



**MESSAGE FROM OUR
2019-2021 STATE
PRESIDENT**



Hello New Mexico Sisters!

I am having a hard time believing that January is already gone and we are already almost a week into the second month of the year. Your State Officers had a meeting in Alamogordo the last weekend in January and were able to touch base on quite a bit of state business. I wanted to share with you that, as of that meeting time, we are only FIVE members away from hitting our goal of 300 members! I know that we can reach this goal with some strong new members in our state. Please encourage your members (all members but especially your new ones) to join us for our State Convention in Gallup this April. It is absolutely the best opportunity for them to network and get a feel for what our society is all about!

For all of us more seasoned members, let's do our best to be welcoming and caring to new members. Show them that we are there for them for mentorship and friendship. Remember how hard it was to be a new member, to see where you fit in, and to try to balance your work life, your home life and your place in DKG.

Please remember, I am available to attend meetings across the state. I just need to know when you would like for me to attend! My schedule is pretty open so please feel free to get in touch with me so I can get to you this spring!

Finally, I cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of support and messages I have received since the sudden passing of my mother at the end of January. I know this is something that many of you have been through as well and I appreciate the calls and cards and text messages with offers to help where needed. We are all truly blessed with the wonderful women that are in our state organization. I am humbled by your love and generosity.

I am excited to see you all in April! Love to each of you,

Shawna Denney, Theta State President



IMPORTANT: This year's chapter membership challenge will be for chapters to MAINTAIN their chapter membership number from May 2019 to April 2020. If a chapter has 18 members this May, they need to have 18 or more members by the state convention in April 2020.

Chapter News

Kappa Chapter

Kappa Sisters have been super busy for the last couple of months. At our December meeting, we voted to Induct FIVE new members! During this meeting, we followed our tradition of bringing gift bags that contained new sweat suits for the women who stay in our local COPE (Center of Protective Environment) Women's Shelter in Alamogordo. We also had a wonderful program with one of our city officials who came to give us the latest on many wonderful new businesses that are coming to our area.

At our January meeting, we inducted four new



members. We have one new member that will be inducted later this spring. During the meeting, we had one of our retired members, Lucy Shoaf, give a wonderful presentation on her recent trip to England, Ireland and Scotland. Lucy treated members to a wonderful meal full of foods and treats that she learned about during her travels.



Gamma Chapter

Gamma Chapter Remains Active

Thanks to excellent programming by Gamma Vice-president Katy Hammel, Gamma chapter continues to have strong programs and good attendance.

January's speaker was Charlotte Montoya, APS, who helped members enjoy a relaxed experience with chair yoga and simple stretches. March's program will include two speakers on personal wellness.

In addition, Gamma's service projects included collecting grocery gift cards to give to clients of the Silver Horizons charitable group, with over \$150 in cards collected. In January, the group brought a substantial amount of toiletries for the ABQ Women's Housing Coalition.

March's meeting will be a dinner at El Pinto, and members will bring pop-tops and cleaning supplies for the Ronald McDonald House.

Alpha Iota Chapter

Alpha Iota celebrated the holidays with a delicious brunch at the home of Diane Bonnell.

We were very happy to induct new member Linda Coslow!

January's meeting was held at the home of Jane Kight. Member



Linda Coslow



Amy Lauer and Grace Perce

Amy Lauer her colleague Grace Perce, brought a very informative and inspiring program about the STEAM program at Monte Vista Elementary School.

Alpha Delta Chapter

Alpha Delta Chapter welcomes three new members!

On January 18, 2020, Alpha Delta Chapter inducted three new members. Marissa Lowry-Ellis, Kathryn Warren, Jutta Soeder. A beautiful induction ceremony was held at the home of Chapter President, Amanda Barnes, followed by a delicious potluck with a beautifully decorated cake. Alpha Delta Chapter also

welcomed a transfer, Beverly Stern. Alpha Delta Chapter will meet the Membership Challenge this year!



CCC MEMBERS VISIT CASA SAN YSIDRO

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, members of the CCC (Central Coordinating Council) from Alpha Iota, Alpha Delta, and Gamma Chapters enjoyed a wonderful sunny day at the Casa San Ysidro ((the Gutierrez-Minge House) in Corrales, NM. The Casa San Ysidro is managed by the Albuquerque Museum. In the early 1950s, Shirley and Ward Alan Minge took a late 19th century building and turned it into a plazuela-style rancho to house their exuberant collection of New Mexico vernacular art. They lived there for many years and then donated the property to the City of Albuquerque in the late 1990s.

A docent conducted the tour explaining how the Minges renovated and refurbished the historical property. Casa San Ysidro embodies the collective creativity of generations of artists and craftspeople in its furnishings and architectural features, exemplifying an interesting tension between tradition and change that New Mexicans have lived with for centuries.

Prior to the tour CCC members had a wonderful lunch at Flying Star in Corrales.



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The criteria for the Editor's Award will be distributing at state convention in Gallup. I want chapter presidents and chapter editors to have a headTs up so you can start planning what you want to do for next year.

