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Convention Plans Announced



Get ready for a fun and **ENERGIZING** weekend in Lea County. If it has been a while since you visited this corner of New Mexico, you are in for a big surprise! The area is booming with lots to do and things to see. The **ENERGY** industry is changing Lea

County every day. Oil, gas, nuclear, wind and solar power are all players in the excitement.

Lea County Delta Kappa Gamma members are planning a great convention for all their sisters in Theta State. The theme is **ENERGIZING EDUCATION**. The action begins on April 26th in Hobbs at the Hobbs High School's newly remodeled campus. There will be lots of entertaining **ENERGY**, from drama to dance, excellent speakers, several workshops from which to choose, museums, shops, and a casino to fill the little spare time you will have.

The Lea County chapters have been planning and working on this convention for a long time, and the excitement grows every time we meet to flesh out the details of all the events being prepared for our guests. Be sure to make arrangements to be in Hobbs to help us celebrate the new Theta State officers for 2013-2015. You will have lots of chances to renew old friendships and make new ones as we learn and grow and **ENERGIZE** to face the future.

If you are one of the regular attendees, you are going to have a great time. If you have never attended a Theta State Convention, you are in for a treat. We are hoping to share our Lea County with all of you. See you in the **ENERGY** Capital of New Mexico.

You can read more about the convention workshops, hotel, schedule, etc. on pages 6 and 7.

Submitted by Mary Jean Reese

Barbara Whiting to Represent International at Theta State Convention



Barbara Whiting, Member-at-Large on the International Administrative Board, will represent Delta Kappa Gamma at the 2013 Theta State Convention in Hobbs. A native of Minnesota, Whiting received a Masters in Special Education from St. Cloud (Minnesota) State University and a Specialist in School Administration from the University of Minnesota.

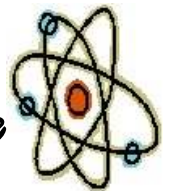
She has held many offices and served on many state and chapter committees. At the International level, she is currently International Board Member-at-Large; she has served as chair of the Educators Award Committee, chair of the Leadership Committee, and a member of the Membership Committee. In addition to special projects and training with Washington State, Iceland, and Wisconsin, she has presented more than ten workshops at regional conferences and international conventions, served as a Steering Committee member for the 2004 International Convention in Minneapolis, and published an article in the DKG Bulletin, "Making Dynamic Presentations in the DKG Bulletin."

She currently volunteers with Project Homeless Connect, working to end homelessness in Hennepin County; as a library volunteer; and with World Without Genocide. She served the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on their personnel committee and as former editor and board member.

Among her interests, she lists reading, travel, biking, birding, photography, water aerobics, cooking, coffee, and lifelong learning.



*Energizing Education - April 26-28
Theta State Convention in Hobbs*



Theta State President's Page:

Sisters - Caring, Sharing, Mentoring...

Watching the television series "Duck Dynasty" is a guilty pleasure in which I indulge each week. It is the story of a Louisiana family whose patriarch developed a duck call that has turned into a million dollar enterprise. They all love hunting, playing "ornery" jokes on one another, arguing, competing, and when the chips are down, standing by one another against all odds. Now you cannot know how hard it was to confess this indulgence. However, I see some of you out there blushing slightly and ducking your heads because you, too, have discovered this fun family.

Now why in the world would I bare my soul to you? Well, in this family's DNA I see the makeup of our purposes in DKG. We are first and foremost a family of women teachers called to education and service to one another. We are challenged to stand up for and with our sisters who are still working in the day-to-day world of education. Sometimes, as we retire from our called profession, we forget that one of the main focuses of DKG is to encourage, mentor, and support those still working in the field. We need to be there standing with our sisters in this challenging time. That may translate to being a volunteer in a school, mentoring an early career educator, or being aware of legislation and participating in local, state, and national discussions pertaining to education. This focus should also be the driving force behind our efforts to invite these professionals to join our chapters. Each of us in Theta State needs to embrace the "Duck Dynasty" mentality of care, concern and the enjoyment of being with one another. Education is our lifetime calling, and whether we are still involved in education or are retired, it is our special privilege to further our profession through encouragement and support of others in the field.

