



Theta State News

New Mexico State Organization

of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



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MESSAGE FROM OUR 2021-2023 STATE PRESIDENT



GRATITUDE

Of course it is the holiday time period, and we often think of this. And perhaps it is a little cliché to discuss it, especially around Thanksgiving.

But **GRATITUDE** is a huge piece of my work with all our members in New Mexico Delta Kappa Gamma as I continue my biennium. Our thoughtful and delightful speaker at our recent State Birthday Luncheon, Diane Harrison-Ogawa, has elevated the concept of **GRATITUDE** to new and amazing heights. She posts about **GRATITUDE** on her Facebook page every day! Her words about keeping this positive mindset, even as we face challenges and difficulties, were so appropriate for today's times. What a timely and inspirational speaker she was! My **GRATITUDE** in this column is going to be hyper-focused on the good work we are doing together as a team of leading women educators in New Mexico to improve learning for our students, peers, and communities.

I am grateful for the nearly 70 members and guests who made the effort to attend our recent Fall Meeting in person. We were able to reconnect, renew friendships, and greet dear sisters for the first time in two years!

I am grateful for the magnificent ladies and worker-bees in our state's Central Coordinating Council, who worked for over a year to make the arrangements for this recent Fall Meeting. **GRATITUDE** to Barbara Shirrod, Carmen Tapia, Priscilla Brower, Farabe Smith, Diana Valdez, Jeannette Vigil, Katy Hammel, and Margaret Romero. And special **GRATITUDE** to Amanda Barnes, who created the extraordinary pumpkin-and-succulent centerpieces for our tables! Each was a cornucopia of beauty!

I am grateful to all my state officers who work so well—often behind the scenes—to keep our well-oiled machine running well. You are always there when I need you, and I can always count on you.

I am grateful for all 13 of my chapter presidents, who have persevered through so many challenges during the pandemic and continue to lead with grace and energy. At the Fall Meeting, 9 of our 13 chapter presidents attended and ALL 13 chapters were represented. This is so important for all voices to be heard and good ideas to be shared! And I am grateful for the warm welcome I am receiving from chapters as I visit you across the state.

I am grateful for all my committee chairs who work so hard on their specific job assignments to further our state and international purposes and goals. Just recently, our group collected over \$300 for the World Fellowship Fund in Delta Kappa Gamma International. **GRATITUDE** for sure!

I am grateful to ALL our 282 NM DKG members who each bring unique talents and visions to our collective NM DKG “table.” We are blessed with so many wonderful gifts and personalities in our group.

So today I shine the **GRATITUDE** light on our New Mexico State Organization. My biennium theme, “Be a Light” has been exemplified over and over again in the past few months. Perhaps the best way we can celebrate **GRATITUDE** is to continue that personal challenge I issue each of you: Once a day, be a light for someone else. A smile, a word of encouragement, a positive email, a personal note, a simple sharing of a burden.

Wishing each of you a wonderful holiday season, a terrific 2022, and a life full of **GRATITUDE**!



Pat Graff, NBCT
2021-2023 State President, NM DKG

President's Calendar

Chapter Visits So Far

- Oct. 2- Omega & Epsilon Chapter Mtg, Las Cruces
- Oct. 9- Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting, ABQ
- Oct. 25- Kappa Chapter Meeting, Alamogordo
- Nov. 10- Beta Chapter Membership Mtg, Santa Fe
- Nov. 22- DKG EEC presentation to Northwest and Southwest Region Presidents, Zoom
- Dec. 4- DKG International Educational Excellence Committee Meeting, Zoom

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 11- Holiday Brunch with Gamma Chptr, ABQ
- Dec. 14- NM DKG Chapter Presidents Mtg, Zoom
- Jan. 8- Gamma Chapter Meeting, ABQ
- Jan. 11- CCC Meeting, ABQ
- Jan. 18- NM DKG Chapter Presidents Mtg, Zoom
- Jan. 25- NM DKG Execut. Committee Mtg, Zoom
- Feb. 5- CCC Event at Harvey House, Belen
- Feb. 12- Psi Chapter Meeting in Grants
- Feb- DATE TBD- New Member Zoom Meeting
- March 6-8- US Forum Training in Washington, DC
- March 10- Gamma Chapter Meeting
- April 29-May 1- NM DKG State Cnvnt, Silver City

