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# Theta State News

## New Mexico

### Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

#### Key Women Educators

September is here already and I'm glad for cooler temperatures. I had a fantastic week in Austin for International Convention and what a week it was! A week of learning, sharing, questioning, voting (first time for electronic voting), visiting, and laughing, as well as a tour of Headquarters. I was so excited that 23 New Mexico members attended International Convention and each day as we attended breakout sessions and take away sessions we learned new ideas that will help our state members. Seeing the friendships grow helped me to see their dedication to DKG and all it has to offer. With so many amendments passing, Chapters need to start looking at what changes you will need to make. You will find the changes on our website and know they will soon be published and on International website.

As impressive as the international events may be, I must tell you that attending our own state functions (executive board, convention, and leadership seminar) helps all of us to witness the caliber of women that are leading in New Mexico. Meeting dedicated women that support each other in all phases of life is a gift beyond measure. My visits to chapters around the Land of Enchantment give me the inside scoop on creative ways that each group is serving our students, educators and members. I would encourage all of you to contribute your Chapter events, ideas, pictures and more to our Theta State newsletter, share with your NM sisters!

Cathy Daugherty, our new International President, 2018-2020 biennium speech: Evolution, Momentum, and Transparency-changing the Society to remain viable, maintaining the momentum established at convention and being transparent in our operations. As the "look" of our membership evolves, we heard Cathy express that we must continue to fulfill the vision and her theme – Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide. As new leaders take the reins we must be the support staff ready to help. We have new chapter presidents that are taking these challenging positions as of July 1. They were inspired and now they are taking action. With one year left in my biennium, I plan to follow suit. There is much to be accomplished and all of you are needed to fulfill the goals of your chapter, the state and international.

I want to congratulate Susan Swope for completing the Leadership Management Seminar in Austin. You make NM proud! Who will be our next LMS 2020 leader?

One more piece of news. I have been asked to serve as a member of the International Membership Committee. I am beyond thrilled to have the opportunity to represent NM, serve on an International committee and optimistic that our own membership committee is ready to kick into high gear and grow DKG in New Mexico. I will be attending my first committee meeting in Austin on November 2-3, 2018. Shawna Denney, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, will be conducting the Fall Meeting and I'm convinced that all will go well as we are ALL essential pieces.



With love and respect. Ella

## Alpha Theta Chapter News

Alpha Theta in Roswell celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the initiation of two new members, Peggy Bohlin and Hope Morales. Peggy, a recently retired educator, is the director of the local Camp Invention and Hope is the TeachPlus NM Policy Director. State President Ella Kelley was on hand to welcome these educators to DKG and share news of Theta State. Earlier, the chapter initiated Elisa Begueria and Shawnia Patno. Elisa is the Superintendent of Schools in Lake Arthur and Shawnia is involved in the nursing program at ENMU-R. Shawnia's mother is Iris Johnson, formerly in Phi, Portales, and now part of the Roswell chapter. Each of these new members has already contributed their energy and help to the chapter's projects!

In May, new chapter officers were installed during a lovely ceremony. Mignon Simitz will be leading the chapter during the 2018-2020 biennium.

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#3 Photos Submitted By Pat Burnett

#1 Sharon Collins, Hope Morales, Theta State President Ella Kelley, and Peggy Bohlin

#2 Iris Johnson, Shawnia Patno, Elisa Begueria, Sharon Collins

#3 2018-2020 Alpha Theta Officers: Sharon Collins, Immediate Past President/Parliamentarian; Amy Everett, Recording Secretary; Mignon Simitz, President; Patty Evans, Treasurer; Katy Vaz, 1st Vice President.

Not Shown: Jerolyn Wagner, 2nd Vice President; Abie Smith, Corresponding Secretary.

## Psi Chapter News



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Photos submitted by  
Jane Williams

#1. Psi president Cheryl Valdez presents Psi Sister Patty Lopez the PSI chapter Professional Development Scholarship in the amount of \$375.00. She will use the money to help her complete her final level of Sand Tray Therapy at the Sand Tray Institute of New Mexico.