DKG International has adopted the SEE (Support Early-career Educators) project. Many of our Theta State chapters have focused on local district projects designed to mentor this group of professionals. Every one of these opportunities has served to provide a positive move forward for educators in all parts of our state. Even if your chapter has not yet planned an activity or project to reach out to early career educators, there is still time. It is never too late to reach out to another educator. Let's create a dynasty of our own!

Pat Burnett, Theta State President



*Pat Burnett,
Theta State President*

CONVENTION: Hobbs is the place to be in April! The local chapters have pulled out all the stops in planning an energetic experience for all of us. **April 26-28, 2013**

LEADERSHIP: State officers and committee chair will gather in Roswell for training and preparation for the new biennium. **May 31 - June 1, 2013**

DKG on YouTube: Check the DKG channel resource for a variety of information at the following address: <http://www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin> .

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Visit the Theta State Website

The website is garnering interest outside our little corner of the world. I have received notes from people who have run across it in their surfing.

I continue to update it as new items of interest come to my attention. I even borrow items from other websites which might be of interest to us. I would like more current information on obituaries of our members. Two or three months is way too long to wait for that information.

I am looking into adding QR codes to our site, which would link us to our report forms for quicker access. Also, International suggests we QR code *Theta State News* to our website for larger readership. Twenty-first century technology is upon us, whether we are ready or not.

I have an excellent relationship with our International staff since we are in the same area as far as chapters are concerned. If I (or you) have a problem, they are very easy to reach and are most cooperative in helping in any way possible. Linda Eller and Diane Moose are wonderful resource people.

Please access the site as often as possible for “all the news that is news.” Also continue to send me pictures. I have developed a slide show which can be updated as often as I receive pictures. If you see a way to make our site better, please contact me. I have no problem accepting critiques or criticism. Remember, I am no expert at this, but I love doing it!

Our address is www.thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com.

Nadyne Gartman, Theta State Web Master



Mark This Date!

May 31 - June 1, 2013, will be the Leadership Training for newly elected or appointed Theta State officers and committee chairs for the 2013-2015 biennium. State officers (and their expertise) from the 2011-2013 biennium are also needed at the training.

The training will be held in Roswell, NM, where the aliens responsible promise to make it a rewarding and fun learning experience. Let's get trained and prepared to make this biennium the best ever for Theta State.

Nola Miller, Leadership Chairman

Revisions to Bylaws , Standing Rules

The Bylaws Committee has completed revisions to Theta State Standing Rules, which are to be published in *Theta State News* received electronically and also on the TS website: www.thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com. Chapters who have members receiving *Theta State News* in hard copy are asked to share the information from your electronically received *Theta State News*. It is not financially possible to print the many pages of changes in the Standing Rules.

Bylaws revisions were approved at the 2012 State Convention in Albuquerque. You will find a few more proposed revisions/additions to the Bylaws posted as well.

Before the state convention in Hobbs, the committee will have completed revisions to the *Theta State Procedures Manual* (will be made available on the Theta State website upon completion) and will have reviewed chapter rules from those chapters who have submitted their rules.

Members are urged to review all revisions/additions and perhaps discuss them in your chapter meetings prior to the convention.

Submitted by Carmen Tapia, Bylaws Chairman

Central Coordinating Council Holds Annual February Luncheon

The Central Coordinating Council's annual February Luncheon was held Saturday, February 9, 2013, at Sheraton Uptown Hotel. Theta State President Pat Burnett spoke about mentoring and other Theta State projects. Sheri Williams, Theta State 1st Vice President, informed the members about the upcoming convention to be held in Hobbs April 26 - 28.

Donna Moore of Alpha Iota directed us in singing songs that had to do with the 2011-2013 theme-- Sisters: Caring, Sharing and Mentoring. The guest speaker for the event was Lorraine Chavez, who is working with the “Birth to Three Years Old Program.” She spoke about the “Child Find 101: Early Intervention Program” held in the APS district and within the state. This program is a resource that is available for families whose child may have specific needs, such as: speech, behavioral problems, autism, etc. This gave teachers further knowledge of the need and advantage of having these programs within our state, resources to which teachers can direct or refer families.

Submitted by Carmen J. Pennington, CCC Coordinator

Nominees for Theta State Officers

President...



Sheri Williams writes: "Education is my second career, started 22 years ago after 10 years of accounting and years of working in the youth department at my church. As a busy wife, business owner, mother of five, and grandmother of two, I feel that my involvement in a society of Key Women Educators is a privilege and responsibility that is well worth the time and effort required.