NM DKG CALENDAR DATES

- Dec. 14**, 6-7 p.m.- Chapter Pres. Mtg via Zoom
- Jan. 11**, 4-6 p.m.- CCC Meting
- Jan. 18**, 6-7 p.m.- Chapter Pres. Mtg via Zoom
- January TBD**- Book Study Grp Mtg #1 via Zoom
- Jan. 25**, 6-7 p.m.- NM DKG Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
- February- TBD**- NM DKG New Member Meeting via Zoom
- Feb. 5**, 10 a.m.- 12 noon- CCC Event at Harvey House, Belen
- Feb. 10**- Theta State News Deadline
- February TBD**- Bk Study Grp Mtg #2 via Zoom
- March 22**- Chapter Presidents Meeting via Zoom
- March TBD**- NM DKG Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
- April 29-May 1**- NM DKG State Convention in Silver City
- May 10**- Theta State News Deadline
- June 3-4**- NM DKG Leadership Seminar in ABQ

SAVE THE DATE!

NM DKG LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

June 3-4, 2022

Albuquerque

ALL chapter presidents, state committee chairs, and state officers are encouraged to attend. Other chapter officers and ALL interested NM DKG members are welcome!

More details listed below!

NM LEADERSHIP SEMINAR MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

WHO?? Calling all who will be elected **chapter officers for the 2022-2024 biennium**, the eventual **past chapter presidents/officers**, **NMSO state chairmen**, and **any DKG member** who is interested in attending

WHAT?? NMSO Leadership seminar

WHEN?? **June 3-4, 2022** Friday-4:30-8:00 p.m.
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (times are approximate and subject to change)

WHERE?? **To Be Determined - ABQ**

WHY?? NMSO Leadership wants all new chapter officers to have the very best start to what we hope will be an exciting DKG journey for your biennium and continued productive work for state chairmen.

Look for registration and more information in the spring issue of TSN.

Submitted by Carmen Tapia, Leadership Chairman

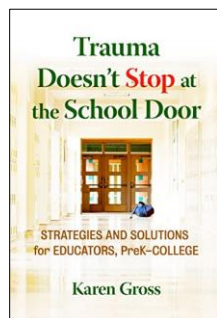


BOOK STUDY GROUP FORMING

This is the LAST CALL for interested NM DKG members to join the Book Study group being organized for this academic year. Members who wish to participate must contact Pat Graff at PGraff@aol.com no later than Dec. 15, 2021, to be part of the group.

Six participants have already joined and they will soon receive copies of the book. They will meet twice virtually, and plan a workshop on the topic to be presented at the 2022 NM DKG Convention in Silver City. Plans are also being made for participants to do a virtual Q & A session with the actual author.

Trauma Doesn't Stop at the School Doors: Strategies and Solutions for Educators Pre-K to College is the title of the book recently awarded the 2021 Book Award by DKG International. It was written by Dr. Karen Gross, a DKG member in the Washington, DC, area, and it deals with issues educators face as students deal with many different levels of trauma. It also provides many concrete strategies educators can take to support students facing trauma.



A limited number of the books will be provided FREE to members accepted into this book study group.

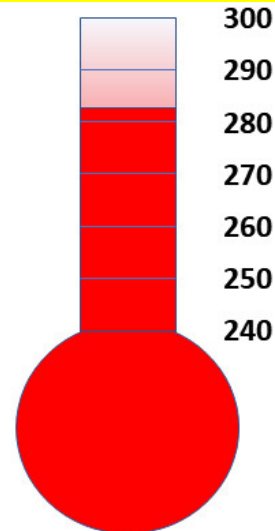
If members wish to participate, they should email Pat Graff at PGraff@aol.com with their name, chapter, and current education assignment/job by Dec. 15, 2021. More details will then be sent. The group will start meeting in January 2022.

NM DKG CONVENTION DATE CHANGE

Plan now to attend the 2022 NM DKG State Convention!
April 29-May 1, 2022
Silver City, NM

NM DKG MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

MEMBERSHIP THERMOMETER



**NM DKG
Membership
2021-2022**

MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION WORK

With a strong outreach effort and event, Beta chapter in Santa Fe recently hosted a membership orientation event. More than eight teachers in Santa Fe have expressed interest in joining this chapter, and this is exciting news!

Beta President Mary Massey, with help from several members of her chapter, reached out to National Board Certified Teachers and candidates in the area, and several are considering joining. NM DKG President Pat Graff and NM DKG Expansion Chair Diana Valdez did an orientation program for the interested teachers and administrators. Members of Beta Chapter (Santa Fe) spoke eloquently about their connections to DKG.

