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FALL CONFERENCE WAS A SUCCESS!



President Kathy Martell

Nancy Zernel, Alpha Delta, fixes a yummy breakfast for attendees.



A number of Alpha Rho sisters made the trek to Salem for the Fall Leadership, Treasurers' Training, & Conference. Much information was shared to assist chapters, officers, and members--as well as guests--to become more skilled in their professional positions and in interpersonal communications. Friendships blossomed or were renewed; information was exchanged; networks were strengthened; materials were shared--all in all, the day was rewarding for those who were able to attend. Turn to page 4 for details and more pictures of the day.



Madaline Lapp

Sandy Watts & Mr. Coach



*Conference
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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

My sincerest thanks to all who contributed books for the BEAR Program at Fall Conference. The variety and quality of the items donated will add greatly to what we can offer to the students and their families. You are a wonderful group of women! ***Kathy M***

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

*Kathy Martell, President
Oregon State Organization*



Working Together: Building Early Academic Readiness

WOMEN EDUCATORS OF A WORLD SOCIETY

You were chosen to be a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International because of your leadership in education. You stepped up to leadership at the chapter level and worked on chapter committees to make a difference in your community. Now it is time to look at two of the seven purposes of the Society and see how you can advance your involvement in DKG. These Purposes state that we are “women educators of a world society.”

- **Purpose 1:** “To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.”
- **Purpose 7:** “To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues to the end that they may become intelligent, functioning members of a world society.”

Chapters are the base of our Society and your hard work keeps us going. Because of your chapter leadership, some of you know how

networking at the state level helps you grow as an educator and a person. As you attend state conventions/conferences, you find support and inspiration from women who have similar goals. You attend workshops and hear outstanding keynote speakers so you function more intelligently and effectively in your career. You may have special talents to share. By doing workshops at state functions, you help other members grow with you. Your circle of friends expands around the state. Once you become a “regular” at state functions, you look forward to seeing friends each year. Why not think of running for a state office or volunteering for a state committee so you can share your expertise with Oregon members? As we learned at the Fall Conference, different generations in our Society all have something to contribute and are assets to our organization. By adjusting to and flexing with each other’s styles, Oregon gains.

Once you are comfortable at state level, it’s time to advance to the International level. At Fall Conference, we acknowledged those who were at International Convention this past summer and how involved each was. The last *Trail* shared what these members experienced. The group from Oregon grew closer, and individuals who had attended in other years met with old friends. International Convention shows how strong our society is and demonstrates that the world shares similar concerns in various educational systems. We can work together to make the world a better place.

As Oregon President, I had an experience last Christmas I will never forget. I felt so blessed to be part of a world society brought closer through technology. A president in South America started an e-mail to other presidents from around the world wishing them a blessed Christmas, happy New Year, and discussing the weather.

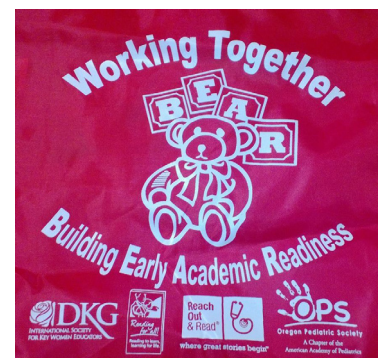
I received over 40 e-mails sharing the same greetings that brought us closer together. Those who were below zero in the Midwest and Europe received a little bit of sunshine from our southern states and the Latin American countries. It was fun to meet those same presidents at International.

To get the most out of DKG, become involved at all levels of the Society. Step 1: Update your passport and join Oregon’s delegation to Regina, Saskatchewan, for the 2015 NW Regional Conference.

Sixteen states and provinces of the Northwest Region will be together to train new state presidents, state officers, and some committee chairs. You will hear outstanding speakers, attend workshops to help you grow professionally, and enjoy networking with women educators from our area of this worldwide society. If finances are a concern for you in attending this event, please note that first timers can apply to the Unique Boutique for funds to help offset some costs. International and State pay some costs for selected state committee chairs who go for training.

It’s time for your next step. I hope to see you in our growing delegation this summer in Saskatchewan!

Kathy



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THINK RECOGNITION!

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Alpha Rho Sisters, this is the time to think about recognizing chapters and members for work and successes of 2014-2015. Deadlines for award nominations and materials are early in 2015.

- Send names of 25- or 50-year members for longevity recognition.
- Send names of sisters who earned a PhD or who gained or renewed their National Board Certified Teacher status after May 2013.
- To qualify for the **Rosette** and **Order of the Rose** awards, chapter officers and committee chairs must plan to complete and submit annual reports on time. Submit four chapter newsletters and a program schedule as steps toward these awards. To achieve the Order of the Rose, chapters need to initiate new members between April 1, 2014, and April 1, 2015. New or reinstated memberships are reflected in chapter membership committee reports.
- **Alpha Rho Service Awards** recognize individual women who have gone above and beyond in giving service to their communities, to our Society, or to education. A nomination letter, endorsed by the chapter president and sent to the Awards Committee by March 15, will put deserving chapter members in the running for these awards. The most difficult part of this process may be encouraging award winners to be present at the Saturday night convention banquet so they may be recognized in person. Any DKG member may nominate a sister member for these high honors.

