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New Mexico Well-Represented at International Convention



Front Row, Left to Right:

Yvette Moore, Omega; Anne Chaffin, Lambda; Nadyne Gartman, Nu, Texas; Gwen Hamilton, Alpha; Pat Burnett, Alpha Theta; Kay Hannum, Alpha Lambda; Dianna Valdez, Gamma

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Amanda Matray, Alpha Delta; Ina Jean Barnes, Psi; Carmen Pennington, Alpha Delta; Lonna Griffin, Alpha Lambda; Sheri Williams, Alpha Lambda

Row 3, Left to Right:

Janie Garrett, Gamma; Ella George, Upsilon; Kim Wells, Upsilon; Jeannette Vigil, Gamma; Barbara Sias, Gamma

Two thousand twenty-two people registered for the 2012 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in New York City. Theta State members report excellent speakers, outstanding musicians and helpful workshops, as well as long lines waiting for the elevator, which just allowed more time for visiting ladies from all over the United States, Europe, and Japan.



Above, left: Theta State sisters dine at Brasserie Maison

Above, center: Manhattan Island as seen from the ferry in the harbor

Far right: Don't look down!

(Thanks to Photographs by Jim, Floresville, TX for the group picture.

The smaller pictures are courtesy of Yvette Moore and Nadyne Gartman.)

Theta State's President's Page: Sisters - Caring, Sharing, Mentoring



Left: President Pat Burnett and 1st VP Sheri Williams in NYC

The Big Apple!!!! DKG International Convention. Seventeen New Mexico women. This is the perfect formula for a great time and meeting. You were well represented at the sessions, and the Theta State women have lots of new ideas to share with you. The opportunity to be with women from around the world enlivens each of us and gives a more global view of education and mentoring.

DKG celebrated expansion into a brand new country, Japan. A new project was added to Schools for Africa. The membership voted to adopt a second International project focusing on mentoring early career educators. Changes were made to bylaws and standing rules. A new slate of officers was installed. The Society is alive, thriving, and moving into new territories in every area.

I am particularly pleased that Theta State is already heavily involved in mentoring early career educators. Our state literacy project has focused each of your chapters toward helping your own local teachers. I hope you are making detailed plans to participate in "Inching to Mentor" again this year by involving all of your membership in collecting items to distribute within your own districts. The future of our field of education lies in the strength of these new teachers stepping into the field. They need and deserve our mentoring efforts.

While in NYC, Gwen Hamilton and I stayed extra days to spend time sight-seeing with my daughter Tamy and her friend Katrina. Both of these young women are new DKG members in Florida and were presenters at the convention! Their lively look at everything was refreshing and invigorating. It encouraged me to see a new generation involved. It also was a great demonstration of the contributions our younger members can make in each of our chapters. They are full of great ideas, enthusiasm, and concern for education. We all four enjoyed the adventure of being together and exploring New York City. I think that translates to the journey each chapter can make when multiple generations are involved and working together. Let's all set a goal for the new year to intentionally step out of our comfort zones and find ways to include other generations in our chapter activities and membership.

Early in June, Leadership Chair Nola Miller facilitated the Leadership Seminar here in Roswell. What an amazing

Right: Kay Hannum, Pat Burnett, Gwen Hamilton, Anne Chaffin, and Nadyne Gartman at NBC



job she did! We had all but two chapters represented, and many chapters brought multiple leaders to be trained. So many great ideas and activities were covered, and those present were more aware of their own chapters' abilities and needs when the seminar concluded. We were challenged to return to our local chapters and involve as many members as possible as Strategic Action Plans were completed, bylaws were revised, new leadership was trained, mentoring of area early educators was planned, and chapter growth was designed. Thanks to Nola and team for outstanding work.