If other chapters are interested in developing this same type of expansion program, please contact Pat Graff or Diana Valdez.

MOTIONS MADE AT FALL EXEC BRD MTG

The following motions were passed at the recent NM State Organization of DKG Fall Executive Board meeting on Nov. 13:

- Two actions pertaining to banking business for NM State Organization and signators on accounts
- Changing the name of *Theta State News* to *DKG New Mexico NewsRunner*
- Releasing funds for the spring state convention in Silver City (\$650), the state scholarship (\$2,000), and the B. June West Grant-in-Aid (\$750)-Funds are already budgeted but the release is required by current State Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- Confirmed the date change for the NM DKG state convention to April 29-May 1, 2022, in Silver City
- Registration fee of \$45 set for spring convention 2022 in Silver City; \$25 will be the fee for virtual attendance
- Corrected budget accepted
- Funds from Non-Dues Revenue were allocated for Golden Rose pins (\$250), Membership Initiative pins (\$200), and Book Study books (\$300).
- Literacy was approved as the NMSO state project

In addition, President Pat Graff created an Ad Hoc Committee to make recommendations on the purchase of future Theta State Achievement Award pins, since there is only one left. Graff appointed Ina Jean Barnes as chair of this Ad Hoc Committee and asked that the group report their findings and recommendations to the Spring Executive Board Meeting and General Business Meeting in April, 2002, in Silver City.

NM DKG NEW MEMBERS MEETING

As part of our membership initiative in New Mexico, NM DKG President Pat Graff and Second Vice-president Barbara Shirrod are hosting virtual meetings with new members every 3-4 months.

The first meeting was in September, and six of the 14 invited new members attended. In their introductions, we discovered that some were interested in literacy work and mentoring newer teachers. One is a second year teacher, and two of the

new members began an informal support system right there! We discovered that several are true local “treasures,” with skills and connections with NM Spaceport and a new local museum in Grant Country.

The meeting is mostly informal dialogue between the new members and our state officers. New members are asked why they joined DKG and what they want to have accomplished by the end of their first year.

The next New Member Virtual Meeting will be sometime in February. We thank DKG International President Becky Sadowski for sharing her practice of doing this at the international level every month. We are learning a lot!

PRESIDENT’S RESOURCE TEAM UPDATE

Resource Team Doing Valuable Work

The President’s Resource Committee is an appointed committee. The members **work behind the scenes to support the work of NM DKG President Pat Graff**. The chairman is Ina Jean Barnes (Psi, Grants) and the committee members are Ernestine Hagman (Santa Fe, Beta) and Gladys Heilkema (Gallup, Upsilon).

“All three women on this committee have years of knowledge and wisdom regarding New Mexico Delta Kappa Gamma,” Ms. Graff said. “I am so grateful for their willingness to help me with this biennium’s work.”

Ina Jean Barnes is a 47 year member of DKG and has served as Theta State President 1999-2001, is a Theta State Achievement Award recipient, and has served on five International Committees. Ernestine has served as President of Beta and received the Theta State Achievement Award. Gladys Heilkema has served as Upsilon President, served as a state officer and received the Theta State Achievement Award. These members have expertise in DKG and are willing to assist, inform and serve President Pat Graff however and whenever she requests.

The group will also be working with President Graff to check work done by chapter presidents as they progress to the Golden Rose Pin Award being piloted this year. When needed, committee members will be checking in with chapter presidents to help them earn this new award this 2021-2022 year.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Barbara Shirrod, 2nd Vice-president

Membership Report

Greetings from Albuquerque and best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. Thanks to Joe Clarkson, our 1st Vice-president, who distributed the new rose pins to the chapter presidents at the CCC Fall Meeting to those chapters who maintained or increased their membership during 2020-2021. The pins are very pretty and a great addition to our ribbons.

We currently have 283 members in New Mexico. We would really like to raise that number to over 300 before the end of 2022. Please remember that this year's membership challenge is to increase your chapter's membership by 10% or at least one member depending on your chapter's size. You asked, "How do we do that?" Here are some ideas:

- Visit your local schools and talk to the faculty
- Go on Facebook and find interesting teachers
- Visit with school administrators to ask about dedicated potential members
- Talk about DKG whenever you get a chance
- Invite guests to your chapter meetings
- Provide snacks/cookie trays for the teachers at a local school during the year and include DKG information on the trays
- Hold a free teacher seminar
- Talk about DKG to different organizations
- Present a program of interest on an educational topic for teacher groups
- Create snack baskets and place them in faculty lounges with DKG brochures
- Volunteer to be a guest speaker and give a program about DKG at a local community meeting such as Women's Clubs/Service Clubs/Chamber of Commerce Meetings/etc.



