

Theta State News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Fall Meeting *SHEROes Meet Spider Woman's Daughter

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The Central Coordinating Council Chapters, Alpha Beta, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Gamma, and Sigma, wanted to tell our Theta State Sisters who were unable to attend the 79th Birthday Luncheon on November 2, 2013, that you were missed. To the 87 Theta State sisters who attended the Conference and Birthday Luncheon, it was great to see and visit with you. Thank you for making the event meaningful with your presence.

Yvette Moore, Theta State Editor, was the Theta State Historian for the event. She gave us detailed information about the lives of the many New Mexican women leaders involved in making a difference in Theta State New Mexico. These women left a legacy. Everyone learned so much from **Yvette's** presentation.

The Luncheon guest speaker, **Anne Hillerman**, gave quotes from her father's books, which brought to mind the many characters within **Tony Hillerman's** books. She shared a bit of family history and **Tony Hillerman's** choice of characters, and the reason for choosing the Navajo Country location for his mystery stories. **Anne Hillerman** is now writing books as her father, but

with her own story lines. The books she has written are: *Spider Woman's Daughter*, *Gardens of Santa Fe*, *Children's Guide to Santa Fe*, *Santa Fe Flavors*, and *Ride the Wind: USA to Africa*.

As educators, we all know that sometimes things don't happen as planned; but, we learn. CCC is already planning to make changes better for the next event, with our Theta State Sisters in mind. We will be celebrating Theta State's 80th Birthday Luncheon next year in November, 2014.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Theta State Convention to be held in Deming, New Mexico, from April 25th to the 27th, 2014.

*Submitted by Carmen Pennington
Alpha Delta Chapter
CCC Coordinator*

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Special points of interest:

- Registration State Convention
- Read what chapters are doing

Governor Martinez Reads to Mesa View

Mesa View Where Reading is First is where **Ina Jean Barnes** teaches reading intervention. For the second time in two years **Governor Susana Martinez** met with first graders to read and share the gift of reading. She read and discussed the

book *E is for Enchantment* by **Helen Foster James** and illustrated by **Neecy Twinem**. The literacy project is part of the Governor's Reads to Lead program. Mesa View is a school in the Grants/Cibola County school district. The school received a "B" grade last year and

this year from the state's Public Education Department. The school demographics are: 426 enrolled, 23% Special needs, 14% Anglo, 49% Hispanic, 35% Native American, 2% other and 88% Economically Disadvantaged.

*Article and photos submitted by
Ina Jean Barnes
Psi Chapter*



Ina Jean Barnes & Governor Susana Martinez



Sheri Williams, Theta
State President

My first fall meeting as Theta State President was my very best thanks to every one of you. Your help, support and willingness to work toward the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma make it an absolute joy to serve. I want to thank each officer, both appointed and elected, chapter presidents, committee chairs, and members of Theta State for all you do for our society. A very special thanks to CCC for their planning and preparations for such an enjoyable Fall Birthday Luncheon. Each part of the weekend was excellent from the facilities to the vendors. The executive board did an amazing job at keeping abreast of issues that needed to be attended to and taking care of them promptly and efficiently. The business portion of the meeting went smoothly thanks to our Theta State Executive Board.

Strengthening the Bond

I encourage you to look ahead at the upcoming year. Chapter presidents will be closing their biennium as chapters look for new officers to guide them. 2012-2014

International President, **Dr. Beverly Helms**, has issued a challenge for all of us. She has asked each of us to be that person in our chapter who steps forward to lead. **Be** the one who has the courage to ask, “Where are we as a chapter and where do we want to go?” **Be** the one who questions doing things simply because that’s the way they have always been done. **Be** the one to inspire your members to learn more about the benefits that are available and **be** the one who challenges members to participate in all levels of DKG. **Dr. Helms** reminds us **to be** the ones who makes the difference.

My goals include continuing to contact Chapter Presidents often with information to share with their chapters that will help Theta State thrive as a state organization. The Executive Committee will meet via Go To Meeting to facilitate business for the 2014 Theta State Convention in Deming. You can see the schedule

on page 6. Please make plans right now to meet again with your Theta State sisters in Deming for another amazing time of fellowship and bonding.

As you are making plans, it is not too early to make plans to attend the international Convention in Indianapolis July 28-August 1, 2014. Please look online at www.dkg.org for a personal invitation. The convention will feature fun tours, shopping, vendors, shows, workshops and speakers for each general session. Numerous proposed amendments to the *Constitution and International Standing Rules* will be considered. New leaders will be elected for the 2014-2016 biennium. Something of interest and entertainment awaits everyone. Please make plans early to attend.