Our April meeting was filled with celebrations. Psi awarded two \$250 scholarships. Marline Toivanen presented Heather Paintin (NMSU Grants Associate degree in early childhood education) and Psi member Sheena Meech (ENMU Master's Degree in Educational Administration) their scholarship certificates. Mary Savacheck introduced our 2018 NMSU Grants education graduates Alisha Broten and Cody Hassel. Each of them received a teacher's bag overflowing with classroom supplies provided by our generous members.

Claudette Jaramillo presented the Psi Chapter Achievement Award to our in-coming chapter President Brooke Ratliff for her dedication and willingness to serve our members. 2016-2018 President Cheryl Valdez thanked her officers with a gift for their support throughout her biennium.

#2 Dolly Bassett watches as Ina Jean Barnes conducted the installation of incoming officers: President Brooke Ratliff, 2nd Vice President Connie Holden, Treasurer Kim Fogle.

Debi Miller was recently recognized in our community for a creative program in her class. Each year she invites community members to share their skills, knowledge, culture, and experiences with her students at St. Teresa's Catholic School. The class visited a local artist and Psi chapter member's stained-glass studio where they learned the process of this art medium applied to her current project of a stained-glass church window. The students look forward to watching its installation in the church someday. Congratulations Debi for engaging your students in such a meaningful way and for your willingness to serve Psi Chapter as 1st Vice President in this biennium.



Psi Chapter began a new year of DKG celebrating Ginny Hill's Theta State Merit award presented to her by Ina Jean Barns on her left. Past Psi President presented retirees Connie Aldaz and Vanessa Pinkston with beautiful stained-glass butterflies she had made for them. Photos submitted by Jane Williams

## Gamma Chapter News

Gamma chapter in Albuquerque is busy collecting dues and starting its new year.

The first chapter meeting is Saturday, Sept. 8. Two presentations will be featured: Peggy Jackson will share her experiences at her induction into the National Teacher Hall of Fame, AND Dianna Valdez and Jeannette Vigil will share their experiences at the Delta Kappa Gamma International convention in Austin this past July.

Katy Hammel, chapter vice-president and Program Chair, has lined up some excellent speakers for the year, including outgoing NM Representative Bill McCamley, speaking about the state of New Mexico and how it works. This will be at the regular chapter meeting on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

The chapter will continue its impressive service project work, brining donations each month to the following charities: Title I Homeless in Albuquerque Public Schools, the local Clothing Bank for students, the Ronald McDonald House, and Silver Horizons.

In addition, the chapter is working on plans to meet its 10% Membership Challenge from Theta State by working to recruit three new members this year. A regular schedule of membership nominations and orientations is already set.

### Nominations Due!

Nominations for officers for the 2019-21 biennium are due soon. Nominations forms are on the website under forms. They must be received by the chair on or before January 7, 2019. Mailing address is on the form. Priscilla Brower, chair.  
[browerpr@gmail.com](mailto:browerpr@gmail.com)





## Epsilon Chapter News

### EPSILON CHAPTER JOINS COMMUNITY PROJECT

By Barbara McKee, President Epsilon

Epsilon Chapter is partnering with the Silver City Women's Society and the Lion's Club to do vision testing for children from Headstart to 1st grade. The area for screening will include Silver City, Bayard, Cliff, Lordsburg, and Animas.

Brenda Dunn, Program Manager of NM Operation Kid Sight, Inc, presented the training. As educators, we know the importance of early vision testing for the child's optimum learning experience. However, Brenda stressed the importance of this screening for the detection of "lazy eye." What happens if amblyopia goes untreated?

"If not treated early enough, an amblyopic eye may never develop good vision and may even become functionally blind." Check out this article at <https://www.preventblindness.org/amblyopia-lazy-eye>

Brenda asked us if we had chapters statewide. I told her that we were an international organization. Brenda is looking for a group that is willing to do testing statewide. Her office is located in Las Cruces, however she told us if we didn't have anyone to take a school she would drive over here and do it herself. Her dedication and desire to test as many children as possible is obvious.

