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## President's Corner

Dear Colorado State,

Congrats and welcome to all new and continuing Chapter Presidents! What a wonderful time to be a new Chapter President in Colorado State! It's an honor to be leading with you, gathering ideas from you, and growing together.

We've got a new name! At the International Convention in Austin, members voted overwhelmingly to change Greek State names to geographical names. Though I love *Omega State*, just think of the power behind saying, "Yes, I'm a member of *Colorado* State DKG!" By changing one word, we now tell everyone we're in a society of educators that spans the entire state of Colorado! A *whole state* of leaders is a power force for promoting personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.

And our chapters actually do--span the whole state of Colorado! If you haven't seen my map of where all our chapters are located, please examine it at the Colorado State Fall Board Meeting on October 20th when you come to the Marriott at Lone Tree to share your favorite chapter projects and programs. The map will make you proud of our strength, and the meeting will give you inspiration and information to carry you into our exciting fall together. Please print the application and agenda for the Board Meeting and come ready to share, grow together, and vote on amendments that will move Colorado State forward.

Throughout this issue of *Colorado Omega Peaks*, members will find special moments from the Convention, details from our August State Team Training, and adopted International amendments that we'll discuss together. Your Colorado State Teams have already designed seamless ways of implementing these changes to improve Colorado processes, and we're excited about getting your suggestions for becoming more active.

If you've been on this journey with us, you know that last year we voted to change Omega State *Committees* to *Teams.* I gave you a team metaphor of being out on the court, running, passing the ball, and scoring. Now that our Teams have been active for a year, our individual members have grown together organically into a heart. Each individual member pumps ideas and inspiration into her chapter and into our state teams. Then state team pumps ideas and inspiration back out into chapters, and chapters pump ideas and inspiration out into Colorado communities and schools. A little student gathers in ideas and inspiration and pumps them out into her family then brings back ideas and inspiration to pump into the classroom which pumps back into our chapters and back into our state. In one short year, we've become a living organization that promotes personal and professional growth and excellence in education!

I invite you to be a heart. Come gather and give at our Colorado State Fall Board Meeting on October 20, join a State Team, and fellowship.

*Janet*

## Fall Board Meeting

**October 20, 2018**
Lone Tree Marriott South
10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO

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YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Rocky Ford Daily Gazette

Rocky Ford, CO 81067-0430 (USPS 468-900) Founded in 1904 50¢ per copy Monday, October 1, 2018 No. 1

State DKG President Janet McClasky, left, presented plaque to Loretta Kerr, whose photographs were selected for DKG's online International Gallery. (Courtesy Photo)

# Loretta Kerr Honored By State DKG President

**By Laverne Hanes, Phi Chapter Secretary**

The Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary sorority for female educators, met in Fowler at the Blackburn Dennis Community Center on Saturday, September 15. The 15 members present welcomedDKG State President Janet McClasky as guest speaker. She surprised member Loretta Kerr with a plaque of recognition for exhibiting her photos in the online DKG International Gallery. This is a juried show, so Loretta's photos were chosen for the Gallery.

President McClasky presented a PowerPoint® explanation of the proposed changes to the DKG International constitution. Her program was both informative and enthusiastic. It showed the effect the changes would have on our local members from Crowley County, Fowler, La Junta, Las Animas and Rocky Ford.

Phi Chapter will meet at the Primary School in La Junta in October.

## White Roses of Remembrance

**Verda McConnell**, Died: 7-31-18, Zeta chapter
**Madeline Bean Nelson**, Died: 8-6-17, Gamma Chapter

## Reminder for Chapter Presidents – Form 6

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

2. Omega State Membership Chair: **Beth Barzdukas**: Barzdukas@live.com

3. Omega State Treasurer: **Lilly Vigil**: 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.

## Attendance Awareness

### September is National Attendance Awareness Month

Daily attendance is essential to student success at all grade levels, too many absences can lead to students falling behind and ultimately dropping out of school. In Colorado, the 2017-18 attendance rate was 92.53 percent – a statistic that has not shown progress over the last two years. An area of focus is the state's chronic absenteeism rate, which is when a student misses 10 percent or more of a school year or approximately 18 days a year. That is equivalent to two days every month. In Colorado, 1 in 5 students are chronically absent.