- Create trifold posters with DKG brochures and place them in public places such as libraries, schools, doctor's offices, dentist's offices, etc.
- Host a Zoom event to share DKG with prospective members
- Invite prospective members to informal gatherings to promote the social side of DKG such as cookie exchanges (think Christmas), book clubs, museum tours, etc.
- Remember, you are looking for "Educators" – not just classroom teachers. Educators include anyone who educates others in various fields.
- INVITE, INVITE, INVITE, INVITE prospective members to your meetings. Getting to know you and getting to know them is the key.

Once you have invited new members, what do you do next?

- Pair current members with "meet and greet" attendees to maintain contact.
- Request current members to mentor prospective members.
- Add prospective members to your chapter newsletter mailing list.
- Send a personal letter to follow up with prospective members.

Quote for the day:

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world."

Malala Yousafzai, Educational Activist
and Nobel Prize Laureate

Chapter Challenge: I am challenging each chapter to add at least one new member or ten percent of members as of 4/21 which ever is larger this 2021-2022 year. Reach out to the schools in your area; to friends who know other educators; talk to educators in non-traditional roles (nurses, yoga instructors, college students, former educators, former members, etc.); coordinate an event during professional development days; use your imagination and think "outside the box".



AWARDS COMMITTEE

These are some important agenda items for every chapter to start preparing for participation in NM State activities:

Theta State Achievement Award: Nominate an outstanding and dedicated member. She must be an active member of Theta State New Mexico with at least ten years of active membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Nominate someone who has made contributions to the State New Mexico Organization.

Merit Award: The chapter president is responsible for submitting names to recognize individuals and/or groups of members for distinctive service to **The State New Mexico Organization, NOT TO THE CHAPTER**. There is no restriction on length of membership in the Society and no restriction on the number of recipients.

Longevity Awards: Awards shall be given at 40 years of membership and subsequently for every 5 years membership. The chapter is responsible for sending nominations to the Award Committee.

Educator Recognition Award: The Educator's Award is the State Organization's way to honor to outstanding women educators. Each chapter may select two non-members or one member and one non-member, who demonstrate distinctive service to education in their community, be it traditional or non-traditional.



Deadlines and forms are available on the State website. <https://thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com>
For questions contact chairman Ella Kelly - ellakelly1@aol.com

EXPANSION COMMITTEE

The committee chairman was honored to accompany State President Pat Graff to an orientation session hosted by Beta Chapter in Santa Fe. It was wonderful to visit with prospective membership candidates and chapter members. Chapter President Mary Massey and her team of chapter members provided warm greetings and answered questions for the prospective members. President Graff tailored the International PowerPoint presentation, **The Pride of Membership**, to be appropriate for Beta Chapter. She and the Expansion Committee chairman led the discussion through the slide presentation.

Other chapters are working diligently to strengthen their chapters. This committee, in collaboration with the Membership Committee, is available to help chapters build and strengthen. Contact us if you would like to meet to discuss ideas and needs. We can ZOOM or meet at a chapter meeting. We're at your service.

Respectfully,

Diana Valdez
Expansion Committee Chairman

WEBMASTER REPORT

As the webmaster, I am not only tasked with posting updated and required content, but also giving the website personality. In order to do that, I think we need material from all of the NMSO chapters. Some examples are current photos (with captions letting us know who's who and what's going on in the photo), members who have been recognized for any reason, chapter events, celebrations, meetings, recorded programs that you think others could benefit from, or enjoy, anything you deem newsworthy and/or you just want to share. I look forward to receiving these things from all NMSO chapters. **Just a reminder that all website content is to be approved by our president, Pat Graff, so send content to her first and she will forward it to me.**



Connie Holden, Psi Chapter, Grants
NMSO Webmaster

Check out our NM State website at

<https://thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com/>

And our DKG International website at

<https://www.dkg.org/>

TSN EDITOR'S REPORT

Theta State News Deadlines

February 20th and May 10th

Please send your article(s) to Jeannette Vigil leahvigil14@gmail.com as a **WORD** document. Make sure that pictures have names and captions for what is being shown. Also, focus on faces, not shoes. Send photos as jpeg attachments. **Do not** send them in pdf format.

