

Theta State News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Dr. Hanna Fowler, SE Regional Director, to be International Guest at Theta State's 80th Convention

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Why would you go to Deming, NM? For the 80th Theta State convention, of course! Get ready to



be wowed by sisters of the Southwest! Workshops will include a demonstration on pottery "throwing," goal setting & personal improvement/resolutions. A criminal justice professor will lead a workshop on profiling and another on violence in schools.

While in Deming, you might want to take in some sights. One of my favorite spots is *City of Rocks* and *Faywood Hot*

Springs. The Florida mountains are a lovely backdrop for our convention.

Speaking of Florida, our International DKG guest will be Dr. Hanna Fowler (who is a Floridian), the SE Regional Director. Dr. Fowler has an extensive background in both education and Delta Kappa Gamma at the chapter, state, and International levels. Dr. Fowler will be leading a workshop and speaking at the con-



Dr. Hanna Fowler, DKG
SE Regional Director

vention.

We will have an Executive Board meeting and a general business session to consider changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules (you can read the proposed changes on pages 7 & 8). The chapter banners will be beautifully displayed, and the incoming presidents will be installed! Our convention will close with a necrology service remembering our sisters that have passed.

This plans to be an exciting convention—I can't wait! See you in Deming, April 25-27.

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Special points of interest:

- Registration State Convention
- Changes to Theta State Bylaws and Standing Rules
- Registration for 2014 Leadership
- A tribute to Eleanor Wald



Hear Ye, Hear Ye



Make your plans to join us at the 2014 Theta State Convention in Deming, NM, home of a "world-class" museum, clean water, and fast ducks. Visit the Pit Park walking trails, new bowling and theater complex, and a selection of wineries. Luna County also provides a great variety of surrounding attractions to the citizens of Deming and Luna County. Make plans to arrive early in the day, and we will have a list of attractions and directions to attractions at the front desk of your hotel.

(Ye Olde registration on page 4)





*Sheri Williams, Theta
State President*

With each New Year, we can always expect changes in our lives, changes that make us grow and find out new things about ourselves. I am so blessed to be associated with the greatest group of educators in the state of New Mexico, as I personally have grown in unexpected ways. I want to thank you, my dear Theta State sister, for your prayers, cards, and visits after the loss of my daughter, **Jade**. I appreciate your love and patience with me during this change in the life of my family. During this time of sadness, I am also so very thankful.

I am thankful for each and every chapter in Theta State and all of the dedicated chapter members. As I have said before, **you** are the heart of Delta Kappa Gamma. I am thankful for each chapter president, officers, and committee chairs. I am thankful for those who take the extra step to be actively involved in the state organization including state

Strengthening the Bond; Strengthening Theta State

officers, committee chairs, and committee members. I am thankful for those members who represent our state by working at the international level.

A special thank you to By-Laws chair, **Carmen Tapia**, and her committee: **Carmen Pennington, Dianna Valdez**, and **Jeannette Vigil**. They have worked many hours on changes to Theta State Bylaws and Standing Rules. They have also developed an Apprenticeship Program to be presented at the 2014 State Convention in April.

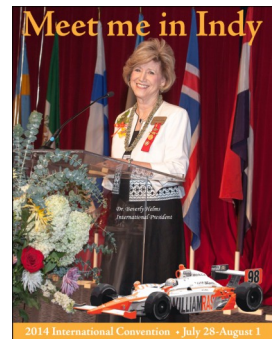
A special thanks to the 2014 State Convention Committee for all of their work for this year's convention. I want each of you to take a minute to fill out the 2014 Theta State Convention registration form and join our sisters in the Southwest Region of our state for a time of bonding, learning, and expanding our horizons. Most of our activities are scheduled at the Red Mountain Middle School with accommodations at Holiday Inn Express and Suites during the weekend of April 25, 26, and 27.

Thanks also go to Leadership Committee chair, **Lonna Griffin**, and her committee, **Kay Hannum, Yvette Moore**, and **Nola Miller**. This team has developed an amazing program to strengthen our chapters' new presidents, and all

other chapter officers. However, as each member has a special role in her respective chapter, they would like to invite all members to leadership this year, May 29 and 30 in Albuquerque.

While you are filling out registration forms, why not log onto www.dkg.org and register for the 2014 International Convention. Start making plans to join us at the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis, home of Ball State University, Butler University, and Purdue University, on July 28 - August 1, 2014, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Please keep Sheri
and her family in
your thoughts
and prayers!*



March 25th Is The Deadline for Awards!



