



## Leila Koenig Nominated to Lead Colorado State DKG for the 2019-2021 Biennium

Leila has been a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for more than 25 years, serving in Kappa Beta Chapter in Texas and Chi Chapter in Colorado, where she has served as Chapter President and as Chairman and member on most committees. In 2007 Leila coordinated the Omega State Convention in Montrose.



At the State level, Leila has served as a member of the Community and World Connections Committee, Corresponding Secretary in the 2009-2011 biennium, and 1st Vice President from 2017-2019. Leila received the Omega State Award in 2013. She has attended numerous state, regional, and international conventions.

Leila earned a BS in Vocational Home Economics Education from Colorado State University in 1972 and an MS in Human Sciences from Texas A & M University in Kingsville, Texas in 1997. Mrs. Koenig has taught Home Economics and Family & Consumer Sciences in Kansas, Texas and Colorado throughout her career. She currently lives in Montrose, Colorado with her husband Bruce, and they plan to celebrate their 50th anniversary this year.

## Colorado State Welcomes Northeast Regional Director Dr. Jane Tanner, International Society Representative, to State Convention

After leading New York Beta Kappa and Chi chapters, Dr. Tanner served as Executive Secretary, Treasurer, President, and treasurer and vice-chair of the state foundation. She currently is a member of the Grants-in-Aid Committee and the State Achievement Award Committee, which she received in 2005.



Dr. Tanner has attended every Northeast Regional and International Convention since 1995. She has served on the International Research, Golden Gift Fund, and Finance committees as well as chair of DKG Educational Foundation. As Northeast Regional director, she will be coordinating this summer's Global Awareness International Conference in Mashantucket, CT.

Dr. Tanner received her AB in mathematics from Cornell University, her MS in Education from the State University of New York at Oswego and has completed graduate work at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry and UCLA Extension. She taught middle and high school mathematics for four years and computer information systems and mathematics at Onondaga Community College for 36 years. She retired in 2018.



## President's Corner

Dear Colorado State,

Our 2019 State Convention theme *Into the Wild Blue Yonder--Forward Moving Ever!* inspires us to look out into the possibilities of our future as Colorado State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. For each of us, the future is wide open, ripe with possibilities, and ours to claim. So let's ask ourselves-- *what will provide us the energy and vision to propel us into our future?*



As we move forward, the traditions we hold onto will determine *how* we continue our journey. To meld our DKG traditions with the journey forward, we invite you to join us at *Wild Blue Yonder Ball* Saturday evening at the Convention. While installing new officers for the 2019-2021 biennium, let's wear long formal gowns and white gloves to recall the gentile times of our past. What a beautiful picture we'll make-- dressed for a ballroom, looking forward with hope--uniting our traditions with our future! (If you want to wear jeans, come ahead.)

My husband and I hosted the annual Kentucky Derby Party for the Colorado Brigade of Colonels, and I posted the photos of him in his seersucker pants and pink bow tie and me in my big fancy hat on Facebook. There we were, dressed in formal traditional style, publishing our photos on a more modern social media platform. And guess what? Older and younger friends alike got a kick out of our costumes. (We hope you do, too!) So we dressed traditionally, shared modernly, and entertained others from 18 to 80--including ourselves. My point is: *everything we do harkens back to traditions we cherish and gives us joy to move forward.*

We also gather energy and vision from our International Society. At our Colorado State Convention, Dr. Jane Tanner will bring us an International update, a round table discussion on DKG changes, and a workshop on

online dues collection. This summer, International offers growth and inspiration in Conference opportunities-- *Leadership* in Iowa, *Arts and Humanities* in North Carolina, *Technology* in California, *Professional Research and Practices* in Iceland, or *Global Awareness* in Connecticut.

At the local level, we rely on elected leaders to fill us with energy and vision. State President-Elect, Leila Koenig and our new Executive Leaders will step forward to fill us with hope in our next biennium. State Team Leaders and Chapter Presidents inspire, lead, and provide a vision and the energy to complete it, and you'll all be celebrated at our Convention too!

Chapters are the heart of DKG. As I end my biennium as State President, I'm filled with the joys of visiting chapters and inspired by the incredible ways you're leading your communities, growing personally and professionally as you lead. I want to thank each of you for being the women who have provided me with *Praise and Possibility*, the strong wise leaders who have shown me a vision of the best Colorado State DKG can be, and the friends I love and cherish. Let's head out into the Wild Blue Yonder together, holding onto the traditions that make us great!

Much Love,

*Janet*





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**Colorado State Slate of Officers for 2019-2021**



**Mrs. Suzanne Foster**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

I have been asked to serve on the Omega State Executive Committee for the past two bienniums. I have been happy and

comfortable with my work in Music/Arts/Humanities Education and politely declined. A former colleague, Phyllis Finlay, has convinced me that it is time to move from my position of comfort to the next level. My energy, management skills and positive approach to challenges will serve Omega State well. I welcome the challenge.

I have always wanted to be an educator; I started my teaching career in North Dakota with six years in public school, three years as a graduate teaching assistant and fellow and three years in a parochial high school, I moved to Colorado. I was hired by Eagle County Schools where I was active as a teacher association member, president and teacher advocate. I was initiated into Alpha Chi in 1992, and served at the Chapter level as Secretary, Treasurer, President, and Co-President over the 24 years that I taught at Battle Mountain High School. I attended the DKG Board meetings and became a member of the Music Committee and, for the last 5 1/2 years, I have been the Chair of the Music, Arts and Humanities Education Team. I feel that every endeavor I have undertaken has been successful due to the support and help of others, and I also feel that moving to a position on the Executive Board of Colorado State DKG is a good and timely move for me.



**Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske**

*Second Vice President –  
Second Term*

I am excited about the opportunity to serve Delta Kappa Gamma at the Omega State level as the Second Vice President. I believe in giving back to the community that nurtures and inspires me, and

Delta Kappa Gamma has done that for me for more than ten years now. I have served two bienniums as President of the Eta Chapter. Members of the chapter have said that I have “breathed new life into our chapter out of sheer will and enthusiasm.” I suggest, however, that I have sparked enthusiasm in our members and together, we’ve been recapturing the spirit of our chapter. I hope my enthusiasm and leadership can help us find ways to strengthen and grow DKG at the state level and beyond.

Maxine has a BS in Music, a Masters in Music Education, a Ph.D. in Music History and is currently working on a Masters in Arts in History. Currently she is employed at the United States Air Force Academy as Director of First-Year Programs, Academic Advisor, and Professor of History and Music.

As a member of Eta Chapter Maxine has served as Chapter President and Vice President. She has led Communication and Publicity Committee and has also served on the Membership Committee and the Community and World Connections Committee.

Dr Fawcett-Yeske is a member of numerous professional organizations such as the American Musicological Society, The College Music Society, and The Society for American Music. Also, she serves as the Officer-in-Charge for the Cadet Native American Heritage Club at the United States Air Force Academy. She is an elected member of the Faculty Senate at the Air Force Academy. In her community, she sings in the Celebration Multicultural Ensemble—a group that specializes in African American spirituals and gospel music, and her most recent volunteer work has been with One Nation Walking Together—a non-profit organization that provides food, clothing, and furniture to Native American communities in a seven-state region.



**Miss Mary Lauck**

*Recording Secretary*

With my background as an English and journalism teacher, I believe I have the ability and skills to be an effective recording secretary for Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma. I understand the importance of complete and accurate records of business meetings. It is also

important, as an officer, to be part of the leadership team for the benefit of all the chapters and individual members of Delta Kappa Gamma in Colorado. When I take on an office or volunteer job, I take the responsibility seriously and endeavor to do the best work I can do.

