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CONVENTION 2013! "STANDING IN THE PRESENCE OF GREATNESS"

As a first time convention attendee, I was honored to spend a weekend getting acquainted with new friends, learning from others, and communing with sisters. With a theme of *Building Bridges to Educational Excellence* and a focus on wellness, our meeting began with our first keynoter, Inge Aldersebaes (pictured). Sharing her



passion and energy, Inge inspired all to do better as we work to be healthy educators, create healthy schools, and imagine a healthier future for our students

and ourselves. Sharing Inge's energy and expertise was a wonderful way to begin building bridges.

Dan Jamison, Chalkboard Project, spoke Saturday. One of my favorite quotes of the weekend came from Dan who said he was "standing in the presence of greatness," as he looked out at current and former teachers. I literally got goose bumps when I heard him say this, and I fully agree. As a first-time attendee, *standing in the presence of greatness* was the overarching theme for me.

I participated in three fantastic workshops and am inspired to share what I learned with colleagues and students at Western Oregon University. With

sessions on wellness, literacy, play, brain gym, and more, we had difficulty choosing just three. Thanks to all who planned and presented. Everyone I talked to enjoyed every minute of each session.

Drs. Rob Saxton, Nancy Golden, and (pictured) Hilda Rosselli shared expertise and thoughts on education in Oregon. Each presenter in his/her unique way inspired us to build bridges of educational excellence through advocacy and connecting with teachers, children, parents, and schools.



Ritual and celebration permeated the weekend and impressed us all. From *DKG Moments* and songs of joy, to the remembrance of the sisters we have lost, and to installation of officers--tradition and ritual brought elegance and grace to the proceedings. Celebrating award-winners was yet another inspiring moment. Listening to what these wise women stood for brought to life Jamison's comment "... in the presence of greatness."

Finally, I need to speak to the weekend overall. Whether it was witnessing the energy of the conference organizers as they continued working to create an atmosphere where everyone was able to take part in wonderful work-

shop sessions and hear great speakers or sharing stories in the hospitality room, the convention was spectacular. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to make create such a success. I came away refreshed and inspired to reach out and to connect with others. I left having met many new friends with whom I look forward to building strong relationships. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful weekend! I am looking forward to Bend in 2014.

Dr. Cindy Ryan, Vice President 2013-15

Convention 2013 Haiku

by Dr. Yvonne Fasold

Columbia blue
Eyes lift to fluffy, floating
cap atop Mt. Hood

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE
EXCELLENCE THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND ACTION



Alice Hartness-Reichle
Oregon Organization President

Just as change is understood as an intricate part of human development, so is it known that special moments of our lives are not the breath we each take, but rather the moments that take our breath away.

This biennium, we have had several truly breathtaking moments in Oregon and at our official state conventions and conferences and through local chapter events. Excellence, through commitment, leadership, action, and the perseverance of many members, has guided us and our chapters to embrace new and relevant ideas, while continuing to seek and respect the wisdom of long-time members. Talented new members are sharing their expertise and visions for the future of DKG with colleagues and students, whether in a classroom, studio, or from a piano bench in a living room. Our successes are the result of tremendous teamwork, demonstrating our state organization's ability to provide relevant opportunities for personal and professional development. Through our continued efforts, Oregon is more media savvy and is better connected with other professional groups whose goals and missions are similar to ours.

The HEAT is on in Oregon as of 2011. The temperature has been turned up a degree from just 211 to 212—boiling! I asked you for this as I began my term of office. I asked the state leadership team and chapter presidents to

think differently and “heat us up” with ideas. Many of you have “thought” outside the box and have LEAPED FORWARD! Continue to “L.E.A.P.,” as this is how we, as members of DKG, may continue to share the great gift of membership in our Society and promote the opportunities for members to LEAD, EMPOWER, ACTIVATE, and PARTICIPATE.

Thank you for the great GIFT you have allowed me. It is a gift without traditional wrappings and a specific box; but is one of heart, soul, honor, and respect. I am so grateful for the personal and professional experiences and opportunities given to me.

Keep the heat going and move to higher degrees; aim for 213 degrees and a super boil! Your new state leadership team is stellar and is ready to lead you through new pathways. Maintain the focus of DKG through specific goals; market the benefits of membership within the organization; and develop our influence within all local Oregon communities. Through change and self-evaluation we can overcome obstacles and continue our success. I encourage all of you to continue to Lead, Empower, Activate, and Participate and to make a difference with *Excellence, Through Leadership and Action*.