Remember to send your chapter newsletters to the state editor. The scoring guide for the Editor's Award can be found on the state website. This is only a suggestion guide and not a requirement for every item to be included in your newsletters.



The chapter news articles that are submitted are always a highlight of the newsletter. Please send them to the Editor about two weeks before the deadline, if possible, in case we need to communicate for any clarifications.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP

Impacting education worldwide

World Fellowship provides financial assistance to women in master's and doctoral programs. Since 1960, 1029 women in 122 countries have been awarded over \$3 million dollars. For the 2021-22 school year, 20 women from 16 countries are studying in three provinces of Canada and 11 states in the United States. The International World Fellowship Committee maintains contact with the recipients for the duration of their studies. At the Fall Birthday Luncheon on November 13, 2021 \$339 dollars was collected.

Fellowship applications are conducted through bi-national selection committees sponsored by Fulbright Commissions/Foundations or by the Cultural Affairs Office of the United States Embassy in the applicant's home country. All documents are sent to the Institute of International Education (IIE) in the United States. IIE is a private non-profit organization that administers the student's portion of the Fulbright Program. IIE helps students with enrollment, visas, insurance and transportation. IIE also aids students with obtaining grants to supplement the Fulbright stipend from many different foundations and organizations, of which the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship Program is one. Annually the IIE staff reviews successful international candidates and forwards applications for those who meet the criteria for Delta Kappa Gamma fellowships. From these, the World Fellowship Committee selects recipients for Society grants.

I would be delighted to have women interested in serving on this committee contact me at peppermintm@q.com. We pass the basket at the Fall Meeting, count and report on the amount collected.

Submitted by Patty G Evans
NM DKG World Fellowship Committee Chairman



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

New Mexico SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NM State Organization Scholarship(s) available to be awarded: up to \$2,000

*Not all scholarships will be awarded each year; decisions to award or not will be made based on availability of funding and/or the number of qualified applicants

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be members of a NM, Theta State chapter for at least three calendar years.
2. Service to Delta Kappa Gamma is an important criterion in the selection of a recipient.
3. Applications should be electronically submitted by March 1st of the year awarded.
4. Incomplete or late applications will not be eligible for consideration.

New Mexico Application Packet Requirements:

1. Electronically submit one complete application packet to Scholarship Chair Katy Hammel via email at kathrynhammel@comcast.net
2. Receipt of application will be confirmed via email. Please contact Katy Hammel at kathrynhammel@comcast.net if you do not receive confirmation of receipt.
3. Application must have the completed form below, and include:
 - an original photograph (applicant only) suitable for publication;
 - a brief written account of your proposed program plans with documentation of current enrollment or acceptance, institution, degree or credential being pursued, beginning date, anticipated completion date, a brief description of courses/components completed, and the professional goals to be accomplished through this program
 - an accounting of your service to Delta Kappa Gamma, including office and committee appointments at the chapter, state or international levels, participation in conferences, conventions, legislative and/or leadership training or service opportunities, including terms or dates of service

Short letters of reference from the following indicating their name, title, email address and phone:

- the current president of your chapter (or other officer if you are the president),
- a direct supervisor/administrator of your professional work
- a university or college professor or National Boards mentor familiar with the program for which you are seeking scholarship funding
- transcript of the applicant's undergraduate and any graduate work (transcripts may be official or unofficial).

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

All applicants will be informed via email whether they have been selected for the scholarship; award will be presented at the spring state meeting.



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
New Mexico SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Carefully follow all directions/requirements. All required components transcripts must be included as an application packet when it is electronically submitted. All coand/orcomponents must be electronically submitted via email ON or BEFORE MARCH 1, 2022 for the application to be eligible for consideration.