Apparently, parent approval is no longer required for the screening. After the screening, the nurse keeps a copy of the results (if the child does not pass), and the parents are notified. The Lion's Club has programs to help with the expenses of exam and glasses. They even have a "Spare Pair" program, so that students can keep an extra pair of glasses at school.

Epsilon Chapter feels this is an important community project, and we are very glad to help in this worthwhile endeavor.

## Austin Recap

### By Ina Jean Barnes

Key Women Educators from all over New Mexico traveled to Austin, Texas July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> to attend the 2018 International Convention the birthplace of Delta Kappa Gamma. We were greeted and welcomed to Texas by warm, friendly bluebonnet "sisters" and our own Nadyne Gartman, and Sue Cook now of Texas. The last time we met in Austin, Texas was 1932.

We assembled to vote, vote, and vote! We voted using an electronic voting device; which really saved time. Ninety six amendments were adopted, with only 18 not adopted. Those not adopted were C-1; C-7; C-11; C-41; C-48; Group III bundle 1; ISR 23 and 24; Group IV bundle 2.

Things of interest included:

- Name change not adopted
- Membership remains by invitation
- Initiation changed to induction
- Golden Gift Committee remains its own committee
- International Committees will continue to have representatives from five regions instead of proportionate representation
- International officer voting remains as it is
- Constitution can be amended every two years
- Membership dues will be aligned in time to the DKG fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>

Wow! Terrific speakers inspired and motivated us Benjamin Zander and Nadia Lopez were really worth hearing. What a special treat for those teaching and those retired.

We had a new addition to our agenda “Global Awareness Forum” a collaboration of forum chairs that modeled we are Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

Dr. Gwen Simmons was awarded the International Achievement Award and honored by DKG at the Impacting Education Worldwide Luncheon.

Tours of our Society Headquarters showcased our beautiful building faced with pink colored Italian marble, the foyer welcomes visitors with a needlepoint tapestry designed and stitched by the late Dana Gatchell of Alabama. The Wall of Roses a planned giving opportunity proposed by International Finance Committee chaired by Ina Jean Barnes in 2008-2010 adorns the staircase wall. The elegant Blanton room contains the Dr. Blanton portrait a beautiful old mahogany breakfront holds a place setting of Annie’s Haviland china. There is the wonderful Edna McGuire Boyd Library and courtyard with a birdbath given by two sisters from Nevada called “The Sisters”.

Breakout sessions and 10-minute Takeaways had a great variety and informative venue. Something for everyone. Dianna Valdez, Jeannette Leah Vigil and Yvette Moore presented. Ina Jean Barnes helped to host a Meet and Greet session for newly elected International officers.

The choir was magnificent! The Celebration Installation was done by the International Nominations Committee and Ina Jean Barnes installed Becky Sadowski as first vice-president and introduced Cathy P. Daugherty International President 2018-2020.

JoAnn Brooks, TX, Convention Steering Committee Chair announced the Meet the Block winner. It was Amanda J. Matray our very own Alpha Delta member from Albuquerque. Amanda is going to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Convention 2020. She won registration and all meals, Congratulations.



Left: Ina Jean Barnes at the banquet with incoming International President Cathy Daugherty

Below: Ina Jean Barnes with Golden Gift Sisters from 2006.  
Photos submitted by Ina Jean Barnes



## **NON-DUES REVENUE INFO**

The charge to Theta State’s Non-Dues Revenue Committee is to raise funds for Theta State activities and projects without having to raise dues or gain revenue only from members. The Committee is working on a very special event following the Birthday Luncheon at Fall Meeting. A Writing Institute is in the works for members, non-members, and early career educators. This would be a collaborative project with another non-profit organization and promises to offer valuable and exciting experiences for working and retired educators. Plan now to enhance your trip to Fall Meeting by attending the Institute. More information will be sent to chapters in September.

