



**2023 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR...
A GREAT SUCCESS!**



Roswell members of Alpha Theta Chapter welcomed participants of the 2023 NMSO Leadership Seminar June 9-10. Twenty-eight DKG women gathered at All Saints Catholic School which hosted the gathering of state officers, committee chairmen and several chapter members.



Immediate past state president Pat Graff presented an overview of goals and accomplishments met during her biennium. Incoming state president Joe Clarkson discussed her biennium theme and goals she envisions to encourage continued membership growth in New

Mexico. State chairmen formed committees and developed strategies to support Joe Clarkson and her team of new state officers in their endeavors as well as accomplishing individual committee goals.

Friday evening began with a bountiful salad supper graciously provided by members of Alpha Theta Chapter. Saturday was a busy time as work continued. Pat Graff spiced things up by offering gift cards to committee chairmen who filled their committee rosters. There was lots of excitement as texts were sent, phone calls made, and wheeling and dealing was done to complete the task. It all equaled success on the part of the chairmen! State music chairman, Linda Cauthen helped bring some nice breaks with lots of fun singing.

So much information was shared, lots of questions were asked and good answers provided.

A delicious catered lunch was provided for participants. After a short afternoon session, closing activities included awarding of twenty-eight participation certificates, and Leadership pins were awarded to eight women who were attending Leadership Seminar for the first time. Closing ceremonies included a rousing rendition of singing the DKG Song.

During the 2021-2023 biennium, a total of sixty-two women attended the two Leadership Seminars, and of these, twenty-two women were first time attendees. It is exciting to witness the interest in leadership as new faces attend the seminars. You are the promise of our state. Kudos to those women who have faithfully attended and supported Leadership Seminar for many years. Your knowledge is invaluable. As NMSO continues to grow in membership so shall we continue to grow in our commitment to the formation of new leadership.

Carmen Tapia, Leadership Chairman
2021-2023 biennium

NM DKG Gathering/ Social

Friday, Nov. 3, 2023. 5-8 p.m.

at Pat Graff's home

8101 Krim NE, ABQ

Light dinner and desserts served

Come and go buffet before the Fall Meeting Nov. 4

ALL NM DKG members invited-
No RSVP required.

From the CCC Treasurer-

Due to the ongoing issues with supply chains and timelines required with the hotel for the Fall Birthday Luncheon, there is no guarantee that late registrations will get a meal.

Please pay close attention to the deadlines on the registration form. Numbers must be called in earlier this year, Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SAVE THE DATE:

NM DKG 2023 Fall Event

Executive Board Meeting

Birthday Luncheon

Workshops and Exhibitors

November 4, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel

Albuquerque, NM

See page 17

REGISTER EARLY !!!



MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE PRESIDENT

Greetings Sisters!

As I write this, I am still in awe of what a great honor it is to be your DKG state president! This is not something I ever considered when I first joined this fantastic organization. However with love, support, and amazing guidance, here I am. Everyone of you has had a hand in my growth as a leader. Thank you!



Along those same lines I would like you to think and look through the lens of my biennium theme, “Love First, Teach Second.” Loving our sisters is the glue that keeps us in DKG, and the relationships we build are priceless! Let’s love all of our members, take newer members under our wing, and assist anyone who is struggling. Then let’s teach! Share what makes DKG amazing. Start mentoring members to take on leadership roles. Hold back our negative comments that may make a sister feel that she can’t take on the role of leadership.

With all of this in mind I am asking each chapter to start working on a simple mentoring plan that is two pronged. Prong one involves what you are doing or going to do to grow our new members in the society. Prong two involves what you are doing or going to do to grow your leaders. NMSO has had chapters dissolve simply because nobody wants to be president. We also have chapters who have had a few women rotate the offices, or have had the same president for several bienniums. We can’t survive if we don’t start making small changes now.

This coming November we will have our fall meeting and a time to discuss and maybe work on our mentoring plans. Please plan on coming to Albuquerque for the fall meeting!

We can share, laugh, and love each other.



Yours Truly,
Joe Clarkson, NBCT President NMSO DKG

CHAPTER PRESIDENT ZOOM MEETINGS

NM DKG President Joe Clarkson, NBCT, has said she will continue bimonthly virtual gatherings of chapter presidents during her biennium, so look for more information to join the first meeting.