I hope you are frequently visiting our website, designed by Nadyne Gartman. A great deal of information is maintained on the site, and there are great opportunities for your chapter to share news with other Theta sisters. Don't forget this wonderful asset available to your chapter. Remember the Theta State News is on the website and often includes additional pictures, etc., not found in the printed newsletter. We still have several members who think they are not getting the newsletter because they don't realize that it is now on the web site, as well as being e-mailed. Please be sure each member knows how to access the paper and those without computer capabilities are provided a hard copy. Communication is so vital to the strength of Theta State.

Our next opportunity to be together as a state will be the Fall meeting, November 3, in Albuquerque. The CCC is planning a lovely event. First VP Sheri Williams has designed "spot-on" breakout sessions that will help chapters grow and will serve as great follow-up to the June seminar. I challenge every chapter to get members to this Saturday meeting.

As New Mexico celebrates its 100th birthday, I am reminded of our state motto – "We Grow as We Go." That applies in reverse, as well. There is no growing when there is no forward movement. That is true of Theta State also. Each chapter will be more apt to grow in direct correlation to its involvement at the state and International level as well as its effort to add new members and reach out to mentor new educators. I continue to encourage you to accept the challenge of my biennium motto at your chapter level: "SISTERS – CARING, SHARING, MENTORING."

Pat Burnett, Theta State President

It's Nominating Time Again!

It is time to start thinking about our officers and new committee members for the next biennium. We will be electing all officers as well as two members for the Nominating Committee (Southeast and Southwest) and three members for the Finance Committee (Northeast, Central, Southwest regions). Qualifications can be found on the website under standing rules and bylaws. The form for nominations can also be found on the web site. Your nominations need to be mailed to Gwen Hamilton, Chairman at 1505 S. Adams Avenue, Roswell, NM 88205 or e-mailed to gwenhamilton@centurylink.net.

Submitted by Gwen Hamilton

It's Never Too Late to Say Thank You

(This was intended for the last issue, but apparently did not reach everyone.) On behalf of Alpha Delta Chapter, we wish to thank all who attended the 2012 Theta State Convention. Thanks to all involved in putting the convention together: Theta State President Pat Burnett (Alpha Theta), TS 1st Vice President Sheri Williams (Alpha Lambda), Dianna Valdez and Jeannette Vigil (Gamma), and Karen Ransom (Alpha Epsilon). Also to Alpha Delta members: Co-chair Carmen Tapia, Frances Chavez Valenzuela, Caroline Nelson, Dr. Sharon Wilson, Priscilla Brower, Dr. Maria Chavez, Mary Aebischer, Melissa Blaine, Priscilla Brigham, Pat Chaplin, Heidi Jensen, Amanda Matray, Barbara Murphy, Shirley Vigil, Kimberly Woodley and Dawn Woyak.

Submitted by Carmen Pennington

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Finance Resources for Teachers

Stacey Montague gave a workshop during the Theta State Convention on Financial Literacy for the classroom. She has sent the web sites where teachers/educators can request these resources for their classrooms. The sites are: www.federalreserveeducation.org and www.kansascityfed.org.

You can also request a document of the Colorado standards cross-linked to the resources for grades P - 12; just send an email to stacey.montague@kc.frb.org.

Submitted by Carmen Pennington

Leadership Management Seminar



One of the many benefits of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is the training. In even numbered years, 30 women are chosen from all around the world to attend the Leadership/Management Seminar sponsored by the Golden Gift Fund. I was chosen this year, and I could not have asked for a more intense experience. The McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin conducts the seminar. For more than 25 years, the McCombs team has been developing curricula specifically for DKG. Essentially, we received three years of curricula in 2 weeks! We were taught everything from Advocacy to personal presence (including law and ethics).

The members chosen for the seminar bonded like sisters. We planned our graduation and performed speeches and an original song. We chose the theme "It's our time: honor, learn, lead"

For the cost of \$500, the participant receives an estimated \$8,000 worth of training. Many had to ship their materials home because they had too much for airline travel.

I encourage you to apply! Applications will be on the DKG website (www.dkg.org) in 2013. They are due by December 1. Applicants are notified after the selection committee meets on January 15, 2014.