## **SURVEY REQUEST**

The Committee will send every chapter president a survey for members to give input about the possible activities for the committee to work on. It is really important that all members respond to the survey. Please be sure that our non-technology-using members receive a paper copy to fill out and get entered by a chapter sister. Chapter presidents are asked to include discussion of the survey items at their first chapter meeting, since it asks about possible chapter support and/or involvement. The popcorn sale last year was very successful, and more than just chapter members bought product. **PLEASE RESPOND WHEN SURVEY COMES IN YOUR EMAIL.**

Thank you,

Non-dues Revenue Committee- Diana Valdez, Ernestine Hagman, Sharon Collins

*Reminder:*

*Committee Chairs and Officers please complete reports and send them to Ina Jean and Ella Kelly  
Deadline is October 1, 2018 and forms have been emailed and are available from the website. Meeting this deadline will ensure that reports can be included on the website for the fall meeting. Thank you for the prompt attention to turning in your reports!*

**The 2018 TS Fall Meeting and 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at Marriott, Albuquerque, New Mexico located near uptown. See Information and Registration form at the end of this Theta State News Issue**

## **Update on CCC**

**By: Carmen J. Pennington**

The officers for CCC for this 2018 to 2020 Biennium are: Amanda Matray, Coordinator, Alpha Delta President; Secretary/Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Shirrod, Alpha Iota President; and Treasurer, Dianna Valdez, Representative of Gamma. Jeannette Vigil, Gamma; and Carmen Tapia are Representatives.

CCC is now planning the Executive Meeting and Theta State Luncheon to be held on November 3, 2018 at the Albuquerque Marriott located on Louisiana across from Winrock Mall. All information will be coming to you with registration, menus, workshops in the September issue.

CCC chapters want to take this opportunity to Congratulate the recipients of the Theta State Educators Recognition Awards held at the Awards Breakfast at the State Convention held in Las Cruces. These CCC Chapters funded the Recognition Award event.

### **The Awards went to:**

**Violeta Djordjevec** is a technology and literacy teacher in the Albuquerque Public Schools. **Priscilla Brower**, Alpha Delta Chapter, is representing Central Area on Theta State Nomination Committee and is the Chair. **Peggy Jackson**, Gamma Chapter, was recently named as one of five inductees nationally to the National Teachers Hall of Fame. **Cheryl Holland**, Epsilon Chapter, has been an advocate for

education and teachers in NM through active participation in the NEA, and is the Student Assistance Team Coordinator for Cobre Consolidated Schools. **Ellen Sage**, Omega Chapter, is Executive Director and lead therapist in her own instructional business and non-profit corporation Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico, Inc. **Terry Mount**, Omega Chapter, is the Department Chair of Commercial Technology and has overseen the creation of a Lineworkers program, the Automotive program, Welding program, the Heating, Ventilation, Air conditioning, Refrigeration program and the Water Technology Program at the Dona Ana Community College. **Diana Hamilton**, Kappa Chapter, is currently the Communications Committee Chairman for Theta State. **Claresia Montoya**, Upsilon Chapter, she was very involved as a teacher and a principal. She recently moved to Rio Rancho and is a member of Gamma Chapter. **Rachel Rodriguez**, Upsilon Chapter and was recently chosen by Education Week for her leadership in instructional improvement for the district. She oversees 11 schools in the Gallup-McKinley County Schools.

### The International Convention in Austin Texas

CCC members who attended the convention were: Amanda Matray, Carmen Pennington, and Farabe Smith of Alpha Delta; Barabara Shirrod of Alpha Iota; Jeanette Vigil and Dianna Valdez from Gamma. We attended all the meetings and voted on the Bylaws and Standing Rules. Carmen also attended the US Forum and voted on the U.S Forum Guidelines. The Motivational Speakers were outstanding. Check the DKG website to see all that took place.

The exciting thing that happened is that Amanda Matray won the big Gift Certificate drawn from the names of those who stayed at the JW Marriott in Austin. She won the payment for Registration, the Banquet and other things that will take place at our International Convention to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 2020. Congratulations Amanda!

## Personal Growth and Development

Exercise? Are you kidding?!?