As we embark upon the holiday season, I wish for you peace, rest, and contentment. I sincerely thank you for the time you give to DKG in following our vision of being “Leading women educators impacting education worldwide. As I said in Albuquerque, “Healthy organizations start at the chapter level with each of you. You are the heart of our society.” Please

remember that, “A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be.” (**Rosalind Carter**) You are all leaders in DKG, Theta State, and your chapter. Please continue to strengthen the bond, and therefore, strengthen Theta State.

President’s Chapter Visits

12/14/13 - Gamma Chapter
1/11/14 - Alpha Delta Chapter
2/15/14 - Epsilon Chapter
4/24-27/14 - Theta State Convention, Deming, Pi Chapter
5/3/14 - Lea County Chapters

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Theta State Scholarships Want You!

Qualifications for applicants:

- A DKG Active member in good standing for the last three years
- A person with excellent academic, ethical and professional standards
- A person seeking to advance educationally by pursuing a license endorsement or graduate degree
- A person enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited institution of higher education

You will find the guidelines and the application on the Theta State website at thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com under Forms.

Recipient will be announced at the Theta State Convention to be held in Deming, New Mexico: April 25-27, 2014.

*Ina Jean Barnes
Theta State Scholarship Chair
ijbarnes@q.com*

Applications with the completed documentation must be mailed or e-mailed to **Ina Jean Barnes** by March 1, 2014.

Application available online at: thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com/forms



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Committee Goals:
Advance
excellence in
Education
Empower Women
Increase Global
Awareness*

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Educational
Excellence Page*

2014 B. June West Recruitment Grant

The Professional Affairs Committee is seeking a deserving woman to receive the **2014 B. June West Recruitment Grant** (\$250). The grant is awarded to a female (**non-member**) to advance her educational studies. (Last year, there were no applicants)

The committee needs your help to find the person

who meets these qualifications:

- A graduating High School Senior
- A college student in education
- A worthy woman needing educational assistance

Please submit an application no later than March 1, 2014.

The form may be completed by the applicant or a DKG member who is recommending the possible recipient. The

winner will be announced at the 2014 State Convention in Deming.

Let's Do This!!!

*Sharron Stepro
Professional Affairs Committee
Chair
jsrbett@comcast.net*

Application available online at: thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com/forms

Energize Your Chapter

The workshop (2013 Fall Meeting) entitled, "Energize Your Chapter," presented by **Pat Burnett** and **Nola Miller** was full of useful tips and information to help activate your chapter. The handouts provided help you to access resources on the Internet and navigate

your way around the DKG.org site. You will find many useful features fun and helpful! It reminds us to look not only for new initiates but also to take care of our current members. Make the meetings enjoyable and meaningful for all classes of members. This workshop reminded us to be sure to nurture all our members.

*Ernestine Hagman
Beta Chapter*



Pat Burnett leading the workshop



The Educational Foundation gives money to members and non-members globally to support educational projects and professional development.

The Educational Foundation receives money from member and non-member contributions to fund grants for projects and professional development.

Go to dkgf.org for details.

Chapter News!

Alpha Iota Sisters Are BUSY



(from Left to Right) Jan Oglesby, Betty Begeal, Donna Moore, Mary Beavis—submitted by Alyce Cummins

In September, **Alpha Iota** members met at the Open Space Visitor Center on Bosque Meadows Road off Coors, NW. Ranger **Bill Pentler** (also a zookeeper, educational coordinator at Lion Country Safari, law enforcement & interpretive state park ranger at Fenton Lake & supervisor of animal shelters) presented a slide show about areas of the West Side Open Space. Open Space provides educational field trips for students & scenic areas.

In October, **Ann Calderwood** presented the Schools for Africa Project & emphasized that even small contributions can improve conditions for the children there. AI created the table decorations for the Birthday Luncheon & mixed dry ingredients for their fund-raiser. All were sold!

The principal fund-raiser for AI is still the Marathon Bridge Club. On 9/9 & 10/14, 28 players participated. Five more sessions are planned.

*Alyce Cummins
Alpha Iota*



Alyce Cummins at Fall Meeting

Omega Hosts Joint Luncheon

On Saturday, October 12, **Omega Chapter** held their bi-annual Regional Luncheon at Picacho Hills Country Club in Las Cruces. **Yvette Moore**, Omega Chapter president, opened the proceedings by welcoming Kappa and Pi chapters as well as Theta State president, **Sheri Williams**.

Following lunch, **Sheri** addressed the gathering focusing on the importance and value that she places on the work/commitment of our organization at chapter levels. **Peggy Bishop**, from Pi chapter and chairperson of the 2014 State Convention, expressed her excitement with the responsibility of hosting the convention as well as "showing Off" Deming to Theta State attendees.