Begin thinking now about recognition for those hard working, exceptionally talented women you know and help your chapter achieve one of the awards.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

Your skills, enthusiasm, leadership qualities, and interest can help strengthen Alpha Rho State. Nominations for the next biennium are due to Linda McCoy [lbmccoy49@comcast.net] by December 15. Consider adding your skills to those of others.

Positions open for candidates are the following:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Finance Committee Members from Districts 4, 5, & 6
- Membership Committee Members from Districts 4, 5, & 6

Nomination forms are available at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/OR/forms.html> Both pdf and Word versions are available for your use.

MOVING TOWARD COLLABORATION

Beth Busch, Peggy Cowens, Linda St. Pierre, and Lynn Hughes

Collaboration doesn't just happen; it is fostered by the design of our meetings! Participants in the *Moving Toward Collaboration* workshop during Alpha Rho's Fall Conference examined critical components of collaboration and gained an upbeat view of what is happening in the workplace today. They engaged in partner and group activities that covered issues of generational differences, professional norms, protocols to help run meetings, and how to deal with specific behaviors. Leaders Peggy and Linda provided packets to follow, visual aids, activities, and kept us on task.

Linda explained the four generations and their characteristics:

- Traditionalists/Veterans (born before 1945)
- Baby Boomers (1946 – 64)
- Generation X (1965 – 80)
- Generation Y/Millennials (1980 – 2002)

After an explanation of each, we joined a partner to place specific characteristics under each category. Peggy provided explanation and examples of group and teamwork. In groups of four, participants developed activities to fit each area. Our leaders defined collaborative agreements and suggested norms. *Protocols* were defined as a "process to help develop understanding through dialogue and analysis to lead decision making." They distinguished the roles of a facilitator, presenter, and member. By the end of the morning, we were filled with excitement over these new ideas and tools for reaching goals and understanding group and team dynamics. What a great inspiration from our leaders as many begin a new school year and chapter projects!

In closing the three-hour workshop, participants were asked to give us insights on their learning. As presenters, we were pleased with the evidence of learning and positive comments, such as these:



Peggy Cowens

- My sister-in-law is a different generation and now I understand her!
- I can write questions that might make our group more cohesive so that they can collaborate on our project.
- I appreciate the charts of the differences in the groups, especially. It opened my eyes on better ways to lead or participate in teamwork. Thanks!



Cindy Ryan (left), Sue Nelson (ctr), & Martha Nicoloff (right) from Alpha Epsilon

- Protocol chart and ideas helped me in solving an approach to a sticky situation. Timely for me.
- I have a better understanding of what to do in executive board meetings for OREA, to improve them and accomplish what needs to be done.
- Teamwork vs. group work explanation was very informative and "mind opening."
- Wish I had invited non-members. All your work needs to be shared again if possible. Helped me with my greatest struggle with our PLC group. Wow, thanks!



Linda St. Pierre

- What a dynamic workshop! The power for me was making connections: generations to preferences, teams/groups to the task to be accomplished, norms to collaboration to progress, and the necessity of foundations.
- Chris Miner, first time attendee and Second Vice President of Omega Chapter, reported enthusiastically on October 6 that this workshop was the highlight of the conference for her. "I have something I can utilize at work. I can share this information with people on my staff."

ALPHA RHOSIES NEEDED!

Remember when you were little and you sang?

- Nursery rhymes or playground chants?
- Holiday songs?
- Songs of worship?
- Camp songs, silly songs, songs in school?
- Sang along with the radio?
- At the top of your lungs?
- Whistling as you worked?
- Quietly before you fell asleep?



Why did you do that?

1. Because it was FUN!
2. Because it made you feel GOOD.
3. Because you were PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF.
4. And people who heard you smiled visibly or in their hearts.
5. And you brought joy into lives, including your own.

Inspired by the wonderful presentations by the International Choir, President Kathy would like to have the Alpha Rho State Choir (aka the Alpha Rhosies) make an equally good impact on our members at the Oregon State Convention next April 17 – 19. “The International Choir was so outstanding this past summer! They started the banquet off with a few numbers . . . and really made an impression . . .” (Kathy) That’s what singing in Alpha Rhosies is. It’s not a competition. There is no judgment made. Just women singing for each other and themselves, and for those who have gone on before.

Please join us this year at convention! Music will be provided in advance if you’d like; practices will be arranged at convention—and not during sessions, so you won’t miss the fun.