Thank you again for this gift of service to our Society and our state,

Loyally in DKG,
Alice Hartness-Reichle,
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PRESIDENT KATHY'S SCHEDULE

Summer & Fall 2013	
June 19	Transition Meeting, Salem
Aug. 28	Phi, Portland
Sept. 21	Fall Conference & Executive Board, Western Oregon University, Education Bldg., Monmouth
NOT YET SCHEDULED?	
Call today for a time! 503-508-6482	

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Alpha Rho State 2013 Convention a huge success. The evaluations were very positive with workshops and speakers being No. 1. It was rewarding that many members and several non-members were able to attend and receive PDU's while still having a good time and enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

I especially wish to thank the steering committee, Kathy Martell, and President Alice for support, ideas and patience during our planning year. Joanie Welch, Carol Cushman, Helen Kappler, Pat Howard, Judi Jensen, Dr. Shirley Anderson, Janet Kurkoski, Liz Simmons, Betsy Mays, Beth Kaser, Pat Gibson, and Lynda Russell deserve much praise for their energy, commitment and leadership in making this convention a success. Many thanks to members of Chi, Eta, Beta Beta, Phi, and Pi for their support and work. I always believe in teamwork. When we put the ideas of great people together and support each other in our efforts, that is when great things happen. *Thank you to all!*

Jean Fairbairn



Photo by Grace Pitzer

PDU CERTIFICATES IN HIGH DEMAND!

Dr. Shirley Anderson

The 2013 Alpha Rho State Convention provided Professional Development Units (PDU's) for eight workshops and five keynote speakers. Following each presentation, certificates were distributed to eager recipients. Since 210 were distributed, state officers had to run off more certificates and were amazed at the number requested. If you did not attend, realize that this convention was all about providing opportunities for any educator who needed PDU hours for certification whether currently employed, out-of-work, or retired.

Are you looking for a learning opportunity that provides PDU's? Watch for future Alpha Rho State events. Tell your local teachers about DKG as a very enjoyable way to earn PDU's at a modest cost.

Chapters may also make PDU awards by following the process located on the Alpha Rho State website in the forms section. Check it out!

FINANCIAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS FOR 2012-13

Jill Lang (Alpha Phi), Chair

Kate Kelleher (Beta Beta) will use her \$1000 Personal Enrichment Scholarship to attend the National Annual Conference for School Counselors in Philadelphia this coming June. One highlight of the event is *Helping Girls Unlock Their Leadership Potential*.

Natalie Garrett (Epsilon) used her \$900 Personal Enrichment to return to Ethiopia where she taught for two years through the Peace Corps. See Natalie's article in this *Trail*.

Shalese Stroup (Alpha Delta) is

using her Isabelle Huston Commemorative Scholarship of \$3000 as she pursues her initial administrator's license at George Fox University. Her goals are to improve education of students and expand relationships with colleagues.

Dolores Scheelen (Epsilon) returned to Mumbai, India, where her State Founders and Presidents award of \$1885 enabled her to continue her work with the Unmeed Center. Her ongoing efforts include enriching experiences to help those who deal with autistic children and their treatment plans.

Kara DeBo (sponsored by Omega Chapter) was awarded a \$1000 Grant-in-Aid toward earning an initial teaching license. The Dagmar Jeppeson Award assists Kara as she pursues her interest in Speech and Language Pathology. Kara will enter a community deeply in need of these services.

2013-14 FINANCIAL AWARDS: GET READY NOW!

Go to **Oregon State** at: www.dkg.org (applications and information)

Use one application form for all state scholarships: Hazel Fishwood, Emma Henkle, State Founders and Presidents, Isabelle Huston Commemorative, and Personal Enrichment. Submit applications to the State Financial Awards Chair by the following dates: Aug. 1, 2013; Dec. 1, 2013; and Mar. 1, 2014.

A separate application form is for grant-in-aid applicants working on initial pre- or post-graduate degrees in education. Two steps are required:

Step 1:

Due to the sponsoring chapter Feb. 1, 2014:

- Jeppeson Grant-in-Aid for Elementary Ed. Major (early childhood – Grade 8)

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

Step 2:

Due to the State Financial Awards Chair from the sponsoring chapter Mar. 1, 2014:

- Jeppeson Grant-in-Aid for Elementary Ed. Major (early childhood – Grade 8)
- Green Grant-in-Aid for Secondary Ed. Major

Awards and certificates are presented at chapter meetings and state conventions or conferences when possible.

US FORUM NEWS

Bonita Fillmore (Alpha)

The U.S. Forum sponsors a newsletter to help educate DKG members on federal legislative issues involving education, women, and children. The most recent newsletter featured the following concerns: rape in the military, immigration reform and education, Title IX legal action, and bullying. To learn more about these concerns and upcoming federal legislation, members are encouraged to subscribe to the **free** newsletter by sending a request to Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. Members wishing to discuss federal legislative issues can access the U.S. Forum Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.U.S.Forum>

COMMITTEE CORNER

LEGISLATION DAY, February 11, was spent promoting education. DKG sisters met at the Capitol Rotunda and delivered cards and bookmarks to legislators. The cards reminded legislators that our children are depending on them for a successful education, especially after decades of cutbacks in Oregon. We attended the Representative Assembly and were graciously introduced by our DKG sister, Representative **Betty Komp**. After lunch, we attended an Education Committee meeting in the afternoon.



