

Theta State News



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of New Mexico

Pat Burnett Receives Theta State Achievement Award

Immediate past president, **Pat Burnett** of Alpha Theta chapter, received the 2014 Theta State Achievement Award at the state convention in Deming, NM. It was probably no surprise to anyone that **Pat** received our highest honor. During her presidency (2011-2013),

Pat focused on *Sharing, Caring and Mentoring*. **Pat** has served Theta State in many capacities, including serving as state recording secretary, and the chair of many committees since her initiation in 1982. She is a dynamic force in DKG NM.



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2014 Theta State Convention Blows Through Deming

... *And blow it did!* At the luncheon on Saturday, **Dona Irwin** told us, "The wind never blows in Deming!" While the gales blew, Theta State sisters were enjoying fellowship, music, learning, shopping and eating. The 2014 Theta State Convention was held at Red Mountain Middle School. The facility was well equipped to host our 80th convention.

Each gathering was accompanied by music. The Vintage Two, **Carol Lenhardt & Connie Grove**, a mandolin duet, accompanied the Friday evening Salad Supper. **Mr. & Mrs. Cruz** entertained us through the luncheon, and **Sarah Williams** serenaded us through the banquet.

Mayor Benny Jasso welcomed us to Deming. We were honored to be

addressed by **Dr. Harvilee Moore**, superintendent of Deming Public Schools and member of Theta State. **Dona Irwin**, NM State Representative, also spoke.

Dr. Hanna Fowler, Southeast Regional Director, represented International at the convention. She was so amazed with the wind, that she asked for a picture to be taken, as her husband would not believe her.

The workshops were well attended. Some made cards (**Connie Grove**) and others learned basic pottery (**Terri Wenner**). **Dr. Fowler** showed members how a ripple effect can affect chapters (article on page 3). **Toni Hull** led others to GRASP their goals (article on page 3). **Leanna Rossi** taught participants to be wary of criminal behaviors.

We were entertained by Folklorico dancers from Memorial Elementary School. The Color Guard was provided by Deming High School's Army JROTC Wildcat Battalion.

Nola Miller graciously presided over the solemn, yet celebratory, Necrology ceremony on Sunday Morning. Each of the five sisters who passed during the last year were eulogized by a member of their chapters. **Gay Simpkins** led the music.

You can read more about the convention on page 3. Extra pictures are posted on Theta State's website (thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com).

Highlights of the business sessions and **Dr. Fowler's** comments are also on page 3. If you weren't there, you were missed. However, we hope to see you at the Fall Meeting on November 8th.

Special points of interest:

- Invitation to International
- Tribute to Helen Jo Satterwhite & Dr. Small
- Business accomplished
- Pictures from 2014 State Convention
- Chapter happenings
- Pearls of Wisdom from Dr. Hanna Fowler



*Sheri Williams, Theta
State President*

Strengthening the Bond; Strengthening Theta State

Dear Sisters,

The eightieth Theta State Convention in Deming was truly an amazing experience. Thanks to all who planned and prepared and to those who attended. A special thank you to our First Vice President, **Susan Swope!** Amazing job, **Susan!** Also, a great thanks to **Peggy Bishop**, Convention Chairperson; **Brenda Schaffer**, Greeting Committee; **Traci Williams**, Food Committee; **Kathy Lopez**, Entertainment Committee; **Pat McGhee**, Treasurer and Registration; **Kakee McInturff**, Vendor Committee; **Javanna Black**, Flowers and Gifts Committee; **Harriet Juricich**, Hospitality Committee; and **Wendy Lenhardt**, Program and Publicity. To each and every member of Pi, Epsilon, and Omega/Iota, we are so appreciative of all your hard work.

I also want to thank **Yvette Moore** for taking care of our International Guest Speaker, **Dr. Hanna Fowler**. For those of you who did not get to meet and hear **Dr. Fowler**, her extensive background in both education and Delta Kappa Gamma were evident in her words to Theta State members. One of the highlights of the convention for me personally was getting to sit next to her as she encouraged,

mentored, and provided wisdom to me as a leader. As she says, "We make the biggest difference through leadership programs and promoting excellence in education." **Dr. Fowler** sent a card to me and asked me to thank each of you for an outstanding convention and giving her the opportunity to share the experience.