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“Music” from Microsoft Word 2010 Clipart

Alice Hartness-Reichle Appointed to International Educational Excellence Committee



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE **PICK YOUR PASSION**

How do you, as a member of DKG, pick your passion of service within your chapter? How does your chapter define itself as part of DKG in choosing projects which require collaboration and a feeling of connected passion? The mission of the EEC is to promote programs and activities that provide empowerment for women, advance excellence in education, and increase knowledge and awareness of changing global issues. As a member-driven committee, there is a world of possibilities and opportunities provided by our Society or available through local community resources; all of these may connect in some way with our *Seven Purposes*. The International Educational Excellence Committee wants **YOU AND YOUR CHAPTERS TO PICK YOUR PASSION!**

Whatever programs or services you or your chapter decides to support, each will add to educational excellence. Choose from scholarships; grants-in-aid; arts and humanities; local or national legislative issues affecting educators, schools, children, and women; educational law and policies; professional growth and

development; leadership training; support and mentorship for early-career educators; continued support for veteran educators; education in developing countries; safety in schools for students and teachers; gender equality; or poverty and the basic human rights of having food, clothing, shelter, and clean drinking water... **PICK YOUR PASSION!**

A chapter can take many pathways in directing its members' energy and resources to promote and support the mission of the EEC. In assuming the responsibilities of the EEC's mission and constitutional objectives, chapters do not have "to do it all." Create a community of collaboration within your chapter directed toward one or two projects that can lead to a higher level of excellence and success in accomplishing your chapter's goals. **PICK YOUR PASSION!**

For assistance in seeking updated EEC information for planning programs and activities, contact Oregon State EEC Chair Dr. Yvonne Fasold or a committee member who is in charge of specific areas of the committee's responsibilities. The DKG website posts a wealth of ideas and resources. Connect with the DKG social network to share ideas and bond with like-minded sisters from the United States and our other 16 countries. Opportunities are everywhere for you and your chapter to serve our Society and make a difference. **PICK YOUR PASSION!**

*Alice Hartness-Reichle
Alpha Phi*

ALPHA RHO STATE BYLAWS PROPOSED CHANGES

Watch for them in the *Winter Trail*. Read with care. Be ready to vote at convention in APRIL.



Kathy Martell & Jean Fairbairn (right) share information about *Bylaws* and *Standing Rules*. These guide our state, so be sure you read proposed changes in the next *Trail*.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

What is one thing your chapter can do by the end of this year that could attract younger educators? Knowing the importance of social media with this generation, creating a webpage could be the ticket. Just a couple hours on Weebly.com will get you started with an amazing webpage. The directions are easy to follow. Once you have the beginnings, you can explore more of your creative side and really get fancy. DKG International makes it easy to link with them; just follow their requirements.

I challenge each chapter that does not have a website right now, to get one started by State Convention in 2015. I will do the same for Psi Chapter (and now that it's in writing I had better do it!). Each chapter with a website will be put into a drawing for a special prize. The special prize will be announced in the next *Membership Minute*. Ready, Set, Go!

*Kelly McIntyre/Psi
Membership Chair*

S.E.E. DUES REMINDER

If you are initiating a new member this year (May 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015) who is an Early Career Educator (1-3 years of teaching) there are funds at the state level to pay their **state** dues. Please let President Kathy know, and she will send the chapter treasurer a voucher with the new member's name on it to be sent in to state when the chapter treasurer sends her money in.

WE'RE OFFICIAL!

The Beta Beta Education Foundation is now officially a 501(c) (3)! It has taken several years' work by many chapter members to achieve this, but all their work has paid off. The chapter celebrated this milestone with sparkling cider at its September meeting.

Foundation Board of Directors Chair Nancy Lewis reported that the board has finished all documents needed by various chapter committees that disburse Foundation funds. This ensures that we are in line with IRS rules.

The Music and Art Committee gives out arts grants, which help elementary schools in Tigard/Tualatin and Sherwood supplement their meager budgets for arts programs. The Educational Excellence Committee awards mini-grants for high school teachers. The Literacy Committee delivers dictionaries to all third graders in Sherwood each year and provides class sets of thesauruses to middle schools in Tigard/Tualatin and Sherwood.

The Chapter's Financial Awards Committee is in charge of choosing recipients for several Margaret Nielsen Financial Awards each year. Named for one of Beta Beta's founding members, this scholarship is given to women educators in Oregon's teacher training institutions who are nearing completion of their degrees.

Since 1994, we have given \$83,000 in awards!

REGIONAL CONFERENCE IS ONLY A FEW MONTHS AWAY! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND on July 29 – August 1, 2015

Be among the first to visit: <https://www.dkg.org/category/events/conferences/northwest-regional> And see the Web page at International under EVENTS > CONFERENCES. The site will grow as information about the Northwest Regional Conference develops. Links invite you to Regina, Saskatchewan.

You can complete the forms for breakout sessions. Begin planning how to share what you learn with others. Recruit other members to present—you are ALL leaders / mentors / teachers who are advancing key women educators for life.

Yours in DKG,

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Did you read your *DKG News* this month?

CALLING ARTISTS TO SHARE THEIR WORK! The Arts and Humanities Jury invites all members to submit artistic work for the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. Click on **Arts and Humanities Jury** on the DKG homepage (at the bottom) for details. The application is under **Forms** (at the top of the DKG homepage). Share your talents with members and others around the world.

The Unique Boutique

awards dollars to first-time attendees to State, Regional, or International Conventions or to those who qualify for an International training. A person may receive up to two Boutique Treasure Stipends or Scholarships. We would love to come to your chapter's meeting or event. Hope to hear from your chapter soon!

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FINANCIAL AWARDS REPORT

Your State Financial Awards Committee is alive and well! Martha Nicoloff, Kathie Hill, and Jill Lang made two presentations for the last award period.