(L. to R. in foreground) Hanna Monsimer, Shari Ritter & Shawna Denny

Another topic of conversation (not listed in the minutes) involved raves for **Chef Darrell's** acclaimed pumpkin pie cheesecake dessert. You, of course, had to be there to appreciate it.

*Sharron Stepro
Omega Chapter*

Join **Ina Jean Barnes** and **Amanda Matray** in Indianapolis, Indiana July 28 - August 1, 2014 DKG International Convention

Council Changes Name

The Northwest Council meeting was held September 28, 2013 at Don Diego's Restaurant in Gallup, New Mexico. The meeting was called to order by **Clara Enriquez**, Upsilon chapter. The name of the council was voted to be Northwest Council. We would request that all documents strike West Council and from now forward refer to the area as Northwest.



Northwest Council

Ina Jean Barnes presented "Branson 2013" to everyone present. It was informative, fun, and reflective of the Southwest shared at the 2013 Regional Conference in Branson, Missouri. She encouraged members to go, become involved, and share the wonderful friendships of Delta Kappa Gamma. She shared news from Japan and showed Omiyage (gifts) wrapping using beautiful and reusable fabric.

*Ina Jean Barnes
Psi Chapter*



2014 International Convention • July 28-August 1

Around Theta State

Epsilon Chapter—Silver City

On November 2nd, Epsilon Chapter sponsored an *International Symposium on Global Education: Preparing for the Future*, to provide professional development opportunities for local teachers at the GRC Building on the WNMU campus. Chapter members worked in conjunction with university personnel to organize and provide pertinent information to help encourage professional development for teachers in Grant County and surrounding communities.

Dr. Ann Harvey, Epsilon member, introduced the symposium by discussing *40 Things to Expect in the Next 40 Years*. Other topics presented were: *Ethics and the Internet* by **Olga Ramirez Calle**, St. Louis University; *Cyber Bullying* by **Dr. Diana Trevouledes**, St. Louis University; *Sustainability in the Schools* by **Jordan Summers**; *6th Grade E-Pals with Ukraine* by **Dr. Trini Tolar**, also an Epsilon member; *Costa Rica Service Learning Project* by **Maria Trillo**.

A panel discussion of **Nicholas Carr's** *The Shallows: What the Internet*

is Doing to our Brains, introduced the afternoon program. The schedule included the following topics and speakers:

Digital Storytelling by **Dr. Gwen Countryman**; Teaching Research Skills to Elementary Students Using Web Quest by **Dr. Trini Tolar**; Scientific Learning: Using Developmental e-Portfolios to Enhance Learning-Writing Across the Curriculum by **Dr. C.A. Carey**; International Service Learning; Study Abroad—points of convergence across borders by **Dr. Maria Eugenia Trillo**; and Technology in the Classroom by **Dr. Colleen Walker**.

Distinguished presenters were **Dr. Jacqui Cyrus** of the University of Guam who presented a wealth of information about Tools for Communication and Information – a presentation about FREE software and online tools for educators and student learners enabling them to gather resources that encourage connecting and communicating with educational technology. **Dr. Louisa Great-**

house, University of Puebla, Costa Rica, presented alternative educational environments that foster intercultural understanding through diverse learning communities.

The information gained by local teachers represented the culmination of hard work and organization by Epsilon Chapter members **Dr. Ann Harvey** and **Barbara McKee**. Without their hard work the symposium would not have been possible, and our thanks go out to them for all their efforts to provide our local teachers with this wonderful professional development opportunity.

We would like to encourage DKG chapters in New Mexico who have access to a university to contact professors and work together to give teachers the opportunity to gain valuable professional development tools in this ever-changing world of education.

*Cathy Maxwell
Epsilon Chapter*



Applications for the DKG Leadership Management Seminar are Due December 1, 2014

www.dkg.org

SEE: Support Early-career Educators

Barnes Nominated to International Nominations Committee

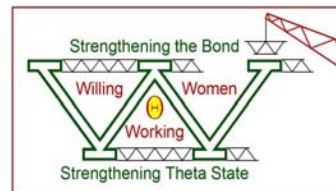


Congratulations, **Ina Jean!** The International Nominations committee has selected **Ina Jean Barnes**, Past Theta State President, Past Theta State Treasurer, Theta State Scholarship Chair, Past International Finance Committee Chair—Wow! This isn't even a smattering of the positions Ina Jean has held in Delta Kappa Gamma at the chapter, state, and International levels. The International Nominations Committee is responsible for naming at least one nominee for each position on the Administrative

Board, elected committees and the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees. New Mexico is certainly honored to serve with you!