Speaking of leadership, please encourage your incoming chapter officers to attend the Leadership Training in Albuquerque on May 29-31. The Leadership Committee, headed by **Lonna Griffin**, has worked hard to provide us with the knowledge needed to lead a chapter. You also have time to expand your knowledge and spend time bonding with DKG sisters by attending the International Convention in Indianapolis July 28 through August 1.

I wanted to reiterate my words of thanks to each of my Theta State sisters for your caring thoughts and prayers for me and my family. Just this month, we have lost three more members of our family. But what I have learned from you is that the old song is true, "I get by with a little help from my friends!" At the convention I mentioned that according to Wikipedia, Friendship is a relationship of mutual affection between two or more people and is a stronger form of interpersonal bond than an association.

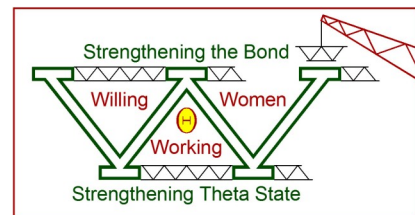
I do truly believe that it is this bond of friendship that makes us stronger. According to **William Penn**, "A true friend

unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably." Thank you for being a friend.

So, to you my sisters, my friends, I wish you a safe and happy summer full of great memories to share when we meet again.

Respectfully with love,

Sheri Williams



J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis

State Convention Highlights

Goal Setting with Toni Hull



To find a really pertinent, insightful and entertaining presentation, DKG members went to listen to **Toni Hull** at the Theta State Convention in Deming. This vibrant and intelligent young woman condensed goal setting into a format that was easy to “GRASP” (G=gratitude, R=relationships, A=attitude, S=scholarship, P=purpose and passion), as she explained how this method has motivated her to become the leader she is today. Successful goal setting requires one to deliberately identify not just the goal, but also the goodness in one’s life to enable each person to make it through the tough times when the goal seems unreachable. It also helps to acknowledge the relationships that support you in reaching your goal. (Ever try to diet when your husband isn’t dieting?) Setting a positive attitude and learning the foundational premises of your goal are excellent ways to set yourself up for success. Finally, the goal has to be your passion, and by identifying your purpose, you are more likely to achieve victory. Toni has used this method to complete higher education, lose weight and begin writing her first book. With organizational and leadership skills like this, no wonder she is a member of DKG!

*Article submitted by Sharon Sevachko
Omega Chapter*

Setting the Tone with Dr. Hanna Fowler



Our visiting International Representative, **Dr. Fowler**, presented an introspective workshop on how the actions of each individual DKG member affects the tone of the chapter. Basing her talk on the book, *The Ripple Effect* by **Steve Harper**, she led members in examining how our individual actions, body language and enthusiasm impact the other members of our Chapter, and ultimately DKG as a whole. Members were divided into small groups and asked to jot down ideas on how each individual (not the chapter) can take on tasks that will have a positive impact on the group. Different groups shared such ideas as mixing it up at a meeting rather than just hanging out with one person, or calling members spontaneously to let them know you missed their presence. Granted, each chapter has a member or committee assigned to this, but when several people call, we tend to feel more wanted. Some groups schedule outside activities such as a scarf or purse exchange or a cook out at someone’s home. Finally, **Dr. Fowler** suggested we get off our “but” (“but I can’t do that,” etc.) in order to inspire our chapter members and potential members into becoming enthusiastic, invigorated members. DKG has a lot to offer, and each member has an important part to play in keeping it active and vital.

*Article submitted by Sharon Sevachko
Omega Chapter*

“DKG Pearls of Wisdom - According to Hanna”

1. Believe in what you are a part of - Live the 7 purposes!
2. Know our heritage & our founders - Equality & justice for women
3. Say “Yes!” when asked to serve. Think of what you would have missed if you had said, “No.”
4. Educate yourself, ask questions, participate. Read, review, research - make changes.
5. Members have the final say - the power of DKG is in the members.
6. Be a sponge - soak what others have to teach at the chapter, state, and international levels.
7. Experience the bond of sisters.