Bonita Fillmore, Alice Hartness-Reichle & Kathy Martell

Many thanks go to President **Alice Hartness-Reichle** and Vice President **Kathy Martell** who understand the importance of telling legislators know who we are and why education funding and legislation are top priorities. It was a very successful day.

~Bonita Fillmore, Chair

LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT SEMINAR & GOLDEN GIFT FUND

The next Leadership Management Seminar is June 29 to July 11, 2014, at the University of Texas, Austin.

The Seminar is an intense, residential learning experience taught by world-renowned experts leadership, management and communication. All who have been DKG members for three or more years may apply. University of Texas McCombs School of Business June 2013

Texas Executive Education Division custom designs the two-week program. Topics include result-oriented negotiating, understanding personality and management style, improving professional image, using temperament in communication, managing across generations and creating leadership skills for women.

The 30 successful applicants pay a registration fee of U.S. \$500. The Golden Gift Fund pays the remaining expenses of approximately U.S. \$5,500 for tuition, full-board lodging, round-trip travel, and teaching materials. The Seminar provides 5.88 CEU's. Application forms for the 2014 Seminar are available online beginning July 1, 2013, and must be received by December 1, 2013.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

A gift of \$50 (to mark the 50th Anniversary) to the Educational Foundation will be noted with a candle and the donor's name on the Educational Foundation website.



Applications are due as follows:

May 1 Cornet Individual Professional Development
September 1 Cornet Individual Professional Development
November 1 Cornet Professional Development Seminar

See additional information and applications at dkgef.org

ALPHA RHO PERSONAL ENRICHMENT COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS: GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

The Alpha Rho Commemorative scholarship made it possible for **Barbara Rainey**, Omicron Chapter, Roseburg, to attend the *Art and Soul Mixed Media Retreat* in Portland. This venue is an opportunity to create with artists from around the world. It is the premier mixed-media event in the Northwest with additional venues in Virginia and Kansas. Barbara explored a variety of media and techniques. A teaching artist, Barbara works with classroom teachers, women veterans, students, and DKG sisters; she is an Artist-in-Residence for the Umpqua Valley Art Center.

The gift keeps on giving: Barbara was selected as a teaching artist for Art and Soul Mixed Media Retreat (<http://www.artandsoulretreat.com/>) in Portland, September 29 - October 7, 2013. The theme of "On Safari with Art and Soul" is the inspiration for Barbara's book: *Safari Guidebook*.

Art & Soul Retreats Welcome You ... Connect with like-minded people who share your passion for creative exploration at Art & Soul. If you're into paper, fabric, metal, clay, wood, glass, paints, pastels, or practically anything else you can think of, Art & Soul's teachers and their cutting edge techniques will excite and delight you!

Barbara is a third generation, 34-year DKG member, initiated into Eta Chapter, Idaho, in 1979. Her grandmother, Anna Allen, was an Alpha Nu State founder and her mother, Joan Worth, was a member of Lambda Chapter.

Interested? Go to the DKG Web site at www.dkg.org. Follow the path to Oregon's pages to apply for a scholarship.



Bridget & Alice share a smile

Alice



CONVENTION VIEWS



Hospitality: Raenelle, Darlene, Carolyn Pittman from International, Janet



Alice and Carolyn Pittman



Alpha Nu members: Nadine Eaton, Marietta, Beth Bush

All photos by Grace Pitzer



Doctoral recognition by Rob Saxton



Dan Jamieson



The Royal Blues from Grant High School, Portland, Oregon



Rob Saxton receiving a plaque from Roberta Hutton

Installation 2013



Installing Dr. Cindy Ryan as Vice President



Janet Kurkowski & Kathy Evans



Kathy and "Flapper" Alice

CHAPTER CHATTER



District 1

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): has been reworking its purpose statement and has a work session planned for summer. We will invite new members to plan with us.

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.):

(1) This spring Alpha celebrated the "Schools for Africa" project with a presentation by Noel Swartz, daughter of Alpha member **Lisa Swartz**. Noel spoke about experiences working in a pre-school in Tanzania. In February, three members traveled to Grants Pass to meet with southern Oregon sisters from Epsilon, Omega, and Omicron Chapters. All enjoyed great food, an informative program on Relay for Life, fun and fellowship!