PRESIDENT JOE BEGINS CHAPTER VISITS

Thank you, Omega Chapter of Las Cruces, for welcoming me to your gathering. I loved getting to know you, some for the first time and others for the second or third time(since I forgot your name. Yes, I am embarrassed

about that.) ! There was great food, a great getting to know you better activity, and above all else, the camaraderie I felt between your member made my heart happy!

-Joe



<i>NM DKG CALENDAR DATES</i>	
October 2, 2023	Reservations due for Fall Event Birthday Luncheon
October 14, 2023	deadline for room reservations at Courtyard Hotel for Fall Event
Saturday, Nov.4	- NM DKG Fall Meeting and Birthday Luncheon in Albuquerque
March 15, 2024	– Merit, Longevity, Achievement Awards nominations due
April 1, 2024	– Educator Recognition Award nominations due
April 26-28, 2024	- NM DKG State Convention in Alamogordo
April 1, 2024	– deadline for submissions for Communications Award

NMSO SPECIAL NEWS

PROGRAM

Programs for Your Chapter

Wondering what your chapter will be doing this year? In need of ideas? Here are a few that were discussed at the Irving, Texas meeting for DKG State Officers.

Your chapter could:

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| Have a "Make and Take" event. | Have a "Paint and Wine" event. |
| Take a chapter visit to Home Depot and learn a new skill. | Conduct a "Soup-Off" between chapters in your area |
| Have a "Chili/Cookies/Tamale/etc." Cook-Off. | Form a book club. |
| Sell or auction cakes/baked goods/etc. at the next conference. | Have a "Scavenger Hunt". |
| Invite a police officer for a presentation on women's defense. | Go on a group field trip to a historical setting/place |
| Collect books for the children's section at your area hospital. | |
| Provide a meal for the Ronald McDonald House or a similar place. | |
| Have a speaker from the State Legislature talk about what is happening in Santa Fe. | |

Barbara Shirrod 1st Vice President

MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to announce the new Membership Retention Challenge. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions concerning this challenge.

Cheryl Martinez
NMSO 2nd Vice-President
Membership Committee Chairman

Membership Retention Challenge

This year's challenge is one of retention. You will find the requirements for this challenge listed below. For each chapter that meets the chapter challenge, the members will receive a rose gold colored key with a rose at the top that can be used in multiple ways. Good luck with the challenge!



1. Retain 100% of your membership

Exceptions to that are:

- a. relocation of member
- b. death of member

2. Use multiple media for meeting presentation

Use at least two of the following:

- a. Regular face to face meeting with program
- b. Zoom meeting or hybrid zoom/face to face
- c. Outdoor activity/meeting
- d. Service type meeting

Some possible activities are but are certainly not limited to:

- i. Christmas caroling at nursing home
- ii. Activity at a children's home (Assurance Home)
- iii. Stuffing backpacks for Back-to-School event

3. **Assign a mentor member to each new member (last year inductee or newer).** This mentor is responsible for checking in with the member on a regular basis and encourage them to attend chapter meetings and activities.

4. **At least one member attend fall meeting and/or State Convention who has never attended these meetings before.**

The 2nd Vice President will be tracking this information through the State President's Zoom meetings and through the statistics available on the Website.

2023-2025 NM DKG LEADERSHIP TEAM

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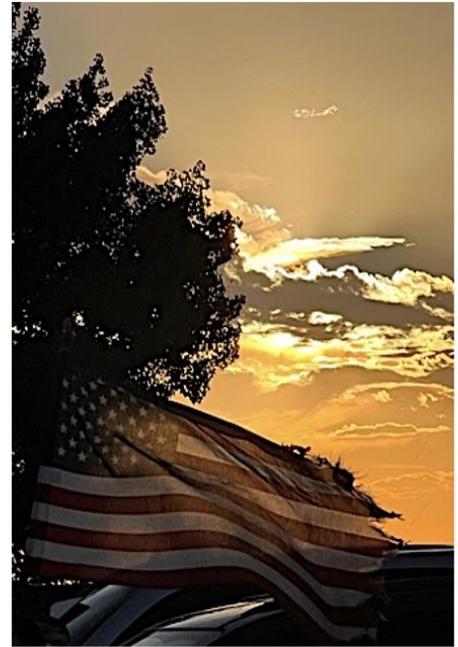
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We're behind you all the way!

ART NOOK

Sisters! We are adding a new section to our newsletter to celebrate the amazing artists among us. We will be adding up to three pieces in each newsletter. Don't be shy. Send a photo of your marvelous art piece.