Send application materials to: Katy Hammel, Scholarship Chairman
kathrynhammel@comcast.net

Please Type or Print Legibly

NAME _____ BIRTH DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

NM DKG CHAPTER _____ INDUCTION Month and Year: _____

TELEPHONE: (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PRESENT POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT (JOB TITLE, SCHOOL, DISTRICT):

PLEASE LIST the educational institutions for which transcripts are attached:

SCHOOL, DEGREE EARNED, YEAR EARNED

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR? _____

HAVE YOU RECEIVED AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP IN THE PAST? _____

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A THETA STATE SCHOLARSHIP IN THE PAST? _____

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE your proposed program plans with documentation of current enrollment or acceptance, institution, degree or credential being pursued, beginning date, anticipated completion date, a brief description of courses/components completed, and the professional goals to be accomplished through this program:

BRIEFLY PROVIDE an accounting of your service to Delta Kappa Gamma, including office and committee appointments at the chapter, state or international levels, participation in conferences, conventions, legislative and/or leadership training or service opportunities, including terms or dates of service:

PLEASE LIST the references you have attached: NAME, TITLE, EMAIL, PHONE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

HAVE YOU ATTACHED an original photo suitable for publication? _____

Please submitted via email ON or BEFORE MARCH 1, 2022 for the application to be eligible for consideration.

Send application materials to: Katy Hammel, Scholarship Chairman
kathrynhammel@comcast.net

THANK YOU FOR YOUR APPLICATION!

CHAPTER NEWS

GAMMA CHAPTER

Gamma Chapter continues to host hybrid chapter meetings with half the membership attending in person and the other half attending online through a Zoom connection. Sometimes the sound doesn't work as well- lots of feedback!- but Gamma members are learning all the technical ways to handle this. One member monitors the Zoom participants throughout the meeting to be sure their voices are heard.

Many Gamma members contributed significantly to the recent NM DKG Fall Meeting on Nov. 13 at the Courtyard by Marriott Journal Center. Pat Graff chaired the Fall Executive Board Meeting as NM DKG President and presented a leadership workshop. Diana Valdez served as the event registrar, and Jeannette Vigil assisted her with nametags, signs, and more. Katy Hammel gave a stirring invocation at the Birthday Luncheon. Amy Reece and Cat Reece presented a workshop on journal writing that was well received. Margaret Romero came early to help with table decorations and lunch set-up.

In addition, the following Gamma members attended the Birthday Luncheon: Nancy Conty, Dorothy Wilkinson, Susan Rivera, and Rosa Maria Escalante.

Gamma will have a holiday luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.- 12 noon, at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The meal is being catered by the Atrisco Heritage Academy High School culinary arts program and will feature the annual auction of items to benefit the chapter's scholarship and grant-in-aid program.

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

Alpha Theta Sisters had a wonderful in person meeting in May! It was exciting to see everyone talking and laughing. We are growing! In September, we had four new sisters join our chapter (see picture below). Each new member brings an exciting background from Performing Arts, 5th Grade and our own Mrs. New Mexico, a Teacher Liaison for the Space Foundation, and a middle school teacher and military veteran. Our fall induction was beautiful and we enjoyed getting to see one another at our annual "Fall Fiesta" dinner. In October we learned how to do chair and eye yoga, which could not have been more relaxing and rejuvenating for a Saturday morning! Alpha Theta Sisters provided pumpkins and participated in hands on pumpkin carving activities with our local youths' Assurance Home. This is always a treat to get to spend time and energy with the children there. At our most recent meeting we had the opportunity to hear what our sister, Peggy Bohlin has been doing for our public library in creating STEM kits that correlate with books for elementary aged children and their families to check-out. Local schools have been benefiting from these STEM activities on their field trips to the library, too. Mrs. Bohlin is also a Teacher Liaison for the Space Foundation and shared with us a wealth of space and science related resources. The Alpha Theta Chapter Sisters are currently collecting "pocket change" at each of our meetings for our literacy project and are excited about our holiday party where we will be collecting undergarments for local schoolchildren. We send all of our Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters Warm Wishes over the Holidays and a very Healthy and Happy New Year!



(Amber Miramontes, Katie Cooper, Lynette Jordan, Cindy Stone)

PSI CHAPTER

Psi Chapter Grants New Mexico celebrated Saturday, September 11, 2021 by having their first in-person meeting since Covid-19 hit New Mexico in March 2020. Everyone was so excited to see each other! Our meetings this year will be held at NMSU Grants at the beautiful Lucy Belle Ma building. This building is new and dedicated to one of our sisters, who did so much for education in our area. We answered roll call by reflecting and remembering 20 years after September 11, 2001.