"Since I joined DKG in 2001, I have held chapter positions of secretary and president. This year I led my chapter in programs for Early Career Educators, including a "Welcome Back to School" at the new teacher orientation in our district. In September, we hosted a social at the Lea County Center of the Arts to continue support for new teachers. At the state level, I have served as Scholarship Chairperson and First Vice President, which included the planning and implementing of convention and Fall Meeting workshops. This year, I am the chairperson for the Theta State Convention to be held in Hobbs. Being a member of the 2010 class of Golden Gift sisters and acquiring leadership training at the University of Texas in Austin helped prepare me for important roles in DKG and any other areas of leadership.

"Since my first state convention in Santa Fe, I have been involved in International Conventions and Regional Conferences in Chicago, Washington State, Denver, Washington, D.C. and New York. The opportunity to learn and grow with other educators around the world has been a life changing experience for me."



1st Vice President...

Susie Swope was initiated into DKG in 1997 and has served as President of Pi Chapter twice. She was TS Corresponding Secretary and most recently, 2nd Vice President. She has served on numerous chapter and state committees. Susie received both state and national scholarships.

She has taught science and agriculture to 7th and 8th graders for 19 years, while serving as Deming FFA advisor and Luna County 4-H leader. She is on the credit committee for Deming Public Schools Credit Union and is a member of Unified Archers and Mangus Bowman Archery Clubs. She is Vice President of the Fair Board and received the Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction Award.

2nd Vice President...



Nola Miller has been in education for 32 years. She currently teaches gifted students at Berrendo Elementary in Roswell. She previously coordinated the mentoring program for gifted juniors and seniors at both Goddard and Roswell High School. Prior to that, she taught primary students for 19 years at Washington Avenue Elementary.

Nola's career included traveling across the country training teachers in mathematics instruction as she worked for the Center for Innovation in Education during summers and weekends. She also scores dossiers for the NM Three Tiered Teacher Licensure Implementation Program.

Nola has her Masters in Education from ENMU and received her Bachelors from Lubbock Christian University. She received the Laureate Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Women's History Month Award, and the Character Counts Award from the Roswell Community. She also received the Lubbock Christian College Distinguished Alumni Award, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching, and the National Educator Award from the Miliken Educational Foundation and the state of New Mexico.

Nola has been a member of Alpha Theta chapter since 1987 and was chapter president for 2010-2012. Nola previously served her chapter as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and served on a variety of committees for Alpha Theta. Nola is currently the Leadership Chair for Theta State and is planning the upcoming training for newly elected state officers and committee chairs in June.

Recording Secretary...



Shawna Denney is currently the Director of Bands at Chaparral Middle School in Alamogordo. Shawna grew up in Alamogordo and loves being the Band Director at her Alma Mater. She has been teaching for 15 years and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from New Mexico State University, where she studied saxophone pedagogy under Dr. Greg Fant. She also holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ.

Shawna has been a member of the Kappa Chapter since 2006. She is on their Music Committee and Nominations Committee, and she has served on the Theta State Rituals Committee.

Nominees for State Positions

Corresponding Secretary...



Gladys Hielkema was initiated into Psi Chapter of Theta State in 1996 and transferred to Upsilon Chapter in Gallup in 1998. She served as president and treasurer of Upsilon Chapter in Gallup in 1998. She served as president and treasurer of Upsilon Chapter and chaired the 2007 Theta State Convention in Gallup. At the state level, she has served on the Nominations Committee and Music Committee and as 2nd Vice President from 2009-2011. She enjoys singing in the choir at Regional conferences.

Her professional experience includes 30 years of elementary teaching in Michigan, Oklahoma and New Mexico, with the last eight years before retirement spent teaching elementary music in Gallup. She received her BA in Education from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and took graduate courses at UNM, NMSU and Western.

Gladys now teaches at the three branches of the Faith Christian Fellowship School of Ministry in Fruitland, NM; Chinle, AZ; and Gallup, NM. She and her husband pastor an FCF church in Gallup.

Nominating Committee, Southwest...



Kathryn Deitz and her husband reside in Deming but were fortunate to have also resided in five other states along with their son, Jeff. At the age of 40, Kathryn earned her Bachelor's degree in

Elementary Education in state number four, Utah, where she began her career teaching 4th grade. Since then she has enjoyed teaching 3rd and 1st grades as well as earning her Master's degree in Educational Leadership at Western New Mexico University and her School Administration license. Currently, Kathryn works hard as an Instructional Leader at Memorial Elementary School.