To learn more

- General information: http://www.attendanceworks.org
- Interactive Map of Chronic Absence across the United States- http://www.hamiltonproject.org/charts/chronic_absence_across_the_united_state

How can you help?

- See how your local school or district compares to state data on the Colorado Department of Education Attendance Information webpage
- Ask your local school leaders how you can volunteer to support Attending school every day.

*Submitted by Fumnanya Camara*

## August Team Training Take-Aways

The August team training and planning meeting was a day spent learning, laughing, and planning for a great October State Board Meeting and a wonderful year ahead for DKG in Colorado. The theme of "Come Lead with Us!" certainly fit the mood and purpose. Here are some of the highlights submitted by those in attendance.

Keeping New Members Engaged. The membership team will present several ways to help new members feel welcome at chapter meetings. As time permits, we will also present some strategies on chapter strengthening.
*Submitted by Beth Barzdukas*

What a good meeting we had on Saturday! Thank you for all the ways you planned and prepared for

it to be a meaningful time. In meeting with our Personal and Professional Pride team, I was encouraged and affirmed by their beliefs that we have done some things that should be practical help for chapters. Now we shall work on being sure that we share ideas and suggestions in meaningful ways.

As usual, you promoted "praise and possibility" and made us each feel valued and appreciated! And speaking of appreciation, tell your husband his patience and quiet work "behind the scenes" is appreciated too!!
*Submitted by Linda Pitts*

## Colorado State Team Assets

At the 2018 Team Training we mapped out assets of our Colorado State Teams and discovered we're quite good at many things! Our assets are arranged in categories and include input from all Teams present. You could score each category separately or have a general discussion and create a plan to work on other assets you 'd like to adopt to strengthen your Team. However you use our list, celebrate your assets and make a plan to grow!

Communication

- Creating two-way communications between chapters and state teams
- Making personal contacts with chapters to distribute info
- Sending out info to chapters monthly

Skills and Qualities

- Completing forms on time
- Organizing, setting goals, being prepared
- Building on past accomplishments
- Embracing silliness
- Being enthusiastic and interested

Effective Team Dynamics

- Communicating as a team
- Working well together as a team
- Keeping all team members involved
- Attending all meetings, International Convention
- Navigating big changes
- Using each member's skills and talents

Good Things Teams Are Doing

- Gaining knowledge & research skills
- Creating brochures and templates for chapter info
- Reviewing archives and finding valuable past things to use
- Helping with International website and tech use questions

*Submitted by Janet McClaskey*

## Omega State Officers 2017-2019

**President -** Janet McClaskey
**1st Vice President -** Leila Koenig
**2nd 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

## Remembering a Key Woman Educator

The last week of April this year brought deep sadness to Alpha Chapter with the passing of two dear sisters only days apart, Marlene Shields and Frances Burbank. Frances departed on April 25 at age 89, leaving a void in all our hearts. She was simply the dearest, sweetest person ever with a thirty-one year devotion to Delta Kappa Gamma that was incomparable.

Frances Lucille Burbank was a Denver native and a graduate of South High School in the Denver Public Schools. She received B.S. and M.A. degrees in Secondary Education from Colorado State University and earned state certification in vocational education and wage earning occupations. Our member taught in the Denver schools for twenty-seven years. While at Manual High School teaching home economics, Francis was honored with the Most Valuable Bolt Award in club sponsorship and school dedication. She also received a

Denver mini-grant for classroom creativity and innovation in 1987 from the Public Education Coalition. In 1988 Manual dedicated its homecoming to Francis for her commitment to excellence. Retiring in 1988, she became active in community work, earning the 1992 Colorado Home Economist Award and the CAFCS Marcile Wood Service Award in 1994. Frances was dedicated to her husband Bruce and their two children, Brian and Barbara, as well as their three grandchildren - Jason, Rachel, and Andrew.

