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GABE & IZZY: GREAT REVIEWS! GREAT RESPONSES!

Presentations April 18, 19, 20, 21, 2012, in Springfield & Eugene

AMERICA'S VOICE FOR THE BULLIED

Quotes from Gabrielle Ford

- I was afraid to let anyone know about my disease.
- My dog Izzy became my best friend. She helped pull me out of depression.
- I'm just here to open the eyes of people. The bullied and the bully both need help.
- Bullying is a choice.
- Tell people 'I will be your friend.'
- I encourage you to say you are sorry and to forgive one another.



An attentive audience asks questions

Student Comments

- I don't want to be a bully ever again. She changed me.
- It was really great and inspirational.
- I liked the video about you and Izzy. Izzy was a special friend.



Hamlin Middle School participants

- I learned how important a dog can be in someone's life.
- I was mean to someone yesterday. I am going to apologize today.
- I will tell a certain girl that I will be her friend.
- Thank you for coming to our school.

Exit Survey Comments

- I wish Gabe could speak to every classroom across the country.
- You taught us much tonight. This is such an important topic. Thank you, thank you! (And thanks to your wonderful parents.)
- Thank you for your courage and unshakeable giant heart. I know you make a difference to many.
- You have given me some excellent examples to use in my classroom. Thank you so much!
- Gabrielle, thank you for travel-

ing so far to share your experience. It really does touch lives and hearts. Bless you!

- I am a mom of a wonderful boy who was bullied. I didn't think I could hear your story without breaking down. BUT, to my surprise, I was able to hear your message and I feel empowered, too. Thank you!
- I teach 2nd grade and I will pass your message on to (*cont., p. 5*)

We are each part of the solution to bullying.

Remember Gabrielle's challenge: Do at least two acts of kindness every day, apologize when needed, stand up for others, and tell people you will be their friend if they would like you to be.

Bullying is a CHOICE!

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

EXCELLENCE THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND ACTION

Our state convention is now history, but it was one that exceeded expectations! For the first time ever, DKG hosted a community service event as part of convention; the topic continues to be discussed in the local area, in schools, between our members, and across the state. Delta Kappa Gamma continues to be highlighted by the media, with yet another article in the Eugene *Register Guard* concerning anti-bullying. Media coverage has been stellar: TV coverage on two stations, radio, and both the Eugene and Springfield newspapers! Thank you a million times over for the incredible efforts of local chapter members to make our community service event and convention such a success. Your expertise as key women educators truly has made a difference.

As I traveled across the state, I have heard various members say that they thought we needed to have more programs that are relevant to educators who are “in the trenches”! We did this, and more, and hope that those members who are looking for relevancy were there to enjoy our community service events, participate in our outstanding workshops which provided PDU's (professional development units), listen to Dr. Nancy Golden catch us up to speed on the governor's plans for education in our state, and to zero in on a topic of great concern to students, educators, and parents. Who has



*President Alice Hartness-Reichle
Oregon State Organization*

not been bullied at some time? I am sure that even those chapters with few working members understand how important this issue is, as cyber-bullying adds a whole different dimension to what can make children think about possibly taking their lives. Bullying touches the lives of our children, our grandchildren, our families, and our communities. Without any forethought of the exact dates, we hosted an anti-bullying event at a middle school on the anniversary of the shooting spree at Columbine. It also coincided closely with the date of the shootings at Springfield's Thurston High School. An odd turn of events!

We also made historic changes to our way of doing business. It was voted upon and accepted by the general assembly to host a state convention every odd-numbered year. It is on odd years that we are allowed to change our State *Stand-*

ing Rules and Bylaws: Bylaws every four years and Standing Rules every two years. Convention venues will be limited to one to three sites along the interstate corridors. The even years' venues will be planned on a rotating conference schedule with sites chosen from various options around Oregon. The details and exact wording of the three motions concerning this action will be on our state website, as well as being included in the minutes that will be sent to all leadership team members and chapter presidents in about a month. Please be sure that all chapter members are aware of the changes and understand the legislation that was passed.

To save money, time, and travel, we tried another first by holding our new chapter presidents' leadership training seminar at convention instead of asking people to come back in June. There were a couple of required workshops on Saturday, but the rest of the training was done on Sunday with assistance from our State Leadership Committee and the Ad Hoc Strategic Action Plan team. We were blessed to have Dr. Lyn Schmid with us, as she not only assisted with the leadership training, but also lead a dynamic training workshop on generational differences as they relate to membership in the Society.

I would like to thank Eugene area chapters again for their forward “outside the box” thinking and for their amazing commitment to

excellence within our state organization, as well as for the Society. Thank you, as well, to all of the State Leadership Team members who assisted with workshops, helped with convention planning, and guided us through our new chapter president leadership seminar with the assistance of International Representative Dr. Lyn Schmid. Please know how **PROUD** I am of everyone who assisted with this convention and helped make the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shine in Oregon!

For those of you who wish to have personal contact with Gabe, her new address is included below. She is happy to now be living in a warmer climate, as Michigan can have very cold weather and her muscles respond better in a more temperate climate.

Gabrielle Ford
355 Milino Lane, Apt.101
Melbourne, Florida 32940



LEAPING FORWARD
LEAD
EMPOWER
ACTIVATE
PARTICIPATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



RUN, DON'T WALK, TO THE OREGON STATE FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING & CONFERENCE (There will be workshops!)

Date: September 29, 2012 (Saturday)

Place: Tigard High School, Tigard, OR

Times, Workshops, & Agenda: Forthcoming

NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENTS
ARE EXPECTED
TO ATTEND AND **LEAP**
IN WITH GREAT IDEAS!



(Answer to that all-important question:
the Beavs and Ducks both have away games!)

NEED PROGRAM IDEAS?

Collected by Peggy Cowens

As a closing activity to one session at convention, your leadership development committee asked that participants share something their chapter does of which they are particularly proud. Here are some great ideas!

Every November, Alpha Delta has an auction where members bring in items and bid while having dinner. The money is used for the scholarship fund. Every December we do a blanket and toiletry collection to give to a women's shelter. (Shalese Stroup, District #5--Marion County)

For the past several years, Phi Chapter has made afghans for

babies. Some are knitted by our members. We also supply two pieces of fabric, pin them together, measure a border, then cut and tie the border to form a fringe. We donate the afghans to places that need them, such as the Ronald McDonald House. (Pat Howard, District #6--Multnomah County)

Each year, Xi Chapter has honored an individual or business that supports the efforts of those outside the classroom. We have honored legislators, board members, and recreation directors, among others. It is a premier event and gets our chapter "out" to the greater Washington County public. (Roberta Hutton, District #5--Tillamook/Washington Counties)



(Cont. from p. 1) my kids.

- Thank you for sharing solutions. We can all help.
- Your presentation was touching and meaningful. Teaching children about their feelings and also emphasizing consequences of their actions are valuable and rewarding uses of instructional time!
- I love how you come full circle with forgiveness.

Evaluation Comment

- I love the idea that this program has substance rather than just entertainment value and that DKG is sponsoring a timely program with great relevance to our profession and communities!

LETTER OF THANKS

I have worked on many interesting, worthwhile projects during my teaching and retired careers. Working on this one, however, is the most satisfying and emotional of them all: Satisfying because Delta Kappa Gamma has provided an important service to our community; emotional because I was part of the audience at the schools and could truly feel the reactions of the students when Gabrielle Ford shared her personal story. I saw students flock around Gabe to meet her personally. In fact, as Gabe says in her book about herself, I am also "Still Dancing."