She was initiated as a Delta Kappa Gamma member in December, 2009, and has served as Vice President and now as President of Deming's Pi Chapter. She is pleased to accept the nomination to serve Delta Kappa Gamma on Theta State's Nominations Committee, Southwest.

Finance Committee, Central...



Diane Wesner has been a Clinical Instructor at Central New Mexico Community College for three years, teaching nursing students. She also home-schools her two children, currently in 7th and 9th grades. Originally educated as a nurse, Diane has long focused attention on education, not only at home, but with staff and patients. When the opportunity arose to move to a faculty position, Diane jumped at the chance, eventually completing her Master's in Nursing Education at Western Governors University. Diane is the president of Gamma Chapter in Theta State.

Finance Committee, Southwest...



Robyn Cook writes, "I would like to serve Theta State as part of the Finance Committee. I have been a member of DKG since 2003 and have served Theta State as State Treasurer for 3 years and Rituals Chair for 4 years. I have served Kappa Chapter as President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Parliamentarian. I enjoy the camaraderie I have with my Delta Kappa Gamma sisters across the state and nation. They always welcome me with open arms, and I have not met one that I didn't feel like I was just reunited with a long lost friend. I believe that my service to Theta State is a way to "pass it forward."

I recently accepted the position as principal at the Cloudcroft Elementary and Middle School after teaching science in the high school for twenty years. This new position is an awesome challenge but does not allow the time I need to be your treasurer. I hope that you will continue to allow me to serve Theta State on the Finance Committee. I believe that my experience as Treasurer can be an asset in creating budgets and helping the new treasurer transition into this position.

Nominating Committee, Southeast...



Anne Chaffin became a member of DKG in Theta Eta Chapter, a tri-county chapter, Post, TX. She served as chapter President in Post and is currently President of Lambda in Hobbs, where she transferred in 1999. Since residing in NM, she has been Theta State Corresponding Secretary and Rituals/Ceremonies Coordinator. Presently she is representing the Southeast on the Theta State Finance Committee and is a member of the Theta State Scholarship Committee. She says attending the Theta State, Southwest Regional and International DKG Conventions has been the highlight of her Delta Kappa Gamma affiliation.

Two Workshop Sessions Available at Convention

First Vice President Sheri Williams is the Chairperson for this year's state convention in Hobbs. She has planned for two 50-minute workshop sessions Saturday morning, with three different options for each session:

Session 1 (10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.)

Delicious Ideas for Decoration
Self Defense for All Ages
Art and Crafts, Southeastern NM Style

Session 2 (11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.)

My Power
Supporting New Sisters (Roundtable)
Do Twice as Much in Half the Time

Delicious Ideas for Decoration

This workshop offers quick, easy and cost-effective ways to decorate cakes and cookies and even a chance to make a delicious item of your own. Former Alpha Lambda member, Maria Lee, shares her passion. Maria states, "I began cake decorating in May of 2006 when planning my son's first birthday party. I wanted a custom cake, but found them to be out of my party budget. So ... I started searching the Internet for video tutorials and took a class at Hobby Lobby. Then my friends began asking me to do cakes or cupcakes for their occasions. Seven years later, I have made so many cakes and cupcakes that I have lost count and have begun exploring the world of custom cookie designs as well. Although a teacher by day, my little "hobby" has become an equally rewarding and successful side job. (Let's face it, every teacher has one.) I now bake for people other than friends or friends of friends. I am continuing to learn new techniques and try to continue to challenge myself. You can see some of my work on my Facebook business page, *PartyBliss*." Come join Maria in some delicious fun!

Self Defense for All Ages

Learn from the masters. Ron Haggerton, Michelle Fox, and John McMillan, better known as Master Haggerton, Sensi Fox, and assistant instructor, Mr. McMillan. Ron Haggerton is a 6th Degree Black Belt, Michelle Fox is a 2nd Degree Black Belt, and John McMillan is a 3rd Degree Brown Belt. They are all educators and devoted to student learning and education. Join them for a fun and informative lesson on holds, breaks, improvised weapons, how not to look like a victim, and protecting yourself in all life situations. This class is for members of all ages.