By Mignon Simitz

How can I make the time? Won't it take me from my family? I'd have to spend money to join a club, work around the club's schedule, buy special clothes, and exercise with people who are on a totally different level! However, in this article, I want to open your mind to the possibility of working through these impediments.

But first of all, did you know that being active rather than sedentary can prevent premature mortality; cardiovascular disease; coronary heart disease; Type 2 diabetes; some cancers, including: breast, colon, uterine, and lung cancers; hypertension; stroke; obesity; depression; osteoporosis; Alzheimer's; and dementia? (Darren, et. al. 2006), (Blair, et. al. 1996), (Reiner, et. al. 2013), (McKinney, et. al. 2016), (<https://medlineplus.gov> 2017), (Kwak, et. al. 2018)

Ok, now back to the possibility of working through what may be inhibiting you from exercise! Guess what? Simply taking a brisk walk for as little as 10-30 minutes a day can positively impact your life! (Chow, et. al. 2014), (Roh, et. al. 2013), (McKinney, et. al. 2016), (<https://medlineplus.gov> 2017), (Dohrn, et. al. 2018) And you can break that time into 10 minute increments! Walking can be on YOUR schedule. You can walk when it is convenient for you. Early in the morning, during a break, during lunch, right after work, and later in the evening are all good times for walking. Perhaps, you could make it a family routine or plan family hikes for weekends. It will be good for them, too! I found that my daughter really talked with me during walks. Your dog will certainly get health benefits, as well. You don't have to join a club or buy special clothes, except good walking shoes. If the weather is bad, you can go to Walmart and briskly walk through your list. Many people do their walking at the mall. My husband, a stroke survivor, walks around our house! And, my brother controls his Type 2 diabetes by walking 20 minutes a day in his neighborhood.

Now the good news is that sedentary people who become more active actually show the greatest health gains! (Darren, et. al. 2006), (McKinney, et. al. 2016)



Look at your life. Are there opportunities for movement? Teaching requires movement as we move from student to student or from standing to sitting on the floor. My activity level was so high working with kindergarteners that 2 miles of walking a day in retirement does not match that level! I used to dance and jump with my students or have races with them at recess. You don't have to jog for miles. A 30-40 second run or high intensity exercise can be beneficial. You can choose to use the stairs instead of the elevator. You can park your car further from your destination. What about housework or gardening? I'm sure that in looking at your day or week, you can see the potential for improving your health. Research has shown that it's worth it!

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Just a reminder that name badges and ribbons continue to be available for purchase. Currently, the name badges cost \$5.00 and the ribbons/badges are \$17.00. If you order now, they can be delivered at the Fall meeting in November. Please contact Pat Burnett at [rogerpat@cablone.net](mailto:rogerpat@cablone.net) to make an order.

## Membership Committee Appointed, Begins Work at Fall Meeting

A newly constituted Membership Committee is currently being appointed to support Theta State's efforts to maintain and grow membership.

Fifteen DKG members from across the state have been invited to serve on this committee, representing each of 13 local chapters. Pat Graff, Theta State Second Vice-President, is serving as the committee's chair.

This committee will work with initiatives started a year ago at the membership Summit, held in Albuquerque last September to address problems of membership recruiting and maintenance, as well as chapter support. In the past few years, five chapters have been lost and membership in Theta State DKG has declined over 20%.

"We are looking to develop programs and initiatives that will help chapters recruit and retain members, develop strong leadership opportunities within chapters and the state, and build strong activities that will help our members continue to be Leading Women Educators in New Mexico," Graff said.

Once the committee is finalized, it will have its first meeting during the Fall Meeting this November in Albuquerque. Most of the group's work will be done through email and electronic virtual meetings. A full committee list of members will be published in the next *Theta State News*.

## More Membership Tips

Has your chapter developed a plan to meet our Theta State Membership Challenge?

At the summer Leadership Seminar, held in Hobbs this past June, each chapter was challenged to increase its membership by 10% from last year's numbers. This means each chapter will work to recruit one to four new members sometime during this school year. More details on this initiative are in the Summer 2018 *Theta State News*.