**Our Living Desert
Artist: Joe Clarkson**



**Autumn in the Jemez
Artist: Dorothy Wilkinson**

NMSO COMMITTEE FEATURED NEWS



COMMUNICATION

The NMSO Communication Committee oversees/incorporates the Technology, PR/Red Chili and Editorial Board. The NMSO Communication Committee biennium goals encourage efforts to enhance communications among chapters and members, as well as encouraging effective publicity about the Society. The NMSO Communications Award categories include yearbooks, publishing for NewsRunner and International (as sited in the Standing Rules). The Communication Award scoring is posted on the NMSO website (<https://thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com/>). The deadline is April 1, 2024. The award will be presented at state convention.

Just a reminder, please send a chapter contact (name and email) other than the Chapter President to Communications Chairman Jeannette Vigil, leahvigil14@gmail.com and Editor Diana Valdez, NewsrunnerDKGNM@gmail.com

MUSIC

The Music Committee has not had an opportunity to meet in person or by Zoom yet, but we are hoping to compose a “new song” for DKG. This will NOT replace the Delta Kappa Gamma Song but should be easy to sing and remember. If you would like to participate in the writing of the lyrics, composing of the music, singing, or playing an instrument for this composition, please contact Linda Cauthen @ singingk12@yahoo.com

The traditional DKG Song has a deep “sisterhood” message. I encourage each chapter to at least sing the first verse of the DKG Song when possible in each meeting. Perhaps you may choose to include playing or singing other song “favorites” or a song that fits with the program planned for that meeting as well. The idea is to bring inspiration to our monthly meetings. Music may bring us joy, comfort, and inspiration. God even gave music to the birds and the bees!

TECHNOLOGY

Website info- As we enter a new biennium, the website is currently under construction. Webmaster Connie Holden will work closely with President Joe, and do her best to keep everyone informed. Of course, as always, important forms and dates will be posted, as President Joe approves them. Please send the request for items to post to President Joe first, and she will forward the item to the Webmaster along with her approval. – Connie Holden, NMSO Webmaster

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

B. June West Grant-in-Aid



Chrishawna Nickols was this year’s B. June West Grant in Aid recipient. She was ecstatic and grateful to be recognized. She is a prominent Albuquerque community member, has worked as an EA, but then was given the opportunity to teach, and she has not looked back. Currently, Ms. Nickols is a student teacher and is working on

completing her degree in special education with a minor in Africana Studies. It was a pleasure to meet Ms. Nickols in person recently at an APS Advisory Board meeting. With pleasure, our committee made this great selection, because Ms. Nickols has a true care for students, family, and the community. Here’s hoping that our next recipient has the same caliber of professionalism, leadership potential and love of the teaching profession. Great job team!

Special thanks to our state treasurer, Yvette Moore, for supporting our committee. We would also like to welcome our new committee member Deb Benton of Alpha Iota.

Please submit your recommendation no later than April 1, 2024. All applications can be submitted directly to Kimberlywoodley96@gmail.com. Applications may be submitted early. Please put **B. June West 2024** in the subject line. Start identifying deserving individuals who have strong leadership skills, demonstrate their commitment to community and the education profession.

-Kimberly Woodley, Professional Affairs Chairman

NMSO COMMITTEE QUICK BITS



NON-DUES REVENUE

Non-Dues Revenue Committee will again be selling ads in the program at the Alamogordo Convention this coming April 26-28. More information about sizes, cost, etc. will be forthcoming. The committee is hoping to get a jump start on this project, as it was indeed successful at the last convention. If you already know of a company, restaurant, or you have a personal business that wants to advertise in the program, please let us know the name, address or email address and the committee will be in contact with them. More information on ideas and possible projects coming soon!! Send all possible AD information to Barb Jewett bjewett68@yahoo.com

WORLD FELLOWSHIP

This International grant supports students outside of the United States who have no DKG chapter in their country.

Pass the Basket will happen at the November Birthday Luncheon. Write a check to DKG Education Foundation with World Fellowship in the memo line to credit your donation as a tax exemption.

Thank You, NMSO Sisters!



FINANCE

Chapter IRS Filings are due to the IRS by Nov. 15, 2023. Send confirmation of filing to the State Treasurer.

NOMINATIONS

New chapter officers will be elected and reported by March 2024. Start early by mentoring members.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Travel Study Memorial Scholarship receives donations for members who pass away. Interest from the principle amount adds to the Theta State total scholarship.