Before coming Alpha's president in 1994 until 1996, Frances served as professional affairs chairman and Tri-Chapter Scholarship Award chair. She also filled the position of parliamentarian until her passing and served on the Ethridge Scholarship committee. She loved our chapter and our society wholeheartedly, and we all loved her as dearly. We will always miss her.

*Submitted by Ruth Ann Bearden*

# Chapter Happenings

## Theta Chapter, Sterling, CO

At a recent program planning meeting this summer, **Yvonne Draxler**, Executive Director of the Family Resource Center, asked if our chapter could assist getting breakfasts coordinated for the ASSET Club. This is a program which aims to create friendship, empowerment, accomplishment and leadership in children. It is held on Mondays – when the RE-1 School District is not in session. The attendance ranges from 50-60 children in grades K – 8th. It is in its second academic year. Under the leadership of **Dorothy Dietz**, 26 Mondays now have nutritional breakfasts scheduled - thanks to many businesses and churches. Serving on the breakfast committee with Yvonne and Dorothy are the following Theta members: **Karen Foote, Nancy Giacomini, Sandra Gibson, Karen Kobayashi, and Penny Propst.** They also pick up breakfasts and deliver to the ASSET Club on Mondays, and took a turn providing a hot breakfast for the children.

*Submitted by Penny Probst*

## Beta Chapter, Pueblo, CO

Members of the Projects Team of Beta Chapter in Pueblo met in the home of Linda Pitts to assemble "Thrival Kits" for South High School, the school the chapter has adopted this year. Besides the "Thrival Kits", Beta members will be taking treats for the Faculty and staff once each semester.

In addition, individual teachers will be "adopted" by Beta members to be encouraged with notes, cards and small gifts on holidays and birthdays. This is the sixth year that Beta members have adopted a school.

*Submitted by Linda Pitts*

Pictured assembling "Thrival Kits" are L to R:Tami Horvat, Stephanie Domina, Sandi Cotter, Sue Petit, Connie Ricotta.

Pictured L to R: Stephanie Domina, Sandi Cotter, Linda Pitts, Sue Petit, Tami Horvat

## Zeta Chapter

Our beloved sister, **Verda McConnell** passed to her eternal home on Wednesday, July 31, 2018 after celebrating her 102nd birthday in April, 2018. She was a faithful member of Zeta Chapter for fifty-one years. We'll honor her life and membership at our first meeting on September 8th.

Our Zeta Scholarship recipient, **Kelsey Fugita**, will be the speaker at our September meeting; her topic is "Teacher Prep for the 21st Century". **Mary Boughton**, newly elected President, will preside at our opening meeting of the year. We continue our Philanthropic project sponsoring "Precious Child" with school supplies and other "Back to School" items.

**Ethel Clow**, active Zeta member and past Zeta President was selected *"Volunteer of the year at Highline Community Elementary School".* Ethel and her therapy dog, Waldo were honored at the Cherry Creek School District's "Exceptional Volunteer Event" at the Denver Marriott Southeast. We are very proud of Ethel's dedicated and enthusiastic work with children! Congratulations!

We're looking forward to a delightful afternoon social for our October meeting by attending a production of the Peanut Butter Players: "Emperor's New Clothes".

**Elizabeth Price**, our dedicated Historian, presented the chapter with printed copies of the ***"(Auto) Biographies of Past and Present Zeta Women"*** at our May Founders' Day program. This has been a labor of love and Elizabeth has worked for years on this project. Thank you!

Chartered April 9, 1938, Zeta Chapter is **80** years old!

*Submitted by Nancy McFaddin*

## Scholarship and Awards News

Help spread the word. There is money available for Life-long Learning Scholarships and Road Scholarships. The applications are online. Look for them on our state website. Details can be found in Appendix II or contact team chair. This is a reminder that if you receive a scholarship you are supposed to share information in Omega Peaks or at state and local meetings. Sharing helps others know they, too, can get a scholarship.

Life-long Learning Scholarships in the amount of $500 each to attend DKG International were awarded to Patricia Mroczek-Van Allen, Leila Koenig, Paulette Evans Deutsch, and Karen Ann Libby.