My Power

My Power, Inc., was founded in 2009 as a non-profit organization focused on empowering girls to successfully navigate the teen years by succeeding academically, avoiding risky sexual behavior, and growing into young women of confidence and substance. Come and hear how this program is working in Lea County with more than one hundred twenty 5th grade girls at 5 elementary schools and 60 girls participating from Heizer and Houston Middle Schools in Hobbs. An academic life skills camp will be held in August before school starts for girls entering junior high school, called the *My Power Quantum Leadership Camp*. Many young ladies in Lea County have been positively affected through this program. This workshop will be presented by program implementer and Alpha Lambda honorary member, Phoebe Spencer, and teachers directly involved in *My Power*. Learn how this program might help your community.

Arts and Crafts, Southeastern New Mexico Style

Lea County Center of the Arts exhibitors and Delta Kappa Gamma sisters Beverly Ellis and Stephanie Holland will host a workshop during Session 1. Do you love the country, but can't find anything to match your style? Come and make fancy Drillers' Drinking Goblets (aka: Redneck Wine Glasses and Hillbilly Tea Tumblers) with us. This high-class stemware is perfect for your wine, beer, champagne, and tea. The project can easily be personalized to fit just about anyone's taste. It's a great party gift and definitely a conversation piece.

Supporting New Sisters

In this roundtable discussion, new and long standing members of DKG will have the chance to talk about ways chapters can support their current members and encourage others to join. We will explore concerns that new members have about the organization and how their chapters can help with this. We will also discuss ways chapters can support and mentor new teachers in the community. Facilitator Amanda Mantray would also like to have Theta State members email questions they would like to see covered in the discussion to her prior to the convention. Her email is amanda.mantray@aps.edu.

Do Twice as Much in Half the Time

Our International representative, Barbara Whiting, writes: "Everyone has the same 24 hours a day, and yet it often feels like there isn't enough time to do everything you want to do. Learn to make the best use of your time, and find more time in your life for what you value most.

**2013 THETA STATE CONVENTION
REGISTRATION FORM
April 26 - 28, 2013**

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites
4000 North Lovington Highway, Hobbs
575-391-8777**

***Hotel rooms on Friday and Saturday nights are
\$98.86 per night, plus 11.82% tax, total \$110.55.**

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone Number _____

Chapter _____
Chapter Office _____
Theta State Position _____
E-Mail Address _____

FUNCTION	FEE	NUMBER TO ATTEND	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
Registration: Postmarked before Monday, April 15, 2013	\$40.00		\$
Late Registration: Received after Monday, April 15, 2013	\$50.00		\$
Non-Member: Postmarked before April 15, 2013	\$30.00		\$
MEALS			
Salad Supper: Friday, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Come and go meal.	Free		
Luncheon: Saturday, 12:15 p.m. Brisket and Chicken Buffet	\$20.00		\$
Banquet: Saturday, 6:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet (Multiple choices available) Hobbs High School, 800 N. Jefferson St.	\$30.00		\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	\$

Do you have dietary restrictions? _____ Please specify _____

If you need special accommodations, please inform the Hotel.

I give permission for photos of me to be used in publications, the website, and publicity. Yes or No

I understand if I choose not to give permission, it is my responsibility to remove myself from the photo.

Signature _____

Please make checks payable to: 2013 Theta State Convention
Mail to: Lonna Griffin, 211 Allegre, Hobbs, NM 88242
Questions to: Lonna Griffin Cell phone 575-390-0900 or e-mail griffin@hobbsschools.net

** Each individual is responsible for making her own hotel reservations. **Deadline is April 4, 2013.** Be sure to mention that you are a member of Theta State Convention to receive the discounted room rate of \$98.86 plus tax. It is important to stay at the convention hotel to keep costs for the convention as low as possible. Keep a copy of the Registration form for yourself.*

CONVENTION SCHEDULE:

Registration: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 26, 2013 at Hobbs High School Atrium, 800 N. Jefferson St.
Friday Evening: Come-and-Go Dinner, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lea County Chapters will provide meal, HHS Atrium
Executive Board Meeting: April 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Hobbs High School Library, next to Atrium
Registration: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at Hobbs High School Atrium, 800 N. Jefferson St.
Vendors: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at Hobbs High School Atrium
Theta State Business Meeting: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m., Saturday, April 27, at Hobbs High School Library
Workshops - Session 1: 10:10 - 11:00 a.m.; **Session 2:** 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon at HHS Campus – Map provided
Saturday Luncheon: 12:15 - 2:00 p.m. **Brisket and Chicken Buffet,** Hobbs High School Atrium
Tours & Shopping: 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Map and Listing provided
State Officer Rehearsal: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Incoming and Outgoing State Officers
Saturday Banquet: 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **Location to be announced at Convention**
Necrology Service: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., Western Heritage Museum – Cowboy Hall of Fame, 5317 Lovington Hwy.

