

September 27, 2014

7:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Gym

3032 Sunnyview N.E., Salem, Oregon 97303

All DKG members and non-members are welcome to attend

3 PDUs are available for workshop or Treasurers' Training with your registration fee!

7:45-8:30 Sign in and enjoy a light breakfast

8:30-11:45 Chapter Treasurers' Training **or** the following workshop

"Moving Toward Collaboration"

Don't you wish every team you served on was successful? Do you wish for interdependent, goal-driven, and committed engagement by each team member?

This highly interactive three hour workshop sets your team up for success and avoids the pitfalls we all face when teams fall short of the intended outcome. It is designed so you can replicate essential components of teamwork for your chapter and/or organization! Join the laughter, the stories, and the fun.

Topics covered in this workshop include:

- Understanding generational differences and needs
- Team work vs Group work
- Norms and protocols to facilitate collaboration
- Collaborative structures that work
- Planning time for teams



12:00-1:00 Baja Fresh Burrito lunch (included in registration fee)

1:00-3:00 Alpha Rho State Executive Board Meeting (for DKG members only)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____ Non Member _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registration fees cover, Collaboration Workshop or Treasurers' Training, light breakfast, lunch, PDU's and printing costs.

Training- (please mark choice(s)) ☐ **Collaboration Workshop \$20** ☐ **Treasurers' Training \$20** ☐ **PDU's**

Lunch Choices – (includes salad, chips, dessert and lemonade or water) please mark one

☐ **Chicken Burrito** ☐ **Pork Burrito** ☐ **Cheese Burrito**

Please make your \$20 check out to Alpha Rho State and put on the subject line "Workshop" or "Treasurers' Training" Mail **registration** portion of this page and check **to Jill Snyder, 2465 Timothy Dr. NW, Salem, OR 97267-3438 by September 22** to be included in the lunch. After that date you are welcome to bring your own lunch, but the registration fee remains the same. ¹

¹ *Google Images: <http://blogs.daptiv.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/team-collaboration.jpg> Accessed August 6, 2014



RED LION HOTEL®
Salem

3301 Market St., N.E.
Salem, OR 97301

HOTEL ROOM BLOCK AND DIRECTIONS FOR FALL CONFERENCE

If you need a hotel room on Friday night, September 26, before our Fall Conference, a block of rooms has been reserved at The Red Lion, 3301 Market St. Price is \$69 plus tax for one queen bed and \$79 + tax for two queen beds. Please call **1-503-370-7888** or toll free at **1-800-248-6273** before **Sept. 10, 2014**, to be guaranteed these prices.

Directions to the Hotel From the North

- Take I-5 South to Exit #256 to Market St.
- Turn **right** (West) at the bottom of the exit on Market St.
- The hotel is located on the right hand side, approximately 1 block

Directions to the Hotel From the South

- Take Exit #256 to Market St.
- Turn **left** (West) on Market Street
- The hotel is located on the right hand side, approximately 1 block



DIRECTIONS TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Follow the directions above to Market St. Continue west on Market St. about 1 block past the Red Lion to Lansing Ave. (Next to the Dairy Queen on the right hand side.) Turn right on Lansing and go north to the church. It is just before the first stop sign, which is on the corner of Lansing and Sunnyview.

Turn right into the Holy Cross Lutheran Church parking lot. **Walk** on the sidewalk on Lansing to the stop sign, turn right, and enter the gym through the door facing Sunnyview.

UPDATES

Have YOU updated your email address and other information on the International website?
NO? Why not do it now?

Form 27 <https://www.dkg.org/content/change-address-form-27-word-interactive>

When you open the link above,

- Scroll down and click on the link beside “Click link to download file.”
- Fill in the interactive form.
- SAVE IT as Change of Address 2014 to your desktop.
- Open email and send to lindad@dkg.org or print and mail a copy to the address at the bottom of the form.

NOTE: Please COPY the file to your chapter president, treasurer, and communications chair to ensure that they have the most current contact information for you.

International still has your old contact information unless YOU have updated it. Don't be a “bounce back.” If your messages bounce, you will miss out on important updates and opportunities. Errors are often typos, so please check and correct so you will receive all DKG communications.