Twila Brown was awarded a $500 Life-Long Learning Scholarship to attend an Orton/Gillingham training.

*Submitted by Phyllis Sinclair*

## Education Law & Policy Team Prepares for Year Ahead

The Educational Law & Policy Team is responsible for assisting the state and local chapters to meet Delta Kappa Gamma Purpose #4 that is to initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and women educators. It also addresses goals in the area of Education Excellence by engaging educators in purposeful programs by collaborating with the US Forum to empower members in impacting educational legislation, policy and pedagogy.

Our Omega State Bylaws specifically includes the Educational Law and Policy (ELP) Team as part of the Educational Excellence Team. The ELP Team is responsible for the study and recommending action on professional issues and to urge the state organization to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation in the interest of education and women educators. In addition, we are also responsible for assessing accomplishments and honoring legislators who sponsor legislation passed into law benefiting excellence in education. In the Omega State Standing Rules, Appendix I includes a list of areas of possible support for legislation.

The year my teammate, Maggie Hunt (Eta) and I plan to help chapters keep active with election and legislative areas in 2018-19 by doing the following:

- Create a listserve of chapter ELP Team Leaders, Educational Excellence Team Leaders and/or Presidents to send important information related to annual election and legislative issues on a regular basis.
- Develop a process where by we can receive input, questions on issues from local chapters.
- Provide important information at the fall and spring Executive Board meetings about annual election and legislative issues.
- Develop and identify materials that may be used to assist with the education and support of our goals and projects by the ELP Team.
- Assist chapters with education about state ballot measures.
- Assess accomplishments of state legislators and his/her legislation for recognition by Omega State Colorado.

It is the important for all chapters to be active in local educational issues that impact excellence in education. Please let us know how we can assist you and most importantly please let us know what important issues and projects you are working on.

*Submitted by Dr. Barbara Whinery, Delta Chapter Educational Law & Policy, Team Leader*

## The Bylaws and Standing Rules Team

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Team had a busy year last year bringing the Colorado State Bylaws into compliance by their acceptance by the DKG International Constitution Committee. The Standing Rules were revised and approved at Omega State Convention in 2017. We had a successful Chapter Rules presentation in Colorado Springs at the State Conference. NOW we are in the process of studying the constitutional amendments adopted by the 2018 DKG Convention by looking at how the wording and intent will be stated accurately in Colorado documents. So where do we begin; what is most important for state documents; what applies immediately; how do we filter information to the chapters regarding their chapter rules; so many questions?????

As the BSR Team begins looking through all the adopted amendments, we ask for your patience and support. The Team can and will continue to work thoughtfully. We are of the mind-set that changes in our state Bylaws and Standing Rules do not need to occur instantly. The adopted amendments will be reviewed and applied.

The question regarding individual chapter rules and changes is this: at this time the BSR Team feels what you have prepared can stand at this time. We may need to come back next year with required changes. All chapter presidents have received a copy of the approved amendments and may want to include those pertinent to chapters.

Plan to bring your chapter rules to the fall Executive Board meeting in October. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

*Submitted by Joyce Best*

## Membership Committee

Members, please take time to read this article. Then study it and apply to your own chapter. (Caution: No one is going to slap your hands or write a ticket or fine you. ) Discuss the handout points in a chapter meeting. Then use this to set goals for your chapter for the coming year.

**GREEN FLAGS** indicating a **Healthy Chapter**

- ⇒ **Strong Leadership** – President and officers mentor chapter members to support leadership roles at the chapter, state, and international levels.
- ⇒ **Positive Leadership** – President is enthusiastic and promotes member involvement. Encourages others to contact another member about meetings. Bring a friend to a meeting. Communication is strong within the chapter.
- ⇒ **Delegates** – President promotes team planning and ownership of activities and programs. Does not do all the work herself. Capitalizes on member strengths.
- ⇒ **Attendance at chapter meetings is good** – Meeting nights vary throughout the year. Members are reminded via electronic communication to attend a meeting. Members who are unable to drive are offered a ride to the meeting.
- ⇒ **Member count is greater than 20**
- ⇒ **Majority of the members are actively working** – Retired members are active in chapter programs and projects.
- ⇒ **State reports are completed in a timely manner –** Chapter President's Report, chapter committee reports and other state-designed forms are completed and submitted within the designated deadline.
- ⇒ **Completes form 990 with the IRS in a timely manner**
- ⇒ **Knowledgeable of the Society** – New members participate in an orientation process; chapter members attend state, regional, and international conferences.