Noel & Lisa Swartz

(2) At our annual May banquet, we honored five educators with Excellence in Education awards for administration, early childhood, elementary, secondary and higher education. An Excellence in Education award was also presented to a business partner who supports education issues locally. Arlene Sigurdson, with 57 T.H.A.T. hours, was named Volunteer of the Year. Way to go, Arlene! Alpha

ALPHA'S 2013 EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS



RIGHT to Left: Ray Holliday, Community Partner; Suzette Nieraeth, Elementary Ed; Kathleen Henderson, Higher Ed; Alpha Chapter President Darlene Cook; Laura Nickerson, Secondary Ed; Kathy Badorek, Early Childhood; Janell Preston, Administration

Chapter ended the school year by initiating four new members! Welcome Jill, Kimberly, Rocio and Valerie! This fall the chapter will award up to three mini-grants for Early-career Educators

Epsilon (Medford & Ashland): held their last meeting of 2012-13 at Bobbie Middaugh's beautiful home. This year's book for discussion, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, was discussed. We welcomed a visit by the Grant-In-Aid recipient for 2011-13. She reported that she has a full time teaching job at North Medford High School this Fall - great news!

Omega (Josephine Co.): hosted 31 sisters from Omega, Epsilon, Omicron, and Alpha on February 16 at the Taprock restaurant on the Rogue River. Epsilon presented a program on Cancer Awareness and the Relay for Life efforts in our region. In late February, Omega held its "For the Love of Teaching" evening, with 7 new teachers (male and female), 13 student teachers, 1 MAT teacher, 3 supervising teachers from Southern Oregon University (one from Omega), student-

teacher supervisors from the two local school districts (both were Omega sisters!), administrators from the two local school districts, and numerous Omega sisters.

District 3

Gamma (Lane Co.): Our first-ever garage sale netted just shy of \$200 for scholarships and general expenses. Recent programs include a representative from Ophelia's Place, which provides support for girls and young women; a presentation on China by member **Rae LaMarche**; and a tour of the Family Relief Nursery. In May we celebrated with our sister **Rae LaMarche**, 2013 recipient of the Alpha Rho State "Service to Community" Award.

Lambda (Lane Co.): In May Lambda hosted Joy Marshall, director of Stand for Children, who spoke about current legislative movements in Oregon and goals for this influential organization. Highlights from state convention were discussed for those unable to attend. What a great way to end this school year!

Alpha Sigma (Lane Co.): celebrated its 45th birthday at Marie Callender's restaurant in Eugene on May 21, with 11 members in attendance. **Janie Faris** and **Marty Madden**, our two remaining charter members, were guests of honor. It was great to hear people share memories of chapter activities and their feelings about all we've done as a group through many years. Supporting our community outreach efforts, a large number of small personal hygiene items, baby blankets, and knit hats were donated to Bags of Love, while larger sized shampoos, soaps, and other items went to Womenspace. Nine "dolls of color" were given to **Helen Towle** from Thembanathi: Hope With Us, as part of the "Schools for Africa" project.

District 4

Tau (Clatsop & Columbia Co.): members assisted Clatskanie Elementary School staff with their first Annual Spring Auction on May 18, which raised over \$12,000. Funds go toward a mobile mini-computer lab for student use in the increasingly technological-oriented learning and testing environment.

Alpha Omicron (St. Helens): Our T.H.A.T. and S.E.E. hours didn't slow down, even though the school year was ending. Members continue to donate their services by administering DIBELS Tests (elementary reading). Our newest member, **Debbie Wells**, spearheaded an Art Literacy program in the elementary grades and others volunteer to help teach K - 6 students facts and methods of famous artists. Members assist and tutor. The local school district is well aware of DKG and is appreciative of our donated time and efforts.

District 5

Beta (Salem, Monmouth & Independence): has merged with Alpha

Epsilon to form a stronger chapter. Both state and International assistance made the transition a smooth one.

Delta (Mid-Willamette and Yamhill Co.): visited the Oregon State Capitol for the state's 154th birthday celebration on February 14. After the legislative session, members enjoyed musical presentations and cake donated by the Oregon Wheat Growers Association. We inadvertently had our pictures taken by a photographer who was shooting the governor and a banner proclaiming "Happy 154th Birthday, Oregon." We had taken our cake to a long, empty bench under the banner. The next morning, we found color photos of Delta eating cake at the Capitol in the *Statesman Journal* [Salem, OR]!