Terri Comment, Sigma Chapter, received a Personal Enrichment/Commemorative Award for her project involving the countries of Iceland, Great Britain, and France. Terri is a long-time teacher and promoter of life-long learning who chose to incorporate the study of geography, international relations, and history for her travels and upcoming presentations to both students and adults. Her enthusiasm is contagious!

Jean O'Neil likewise chose to reach across the globe in her quest for ancestral understanding in Norway. Genealogy became the key word during this venture, along with seeking to connect with Norwegian DKG officers. World Fellowship becomes more than a simple phrase when members bring the words to life with actual experiences in other countries.

The next due date for award applications is December 1, 2014. Use the link below to access the state site for information!

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

*Jill Lang, Alpha Phi Chapter
State Financial Awards
Committee Chair*

AN ODE TO TRAVEL

I am a happy recipient of a DKG Personal Enrichment Scholarship which I used towards a 22-day exploration of Iceland, Great Britain, Ireland, and France. My 13-year-old daughter Jensen and my former OSU roommate



Financial Award Winners Terri Comment (left); chair Jill Lang (ctr); Jean O'Neil (right.)

Jerilee were my fellow adventurers. Jensen and I read every book in our library on the countries we would visit. Our focus was people and specific locations.

The Museum of Sherlock Holmes, the statue and grave of Greyfriars Bobby (a dog), an Icelandic pony farm, the Giant's Causeway, riding horses in Hyde Park, a rock concert in Reykjavik, Elephant House, the restaurant where JK Rowling sat to write her early Harry Potter books, Stonehenge, and wandering the Oxford University campus were top favorites on Jensen's list. Where the European and North American tectonic plates meet, glaciers, the Titanic Museum, Twinings' tea factory, the Louvre, seeing as many castles as possible (we saw ten, three in one day), Highland cows, dining in the Eiffel Tower, and sharing experiences with Jensen were my highlights.

Travel is about learning things: pushing beyond our comfortable "normal" and experiencing delightful differences among people. Some treats were

unplanned, such as a hurling game in Belfast, a volcanic eruption in Iceland, meeting people on our cruise ship from 37 countries, stumbling upon the Childhood Museum in Edinburgh, wandering around the Poison Garden at Blarney Castle, seeing works by Da Vinci and Raphael at Scotland National Gallery, getting temporarily locked in a bathroom stall (when you're in the Tower of London, shouting, "Help me outta here!" it takes a while for people to take you seriously), and talking earnestly with both Scots and English about the September 18 vote for independence.

If you teach a 13-year-old how to read the London tube maps, thereafter she can get your party on the right train faster than you can. Isn't that how teaching is supposed to work? Originally, Jensen did not want to go to Iceland, but it was on the way to England, her chosen country. As we left Iceland, I asked how she liked it. She responded, "I LOVE Iceland!" I asked if she'd go back. She cocked an eyebrow and said, "I am GOING to be

back!” I love how she over-ruled her preconceptions and allowed herself to fall in love with a desolate, quirky, self-sufficient (and stunningly beautiful) country!

Since her last birthday, I had noticed that my daughter was of a different generation. It was rewarding when she showed me texts to friends that said, “Just left a town named Barf” or “Eating at a restaurant called Pukin.” “At Coffin last night” or “I am coming back to Iceland on my own someday!” When we were walking quietly through a cemetery, she said, “Mom? ‘Old’ is relative, isn’t it?” That one profound revelation encapsulated the value of the whole trip!

And so, to the sweet lady hotel clerk in Reykjavik, to the gentleman farmer in Northern Ireland, to the respectful, grieving nephew at the war monument in Guernsey, to the personable exchange student from the Netherlands on Amtrak, and to others who permanently influenced my life and that of my daughter, I say “Thank you!” for changing how we see the world. Thank you for stretching how I think, for altering my opinions, and for igniting sparks of interest that will impact the decisions my daughter makes throughout her life, perhaps without her even knowing why. To my DKG friends, I extend a hearty “thank you” for supporting me in spirit and financially in my personal and professional growth process. I am changed and awestruck with my world. Keep exploring!

Terri Comment



OREGON’S NEW LITERACY INITIATIVE: StORytime Collaboration in Action

The Oregon Education Investment Board, under the guidance of Chief Education Officer Dr. Nancy Golden (member, Gamma Chapter of DKG), recently launched a new literacy effort called StORytime. The main focus is building vocabulary. The campaign asks parents to talk more with their children, tell stories, and sing together to build this critical pre-literacy skill: helping children learn new words.

The Investment Board selected five focus communities, East Multnomah County, Malheur County, South Coast, the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde, and the Klamath Tribes. These communities were chosen because of high poverty levels and student diversity. Events in October and November are scheduled to launch the campaign. However, nonprofits and community members are being asked to spread the word about early childhood literacy in their own communities. Higher poverty areas in your towns could benefit from this campaign.