The meeting honored our members in DKG from our International founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton to Theta State founder Miss Birdie Adams to Barbara Rawdon a founder and 60-year member of Psi Chapter Grants, New Mexico. Ina Jean Barnes, Rituals Chairman, spoke about our heritage and traditions in Delta Kappa Gamma and reflected on the well-lived life of Barbara and what 1961 was like when Psi chapter came to be. Members visited Barbara at the close of the meeting and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers arranged by member Alicia Gallegos.

The new members inducted in Zoom meetings were introduced, presented key pins, certificates, and signed the Constitution of DKG. They are: Kori Bassett, Debbie Hicks, and Leann Emerson. We are thrilled to have such a wonderful group of inductees and their sponsors as active members of Psi Chapter. We elected four more key women educators to membership, who will be inducted into Psi/Grants in October.

Bonnie Gifford was awarded the \$1,000.00 Grant-in-aid award for 2020-2021. She is an instructor at NMSU Grants, a teacher for Grants-Cibola County Schools, and a student working on a Masters at NMSU. She was also one of the newly elected teachers to become a member of Psi Chapter in October.

President Debi Miller was presented with her President's pin and recognized for the work she has done for Psi Chapter. We appreciate the commitment, love and service she graciously gives to the Society.

Connie Holden received the Psi Chapter Achievement Award and the golden rose pin for outstanding service to Psi Chapter DKG.

We are truly proud of our members for all they do to educate children, to inspire others to serve our community, and for living the high ideals of Delta Kappa Gamma.

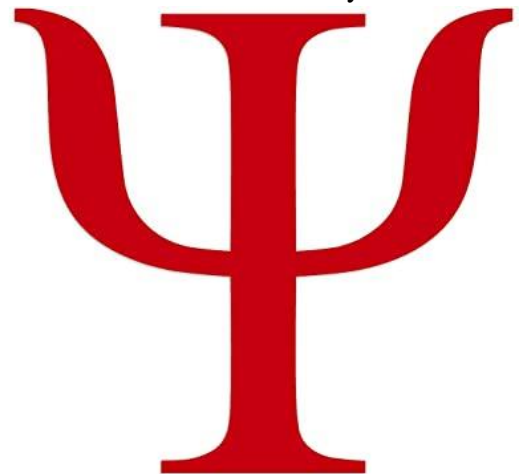
New Mexico State Organization, President Pat Graff visited with Grants Psi Chapter members who will be involved as state officers, and committee chairmen, during her biennium on September 17, 2021.

Pat Graff met with Jane Williams, Corresponding Secretary about her duties and responsibilities and Connie Holden, Webmaster, about the website and her expectations for making the site functional and a resource that members will access and use frequently.

Ms. Graff met with Debi Miller about her role as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the responsibility in vetting new leadership nominees for election: Ms. Graff also met with Ina Jean Barnes, Chairman of the President's Resource Committee to establish a NM DKG Golden Rose Award for Chapter Presidents 2021-2022. Pat shared her vision "Reflecting Our 'Why' " in Delta Kappa Gamma's Chapters and ask the committee to support the state's 13 Chapter Presidents in completing 12 of the 17 items to earn the golden rose award.

Jane Williams came to Grants in 1984 with a BS degree from Northern Colorado University in elementary education beginning her 37-year journey in teaching for Grants/Cibola County Schools. In 2004 she received her MA degree from UNM Gallup in Multicultural Education. Jane surprised everyone by retiring in August 2021. She was a superb teacher! She is so compassionate, caring and genuine. She is a Christian and blessed in making differences in our world. She became a member of DKG in 2011 and serves her chapter and state organization with enthusiasm and wisdom. Jane pursues her relationships with Christ, her husband, friends, community, and pets with her time and skills. She loves to quilt. Jane was presented a gorgeous stained glass framed panel featuring her loved dachshunds made by Psi Chapter Grants member Alicia Gallegos at our chapter's October meeting.

Our November meeting was exciting as we inducted new members Kayla Brownfield and Mary Allen to the DKG International, state and chapter organizations. These energetic and caring ladies teach at Los Alamos Middle School. Grants/Psi Chapter Rituals chair Ina Jean Barnes conducted the informative and meaningful ceremony. We look forward to welcoming Bonnie Gifford at an upcoming meeting.



ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

Alpha Iota members are so excited to add three new members! Stephanie Harris, Denise Comstock and Katie Proctor were inducted at the October meeting at the home of president Barbara Shirrod. We can't wait to see what exciting contributions these accomplished women will make going forward! Our chapter has inducted six members since July and are looking forward to inducting more in the coming months!