Submitted by Yvette Moore, (2nd row, 3rd from right)

Epsilon: Silver City and Cobre...



Back Row: Presenter Betty Himes; Norberta Moreno; Irma Trejo; Judith Woodrow; and Presenter Cathy Maxwell, 2010-2012 President. **Seated:** Cathie Bower; Genevieve Johnston; and Betty Reed. Those unable to attend will receive their awards in the fall.

Epsilon Chapter completed its 2011-2012 year by honoring eleven of its members with Chapter Longevity Awards at the final meeting on May 19. The eleven members have contributed a total of 372 combined years of service to Epsilon, Theta State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The years range from Cathie Bower, who was initiated into Epsilon in 1955 and has 56 years of service, Genevieve Johnston with 41 years, Mary Packard with 40 years of service, Betty Reed with 40 years, and other members with years of service ranging from 39 to 22 years of faithful service and dedication to DKG.

Also honored were Betty Woodward, 36 years; Judith Woodrow, 35 years; Vera Crumbley, 28 years; Norberta Moreno, 26 years; Eileen Berry, 25 years; Irma Trejo, 23 years; and Shirley Colson, 22 years. In addition, State Longevity Awards were given to Cathie Bower, Genevieve Johnston, Mary Packard, and Betty Reed. A Chapter Merit Award was presented to Barbara McKee for her work in bringing free educational seminars with nationally known speakers to educators in the Silver Consolidated Schools, Cobre Consolidated Schools, and educators in surrounding counties.

Also honored during the 75th anniversary of Epsilon's founding were teachers and superintendents from the Silver and Cobre Schools. Epsilon continues to be committed to education through its support of area students, teachers, and the educational process.

Submitted by Cathy Maxwell

Help Ronald McDonald House

Is your chapter helping to support New Mexico's Ronald McDonald House Charities? Or would your members like to do so? A discussion at Theta State Leadership Seminar indicated that many chapters were doing things for RMHC. Gamma Chapter does support them and even has a brick donated in the patio. If your chapter would like to bring donations to the Theta State Fall Meeting on November 3, Gamma will be happy to collect and transport everything to the House.

They need everything from pop tops to gift cards to cleaning supplies to non-perishable foods to chefs and volunteers. If you would like more information about RMHC, go to www.rmhc-nm.org. Please e-mail Diane Wesner at dwesner123@yahoo.com to say that your chapter plans to bring materials.

Submitted by Dianna Valdez

Gamma: Albuquerque...

On August 4, Gamma Chapter had a planning meeting at the home of our new president, Diane Wesner. By the end of the meeting, the ten members present had a new "stockpile" of ideas for the coming year.

Over the biennium just past, we met our goal for new members and are continuing to look for others. If anyone reading this was a member of a recently dissolved chapter, we invite you most cordially to give Gamma Chapter in Albuquerque a try. We think you'll like us!

Submitted by Alice Wesner

Beta: Santa Fe...

Helenn Rumpel, talented Beta Chapter artist, writes: I am showing in the 8-state 4th annual juried exhibit at Forsythe Gallery at Texas A&M in Bryan, Texas, and in another juried exhibit in Ashland, Oregon at Hilltop Gallery... "New Mexico Enchants." (SLMM)

The big news is, the Museum at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, will show a solo exhibit of over 50 pieces of my work in stitchery, painting and selected pottery in gallery A, from April 16th to July 15th, 2015!

I am preparing for an exhibit and gallery talk at the National Embroidery Guild's 2012 National Seminar in the Santa Fe area in October 2012.

My 2013 studio fine art calendar will soon be available. Anyone wanting the order brochure, please e-mail me at helennhue@earthlink.net.

Psi Bestows Grant-in-Aid...