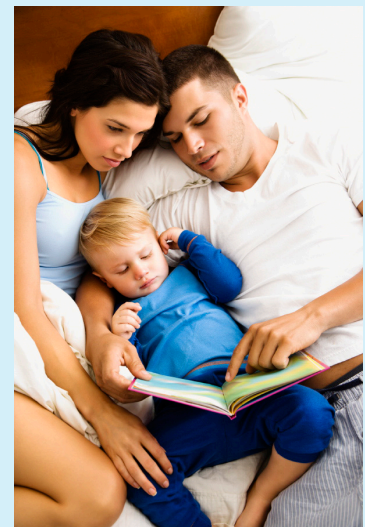
I have signed Alpha Rho State up to be a partner in this campaign. We have members all over the state and can help spread the word about StORytime. The fact sheet states, “Parents and caregivers are a child’s most important first teacher.” If you go to www.storytimeoregon.com, you will find ways for families to make every moment a teaching moment. There is a bookmark pattern to download and share with families. Interactive activities are also on the website.

YouTube® has two videos, one English and one bilingual on StORytime. These could be shared at a school gathering. Could your DKG chapter organize a special occasion to do so? If your chapter is helping with the B.E.A.R. Project in a local school, it would be great to run the bookmarks mentioned above and put them into the backpack that goes home, along with other activities you select.

The ultimate goal for the StORytime initiative is to ensure every child in the state of Oregon has access to literacy-rich environments and is proficient in reading by the third grade. This is the same goal I have with the B.E.A.R. Program and that Reach Out and Read has with their program. Working together (collaborating) will ensure that we reach our goal!

Kathy Martell, Oregon President

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A GOLDEN EXPERIENCE

The thrill of being a Golden Gift recipient began for me with the application process. Knowing I had sisters in Oregon supporting me was encouraging. Having them volunteer to look over my application and provide feedback gave me confidence. So, when I got the e-mail that said I was one of the chosen 30, I was ecstatic and knew I couldn't have done it without my sisters. Thank you, **Linda St. Pierre, Bridget Honan, Kaye Jones, Roberta Hutton, and Kathy Martell.** Your encouragement and help were greatly appreciated.

Once I arrived in Austin, new friendships formed almost immediately--in the airport, on the drive to the University of Texas, and in the dorm. Roommates were well matched, and weeks of activities and classes were well planned. We had classes all morning and all afternoon, Monday through Friday, including the 4th of July. We even had an evening class. This may sound exhausting--and it was--but well worth it. Classes included *Interpersonal Communication, Leadership, Emotional Intelligence, Mental Agility, Partnership and Gender Communication, Leading Across Generations, Obtaining Optimal Wellness, Resilience, Improving Your Professional Image, Personality and Management Style, Using Temperament in Management & Communication*, and that was just Week 1! We also visited the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library, DKG Headquarters, and Dr. Annie Webb Blanton's grave. We toured Austin, the capitol, and San Antonio to see the Alamo and shop.

As wonderful as those two weeks were in Austin, it really didn't hit home until two weeks later, when we arrived in Indianapolis for International Convention. Every day, around almost every corner, was someone I knew! There

Darlene Cook (left) & Kelly McIntyre (right) at graduation from the Leadership Management Seminar



were many hugs and smiling faces that made me feel special just by saying "good morning." Connections made in DKG are special. The more involved you become, the more connections you make. Leadership Management Seminar, provided by the Golden Gift Fund, is one amazing way to connect in DKG and provide you with knowledge, professional and personal, to be used the rest of your life. I am blessed to have had that opportunity.

***Kelly McIntyre/Psi Chapter President
Alpha Rho State Membership Chair***

A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

When I opened the e-mail from the Golden Gift Committee and saw "Congratulations!" I was overwhelmed! What an honor to be chosen as one of 30 recipients of the Leadership Management Seminar. To top it off, I shared the experience with **Kelly McIntyre**, an Alpha Rho sister!

Our experience began long before we arrived in Austin. "Dorm Mom" Vicki Davis and the University of Texas Executive Education staff sent several e-mails of congratulations and encouragement. DKG set up a network site to help us become acquainted. By June 29, friendships were already emerging, and we 30 soon became one cohesive unit. As Week 1 ended, we left for San Antonio where we visited the Alamo and shopped. Sunday we enjoyed the LBJ Presidential Library and the Texas Capitol. Later, we honored DKG founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton by placing roses on her grave.

Week 2 offered outstanding sessions: *Negotiations, Leading Change, Thinking on Your Feet, Conflict Resolution, Values and Ethics, Obtaining Optimal Wellness: Fitness and Nutrition, and Finding Creative Solutions for Complex Problems*—all sessions challenged us to think critically and creatively. Each day, we were assigned to reflect on key points and identify information to take back to chapters. Toward the end of the week, each of

us prepared a videotaped speech that was presented to a handful of Golden Gift sisters. In the beginning, I found the activity to be quite nerve-racking; I must admit, however, that it was a great learning experience and turned out to be a lot of fun. Positive feedback from the group was encouraging and supportive. Little did I know that two weeks later I would call upon this new skill when presenting my speech in Indianapolis as a candidate for Northwest Regional Representative to the U.S. Forum! Less serious activities in Week 2 included shopping at Petticoat Fair, seeing the bats under the Congress Avenue Bridge, enjoying a BBQ-rib dinner, and seeing Kelly McIntyre's hair transformation!

A special treat the last day was lunch with Dr. Helms, who challenged us to look further down the road, past the Golden Gift, to where our paths might lead in the future. Our adventure closed with a beautiful graduation ceremony at Int'l HQ, but we would soon meet in Indianapolis.