AWARDS

Start early finding two exceptional educators for nomination for the Educator Recognition Award.

STATE CONVENTION

SAVE THE DATE!

NM DKG State Convention 2024

April 26-28, 2024

Alamogordo, NM

Watch for more Info in Future
NewsRunner issues.

EDITORIAL BOARD

NEXT NM DKG NEWSRUNNER

DEADLINE

November 10th

Send to Diana Valdez

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CHAPTER NEWS

LAMBDA CHAPTER



The "Women's Appreciation Tea," awarded by Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Hillcrest Baptist Church's CLC, included ten "Gems of Education."

Standing: Janet Bruelhart, Mary Palomo, Cathy Studley, Linda Luker Holderman, Kay Hannum, and Becky Davis. Sitting: Anne Chaffin, Telene Carter, Dorothy Fowler, and Wilma Brooks.

AN INSPIRATION

"Gems of Education"- Linda Fay Blanton Cauthen, Lambda

We have many teachers in our lives but only a very few will make lasting impressions on our minds and hearts. These educators listened to us when we were their students and have continued to encourage us to pursue our dreams. We can tell that they care about our happiness and well-being. They like their students for who they are, not where they came from. They look for their students' strengths and work to help them overcome their weaknesses, even in the most challenging students. They support their students in pursuing their goals. They support other educators and school programs, helping in many ways. We will think of these rare educators often and try to model our lives after the examples that they set for us. These people will always remain important to us for they have earned a special place in our hearts. They went and continue to go the extra mile, reaching out to the least of us and making us realize that our lives matter. They made us believe in ourselves which makes it possible for us to be successful in whatever we endeavor.

I will never forget my fifth grade teacher, Mrs. McMinn, at Ackerman Elementary in Ackerman, MS. You see I didn't have a strong foundation at the beginning of my educational experience. My first grade teacher was in a bad car accident at the end of the first 6 weeks of school. My class had a substitute teacher who was a nice lady but didn't teach us much for the remainder of that semester. We got another teacher for the second semester, but she was new to teaching and was more interested in planning her upcoming wedding than teaching us.

On the first day of my second grade year, the teachers discovered that no one who was in my first grade class had learned the first grade material. The teacher that became my second teacher was understandably very angry that she was then required to teach first and second grade material to us. None of the students in her class who had been in my first grade class were allowed to go to recess, for that entire school YEAR!

I knew nothing about phonics and had a lot of problems reading and spelling. Thankfully, my loving mother spent countless hours helping me to overcome those difficulties. When I finally spelled all of my spelling words correctly on a test, my teacher accused me of cheating. I went home crying knowing that must be bad. I asked my mother what the teacher meant by the word, "cheating".

My third and fourth grade teachers were very compassionate, above average teachers, and I improved. I learned to read, spell, and I became pretty good at math.

My fifth grade teacher definitely became MY CORNERSTONE! I was scared to death of her when I first met her but she melted my heart with the way she read stories to us after recess. She made me want to read for enjoyment, and she taught me and ALL of her students how to comprehend what we read. When I was a senior in high school, I wrote her a letter of appreciation to thank her for teaching me to love school, and enjoy learning. I was able to tell her that I had remained on the honor roll since 6th grade and would be graduating with honors. I received a message at school that I had a gift waiting for me to pick up at the "Style Shop". I couldn't imagine who would have bought anything in that shop for ME. My mother took me to get the gift on the following Saturday. It was an umbrella from Mrs. McMinn. I was not asking for a gift when I sent her the note. I asked my mother to call and ask her if I could come to see her. I had the opportunity to tell her in person how much she meant to me and what a positive effect she had on my life. Sadly, she told me that, after teaching for 45 years, I was only the second student that had ever said Thank you!

I don't want another day to go without saying "Thank you," to these exceptional lady educators. Some of these teachers are teaching on a daily basis, still making time to tutor individuals in person and sometimes online, FaceTime, Zoom, etc. They reach out to help other educators, sharing their knowledge and experience in these challenging times. Other lady educators have retired but have remained actively involved in supporting other educators, students, and educational programs.

Some teachers show up, get paid, and do "just what is required but no more." Those teachers are just average stones. They are just "rocks" that become small parts of their students' educational foundation. While other teachers show up, giving all that they have in knowledge, resources, and effort. These teachers spend countless hours working to improve their teaching skills and helping other teachers to do the same. The finest, most perfect stones, those teachers that go the "extra mile" are never forgotten by their students because they become the "Cornerstones" of their students' educational successes!!! Those teachers are the rare ones who are steadfast "Rocks with Great Value". **They are the strong and beautiful "Gems"**.