Psi Chapter's Grant-in-Aid Chair Marlene Toivanen (left) presented the chapter's grant-in-aid to Regina Atencio-McMinn. Regina received her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education Social Studies and is currently working on a

Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from NMSU. Along with the master's, she will also gain endorsements in English, Business Education, Technology Education, and Technology Coordination. She will be graduating this coming fall after she finishes her last class and master's exam. She is currently working at the Port of the Pirates and teaches New Mexico history. She is involved in the curriculum alignment, NHS advisor, SIOP, and oversees the school newsletter.

Calling All Exhibitors for Fall Meeting!

Here is the ideal opportunity for a chapter wanting to raise funds for an outreach project. It is also perfect for any enterprising person. Showcase items you wish to sell to meeting attendees on an attractive 6-foot long, skirted table in the Zia Room, close to all morning activities. Show savvy shopping Delta Kappa Gamma ladies that you have just what they can purchase for a special gift or for something they can't live without.

- Rental Fee for Table:** \$40
- Set-up Time:** 7:30 a.m.
- Break-down Time:** 12:00 noon
- Exhibit Time:** 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- Reserve a Table:** Return registration form with check. Mark the designation for Exhibitor Table Rental on the form, and mail to the listed address on the form no later than October 10, 2012.

Submitted by Betty Begeal

Read more about the NYC Convention on pages 8 and 9 of this issue of Theta State News.

NYC Convention Highlights...

Carmen Pennington: My main concern at the convention was to get information about membership, merging, consolidation, expansion, and electronic election. The workshops given by the Electronic Election Ad Hoc Committee, the Iceland Expansion Committee, Chapters in Trouble and What to Do About It were very informative and can be helpful for us.

Dr. Barbara Day shared ideas about how other states and chapters are working with merging, co-chairing in chapters, and sharing responsibilities with chapter committees. Also, Texas has sent us their Bylaws concerning merging, consolidation and resolution. I am sharing all this with the TS President and the Bylaws Committee.

Kay Hannum: I was most impressed by our Tuesday night speaker – what a woman! I've got to read her book!

Tori Murden McClure, author of *A Pearl in the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean*, challenged us all to "Dare Mighty Things." As she detailed one of the most daring challenges of her own life – rowing across the Atlantic Ocean – we, her listeners, seemingly were in that boat with her.

Tori is the first woman to row a boat, alone and without assistance, across the ocean. It took her two tries. On her first solo journey, Tori rowed more than three thousand miles before being hit by a hurricane. A year later, Tori returned to try again and was ultimately successful. She was also the first woman and first American to travel over land to the geographic South Pole, skiing 750 miles from the ice shelf to the pole.

While I was enthralled by all that this remarkable woman has accomplished, I was most impressed by her humanitarian spirit, as well as totally admiring her humility in discovering so many rich experiences that are open to all of us if we simply "dare mighty things."



Beverly Helms, newly installed DKG President for 2012-2014 and 2nd from the left, is congratulated by TS President Pat Burnett, Gwen Hamilton, and Yvette Moore



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER – DR. ALAN MORGAN

Vice President of Government Relations, Pearson Education

Alan Morgan’s career as an educator began in 1969 as an elementary teacher. He taught first to sixth grades, supervised student teachers, and held numerous administrative positions in the New Mexico State Department of Education prior to becoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1985. Morgan served twelve years as the chief state school officer for New Mexico prior to his retirement from the public sector in 1997. As State Superintendent of Public Instruction, he was the Constitutional Officer charged with oversight of the 89 school districts, 36,000 employees of the public schools, and an annual operating budget of two billion dollars. His career-long vision for public education has focused upon state leadership through clear

standards, responsible assessments, and reasonable accountability.

Morgan presently leads a professional consulting and government relations practice specializing in state educational policy support, product development advice, and government programs support. Dr. Morgan lives in Albuquerque with his spouse and their four children.