A Colorado native, Mary Lauck was raised in Wiggins, Colorado on a farm. She is the granddaughter of German from Russia Immigrants to the United States in the early 1900s and the daughter of first-generation Americans, none of whom were high school graduates, but all of whom cared deeply about education. This family background and the excellent teachers she had as a student in the Wiggins public schools influenced her decision to become a high school English teacher. She earned both a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. In addition to teaching English at Platte Valley High School in Kersey, Mary also took on the responsibilities of teaching journalism and advising both the bi-monthly school magazine and the annual school yearbook. In 2010 she was honored as the Colorado State Journalism Adviser of the Year and was also given a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Journalism Education Association Convention.



**Mrs. Michelle Miller**

*Recording Secretary*

As a detailed, organized individual I have always taken notes at meetings (which is why I’ve served as secretary in different organizations and committees). As I am now retired from full-time



educational work, I feel compelled to use my strengths and skill set to give back to the organizations and communities that have been significant and important in my life. As a Delta Kappa Gamma member, I feel a move to the executive board allows options for different state, regional, and/or international service in the future. I would be honored to serve as Omega's (Colorado's) State Recording Secretary.

My educational service has allowed me to teach in five states and two foreign countries in a wide variety of positions. I received my Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a Reading Endorsement in 1982 from Oregon State University. I taught elementary students (pre-school – grade 6) for several years. When our son was born, I ended up working part-time teaching the GED program to incarcerated men who had earned the privilege to continue their education. After a couple of moves and our daughter's birth, I taught in a Title One School and was their reading teacher. This position evolved over the years and I became a lead teacher (of nine other staff) of a school-within-a-school program to help students make rapid gains in reading, writing, and math. During my time in this position, I earned my Master's in Education with an emphasis on Curriculum and Instruction – primarily literacy. Another physical move allowed me the opportunity to teach another eleven years as a middle school English and American Studies teacher. After our children were settled into their college years, my husband (also a teacher) and I decided to teach abroad. I was hired as a literacy coach and spent the remainder of my paid professional career helping teachers hone their literacy practice in the classroom.

I became a member of DKG after an invite from my husband's grandmother after being awarded "Teacher of the Year" in our small community. (This was when you still had to prove your excellence in the profession to be invited to join.). As a mother with two growing children, I was active in my chapter and all activities, but decided not to hold an office or become involved at the regional or state level (other than attending conferences). While overseas, DKG was not an option locally, so I stayed active with my "state-side" chapter and participated mainly through financial contributions and attending meetings during our holidays. Now that I have retired from full-time paid educational service, I

have time to give-back to the organizations I have so valued.

Currently, I work part time (to maintain health benefits) and participate in different volunteering endeavors. I have begun a partnership with my local neighborhood school to be a volunteer literacy consultant. This includes helping teachers collect data, modeling best practices, helping gather resources, and providing support and guidance in terms of lesson and unit planning. I limit my hours (as this is a volunteer position, but love being involved in the school environment). I am also very involved at our church (serve as treasurer and serve on other committees). I work at the local animal shelter once a month – cleaning cages. I help out with trail maintenance and water clean-up crews (although, I will admit I only do this during fair weather). I support our local community groups (scouts, food drives, Salvation Army, Firefighters, and the like by participating in drives, raffles, etc.)



**Mrs. Kerry Tripp**

*Corresponding Secretary -  
Second Term*

When I became a member of Alpha Delta Chapter in 1988, I was so honored to be a part of a society that included so many women I had known as mentor, colleague, administrator and friend. I

had admired these women for years while teaching in the Cherry Creek school district. PLUS, I was introduced to equally remarkable and talented women from Englewood, Littleton and Sheridan. This group holds a special place in my heart for its kindness, support, humor, caring and dedication to educating children and holding the bar high to be a strong and positive influence as a teacher. When I reflect on these past moments, I smile happily remembering the relationships, hard work and learning that the chapter provided me.

Becoming a member of the Nominations Committee in 2011 opened another door of the Delta Kappa Gamma world to me. Expanding my awareness and experiences to the women from around the state had been good for me as a person and a member. Learning about the



amazing programs that are occurring around the state was exciting and honestly, ideas that I have pinched and taken back to my chapter. This is a group that is making a difference for kids and teachers in so many ways and it is such a good feeling to be a part of it.

DKG has been good to me and for me. Giving back to the society by working with the women who will lead the two years builds on my desire to see our organization grow and welcome, engage and support women educators.

Mrs. Tripp is a retired teacher from the Cherry Creek School District where she taught elementary/intermediate students for 31 years. She received her Bachelor's degree from Colorado State College and her Masters from Colorado University.

As a member of Alpha Delta chapter, Kerry has served as president, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and chair for the Membership Committee. At the state level she had served on the Personal and Professional Pride Committee, the Expansion Committee, the Membership Committee and Nominations Committee as both a member and chair.

In the community, Kerry is active in the Retired Employees of Cherry Creek School District, as a member, fundraising chair and secretary. She is also a member of the Cherry Creek Teacher Awards Committee and Spellbinders in both Cherry Creek and Littleton districts.

## Reminder for Chapter Presidents

It is very important that each death of a member be reported as soon as possible on **Form 6 for Death of a Member**. Please work with your membership chairs to **promptly report to all three of the following**:

**1. International Membership Services:**

[mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org)

**2. Omega State Membership Chair:**

**Beth Barzdukas:** [Barzdukas@live.com](mailto:Barzdukas@live.com)

**3. Omega State Treasurer:**

**Lilly Vigil:** [cmcer1@msn.com](mailto:cmcer1@msn.com)

The form is interactive on-line and is available on both the state website and the international

website. Names will not be listed in the White Roses unless the Form 6 is submitted.

## White Roses of Remembrance

**Bonnie Schoonover**, Delta, Died 3/28/19

**Wilma Sue Jost**, Alpha Upsilon, Died 3/1/17

**Shirley L. Vitus**, Xi, Died 2/21/19

**Irma Furbeck Boltman**, Alpha Gamma, Died 7/19/18

**Jacqueline Northway**, Alpha Gamma, Died 6/17/18



## Omega State Officers 2017-2019

**President** - Janet McClaskey

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Leila Koenig

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

**Recording Secretary** - Memory Lamfers

**Corresponding Secretary** - Kerry Tripp

**Executive Secretary** - Cynthia Mousel

**Treasurer** - Lilly Vigil

**Parliamentarian** - Susan Denny

**Editor & Webmaster** - Nancy Scofield

**Archivist** - Kathy Flynn

**Immediate Past President** - Dr. Sue Pettit



## Happy Birthday, DKG!

90 years ago on May 11, 1929 Dr. Annie Webb Blanton along with the other founding members of DKG met at the University Faculty Women's Club on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin to form what is now the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Today, with over 65,000 members across 17 countries and encompassing 78 state organizations, we, the members of DKG have much to recall, to consider, and to contemplate regarding our Society.

In my most recent article in the *DKG News* I offered my birthday wish on this auspicious occasion. My wish is that we all face reality and act upon it to move DKG toward a productive future that we can share on our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in just 10 short years. We must grow in purpose, realize and share the worth of DKG with more key women educators around the world, foster a contagious enthusiasm that elicits energy and motivates service to our communities and globally, and develop succession plans at all three levels that prepare and promise leaders who will eclipse the work begun by our Founders. It's a huge wish, but one I know we can realize. Why? Because we are indeed "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide." Celebrate our 90 years now, and keep that 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in mind and the birthday wishes made today with our future in mind! Happy Birthday!