Our September meeting was held on Zoom, so we were glad to be back together for the October meeting. We were especially happy to see Martha Deveneau, a member entering her 46th year in Delta Kappa Gamma, in addition to 20+ other attendees. In addition to the induction, the meeting featured an inspirational talk by Pat Graff, our state president.



State President Pat Graff speaking to Alpha Iota Chapter.



Alpha Iota Iota inductees Stephanie Harris, Denise Comstock, Katie Proctor with AI president Barbara Shirrod



Alpha Iota members at State Fall Event
Back Row: Stephanie Harris, Karen Carlson, Liz Hausenfleck, Judy Allman, Betty Begeal
Front Row: Katie Proctor, Barbara Shirrod, Diane Bonnell, Ann Calderwood

OMEGA CHAPTER

Omega Chapter's eyes were "A Poppin' " at the first yearly meeting when the new yearbooks were distributed – Sharon Sevachko has done it again in spades. An induction ceremony was held for our new member, Sherri Noland, retired SpEd Teacher at Las Cruces High School who introduced Best Buddies Chapter at LCHS.

President Barbara Jewett presented Alice Morris-Jones and Sherri Nolan with the Educator's Recognition Award Certificates from NMSO for their work with special education students. A White Rose Ceremony was conducted for Omega's beloved Frances Shutt and Imogene Campbell.

Our yearly joint meeting was held at Sunset Grill in October with Theta State President, Pat Graff, as our honored guest. She also strongly indicated the need for thoughtfulness and caring by sharing her favorite song "Be a Light", sung by Thomas Rhett and Friends.

Cathy Burn volunteered to represent Omega Chapter in the Book Study, "*Trauma Doesn't Stop at the School House Door*". Omega Sisters have been actively collecting food donations for the Aggie Cupboard, Married Housing at NMSU. Our meeting ended with thoughtful Barbara Jewett handing out wrapped surprises for all in attendance.

Alice Carruth shared an outstanding video concerning the history of Spaceport America and discussed its benefits.

"Trunk or Treat" was a huge hit again this year in conjunction with numerous decorated car trunks. Omega members handed out books of appropriate age to the delighted children lined up for the festivities (some candy as well). Rachel Montoya was the decorator and Barbara Jewett organized book and candy collections.



Omega Chapter Sisters participated in Project Jump Start with numerous (669 children) children participating.

Sharron Stepro for Omega Chapter



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July 12-16, 2022
New Orleans Marriott
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NEW ORLEANS PROGRAM PROPOSALS NOW AVAILABLE

NM DKG members are welcome to propose a program presentation at the DKG International Convention July 12-16, 2022. Forms are at www.dkg.org and are due Jan. 7, 2022. They can be found under the Events Tab on the home page, under "Forms" when the New Orleans graphic appears.

Workshops can be offered in four areas of topics: Education Today, Global in Scope, Personal Growth, or Society Topics. Other topics may be submitted as well. Workshops are 45 minutes in length, and Takeaways are 20 minutes in length.

DKG INTERNATIONAL DEADLINES

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

- Dec. 15-** *Collegial Exchange* Deadline (variety of writing)
- Jan. 7-** Program proposals for New Orleans DKG International Convention Due
- Feb. 1-** Scholarship Deadline (post-graduate work)
- Feb. 15-** Arts and Humanities Gallery Submissions
- March 1-** DKG IEF Project Applications Due
- April 30-** Dissertation Recognition (even years only)
- May 1-** Cornetet Grants for INDIVIDUAL Professional Development Applications Deadline
- May 15-** *Bulletin* Journal Deadline (academic articles)
- May 15-** Report of Chapter Officers due to DKG International



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.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FROM DKG INTERNATIONAL

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

- DKGIEF Scholarships, for those working on post-graduate degrees in education (Deadline is Feb. 1, 2022)
- DKGIEF Projects, for chapters working on specific projects that have community outreach and support community needs (Deadline is March 1, 2022)
- DKGIEF Cornetet Individual Professional Development Grants for DKG members looking for support for professional development, conference attendance, and other activities. (Deadline is May 1, 2022)

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NM DKG President Pat Graff will be sending this as a PDF to chapter presidents starting with this issue, and it is hoped chapter presidents will forward it to their members and make hard copies for those members who do not have email. However, it is hoped that members will learn to access this—and other—publications on their own for up-to-the minute news from DKG International.



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