NOVEMBER 3, 2012 FALL MEETING and BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Best Western Plus Rio Grande Inn, 1015 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

7:30 - 11:00	Registration – Hotel Lobby	11:45	Luncheon Check-in -- Aztec Ballroom
8:00 - 9:35	Executive Board Meeting – Sandia	12:10	Luncheon Doors Open – Aztec Ballroom
9:45 – 12:00	Workshops – Sandia and Manzano	2:45	Executive Committee Meeting – Aztec Ballroom

A working e-mail address is required on the registration form if confirmation is desired. Confirmation of registration will be sent via e-mail by October 30, 2012. If you do not receive confirmation by that date, contact Jeannette Vigil at leahvigil14@gmail.com.

Cancellation Policy: Notify Fall Event Registrar Jeannette Vigil, leahvigil14@gmail.com, by October 27, 2012.

WORKSHOP CHOICES:

<p>1. 9:45-10:30 - Sandia Rm Title: STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN Presenter: Pat Burnett This is a mini workshop that will cover methods for developing a chapter SAP that involves your complete membership in goal setting.</p>	<p>2. 9:45-10:30 - Manzano Rm Title: SEMINAR FOR PURPOSEFUL LIVING Presenter: Lonna Griffin Experience the opportunities provided at the seminar in and around Washington, DC – a “Capital Experience.” Information will also be given to participants so they may also apply to attend in the future.</p>	<p>5. 11:15-12:00 - Title: LEADERSHIP SEMINAR FOLLOW UP/ EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE REVIEW Presenters: Nola Miller and Sheri Williams At your request, this session combines a follow up to the Leadership Seminar and information on the Schools for Africa and Mentoring Early Career Educators Projects.</p>
<p>3. 10:30-11:15 - Sandia Rm Title: GOLDEN GIFT Presenter: Yvette Moore and other Golden Gift Sisters Leadership Management is for YOU! Come hear from recipients of the “Golden Gift” how you, too, can become a graduate of the Leadership Management Seminar.</p>	<p>4. 10:30-11:15- Manzano Rm Title: A TRIP TO THE BIG APPLE— THE INSIDE LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF DKG Presenters: 2012 Theta State International Convention attendees Attendees will share big ideas from the “Big Apple.” Get your chapter on track for the future in DKG.</p>	<p>Every chapter is encouraged to have a representative attend this session. <i>One complimentary workshop fee is waived for each chapter to have a representative at this session. Every chapter Program Chairman (or their representatives) should consider attending this workshop.</i></p>

Theta State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Executive Board Meeting, Workshops and 78th Birthday Luncheon



Saturday, November 3, 2012

Best Western Rio Grande Inn

1015 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87104

(505) 843-9500 Toll Free Reservations: 1-800-959-4726

E-mail: reservations@riograndeinn.com www.riograndeinn.com

Special Room Rates: **\$78.00**+tax until October 4th (Request Theta State Delta Kappa Gamma rates)



Registration Form

Name _____

Home Address _____

(Include St., Dr., Ave, etc NE, SE, NW, SW, Apt. #)

City

State

Zip+4

Phone _____ E-mail* _____

Chapter/ Company _____ Position _____

Guest(s) _____

* Confirmation of registration will be sent via e-mail by October 30, 2012. If you do not receive confirmation by that date, contact Jeannette Vigil.

**Birthday Luncheon with Dr. Alan Morgan ... President of High Desert Government Relations, Inc.,
 National Educational Speaker & Former NM Dept. of Education, Superintendent of Schools**

Cost: \$18.50

Indicate Meal numbers: _____

Mexican Buffet Includes: 7 layer Mexican Salad, Mexican Coleslaw, Cheese Enchiladas, Chicken Tacos, Pinto Beans, Rice, Calabacitas, Warm Tortillas, Coffee, Iced Tea, and Birthday Cupcake

List dietary restrictions: _____



Workshop Registration Fee: **\$5 per person** to attend all workshops

Please send a form for each individual participant. **complimentary for 1 per chapter, presenters (1 per session)

Fill in your workshop choice(s) (See descriptions on Fall Event Information page.):

9:45-Workshop _____ 10:30-Workshop _____ 11:15-Workshop _____

Please indicate if you are using a complimentary registration.