**Video Message:** <https://youtu.be/br8uC1lFuJ0>

## Cathy P. Daugherty | International President

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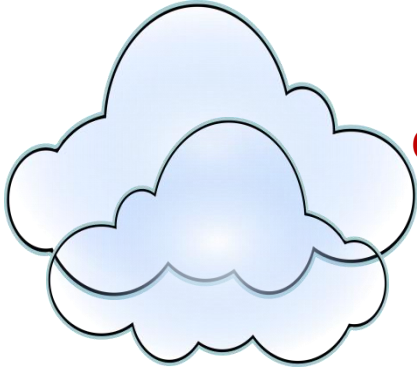
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## Convention – MAHE note:

**Item #1:** We need Tuneful Teachers!! Please sign up to be a part of the Convention Choir!! We will sing three songs, having to do with "Blue" after the Saturday evening banquet. You can send your email to Suzanne Foster at [sumafoster@yahoo.com](mailto:sumafoster@yahoo.com), and she will email you the music in advance. There will be three practices prior to the banquet performance! Please join us!!



**Item #2:** The MAHE Team would like to let everyone know that in addition to the Fine Arts Gallery at Convention, there will be tables to place your art pieces. Please bring a card with your name, your chapter, and the title of the item. We could use more examples of our talented DKG members on the Fine Arts Gallery. To find rules for submission, go the [dkgcolorado.weebly.com](http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com) website. We would love to have your work displayed. Also, there will be a Poetry Wall to display members' poetry. All in all, we hope to have a VERY artsy turnout!! Contact Suzanne Foster at [sumafoster@yahoo.com](mailto:sumafoster@yahoo.com) with questions.



Into the Wild Blue Yonder--  
Forward Moving Ever!  
**Colorado State Convention Registration**

June 28-30, 2019

Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows  
10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124  
303.728.5936

\*\*\*\*Please use a separate form for each person\*\*\*\*

**PHOTO RELEASE:** By your attendance at this event, you are granting permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped, or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness without compensation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Office/Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

State Office/Team \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attending?  Yes  No    1 Free CEU Credit?  Yes  No    Choir Participant?  Yes  No

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 21, 2019 (Registration fee not refunded after this date.)

Registration Fee: (Circle one) Member - \$75                      Non-Member - \$85                      Hostess Chapter Member - \$50

*All attendees (including presenters, volunteers, and hostess chapter workers) must register.*

Meals

Please list any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of meals and total amount for that meal.

| Indicate # of meals: | Total for meals  |
|----------------------|--|
| _____ \$             | _____ Friday Night Dinner - \$53 (Circle one: Chicken Marsala or Salmon) |
| _____ \$             | _____ Saturday Breakfast - \$40  |
| _____ \$             | _____ Saturday Celebration Luncheon - \$47                               |
| _____ \$             | _____ Saturday Night Banquet - \$53                                      |
| _____ \$             | _____ Sunday Morning Breakfast - \$40                                    |
| _____ \$             | _____ Food total   |
| _____ \$             | _____ Registration total from above                                      |
| _____ \$             | _____ <b>Total Due (Registration and Meals)</b>                          |

If you have indicated more than one meal, please list the names of your guests. \_\_\_\_\_





Make check payable to: *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society*

Send registration and check to:

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Updated registration information will available at [dkgcolorado.weebly.com](http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com).

### Meal Information

#### **Friday Night Dinner - \$53**

Choice of One - Chicken Marsala or Salmon  
Both served with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley  
Fruit Pie for Dessert

#### **Saturday Breakfast - \$40\***

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Rosemary Potatoes, Pancake served with Syrup

#### **Saturday Celebration Luncheon - \$47**

Beet Salad and Vegetable Lasagna served with Cheesy Garlic Bread  
Chocolate Mousse for Dessert

#### **Saturday Night Banquet - \$53**

Salad: Hearts of Romaine, Cucumber, Herbed Chickpeas, Heirloom Tomato, Feta,  
Pita Crisp, Oregano Lemon Vinaigrette  
Entrée: Garlic Thyme Marinated Chicken, Mushroom Ravioli, Blistered Tomato and Mushroom Ragout,  
Sautéed Broccoli (Vegetarian option if needed)  
Dessert: Flourless Chocolate Cake with Hazelnut Brittle

#### **Sunday Morning Breakfast - \$40\***

Individual Vegetable Egg Fritter, Bacon, Sausage, Rosemary Potatoes, and Pancake served with Syrup.

\* All plated breakfasts include Assorted Pastries with Butter and Jam, Freshly-Brewed Starbucks  
Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea and Orange Juice

### Lodging Information

Hotel Guest Room Group Rates

Standard Guest Room--\$119 per night

Available June 28 and 29, 2019--may extend stay before and after Convention at regular prices.

Hotel's room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes  
(currently 12.8125%) in effect at the time of check out.

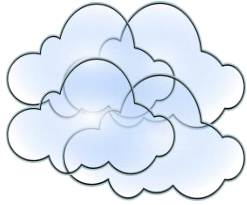
\*Hotel will provide complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms.

Method of Reservations: Individual Call in/Online via

Passkey Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/DeltaKappaGammaJune>

\* Marriott's Reservations toll free number 1-800-686-2767. Identify DKG.

Group rate is guaranteed for reservations made on or before the Cutoff Date of May 31.  
Any reservations made after the Cutoff Date shall be at the Hotel's then current available rate.



## 2019 Colorado State Convention Schedule

### 2019 Colorado State Convention

*Into the Wild Blue Yonder--Forward Moving Ever!*

Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 28, 29, 30  
 Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows  
 10345 Park Meadows Drive Lone Tree, CO 80124

***\*Please bring your own bag and your laptop or iPad.***

## Friday June 28, 2019

|            |  |   |
|------------|--|---|
| 7:30-12:00 | Convention Registration open   |   |
| 9:00-12:00 | Pre-Convention Activity Options--see included list                               |   |
| 12:30-1:20 | <u>First General Session</u>   | <i>Lone Tree</i>                          |
|            | Flag Procession.....   | Dr. Sue Pettit and Beth Barzdukas         |
|            | Colorado State Banner Presentation.....  | Leila Koenig and Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske |
|            | Pledge of Allegiance.....  | Susan Denny                               |
|            | Welcome and Introduction of Theme.....   | Janet McClaskey                           |
|            | Introduction of Steering Committee.....  | Kerry Tripp                               |
|            | Introduction of Guests.....  | Leila Koenig                              |
|            | Welcoming First Timers.....  | Memory Lamfers                            |
|            | Special Music: Convention Theme Song.....  | Alpha Iota                                |
|            | Introduction of International Society Representative...                          | Kathy Flynn                               |
|            | <i>20 Minute International Update</i> .....                                      | Dr. Jane Tanner, NE Regional Director     |
|            | Announcements  |   |
| 1:20-1:30  | Networking Break   |   |
| 1:30-2:30  | Keynote Speaker: Tenica Henry  | <i>Lone Tree</i>                          |
|            | <i>Bringing Mindfulness and Mind Shifting Strategies to High School Students</i> |   |
| 2:30-2:40  | Networking Break   |   |
| 2:40-4:15  | Business Meeting and Announcements   | <i>Lone Tree</i>                          |
| 4:15-5:00  | Dress for Team Triumphs Banquet: <u>Please be seated with Teams by 5:05</u>      |   |
| 5:05-6:30  | <i>Team Triumphs Banquet (semi-formal)</i>                                       | <i>Salon AB</i>                           |
|            | Musical Interlude.....   | Karen Eilenstine                          |
|            | Singing grace.....   | Kathy Flynn                               |



|           |  |                  |
|-----------|--|------------------|
| 6:30-6:40 | Transition to <i>Lone Tree</i> for Keynote Speaker   |                  |
| 6:40-7:40 | <u>Second General Session</u>  | <i>Lone Tree</i> |
|           | Introduction of Keynote speaker..... Dr. Barbara Whinery   |                  |
|           | Keynote Speaker: Dr. Harvey A. Rude  |                  |
|           | Director, Colorado Center for Rural Education, University of Northern Colorado   |                  |
|           | <i>Convening, Connecting, and Capacity Building: Systemic Recruitment, Preparation, and Retention of Rural Educators</i> |                  |
|           | Announcements  |                  |
| 7:40-8:30 | <i>Colorado Arts Evening</i>   | <i>Lone Tree</i> |
|           | Ring of the Bells..... Deb Howard  |                  |
|           | Poetry Readings  |                  |
|           | Sing along..... Suzanne Foster   |                  |
|           | Announcements and Dismissal  |                  |