Alpha Delta, Albuquerque...



*Left to Right:
Cynthia Trueba,
Linda C. Huter-
Lehman,
Leah M. Dolan,
Nora Jurado,
Carmen Tapia,
Pat Burnett,
Carmen J.
Pennington*

Alpha Delta Chapter of Albuquerque is proud to announce the addition of four initiates. New Alpha Delta members are: Leah M. Dolan, a first grade teacher at Corrales Elementary School; Nora Jurado, a middle school ELA/Bilingual teacher at The Learning Community Charter School; Linda C. Huter-Lehman, a former mediator and member of Human Resources Management Personnel and a current substitute teacher for APS; and Cynthia Trueba, a K-8 teacher for APS.

Initiation was held at the home of Alpha Delta President Carmen J. Pennington on January 12, 2013, with Theta State President Patricia Burnett presiding over the ceremony. A luncheon was held following the ceremony hosted by Carmen Pennington and Kimberly Woodley. Special guests were Theta State President Patricia Burnett and Gwen Hamilton of Roswell.

Alpha Delta Chapter warmly welcomes our newest members.

Carmen Tapia, Alpha Delta Membership Chairman

Phi, Portales...

Phi Chapter collected school supplies for several area pre-school teachers. Pictured here is Mrs. Banister, a kindergarten teacher at Brown Elementary, and some of her students displaying some of the supplies the class received. All the teachers receiving a share of the 120 inches of art supplies were appreciative. The general consensus was that at this time of year their supplies have dwindled, and these new supplies are certainly welcomed.

The big political news in our area is the fight over the future of the Lesser Prairie Chicken. Our January guest was Betty Williamson, writer and rancher of Roosevelt County, who showed a video of the mating ritual of the colorful prairie chickens. She told of a watering trough on their ranch which frequently had the prairie chickens lined up on either side, getting a drink. Their numbers decrease in times of drought, but when the rains return, they lay lots of eggs and the numbers increase.

Pictures and information submitted by Billie Dixon

Omega, Las Cruces...



*Holiday
Brunch
of
Omega
Chapter*

The home of Dr. Bernadette Montoya was the setting for Omega's annual Holiday Brunch. Seven teachers new to the LCPS system were invited guests and received multiple gifts, along with best wishes from attending members.

All participants were fed royally with Bernadette's tasty posole as well as a large selection of sweets (of course) provided by chapter bakers. The festivities continued with the singing of favorite carols as Bernadette accompanied on her guitar. Bertha Cantu did her part to add to the musical entertainment – you'd have to have been there to understand/appreciate.

A solemn moment did begin the morning as chapter president Yvette Moore conducted a White Rose ceremony for our recently departed Ann Baldwin.

Best wishes to ALL for 2013 from Las Cruces!

Submitted by Sharron Stepro



**THETA STATE NEW MEXICO ORGANIZATION BYLAWS
THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

Adopted: State Convention: April 21, 2012
Pending approval by International Constitution Committee

Revisions completed January, 2013
New proposed revisions for State approval January 28, 2013

Bylaws Newly Revised

ARTICLE V. ORGANIZATION

Section 2. Chapter Names

- A. Theta State Executive Board shall assign a chapter name to a newly organized chapter following Greek alphabetical order.
- B. Former members of a dissolved/consolidated/merged chapter may request that the Executive Board assign the use of their former chapter's name.

ARTICLE XI. ACTIVITIES

Section 2. Theta State Recruitment Grant

- D. Following the summer Theta State Financial Audit/Preview and by September 1, the Finance Committee chairman shall notify the Professional Affairs Subcommittee Chairman of the amount available for award in the Theta State Scholarship Fund. No more than the amount reported as of June 30 will be awarded. The Professional Affairs Subcommittee Chairman must request approval for release of the stated funds at the fall Executive Board meeting.