Such are the members of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society dedicated to making this world a better place for all of us by educating students of all ages and supporting each other as we continue to do so.

"They are Teachers, Now and Forever!"

UPSILON CHAPTER

DKG hostesses welcomed members **Sharon Palacios, Ella George,** and **Gladys Hielkema** at a beautiful banquet.



Greetings from Upsilon Chapter! We went to the International Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, where we met new DKG sisters, attended some fantastic workshops, and listened to some great keynote speakers. This is an experience that is highly recommended for members to attend. There were eleven members from New Mexico. What a joy it was to get together.



PSI CHAPTER

Psi Chapter has had a productive summer. The treasurer's books were audited, and hostesses and committee chairs have volunteered to serve this next year. The program for the year has been developed and will be voted on at our September meeting. We look forward to new member nominations and continuing to raise non-dues revenue for our literacy project. We hope to improve monthly attendance with informative, fun meetings and field trips. We will promote DKG with gift bag items for ten new teachers of Grants/Cibola County Schools at our September meeting, where we will all help to fill the bags that will be given away. Last year, Psi Chapter Sisters were very generous and filled five gift bags!

All Psi Chapter dues are paid except for two members. This is thanks, in part, to the addition on our website that allows dues to be directly paid to our Psi Chapter account. Thank you, Psi President Connie Holden, for making this happen.

Psi wishes all NMSO sisters a blessed start to the school year and end of summer!



OMEGA CHAPTER



President Joe and Rachel Montoya being coy. We had a great time and had fun getting to know Joe and each other!

We are looking forward to our yearly Trunk-Or-Treat in October where chapter members collect children's book and we let trick-or-treaters pick a book of their choice. Parents and kids are always excited about getting a new book and it meets our reading initiative goal. We will also be collecting non-perishable goods and hygiene products for the Aggie Cupboard and FYI/VIDA Outreach. Omega is pumped up and ready to make 2023-24 successful!!!

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

In May, Alpha Iota members enjoyed a delicious potluck at the home of President Karen Carlson. We enjoyed great food and great conversation! In June, several members met to plan our meetings and programs for the coming year. Several exciting prospects are in store!

Several of our members attended the leadership training event in Roswell in June.

We are excited about the 30th anniversary of the University of New Mexico Music Prep School. The Prep School is a funding project of Alpha Iota.

The Music Prep School is celebrating its 30th year, having started in 1992-1993. One of the main reasons it was started was to offer music education opportunities for children in Albuquerque as Albuquerque Public Schools had cut music from its curriculum. Under the leadership of Dr. Ellen McCullough Brabson, Music Education Professor at UNM, and a committee of UNM faculty and community members, the idea came to life. It is a Saturday music program for birth to middle school age children with a wide variety of offerings, i.e. general music, piano, guitar, chorus, etc. Diane Bonnell, Alpha Iota, was director of the school for the first nineteen years. Because of her involvement, Alpha Iota decided, as one of our education projects, to provide scholarships for children in need to be able to attend the music school.



ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

Alpha Theta Chapter is pleased to announce that they inducted four new members in May. Shown in the picture are Debbie Bays, Andrea Jordan, Carolyn Armstrong and Kaitlyn Roe. The induction was held at the Hurd Gallery in San Patricio. A tour was taken of the gallery and a great time was had by all!



Our chapter has been collecting books as part of a literacy project. The books are being donated to a local hospital for children who are ages 5-12. The idea is to give children in the hospital something to do while in the hospital.

Smaller children are usually given toys but older children are not given anything. In May, we donated 164 books for the pediatrics ward at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center. Tammy Roe from Alpha Theta has been organizing this drive and is shown in the picture with representatives from the hospital. She is pictured third from the left.

Members were present at the New Teacher Orientation on July 31 for RISD. Katlyn Gore and Kris Ard handed out water bottles and candies for teachers who stopped by the table. They had fliers explaining membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. I am pleased to announce that we will have seven prospective members attend our back-to-school gathering on August 26.



WHITE ROSES

Fortunately, no reports were received about a sister's passing.

The sisters who have passed are gone, but not forgotten.