It's time to shine!!! Attention all presidents, please select those ladies in your chapter who you would like to nominate for a Merit or Longevity Award at the State Convention. If you go to the Theta State Website (<http://thetastatenmdkg.weebly.com>), you will find the form to complete and send to me. You can copy and paste the award form to a word document and attach it to an e-mail. Please send it to cathymax7@yahoo.com no later than March 25th. If you can send it sooner, that would be even better! :) FYI, there is not a form for the longevity award, so send me names and the number of years they have been members of your chapter. Remember, longevity starts at 40 years of service. If you are not quite comfortable sending an award nomination by e-mail, I also love snail mail.

If you also have a candidate for the Theta State Achievement Award please send the form, which is also on the state web site, by the same format as above. The criteria for this award can be found on the form. Remember, it is an award that is only given once to a worthy member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

I guess that's all for now, ladies. Don't forget, I need your forms by March 25th, or sooner, if possible. I need to send my report to the state before the convention.

I look forward to seeing you at convention.

*Cathy Maxwell
Awards Chairman*



Accessorize yourself for the 80th
Theta State Convention!
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susan.swope@demingps.org
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Chapter News!

Omega Hosts NM Teacher of the Year

In Omega's effort to GROW (Great, Rejuvenated Omega Women), **Pamela Cort**, the New Mexico Teacher of the Year, shared her experiences representing NM in Washington, D.C. and in Georgia. **Pam** said that she met **President Obama** and was permitted to talk to him for 15 minutes. "I had so much I wanted to ask him, but I froze. He was gracious, and one of the most charming people you would ever meet." **Pam** teaches French at Las Cruces High School, in Las Cruces, NM.



Pam Cort, picture taken from Pam's facebook page

*Yvette Moore
President, Omega Chapter*

Alpha Iota Goes Through Brain Training!

At our January meeting, **Jean Leonard**, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers recommended for 2014-16: **Ann Calderwood**, President; **Donna Moore**, First Vice President; **Mary Beavis**, Second Vice President; **Kandy Dickenson**, Recording Secretary; and **Frances Dodd**, Corresponding Secretary. **Donna Moore** and **Ann Calderwood** presented a program on "How to Train Your Brain". If you think your memory is failing, you can improve it with exercises just like any other muscle in your body. Learn new activities, play brain games, and stay active. Although research has not concluded just how much brain games do improve your memory, we had fun playing them.

*Betty Begeal
President, Alpha Iota*

Personal Growth

Are You "Hip" to Social Media?

Social media consists of many different sources; namely, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Millions of people stay in touch with others via these media. They can be an easy avenue of communication. Before the use of social media, many people lost touch with each other. Because of these and others, many have reconnected. Pictures can be easily uploaded or taken (in the case of Instagram). Websites can be "liked"; comments can be made; pictures "liked," etc. The possibilities seem almost endless. Social media can be a very useful tool in education as well. Connecting with someone across the country or the world is completely possible. Just think of the information your students could acquire from a person living in a location you were studying. Initially, it appears that social media is quite useful and harmless.

I am sure you have heard the expression "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words." That can be a serious problem. Although pictures can be removed from a person's page or account, the pictures can always be retrieved. It is so important that we as educators realize this. We also need to educate our students on the seriousness of placing pictures on the internet via any avenue. Students need to be aware that future employers will be searching the internet and social media sites for information about them when they apply for jobs. Something they do today could still have an effect on their employability 10-20 years from now.

Pictures are not the only

worrisome aspect of social media. Anytime someone "likes" a comment, quote, picture or anything on another's Facebook page or post, they are tied to that particular link. Depending on their settings, their "like" might be broadcast to all of their "friends." For example, I once "liked" a link that a very good friend of mine had shared. Unbeknownst to me, that link was linked to another link. Needless to say, the latter link was something I considered to be inappropriate. My daughter called me and asked about it, or I would not have even known. I immediately "unliked" the link. Meanwhile, I don't know how many of my "friends" may have seen the "like" before I removed it. The lesson that I learned from this was to be very careful when "liking" any link.

Many school districts have implemented their own social media policies for not only employees but students as well. Social media training has become mandatory in many districts. We should all be aware of the rules in place. A general rule to follow is if in doubt, always ask before using any social media!