Working on this project has been an incredible journey and learning process for me, our planners, and all members who helped bring a strong anti-bullying message to life. We have helped create a new

paradigm for our DKG role in the community and a new avenue for advocating for excellence in education. With Gabrielle's help, we have raised awareness and improved lives.

Sincere appreciation and thanks to all of you who helped and contributed to this community service project. Your ideas, energy, expertise, and finances helped make it a success.

*Dr. Yvonne Fasold
Lambda Chapter, Eugene
Convention Planning Team*



OUT OF THE BOX AND IN THE BLACK

Dr. Yvonne Fasold, Lambda

During Convention 2012, many of you talked with me about how to finance a keynote speaker. You are already thinking about your own conventions and conferences, and are brimming with questions and ideas. You shared many wonderful ideas, such as using schools and teaming with districts, ESDs, or local professional organizations. Many of you are already planning your fund-raising strategies. I am so impressed!

The following summary may help you plan your events. Keep in mind that all travel costs are for three people--Gabrielle and her parents, who were critical to successful travel for Gabe's mobility. When **Mary Klages**, Kappa Chapter, wrote the DKG Educational Foundation grant, she estimated \$10,000, which

gave us a target for fundraising.

ACTUAL COSTS: \$8, 260

- Three presentations @ \$1,500
- Q & A workshop @ \$500
- Airfare from Detroit, \$1,300
- Two hotel rooms for 4 nights, \$656
- Car rental, food and other expenses, about \$800 = total travel expenses of about \$2,760
- Printing, stamps, postage about \$200
- AV expenses for the free public event Friday night at the Hilton about \$300.

INCOME: \$8,350 - YES! Thank you for helping us! (And thanks to **Kathy Howard**, Convention Treasurer. This summary report with rounded off dollars was based on her detailed records.)

- Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation Cornet Grant, \$3,000
- SELCO Credit Union, \$1,500
- Hamlin Middle School, \$500
- Community sponsors, \$1,725
- Individuals, \$275
- Oregon DKG chapters \$1,350

Statistics follow on p. 5 and p. 22..



Gabe and Izzy II

GABE AND IZZY—BY THE NUMBERS

When	What	Where	Who
April 18	Presentation	Hamlin Middle School	420 students 30 staff Other adults
April 19	Presentation	McCornack Elementary School	400 students 50 staff and parents
April 20	DKG Presentation	Eugene Hilton	192 total 10 school age 109 DKG members 32 guests 52 community members
April 21	Q & A Workshop	Eugene Hilton	30 DKG
April 18 – 21	TOTALS		1,130 people 830 students
That is 1,130 people who will spread her message of anti-bullying!			

MEDIA COVERAGE

Television

KMTR 4 evening news broadcast pieces mentioning Gabrielle Ford’s anti-bullying message
 KVAL 1 television interview, the centerpiece of a special on bullying that aired in late May.

Radio

KRVM 1 live radio interview—10 minutes—Yvonne Fasold and Mary Koritnik
 Several Public Service Announcements about the community event and the convention.
 KLCC 1 radio interview with Gabrielle Ford

Newspaper

2 *Register Guard* [Eugene, Oregon] articles with excellent pictures

DR. GOLDEN SHARES GOOD NEWS FROM THE OREGON EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT BOARD AND GOVERNOR KITZHABER

T.G.I.M.!

Is that what you say when Monday rolls around? If the Oregon Educational Investment Board (OEIB) has its way, both teachers and students will greet the week with a smile. According to Dr. Nancy Golden, a Friday night keynote speaker, education is facing its

worst time in the last four decades. Her own district in Springfield has cut 25 percent and is still cutting. The OEIB sees the need for a re-commitment to the value of education; Dr. Golden says one way to do that is to visit a kindergarten classroom where everything is full of possibilities and positives as the children enjoy learning.



Dr. Nancy Golden, Superintendent of Springfield Schools

By 2025, OEIB hopes to put “40/40/20” into place.

- 40% graduating with a bachelor’s degree
- 40% graduating with an associate’s degree
- 20% graduating from high school career- or college-ready.

To achieve that, resources need to be leveraged. OEIB suggests the following for “0 - 20”:

- **The Achievement Compacts**— If you meet your outcomes, the resources will follow. From birth to five, \$800 million. If students are not ready for kindergarten, fund early intervention agencies that can provide the right skills. If a student cannot read by third grade, he/she is much more likely to drop out and possibly face jail time. Let’s prevent kids from getting behind so they will not need remediation. Stay on track.
- **Head Start:** Parents being trained and children developing portfolios to demonstrate readiness for kindergarten: cutting, tracing letters, coloring inside the lines, etc.
- **Promise Neighborhoods:** When 90% of students are on free or reduced lunches, work is needed. Children from these neighborhoods often lack skills but don’t lack the “smarts.” Apply for grants to support children suffering trauma or abuse. Stagger tutoring times for early or late access. Let’s see kids leave the fifth grade “loving school” and doing both reading and arithmetic at grade level.
- **Middle Schools:** Grades 6 – 8 need funding to target issues

like low math or reading skills. Establish block times for intervention with strategic, targeted training or special opportunities for accelerated learning. Add some electives to middle school to increase interest.

- **High School:** If the Khan Academy offers 22,000 lessons on YouTube, will that help the Springfield teacher who has 61 students in algebra? It could. Want to read more? <http://on-point.wbur.org/2011/08/17/the-khan-academy>
- **Colleges and universities,** too, need support to fulfill the 40/40/20 goal.

What has OEIB planned?

1. Return state funding to at least the 45% it used to be.
2. Reform health care with proactive changes to prevent diseases and keep people out of emergency rooms. Healthy children learn better; healthy families cost less to taxpayers.
3. Develop a new tax structure to better fund education by working with top financial minds in Oregon; e.g., Phil Knight.

There is hope that soon we will be feeling “**T.G.I.M**”!



DR. SCHMID TREATS OREGON TO UPDATES AND INFORMATION



*Dr. Lynda B. Schmid
Northeast Regional Director*

Oregon was fortunate to have Dr. Lyn Schmid, N.E. Regional Director, as our International representative for convention. Her active participation started at McCornack Elementary School Friday where we hosted Gabrielle Ford’s anti-bullying message. Saturday, Dr. Schmid brought us greetings from International and shared how active we are at that level. Many Oregon members are on International Committees; 10 World Fellowship recipients are from Oregon; 17 members have participated in Golden Gift Seminars with 3 Special Stipends too; 11 have received International scholarships and still others received grants from The DKG Educational Foundation for special projects to supplement dwindling resources.

On Saturday, Dr. Schmid presented “Intergenerational Cooperation.”

She had an interesting way of taking Alpha Rho on a trip through time to discover the value in understanding Intergenerational Cooperation. Our “Back to the Future”-style trip (not in a DeLorean!) took us from Veterans (1922-1943) to Boomers (1943-1960) to Generation Xers (1960-1980) all the way to Generation Yers (1980-2000), all have a valued history that helps shape who we are today. How exciting it is to know that the differences that drive us and complicate our group dynamics can also blend and help us be each other’s complements! Dr. Schmid modeled the importance of engaging her varied audience members, just as we should engage, equip, and lead with our fellow sisters across the generations. As we utilize all the benefits of generational blending, we should continue to bloom and grow with the generations yet to come!