Folklorico dancers from Memorial Elementary School

Proud Merit Award Winners



Top: Kay Hannum, Jo Clarkson, Jinny Hill, Jane Williams, Lynnett Schmidt, Barbara McKee
Front: Ann Calderwood, Lonna Griffin, Cathy Maxwell, Virginia Bustillos

Proud Communications Award Winners



Left to Right: Jinny Hill, Psi Chapter; Kim Wells, Upsilon Chapter; Yvette Moore, Omega Chapter



Cathy Maxwell awards Ina Jean Barnes, Psi Chapter, a 40-year longevity award

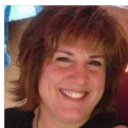
Business Accomplished . . .

- * Budget was approved without a dues increase.
- * Non-dues revenue requested \$200 in seed money to get started.
- * Bylaws & Standing Rules (as printed in Spring issue of TSN) were adopted.
- * Marlene Toivanen was accepted as the 2014 Scholarship recipient.
- * The Red Chili committee has ordered bookmarks for TS promotion.
- * An apprentice for the Webmaster was referred to the Bylaws committee.



Cathy Maxwell awards Kay Hannum, Alpha Lambda chapter, a 40-year longevity award

Red Roses



Picture by Dawn Woyak

Dawn Woyak will teach in Poland this summer. She is a member of Alpha Delta Chapter. **Dawn** delivered a program to AD chapter about opportunities in teaching abroad.

Dawn would like to see DKG in Poland.



Gamma Chapter proudly shares the great news about new initiate **Peggy Jackson**. Her election to the office of Vice President of NCSS puts her in line for the national presidency in a very few years. **Peggy** has worked diligently for years advocating for Civics Education in our schools, including being active in *We the People*. She takes office on July 1st and is very excited to begin her work for the Council.

Scholarship & Grant in Aide Recipients



Picture provided by Ina Jean Barnes

Marlene Chavez-Toivanen received the 2014 Theta State Scholarship. **Marlene** is a member of Psi Chapter, Grants. She is married to **Dwayne Toivanen**/Director of Personnel for GCCS. They have one child, **Olivia**, and are expecting another child, a girl, in June 2014.

From 1999 to present, **Marlene** has been an Instructor, Assistant, Associate and Professor of Mathematics at NMSU Grants campus. She has received the **Donald C. Roush Teaching Excellence Award**. She was a **USDA Kika de la Garza Fellow**. In 2011, she received the **Eunah Temple Holden Scholarship**. **Marlene** is seeking a Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Development; she expects to complete the work in May 2015. **Marlene's** desire is to be a leadership role model for young women and encourage women to always strive for educational excellence. Congratulations, **Marlene!**



Stephanie receiving award from Sharon Stepro, Professional Affairs Chairman

Stephanie Swope received the **B. June West** Recruitment Grant at the 2014 State Convention in Deming, NM. **Stephanie** is the daughter of **James** and **Susan Swope**. After graduation, **Stephanie** plans to pursue a career in Agricultural Education. The **B. June West** Recruitment Grant is bestowed on a young woman who is or will major in education. **Dr. B. June West**, Eastern New Mexico University, endowed the grant.



Picture from GCCS website

Teresa Schermerhorn, Laguna-Acoma High School Math teacher, has received a Cornetet Professional Development Award in the amount of \$510. She plans to use her award to attend the Standards-Based Assessment & Grading: Principles & Practicalities for Today's Classroom Conference. Find out more information about Cornetet grants at www.dkgef.org.

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White Roses

Dr. Mary Thomas Luins Small



Dr. Mary Small died on March 10, 2014. She was a member of Alpha Delta Chapter in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her Memorial was held at St. Joseph Community Health in Albuquerque on March 16, 2014.

Alpha Delta Chapter did the Ceremony of Remembrance for Dr. Mary Small at this time.

Dr. Small taught for 46 years (1954-2000). She taught in Tyler and Austin, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Nashville, Tennessee; and Washington D.C. She was an English Professor, and Department Head of English and other Languages. She lectured in many Universities throughout the USA and Europe. Dr. Small wrote many publications, scientific papers, and books that were published. She had received many Honors, Awards and Special Recognitions. She was featured as the "Woman of Distinction" in the Theta State News, May issue, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in May 2003. Recently, she was writing another book. Dr. Small had been ill, but she always had a positive outlook on life. Her outstanding trait was her infectious smile, and her constant concern about everyone she knew.

Dr. Small was married to Robert J. Small for 68 years, and had three sons, Thomas, Darien and Evan Small and four grandchildren. She will be missed by her Alpha Delta sisters.