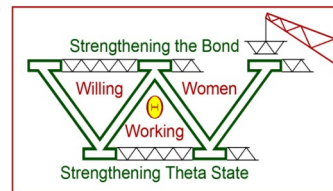


*Cheryl Martinez
Chair, Personal Growth Committee
Alpha Theta Chapter*

2014 THETA STATE CONVENTION

April 25 – 27, 2014

Holiday Inn Express and Suites
 3801 East Cedar St
 Deming, N.M. 88030
 Phone: 575-545-6500



Name _____ Chapter _____
 Address _____ Chapter Office _____
 City, State, Zip _____ E-mail address _____

Registration: Postmarked before Tuesday April 1, 2014	\$40.00		\$
Late Registration: Received after April 1, 2014	\$50.00		\$
Non-Member: Received after April 1, 2014	\$30.00		\$
Meals			
Salad Supper: Friday 5:30 – 7:30 PM Come and go meal.	Free		
Luncheon: Saturday, 12:15 PM Mexican buffet	\$20.00		\$
Banquet: Saturday, 6:00 PM Banquet Roasted Beef Brisket w/BBQ sauce or Orange Honey Glazed Chicken Breast	\$30.00		\$
Circle one: Brisket Chicken			
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	xxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	

Please make checks payable to: 2014 Theta State convention

Mail to: Pat McGhee, 1806 S. Diamond, Deming, N.M. 88030

Questions to: Peggy Bishop Cell phone: 575-544-5921 E-mail: peggyj_bishop@yahoo.com

Do you require a sugar free dessert? Please circle one: Yes No

If you need special accommodations, please inform the Hotel.

***Early Bird Special:** Each individual is responsible for making her own hotel reservations. Feb. 15 – March 28, 2014, your room rate will be \$73.00 + tax. Late registration will be at the current market price. **Jessica Armendariz** is your contact person for making your DKG reservations and getting these special rates. Phone: 575-545-6500

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

- Registration:** 5 PM to 8 PM April 25, 2014, at Red Mountain Middle School Atrium, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Friday Evening:** Come and Go Dinner, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Red Mountain Middle School Cafeteria, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Executive Board Meeting:** April 25, 2014 6:30 PM Red Mountain Middle School Library, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Registration:** 7 AM – 10:00 AM Red Mountain Middle School Atrium, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Vendors:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Red Mountain Middle School Atrium, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Theta State Business Meeting:** 8:00 AM-10:00 AM, Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Red Mountain Middle School, 2100 Hwy 418 S.W.
- Workshops: Session 1:** 10:10 – 11:00 AM; **Session 2:** 11:10 – 12:00 noon at Red Mountain Middle School
- Saturday Luncheon:** 12:15 – 2:00 PM Mexican Buffet; Red Mountain Middle School
- Tours & Shopping:** 2:00 – 5:30 PM List to be provided later.
- Chapter Officer rehearsal:** 5:30 – 6:00 PM, Incoming and outgoing Chapter Officers
- Saturday Banquet:** 6:00 – 9:30 PM Red Mountain Middle School Cafeteria
- Necrology Service:** 8:30 – 9:30 AM Holiday Inn Express & Suites



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Signature _____

February CCC Luncheon Honors Educators

Five chapters of the Central Coordinating Council honored four educators at their February Luncheon in Albuquerque. These outstanding women were selected for their demonstrated excellence in education over the course of their impressive careers. **Dr. Maria Chavez** is nationally known in multicultural education and is an expert on creating community family support systems. She has been a teacher and educator for over 30 years and is a member of Alpha Delta.

Lisa Sanchez is an 8th Grade Science Teacher at Grant Middle School. She focuses on project-based learning activities for the students in her classroom. Students are also active in the community with service projects. New teachers appreciate the time she takes to mentor them.

In the College of Nursing at the University of New Mexico, **Dr. Karen Carlson** has been an instructor, Associate Dean and Interim Dean. She is now a consultant with Pearson Education for college nursing programs and curriculum solutions.

Pat Willis has been a teacher, reading specialist, and principal at the elementary school level. She currently serves as an interim principal at Eubank Elementary School.

Each luncheon guest received a booklet containing brief biographies of these women. CCC President, **Carmen Pennington** of Alpha Delta, presided graciously over the luncheon program held in the Son Shine Café of

the St. John's United Methodist Church. State officers and committee chair were introduced by **Laura Gilbert-Burr**, of Alpha Beta. Theta State President **Sheri Williams** greeted everyone and shared heartfelt thanks for the kindness and support her family and she have received.