On Sunday morning Dr. Schmid was active in the Leadership Training. She offered practical suggestions for presidents on how to move chapters forward by suggesting that presidents discover and react to members’ strengths. By doing this, members develop a strong sense of participation; “buy-in” encourages members to be part of the group. We learned that a president, like an instructional leader, is not afraid to try new things involving more members.

Presidents should take time to continually review *The Seven Purposes* of the society with members. While developing the Strategic Ac-

tion Plan goals with her chapter, the president should brainstorm activities to meet those goals, encouraging out-of-the-box thinking among members. These goals and activities should then be put into a timeline for completion that should show resources and support. A point-person for each activity should be assigned to make sure each goal is accomplished and then evaluated.

The audience was reminded to use both the new orientation **and** re-orientation videos, along with the new ceremonies, the new *Go-to Guide*, and revised officer guidelines. Attend leadership training, strategic planning events, technology updates, and help ready your chapter for the 21st century.

We gained much knowledge from Dr. Schmid’s presentations and look forward to sharing it throughout the next biennium as Oregon chapters grow together.

by *Martha Nicoloff, Ali Manning, and
Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon/5*



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ALPHA RHO STATE STANDING RULES

During the 2013 Oregon State Convention in Portland, *Alpha Rho State Standing Rules* will be reviewed and considered for any changes.

To do so, any proposed changes in the current Standing Rules must be submitted on the form from the

website <<http://www.dkg.org/OR/>> by **October 15, 2012**. The Bylaws/ Standing Rules Committee urges you to become familiar with this document and to submit your suggestions for change by the deadline.

Jean Fairbairn, Chair

If you or your chapter wishes to propose changes in the *Alpha Rho State Standing Rules*,

1. **Please use the web form.** It expands to fit what you type into it. Once it is complete,
2. **Print a copy and send it to Jean** (address below).
3. Use a new form for each additional proposed change. For each one, identify the specific article and section of your proposed changes; e.g., “Standing Rule 11 – A.”

Send proposals to:

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15206 S.E. Duckey Ln.
Milwaukie, OR 97267-3438
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jj7fair@msn.com

**POSTMARK OR E-MAIL NO
LATER THAN
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

For your assistance, a copy of the Web form appears on p. 23.



CTAUN ...

Will meet September 22, 2012, on *Promoting Tolerance: Solutions for Change*, at the University of Texas—Austin. See Darlene Cook’s article on p. 15 regarding CTAUN.

DO THE DUES THING NOW!!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Through participation in DKG, you have the opportunity to

- Be recognized as an outstanding woman educator.
- Meet educators outside of your own workplace.
- Network and make new contacts.
- Fellowship with other women educators.
- Keep pace with current educational issues and research.
- Maintain membership in a professional organization that also gives you social contacts.
- Develop and practice your leadership skills.
- Share your talents with others.
- Know that your talents and contributions are important and valued.
- Apply for educational and personal growth scholarships.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL

1. Membership is an honor that you want to keep.
2. If you drop out, the rest of us will REALLY miss you.

DUES

You can maintain your membership by **paying your dues at any time from May through October 31.** Not sure of the amount? Call your chapter treasurer.

1. Do you need to pay on an “installment plan”? Call your treasurer to see if something can be worked out.

2. OR set up your own plan. Divide the amount due by the number of months left until October 31, write your check, deduct it, and do the same until the dues are paid—then hand the checks to your treasurer in October. (If the dues in your chapter were \$80, that would be only \$16 a month for the five months from June to October.)



IS YOUR ADDRESS CURRENT?

State and local DKG groups receive an address list from International. It is only effective if you regularly update your personal information—or if the chapter does so. E-mail addresses are as important as print mail addresses, but they change much more often.

Update your addresses of all sorts at the DKG International Web site: www.dkg.org. On the top banner at the far right is the FORMS tab. Click on FORMS. Select the MEMBERSHIP folder in the right column. The “Change of Address” tab is the very first one in the membership folder.



FINANCIAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS—WINTER AND SPRING 2012

Eminent Editing: **Marie Mueller**, Omega, is using her \$800 Isabelle Huston Commemorative Award to master the intricacies and capacity of *InDesign*®, the powerful Adobe software purchased to prepare and publish *The New Oregon Trail*.

Utilizing her recently acquired technical skills, she is helping to further propel DKG chapters into the electronic age of communication. Classes at Rogue Community College in electronic publishing applications aid her in manipulating technology for the benefit of all Alpha Rho chapters. Presenting her award at the convention luncheon allowed for a sincere expression of appreciation for Marie’s hard work!

The best thing about the Huston Award was receiving it from Kathie Hill, Financial Awards Committee, and one of my former students! (We won’t say how many years ago that was.) That made the award extra special for me. Marie

Bilingual Endeavors: **Theresa Peters**, Pi, is an elementary principal eager to pursue a lifelong goal of learning Spanish. Her \$1800 Personal Enrichment Award, presented at the convention luncheon, will be used for a Spanish Immersion Program in Guatemala this July. She will spend one week at an academy and then will travel to San Pedro Laguna to attend a cooperative school for an additional week. Both schools provide an immersion program where she will work one-to-one with a teacher who will gear the instruction to meet Theresa’s language and learning needs. Living with a host family will be an added feature during her stay.

International Outreach: **Karen Adams**, Sigma, was present at the state convention luncheon to receive a \$1500 State Founders’ and Presidents’ Scholarship for her participation in the Oregon

Geographic Alliance Advanced Summer Institute 2012. Following her five-credit-hour coursework through Portland State University, Karen will travel to Turkey with a group of 14 educators as they participate in school visits, home stays, and tourist activities. Participation in this alliance will add to Karen's extensive repertoire of skills to teach English language learners.



Award Winners at the Birthday Lunch

Historical Wonders: Travels to the Nile River region of Egypt formed the basis of a \$900 Personal Enrichment Award for **Jane Dow**, Epsilon, who completed her trip in April. Jane now plans to present a "Highlights of Egypt" program to chapter members on the pyramids at Giza, the sound and light show at the Sphinx, and the cities of Alexandria, Luxor, and Aswan. (See also Jane's article, p. 10.)

Master Gardener Program: **Elaine Harris**, Beta Beta, used her \$390 Personal Enrichment Award between January and April 2012 to complete an online course for Oregon State University's Master Gardener Program. Elaine now plans to pursue not only work in her own garden but also to consult with interested chapter members who question, worry, and delight

in their own gardening efforts. Between April and October, she will volunteer 65 hours to bring her official training session to a close.

Future Teacher! Sponsored by Alpha Phi Chapter, Bess Marie Conkel was present at the state convention luncheon to receive an Edith Green Grant-in-Aid totaling \$925. Currently an enthusiastic and dedicated junior in Portland State University's secondary education program, she is putting to good use the knowledge she gained from her own high school experiences in rural Iowa. Of particular importance in shaping her educational goals, Bess Marie credits inspiration from her own teachers, along with volunteer time working with younger children, in helping to solidify her decision to become a teacher.



JUST OFF THE PRESSES FROM THE DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Two Portland, Oregon, women—Lindsay Cornet and Patricia Calvillo—have received Cornet Professional Development Awards to attend Columbia University's Teachers College Reading and Writing Project in New York. Lindsay received \$1300 and Patricia received \$1400.