____ 1 Complimentary Workshop Registration for a chapter member to attend Leadership Workshop (#5)**

____ 1 Complimentary Workshop Registration for: 1 presenter presenting at a session

_____ Meal Total
 _____ Workshop Fee
 _____ Table Rental Fee
 _____ Sub Total
 _____ Late Fee

Make checks payable to CCC
Mail Checks and Forms to:
 Jeannette Vigil, Fall Event Registrar
 PO Box 1071
 Corrales, NM 87048 -1071

Contact information:
 Jeannette Vigil, Fall Event Registrar,
 leahvigil14@gmail.com

_____ **Total** **DEADLINE:** postmarked by **OCTOBER 24, 2012** – **LATE FEE: \$5.00**

I understand that if I do not want my photo to be taken, it is my responsibility to remove myself from photographs as they are being taken.

SALES: Exhibitors wishing to sell at the Fall Event are invited to send \$40.00 per table. Fee includes: 1 six-foot, skirted table.

Set up: 7:30 AM/breakdown at 12:00 Noon. **Deadline for space rental:** October 10, 2012.

Exhibitors are welcome to purchase lunch reservations.

Report from DKG New York City Convention

Ina Jean Barnes: The 2012 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention in New York City was Embracing Our Vision – Designing our Future. Jeni Souders, International President, planned a convention agenda that provided time to explore New York City/The Big Apple. Our hotel’s proximity to Times Square, Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Theater District, and easy-to-go-to places like museums, the 9-11 Memorial, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island kept everyone busy.

It was a time to reacquaint and make new friends with DKG sisters from all around the world. There were workshop sessions, general sessions, vendor exhibits and displays, music, singing, dancing and New York Night. We also met our newest sisters from Panama and soon-to-be sisters from Japan. That’s 50 states and 18 countries!

What a treat to watch project spotlights through video vignettes of new members and Past International Presidents. The second highlight was especially thrilling since it was given by our own Amanda Matray, Alpha Delta of Albuquerque, during the second Executive Board Meeting. One-to-five year members were asked to share why they value their membership in the Society/the “Designing Our Future” part of the theme. Past International Presidents highlighted one or two significant events during their biennia that helped move the Society forward, “Embracing Our Vision.”

New York Night was special and showcased talented Big Apple artists. We enjoyed jazz by Dandy Wellington, Broadway artists Geoff Packard and Celeste Henderson, multi-dimensionality dance by Soul Steps, traditional songs by the UN Singers, and Native American dances by the Redhawk Troupe.

Outstanding speakers included **Bonnie M. Davis**, who spoke on how to have educators reflect upon and examine their cultural lens in order to strengthen classroom instruction and build relationships with students. **Tori Murden McClure** was the Opening Night speaker and really inspired us with her speech on “Dare Mighty Things.” She was the first woman to row across the Atlantic Ocean. She told of her fantastic and scary adventures documented in her book *A Pearl in the Storm*. What a lady and what a story! Everyone was so inspired by her courage, adventure and personal discovery. **Ramu Damodaran** spoke on “D” being Discovery Education and Learning, “K” being Knowledge, and “G” being to give and in giving you will make more. **Sylvia Stern** inspired everyone to move forward and improve the professional and personal workplace and achieve one’s desire for success. **Murray Fisher** spoke about “The Harbor School” on Governors Island where he developed a career

and technical education program in New York Harbor near Battery Park in Lower Manhattan. Following the speech, a tour was given of the school.

Alice Carrier, International First Vice President from Vermont, was awarded the International Achievement Award. Alice displays many excellent leadership skills; she has an in-depth knowledge of the Society and shares her expertise with fellow members. She recognizes leadership qualities in others and encourages them to become involved.

Ina Jean Barnes, member of the International Scholarship Committee, presented a workshop “Fueling the Future of Delta Kappa Gamma through Scholarships” along with other International Scholarship members. One exciting feature was to showcase recipients of the awards such as Jeni Souders, Eija Paukkuri and Geraldine DeFelix. The members voted to fund the scholarship as follows: First tier being those working on graduate degrees being awarded \$6,000; Second tier/Doctoral degrees awardees will receive \$10,000.