⇒ **Society membership information is current** – Information shared with members and possible new members is up to date. Chapter yearbook contains accurate information about geographical guidelines, requirements of membership, qualification of potential members, and information about state and international leadership. By-laws and standing rules are current and revised when appropriate.

⇒ **Newsletter is informative** – Newsletter is completed monthly and contains society and chapter information. Member information is always shared be it recognition of an accomplishment, personal news (birthday, promotion, family news). Pictures are included.

⇒ **Yearbook is accurate** – Yearbook contains vital information from the chapter to international levels. Data regarding current officers at each level is evident. Programs are scheduled and explained.

⇒ **Programs reflect interests of members** – Programs are planned to include member interests and areas of expertise.

⇒ **Inspiration and Motivation** – President is enthusiastic at each meeting. Inspirational and motivational ideas are shared between members. These same thoughts are shared in the newsletter. Themes correlate with the state-wide theme.

⇒ **Communication with state organization is evident –** President and members of the chapter respond to state leaders. State leaders are invited to attend chapter meetings or coordinating council events.

*Submitted by Beth Barzdukas*

The Omega State **Nominations Team** needs your help. We would like you to begin considering recommendations for State Officers and Nominations Team Representatives.

Officers needed are President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

**State President Shall:**

- have served on the State Executive Board within the last six (6) years,
- have served as Chapter president,
- have state committee experience,
- have attended state and regional conferences/conventions,
- have interest and time for this position,
- have organizational ability and the ability to delegate,
- be able to speak well and communicate effectively.

**First Vice-President shall:**

- have served on the State Executive Board within the last six (6) years,

State Officers will serve for the 2019-2021 biennium.

The Nominations Team needs one (1) representative form each of the following areas: Area I, Area V, Area VI.

Area I, V, VI need to nominate one (1) representative each, to serve on the Omega Nominations Team for four (4) years. (2019-2023) The following chapters lie within those areas.

**Area I:** Xi, Chi, Alpha Mu, Alpha Chi

**Area V:** Zeta, Mu, Omega, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota

**Area VI:** Beta, Eta, Iota, Rho, Phi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Omicron

The role of the Nominations Team is to seek the best leadership available, present the slate of officers, prepare the ballot, conduct the election and the initiation.

Check with chapter members as to their interest in serving at the state level and get their permission before nominating them for office. All nominees are nominated by their chapter and all pertinent information and letters of support need to be sent to the Nominations Team Leader. Nomination forms can be downloaded at dkg.org or https://dkgcolorado.weebly.com and will be available to state presidents at the 2018 Omega State Fall Executive Board Meeting.

Completed Nominations Forms need to be submitted by **November 15, 2018** and sent to:
Laurie Salazar, Nominations Team Leader
885 County Road 311
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
lsalazar@frontier.net

# Colorado DKG Fine Arts Gallery

**MAHE TEAM REVISITS STRENGTHS AND ANNOUNCES THE COLORADO DKG FINE ARTS GALLERY**

MAHE Team members Suzanne Foster, Susan Chapman and Judy McKay attended the August 11th DKG Leadership Training held in Castle Pines. After reviewing any changes and/or adjustments to the Rules for Submission to the Colorado DKG Gallery Page, Suzanne Foster announced that it is ready to launch and accept works from State members. The Rules for Submission are as follows:

**General Rules:**

1. All submissions should be emailed directly to **Nancy Scofield (nancyscofield@ghvalley.net).** There will **not** be any judging of the submitted material; however, all artwork must be conceived and created by the submitting member.

2. Every submission should contain the following information: Artist, Title, Chapter, and Media. It will be grouped accordingly.