The announcement goes on to say: "Please help us encourage other educators (members and non-members) who need professional development assistance to check the International website for the

Cornet Award information and application, and to apply."
~~Marianne Skardeus, Chair, Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards Committee

[See "how to apply" below]

APPLICATION DUE DATES AT A GLANCE

2012-13 FINANCIAL AWARDS

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

State Level Applications: www.dkg.org (applications and information)

Due to State Scholarship Chair:
July 30, 2012; December 1, 2012; March 1, 2013

- Commemorative/Personal Enrichment Award

Due to State Scholarship Chair:
March 1, 2013

- Hazel Fishwood Award for graduate programs
- Emma Henkle Award for graduate work
- State Founders/Presidents Award for graduate studies

Due to Sponsoring Chapter:
February 1, 2013

- Jeppeson Grant-in-Aid for Elementary Ed. Major
- Green Grant-in-Aid for Secondary Ed. Major

Due to State Scholarship Chair from Sponsoring Chapter:
March 1, 2013

- Jeppeson Grant-in-Aid for Elementary Ed. Major
- Green Grant-in-Aid for Secondary Ed. Major

International Level Applications:

www.dkg.org

(applications and information)

Due Dates to International Headquarters:

September 1, 2012; February 1, 2013; May 1, 2013

- Lucile Cornetet Individual Awards for Professional Development [Conferences, national certification, online courses...]

Due to International Headquarters:
November 1, 2012

- Lucile Cornetet Awards for Sponsoring Seminars

Due to International Headquarters:
January 3, 2013

- Grants for Projects of the DKG Educational Foundation

Due to International Headquarters:
February 1, 2013

- 29 Annual and 2 Biennial Scholarships, @ \$6000



RECIPIENTS' REPORTS

EGYPT TODAY Jane Dow, Epsilon

Thank you, Alpha Rho state, for the very generous award of \$900 to help defray the cost of my once-in-a-lifetime trip to Egypt. Highlights included a three-day cruise down the Nile a la Cleopatra, viewing the pyramids and Sphinx up close and personal, and a very bumpy—but exhilarating—camel ride.



Jane Dow and "Moses"

Because of the January 25, 2011, revolution, tourism has declined immensely. Our Trafalgar tour would normally have had 30 people; instead, we had 10. This is a microcosm of the economy in Egypt. The people are desperate, especially in Cairo. I never felt afraid or threatened, but the vendors were especially aggressive. I was much smarter at dealing with them by the end of the trip.

We saw many children's groups while touring temples and other places of interest. They were curious about us; our guide encouraged us to talk with them so they could practice their English. We took pictures of them, and they LOVED taking pictures of us!

If you're looking for an experience like no other—even if you're a seasoned traveler as many DKG members are—consider Egypt. The people are warm and welcoming (despite the economy). This is a land where time has indeed stood still.



ALPHA RHO SISTERS TRAVEL TO AFRICA By Eloise Gibson, Beta Beta, & Darlene Cook, Alpha

In late fall 2011, three Alpha Rho members joined a group of retired teachers on a wonderful trip to South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana. **Darlene Cook** of Alpha Chapter and both **Nancy Lewis and Eloise Gibson** of Beta Beta Chapter started in Johannesburg where they visited sites connected to black South Africans' struggle for freedom, saw Nelson Mandela's Soweto home, and ate in a local "shabeen" (café) in someone's home. Other highlights were a full-day safari in Kruger National Park to see over 35 varieties of animals and birds and South Africa's striking physical features. These ranged from the *veld* to the Drakensburg Mountains to the Cape of Good Hope; included was a several-day tour of the beautiful Garden Route along the southern coast, visiting wine country, ascending the rugged and wonderful Table Mountain, and touring Cape Town.

The group visited a school outside Knysna on the Indian Ocean; it was started by women in the village to serve children from 2 months to 7 years. The school enables mothers to leave their children in a safe, nurturing environment where they are socialized and prepared for state school, which children begin at age 7. The school is a cooperative supported by parents and various trusts (receiving no state funds because it's a pre-school), including the travel company with which our group traveled. The Knysna

Educational Trust provides teacher training for local women who completely staff the school. The trust seeks funding for fees that families must pay for their children's education; thus far, 100% of students have been successful in their state school experiences. The school has a nursery, provides meals, and cares for its students from early morning to evening. The children were delightful, shaking hands with each visitor and singing songs in several languages.

As retired educators, a highlight of our trip to South Africa was this visit in Knysna. The preschool is one of 36 schools supported by the Knysna Education Trust. The mission of the trust is to upgrade the overall standard of education for impoverished children. By concentrating at the preschool level, the program ensures that the children are well nourished and developmentally stimulated by the time they enter formal education. This gives the children a better chance of succeeding in school and in life.

According to Trust personnel, many schools are in a shocking state of disrepair with leaking roofs, damp mud floors and poor hygienic facilities. Many lack running water. The school we visited is in good shape, however, thanks to the Trust and support from the Collette Foundation. Classrooms are clean, furnished, and colorfully painted. Students have access to well-balanced meals, a caring staff, age-level curriculum, and developmentally appropriate playground equipment; nevertheless, even with the improvements, each school is in constant need of materials and
Spring/Summer 2012



Nancy Lewis, Darlene Cook & Eloise Gibson at the Cape of Good Hope

supplies. Many in our tour group brought supplies from home, while others contributed monetarily.

Visiting the school was an eye-opening experience. Walking through the community, we saw firsthand the meager living conditions of the people. We learned about the challenges facing the community and the efforts being made to overcome those challenges. The highlight of the afternoon was seeing the bright smiles of the children. They were eager to meet us and to share in song and dance what they had learned. They recited the alphabet, sang their national hymn, and even performed "Happy Birthday" in English.

Not all South African children are able to attend preschool, but education is compulsory for all students from age 7 to age 15 or the completion of Grade 9. School life generally spans 13 years or grades. The government has an obligation to make education available and accessible. With schools receiving approximately 20 percent of state expenditures, South Africa has one of the highest rates of public invest-

ment in education in the world. Schooling is not free, however. Families are expected to sacrifice and to contribute to their children's educational needs.

Next we flew to Zimbabwe where we stayed at the historic Victoria Falls Hotel. We cruised the Zambezi River, saw hippos, elephants, a village where we ate lunch with a family, and saw Victoria Falls. The highlight was a morning at Wild Horizons Preserve. We took an elephant-back safari, fed their orphaned baby elephants, and enjoyed the experience. At Botswana's Chobe National Park the richness of animal life was amazing.



Eloise feeding a baby elephant

Nancy and Eloise both received Alpha Rho Personal Enrichment Grants to help with the expense. We sincerely thank you! Upon their return, the group developed a presentation on the geography, people, animals, and history of southern Africa for the January 2012 Beta Beta meeting. PDU's were awarded for the program, and the travelers are promoting International's Schools for Africa project.



ALPHA RHO STATE'S WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE



Helen, Peggy, & Sharon Sparkle

Helen Kappler joined DKG in 1971, serving Eta Chapter in every major office and chairing numerous committees. At the state level, she has been District 6 Coordinator for four years, was *The New Oregon Trail* editor for six years, was a member of the Bylaws Committee, and is currently the Nominations Committee Chairman. She has participated in state, Northwest Regional, and International conventions and continues to actively serve the Society. As an educator, Helen taught Business Education at Grant High School in Portland from 1965-1987 and continued teaching at Portland Community College from 1988-1993. Her high standards as an educator earned her the title of Oregon Business Teacher of the Year in 1982-83. Alpha Rho State is pleased to award Helen Kappler with our **Service to the Society Award**.