Past recipients of the Leadership Management Seminar described it as "a life-changing experience," and I certainly agree! The LMS gave me the confidence to reach out in my own leadership style and to network with strong, encouraging women to achieve our common goals. I will forever treasure the friendships with my Golden Gift sisters. Special thank yous go to Oregon's Unique Boutique for financial support and to Alpha Chapter and Alpha Rho sisters who encouraged me to "Go for it!"

*Darlene Cook
Immediate Past President
Alpha Chapter*

CHAPTER CHATTER

District 1

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): Virginia Blakelock, an international artist, visited Iota in September with a display of her artwork and a slide show telling the story of her quest for handmade beads all over the world. It was an integrated lecture that featured the arts, world geography, and her published books.

Iota will sponsor the B.E.A.R. program for Umatilla County and is excited to help plan the 2016 Alpha Rho State Convention in a northeast Oregon location.

District 2

Omega (Josephine Co.): The changing of the season brings forth a bountiful basket of magical goodness to Omega! Our September and October gatherings delighted us with heartfelt fellowship in connecting with each other, to our inner selves, and to our purpose and commitment to education. We have been inspired as we have experienced our sisters' passions for teaching, giving, and doing. We were very excited to have guests join our October meeting, and we gained insightful information from the fall leadership conference. With this, we see **MAGIC** unfolding; **Motivation, Accomplishment, Goals, Inspiration, Commitment!**

District 3

Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon): collects and distributes care bags to 75 pre-school children each year as our service project, so the work was begun with fun at a swimming/BBQ. Members ended 2013 – 14 with a successful fund raising yard

sale at **Annette Hildebrand's** home. Go, Sigma!

Alpha Sigma (Lane Co.): Since our chapter's request for dissolution was approved by the Alpha Rho State Executive Board, this will be our last entry.

Facing dissolution, Alpha Sigma members decided to award several scholarships and two grants at the last official meeting in September. Scholarships went to their five teaching members: **Debbie Laney, Lisa Liles, Terri Carpenter, and Cyndi Quirk** at Pleasant Hill Elementary, and to **Mary Stevenson** at Pleasant Hill High School. Grants were awarded to non-members Elaine Woodward and Natasha Hamilton, a kindergarten and 4th grade teacher, respectively, at Maple Elementary in Springfield. The chapter also voted to order dictionaries for Pleasant Hill third graders for 2014 – 15 and 2015 – 16, continuing participation in The Dictionary Project as they have for 11 years.

Now individual members must decide whether to transfer to another area chapter or to resign from DKG. Financial records and the Alpha Sigma Charter will be submitted to State and International. *Christine Luehring*

District 4

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): is proud to have had both co-presidents deliver a DKG Moment during the past two state gatherings. **Kathie Hupp** and **Shirley Mann**, we are feeling blessed to have you leading our chapter.

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem): served a picnic dinner for attendees of The Early Childhood Institute in Monmouth in

August. We also helped with set up and registration for the Fall Conference in Salem.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Highlights of Alpha Nu's September meeting were a presentation of our chapter's newly created website by webmaster **Grace Pitzer**; a viewing of 46-year member Wilma Peterson's oral history, which was recorded by **Jo Rossman** and Grace Pitzer; and awarding of a 45-year pin to **Helen Fohl**.

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): distributed dictionaries to all third graders in the Sherwood School District this fall. This is the chapter's eleventh year of participating in the National Dictionary Project.

District 6

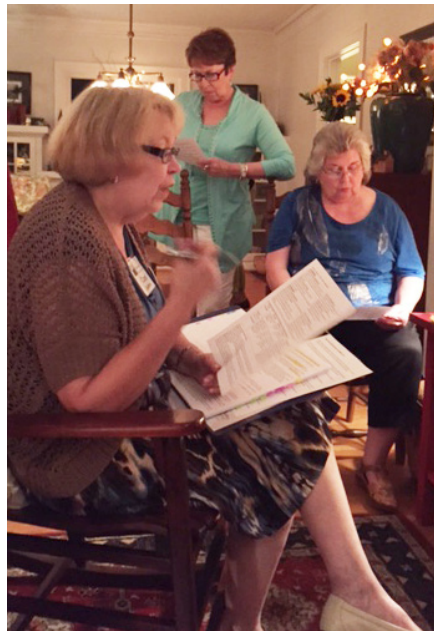
Phi (Multnomah County): Phi chapter founding member **Joyce Hulse** will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 8 at a party planned by her children. Joyce was one of 15 founders of the chapter, which was established on February 29, 1952, and she has been a faithful chapter supporter ever since, playing a wide variety of roles over the years. For many years, Joyce has lived at Terwilliger Plaza, a retirement community originally designed and built for senior educators. Joyce has been active there since the inception of the residence and has served on governing, educational and social committees.

If you wish to send a greeting on this wonderful occasion, you may do so at:

Mrs. Joyce Hulse
2425 SW Terwilliger Blvd., #219
Portland, OR 97201

We honor Joyce for the solid groundwork she provided for our chapter in the earliest days and on this beautiful celebration of life!