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Co.): looks forward to 2013-14. We will be busy supporting chapter members **Kathy Martell** and **Cindy Ryan** as they assume positions as State President and Vice President. We are also welcoming the ladies from Beta Chapter as they merge with our chapter! We supported our SEE teachers during their first year, while continuing support of the literacy programs for preschoolers at La Casita in Salem.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton, & Washington Co.): Two members, **Cathy East** and **Lynetta Weswig**, are recipients of our teacher grant. Cathy bought sub time so she could do student assessments, and Lynetta attended a seminar on teaching responsibilities. We welcomed two new members and enjoyed informative, interesting programs. In February an Oregon senator outlined educational issues in the legislature; in March an FBI agent spoke about identity theft and fraud. In the April book-share meeting, an author showcased her book about Portland's Goose Hollow. Member **Elaine Mattson** presented a unique Founder's Day program in May titled *Genealogy for Dummies: Finding Our DKG*

Ancestors. She logged on to various internet websites like Ancestry.com and the U.S. census records, researching **Annie Webb Blanton**, DKG founder, thereby showing us how to find our ancestors. The biennial garage sale in June ends our year.

Beta Beta (Tigard & Sherwood): earned almost \$3,000 for its Education Foundation at the May Spring Tea. We are currently applying for 501(c) (3) status.



Lovely tea table (above) and yummys (below) show off the Beta Beta ambience.



District 6

Alpha Pi (Multnomah Co.): had two informative meetings this spring: (1) in March on the brain: a session titled *Learning, Memory, and Forgetting* and (2) in April, the Salvation Army's Female Emergency Shelter. The May 29 *Oregonian* featured the Shelter's new location and the incredible services it provides.

Did we miss your chapter? If so, appoint a "chatter" coordinator to send a sentence or two to Marie Mueller, the *Trail* editor. Send it by e-mail, give me a call, or write me a note. I'll see that your chapter is represented next time. Remember: what may be old hat to you might be an inspiration to another chapter. Inquiring minds want to know. The next deadline is September 15. My addresses are on the back of this newsletter.

Marie

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Northwest Regional Conference
 July 28 - August 3, 2013
 Cheyenne, Wyoming

Fall Leadership & Conference
Sept. 21, Education Bldg.
Western Oregon Univ., Monmouth

Oregon 2014 Conv. & Conf.
 May 2 - 4, 2014
 Mt. Bachelor Village, Bend, Oregon



REMEMBER GABE AND IZZY?

They were our keynoters in 2012 at the Oregon State Convention in Eugene. Here's the latest from Gabe's mother:

I wanted to let you know Gabe was featured in *Woman's World* magazine on February 21. We are all doing well and working on Gabe's new youth book. Our address in Florida is 911 Cherry Hill Ct., Melbourne, FL 32940.

Izzy
 Lives
 On
 in little
 "ILO"



Gabe has a new puppy named ILO for "Izzy Lives On."

Love from the sunny state,
Rhonda, Rick, Gabe
and Forever Izzy.

RELATED READING

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper. At Amazon, paperback is \$6.29 (April 2, 2013, price); used from \$3.26; available in Kindle and in Audible Audio. Ages: 10/ up.

Description: Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she ever experienced. She is smarter than most adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates--the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged because she cannot tell them otherwise. Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. Readers will come to know a brilliant mind and a brave spirit who will change how they look at anyone with a disability.

To laugh is to risk appearing a fool.
 To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.
 To reach out to another is to risk involvement.
 To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.
 To place your ideas and dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss.
 To love is to risk not being loved in return.
 To hope is to risk pain.
 To try is to risk failure.
 But risks must be taken, because
 the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

William Arthur Ward (1912 - 1994)
<http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/416931>

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Oregon State Organization

FALL CONFERENCE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, September 21, 2013

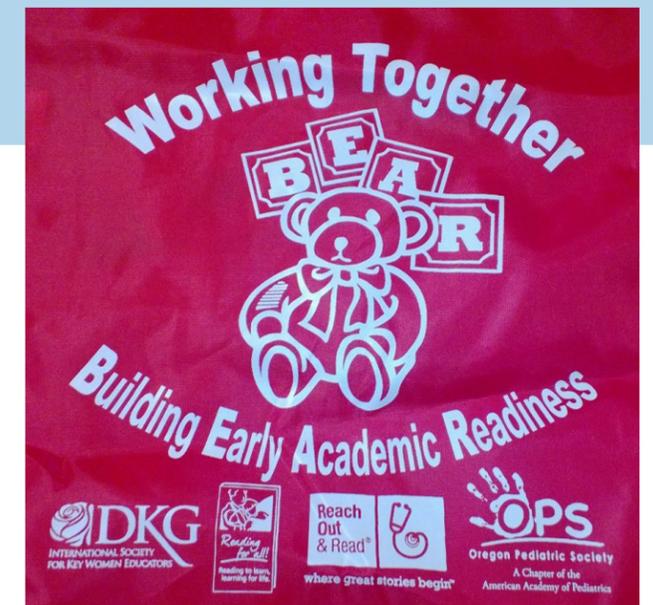
Tentatively 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monmouth, Oregon

Save the date! Western Oregon University will be hosting our Fall Conference and Executive Board Meeting. The conference will address our 2013-2015 theme **Working Together . . . Building Early Academic Readiness**. Invite nonmembers to attend the morning conference so they (and you!) can earn Professional Development Units.