**2 Dimensional Submissions:**

1. Images should be .jpeg files. Submit one .jpeg at the highest resolution.

2. Art should be unframed and photographed straight on using a black, white or dark grey background. Digital images should be evenly lit and appropriately white-balanced.

3. The 2 Dimensional art categories are: Acrylic, Charcoal, Color Pencil, Graphite, Mixed Media (Artist must indicate 2D), Oil, Pastel, Pen and Ink, Print Making, Water Color, Photography (Black and White and Color).

**3 Dimensional Submissions:**

1. All images should be .jpeg files. Submit the .jpeg at the highest resolution.

2. Pieces should be placed on a solid background of white, black or gray, and should be photographed from three separate angles. Digital images should be evenly lit and appropriately white-balanced. Artist must submit three angles to show as much detail as possible; all angles will be displayed.

3. The 3 Dimensional art categories are: Basketry, Ceramics, Digital Art, Jewelry, Mixed Media (Artist must indicate 3D), Pottery, Quilts, Sculpture, Testiles, Wood Carvings.

The goal, according to Foster, is to have all submissions downloaded and running on a loop during the 2019 Convention. Members may also bring pieces, as they have in the past, to display during the Convention.

Look forward, also, to the MAHE page on the Colorado DKG website; there may be some featured submissions as well as some bells and whistles.

One of the activities that members participated in during the Training was to map strengths. Among the many of the MAHE Team, musical and artistic abilities, the willingness to look silly, high energy and creativity ranked high and were shared by more than one member. That said, the MAHE Team is looking for a couple more good members. If interested, contact Janet McClaskey or Suzanne Foster. Let's get those submissions in!!! Thanks to Susan, Judy and Deb for their insights. We are hoping for several types of submissions as we know how wonderfully creative the members of Colorado DKG can be.

# Star Chapter Awards ★★★★

Make it a chapter goal to participate in the Star Chapter Awards program this year. You can start by keeping track of your Chapter's activities, programs, attendance at Colorado State Executive meetings and more from the beginning of the year. It is much easier to fill out the form if you document everything as it happens. The updated form will appear on the website by the end of the year. Until then, you could use the 2017-2018 form as a template. There will be very few changes to the form. To quote Carol Drollinger, "Please participate in the Star Chapter next year and give your Chapter (and yourselves) a pat on the back."

*Submitted by Karen Eilenstine*

# Reflections

The International DKG Convention in Austin was my first ever regional, national, or international meeting, so I was enthralled by every part of the event, but it was the keynote message shared by Maestro Benjamin Zander, conductor of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, that spoke to my heart in a language that I so gratefully understand—music. His inspiring talk encouraged us to "go outside the box" because, he said, "there is no problem that can't be solved without a different framework." How he was able to get nearly 2,000 women from all disciplines to sing Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" in German in the span of two hours was truly a testament to his leadership and belief in the art of possibility.

The DKG Leadership Conference at the Franciscan Retreat in June was filled with many encouraging keynote speaker Col Jennifer Alexander from the United States Air Force Academy. Her ability to connect with people on such a personal level and her delightful sense of humor, especially about being a meteorologist, gave us all pause to think about the combination of traits that converge to make someone a truly effective leader.

*Submitted by Maxine Fawcett-Yeske*

My favorite part of the convention in Austin:

On Thursday morning at the Southwest Regional breakfast, I sat next to a woman I did not know and struck up a conversation. Immediately I realized the woman was a native Spanish speaker and began conversing with her in Spanish. Her face lit up like a Christmas tree and she shared with me that she was much more comfortable speaking Spanish. I learned she is a Mathematics professor at the university in El Salvador. Pretty soon other ladies at our table were communicating with her using their varying conversational proficiencies in Spanish. It's all about learning and making new friends.