MILLS ELEMENTARY AND ALPHA CHAPTER CELEBRATE THE BEAR PROGRAM

President Kathy and Alpha members held an end-of-the-year party with students in the BEAR program. The program asks elementary students to read to their newborn and toddler siblings. Books are given to participating students with reading logs to assist. Each filled out and returned log rewards the student with a new book for the reader and a new book for the child, encouraging the habit of reading and forming a basis for both to become lifetime readers--literacy at its best.

Kathy led students in a romp with a dinosaur theme. She read *Dinosaur Pet* and led them in a rousing rendition of singing and dancing *Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp*. Students then enjoyed arts and crafts that included making dinosaur stick puppets and books. Alpha President **Darlene Cook** provided ice cream bars for treats. Superintendent Dr. Paul Hillyer dropped in to observe the fun. Program director **Rocio Swartz** set out books and students chose one to take home. Parents, Mills Principal

Fred Bartels, and next year's directing teachers,

Judy Brimmer assisted by **Cindy Landrum**,

watched and participated in the activities. About 30 students

partied about the joy of reading, ending a successful first year for a new program.



Kathy helps students select books.

ALPHA PRESENTS AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS

On May 15, Alpha continued recognizing outstanding educators and community supporters by giving six Excellence in Education Awards. **Linda McBride** and Kathy Martell assisted in the installation of new officers: **President Brenda Jensen, Vice President Jennifer Cole, Secretary Cheryl Kenney Treasurer Judy Smith-Clifton, and Parliamentarian Darlene Cook.** (Details in next Trail.)

REMINDER!

PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE REQUESTED

October 15, 2014, is the deadline for submitting proposals for changes to the *Alpha Rho State Bylaws* or *Standing Rules*. Any member or chapter is welcome to submit a proposed change on or **before the October 15** date. Each will be considered by the committee and, if chosen, will be submitted to the membership via *The New Oregon Trail* and at the 2015 State convention. Submit proposals to Jean Fairbairn, Chair, by e-mail to jj7fair@msn.com or at her home address:

Jean Fairbairn
15205 S.E. Duckey Ln.
Milwaukee, OR 97267

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Application Deadline – March 31, 2015

The Human Resources Committee of the International Administrative Board announces the search for an executive director to be employed at Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas. The committee will review applications in April 2015. Administrative Board will interview qualified applicants on May 16, 2015. The effective date of employment is September 1, 2015. All interested and qualified members of the organization are encouraged to apply.

The executive director is employed by the Administrative Board and reports to the international president. This position is the manager of Society Headquarters' functions and serves as liaison between the elected officers and the Society Headquarters professional staff. The executive director is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Administrative Board and the International Executive Board. She is a voting member of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees and DKG Supporting Corporation Board of Directors. The executive director provides strategic management and continuity for the Society's mission performance and goal attainment. This position requires extensive knowledge of the Society, demonstrated leadership and interpersonal skills, and ability to provide guidance to Society Headquarters employees.

Minimum qualifications include: active membership in the Society for five years or more; a master's degree or higher; extensive knowledge of the Society; skills in leadership, management and administration; evidence of skills in writing and public speaking; verifiable leadership experience at chapter and state organization levels including, but not limited to, participation in state organization conventions, regional conferences and international conventions.

Applications packets are available upon request. The packet includes an application/experience form, position description, qualifications, terms of employment, including salary and related benefits, and the position search timeline.

To request an application packet, call or contact:

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Email: sarahs@dkg.org

| Red and White Roses June 15, 2014 – August 15, 2014 | | | | | |
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| Chapter | Name | Initiate | Death | Reinstate | Date |
| Tau | Shirley J. Booth | | | X | 5/6/14 |
| Epsilon | Diane Cowan | | X | | 6/10/14 |
| Lambda | Kathryn Peterson | X | | | |
| Lambda | Lura Pierce | | | X | |
| Alpha Epsilon | Starla Thomas | | X | | 7/7/14 |



CHAPTER CHATTER

District 1

Zeta (Union County): Zeta's big news for the summer was the 100th birthday of our oldest member, Neva Neill, who was born August 8, 1914. Her birthday was celebrated by many friends and former students at the Grande Ronde Retirement Center. Neva received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Oregon Normal School, master's from Colorado, and doctorate from University of California at Berkley. She taught at every grade level during her career, finishing on the staff at Eastern Oregon University. She was one of the earliest members of Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma joining in 1946. She has served in every position, including being president, and continues to support our efforts. That is almost 70 years of dedicated service! She is an amazing person and we are very proud to call her our DKG sister.



Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): is small but we have a dedicated retired teacher, Patty Reinhart, who works to improve reading in the Athena-Weston kindergartens. She volunteered over 200 hours in the 2013-2014 school year.

District 2

Omega (Josephine Co.): New officers met in August for a planning luncheon where the schedule for fall was arranged, including programs, and where officers were skillfully trained by **Peggy Cowens**, past Omega president, in ways to best work together and accomplish goals successfully.

District 3

Kappa (Corvallis & Area): will meet August 19 for our annual lunch with a mini-auction at the Mennonite Village in Albany. Some of us will attend the Sept. 27 Fall Conference in Salem, followed by an organizational meeting in October. November 22 (mark your calendar now to attend) is our famous Kappa auction, our major fundraiser with a tasty brunch at the Lutheran Church in Philomath. February brings "eats and treats" in Philomath; April is our Oregon convention in Eugene. On May 16, we have a progressive lunch that begins in Corvallis and ends at the coast. Best of all, we are soon to initiate a new member!

Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon): collects and distributes Care Bags to 75 preschool children for our yearly service project. This year, Ashley Raymond, mother of a preschool child wanted to help us to help other children, so her own mother and a children's church group from Amazing Grace Bible Fellowship collected items for us for next year's project. Her children selected toys and books from their personal libraries and her daughter chose a princess coloring book, since "every girl needs a princess book."

Ashley Raymond, left; Sigma members Annette Hildebrand, Terri Comment, Glenda Holzfuss, & Carol Bicart.



Sigma treated Ashley to a "DQ" lunch when she delivered the bags. What a wonderful, caring activity for a mom to pass on to her children.

Fall kicks off with a swimming, BBQ, and planning get-together at **Carol**

Bicart's in Madras. Go Sigma!

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): The executive board met in August to plan for the 2014 – 15 year and to update the chapter's SAP.

District 5

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): has a certified website which complies with the Standards for Society Website Certification and is listed on and linked from the DKG website. Grace Pitzer created the site and will reveal it to members in September. President Jo Rossman asked Grace to develop the site to enhance communication within the chapter and with state and International. The website has potential for marketing the chapter. Grace will be assisted by Nadine Eaton, Communication Chair.

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): continues service and fellowship throughout the summer. Ladies With Duty-Free Lunch meets monthly for lunch and socializing. The garage sale earned money for our Foundation's scholarships and other projects. Fall auction items, such as bridge games, teas, and other outings were held to help us enjoy the wonderful summer weather.

District 6

Phi (Multnomah County): Phi Chapter members are planning a multi-day trip to Astoria in October to tour historic sites, enjoy a wide variety of restaurants, and spend time shopping. Vice President **Angie Zimmerman** has planned interesting 'field trips' for us over a number of years; however, this is our first overnight adventure. We are really looking forward to the time together!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 27, 2014
**Alpha Rho State Conference &
Executive Board Meeting**
3032 Sunnyview N.E., Salem, OR
Holy Cross Lutheran Church Gym

April 17 - 19, 2015
Oregon State Convention
Downtown Hilton
Eugene, OR

July 28 - August 1, 2015
Northwest Regional Conference
Regina, Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Hotel

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President Kathy's 2014 – 15 Schedule

| Date | Chapter/Activity | Location |
|----------------|---|-----------------|
| Year-long | Focus on BEAR Expansion Dates and places TBA | Varied |
| 9/27/14 | Fall Leadership Conference, Treasurers' Training, and Executive Board Meeting | Salem |
| 10/25/14 | Fall Brunch | Portland |
| 4/17 -19, 2015 | Oregon State Convention | Eugene |

NEXT DEADLINES FOR *THE NEW OREGON TRAIL*:

**Fall: October 15, 2014--ALL DIGITAL EDITION. Are you ready?
Do we have your correct e-mail address? Reports from summer
conferences. Reports from fall leadership conference.**

**Winter: January 15, 2015. By-laws revisions. Hotel registration
for the Eugene convention. Early convention information.**