RED ROSES



CONGRATULATIONS, Omega Chapter member!
FREDDIE OLHAUSEN-FINKNER on her 99th birthday!!!
Freddie is a very active member in our chapter and continues to offer ideas and friendship!! We love you, Freddie!! One of our members said of Freddie, "Freddie—the ever READY, READY, READY!! The energizer Battery is NOT needed for this gal on the Go-Go-Go!!!"



CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL MONTOYA! member of Omega chapter!! Rachel was awarded a Cornetet Grant for \$1350.00!! She plans to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children's annual conference in Nashville, TN this November. We are so proud of you Rachel!!!



PAT GRAFF, GAMMA



In June **Pat Graff**, Gamma, was honored to be one of the two "readers" at the National Memorial to Fallen Educators, located in Emporia, Kansas. She read some of the names and stories of the 11 educators whose names were added to the wall of those educators who had died doing their jobs in school.

Later that day, Pat delivered the closing "Charge" to the five new teachers inducted in 2023 into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. She also delivered a brief tribute to **Peggy Jackson**, Gamma member who died last fall. Peggy was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in 2018, the second New Mexican to receive this honor. Pat was inducted in 2006, the first New Mexican to receive this prestigious honor.



Congratulations to **Katy Hammel!** Her latest book **Meg and the Rocks** was awarded 1st place in the NM Press Women Communication Contest; 2nd place National Federation of Press Women 2023, AND she was recently selected as a 1st Place awardee. Women Writing the West® (WWW) is proud to announce the 2023 WILLA Literary Award competition Winners and Finalists, representing the best of 2022 published literature for women's or girls' stories set in the North American West. Katy's book was chosen the best in the category for Young Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction.



DKG INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NMSO REPRESENTS AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

NMSO LEADERS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

President Joe Clarkson, Past President Pat Graff, 1st Vice President Barbara Shirrod, 2nd Vice President Cheryl Martinez, Treasurer Yvette Moore



What is EEC... Educational Excellence Committee?

This past June, Barbara had the privilege of attending a Leadership Training in Irving, Texas for DKG State Officers. The roomful of 1st vice presidents from throughout the United States spent two days discussing what EEC involves in Delta Kappa Gamma. She learned that this committee is an umbrella for a variety of separate sections of our organization. These include the following: research; personal growth; chapter projects; global awareness; music and arts; legislative; professional development; SEC (supporting early career educators).

What had once been a focus – “Schools for Africa” – has now been “sunsetted” or retired and changed to “UNICEF/USA - Global Education Fund.” This will now allow funds to be distributed to other countries where there is more supervision of those collected monies.

If your chapter continues to collect funds for this purpose, be sure to inform the members of this change.

- Barbara Shirrod, NMSO 1st Vice President

New Mexico DKG Members Contribute to Summer Conferences, Trainings

Several NM DKG members contributed to programs and events at this summer’s DKG International Conferences in Detroit and Phoenix.

Pat Graff, Gamma, did a workshop on time management at both conferences. With **Barbara Shirrod**, Alpha Iota, she also presented workshops on NM’s growing membership efforts and the Trauma Book Study in Detroit.



Pat Graff represents International Scholarship Committee at summer conferences.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX



Becky Sadowski receiving her International Achievement Award

The following NM DKG members served as table hostesses at the Friday luncheon in Phoenix: Joe Clarkson, Barbara Shirrod, Cheryl Martinez, and Yvette Moore. Pat Graff chaired this committee for the Phoenix Steering Committee.



Eleven NM DKG members attended the Phoenix Conference. Back row left to right: **Yvette Moore**, Omega, **Susan Swope**, Epsilon; **Pat Graff**, Gamma, **Ella George**, Upsilon **Gladys Hielkema**, Upsilon., **Cheryl Martinez**, Alpha Theta, **Mignon Simitz**, Alpha Theta. Front row left to right: **Shawna Denny**, Kappa; **Sharon Palacios**, Upsilon, **Barbara Shirrod**, Alpha Iota, and NM DKG President **Joe Clarkson**, Alpha Lambda, who organized a wonderful dinner gathering of the NM folks one evening in Phoenix.



Cheryl, Joe, Barbara and Pat presenting the New Mexico Revitalization Plan in Phoenix. New Mexico is the talk of International right now due to our membership initiative!!

The Trauma workshop was presented in Phoenix by Pat, Barbara and Joe.



Susie Swope and her Golden Gift sisters from other states put on a great presentation about Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in the Chapter

Yvette Moore, Omega, represented the Nominations Committee at the Phoenix Expo. Pat and Cheryl represented the DKG Scholarship Committee at the same Expo. Joe and Pat supported new conference attendees at the “NewBEE” area.