2014 THETA STATE CONVENTION

April 25 – 27, 2014



Holiday Inn Express and Suites

3801 East Cedar St
Deming, N.M. 88030

Name _____ Chapter _____
 Address _____ Chapter Office _____
 City, State, Zip _____ E-mail address _____

Registration: Postmarked before Tuesday April 1, 2014	\$40.00		\$
Late Registration: Received after April 1, 2014	\$50.00		\$
Non-Member: Received after April 1, 2014	\$30.00		\$
Meals			
Salad Supper: Friday 5:30 – 7:30 PM Come and go meal.	Free		
Luncheon: Saturday, 12:15 PM Mexican buffet	\$20.00		\$
Banquet: Saturday, 6:00 PM Banquet Roasted Beef Brisket w/BBQ sauce or Orange Honey Glazed Chicken Breast	\$30.00		\$
Circle one: Brisket Chicken			
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	xxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	

Please make checks payable to: 2014 Theta State convention
Mail to: Pat McGhee, 1806 S. Diamond, Deming, N.M. 88030
Questions to: Peggy Bishop Cell phone: 575-544-5921 E-mail: peggyj_bishop@yahoo.com

Do you require a sugar free dessert? Please circle one: Yes No

If you need special accommodations, please inform the Hotel.

***Early Bird Special:** Each individual is responsible for making her own hotel reservations. Reserve your room by February 15, 2014, and your fee will be \$69.00 + tax. Feb. 15 – March 28, 2014, your room rate will be \$73.00 + tax. Late registration will be at the current market price. **Jessica Armendariz** is your contact person for making your DKG reservations and getting these special rates. **Phone: 575-545-6500**

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

- Registration:** 5 PM to 8 PM April 25, 2014, at Red Mountain Middle School Atrium, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Friday Evening:** Come and Go Dinner, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Red Mountain Middle School Cafeteria, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Executive Board Meeting:** April 25, 2014 6:30 PM Red Mountain Middle School Library, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Registration:** 7 AM – 10:00 AM Red Mountain Middle School Atrium, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Vendors:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Red Mountain Middle School Atrium, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Theta State Business Meeting:** 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Red Mountain Middle School, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Workshops: Session 1:** 10:10 – 11:00 AM; **Session 2:** 11:10 – 12:00 noon at Red Mountain Middle School
- Saturday Luncheon:** 12:15 – 2:00 PM Mexican Buffet; Red Mountain Middle School
- Tours & Shopping:** 2:00 – 5:30 PM List to be provided later.
- Chapter Officer rehearsal:** 5:30 – 6:00, Incoming and outgoing Chapter Officers
- Saturday Banquet:** 6:00 – 9:30 PM Red Mountain Middle School Cafeteria
- Necrology Service:** 8:30 – 9:30 AM Holiday Inn Express & Suites



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CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Theta State Convention

Saturday April 26, 2014

Set up time: 9:00 AM Setup

Exhibit Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

\$25.00 Rental Fee for 8 ft. long table

Table Reservations due by **March 15, 2014**

Exhibitor Registration Form

Company & Contact Name _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip+4

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Exhibitors are welcome to purchase luncheon meal

Cost: \$20.00 Indicate number of meals _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Luncheon will be a Mexican Buffet catered by Si Senor Restaurant.

Meal Total _____

Table Rental Fee _____

Total _____

Contact Information
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575-544-5921

Make Checks payable to:
2014 Theta State Convention

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Election process to be considered at 2014 International Convention

Members voting at the 2014 International Convention will consider proposed amendments that determine whether to continue with our current process of delegate voting or to institute a general election that allows every member to vote in the election of Administrative Board and elected committee members.

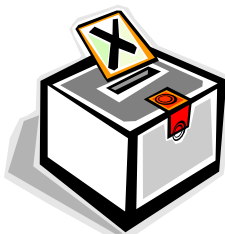
All members in attendance at the convention vote on proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*. Officers and elected committee members are currently elected by state organization presidents.

If the convention votes to allow every member to vote, all members will be able to vote for the members of the Administrative

Board. Members would vote electronically or by requested paper ballot.

Various vending companies have submitted estimated costs of an electronic election ranging between \$15,000 and \$25,000 per election. The 2012-2014 Finance Committee is aware of the possibility of an every member voting election process. If the change is approved, the 2014-2016 Finance Committee will have the task of budgeting for the new voting process.

Go to www.dkg.org to find more information about a general election and the full results of surveys taken in 2013 on the Ad Hoc DKG Election Process Committee page.



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See what's new at Theta State's Website. Nadyne Gartman, Theta State Webmaster, is looking for new material. If your chapter has a project that it would like to share with Theta State sisters, or anyone "looking" at New Mexico, please send pictures and descriptions to

nadynedkg@gmail.com



***Shero - (n.) a contraction of the words "she" and "hero;" a woman hero - Specifically, a member of Theta State; a key woman educator; a woman impacting education world-wide.**