Saturday June 29, 2019

|             |  |                     |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 7:00-8:30   | <i>Breakfast</i>   | <i>Salon AB</i>     |
| 7:30-8:30   | Convention Registration Open   |                     |
| 8:30-8:40   | Networking Break   |                     |
| 8:40-9:40   | <u>Third General Session</u>   | <i>Littleton AB</i> |
|             | Inspiration..... Diedre Tidwell  |                     |
|             | Business Meeting   |                     |
|             | Convention Theme: <i>Into the Wild Blue Yonder--Forward Moving Ever!</i> |                     |
|             | Team Reports and Recommendations (See Business Meeting Agenda)           |                     |
|             | MAHE Promoting <i>Praise and Possibility</i> song                        |                     |
| 9:40-10:40  | Round Table Discussion: NE Regional Director, Dr. Jane Tanner            | <i>Littleton AB</i> |
|             | Announcements, Door Prize  |                     |
| 10:40-10:50 | Networking break   |                     |
| 10:50-11:50 | Tuneful Teachers Choir Practice  |                     |
| 10:50-11:50 | Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Brandon Crandall, Sculptor                     | <i>Littleton AB</i> |
|             | <i>Building Every Day</i>  |                     |
| 11:50-12:00 | Networking Break   |                     |
| 12:00-1:30  | <i>Birthday Luncheon</i>   | <i>Salon AB</i>     |
|             | Birthday Poems..... Linda Pitts, Memory Lamfers                          |                     |
|             | Happy Birthday Colorado State..... Dr. Sue Pettit                        |                     |
|             | Grace Poem..... Karen Eilenstine   |                     |



1:30-1:40 Networking Break

1:40-2:40 Breakout Workshop Session 1

|   |                  |                    |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| Building Confidence with the New Dues Processing Procedure..... | Dr. Jane Tanner  | <i>Littleton A</i> |
| Using State and International .....                             | Nancy Scofield   | <i>Littleton B</i> |
| Women's Fitness, Weight Loss and Healthy Again.....             | Kathryn Peterson | <i>Lone Tree</i>   |

2:40-2:50 Networking Break

2:50-3:50 Breakout Session 2

|   |                 |                    |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| Membership--The Light of the Future.....                    | Membership Team | <i>Littleton A</i> |
| Promoting Critical Thinking Through Proper Questioning..... | Michelle Miller | <i>Littleton B</i> |
| Embracing Your Life and Enhancing Your Well-Being.....      | Memory Lamfers  | <i>Lone Tree</i>   |

3:50-4:00 Networking Break

4:00-5:00 Breakout Workshop Session 3

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| Get Your Bling On With Marney and Diedra!..... | Diedra Tidwell/Marney Hawes | <i>Littleton A</i> |
| The Power of One, The Power of You.....        | Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske    | <i>Littleton B</i> |
| Personal and Professional Experiences of ..... | Dr. Ginny Helwick-Jackson   | <i>Lone Tree</i>   |

Pakistani Teachers from a Six-Week Professional Development Program  
at the University of Northern Colorado

5:00-5:50 Dress for the Ball (formal dress)

5:55 Members sit with hostesses. Chapter Presidents line up in hallway.

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| 6:00-9:00 | <i>Wild Blue Yonder Ball</i>                   | <i>Salon AB</i>                 |
|           | Musical Prelude .....                          | Karen Eilenstine                |
|           | Chapter Presidents Walk.....                   | Leila Koenig                    |
|           | Installation of State Officers Ceremony.....   | Nominations Team                |
|           | <i>Song</i> by Olgivanna Lloyd Wright.....     | Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske        |
|           | Presentation of <i>Omega State Award</i> ..... | Dr. Sue Pettit, Janet McClaskey |
|           | The Tuneful Teachers.....                      | Suzanne Foster                  |
|           | Special Evening Events                         |                                 |
|           | Announcements and Dismissal                    |                                 |



# Sunday June 30, 2019

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|-------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 7:30-8:15   | <i>Breakfast</i>                                 |                               | <i>Littleton AB</i> |
| 8:15-8:25   | Networking Break                                 |                               |                     |
| 8:25-9:25   | Celebration of Life Ceremony.....                | Membership Team               | <i>Salon A</i>      |
| 9:25-9:35   | Networking Break                                 |                               |                     |
| 9:35-10:35  | <u>Fourth General Session</u>                    |                               | <i>Littleton AB</i> |
|             | Gathering Song.....                              | Music, Arts & Humanities Team |                     |
|             | Keynote Speakers: Dr. Sue Pettit and Cela Varosy |                               |                     |
|             | <i>Into the Wild Blue Yonder of Possibility</i>  |                               |                     |
| 10:35-11:30 | Business meeting                                 |                               | <i>Littleton AB</i> |
|             | Scholarships, Star Chapter Awards.....           | Scholarships and Awards Team  |                     |
|             | Invitation to 2019 International Convention..... | Leila Koenig                  |                     |
|             | Evaluations                                      |                               |                     |
|             | Announcements                                    |                               |                     |
|             | CEU Credit certificates                          |                               |                     |
| 11:30-12:00 | Presidential Address                             |                               | <i>Littleton AB</i> |
|             | DKG Song   |                               |                     |
|             | Adjournment                                      |                               |                     |
|             | Retiring the flags                               |                               |                     |

**2017 Convention Minutes**  
**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**  
**OMEGA STATE COLORADO**  
**June 9-11, 2017 Omega State Convention**  
**Embracing the Heart of DKG**  
**2015-2017 Biennium**  
**Hilton Fort Collins**  
**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

President Dr. Sue Pettit called the first business meeting of the 2017 Omega State Convention to order at 7:42 am. Omega State was deeply honored and privileged to have the presence of Carolyn Pittman, 2016-2018 International President of Delta Kappa Gamma, among us. The Second General Session began with an Inspiration by Interim First Vice President, Janet, referring to inspiring women in her life. Following roll call and a review of the Standing Rules of the 2017

Omega State Convention, credentials were reviewed, and quorum was established. The 2015 convention minutes were approved as corrected.

Executive Committee and Appointed Personnel Reports were reviewed. Members were referred to the “Business Meeting Agenda and Materials” to review reports. Under the State President’s Report, Dr. Pettit recognized the biennium’s committee chairmen and reflected on the blessings they have brought to her life as president and to the organization as a whole. Under the Treasurer’s Report, Lilly reminded members, when submitting money to Omega State, to always make the check payable to *Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society*. Archivist, Kathy cited that the last two lines on her report belong under Webmaster.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee moved to approve the proposed revisions to Article IX of the Omega State Bylaws. The motion passed. Secondly, the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee moved to approve the proposed revisions to Article IV of the



Omega State Standing Rules. The following amendments were made.