Zeta Chapter's **Sharon Hohstadt** has served our Society at both chapter and state levels. She has held every major chapter office, chaired numerous committees, and continues to be an active

participant. She was state president and has chaired and served on many state committees, as well as attending and representing Oregon at NW Regional Conferences and International Conventions. She will be serving as a page at the 2012 International Convention in New York. Sharon's community service is stellar, as she continues to be involved with her church at the highest levels of lay leadership, has been president of the Union County Museum, is a board member of the Island City Rural Volunteer Fire Department, and has assisted with youth gun classes and clubs. Her commitment to volunteering in her rural Eastern Oregon community is why Alpha Rho State is proud to award Sharon with the **Service to Community Award**.

Margaret (Peggy) Cowens' list of accolades as an educator is impressive and continues to expand. She is described by her colleagues and DKG sisters as being magical in the classroom, using creative skills to educate and model behaviors, while sharing the love of her subject matter. She is currently one of four in the state involved as an Oregon Teacher Induction Mentor and Instructional Math Coach which requires frequent travel around our state. She has faithfully served Omega Chapter in numerous leadership positions, as well as those at the state level. She continues to serve the state as a key leader, presenting numerous workshops at both state and NW Regional Conference. As chair of the State Leadership Development Committee, she led and planned the training workshop for incoming

chapter presidents. Alpha Rho State is proud to award Peg Cowens with our **Service to Education Award**.

ALPHA RHO HALL OF FAME

These outstanding leaders have received letters of commendation from Alpha Rho's Educational Excellence Committee:

- Linda Brown for her service to both the Lake Oswego School Board and OSBA.
- Richard English, Parkrose High School, Civic Educator of the Year, for his work with Mock Trial and Constitution
- Professor Renee Heath, Outstanding Teaching Award, 2011, honoring Oregon Women in Higher Education: "She Flies With Her Own Wings"

T.H.A.T. TEACHERS HELPING ANOTHER TEACHER

A big THANK YOU to the chapters of Alpha Rho State for reporting your hours and funds used to help so many Oregon teachers. Here is the good news!

- **Total Hours: 3994**
- **Total Dollar Amount: \$2950**

Remember – there are forms on the state and international website for chapter members to keep track of the hours and money they contribute. Additional help and other information about T.H.A.T. can be found on www.dkg.org. Click on the EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE icon.

THAT challenge for 2012 – 13 is to focus on early career educators and also on teachers who have changed their content or grade level and may need some assistance.

Questions? judiejensen@comcast.net.

COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES

The following motions were passed at state convention:

1. Alpha Rho State, Oregon, conference locations will rotate around the state with dates and locations to be determined by the state executive board.
2. Alpha Rho State, Oregon, will hold conventions on odd-numbered years and conferences on even-numbered years.
3. Alpha Rho State, Oregon, convention venues will be limited to no more than three locations along the interstate freeway corridors with venue locations and dates to be determined by the state executive board.

If your district or chapter has an idea for a conference, please submit it to President Alice Hartness-Reichle.

Thank you to the committee who worked on this issue: Jane Dow, Ellen Ellis, Jean Fairbairn, Lynn Hughes, Roberta Hutton, Madeline Lapp, Kathy Martell, Raenelle Zumbo, and Sharon Hohstadt, Chairman.

THE OREGON STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (SAP)

Kathie Hill, Omega, Writing for the Ad Hoc Committee

Over the past year, an ad hoc committee has worked through the steps to create a Strategic Action Plan (SAP). At the 2012 State Convention in Eugene, the Executive Board accepted the Plan as a model for chapters to use. The Committee chose to focus on just three areas:

1. Recruit and Sustain DKG Membership.
2. Support State and International Scholarships and International Projects.
3. Mentor New Teachers and Support Working Members.

For a full list of recommended topics, go to the DKG International website www.dkg.org; it is organized to help develop a chapter SAP. Check out the PowerPoint® *SAP for Chapters*. Oregon's website has a copy of the Alpha Rho SAP.

After reviewing the websites, you are ready to start working on your chapter SAP. Choose a limited number of areas to address. Do not try to do everything. Throughout your work, keep in mind that the key to your Chapter's success is the planning process itself. Your Chapter is laying out a path to get you from where you are to where you want to be. It is meant to be a fluid document that will change with the times.

Decide on your Chapter's goals, and then lay out the sequence of events and activities that must occur to get there. The goals will be your

areas of focus. Make sure goals are measurable. The SAP will include those responsible for carrying out each area and a timeline for achieving the goals. The activities and strategies are how you will go from where you are to where you want to be.

Your chapter may use the same template as the State SAP, but the format is up to your members.

To Create Your Chapter SAP: Use these steps:

- Check out the International and State websites.
- Do a needs assessment.
- Involve members in a process to determine the areas important to your Chapter.
- Decide on your areas of concern and on what your Chapter wants to focus.
- Where do you want to be as a Chapter? How will you measure your success?
- Where are you now, in relation to where you want to be?
- Select three or four areas of focus.
- Decide on activities under each area of focus that will help your Chapter reach its goals.
- Select members to take the ideas and draft a plan with timelines.
- Write a draft of your plan with measurable goals and share it with the membership.
- **Send a copy of the plan by June 30, 2013, to Vice President Kathy Martell.**
- Once the plan is accepted, keep the plan active.
- Periodically review and update

the areas of focus and activities.

- **Celebrate your successes.**



A FIRST TIMER **Mary Koritnik, Lambda**

I was asked to write about being a first time attendee at the 2012 Alpha Rho State Convention in Eugene. I became a member of Lambda chapter in September 2010. Since Lane County chapters were hosting the convention, my first DKG convention became a working convention. I served as the Publicity co-chair, so instead of simply attending a convention for the first time, I was involved in various ways before, during, and after. This definitely changed my experience; I'd like to share some highlights and insights.

My focus with pre-publicity centered on the Friday night keynote speaker Gabe Ford and her two pre-convention school visits on Thursday and Friday. While listening to Gabe speak, I remember thinking that this was an amazing educational service and that bringing a nationally recognized anti-bullying speaker to our convention was a feat that DKG should celebrate. I

was feeling that a dream came true: the people who requested tickets were in attendance, Mayor Kitty Piercy spoke, and this educational presentation unfolded as a very successful, public, DKG-sponsored event. Once the months of planning and following up with local media contacts culminated in a successful public event, I could relax into the rest of the convention.

Friday night I went home and slept soundly for the first time in weeks. I know I missed some things, but next convention I'll stay on-site and enjoy the first evening in a different way. During my career, I attended conventions and conferences, so I knew what to expect. I have to say that I was pleasantly surprised at the quality of speakers and topics on Saturday, beginning with the keynote speaker, Nancy Golden. Her talk inspired me! With all the negatives in the news about problems in education, it was a delight to hear the Springfield Superintendent of Schools mapping out success for every child. I wanted to get involved in any way where I'd be most helpful. This went to the top of my list for what to do as a volunteer in our local schools.

My first general session business meeting was interesting. I loved hearing perspectives from all parts of Oregon regarding the topics to vote on, and I observed how meetings are conducted. Afterward, I talked to several women who spoke and asked questions to better understand the reasoning behind changing how, when, and where conventions and conferences are scheduled. After the last workshop,

I felt well informed and ready to vote.

Facilitating: I was the facilitator for the first workshop I attended, 'Using Technology to Communicate.' I was so excited while listening to the panel and saw for the first time how vital this piece is to a statewide organization like DKG. Each panel member had a unique perspective, depending on what role she has in the state or local organization. I'm assuming chapter presidents found this session very helpful. As a new member, I was encouraged to see interest in current trends with websites and digital newsletters. I was delighted to meet Eloise Gibson who led the panel and I learned some great tech tricks just by visiting with her afterward.