*Article and picture submitted by Carmen Pennington
Alpha Delta Chapter*

Helen Jo Satterwhite



Helen Jo Satterwhite passed away May 10, 2014 at her home in Albuquerque. Helen Jo Satterwhite, an Oklahoma native, attended school her first 12 years in Bishop, OK. She earned her BS degree from Northwestern University at Alva, OK, and her master's degree from

the University of Oklahoma. Helen Jo taught in several states prior to coming to Albuquerque where she taught at Matheson Park Elementary and retired in 1990. In 1974, Ms. Satterwhite was initiated into Alpha Delta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She served her chapter as Chapter President and as chairman of numerous committees. In 1981, she was Chairman of Publicity for the SW Regional Conference in Albuquerque, and in 2001, she served as SW Regional Conference Editor. Helen Jo served as Theta State President in the 1983-1985 biennium during which time she provided leadership meetings for incoming chapter presidents (1984) and incoming state officers and committee chairmen (1985). She served as chairman of the International Communications Committee (1982-1984). In 1983, Helen Jo was selected to attend the Golden Gift Leadership Training held at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She was awarded the Theta State Achievement Award in 1987. Other services to Theta State include Bylaws Chairman (1995-1997), TS Leadership Chairman (1999-2001), and she served as Theta State News Editor from 1995-2003. She has been a member of the Theta State Executive Board from 1981 to the present.

Helen Jo was devoted to the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma, ever the willing volunteer, and committed to the advancement of women of all walks of life. She has been a valued member of Theta State and will be missed.

*Article submitted by Carmen Tapia
Alpha Delta Chapter*

"Requiem"

**Take thy rest, journey done;
Leave thy dream behind.
Other hands lift the torch
Fallen now from thine, -
Fallen now from thine.**

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Chapter News!

Alpha Iota - "Coffee, Chocolate, and Conversation" - **Donna Moore**, Membership Chair, has initiated a new activity which is an enjoyable way to present information about Delta Kappa Gamma to prospective members. It provides an informal atmosphere for interested applicants to meet members of the chapter and become familiar with the goals and purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. The first meeting was held at the home of President **Betty Begeal**. The meetings are held frequently and at different times to accommodate the schedules of those interested. Its success is proven by AI's addition of two new members and the prospect of two more.

Our March meeting was held at the home of **Diane Bonnell** and was preceded by a pot luck brunch. President **Betty Begeal** reported from the Executive Board meeting that specific actions have taken place to support the chapter's three major goals: continue to explore and consider ways to expand our outreach effort; increase membership; and offer programs relevant to retired, currently employed, and potential members. Following the meeting, **Val Romero** of Legal Shield, presented the program, "Identity Theft Risk Management." She emphasized that even though it is almost impossible to keep your personal information from being compromised, you can be aware of the dangers and anticipate a

problem before it happens. Keep a close watch on your bank account, credit cards and any information you have on the internet. Early detection of an irregularity is imperative.

Alpha Iota's primary fund raising activity, the Marathon Bridge Club, concluded another successful year with 28 players and 7 substitutes. The UNM Music Prep School is the recipient of most of the proceeds. The committee, **Diane Bonnell**, **Martha Deveneau** and **Alyce Cummins**, are busily preparing for another year. Other Alpha Iota participants are **Marilyn Ortman**, **Peggy Armijo**, **Frances Dodd**, and **Claire Miller**. Two members of Sigma also play: **Sue Fickle** and **Lois Coash**.

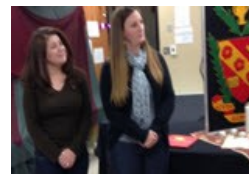
*Submitted by Alyce Cummins
Alpha Iota Chapter*



Gamma - New officers for Gamma Chapter for the 2014-2016 biennium were installed on May 10th. **Pat Graff** will lead the team with **Evelyn Sanchez** as Vice President, **Alice Wesner** as

Coresponding Secretary, **Katherine Stewart** as Recording Secretary, **Dianna Valdez** as treasurer, and **Jean Flanagan** as parliamentarian. We look forward to an active and exciting couple of years!