Alpha Pi (Multnomah Co.): Our fall schedule got off to a great start with our October meeting at the home of **Chris Knab**. Our speaker was Carol Cushman from the League of Women Voters. She had very interesting information on the upcoming election to share, which I'm sure will help us be even more informed voters!



Carol Cushman from the League of Women Voters and Linda Woolley and Colleen Hanson, Alpha Pi members

In November we will attend the Fall Brunch at the Multnomah Athletic Club. In December we volunteer at the Scholastic Warehouse Sale to collect books for our New Teacher Project. For several years, Alpha Pi has made a difference by ensuring that new teachers in the Portland area have books to use in classrooms.

Pi ((Hood River & Sherman/Wasco/Wheeler Counties): under the enthusiastic leadership of its officers, Pi launched what promises to be an excellent year by initiating three new members!

We have also received a briefing on the fall ballot measures from our very knowledgeable treasurer.

December 6 is our annual Holiday Brunch & Auction, a scholarship fundraiser, to be held at our Pi President's home

Is "chatter" from your chapter missing this month? Share your chapter's activities by sending a sentence or two by January 15 to Marie Mueller, Editor, *The New Oregon Trail*, at

cwmueller@charter.net

Let's hear what you and your sisters are doing! Share your good ideas! Tell us which sisters or community members you have recognized--and what they did. Interested minds want to know!

**ALPHA PRESENTS!!
AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS**
Bonita Fillmore, Alpha

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**
- **Parliamentarian Darlene Cook**



Alpha Chapter Installation of Officers by Linda McBride and Kathy Martell

On May 15, Alpha continued recognizing outstanding educators and community supporters by giving six Excellence in Education Awards.

Those honored were Trudy Willhite, KUHS Teen Parent Program; Lesly Harmon, Elementary Education; James Roemer, Special Education; Bill Sigars, Early Childhood Administration; Dr. Chris Maples, Higher Education Administration; and Valerie Smith, Community Partners. Award winners were introduced by the person who nominated them and were asked to talk about their programs. Some truly amazing people and programs exist in the Klamath Basin.



Excellence in Education Award Winners

Alpha Chapter Volunteer of the Year was member **Ruth Chamberlin**. She has worked with Debbi Plumber teaching storytelling to city students for 16 years. Each spring, they hold a storytelling event. Students hone their memory, speaking skills, and flair for the dramatic. They love it!



<<Bridget Honan (left) with Chapter Volunteer of the Year Ruth Chamberlin

Other awards include Jennifer Cole, presented with a chapter scholarship. **Kathy Martell**, State President, gave Media Awards to Samantha Tipler and Joe Spendolini for their great

coverage of Alpha's work with the B.E.A.R. Project at Mills Elementary in newspaper and television news. >>>



Kathy Martell (left) gives Media Awards to Samantha Tipler (center) and Joe Spendolini (right)

THE BAYARD WILKESON PROJECT

Lois MacMillan, Omega

The ultimate goal of a teacher is to broaden the horizons of students, moving them from not just a concern of self, but to awareness of the needs, views and rights of others so that every student can make a difference in the world. As a teacher of American history, I have people, events, and documents that open a student's world, not only to the joy of exploration, but also to the value of commitment to one's community, state, and nation. When the study of American history is coupled with service learning, genuine civic commitment can blossom. My students' Bayard Wilkeson Project has done just that.

As part of Kiwanis Builders Club and by using Professor Matthew Pinsker's Google Cultural Institute, 34 students studied Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address*. The interactive presentation introduced documents that surround the *Gettysburg Address*, including a dramatic newspaper dispatch from Sam Wilkeson, the father of Bayard Wilkeson, a Civil War artillery officer who died the first day of Gettysburg. His bravery and courage were displayed before his death when he amputated his own leg in an effort to save his life. His father, a war correspondent for the *NY Times*, was at Gettysburg and found his son on July 4, 1863, the day after the battle. In his editorial, the father wrote:

Who can write the history of a battle whose eyes are immovably fastened upon a central figure of transcendently absorbing interest—the dead body of an oldest born . . . My pen is heavy. Oh, you dead, who at Gettysburg have baptised with your blood the second birth of Freedom in America, how you are to be envied!

Just over four months later, on a hill not far from where young Wilkeson died, Abraham Lincoln invoked a similar sentiment: *We here highly resolve*

that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.

Being moved by the unimaginable pain of a son's death and inspired by Lincoln's words, Alyssa Etheridge and Lauren Lonas, two young historians from South Middle School in Grants Pass, Oregon, created the **Bayard Wilkeson Project**.

In memory of "these honored dead," the two worked daily during the 2013-14 school year to honor all 142 soldiers from

Oregon who died in Afghanistan *Lauren Lonas (left) Lois MacMillan (center) and Alyssa Etheridge (right).*

and Iraq. Oregonians will know that they "shall not have died in vain." The Bayard Wilkeson Project website and interactive map (links follow) have a picture of each fallen Oregonian, a brief biography, and a hyperlink to each soldier's obituary. "The unfinished work remaining before us" is to present our "gift of honor" this fall to the parents of Oregon's fallen.

Our four-year plan is to have students from the other 49 states create interactive Google maps of their fallen soldiers for our website so that we "take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion." The girls' report was presented to the Kiwanis in September 2014. Both girls are now students at Grants Pass High School, where they decided to continue work on the project in their high school careers.

