



GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS



GAMMA CHAPTER OF THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

February 2021

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Dear Gamma Sisters:

Today I want to introduce you to some of my favorite trees. Why? We'll get to that



Here's Jefferson Middle School, which opened its doors in 1938 as Jefferson Junior High. This is one of the blessings of working at an older school: the entire corner of Lomas and Girard in front of JMS is filled with tall, mature trees on a blanket of thick, real grass. Think birds, pinecones, and a shady place for students and teachers to decompress, talk, and learn.



Here's a place I bet you know. Maybe you studied at UNM. Most likely you took group after group after group of students here to eat a sack lunch after a field trip to Popejoy Hall. Perhaps you brought your own children or your sweetheart here. Perhaps you thought you were there to visit the ducks and turtles, but I suggest that it was really about the trees.



Here's one you may not know. The inner courtyard of Rio Grande High School (this picture does not do it justice) is shaded by truly enormous cottonwoods. The marching band practices here and their sound bounces off the walls. Students hold lunchtime dances here, rolling out a portable sound system and speakers. All fall, leaves drift down on the Ravens.

So why trees? Because trees are made of human breath. In the month of March, we'll be celebrating breathing, something we don't take for granted since Covid 19. We breathe in. We breathe out. We feed the trees and they feed us. These trees are strong because of the breaths of thousands of students who walked under, among, and beside them, generations of students who maybe performed a little better or went back to class a little more energized because they got to spend a little time here. ¡Viva los arboles!

Katy Hammel, NBCT

Gamma President, 2020-2021

MARCH GAMMA MEETING

The focus of our March program is **BREATHING**.



Breathing is a necessity of life that usually occurs without much thought. When you breathe in air, blood cells receive oxygen and release carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is a waste product that's carried back through your body and exhaled.



Join us on Saturday, March 13th at 10:00 am for a virtual informative program on how to improve your breathing techniques to help control anxiety and stress. The ZOOM link will be sent a within a week of our chapter meeting. SO Mark your calendar!!!

In addition, we will have a member induction.

The link for our March 13th meeting is listed below.

Mar 13, 2021 09:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Gamma Chapter Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85739742828?pwd=U1dSTmcrYTV0ckZ5R0tuV3JGdXAyQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 3974 2828

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keHELtjYoN>

DKG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

DKG International Hosting Two Conferences in Summer 2021

DKG International is offering two different conferences this summer for members:

July 7-10, 2021, in Portland, Oregon

July 21-24, 2021, in San Antonio, Texas

Decisions are being considered in the next few months whether these events will be virtual or hybrid.

More information soon.

TREASURER'S INFO

Remember that next year's dues are to be paid by the May meeting. Only a couple of Gamma members have paid ahead using the **PAPP (Pay Ahead Payment Plan)**. Send Diana Valdez any amount you wish to put in your plan to get ahead of the \$80 crunch.

All donations to our Non-fund raiser Fund Raiser for philanthropies that members wish to contribute to should be in to Diana by March 15th. In this second half of the year, we normally collect cleaning supplies and pop tops for Ronald McDonald House and toiletries for Good Women's Housing Coalition. We're also supporting the International World Fellowship Fund. If you would still like to help support these (or earlier – Title 1 Homeless, Silver Horizons, APS Clothing Bank) charitable organizations, please fill in the following form and mail it along with your check (made out to Gamma Chapter) to Diana Valdez @ PO Box 1071 Corrales, New Mexico 87048-1071 asap. Thank you for your generosity, and they may all be tax deductible.

If you have any questions contact Diana Valdez.

Gamma Service Projects & World Fellowship Fund

Name: _____

Total Donation Amount: \$ _____

Please make your check payable to "Gamma Chapter"

Send to: Diana Valdez. PO Box 1071. Corrales, New Mexico 87048-1071

Email: valdezd8844@gmail.com

Phone: (505) 328-3669

Member donations will be accepted from October 2020 through March 15, 2021. Checks will be cashed as received. Collected donations will mailed to the various organizations in late March 2021.

Please indicate your desired amount for each project.

		Amount	
September:	APS Title 1 Homeless Project	\$	_____
October:	APS Clothing Bank	\$	_____
December:	Silver Horizons	\$	_____
January:	Good Women's Housing Coalition	\$	_____
March:	Ronald McDonald House	\$	_____
	World Fellowship Fund	\$	_____

Total Donation Amount \$ _____

DKG Prospect Card

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THETA STATE NEW MEXICO SPRING CONVENTION SCHEDULE AND DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

Friday, April 23 and Saturday April 24

These activities will be offered virtually. Please send in your registration to receive an invitation to join on Zoom.