As a co-facilitator for the second workshop, 'Leading with Style,' I found the approach to leadership and collaboration refreshing. Peggy Cowens (Omega), Elaine Hall (Kappa), and Linda St. Pierre (Beta) were delightful presenters and had activities that not only engaged the participants, but also led to some interesting discoveries about collaboration and teamwork shared by co-presidents.

Finally, I got to just be an audience member for 'Schools for Africa.' Karen Olsen from my own Lambda Chapter presented, along with Helen Towel (*Thembanathi Project*) and Jill Hartzell (*My Backyard Project - Malawi*). It was fun to see the 'dolls of color' we made at one of our meetings in March for sale to be donated to the Zulu pre-school children. They were on display,

along with beaded jewelry and artwork from KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

Lasting Impressions: In conclusion, my lasting impressions of the convention as a new attendee were formed during the meals I shared with DKG sisters. I was a table hostess for the birthday lunch and the banquet. I was nervous at first, but the lovely women I met were so cordial that I relaxed immediately. Asking about first conventions and years in DKG gave me a perspective of our organization I'd never have gotten otherwise. To those who shared your story with me, I am most grateful. I will cherish the memories made in the whirlwind of convention activity. I can't pick a favorite moment, but hearing the sweet voices of the Dublinaires on Saturday evening was right up there. A few former students recognized me before they sang, and that made it even sweeter.

And the quick little video of the frog that was done for President Alice—what a hoot! Now that a few weeks have gone by, I've gotten some rest and am back to normal activity, not needing to call a TV station or e-mail public service announcements to anyone. I do have one regret: I didn't buy a ribbon badge, but now I know where to get one. And I have another "first" to add to my DKG scrapbook!



THE DKG/UN CONNECTION

Reported by Darlene Cook, Educational
Excellence Committee

Did you know? DKG has official representatives who attend policy briefings and meetings on a wide variety of subjects at the United Nations.

Origins: In August 1993, Anne-Marie Carlson of New York proposed that The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International apply for Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status with the Department of Public Information at the United Nations (UN/DPI) to help advance Society Purpose #7: *To inform members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.* This proposal was approved by the Program Committee; an amendment to the *International Standing Rules* was approved at the International Convention in July 1994; in June of 1995, DKG was granted NGO status with the UN/DPI with Ms. Carlson as primary representative.

In July 2003, the Society was granted consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This allowed DKG representatives to attend UN conferences and to expand member involvement to eight representatives. All DKG representatives are entitled to attend policy briefings and other meetings on a wide variety of subjects held by DPI specifically for NGO representatives.

Actions: Since achieving NGO status, the Society has partnered with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in support of education in developing countries, most recently the Schools for Africa campaign.

Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)

In 2009, in conjunction with Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), DKG set out on a venture known as Academic Impact. This initiative involves universities and other academic institutions around the world in advancing the purposes of the United Nations, including specifically the Millennium Project. The project's eight goals, which support DKG Purpose 7, are to be met by 2015:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental sustainability.
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

Education is a right! At the 2012 CTAUN Conference, 388 educators, including 58 DKG members, attended. The 2012 theme was "Education IS a Human Right." Dr. Asha-Rose Migiroy, the first woman to be Deputy Secretary-General of

the UN, presented the opening address where she stressed that education is integral to peace and the development of democracy. "Education is a tool," she said, "to human development, social and economic growth. It brings a sense of normalcy during crisis, and the UN emergency operations now include educational tools to enable children to feel a sense of belonging, safety, and structure in crisis situations. . . to relate to each other and grow into responsible citizens."

Other issues included an appeal to members to persuade the U.S. Senate to ratify the Convention of the Rights of the Child; a report by the Bangladesh Ambassador on his movement to end trafficking and abuse of women and children; and information circulated by UNICEF on "Child-Friendly Schools," including Schools for Africa, the program in which DKG participates. According to Cathy Daugherty, project facilitator, DKG members, and chapters have contributed \$70,800 to Schools for Africa, with a goal of \$75,000 by June 30, 2013.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR & THE U.S. FORUM

Seventy DKG members met in Washington, DC, on March 18-21, 2012, to attend the National Legislative Seminar. Highlights of this year's seminar included panel discussions on Social Security and Medicare, women's health, and efforts to regain funding for Reading is Fundamental. Sam

Bennett, president and CEO of the Women's Campaign Fund, addressed how women in public office affect public policy. Several members toured Mt. Vernon, other historic sights, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and met with their congressional representatives. A sighting of President Obama was even reported!

Request Information: The National Legislative Seminar is held in conjunction with other activities of the U. S. Forum. The U. S. and/or Canadian Forums are held at regional conferences and international conventions. DKG members wishing to subscribe to the free forum newsletter should send a request to Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu.



Trang Ngyuen, from Vietnam, working on her master's in Special Education at the University of Oregon



A 5 ft. rose saved by Chris Luehring adds color to sign-in



Gabrielle Ford's father, mother, Lambda's Yvonne Fasold, Gabe Ford (right) at the Birthday Luncheon

A doll of color for children in Africa





Sheldon High School Dublinaires Performed Saturday evening.

Patty Dickens-Turk, Omega, (aka "The Unsinkable Molly Brown"), first-timer, and Sharon Costello, incoming Omega President



President Alice and Dr. Lynda Schmid, International Guest



Vice President Kathy Martell welcomes us



Alpha Rhosies 2012



Barbara Meredith, Epsilon, leads District 2 in the first-ever Alpha Rho State "flash mob" (a tai chi demonstration).



Yvonne Fasold and Alice standing by the "Party Bus"

General Business Session



CHAPTER CHATTER



District 1

Zeta (Union County): recently hosted a weekend of three musical performances and historical tours at the Liberty Theatre in La Grande. This theater was built in 1910 and closed in 1959. A committee is trying to raise money for the restoration and wanted the public to see it. We teamed with this committee to earn money for scholarships that are given to university women in the field of education. It was a win-win endeavor. We earned about \$1,000, and many people got to attend the first performances in the theater in over 50 years. We received excellent media coverage in three newspaper articles and several radio news spots. Best of all, it was a great camaraderie builder for members who worked together to make this event successful.

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): Our service project was helping the Umatilla Historical Society fill their “early” one room school with books and other articles from the year 1940 and back. This school is on display for field trips, and we have a member who works in the school throughout the year, **Muriel Danforth**.

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): As her President’s Project during 2010-

12, **Jean Calvo** initiated an annual recognition of women educators in Klamath County who exemplify “excellence in education.” Members nominated active teachers in the categories of pre-K, elementary, secondary, and higher ed who go “above and beyond” the expected. Nominees stood out for their creativity, leadership, or volunteerism, to name a few qualifying characteristics. The Executive Committee selected four women this year who were honored with the Excellence in Education Award at the May Awards and Recognition Dinner

Epsilon (Medford & Ashland): Epsilon’s Young Artists of the Rogue Valley (YARV) were invited to join Art in Bloom, bringing student art from K – 12 to a large street festival in downtown Medford. This meant we were collaborating with the city of Medford, the Arts Council, a local gallery, and many local sponsors. We were given a DKG banner, had our logo displayed on all the posters and advertising, were mentioned again on TV, and distributed many DKG and Epsilon brochures. It was great fun spending two afternoons in a shady tent and watching people enjoying student art.



Christopher Pina admiring art.