The Ad hoc Committee on Committee Structure made a motion to amend the language in the proposed revisions to Omega State Colorado Standing Rules, Article IV. The motion read: Substitute the following language to read: Teams A. 1. SOCIETY BUSINESS d. Leadership Development Team *The Second Vice-President shall serve as the team leader. Team members shall consist of the Omega State Executive Secretary, Omega State Treasurer, the Omega State Educational Excellence Team Leader and two members-at-large. The team shall plan and implement leadership and chapter strengthening strategies for the state/chapter officers and chapter team leaders at the Omega State Leadership Conferences held in even-numbered years. The team shall continue to provide leadership training and chapter strengthening strategies through the biennium.* The amendment was approved.

It was moved by Dr. Barbara Whinery and seconded by Nancy Robinson to amend the Bylaws and Standing Rules proposed revision. The amendment states: I move that the following statement be inserted in the revised Omega State Colorado Standing Rules, Article IV. A 2, a. (Educational Excellence Team): First paragraph, last sentence after “promote educational excellence programs (insert the following) in coordination and collaboration with other state teams for Omega State and its chapters in the following areas. The amendment passed.

The Ad hoc Committee on Committee Structure moved the following substitution to the proposed revisions IV Teams A. 2. Society Mission and Purposes b. Scholarship and Awards Team:

*Scholarship and Awards*

*The team shall be composed of six members representing the six (6) geographic areas of the state and serve on a rotating basis for four*

*(4) years. Two members shall be replaced each biennium.*

- *SCHOLARSHIPS: The Scholarship and Awards Team shall be responsible for promoting an interest and support for the International and Omega State scholarships.*

*Scholarships are awarded at State Conventions and Leadership Conferences. Guidelines and the list of Omega State*

*Scholarships are found in APPENDIX II SCHOLARSHIPS.*

- *OMEGA STATE AWARD: The Scholarship and Awards Team shall select and honor Delta Kappa Gamma women who have given outstanding service in the field of education and leadership to the Society and who are making a significant contribution to the educational or cultural growth in the community. Chapters and/or individuals submit recommendations in accordance with Guidelines found in APPENDIX III Special Awards A. OMEGA*

*STATE AWARD.*

- *STAR CHAPTER AWARD: Each year the Scholarship and Awards Team shall make available the forms and directions and encourage each chapter to complete the Omega State Star Chapter Award. The award recognizes chapters that strive for excellence and fulfill the stated award expectations in four areas: Leadership, Membership, Scholarship and Excellence in Education. Guidelines are found in APPENDIX III Special Awards F. Omega State Star Chapter Award.*

Following discussion and input on editing, the amendment passed.

The Ad hoc Committee on Committee Structure moved the deletion of IV Teams A. 2. Society Mission and Purposes c. Omega State Award. The motion was approved.

A motion by Sarah Helman and seconded by Joyce Best stated: I move that the proposed revisions to the Omega State Standing Rules be adopted as amended. The motion passed.

The Finance Committee recommended continuing the chapter dues incentive program that was implemented last year. They also recommended that a \$10 registration fee be added to the coming Fall and Spring Executive Board meeting registrations. The monies will defray the additional \$1500 AV support/hotel fees not currently covered. A \$50 drawing will be held as incentive to those whom have paid full registration costs. The Finance Committee moved that the 2017-18 proposed budget be adopted. The motion carried.



It was moved and seconded to temporarily suspend committee reports. The motion carried.

The Nominations Committee presented the ballot of the 2017-2019 Omega State officers: President-Janet McClaskey, First Vice President-Leila Koenig, Second Vice President-Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske, Recording Secretary-Memory Lamfers, Corresponding Secretary-Kerry Tripp. There were no nominations from the floor. Each candidate was unanimously approved.

Area Representatives: Area 2 Laurie Salazar, Area 3 Beth Barzdukas, Area 4 Esther Romero There were no nominations from the floor. Each representative was unanimously approved.

Committee reports resumed. International President Carolyn Pittman respectfully recognized Membership Chairman, Kathy and addressed the group of the importance of embracing new members to Omega State.

The Second General Session was adjourned at 10:00 am. The Steering Committee was recognized and thanked. Members were dismissed to attend the Breakout Sessions.

### **Sunday, June 11, 2017**

Prior to the convening of the Third General Session, the Celebration of Life Ceremony and breakfast were held. Each individual of the Steering Committee was honored and recognized by the group. Chairman, Susan Chapman was recognized for her incredible work, talents, and energy. Alpha Omicron and Beta announced the Leadership Conference for June 2018. Twelve Star Chapters were honored and celebrated for their accomplishments. A Colorado gift was presented to International President Carolyn Pittman with sincere thanks for her attendance. President Pittman recognized Dr. Pettit for her loveliness and her sweetness to every person. She acknowledged how treasured Sue is to members in Omega State. The time together closed with singing.

### **Third General Session**

The Third General Session convened at 10:00 am. Following roll call, committees continued their reports. The Personnel Committee made a recommendation stating: The Omega State Personnel Committee recommends the appointment of Nancy Scofield as

Omega State Editor. Following discussion, the recommendation was approved.

It was moved by True Morgan and seconded by Dr. Norma Silvers that the Professional Personnel honorarium be increased \$200 each for the biennium 2017-2019. After discussion regarding the Service to Members monies, the motion carried.

A very special guest from the Society's past was escorted into our meeting. Dr. Annie Webb Blanton spoke of her life and shared the origins of Delta Kappa Gamma and Omega State. Executive Secretary, Cynthia brought our history to life in her historical portrayal of our founder.

The Scholarship Committee presented the following proposal: We propose that chapter presidents or their designees receive a \$100 stipend if they attend all three days State Convention for 2017 as long as they have not been previously funded by their chapters. After discussion, the motion carried.

Under New Business, President Dr. Sue Pettit recognized and thanked the Adhoc Committee on Committee Structure. She made the following motion: I make a motion that the membership allow the president to appoint an Adhoc Committee to revise the governing documents so that they can be proposed for adoption at the 2019 convention. After discussion on upcoming procedures on revisions, the motion failed.

Following a time of laughter in the "Celebration of Praise," Dr. Pettit passed the President's gavel to Janet McClaskey, 2017-2019 Omega State President. Janet addressed the group around the subject of leadership. Her biennium theme, "Promoting Praise and Possibility" was introduced. Janet encouraged each of us to write praise notes to our chapter sisters. She challenged us to imagine the unimaginable for our chapters.

Following announcements and door prizes, the colors were retired. The third convention session was adjourned at 11:50 am.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Memory Lamfers  
Recording Secretary*



## Proposed amendments to Colorado State Organization Bylaws 2017

The following proposed amendments are to be voted upon at the Colorado State Organization State Convention on June 28-30, 2019 in order to complete compliance with International CONSTITUTION and International Standing Rules 2018 documents.

It is moved the words OMEGA PEAKS be deleted and the Colorado State Organization Newsletter name be changed to read COLORADO STATE PEAKS.

Rationale: In compliance with International CONSTITUTION and International Rules.

The 2019 Spring Executive Board recommends approval.

It is moved the words for Omega State Award be deleted and the name of the award be changed to read Colorado State Award.

Rationale: In compliance with International Constitution and International Rules.

The 2019 Spring Executive Board tabled the motion to be taken to the state convention in June.

It is moved the words for Omega State Citation of Merit Award be deleted and the name Citation of Merit Award be changed to read Colorado State Organization Citation of Merit Award.

Rationale: In compliance with International Constitution and International Rules.

The 2019 Spring Executive Board recommends approval.

There is no need for a second to the above motions because the Bylaws and Standing Rules Team and the 2019 Executive Board are recommending approval. The President will call for discussions pro and con prior to taking a vote at the State Convention business meeting. (Amendments may be made.)