To celebrate the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1786, MacMillan's current students analyzed and recited the *Preamble*. Meanwhile, MacMillan and Etheridge presented the Bayard Wilkeson Project to Congressman Greg Walden in Washington, D.C. Walden relayed his experiences

of speaking at the funerals of the Oregon fallen and gave suggestions and support on how to reach out to Oregon families who sacrificed so much.



Visit the website to meet Oregon's fallen soldiers at www.bayardwilkesonproject.org

<https://www.google.com/maps/ms?msid=209322406487448362556.0004e9445b27d5d4522c7&msa=0&dg=feature> If you click on a picture, you'll see the fallen soldier and his/her information.

Addendum: On September 23, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden visited South Middle School. He said, among other comments, "The fact that you guys have spent all this time learning all about government tells me we're going to have a lot of very good and responsible citizens coming up in Grants Pass. We're very proud of you." Wyden inserted the story of the Bayard Wilkeson Project into the Congressional Record. As he spoke to Alyssa and Lauren, the students who designed the website, Wyden stated, "It's so great you're doing this. I can't wait until you two decide you want to be an intern in my office."

Addendum adapted from Duewel, J. (2014, Sept. 14). Student project wins praise. Grants Pass *Daily Courier*, A-1.

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, & ATTITUDES OF PEACE

United Nations, 2009

Skills

- Communication, active listening, and reflection
- Cooperation, empathy, and compassion
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Mediation, negotiation, and conflict resolution
- Patience and self-control
- Responsible citizenship
- Imagination, leadership, vision.

Attitude

- Ecological awareness
- Self-respect
- Tolerance
- Respect for human dignity and difference
- Intercultural understanding
- Gender sensitivity
- Caring and empathy
- Nonviolence and reconciliation
- Social responsibility
- Solidarity, world-mindedness
- Resolution

Knowledge

- Self-awareness, recognition of prejudice
- Issues relating to conflict and war
- Peace and nonviolence
- Environment and ecology
- Nuclear and other weapons
- Justice and power
- Theories of conflict analysis, prevention, and resolution
- Culture, race, gender, religion
- Human rights and responsibilities
- Globalization
- Labor
- Poverty and international economy

- International law and criminal court
- United Nations, international system
- Healthcare, AIDS
- Drug trade

NOVEMBER DATES

- 11** Veterans Day
(Remembrance Day in Canada)
- www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/index.asp
 - www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/veterans-day-and-patriotism

- 16** International Day for Tolerance:
- www.un.org/en/events/tolerance-day/

- 20** Universal Children's Day
- www.un.org/en/events/children-day/
 - www.savethechildren.org

- 25** International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/Women

From *A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Newsletter*. 28:2 (Summer 2014), pp. 2, 7.

This is a DKG publication designed and maintained by the Curriculum of Hope standing committee of Alpha Kappa State, Connecticut.

Read a bit on peace and think of the possibilities before you attend the Oregon State Convention in Eugene on April 17 - 19, 2015.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Executive Board met at 1 p.m. on September 27, 2014.

Alpha Sigma Chapter requested dissolution, which was reluctantly accepted. The Treasurer's Report included the Annual Report to International and the state budget.

President Kathy's Report included a review of International Committees and the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis, the B.E.A.R. Project, No Harm forms, and choir growth at state conventions and conferences. She also reviewed state dues for SEE teachers and the vouchers they can use. Bylaws and Standing Rules' proposals were to be submitted by October 15, as that is the *New Oregon Trail* deadline. Alpha Rho State and many chapters have submitted SAP's; however, chapters that have not submitted a SAP were reminded to do so.

PDU's can be given for chapter meetings where substantive information is shared. PDU forms can be downloaded from TSPC website or from <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/OR/docs/forms/PDU%20Form%20template%205-2014.pdf> (form for application)

And

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/OR/forms.html> (a pdf on the general topic with background information and a form for recording presentations)

Candidates' nominations from their chapters for Service to Community, Service to Education, and Service to Society are due March 15.

*Reflections by
Lynn Hughes, Omega/2*

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Alpha Rho State Convention

April 17 - 19, 2015

Oregon State Convention

Downtown Hilton, Eugene, OR

July 28 - August 1, 2015

Northwest Regional Conference

Regina, Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Hotel

President Kathy's 2014 - 15 Schedule

Did you know? Kathy visited EVERY chapter or district last year!

Date	Chapter/Activity	Location
Oct. 9	Marion County Early Learning Hub Committees.	
Oct. 15- 17	Eastern Oregon B.E.A.R. Project at Dry Hollow Elem. Iota Chapter BEAR Project re-visit 2016 Conference contract visit	The Dalles Athena La Grande Pendleton
Oct. 23/24	Meet with Willamina Elementary principal re BEAR and StORytime coordination and Meet with Eugene Field, Principal	Willamina Silverton
Oct. 25	Fall Brunch	Portland
Oct. 26/27	Manzanita Elem.: B.E.A.R. Project	Grants Pass
Oct. 29	StORytime Launch for Klamath Tribes Chiloquin Elementary School	Chiloquin