ARTICLE XIV. MERGER/CONSOLIDATION

Section 1. Consolidation

- A. When two or more chapters each vote to consolidate and form a new chapter, a joint letter of request must be submitted to the State President for presentation at the State Executive Board.
- B. Two or more chapters discontinue their independent existence and a new entity is formed that includes the memberships of the consolidating chapters, continues their work, and assumes their assets and liabilities. A zero balance shall be shown for the chapters before surrendering their EIN numbers to the International Headquarters Business Administrator.
- C. The approval of the State Executive Board must be obtained for consolidation of chapters. This must occur at the earliest possible Executive Board meeting.
- D. A new name, in accordance with State Bylaws requirements, shall be selected by the State Executive Board. Theta State Bylaws, ARTICLE V, Section 2 B. The newly formed chapter may petition the Executive Board to keep one of the former chapter names.
- E. New officers shall be elected for the new chapter.
- F. Minutes of all actions taken by the new chapter must be submitted immediately to the State President.
- G. Financial records, money, all membership records (registers, rosters, etc.), and minutes from consolidating chapters will remain in the new chapter.
- H. Unneeded paraphernalia, Society publications and the charters of the old chapters must be returned to the Theta State Treasurer.

Section 2. Merger

- A. One chapter continues, while the other loses its independent identity and ceases to exist, since it is merged – that is, absorbed into the other chapter.
- B. Both chapters must vote for agreement of the merger, and a joint letter of request must be submitted to the State President for presentation at the State Executive Board.
- C. The approval of the State Executive Board must be obtained for merger of chapters.
- D. Financial records, money, all membership records (registers, rosters, etc.), and minutes from the merging chapter will be assumed by the absorbing chapter. A zero balance shall be shown for the merging chapter before surrendering its EIN number to the International Headquarters Business Administrator.
- E. The absorbed chapter surrenders its name to Theta State.
- F. Minutes of all actions taken by the two chapters must be submitted immediately to the State President.
- G. Initiation paraphernalia, chapter records, Society publications and the charter must be returned to the Theta State Treasurer.

Upsilon, Gallup...

Amid the flurry of snowflakes, icy roads, and cold temperatures, Upsilon's celebration of "Honoring our Elders: Our First Teachers" at our annual Valentine party for residents at Red Rocks Care Center provided smiles and joy to our members and to the seniors. Balloons and handmade Valentines added to the festivities. About 80 residents of the Care Center and the staff were treated to cupcakes, punch and treats, as well as being entertained with singing by the members of Upsilon Chapter. Stevie Palacios, Sharon Palacios's granddaughter, gave a helping hand at the party. Upsilon Chapter has had the privilege of hosting this Valentine party for the last 15 years.



Pictured above are (L to R) Peggy Franz, volunteer; Claressia Montoya, Gladys Hielkema, Clara Enriquez, Sharon Palacios and Kim Wells



At our January meeting, Mr. Max Perez (left), Assistant Superintendent of Gallup McKinley County Schools, and Ms. Linda Kaye (below) of the new Uplift Community Charter School in Gallup gave us talks on new innovations in the Gallup schools. Mr. Perez gave us an update on the Common Core Curriculum and the status of the Gallup School building projects. Ms. Linda Kaye told us about the starting up of the New Charter School, its curriculum and many of the projects which the

students are undertaking. One project was the children planning and designing the playground. It was a very informative and interesting meeting with two very charismatic educational leaders.

By Clara Enriquez

Gamma, Albuquerque...

Gamma Chapter has had a series of interesting speakers and active service projects so far this year. As a result, attendance at every meeting has been high.

In September, the group had its welcome back brunch and organized for the year under its new president, Diane Wesner.

In October, Mary Stuever, the district forest ranger at the Chama office for New Mexico State Forestry, shared some of her readings and experiences as found in her book *The Forester's Log*, published by UNM Press in 2010. She shared a slide show about her forestry work and did readings from the book. She also sold and signed copies for interested members. Mary is the sister of Gamma vice-president Pat Graff.

In November, several Gamma members attended the Theta State Birthday Luncheon and Fall Meeting. The chapter also hosted a book sale for its scholarship and netted over \$50.

A fun holiday brunch at Golden Corral saw over 20 members and guests attend. The speaker was Theta State President Pat Burnett. A silent auction was a huge success, netting the chapter over \$100.