At the Executive Board Meeting in the afternoon, you will hear from members who attended the NW Regional Conference in Wyoming this summer. Committee chairs will share their goals for the biennium, and chapters will have time to work on strategic action plans. Chapter presidents, district coordinators and the State Leadership Team are members of the Executive Board and are encouraged to attend the meeting. All chapter members are welcome to attend.

The schedule of events and registration form for this event will be on the website later this summer and will be sent to chapter presidents before your first meeting this fall.



RETURN TO ETHIOPIA

Natalie Garrett, Epsilon Chapter/2, Medford/Ashland

I was thrilled and honored to receive a Personal Enrichment Scholarship for my trip to Ethiopia. I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Dessie, Ethiopia, from 1964 – 1966 where I taught English and ESL to 7th and 8th grades. I returned to the U.S. 46 years ago, but I have never forgotten those students. There were 50 per classroom, ages 12 to 20, only a few girls, and no textbooks or curriculum guides. I learned a lot about teaching in that school.



Ethiopian Students

On September 24, 2012, a group of 100 returning Peace Corps volunteers and some friends and family members arrived in Addis Ababa to visit the country that changed our lives and broadened our world forever. When we landed, we were greeted by officials from Addis Ababa, the American Ambassador to Ethiopia, the director of the Peace Corps for Ethiopia, and reporters and television cameras. The traditional small cups of strong Ethiopian coffee were served, as is the custom to welcome guests.

During the first three days, our group met with the President of Ethiopia and was able to ask him questions about plans for education in the country. We also went to a panel discussion on education at Kotebe College in Addis Ababa. The panel included current Peace Corps volunteers and the

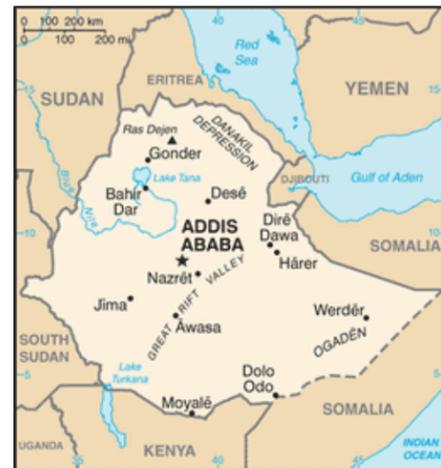
Minister of Education. Several colleges in Ethiopia train future English teachers using ESL methods. Knowing English is necessary for employment in tourism and international business.

We were invited to several evening events and received many gracious words of appreciation from Ethiopians who had been taught by American Peace Corps volunteers. One night we were invited to dinner at a restaurant with traditional Ethiopian food and dances. We were guests of the owner because he was taught by Peace Corps volunteers and wanted to show his gratitude.

Our schedule was busy and exciting. The day after the evening events, I went with friends to the Eve of Meskel celebration, an important Coptic Christian holiday that celebrates the finding of the true cross by Queen Eleni. Church and school groups parade around Meskel Square in Addis Ababa, playing instruments and singing. Prayers are spoken and sung. The finale is the lighting of a bonfire topped by a cross and flowers, usually the yellow Meskel daisy. The next morning I was ready to go to Dessie (Dese) and see the town where I had taught for two years. I was able to arrange transportation with a driver who had a 4-wheel-drive vehicle. A young woman who spoke English and had just finished training in tourism went with me. The driver spoke very little English, but was an excellent driver.

The trip from Addis Ababa to Dessie was a great adventure. Roads that I remembered as being full of potholes had been repaired. Center lines had

been painted on the roads and guard rails had been installed along winding mountain areas. The drive took about five hours due to goats and cattle on the roads and a stop for a coffee break.



<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/et.html>

Many small towns that I remembered on the road to Dessie had grown and new buildings were under construction. I saw signs for a technical college, a medical facility, and a bank in two or three towns that used to be small villages. I also saw many changes in agriculture along the road. There were dreadful famines in Ethiopia in the early 1970s and thousands died. Now, after many political changes, people are able to acquire land of their own and grow crops to both feed their families and sell. I was happy to see so many green cultivated fields of corn, sunflowers (used for oil), rice, and *teff* (a grain used to make a flat, spongy bread called *injera*).