Omega (Josephine County): On April 28, members enjoyed a day at the Grants Pass High School Child Development Center. We congratulated **Michelle Gallas** as 2012 winner of the Sharon Marchant Award, a local recognition of outstanding contributions to education.

Dr. Connie Denham from the Rogue Community College (RCC) Early Childhood and Elementary Education program, and Michelle Gallas, director of the center, discussed how the center is allied with RCC and Southern Oregon University (SOU), allowing education students to meet certification requirements for different jobs, ranging from daycare provider to preschool, kindergarten, and elementary teaching, all the way to a Master of Arts in Teaching from SOU.



Michelle Gallas

The center is completing its first year of operation as an independent, contracted service for School Dst. 7. It is allied with Gallas’ Imagine That ...Creative Children’s Center, a Reggio Emilia-based kindergarten and preschool within a few blocks of the high school. In both locations, GPHS students and RCC practicum students have the opportunity to apply “book lessons” to children under careful supervision of instructors. This program is a forerunner in the field.

Omega member **Lois DeCoursey** was presented with her 50-year certificate from Alpha Rho State.

Omicron (Douglas County): had one of its most successful rummage sales in May with proceeds going to scholarships and mini grants for teachers. To date we have given over 15 mini grants of \$150 each to assist classroom teachers. One such grant is providing a local middle school honor society money to purchase material to make blankets for cancer kits. The students are assembling the kits to benefit individuals in our community. Many DKG members will help with the students' project. Members have also been involved in sewing dresses for Africa. Throughout the year, we have been collecting funds to send to the organizations DKG is sponsoring. We will be ending 2011-2012 with a wine tour of Douglas County. It's time for our members to sit back, relax, and enjoy each other while strengthening our friendships.

Alpha Mu (South Coast): Alpha Rho State sadly reports the dissolution of Alpha Mu Chapter due to a loss of members. The last active Alpha Mu member is now a state member.

District 3

Gamma (Lane Co.): **Joan Travis Kelley** was honored to be asked by Oregon State President Alice Hartness-Reichle to give the Inspirational DKG Moment at the birthday luncheon. Joan spoke lovingly about the "key woman educator" of her life—Alice's mother, Past Alpha

Rho State President and teacher at Lewis & Clark College, **Dr. Helen Thun Hartness**.

Ladies will soon enjoy a field trip to Camas Country Mill. **Sue Hunton**, a member of Gamma, and her husband Tom are part of this family farm that grows wheat, buckwheat, rye and other grains and then stone grinds the grains at their own nearby mill. We have enjoyed eating their nutritious products purchased and now we will gain a sense of connection between the consumer and the farmer!

Kappa (Corvallis & area): is preparing for a library project. In June we help a school library. The last week of school we will clean and sort school library shelves and books. This way the librarian can take inventory easily. Because of recent renovations this will be important. Later, we will be off on a food/book tour. We will hop on a van and head out for some food and fun. Lookout for a group of teachers on a mission! We have located several places to include in our tour: Shop Shalome in Halsey, Books Are Fun Warehouse in Junction City, Maxwell's Coffee Shop in Junction City, and Hazelnut Hill in Corvallis. On May 19, Kappa learned about Green schools and sustainability. We initiated three new members.

Lambda (Lane Co.): will soon install new officers: **Sheila Sundahl** and **Ruth Michaelson**, Co-Presidents; **Clair Wiles**, Vice-President; **Marj Maxwell**, Secretary; **Jane Landrum**, Treasurer. We are gathering used items for the yard sale in

June, with proceeds going to support our grant recipient. Last year we earned \$800; at 2:45, St. Vincent DePaul comes to pick up any unsold items. It's a "win-win-win" event, which we all enjoy.

Sigma (Bend, Redmond, Central Oregon): has been more active. President **Mary Reed's** just being declared in remission from breast cancer is a big relief. We had our Care Bag distribution to the Crook County Head Start classes in March. Sixty kids received a bag filled with stockings, caps, crayons, books, washcloth and soap, toothbrush and paste, and a blanket. The kids were so excited, as were their teachers. We received hand drawn thank you pictures from the children and accolades from their teachers, along with a photo and news coverage from the *Central Oregonian* newspaper. This is our sixth year of doing this project. We rotate distribution between LaPine, Madras, Redmond, and Crook County Head Start classrooms. Each bag's contents are worth about \$20.

On May 22 we celebrated Founder's Day, heard from **Karen Adams** who received a DKG Grant-in-Aid for overseas work, and announced new officers for the next biennium. We will hold our annual summer rummage sale July 21-22 to raise money for our scholarship program for future teachers studying at the university level.

Alpha Sigma (Lane Co.): Supporting International projects has been a priority for chapter members. Through voluntary contributions, \$100 was sent for World

Fellowships and \$100 for Schools for Africa. At the end-of-year meeting, members donated paper products (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels) to be delivered to an area shelter.

Much time and energy was directed toward the State Convention, with 14 of the chapter's 19 members participating in some way. The only members who were not involved either do not live in the area or were physically unable to join in. Special thanks go to **Joanie Flaherty**, who produced the program book. She was helped by **Bonnie Briggs** and **Chris Luehring**, as well as by the State President and Convention Coordinator.

District 4

Tau (Clatsop & Columbia Cos.): is pleased to announce that our small chapter (four active and six reserve members) recently sent a generous check in the amount of \$175 to support UNICEF/DKG Schools for Africa!

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): Our two main fundraisers this year have been Kids Night Out, held at a local swimming pool, and our chapter's Bid-a-Bag Auction. These activities have helped to enrich the balance of our "mini-grants" account. At our April meeting, **Colleen Menze** was honored for her 25 years of membership in DKG.

Alpha Omega (Astoria/Seaside): had a used book sale to earn scholarship money and will have another sale this summer in Seaside and

Astoria. Alpha Omega also had an amazing program on travels in Ireland presented by **Cheryle Barker**.

District 5

Beta (Salem, Monmouth, & Independence): Formerly known as "Nu" Chapter, Beta has reorganized under a new name.

Delta (Mid-Willamette and Yamhill Co.): met at the Oregon State Capitol to celebrate Oregon's 153rd birthday (February 14, 1859). Andre proved to be a fine guide to both houses of the Oregon Congress, as he explained differences in voting procedures. Representative Arnie Roblan (D—Coos Bay) chatted with us and showed off his Star Wars memorabilia, a collection he began while teaching at Marshfield High School. We toured other rooms of historical artifacts and even took turns sitting in the governor's swivel chair!

Xi (Tillamook/Washington Co.): On March 14, Xi honored **Carol Loughner** with its Excellence in Action award. Carol, a retired high school principal who had served on a school board, led community efforts for education years before stepping into the ranks as a school leader. She was the first principal of Hillsboro's alternative high school prior to being named principal of Glencoe High School. The dinner in her honor at The Venetian in Hillsboro brought many of Carol's colleagues together, as well as welcoming our sisters from Alpha Nu and Beta Beta Chapters. We were especially pleased that President Alice Hartness-Reichle was able to

join us. This award is a long-standing activity; Xi Chapter has honored over 24 education supporters, both individuals and businesses.

Alpha Delta (Marion Co.): had a speaker from Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Center discuss Human Trafficking. We opened the meeting to non-members. It was eye-opening to find out what is happening in our state.