Susie speaking during her presentation.

Unfortunately, this newsletter editor was unable to attend the International Conference in Phoenix. Thank you to Shawna Denny, Barbara Shirrod, and everyone who sent wonderful photos of the event.



Pat Graff enjoyed a reunion with her Ignite Class



At the Lunch and Learn luncheon. Joe was our table hostess, and we were joined by other members from different states. That is Janice Barr on Joe's right! She was our International Rep the year we had to do our State Convention through Zoom due to Covid.

Barbara Shirrod at her table during the Banquet.



Pat Graff at her table at the Lunch and Learn luncheon.

Gladys, Yvette, Joe, Shawna and Susie with new friend Connie at the Banquet on Saturday evening



Barbara Shirrod, International President Dr. Debbie Leblanc, and Pat Graff shared a moment of joy.

DKG NEWS

DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE NEXT GLOBAL GATHERING AT...

NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

July 9-13, 2024

PUBLICATIONS

DKG News Published Bi-Monthly at www.dkg.org

Just a reminder that the *DKG News* is published every other month by DKG International and is full of important information and ideas for members.

This publication is now ONLY published electronically at www.dkg.org. Members need to log on to the website, and the *DKG News* can be found under the Publications Tab.

Chapter presidents, please inform your members and make hard copies for those members who do not have email. A suggested chapter program will inform members on how to access this—and other—publications on their own for up-to-the minute news from DKG International.

TAKE THE TIME TO EDIT AND UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE DKG WEBSITE.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NM DKG members have the opportunity to apply for several funding programs in the next few months:

- DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Grants for DKG members looking for support for professional development, conference attendance, and other activities. (Deadline is Nov. 1, 2023)- DKG Scholarships for members pursuing a masters or doctorate degree (Deadline is Feb. 1, 2024)
- DKGIEF Projects, for chapters working on specific projects that have community outreach and support community needs (Deadline is March 1, 2024)

Information on ALL of these programs are found at the DKG International website, www.dkg.org, under the tab for DKGIEF. Make the most of your DKG membership and consider applying today!

DKG INTERNATIONAL DEADLINES

Opportunities galore exist for DKG members through International programs. Here are some upcoming deadlines for applications:

- Sept. 1- State Treasurer Annual Report Form Due
- Sept. 15- Arts & Humanities Gallery Submission Deadline
- Sept. 15- International Speakers Fund Speaker Application Due
- Sept. 15- Nominations/ Endorsements for International Officers Due
- Sept. 30- Non-dues paying members dropped
- Oct. 1- *Bulletin* Articles Deadline
- Oct. 1- Amendments Due for International Constitution/Standing Rules
- Nov. 15- Confirmation of Chapter IRS Filing due to State Treasurer

Information on ALL these opportunities, as well as the application forms and submission guidelines, are all at www.dkg.org. Some programs are under the DKGIEF tab on the home page.

NMSO FALL EVENT INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel 5151 Journal Center Blvd. N.E.
ABQ, NM 87109

LODGING RESERVATION DEADLINE: Oct., 13, 2023 (1 king or 2 queens-\$139+ tax)

505 823-1919 identify as DKG Theta State Fall Meeting or click link

[Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma](#)

Schedule:

- 7:30 Registration check in
- 8:00 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- 10:00 Round 1 Workshops
- 10:45 break
- 11:00 Round 2 Workshops
- 11:45 Lunch check in, lunch set up, shopping
- 12:15 DOORS OPEN
- 12:30 Birthday Luncheon
- 2:00 Exhibitor break down



LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER: C. S. Merrill

After sending a letter to Georgia O’Keeffe, she was invited to visit in Abiquiu. For seven years Merrill was a “librarian, secretary, cook, nurse and companion to the artist”, who was then eight-five and going blind.

“During that time Merrill kept a personal journal of the daily details of her life with the artist. She was asked to describe the play of light in the colorful New Mexico high desert world for Miss O’Keeffe who was suffering from macular degeneration.” This led to two books published in 1996 and 2011: *O’Keeffe, Days in a Life* and *Weekends with O’Keeffe*.



Merrill is an accomplished poet, author, teacher, and librarian in New Mexico.