Yes, that is a challenge, but it is also very doable!

Here are a few more tips and suggestions for building membership in your local chapter. These ideas were generated by several different working groups on membership during last year's membership initiative work.

***Invite a state legislator or other policy leader to speak to your chapter about important educational issues.*** Be strategic and invite this person AFTER this November's general election and NOT during the state legislative session (this year from mid-January until mid-March). Reach out and ask this person to share with your members.

***Discuss as a chapter how you wish to approach the recent change in Delta Kappa Gamma International with regards to recruiting college students and making them associate members.*** All of the details of this initiative are still being ironed out at International, and decisions about whether to include college students in education are still left up to each chapter. However, be proactive as a chapter and talk about the relative merits and issues of adding this group to your chapter. More on this will come from International soon...

***Offer a professional development workshop for teachers in your area on a topic of interest, using some of your chapter (or Theta State) resources.*** This can be an event targeted to a specific group of teachers, such as reading literacy activities, or one that might reach a broad spectrum, such as learning how to use the Internet to sell one's self-created teaching ideas and materials. Plan a useful but concise program, advertise it to teachers in your area, offer refreshments and door prizes, and be sure to pitch Delta Kappa Gamma to those who fit your chapter's membership requirements.

***Honor local women educators who are currently candidates for National Board Certification and those who have achieved National Board Certified Teacher status.*** Host a reception or another event to recognize these women who are working to improve their teaching practice using the rigorous national standards for our profession. Need help finding out who these people are? Connect with the NM NBCT Network at [www.nmnbnctnetwork.com](http://www.nmnbnctnetwork.com). Alpha Epsilon Chapter in the Four Corners hosted an event such as this last spring which was very successful!



Spread the word the Scholarship Committee will be accepting applications for the next scholarship year. Deadline to apply is March 15<sup>th</sup>!

Forms are available on the Theta State Website and questions can be sent to Jane Williams

**Last Year no applications were received please help the committee fulfill their purpose** by awarding scholarships to members returning to school or wanting to pay for National Board Certification fees.

## Chapter President Interviews Being Conducted

In an effort to build connections and gather more information about Theta State's wonderful local chapters, the nine officers of Theta State will be conducting interviews with each of the 13 chapter presidents.

These interviews include about a dozen questions about chapter activities, leadership, and community involvement. Each state officer is doing one or two of these interviews sometime between Sept. 1 and Oct. 20. It is hoped that these interviews can be done in person or on the phone in order to facilitate conversation among leaders in New Mexico's Delta Kappa Gamma organization.

Information gathered from the interviews will be pulled together by Theta State President Ella Kelly and Theta State Second Vice-President and membership Chair Pat Graff. Results will be shared with Theta State members during the annual Fall Meeting in Albuquerque and throughout the year through newsletters.

“These interviews are designed to help us, as state officers, to better understand the triumphs and challenges our local chapters face these days,” said Graff. “We want to provide a support system to help our chapters do well and to celebrate their successes.”

Results will be shared anonymously as group results, with no chapters or members specifically identified unless the chapter or individual has specifically consented to names being used for that specific purpose.

Chapter presidents should expect to be contacted by a Theta State officer in the next few weeks to set up the appointment for the conversation. Any questions should be directed to Kelly or Graff.

## Thank you

Dianna Valdez, Chair of Non-Dues Revenue, helped with pulling together the ribbon many of our members wore during our Regional Breakfast at International this year. The ribbon was our way of identifying members from New Mexico and I'm hoping that more ribbons will be needed for members attending SW Regional in Costa Mesa, California, July 17-20, 2019.