## My Most Memorable Session

I enjoyed many wonderful breakout sessions at the 2018 Convention in Austin, but the one that stands out most in my mind was a session called Flexible Seating Supports Creative Thinking. presented by Holcomb Mosley. I will admit up front that I attended the session because Holcolm is a member of my Chapter and I wanted to support her. But I found out many things about what flexible seating in the classroom is and how it could be implemented without causing disruption in teaching or creating discipline problems. I was astounded that this amazing teacher not only thought of trying this for the benefit of some challenging students in her classroom last year, but actually found a way to get the money for the project through an internet funding site called Donors Choose. She included photos of her classroom and of her students using the flexible seating to work individually and in groups. Prior to this session, I did not know that some of these seating options even existed!

An unexpected benefit was seeing this presentation while Holcomb Mosley was in Arkansas with her family! Seeing how one could connect with others from a thousand miles away was totally eye opening! Holcomb used Go To Meeting for the presentation and had an on-site facilitator (**Dr. Sue Petit**) and a computer hooked up to project on a large screen in the room. Holcomb conducted a question and answer session at the end of her presentation. Each questioner moved over in front of the computer to allow Holcomb to see and hear the questions, and all the people in the room were able to hear Holcomb answering them. What a wonderful demonstration of the power of the internet!

So this presentation had all the hallmarks of a great breakout session: new and surprising information, unusual presentation methods, and awesome examples of outstanding teaching practices! It was one of the high points of the 2018 Convention for me!

*Submitted by Cela Varosy, Alpha Iota Chapter*

## Some inspirational sessions in Austin:

I enjoyed getting to know my fellow DKG sisters and sharing experiences with them, both at the state and international levels, and sharing our common bond of education. Particularly inspiring to me was the keynote, Benjamin Zander, a visionary, teacher, and music conductor. He helped me see how we can develop leadership in our organization through possibility thinking. I have ordered his books and I recommend that chapters do a book study on his book, *The Art of Possibility,* or the sequel, *Pathways to Possibility: Transforming Our Relationship with Ourselves, Each Other, and the World.*

I also was impressed by the practicality of the presentation by Patricia Ann Park called *Yes, We are the Leaders, Not Leaders of Followers.* Strategies for leader-leader practices to empower our members were given in order to develop highly effective teams. I will be typing up some of the relevant ideas from this for our local chapter, Alpha Gamma. If anyone else would like to have a copy, please email me at pollmanm@q.com

*Submitted by Mary Jo Pollman*

## Fun and Profit at the Marketplace

Chi Chapter stepped up this summer, took some risks, and reaped the rewards by participating in the marketplace at the International DKG Convention in Austin. Should your chapter consider such a venture? Here are the facts.

A table and permission to sell cost $120 this year, up front.

It will probably require a road trip to get your product to market.

You will need a sales team, at least 2 people, to take turns during the 5-6 hours of sales on multiple days, and still be able to attend workshops, etc. We had 3 members and a husband.

Another chapter or person may be willing to share the cost and effort. We enjoyed some help from Memory Lamfers and were glad to promote her book, Yogi, at our table.

It helps to sell for a "cause". We were working in memory of our 45+ year member, Miriam Hartig, and in benefit of our grant-in-aide award.

Nancy Pierce, Pat Mroczek-Van Allen, and Leila Koenig had a great time talking to DKG ladies from all member countries and returned to Colorado with lots less product, in addition to $1000 for our fund.

Should your chapter try this? You decide.

*Submitted by Leila Koenig*

## An inspirational session in Colorado Springs:

An inspirational session at Omega State was the Conversation About Amendments to the International Documents. True Morgan, a very dedicated member at the local, state, and international DKG level spoke on the changes to the International Constitution and Bylaws. She meticulously followed through with her comments and allowed us to speak. Her comments were summarized for all of us who attended the International DKG Meeting in Austin. This was a read effort on True's part. Her contributions have been extensive to the organization.

*Submitted by Mary Jo Pollman*

***Saturday***
***October 20, 2018***
***8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.***

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
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# Fall Executive Board Meeting Call

October 20, 2018
Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows 10345 Park Meadows Drive,
Lone Tree, CO 80124-5345, Lincoln Ave., West, Exit 193 off of I-25, Phone: (303) 925-0004

To: The Omega State Executive Board: state officers, personnel, chapter presidents, state team chairmen, state team members, past state presidents and guests.
For: Omega State President Janet McClaskey, janet.mcclaskey@gmail.com
From: Cynthia Mousel, Omega State Executive Secretary; camousel@gmail.com

*The Fall Executive Board Meeting will be held Saturday, October 20th, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Marriott South. Agenda enclosed.