When we arrived in Dessie, the capital of Wolo Province, I could hardly recognize the city. When I lived there, the population was 60,000. Now it is 120,000! There were so many new buildings that I had to search for my school: Wozero Siheen Secondary School. When I found it, I learned that it is now a Polytechnic College. Some

of the original buildings were still there, but the 7th and 8th grade rooms were gone.

The college was closed for repair; students were on the Day of Meskel holiday that comes after the Eve of Meskel. I did learn that the Polytechnic College has 300 students and that the government pays for their tuition, room, and board. I also learned that Dessie has a Teachers' College that uses ESL methods.



Natalie and a Student

Back in Addis Ababa, I visited Children's Heaven. This is a community-based nonprofit organization started in July 2004 that dedicated its efforts "to improving the lives of HIV/AIDS orphaned girls who live vulnerable lives in the slums of Addis Ababa." Many girls have lost one or both parents to AIDS. These girls come to to get help with school work, health care and meals. If you are interested in learning more about helping to empower these girls, the website is www.childrensheaven.org.

This visit was nostalgic and meaningful for me. To see progress and growth in Ethiopia is wonderful. I was happy that Dessie and many other cities in Ethiopia have expanded educational opportunities and that growth of agriculture occurred throughout the country. I will treasure this visit and hope that many readers will think about taking a trip to this wonderful country.

The African Union has declared 2010 – 2020 African Women's Decade. A good example is Joyce Banda, 63, president of Malawi.

SUMMERTIME FUN, FRIENDSHIP, TRAVEL & INFORMATION

NW REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Little America Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming, offers the NW Regional Conference world-class elegance and western hospitality. At the intersection of I-80 & I-25, the resort includes beautiful grounds, golf, an outdoor swimming pool, and a children's play area. Spacious guest rooms feature HDTV and free Wi-Fi. The resort provides a variety of food choices, a smoke-free lounge, a gift shop, 24-hour fast food, and a convenience store.



The convention center has elegant meeting and breakout rooms. All that is missing is your reservation for the Northwest Regional, July 31 - August 3, 2013, at the unbelievable price of \$140 US a room! Besides paid tours and shopping areas, free activities abound: (1) eight-foot tall cowboy boots painted by local artists; (2) Cheyenne Botanic Gardens; (3) the Wyoming State Capitol (1887); (4) the state museum; (5) over 600 geocaches within a 50-mile radius; (6) a thriving arts community. Encourage members to participate, learn, and discover! **Cheyenne will greet DKG members and friends with a warm "Howdy!"**



AN INVITATION TO EUROPE

Oregon sisters are invited to travel to Europe for the 2013 European Conference in The Netherlands which is celebrating canals that are 400 years old, the Rijksmuseum, Anne Frank memorial sites, Delft Blue pottery, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Alkmaar, Den Haag, Rotterdam, Leiden—all to be centered at the Amsterdam ROC, Technical Studies Division, near the center of the Old City. There are excellent connections to the airport and to the trains, along with ample parking if you are driving. **Go from the Northwest Regional Conference in Cheyenne to Amsterdam for the August 7 – 10 European Conference.**

EDITOR

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TECH TACTICS

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- The DKG app has been updated, so upload it from your app store of choice. Under *Maps* is location information. *More* features postcards you can send to friends.

OMEGA MEMBER HOSTS OREGON'S CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

Dr. Rudy Crew toured both **Imagine That... Creative Children's Centers** at Grants Pass High School's Child Development Center and at a state-certified family home studio site on May 20, 2013, as a part of his daylong visit to southern Oregon.

Both Imagine That... Creative Children's Centers are under direction of **Michelle Gallas, a member of Omega Chapter**. "We were excited to have Dr. Crew spend time in our programs and to have the opportunity to share with him how the work of the Oregon Education Investment Board and the Early Learning Council toward high level outcomes for children and their families is being accomplished here in Grants Pass," commented Gallas.

The sites together currently serve 54 families in the community and employ 13 individuals. Children served are in infant and toddler care, preschool, and early kindergarten programs. The centers reflect the current statewide transformation to an Early Learning System, under the direction of Dr. Crew, as laid out in HB4165 [<http://legiscan.com/OR/bill/HB4165/2012>].

Among the concepts presented in Oregon HB 4165 is that of coordination of effort among agencies and school districts. Imagine That... Creative Children's Centers provide a good model for shared resources: (1) The GPHS facility is owned by the Grants Pass School District #7 which hired local child care provider Michelle Gallas to run the child development program; (2) Imagine That... "studio" site is personally owned and

operated; (3) Gallas, as director for both programs, is an independent contractor who is also an instructor at Rogue Community College; (4) GPHS students interested in education earn



Dr. Crew (left) and Michelle Gallas
Photo by Rick Kirk, Director of Instructional Media, Rogue Community College. Used with permission.

credit for their work at the GPHS center—and can qualify for 2 + 2 credit at Rogue Community College. (5) Rogue Community College students enrolled in the Early Childhood and Elementary Education program may select either the GPHS site or the studio site as a laboratory experience coordinated with their studies. (6) Both Creative Children's Centers are inspired by Reggio Emilia, an internationally recognized program for early learning.