Kappa - Kappa sisters have been adding to our Chapter! In October, we initiated **Nolene Adams** and **Yvonne Barnes**. Both new sisters teach at Cloudfcroft Elementary/ Middle School. **Nolene** teaches middle school Social Studies and **Yvonne** is a 5th grade teacher. In March, we initiated **Laura Fox**. **Laura** is a 1st grade teacher at Oregon Elementary school in Alamogordo. We have had some fun and interesting programs this year as well, including a puppet demonstration by one of our members with her vast collection of puppets and an informative presentation on how to take care of our feet by one of our community members. Kappa sisters are looking forward to our last meeting coming up in April where we will install our new officers and host dinner for our High School Scholarship recipient!



Yvonne Barnes, Nolene Adams



Dianna Hamilton, Laura Fox, Shawna Denney

Pictures sent by Dianna Hamilton

Recommended Websites for Educators

DKG International has generated a list of helpful websites. Below, a few are listed:

Achieve the Core	http://www.achievethecore.org/	Great site to help implement the Common Core Curriculum Standards.
Blandspace	https://www.blendspace.com	Arrange videos, links, images and files & share via one link
Classrooms.net	http://classtools.net	Allows you to create free educational games, activities & diagrams.
You Can Handle them All	http://www.disciplinehelp.com	This site provides advice on classroom management

Omega - We've been busy GROWing. In April, First Vice President, **Susan Swope** re-oriented us. In May we initiated **Melissa Munoz** and installed our 2014-2016 officers. Incoming president, **Sharon Sevachko** plans on honoring teachers in the Las Cruces school system.



Melissa Munoz
Omega Officers:
Sharon Sevachko,
Berta Cantu,
Navora Richardson



US Forum - Theta State sisters, are you up to date on the Connection?

The United States Forum of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was formed to keep DKG members apprised of important legislation and current events that matter in education. Angela Bedenbaugh is the editor of the US Forum Connection. Her free newsletter contains valuable information about issues important to education, women and children. I forward the monthly newsletter to Theta State members that have requested to receive it and many of them forward the brief newsletter on to their chapter sisters.

I appreciate the information in these newsletters as it is presented in a concise, easy to read manner. A variety of issues are presented that impact education and families in the United States. If a topic requires contacting senators, legislators or others, contact information is included in

the articles. Theta State sisters have shared with me that they appreciate the newsletters as well. Some have given the information to their principals and district administration to share as they so desire.

Theta State sisters, If you are not receiving the US Forum Connection newsletters, I encourage you to request them. Please email me at jtwilliams1988@q.com and I will be happy to send them to you. You can also request them directly from Angela at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. You are encouraged to share the newsletters with others that are interested in education, women and children.

*Submitted by Jane Williams
Theta State US Forum Chairman
Psi Chapter*

Are You Going to Indy?

Have you made your reservations for Indianapolis, Indiana? You can register online at www.dkg.org. You can support DKG by reserving your flight at OneCause (also on the website) or the ATC Travel Center. There will be activities for everyone in the family - from Sprint Car racing to Wine tasting to being a kid for a day. The professional & personal development workshops at an International Convention are first-class.

You might want to learn Japanese paper crafts, relaxation, information on common-core, classroom management, retirement management, how to deliver emergency care, how to develop a website, and too many more workshops to mention in the space allotted.

The Society will even conduct some business. Don't forget that your voice counts at International! Join New Mexico in Indy!

Communications Survey

State Communications & Publicity Committee Chairs summarized what their chapters are doing to inform their members and their communities about DKG.

Communication is essential for making connections and fulfilling the 7 purposes of DKG. Fifty-six percent (rounded up) maintain a website, but only 13% have an assigned web watcher. Twenty-six percent submitted press releases to local media, while only 14% shared "elevator" speeches. It is shocking to note that 4,759 members (6%) do not use electronic media.

Forty-one percent of chapters have newsletters, and 31% of those are mailed. These statistics are available at www.dkg.org under the *Committee* tab. We have to ask

ourselves:

- * Are we helping our members into the 21st century?
- * Are we promoting DKG as a society to which we are proud to belong?
- * Are we meeting the needs of early career educators that are technologically savvy?
- * Do we utilize all the resources available to chapters for growth?

According to the survey, only 17% of the responding chapters have a chapter brochure or DKG fact sheet. Thirty percent of chapters still have a phone tree and 13% receive chapter newsletter from a member who goes for a visit.



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