It has taken most of this year to organize the criteria for the Editors Award. The plan was presented at the TS Officers Executive Committee meeting in January for their input and approval. Now the Chapter and their editor can plan what works for their chapter using this criteria. These are all suggestions and never is it intended for chapters to include every item in their newsletter. Chapter needed communication is always a priority.

The criteria rubric will be email to chapter presidents, as well as distributed at State Convention in Gallup.

The 5 categories to be scored are:

1. Chapter News
2. Membership News
3. State News
4. International News
5. Newsletter Structure



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White Roses

Carmen J Pennington, 34 year member of DKG and Alpha Delta Chapter member lost her battle with cancer January 29, 2020.

Carmen was a vibrant and dedicated woman in every aspect of her life: as a wife and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, educator, community leader and a DKG member.

Carmen taught Family and Consumer Science at Bernalillo Middle School. With great creativity and energy, she created a city within the school called **Econopolis** where students learned financial skills, public service, and cooperation.



She served Theta State in numerous areas beginning in 1999 when she served as Professional Affairs Chairman—a position she served in for two biennia. Carmen went on to be elected TS Second Vice-president/Membership Chairman 2005-2007; First Vice-president/Program Chairman 2007-2009.

She served on the Bylaws Committee 2007-2013, conducted a workshop at the International Convention in Chicago 2008, and was the coordinator 2008-2010 with CNM in the Teacher Mentorship Program. In 2009, Carmen was awarded the highest honor of Theta State-The Theta State Achievement Award.

Carmen served Alpha Delta Chapter in many ways including Chapter President 2012-2014. She became a Nationally Certified Parliamentarian in 2016 and served as State Parliamentarian in 2017-2019. She also took on the responsibility of coordinator for TS Conventions in Albuquerque and for Fall Executive Board Meetings/Birthday Luncheon. She graciously welcomed DKG members from around the state into her home with warm hospitality on the many occasions when state officer meetings were a necessity.

Carmen was a champion for fairness and equality in every aspect of her life. Her love of life, her determination, her laughter, and her very special personality will be deeply missed.

Her memorial was held Friday, February 14, 2020, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, where we were all reminded of her love for Elvis Presley.



Red Roses



Pat Graff, NBCT, has been selected for the 2020 Delta Kappa Gamma **IGNITE** program, which is the former DKG Golden Gift Seminar. She will attend this intensive leadership training in Austin, Texas, in late July. Graff is currently Theta State's 1st Vice-President and Gamma Chapter's president. In addition, she will be doing two different workshops at the DKG International Convention in Philadelphia this July.



Diana Valdez, Gamma treasurer and former Theta State president, is once again chairing New Mexico English Expo, a statewide competition in English language arts that brings together several hundred NM students annually. **Jeannette Vigil**, Gamma and Theta State newsletter editor and former Theta State president, serves as the event's registrar. This is an event that has impacted literally more than 30,000 students, teachers, and parents in the state since its beginning in 1990.



**Membership Thoughts:
Is 300 Members Possible?**

Committee News

THETA STATE CONVENTION SITE AD HOC COMMITTEE BEING FORMED

To plan for future Theta State conventions and other meetings, a new ad hoc committee is being appointed by Theta State President Shawna Denney.

As the number of chapters in New Mexico has fallen, and membership in other chapters is also getting smaller, the state plan for convention sites needs to be revisited and revised.

Members interested in serving on this committee should contact Shawna Denney at shawnadenney34@gmail.com to be considered for appointment to this committee. Pat Graff, Theta State 1st Vice-President, will chair the committee.

It is hoped we can get representatives from all five regions of the state to get full input on possible changes.

The committee will be announced shortly after this year's state convention in Gallup and will meet during the summer. Virtual meetings, held via the web, are a possibility.

Please consider serving on this important committee.

EDUCATOR RECOGNITION AWARD

Has your chapter selected great educators to recognize and honor?

Don't wait to participate in this worthwhile way to support the DKG Purposes and some deserving women educators.

The Educator Recognition Award deadline is coming soon, and it takes time to select, notify, collect information and bios, and then arrange for the awardees to attend Convention to receive their award.

Hopefully, each chapter will be represented at the Convention Luncheon with their selection of two award recipients... two non-members OR one DKG member and one non-member.

Fill out the nomination form(s) (*see attached*) and send in along with the convention registration form for each recipient (needed for the meal count and any dietary restrictions), bios and photos electronically by April 1st to Diana Valdez, valdezd8844@gmail.com.



Please send a check for the two lunches made out to 2020 Theta State Convention to Diana Valdez PO Box 1071 Corrales, NM 87048.

Please send Diana notice if your chapter chooses **not** to send any awardees to the Luncheon.



THETA STATE AWARDS

Nominations for the following awards are due March 1, 2020.