## Leadership Management Seminar Golden Gift

By Susan Swope

I have always been told that I needed to attend this wonderful opportunity, and I would like to Thank each of you who encouraged me and helped me to attend. It was by far the most intense and beneficial Delta Kappa Gamma training I have been able to participate. I admit that spending three weeks away from home was a challenge (and James says never again). The instructors were from the business college and they had a slightly different approach than instructors from the colleges of education. They were very task driven and truly wanted to give us all they could in the short amount of time they were given. We focused on leadership qualities and investigated our personal strengths and areas we need more support to be successful. Selling ourselves and the organization were part of the training we did in groups. In addition to the classroom lessons, we were encouraged to build connections with our sisters, and I guarantee we will be lifelong friends. We toured the Texas State Capital building, the Delta Kappa Gamma International headquarters, and spent a Saturday in Fredericksburg. I look forward to sharing what I learned with my New Mexico Sisters, and I too encourage those interested in learning more about themselves and developing leadership skills to apply to attend the Leadership Management Seminar. I would love to tell anyone interested more and help complete the application.

Theta State Website. <https://thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com/>

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**Next Theta State News Deadline: December 1,**

## NOVEMBER 3, 2018 FALL MEETING and BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

**Schedule:** 8:00-9:45 TS Executive Board Meeting    10:00-11:00 Round 1 workshops    11:15-12:00 Round 2 Workshop  
 12:00-12:25 Luncheon Check In    12:30 Birthday Luncheon

### LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER:

#### *New Mexico Senator Mimi Stewart*

As the chair of the New Mexico Legislative Education Study Committee and Senate Majority Whip, Senator Stewart will bring insights into the up coming legislative session. She is a former teacher and has been a strong supporter of teachers, education, and our students throughout her service in the legislature. She continues to be a firm advocate for her District 17 in Albuquerque.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that “a Washington, D.C.-based company that uses a data-based approach to analyze lawmaking has selected Sen. Mimi Stewart as New Mexico’s most effective legislator.

*The formula developed by FiscalNote measured legislators’ effectiveness by tracking their ability to get substantive bills enacted, compared to other lawmakers from the same state, according to the company.”* Stewart has sponsored bills that passed both legislative chambers, including bills dealing with rape kit testing, court interpreters and more.



<https://www.abqjournal.com/1039983/sen-mimi-stewart-named-nms-most-effective-legislator.html>

### WORKSHOP CHOICES:

<b>R O U N D  1 10:00- 11:00</b>	1. Room Pecos Title: Membership Presenter: Pat Graff Come to this session to: * learn about the new membership initiative. * ask questions about recruitment and retention. * share what's working for your chapter.	2. Room Sandia Title: Leadership Follow-up Presenter: Kay Hannum Come to this session to: * get support after the summer training. * ask questions about things that are still a bit confusing. * share some things that you have tried and that worked well.	3. Room Acoma Title: Treasurers Presenter: Yvette Moore Come to this session to: * learn about some International changes. * ask questions about IRS filing. * find out about collegiate memberships. * clarify dues deadlines. * to learn how to be a chapter treasurer.
<b>R O U N D  2 11:15- 12:00</b>	4. Room Pecos Title: Google Tips & Tricks Presenter: Amanda Matray Come to this session to: * learn some helpful tips to make your use easier * find new ways to use these tools. * get help with things that are giving you trouble using these exciting tools.	5. Room Sandia Room Title: International Changes Update Presenter: Ina Jean Barnes Come to this session to: * learn about significant changes approved at International Convention in Austin. * hear about the exciting proposals that passed... and those that didn't!	6. Room Acoma Title: Working with the Girl Scouts Presenter: Jeannette Vigil Come to this session to: * learn the International guidelines for working with a troupe. * find out different ways that your chapter can help girls earn their DKG patch. * share some ideas about ways we can mutually support each other.

**A working e-mail address is required on the registration form if confirmation is desired. Confirmation of registration will be sent via e-mail by October 29, 2018. If you do not receive confirmation by that date, contact Diana Valdez, (505) 328-3669) or valdezd8844@gmail.com .**



**Vendor/Exhibitor Registration**

Set-up time: 9:00 am banquet foyer---Exhibit Time: 9:30 am - 12:15 pm---Breakdown Time: 12:15 pm

\$35 Rental Fee for one six foot long with tablecloth      **Table Reservations due by October 15, 2018.**

**Limited space...First come, first served!**

**Exhibitors wishing to sell at the Fall Event are invited to contact Priscilla Brower for exhibit details at [browerpr@gmail.com](mailto:browerpr@gmail.com) .**

Exhibitors are asked to provide a door prize for the luncheon.