**NOTE:** The Bylaws and Standing Rules Team will bring the Colorado State Organization Standing Rules in compliance once the Colorado State Organization Bylaws are approved. At the Fall 2019 Executive Board meeting, the Executive Board will vote on proposed amendments that require a vote. Proposed amendments will be sent with The Call to the Executive Board meeting.

## Kudos Corner

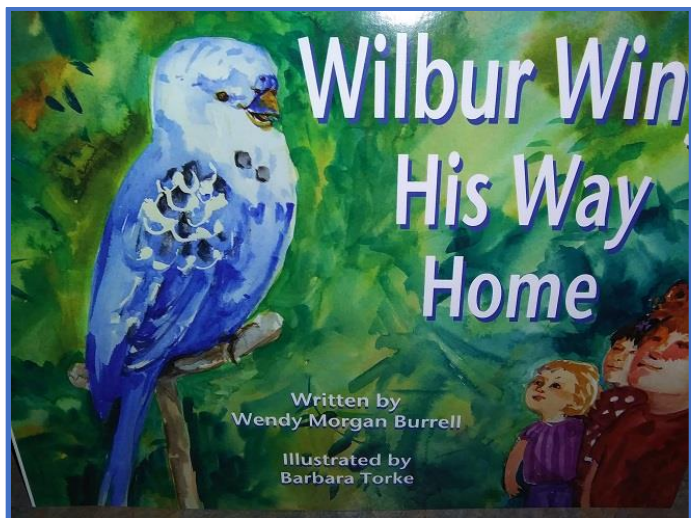
### Loretta Kerr's Photography

Congratulations to Loretta Kerr! Her photograph "Colorado Columbines" was selected for inclusion in the 2019, Volume 85-4 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. Well done, Loretta!

### Wendy Burrell Publishes a Book

As the saying goes, "Necessity is the mother of invention". When Chi Chapter member, Wendy Burrell, couldn't locate a suitable book about parakeets to use with her after school pet care class, she wrote one herself. Wilbur Wings His Way Home, a children's picture book, details the life of a young parakeet named Wilbur who after leaving a pet store with his new family encounters many adventures. Along the way, the reader learns the ins and outs of parakeet care. A glossary, fact page, and a list of resources add to the informational aspect of the book. The whimsical watercolor illustrations bring the text to life, and help Wilbur's story deliver the message of care and kindness for our feathered friends. Congratulations Wendy, on becoming a published author! Both hardcover and softcover books are available by contacting Wendy at [jerwen1948@gmail.com](mailto:jerwen1948@gmail.com).





Submitted by Sandy Balerio

## Chapter Happenings

### Delta Chapter

Delta Chapter Treasurer and Past President Nancy Robinson presented Dr. Barbara Whinery the Delta Chapter's Public Service Award. Dr. Whinery explained the pros and cons for each the ballot issues in the 2018 election to not only the Delta Chapter, but other Colorado chapters of DKG prior to the November election. Her expertise and leadership, which includes active involvement in the League of Women Voters, has helped make DKG members in Colorado better informed citizens and voters.



Submitted by Mary Lauck, Delta Chapter President

### Eta Chapter Welcomes New Member

Eta Chapter initiated Katie Fails at the May 14th meeting. Katie was the Chapter's 2016 Grant-in-Aid

Scholarship Recipient. She now teaches second grade at John J. Audubon Elementary School in Colorado Springs District-11. Katie earned her Bachelor's Degree from CSU in Fort Collins and earned her teaching license from UCCS. Katie says she went into teaching because she "believes education is the key to success in life." She enjoys DKG because "everyone is so passionate about teaching and helping the youth of America." Welcome, Katie!



Eta Chapter member Marjorie Swearingen-Erickson gives her DKG pin to newest member, Katie Fails.

### Alpha Iota Chapter

Alpha Iota Chapter was proud to honor three deserving members with Chapter Awards at their meeting on May 11th. **Diedra Tidwell** (on the left) won the **Public Service Award** for her work with Aurora Interfaith





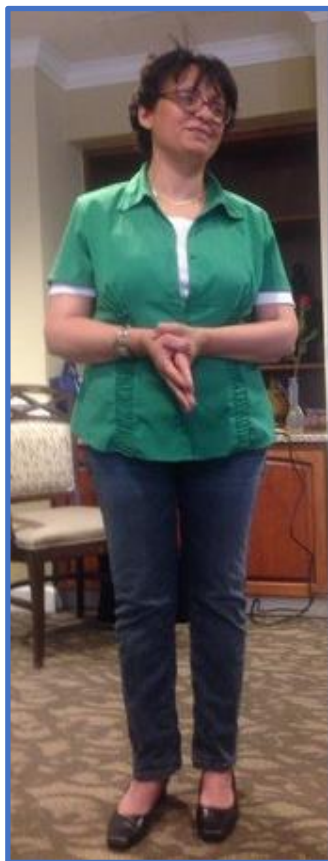
Community Services Food Bank, Aurora Women’s Hall of Fame, and the Disabled American Veterans. **Karen Eilenstine** (on the right) received the **Service to the Chapter Award** for her many activities through the years, including four terms as Chapter President. She has edited and published our Chapter Red Book, been editor of the Chapter Newsletter, and is currently Colorado State Star Chapter Awards Chairman.

**Holcomb Mosley** (not pictured) won the **Professional Service Award** for her project called Flexible Seating for which she found donors, kept records, and adapted the project to maximize student learning and engagement. She presented an outstanding session on the subject at the DKG International Convention in Austin. Congratulations to our hard-working Alpha Iota Sisters!

### Omega Chapter

Heather Martin

Omega’s March meeting featured Columbine survivor Heather Martin. One of our members, Shalese Stroup, taught with Heather at Aurora Central High School and recommended her to speak to us. Heather shared her experiences on the tragic day at the high school when she sheltered in place in a classroom across from the library. Heather and other survivors have formed **The Rebels Project** which is ready to help other victims of school shootings with their presence, listening ears, and advice. Heather made three poignant points during her presentation. First, they never speak the names of the perpetrators. Second, they do not enter into political discourse about gun laws. Finally, she is always careful about asking former principal, Frank de Angelis, for help.



She said that he has worked tirelessly and always goes above and beyond what is asked. He has been a true leader of the school, and both he and Heather have been positive influences in their community. We were very impressed with this young woman and her message.

Mary Metcalf, Omega Chapter President

Omega Chapter of DKG had a busy end of the year meeting. Zohra Nacer spoke about her immigration to America from Algeria. Fears for her and her husband’s safety as journalists prompted their move. She now speaks 3 languages, teaches French to private students, works for Marriott Hotels and is a commissioner for Boy Scouts of America. She is a true success story.

Suzanne Richards, secretary of highest caliber and provider of a lovely party room in her clubhouse often, received the Service to the Chapter Award. She is a master at sending out email notices quickly and efficiently.



Lois Astler organizes a donation drive every year for Community Housing Partners which provides help to homeless families who are finally moving into their own apartments. She received our Public Service Award. Aurora Board of Education member and Omega chapter member Cathy Wildman was awarded our Professional Service Award for providing many years of service to our community. Thank you, Ladies!

Lastly, we initiated Suzanne Payne, sister of President Mary Metcalf into our chapter. Suzy worked at various engineering companies and taught CAD, Computer Aided Drafting for many years at Arapahoe Community College and Pickens Technical School in Aurora. Suzy and Mary are proud of the fact that their Grandmother Grace Crandall was a member of DKG in Texas and also



Colorado where she retired. Grandmother Grace would be proud, we believe. ☺



### Zeta Chapter

Ladies of **Zeta** Chapter enjoyed the musical talents of the piano students taught by Zeta's **Millie Jurneke**. These students range from elementary to high school age and are preparing for their competitive recitals. These young students gain confidence and poise as they develop their skills and reap the benefits of long, hard hours of practice! Thank you students and Millie!