There will be separate invitations for Friday and Saturday.

The Saturday invitation will apply to all events that day.

Friday, April 23

6:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, April 24

8:00 a.m.- General Session

10:00 a.m.- Necrology Service

10:45 a.m.- Session 1

Autism panel

Title: Navigating the World of Autism

Presenters: **Kelley Alsup**, Executive Director of the Pecos Valley Regional Education Center (PVREC 8) has served 23 years in Public Education in the field of Special Education as a Diagnostician, Special Education Specialist and administrator.

Katelyn Gray, School Psychologist at PVREC8, has a great deal of experience with students with Autism and is well-versed in student behaviors in the school setting.

Tamara Jones, Roswell Independent School District teacher and parent of 8th grader, Grayson, who is on the Autism spectrum. She brings experience from classroom and home environment backgrounds.

Description: We are happy to provide a general overview of Autism in the school setting, including the evaluation process and program implementation for students with Autism, as well as the home environment.

11:45 a.m. – Session 2

Treasurer's Training

Title: Managing Membership

Presenter: Theta State NM Treasurer Yvette Moore

Description:

Managing Membership - "Somebody has to do it" - and that "Somebody" is the Chapter Treasurer. We will focus on managing our members in this Zoom extravaganza. Join Yvette Moore, Theta State NM treasurer, for an informative, interactive workshop

12:30 p.m. Theta State Luncheon/Awards

**THETA STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD,
LONGEVITY and MERIT AWARDS**

2021 SCHOLARSHIP & B. JUNE WEST RECRUITMENT GRANT

INSTALLATION OF THETA STATE NM 2021-2023 STATE OFFICERS

GUEST SPEAKER: INTERNATIONAL REP. SW REGIONAL DIRECTOR JANIS BARR

2:45 p.m.

Title: Chapter Leader Roundtable:

Sharing What Works for Chapters in Our Virtual World

Presenters: Shawna Denney, Pat Graff, NBCT, and Joe Clarkson, NBCT

Description: All chapter leaders (and potential leaders) are encouraged to attend this roundtable discussion about our successes and challenges leading our local chapters in this new, virtual world we continue to face. We talk about membership, program, and organizational tips and ideas during this 45-minute session.

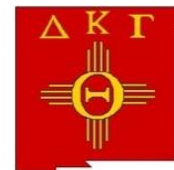


INTERNATIONAL GUEST:

Southwest Regional Director

Janis Barr

California



For a special convention invitation to share with your chapter please view this video:

<https://youtu.be/N1XMx10Z4MI>

THETA STATE, NM VIRTUAL SPRING CONVENTION



REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, April 23, 2021
Saturday, April 24, 2021



**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL DAY OF GATHERING, VISITING, TRAINING
AND TAKING CARE OF STATE BUSINESS**

RESERVATION DEADLINE – Wednesday, April 14. Send registration form and payment to
Patty Evans at 3016 Barcelona Drive, Roswell, NM 88201. Make the check payable to Theta State NM.

COST: \$20 (Inclusive for Friday and Saturday)

Name: _____ Chapter: _____
Address: _____ Chapter Office: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ TS Position: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

* A personal working e-mail address is required on the registration form in order to send a ZOOM log on invitation. Confirmation of registration will be sent via email by April 19, 2021. If you do not receive confirmation by this date contact Patty Evans at 575-627-6920 or email her at peppermintnm@q.com.

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE PRESENTED ON LINE.

Friday evening: 6:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting

Saturday morning:

8:00 a.m. General Session

10:00 a.m. Necrology Service

Workshops (See Schedule and Descriptions)

10:45 – 11:30 “Navigating the World of Autism – Panel Discussion with Q &A

11:45 – 12:30 “Managing Membership” - Treasurer’s workshop

Saturday Lunchtime: 12:30 – 2:30

- Awards Celebration
- Installation of 2021-2023 Theta State Officers
- International Representative Presentation – Janis Barr, Southwest Regional Director



Saturday afternoon: 2:45 p.m.

- “Sharing What Works for Chapters in Our Virtual World” - Chapter Leader Roundtable

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Your attendance at this meeting gives permission for use of your photo/name in Theta State Newsletter Theta State Website and any Delta Kappa Gamma publication.

_____ Initial if you understand this agreement. It is your responsibility to remove yourself from photographs.

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