Exhibitors are welcome to purchase a luncheon meal for \$25.00, including tax and gratuity. Please include a meal registration form.

**Albuquerque Marriott has blocked rooms for our event at \$109.00 including taxes.** Please make reservations by calling: Katlyn Roberts at (505) 837-6687 and identify "**THETA STATE EVENT**". If rooms are no longer available call Carmen Pennington for help, 505 256-9506.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Initial if you do not want your photo to be used. It is your responsibility to remove yourself from photographs.  
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**Sales: Skirted table rental is \$35. Exhibitors wishing to sell at the Fall Event are invited to contact Priscilla Brower for exhibit details at [browerpr@gmail.com](mailto:browerpr@gmail.com)**



# REGISTRATION FORM NEW MEXICO (THETA STATE) FALL EVENT

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Albuquerque Marriott

2101 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico



Theta State DKG  
2017-2019  
Keep It Simple, Sisters

**BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER: *New Mexico Senate  
Majority Whip, Senator Mimi Stewart***



## RESERVATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 15, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ TS Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Confirmation of registration will be sent via email by October 29, 2018. If you do not receive confirmation by this date contact Diana Valdez, (505) 328-3669) or valdez8844@gmail.com .

**Schedule:** 8:00-9:45 TS Executive Board Meeting    10:00-11:00 Round 1 workshop    11:15-12:00 Round 2 Workshop  
12:00-12:25 Luncheon Check In    12:30 Birthday Luncheon

**Cost: \$25.00 Including tax and gratuity**

**Menu:** For all meals: Oven Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley with Garlic Butter, Dinner Rolls, Birthday Cupcakes, Iced Tea, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Herbal Teas.

**Select Entree:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Apple Stuffed Pork Loin- Stuffed with dressing and roasted apples
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Napoleon - Grilled portabella mushroom, topped with grilled vegetables and parmesan, topped with an Asian ginger glaze

Please list dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal numbers and fees:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Registrations:** \$5 per person to attend all workshops. One complimentary workshop is allowed per chapter. Are you using your chapter's complimentary workshop fee? \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Meal Fee  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop Fee  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Late Fee: \$5 if postmarked after October 14, 2018  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**      **Make Checks payable to CCC -- Mail this form and checks payable to CCC to:**

c/o Dianna Valdez      PO Box 35035      Albuquerque, NM 87176



## More pictures from Austin



Members from New Mexico who attended Texas night at the 2018 International Convention. Look at the beautiful ribbons and the wonderful smiles!

Photo submitted by Susan Swope



One of the interesting events that occurred nightly was thousands of bats would fly out from under the bridge each evening to fly throughout the area in search of insects.

Pictured are some of the boats that gathered on the river at the bridge to see the sight. Many DKG members were seen both on the boats and on the bridge to watch this amazing event.

In the background you can see a small part of the Austin city skyline. While the weather was HOT it was a great experience.

Photo taken by Susan Swope



2016-2018 International President Carolyn Pitman with Susan Swope during a tour of the headquarters building.



Portrait of Annie Webb Blanton in the background of Susan Swope and Golden Gift roommate Evelyn from North Carolina. Also, during tour of headquarters.

Photos submitted by Susan Swope



2018 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention hosted in Austin Texas.

State pictures were done very differently this year. No professional photographer was used; Texas state volunteers used members own phones and cameras to take the state pictures.

New Mexico had 23 members who were able to attend the convention.

Left to right

Top to bottom

C. Martinez, A.Burns, G. Gonzales, K. Hannum, R. Kennedy, F. Smith, S. Swope

B. Shirrod, D. Valdez, C. Pennington, L. Hamblin, G. Hielkema, L. Crombie, I.J. Barnes, A.Matray, M. Martinez

Bottom— M. Simitz, J. Vigil, A. Chaffin, E. Kelly, J. Clarkson, S. Denney, Y. Moore