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.): is finishing a year of using DKG Educational Foundation Grant Funds to buy books for Willamette Family Medical Center's "Reach Out and Read" program. Their new grant will focus on literature activities at La Casita (The Little House). The new library we have been creating has 43 students registered so far.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Programs for the last four months: The key issues facing the Oregon Legislature's February session; in March, multiple intelligence philosophy practiced at a private school to help students determine their strengths to enhance their learning and to use in the service of others; April, a sharing of favorite books by members; and installation of new officers in May, along with a cooking lesson in making tortillas and salsa by **Lisa Senter** and **Emily Arellano**

District 6

Eta (Portland): is thrilled that **Helen Kappler** received the Alpha Rho State Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to Society. Helen has always been a progressive

leader in Eta chapter and continues to mentor us while also serving on various committees and representing us on the state Nominations Committee.

Congratulations! **Sue Henry**, Oregon Elementary Art Educator (2011), received Eta scholarship money to help her attend the National Convention of Art Educators in New York City this past February.

Chi (Clackamas): held our last meeting of the school year at the Oregon Holocaust Memorial in Washington Park. Our guide, **Evelyn Banko** from Phi Chapter, presented the holocaust in a solemn, sober, yet fascinating story. The setting and surroundings were perfect for the message. Those of you that have not visited this quiet, lovely setting, please do schedule a visit. We promise it will awake your emotions

Alpha Phi (Clackamas Co.): New chapter president, **Jean O'Neil**, challenged Alpha Phi Chapter members. To meet the goals for the new biennium, members are spreading out chapter tasks and sharing the load among individuals. Duties of officers have lightened as a result!

Alpha Pi (Multnomah Co.): met in May for a field trip to visit *Ferguson's Fragrant Garden* in St. Paul, Oregon. The tour was very fragrant and enjoyable! Some members purchased plants for their own gardens and gathered some new ideas for what grows well and where. A fun time was had by all.

Did we miss your chapter? Be sure you are represented in the next issue. Just send a sentence or two of "chatter" to Marie Mueller, editor: cwmueller@charter.net

District 1, continuing with the Most Recent News

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): met March 15 at Nixyaawii Community School on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton. Iota member **Tricia Perez** presented the program on Oregon testing updates. Member **Zenaida Lyles**, Director of Education at the Nixyaawii Charter School, shared the goals of the school, its successes, and challenges.



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"Sticky" Frogs for Alice

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EUGENE CONVENTION BY THE NUMBERS

135	DKG members registered for the convention.
1	International Guest joined us: Dr. Lynda B. Schmid, Northeast Regional Director.
7	Non-members registered and attended most of the events on Saturday.
1	Sixth grade student, Austin Freeman, designed our special convention logo.
1	Middle school student, Macy McGuigan, sang the National Anthem as we started our Saturday events.
53	Professional Development Units were distributed for the <i>Gabe and Izzy</i> presentation and for Dr. Nancy Golden's presentation on <i>Creating Hope—How Governor Kitzhaber Has Restructured Education to Ensure Excellence</i>
248	People attended the nine excellent workshops and/or the two special events worked into the workshop times: <i>Latin Beat for Kids</i> at the Hult Center and <i>Walking Tour: Art in Eugene</i> .
69	Professional Development Units were handed out for workshops.
136	People attended the Birthday/Scholarship Awards Luncheon
1	World Fellowship recipient Trang Ngyuen spoke at the luncheon to thank DKG for support of her graduate education at the University of Oregon.
114	People attended Saturday evening's banquet.
96	People attended the Friendship Breakfast on Sunday morning.
35-40 10-12	Members attended the new chapter leadership training on Sunday. AND Members attended the concurrent treasurer's workshop conducted by Madaline Lapp.
20	Children's books were donated for a preschool in South Africa.
53	Dolls of color were collected for the same preschool.
\$1,466	Funds were raised by basket auction.
\$1,825	Scholarship donations were received at the Birthday Luncheon.
\$8,121	Total scholarships have been disbursed to date (May 19) in 2011-12
Many, many, many	Thanks are due to Gamma, Lambda, Kappa, and Alpha Sigma Chapters for hosting us and for putting on such a great convention!

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA THANK YOU, ALPHA RHO!

We had two great presentations at the convention that demonstrated amazing work being done by dedicated educators in Malawi and South Africa. It was so inspirational to hear the passion in our presenters' voices when describing the successful projects in action in these two African countries.

Many thanks to the wonderful chapters across the state who donated dolls of color and pre-school supplies that will soon be delivered to Zulu children in South Africa. A total of 53 dolls were collected for some very lucky three to five year old children at our state convention in Eugene.

Schools for Africa Chair
Karen Olsen, Lambda



Jill Hartzell, left, My Backyard Project, South Africa; Karen Olsen, center; and Helen Towel, right, Thembanathi Project, Malawi

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2013 CHANGES IN *STANDING RULES*

If you or your chapter wishes to propose changes in the *Alpha Rho State Standing Rules*, please use the following form to identify those changes.

- Duplicate this form if you are proposing more than one change.
- Identify the specific article and section of your changes; e.g., “Standing Rules 11 – A.”
- Print it and send it to the chair.

POSTMARK OR E-MAIL NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2012

Mail to: Jean Fairbairn, Chair
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Click in the grey areas and type. They will expand to fit your text. Tab between fields.

Proposed that Standing Rule _____, Section _____

1. Which now reads (quote current wording):	2. Be amended by (putting parentheses around parts to be deleted) or changing wording as follows:	3. If adopted, would read: (Indicate changes with capital letters.)
4. Rationale for the change:		
5. Fiscal Impact Statement:		
6. Submitted by (insert your name) _____ - Chapter Name		
7. On behalf of (insert name) _____ - State Committee		
8. On behalf of self (insert your name)		
9. Your street address:		
10. Your City, State, Zip + 4:		
11. Your phone number: _____ Your FAX number _____ Area Code, Prefix, Number		
12. Your e-mail address:		
13. Date Submitted:		

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
We had a great workshop at convention. The committee gave each chapter with materials to use to strengthen and grow membership. A PowerPoint®, Membership: Mission Possible, started our time together and will be posted on our website.

Four concerns were brainstormed:
(1) **Breaking into schools:** Send baked goods with brochures and information about DKG; go to one school and get involved in a group;

offer mini-grants and scholarships for all teachers with a follow up presentation for the chapter; and host a meeting at school. (2) **Retaining and involving members:** arrange for carpools to meetings; make sure members know when and where meetings are; and focus on one current member each meeting. (3) **Young and new members:** offer opportunities to be involved but not overwhelmed; be friendly to new members; send members to a school to volunteer/ or substitute where there are potential members;

share photos and brochures; mentor new members; provide child-care at meetings; finally, find an “in.” () **Diversity:** invite a talented person to give a presentation; share DKG with others who teach in different settings (hospitals, athletic clubs, private tutors, etc.)

When we share what DKG has provided for us and what it means to us, more interest will develop with potential members. Invite them to visit a meeting or program at your chapter.
Kaye Jones, Chair

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fall Executive Board & Conference

September 29, 2012, Tigard, Oregon

Chapter Strategic Action Plans Due

June 30, 2013, to Kathy Martell

Northwest Regional Conference

July 28 - August 3, 2013
Cheyenne, Wyoming

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CALLING ALL TREASURERS!

File your Form 990 report with the Internal Revenue Service by November 15 so that your chapter remains in good standing with DKG and the IRS.

Send your bonding fee by July 1 to Oregon State Treasurer Madaline Lapp. Action taken at the **2012 Oregon State Convention raised the treasurer's bonding fee to \$15** (up from \$12 in the past) for 2012 - 2017. Worried about the cost? If this were a bonding fee from an outside agency, it would be over \$100, so the \$15 is true cost efficiency.