**Precious Child** has been Zeta's Philanthropic Project for several years and recently Precious Child moved to a new and larger facility in Broomfield, Colorado. They are an amazing organization providing much needed items for the community. In April, a special tour of the facility was presented to the Zeta Chapter members providing a greater understanding and appreciation for the need of this type of project.

**2019** celebrating continued in May with our Founders' Day Program and a very special cake honoring the **90<sup>th</sup>** anniversary of **Delta Kappa Gamma!** We celebrated **Kelsey Fugita**, our scholarship recipient, awarded for the second year. Kelsey continues her training for Elementary

Education and has been very successful this past year in the schools where she's been assigned. She "loves" teaching and will no doubt be an outstanding educator! (Zeta is actively pursuing her for future membership)!

Founders' Day celebrating included an informative and interesting interview with "Founder **Annie Webb Blanton**". Annie's performance was by Zeta's own **Vivian Harvey**, and her interviewer was Zeta's **Ethel Clow**, chair of the Membership Committee. It was a delightful insight to our DKG heritage and inspiration for all.

The first "Colorado State Delta Kappa Gamma Awards" for chapter members 2019, was presented to **Elizabeth Price** for "Public Service Award"; **Nancy McFaddin** for "Service to the Chapter" and **Mary L. Boughton** for "Professional Service". Thanks to these ladies for their devotion to DKG.

Zeta's March meeting with piano students of Millie Jurneke.



Zeta's Pictures of Founders' Day--5--Award winners; "90" cake; Millie Jurneke playing accordion; Mary Webb Blanton interview = Ethel Clow & Vivian Harvey.

Additional photos available on the website,  
<http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com/>



### Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mu Chapter!

Commemorative Program and Brunch was held Saturday Morning, March 9, 9:00am at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



**Program:** Brief History of Mu Chapter and Founders, Past Presidents, Projects and Outstanding Programs history was presented by Kathy Flynn; historian, Recommitment Ceremony led by chapter president, Susan Burnett; Celebration of Membership: Mu Chapter currently has 51 members. Our music committee under direction of Gail Fray, presented DKG Songs from a 1941 DKG Songbook, and some specially written for Colorado DKG, "Hand in Hand." Table decorations and a celebratory cake were provided by Anna Miller and Gail Ward with special table decorations provided by 63-year member, Vivian Rempel! Our celebration was festive and fun!



**Mu Chapter was chartered in 1939** and has served the St. Vrain Valley District teachers, students and community well all 80 years. Many of our members have left legacies in our district and the communities we serve. Our efforts will continue to support our Mission Statement: To Promote Professional and Personal Growth for Women Educators and Excellence in Education. **Impacting Education Worldwide** SVVSD has a state-of-the-Art Technological Innovation Center newly opened in 2018. The Innovation Center provides classes for all levels in St.Vrain, including a certification program offered through IBM called P-Tech. Graduates are fully certified qualified to move into a technological position. In February and April members toured the center with a tech center guide. It is an amazing program and facility.

Additional photos available on the website, <http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com/>



**Scholarship Chair, Sandra Vazquez** (left), is pleased to announce the two \$600 DKG Grants-in-Aid recipients for spring 2019: Lacy May (Center) from Timberline PK-8 and Connie Dewlen (right) from Westview Middle School. Congratulations to both of you! The presentations were made May 2<sup>nd</sup> at our End of the Year Picnic. All 9 of the applicants are outstanding women professionals. DKG offers other scholarship opportunities at the state and international level for women educators in pursuit of knowledge and excellence in education.

Ana Felix became our newest inductee at the May Picnic. Her 5-year-old daughter, Maryana, attended with mommy! Maybe someday soon she will be a DKG member also. Ana is a bilingual kindergarten teacher at Timberline PK-8 school in Longmont. Ana says, "My dream was to become a kindergarten teacher. It was my calling. DKG chose me! I love it! "Ana was our Adopt-A-Classroom recipient this school year.



**Current chapter officers are:** President, Susan Burnett; 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Sandra Vazquez; 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Louise Johnson; Recording Secretary, Martha Ramos; Treasurer, Laura Lewis; Corresponding Secretary, Joan Martin; Parliamentarian and Historian, Kathy Flynn; Immediate Past President, Cheryl Barnett.

Submitted by Kathy Flynn, Editor

### Chi Chapter

Chi Chapter recently honored two long-standing and hardworking members at their May meeting. Madaline Lake was recognized by Colorado State for her longevity as Treasurer for Chi Chapter. She was originally from Leadville and transferred to Chi Chapter when she moved to Montrose. Shirley Cotten also received recognition from the state organization for her community involvement in the Crawford area. Shirley was born and raised in Crawford and has spent most of her adult life there. Initiated in 1972, Shirley has served as Chi Chapter President twice. Congratulations to both Madaline and Shirley for their awards, and a big thank you for your many years of service to Chi Chapter!

Submitted by Wendy Burrell

### **Speak Up for Education and Kids**

The 2017-18 school year has begun and teachers and students are hard at work

achieving the best results possible. Some important pointers that have been



useful in past years are worth reviewing.

1. Local activism is key in advancing education. Nationwide people care deeply for public schools and look to educators for direction in ways they can
  2. Today's challenges in education are so great, we need to know where to begin and to whom to talk with.
  3. By attending local association and school board meetings we can keep informed on who the state and local officeholders are that have a hand in education policy.
  4. Always present a positive attitude toward your school, students, parents and be ready to share the exciting activities happening in your school.
  5. Work to strengthen the bond between educators and your community. Invite an educator to speak at your community gatherings or invite them to school activities.
  6. Get to know your elected officials. Most lawmakers do not know much about what we do in schools and the barriers your students may be facing inside and outside school. Communicate verbally or in writing. Always, present a positive outlook and attitude.
  7. Inspire a vision of what public schools can be. Remind the that a well-resourced school and a well-rounded curriculum provide learning opportunities.
  8. Define what the best schools in your district have that your struggling schools don't have. Practice talking about your vision.
  9. Since educators are reliable voters, help support candidates know and understand the demands of education so they can become elected .
- EDUCATION IS POLITICAL! We elect the people who have a say in how much money goes into schools.
10. Check with state and local affiliates such as CEA/NEA to find out about recommended candidates and find out how to help them get elected.

Remember, fighting for public education will never a one-win battle. Each election brings a new wave of policymakers who need to be schooled. Reach out to an elected leader who represents you and share your story in professional and positive manner. Source: NEA Today, Fall 2017

Submitted by Dr. MaryAnn Roldan, U.S. Forum Chair

### **Phending off the Phishermen!**

"Spearphishing" is an internet scam that targets or "spears" an individual or organization. These emails can ask for money, more personal information, or more information about the organization to help the scammers craft future attacks.

#### If you get an unusual email, here's how to identify a fraud:

1. Check the "From" and "Date" info. Sometimes the address is wrong. Sometimes the date has an odd time. Most scammers are in foreign countries and not on US time.
2. Look for misspelled words, incorrect grammar, punctuation, and syntax.
3. See if the email "sounds like" the person you know. Odd diction like "regards," "do the needful," or "kindly advise" are not terms Americans usually use.

#### If you think you have received a spearphishing email, here's what to do.

1. If an email asks for money, don't respond. If you are in doubt, call the actual person who the email is supposed to be from to see if she asked for money.
2. The email may pose as UPS, FedEx, bank, IRS or other entity and include a link to "click" on. Never click on a link in an email that seems suspicious! Doing so can enable the scammer to install viruses, malware or ransomware on your computer. If you are in doubt, call the entity that the email purports to be from using their public phone numbers.