REFLECTIONS

"In one word? AMAZING! Truly amazing! I just can't quit smiling," Michelle said. She gave full tours of both sites to Dr. Crew and other officials from the state, from Grants Pass

District 7 schools, Rogue Community College staff, and Southern Oregon Early Learning Services members. The tour ended with a magical moment: "There I was, with Dr. Crew, sitting in my back yard at my home 'studio' site, watching the children playing in the sandbox. Other children were dashing around the yard/garden, watering the flowers and plants, and discovering bugs. They were a great joy to observe. Dr. Crew and I were sipping lemonade and eating scones the children had made earlier that morning with some strawberries and blueberries. We discussed early childhood education and enjoyed the sunny May morning. It doesn't get much more perfect than that!"

Dr. Crew was inspired by both programs and was impressed by the diversity of the students served, by the quality of the staff, and by the young students themselves. Among other comments, Dr. Crew said to the various authorities gathered for his visit, "We need a lot more of these around Oregon—and we need several more 'Michelles' to guide them."



Dr. Crew meets a student

FEEDBACK & ADVICE

What feedback did Dr. Crew provide?

"Michelle, you need to dig deeper. You need to share the process of how you developed both sites, document curriculum development, articulation, and assessment procedures, and show how the children have reached their current level of learning. Important, too, is that you need to share the steps you use to show others how children learn. Do this in a rich way."

"Simplify. Make yourself a good voice for what you are doing. You are doing amazing work here. Tell others how it works so they can learn from your ideas and develop their own approaches to create a similar, high-quality learning environments. Oh, yes, and don't do too much. Avoid burn out!" (That will make a good summer project!)

If you would like more information on Imagine That... Creative Children's Centers, contact Michelle Gallas at (541) 472-9688 or by e-mail at shellone@charter.net

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

- All members have equal rights, privileges, and obligations.
- A quorum must be *present* for the group to act – if the bylaws of the organization do not establish a quorum, the general rule is that a majority of the entire membership must be present in order to transact business.
- Full and free discussion of every motion is a basic right.
- Only one question at a time may be considered, and only one person may have the floor at any one time.
- Members have a right to know what the immediately pending question is and to have it restated before a vote is taken.
- No person can speak until recognized by the chair.

- ONE QUESTION AT A TIME AND ONE SPEAKER AT A TIME - No motion is in order that does not directly relate to the question under consideration. In addition, once a member has been recognized, she has been granted "the floor" and another member may not interrupt her.
- Personal remarks are always out of order.
- A majority decides a question except when basic rights of members are involved.
- A two-thirds vote is required for any motion that deprives a member of rights in any way (e.g., cutting off debate).
- SILENCE GIVES CONSENT. Those who do not vote allow the decision to be made by those who do vote.
- The chair should always remain impartial.

TYPICAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Exercises, if applicable; e.g., flag salute, prayer, song
3. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Ask for additions and corrections)
6. Reports of Officers
 - A motion arising out of an officer's, board's, or committee's report is taken up immediately.
 - Before a motion has been stated by the chair, it can be withdrawn or modified by the maker. After being stated by the chair, it can be withdrawn or modified only by unanimous consent or a majority vote of the assembly.
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- A treasurer's report is never adopted. An auditor's report, usually made annually, is adopted.
7. Reports of Standing Committees
8. Reports of Special (Ad hoc)

- Committees
9. Special Orders
 10. Unfinished Business and General Orders, if there are such items.
 11. New Business
 12. Program, if applicable
 13. Announcements
 14. "Good of the Order"
 15. Adjournment

Adapted from:

1. *Basic Parliamentary Information*, Education Committee, National Association of Parliamentarians. E-mail: hq@nap2.org
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\$25 a ticket

***CUTTING EDGE: Early Childhood Education at State, Local
And Neighborhood Levels***

Speakers:

1. **Ben Cannon**, Education Policy Advisor to Gov. Kitzhaber
2. **Michelle Gilmore**, S.M.A.R.T. Coordinator and Advisor for several area school districts.
3. **Ericka Guynes**, Principal of Earl Boyles School, David Douglas School District, and Oregon State Elementary Principal of the Year for 2013.

Anyone who wishes to attend can contact a District 6 president (except Pi in The Dalles) or the District 6 Coordinator to request a ticket.