WORKSHOP CHOICES:

R O U N D 1 10:00- 10:45	Title: <i>Belly Dancing</i> Dani Gutierrez Have you ever wanted to learn belly dancing? Come to this fun workshop and learn. Give it a try!	Title: <i>Horizons – Albuquerque</i> Denise Comstock Do you know about this program started by Sam Donaldson? What children are being served? Come and learn.	Title: <i>Misconceptions of the Hearing Impaired in the Classroom</i> Hannah Low How can you help hearing impaired students? What are the misconceptions about these children? Come and find out what you need to know to help these children reach their potential.
10:45- 11:00	SHOPPING and NETWORKING TIME		
R O U N D 2 11:00- 11:45	Title: <i>Creating a Winter Craft</i> Liz Hausenfleck	Title: <i>Supporting Student Success with Trauma Informed Instruction</i> Bianca Belmonte-Sapien Are you dealing with students who have suffered trauma? How do you help them learn? Come and find out.	Title: <i>Membership/Programs</i> Barb Shirrod/Cheryl Martinez What’s the new Membership Initiative all about? What new ideas do you have for programs?



2023 NMSO FALL EVENT

REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel - 5151 Journal Center Blvd. N.E.
Alb, NM 87109

ROOM RESERVATIONS: LODGING RESERVATION DEADLINE: **Oct. 13, 2023**

Room Rate (2 Queens or 1 King) - \$139 +tax

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Meal reservation DEADLINE – October 4, 2023

Name: _____ Chapter _____

Circle your personal space preference: **Red=** Wave Only, **Yellow=** Elbow/Hip Bump, **Green=** Hugs Allowed

Address: _____ Chapter Office: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ State Position: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Guest (s) _____

Circle guest personal space preference: **Red=** Wave Only, **Yellow=** Elbow/Hip Bump, **Green=** Hugs Allowed

* A personal working e-mail address is required on the registration form. Confirmation of registration will be sent via email by Oct. 25, 2023. If you do not receive confirmation by this date, contact Karen Carlson (505) 884-3072 or kcarlson@salud.unm.edu .

Your attendance at this meeting gives permission for use of your photo/name in NM NewsRunner, Website and any DKG publication.

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

REGISTRATIONS:

Registration Fee - \$40 – **DEADLINE Oct. 4, 2023** (stated menu may not be available if you register late)

MENU: All service is Buffet style.

Lunch - \$40- Fresh Garden Salad with grape tomatoes/cucumbers, shredded carrots – Lemon Vinagrette, Caesar Salad with Parmesan cheese and croutons; Tomato Bisque, Minestrone, Assorted Sandwich Platter – Roast Beef, Turkey & Ham sandwich fixings, Cupcakes, Coffee, Iced Tea

Individual Meal Fees (indicate number of meals for each meal)

_____ Lunch _____ x \$40.00 = \$_____

Please list dietary restrictions: _____

Registration and Meal fees:

\$ _____ Individual Meal Choices total
\$ _____ Late Fee: \$10 ea. postmarked after Oct. 4, 2023
\$ _____ **Total**

Make Checks payable to-- CCC and mail to:
Central Coordinating Council (CCC)
PO Box 35816
Albuquerque, NM 87176-5816
Attention: Karen Carlson, CCC Treasurer.



**2023 NMSO FALL EVENT
VENDOR/EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM**

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023
Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
5151 Journal Center Blvd. N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87109



LODGING RESERVATION DEADLINE: Oct. 13, 2023 Room Rate (2 Queens or 1 King) - \$105 + tax.

Meal reservation DEADLINE – October 4, 2023

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EXHIBITORS ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE A DOOR PRIZE FOR THE LUNCHEON.

\$40 Rental Fee for one six-foot skirted table

Table Rental Reservations due by October 4, 2023

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM.

TABLES WILL BE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS.

Sales: Skirted table rental is \$40. Exhibitors wishing to sell at this event are invited to contact Priscilla Brower for exhibit details at browerpr@gmail.com .

See the State website for more detailed information about the Event @ <https://thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com/>

Set-up time: 9:00 am in the banquet foyer---Exhibit Time: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Breakdown Time: 12:15 pm

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Materials to be sold _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Rental Fee _____ (\$40.00 per space/table)

Exhibitors are welcome to purchase a meal, but that is not required. Please complete the meal reservation form.

MEAL RESERVATION deadline: OCTOBER 4, 2023.

Menu: See registration form.

Meal numbers and fees: _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to CCC of Delta Kappa Gamma and mail this form to:

**Priscilla Brower, Exhibitor Chair
3520 Jal Pl NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120**