The awards are: Theta State Achievement Award
Theta State Longevity Award
Theta State Merit Award
Theta State Educator Recognition Award

A form for any of these awards can be found on the the Weebly site.
(<https://thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com/>)

Please send completed forms to Ginny Hill, Awards Chair 956 Elm Dr. Grants, NM 87020
or email to grammy1129@yahoo.com

ALL CHAPTER PARTICIPATION REQUESTED!

Educator Recognition Award Nomination Form

In the spirit of Delta Kappa Gamma's mission, Theta State has chosen to recognize outstanding woman educators from around our state. Each chapter will provide payment for the lunches for their recipients. Please send a check for the two lunches with printouts of these two forms.

Make the check out to 2020 Theta State Convention.

Mail to Diana Valdez PO Box 1071 Corrales, NM 87048.



Eligibility: A key woman educator: two awardees per chapter (one member and one non-member **OR** two non-members)

Awarding Chapter Contact Information:

- Name: _____ E-mail: _____
- Phone Number: _____

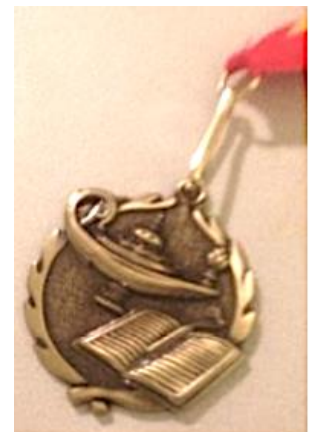
Recipient Contact Information:

- Name: _____ E-mail: _____
- Phone Number _____
- Member _____ Chapter _____
- Non-member _____
- Reason for recognition: (Educational and/or community contributions) (25-50 words)
- Biographical sketch (25-50 words)
- Picture (jpeg)

Deadline: E-mail this form and information for each awardee by

April 1, 2020.

Diana Valdez valdez8844@gmail.com
505 328-3669



2020 THETA STATE CONVENTION

April 24-April 26, 2020 “Forward Moving Ever”

Howard Johnson 2915 W. Route 66 Gallup, New Mexico

Phone: 1-505-297-3176 DKG Convention rate is \$49.95 plus taxes

Breakfast is included. You must make your own hotel reservation by April 10, 2020. There will not be the usual Free Salad Supper on Friday.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Chapter & Office: _____ TS Office: _____

Registration (Deadline April 10, 2020)

	Fee	# to attend	amount
Registration Fee:	\$45.00	_____	_____
Late registration April 1-10	\$50.00	_____	_____

Meals

Awards Luncheon \$15.00

- _____ Chicken noodle soup, ½ club sandwich
_____ Tomato Basil soup and Grilled Cheese sandwich
chips and cookies



Banquet \$20.00

- _____ Beef Enchiladas with rice and beans _____ red chile _____ green chile
_____ Cheese Enchiladas with rice and beans _____ red chile _____ green chile
_____ Chef Salad with vinaigrette or ranch dressing.

Dessert apple pie

Extras

Rose Corsage (Available before Banquet at registration) \$15.00

Total Amount _____

I understand that I am responsible for removing myself from photos. _____ Initial

Please make check payable to **DKG New Mexico 2020 Convention**

Please remit total amount to: Gladys Hielkema gladhielk@hotmail.com

P.O. Box 4194 Gallup, NM 87305-4194

1-505-979-2515

2020 THETA STATE CONVENTION

Howard Johnson 2915 W. Route 66 Gallup, NM

Schedule At A Glance

Friday, April 24, 2020

Dinner on your own. There is no salad supper provided by this convention.

Registration Hotel Lobby 3:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M.

Executive Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. (Ballroom)



Saturday, April 25, 2020

Registration Hotel Lobby 7:15 A.M.-8:15 A.M.

General Session 8:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. (Ballroom)

International Second Vice-President Lace Marie Brogden will present greetings from DKG Society International 10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Market Area Vendors open 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Hotel Lobby)

Awards luncheon 12:00 Noon (Ballroom)

Set #1 Workshops 2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Set #2 Workshops 3:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

Rehearsals 5:30 P.M.

Banquet 6:30 P.M.

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Celebration of Life 8:00 A.M.(Ballroom)

Safe travels Home!



2020 THETA STATE CONVENTION

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Howard Johnson 2915 W. Route 66 Gallup, NM

Saturday, April 25, 2020

Set Up time 8:30-9:30 A.M

Exhibit time 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Breakdown time 4:30 P.M. \$30.00 Rental Fee per space

(Vendor provides own skirted or covered table, max 6ft. and seating)

Reservation Deadline April 10, 2020

Company and Contact Name _____

Materials to be sold _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

****All exhibitors are asked to donate one door prize item***

Rental Fee _____ (\$30.00 per space)

Lunch _____ (\$15.00)

_____ Chicken noodle soup, ½ club sandwich

_____ Or Tomato Basil soup and Grilled Cheese sandwich

chips, and cookies

Total amount _____

Please make checks payable to DKG New Mexico 2020 Convention

Please remit total amount to: Gladys Hielkema
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