L to R: Amanda Matray, Ina Jean Barnes, Gwen Hamilton, and Kay Hannum



Jeannette Vigil

More Convention Reports and Pictures



Some of the Theta State ladies after the banquet: L to R: Dianna Valdez, Carmen Pennington, Sheri Williams, Gwen Hamilton, Yvette Moore, Jeannette Vigil, Lonna Griffin, and Pat Burnett

Yvette Moore: What a convention! There were more women at this convention than have been to the last several. All the workshops were full, and all were well worth attending. I attended the *Strategic Action Planning* workshop; *Leadership Training at All Levels*; *Turn Your Personal Dream into Reality*; *Creating Terrariums, Miniature Gardens and Fairy Gardens*; and *India Inspirations*. There were so many from which to choose.

The food at the Presidents' Banquet was excellent! Some of us learned to use the subway and learned how to hail a cab. "Oh, it is only a couple of blocks that way," usually meant a 20-minute walk into crowds of the 4 million tourists on Manhattan Island at any given time. Times Square was "right down the street" from the convention. It lit up the night! Everywhere there were vendors of watches and purses. When we were in line to check out after the banquet, the city was just beginning to buzz; that was at 1 a.m.

Attending an International Convention means making new friends and networking, especially while you wait for an elevator. The wait time for one of the four elevators that serviced the bottom 20 floors was about 15 minutes. The beauty of a convention is that you "know" all the women at the conference. You don't even have to ask, "Are you a Delta Kappa Gamma?" We all seem to know each other. I certainly enjoyed myself and saw a lot of the city. I strongly recommend a trip to Indianapolis in 2014.

Nadyne Gartman: (Thursday, July 26) So far we have fourteen members, plus me and three other visitors: Carl Pennington, Sheri's mom and daughter, Pat's daughter. Sue Cook is also here from Arkansas.

Weather has been great – we had a hard rain this morning, but the sky is clear now. The hotel is beautiful, although *very* expensive. We have found lots of nice delis where we have been able to eat more reasonably. Kay, Anne, Yvette, and I were taken on the town by my New Yorker lawyer granddaughter to an Italian restaurant in Little Italy last night. We took the subway there and a cab back, at my granddaughter's insistence; she didn't think we could navigate the subway by ourselves. Lovely evening.

(Friday, July 27) Just finished the third general session. Big surprise in the election. Barbara Baeth was the nominee for 1st VP, but nominee from the floor was Carolyn Pittman, Arkansas. Carolyn won the election by more than a 2/3 margin of votes. Heidi Chapman will be our new Southwest Regional Director. Beverly Helms won the election as President.

The next "biggie" is expansion into Japan. They had a group here and have 53 people ready for membership when things are ready!

We voted to accept "Early Career Ed" as our second major International project, with "Schools for Africa" as the other.

It was noted that 100% of the state treasurers had turned in the Form 16 on time.

The Membership Chair reported that of those dropped members who were surveyed, 70% said they would come back if asked! Since when do they think they have to be "asked"?



Pat Burnett and Gwen Hamilton



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Hold High the Torch!

Author Unknown

Hold high the torch!
You did not light its glow –
‘Twas given you by other hands, you know.

‘Tis yours to keep it burning bright,
Yours to pass on when you no more need light;
For there are other feet that we must guide
And other forms go marching by our side;

Their eyes are watching every smile and tear
And efforts which we think are not worthwhile,
Are sometimes just the very helps they need,
Actions to which their souls would give most heed;

So that in turn they’ll hold it high
And say, “I watched someone else carry it this way.”
If brighter paths should beckon you to choose,
Would your small gain compare with all you’d lose?

Hold high the torch!
You did not light its glow –
‘Twas given you by other hands, you know.



Photo courtesy of Yvette Moore