Most recently, in January the group heard about the latest efforts in the state to support teachers doing National Board Certification. Evelyn Sanchez, NBCT and president of the state NBCT Network, presented along with Pat Graff, Gamma member and second vice-president of the state network.

In addition, the group continues to support charities including Title I Homeless students, CASA children, Ronald McDonald House, and English Expo.

The guest speaker in March will be Peggy Jackson, NM Teacher of the Year for 2010, who will share her experiences.

Submitted by Pat Graff



Upsilon member Clara Enriquez, chatting with residents of Red Rocks Care Center in Gallup, NM



White Roses

*In Loving Memory
of*

Annabel Baldwin, Omega Chapter

Born Nov. 18, 1920

Initiated May 1, 1965

Died Nov. 23, 2012

Natalie Orand, Lambda Chapter

Born June 7, 1921

Initiated 1949

Died October 29, 2012

Patricia L. Richards, Alpha Lambda (honorary)

Born December 11, 1926

Initiated September 1, 1973

Died September 1, 2012

Virginia Warren, Omega Chapter

Born April 4, 1923

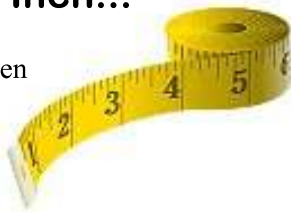
Initiated April 1, 1970

Died September 3, 2012



Mentoring – Inch by Inch...

“Inching to Mentor” has been the focus project for the Literacy Committee this biennium. Its emphasis is bringing together early career educators with their local Theta State chapter members. Many chapters have designed amazing events and projects to reach out to this group of professionals in their school districts. Both time and product have been shared in creative ways. To keep track of the items given away, chapters were asked to keep a photographic record of the stacked material to eventually share with their Theta State sisters. Now is that time. Our upcoming convention in Hobbs will be the culmination of this project. Chapter presidents will be receiving information about methods of presentation by email in March.



Submitted by Cathy Everitt

Important!

Please go to the Theta State website:

www.thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com

and read the proposed Standing Rules.

Discuss the document in your chapter meetings.

Be ready to discuss and vote on the proposed

Standing Rules at the

Theta State Convention in Hobbs.

Contact Dropped Members...

Let’s continue doing everything possible to keep our members. Chapter treasurers should follow up as needed to collect dues. Many members who are being reinstated report they were dropped because of delinquent dues of which they were unaware. Sending a follow-up reminder or making a phone call can facilitate growth in membership. You will retain more of your members and you will attract new members because they will want to belong to a caring, nurturing group of dynamic key women educators who are impacting education worldwide.

Dr. Beverly Helms, 2012-2014 International President

Golden Opportunities Available...

The Golden Gift Fund Committee invites you to consider the many golden opportunities available for members. The 2014 Leadership Management Seminar will be held June 29-July 11, 2014, in Austin, Texas. Applications will be available July 1, 2013, and will be posted on the Society website.

Members, chapters and state organizations have an opportunity to contribute to a life-changing experience for someone by supporting all, or a portion of, the participants’ cost to attend. The participant is responsible for \$500 of the \$6,000 which is the approximate cost for one member to attend.

Members leave a legacy of leadership by designating the Golden Gift Fund as the recipient of contributions they make to the Society in memory, honor, or recognition of others. For more information, check out the Society website at www.dkg.org.

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What Your Money Can Do

- \$10 Learner kit for 1 student in Mozambique and Mali, which contains a bag, stationery, mini atlas, math tables
- \$45 Learning materials for 10 children in Malawi and Zimbabwe
- \$125 Three-day training workshop for a teacher in Rwanda benefitting about 1200 children
- \$250 Schools-in-a-box kit in Burkina Faso which contains learning materials for 80 school children and includes transportation cost
- \$1,500 Special support/grant for 40 orphans in South Africa
- \$4,800 Installment of a safe water point in a school in Madagascar
- \$14,000 Construction of one classroom in Niger and one library in Ethiopia, including equipping it with furniture and materials

The Educational Foundation

How You Can Help

The Educational Foundation will be 50 years old in 2014. Members may add to the celebration by contributing in several ways:

1. Become a Miracle Maker by contributing \$500 over five years.
2. Light a candle on the celebration cake by contributing \$50.
3. Honor or memorialize someone special by contributing any amount.

Those gifts of money fund projects that benefit education and children around the world.

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