2. Do not respond or give any personal information to the sender.
3. Delete the email.
4. If you have responded to the "spearfisher," he has you on his "spear" as someone who is a willing target and will probably send future emails asking for money. Just delete them.

Use these common sense guidelines, and always be on your guard when receiving emails--particularly those that seem out of the ordinary, request a highly urgent response, or ask for money or personal information.

Submitted by Janet McClaskey

## To Teach Is to Touch the Future

Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske (DFR) was honored at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert of the Kirksville Community Chorus in Kirksville, Missouri, on 29 April. The Kirksville Community Chorus was founded and directed by Dr. Fawcett-Yeske from 1997-1999 when she was teaching at Truman State University in Kirksville. With a grant she secured through the Missouri Arts Council, she established a choir of approximately 75 people, some who drove as many as 200 miles just to be able to attend rehearsals. At the anniversary concert, Dr. Fawcett-Yeske shared brief comments and was treated to a reception in her honor, which included visits from charter members of the organization and some of the students who took her classes at Truman State twenty years ago. "To teach is to touch the future."



Dr. Fawcett-Yeske addresses the chorus and audience at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert of the Kirksville Community Chorus in Missouri.

## Annie Webb Blanton and Mom



Katherine Lydia Pittenger was born on a steamy, July evening in 1916 in Chicago. Being born in Illinois was like being born in a foreign country, for she was Texas, through and through, but her father, A Texas professor, was teaching a summer seminar at the University of Chicago.

When Katherine and her parents returned to Austin in the Fall, Katherine grew up an only and lonely little girl in her childhood home on East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. Having no brothers or sisters and being the prodigy of academic types, Katherine was mature for her age, and spent most of her early years underfoot of her parents, their close-knit German relatives and their friends and associates.

Katherine's father, Benjamin Floyd Pittenger, was the Dean of Education at the University of Texas at Austin from 1926-1957. Aside from Dr. Pittenger's responsibilities of teaching and administration, much of his time was spent encouraging collegiality with the education faculty of the University. Katherine attended all those academic functions whether picnics at Barton Springs or more formal dinners at the family home. One of Katherine's fond memories was of Annie Webb Blanton, who as an education professor at UT, attended those social activities. Dr. Blanton took an interest in Katherine's education and always had time to visit with her about her schooling and future aspirations.

Katherine completed high school at 16, earned a degree in English from UT at 20 and went on to earn a Master's in Speech Therapy from the University of Iowa. She did teach for a couple of years but forwent a career in education to marry and raise a family. Katherine's youngest of four children, Laurie Harris Salazar, did



however, pursue a career in education at the elementary level and retired from her 30 years in the field as a principal. Katherine’s daughter, Laurie, is a 20 year member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the organization started by Annie Webb Blanton in 1929. What a small world we live in! Annie would be thrilled and proud to know how her legacy has continued.

By Laurie Salazar, Epsilon Chapter, Colorado

### Colorado Teams

Teamwork has accomplished a lot in the last two years. The 2019-2021 Teams are forming, and we need your help to continue the trend! What team will you join? Each Colorado team needs a member from each area of the State. It is time to decide if you will continue to work on the same team or switch to another. Are you ready to step up to Team Leader?

If you did not fill out a Team form at the Spring Board meeting, I do not know your preference. Teams are listed on the Colorado DKG website. Please send a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of Team to – [leilak@bresnan.net](mailto:leilak@bresnan.net)

### International Conferences 2019

Do you need a roommate?

Are you going to Des Moines? Costa Mesa? Elsewhere? Last year in Austin, Texas, we had a great delegation and were able to enjoy several activities as the Colorado Group. We would like to continue that tradition.

Would you be interested in going to dinner with the Colorado Delegation on our free evening? Please share some travel information with incoming President, Leila, so we can stay in contact and coordinate some good times. This is what she needs to know if you are planning to go to **Des Moines** –

Your name; arrival and departure dates; are you staying at the Embassy Suites (official hotel) or somewhere else; roommate’s name; cell phone #, for notification of group photo and dinner; if you

want to go with the Colorado group for dinner one evening?

Thanks and let’s get ready for some good times in Des Moines, July 10-12, 2019.

Send your information to - [leilak@bresnan.net](mailto:leilak@bresnan.net)

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**International Conference: Leadership**

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## Fall Board Meeting

The Fall Board Meeting will be held October 19, 2019. Please note that the location will be at the Franciscan Center in Colorado Springs. Watch the Peaks and Fall mailings for more details.

### Team Planning Meeting

*Mark your calendars* for August 10, 2019. Starting at 9:30am Colorado DKG Teams will have time to bond, set goals, and begin their work for the new biennium. The meeting to be held at the Castle Pines library will include a salad luncheon and will end about 4pm.

## The Gold Piece

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Last August, prowling through eBay's latest Delta Kappa Gamma listing I came across a shock! A Delta Kappa Gamma state president's pin offered for sale; HOW could this be?

I had become accustomed to seeing key pins and chapter president pins, but a STATE president's pin! Oh, no! Immediately I called the Texas State Executive Secretary, Cheryl Crawford, and told what I'd seen. She concurred that Texas needed to purchase the pin. Texas State Organization President Dr. Jo Murphy agreed and authorized me to contact the seller and see if we could purchase the pin. Within ten minutes, the Texas state organization became the owner of a DKG state president's pin. Our intention was to present the pin to incoming 2019-2021 State President at her installation this June.

The seller had no information about the pin except that on the back was scratched S 35 36. In the next few days, I researched which states were chartered during 1935-36 and had presidents with the last initial of "S." The Heritage, Vol. I, revealed that only two state presidents in that time period had a last name that began with "S" -- Maycie K. Southall, Tennessee, who later became national president

and a national achievement award recipient; and Hildegard Sweet, first state president of Colorado.

I wrote Becky Sadowski in Tennessee asking if Tennessee had Dr. Southall's pin. Kathy Flynn of Colorado was also contacted, inquiring about Hildegard's pin. In two days, Kathy replied Colorado was chartered in 1935; however Hildegard Sweet did not become state president until 1936 and served until 1939. Flynn was certain the pin was not Sweet's.

Becky's Tennessee answer was more intriguing. She explained that Xi State was chartered November 30, 1935. Dr. Southall was the first state president, installed in 1935. This could explain the date 35 36 on the back of the pin. Years later, Dr. Southall became ill and subsequently died, but she had left her DKG jewelry to a close DKG friend asking her to return the pieces to the proper places. When that lady became ill, she asked another DKG member and a colleague of Dr. Southall's to keep the envelope containing the jewelry until she recovered and could contact a Tennessee state officer to determine what should be done with it. Unfortunately, the member passed away before that happened, and Dr. Southall's colleague kept the envelope of jewelry locked in a box with other valuables for years. When this second DKG member died, her daughter brought her mother's valuables to her home and kept them locked in what she thought was a safe place. However, her home was burglarized and most of her valuables (including the envelope of Maycie Southall's jewelry) were stolen.

TSO's Executive Committee, on October 5-6, 2018, unanimously agreed to offer the pin to Tennessee at the price Texas paid as a gesture of sisterhood between the two states. On October 28, Tennessee Executive Board members gladly voted to reimburse Texas the purchase price of the pin.

Thanks to Texas, each state president of Tennessee while in office will proudly wear the key pin of Tennessee's first initiate, Tommie Reynolds, and



the state president's pin of their first state president, Dr. Maycie Southall!



## Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

## Vision

Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide

## Society Purposes

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

## Omega Peaks

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