*Check-in and Breakfast: 7:45 to 8:30 AM.

*Call to Order: 8:30 AM.

*The board meeting registration form is enclosed.

*Please mail your registration form and check, payable to Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society, to Cynthia Mousel, 1381 Niagara St., Denver CO, 80220-2918, before Monday, October 15th. (Guarantee to hotel is due Tues., October 16th.) Plan to participate in the meeting's ***fabulous door prize*** drawing by submitting your completed registration, by October 15th.

*The sleeping room rate for Friday and Saturday nights is $119, plus tax.
Call Marriott's Reservations toll free number 1-877-303-0104. Use DKG/Delta Kappa Gamma group code. Cutoff date is Sept. 26th. After cutoff date, call hotel (Katie Comeinski), (303) 925-0004.

*Free Parking is available around the hotel.

*To prepare for the board meeting, please bring this packet, and your electronic devices.

*Share the "Call" information with your state teams and chapter members.

*The Executive Board meeting information is on the Omega State web site:
http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com

Questions? Call Cynthia Mousel, (303) 475-9892, or,
President Janet McClaskey, (303)-660-0624

# 2018 Fall Executive Board Meeting Registration Form

Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows
10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124
Registration form must be received by **Monday, October 15th**

Name_____
Title First Last

Address_____

Phone_____Chapter_____

E-mail_____

Chapter Office or team

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Omega State Office/team

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

Prices include gratuity/tax

Custom Menu:

Breakfast: Assorted Breakfast Pastries with Preserves and Butter; (2 Pieces per Person.) Plain Yogurt with Granola on the side; Assorted Fruit Juices. Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea.

Lunch: Bread, Soup Station, Chef's Choice of Salad with Chicken, Dressing on the side.

Blondies and Brownies (Served Family Style) Coffee, Decaf, Iced Tea.

Custom Menu _____$47.68

Registration fee: (Required) _____$5.00
(AV equipment rental.)

TOTAL_____ $52.68

Special Dietary Concerns? _____

CEU Credit (?)_____

Make check payable to: Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society
Mail this completed form and check to:
Cynthia Mousel, 1381 Niagara St., Denver CO 80220-2918
Cancellation: Before October 15th, a full refund can be expected.

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# Colorado State Fall Board Meeting Agenda

Saturday October 20, 2018
Lone Tree Marriott
(Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows)
10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124

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| 7:30-8:30 | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30-9:00 | Welcome and Call to Order |
| | Pledge of Allegiance |
| | Music: *God Bless America* |
| | Inspiration: *Honoring Colorado State 50 and 60 year members* |
| | Roll Call |
| | Approval of the 2018 Spring Executive Board Meeting Minutes |
| 9:00-9:30 | Rules of the meeting |
| | Business Meeting |
| | Team Reports: Educational Law and Policy, Finance |
| 9:30-10:30 | Adopted International Amendments |
| | Music: *Promoting Praise and Possibility* |
| | Door prize and break |
| 10:30-10:40 | TEAMWORK Presentation |
| 10:40-11:40 | Getting to Know Your Teams--7 Minute Takeaways |
| 11:40-12:00 | Announcements, Break, door prize |
| | Music: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00-1:15 | "Step Right Up" play |
| 1:15-1:30 | Meet your DKG leaders--Introduction of Executive Team |
| | Music |
| 1:30-2:00 | Chapter Yearbook Treasure Hunt |
| | Announcements: CEU credits, mileage applications |
| 2:00-2:20 | Team Planning Time |
| 2:20-2:30 | Dessert, Door prizes |
| 2:30-3:00 | Chapter Share |
| 3:00-3:30 | Announcements, Appreciations, Door Prizes |
| | Music: *DKG Song* |

## 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.

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