During the delicious luncheon, the wonderful **City Lites Quartet** of the **New Mexichords** serenaded with two sweetheart songs. **Dianna Valdez** of Gamma introduced speaker **Katie Snapp**, international presenter and leadership trainer. **Katie** reflected on our individual stories as women leaders and quoted excerpts from her co-authored book, *Skirt Strategies*. The program continued with the introduction and presentation of red roses to the four honored educators.

Mary Beavis of Alpha Iota was also recognized for her selection by the NM AARP for the prestigious **Ethel Percy Andrus Award**. The singing of the *Delta Kappa Gamma Song* ended this very lovely luncheon.

After the luncheon, a large quantity of toiletries, donated by attendees, was taken to the Title I Homeless Project of the Albuquerque Public Schools.



Left to right: Pat Willis, Dr. Karen Carlson, Lisa Chavez, and Dr Maria Chavez. Picture taken by Jeannette Vigil.

Red Roses



Picture sent by Betty Begeal

Mary Beavis has been named **AARP New Mexico's 2013 Andrus Award** winner. The award is given to the volunteer who

exemplifies AARP founder **Dr. Ethel Andrus'** motto of "to serve, not to be served." **Mary** has lived this motto during her entire career.

Mary served for eight years on AARP New Mexico's state legislative committee, then two years as chairwoman to the AARP

National Policy Council. While on this council, **Mary** worked with three other southwestern states – Utah, Colorado, and Arizona - to convince AARP to add a consumer issue, which is vital to New Mexico: water. Water issues have now been included in the AARP's Handbook. She has recently completed a six-year term on AARP New Mexico's Executive Council.

Mary has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1982 and has served in many positions in Alpha Iota. Congratulations, **Mary**. We're very proud of you.

Alpha Iota Chapter
Betty Begeal



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Proposed Changes to TS Bylaws and Standing Rules for Consideration at 2014 State Convention in Deming

Proposed Changes to Theta State Bylaws —1-24-2014

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL

Section 1. The stated elected officers shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary. When apprentices are available for position of Treasurer, the President is strongly encouraged to make her recommendation to the Executive Board from the available apprentices. A treasurer is selected and approved by the State Executive Board.

Section 2. An editor, parliamentarian, and webmaster shall be appointed by the President. When apprentices are available for a Related Personnel position, the President is strongly encouraged to make her selection from the available apprentices.

Proposed Changes to Theta State Standing Rules—2-10-2014

SECTION 4. Theta State Apprenticeship Program for all Related Personnel Positions

A. Common Requirements for Admission to the Program

An applicant must

1. be an active member of Theta State.
2. be willing to use personal technology equipment for the position.
3. have attended numerous State Executive Board/General Session meetings.
4. understand the expectations for the position
5. be willing to commit to a minimum 2 years of training with the understanding that the current treasurer/editor/parliamentarian can serve for eight years.
6. submit a letter of interest detailing qualifications for the position, commitment and reason for applying for the apprenticeship.
7. provide a letter of recommendation from the applicant's Theta State chapter president along with a letter of interest.
8. must attend, whenever possible, meetings that the mentor is required to attend (including

GoToMeeting sessions).

9. work with associated Theta State entities along with the mentor (Finance Committee, Editorial Board, Executive Committee, etc.).

10. utilize effective communication skills (e-mail, oral reporting, writing, timely responses).

11. be willing to learn from the mentor.

12. attend workshops offered for chapter counterparts and apprentice program workshops.

13. provide a letter of resignation to the State President and the mentor, should she decide to leave the program.

B. Apprenticeship Requirements

1. Treasurer

- a. meets the common requirements for a Theta State Apprenticeship Program
- b. is able to meet deadlines in a timely manner
- c. is serving or has served as a Theta State chapter treasurer
- d. is serving or has served on the Theta State Finance committee
- e. must have a working knowledge of spreadsheet technology

2. Editor

- a. meets the common requirements for a Theta State Apprenticeship Program
- b. is able to meet deadlines in a timely manner
- c. is publisher of or has published a newsletter (chapter, community, or other organization, etc.) and provides a sample with letter of interest (electronic or hard-copy)
- d. is proficient in at least one form of technology associated with publishing (Publisher, Word, Pagemaker, Adobe Acrobat, etc.)
- e. exemplifies standard English conventions, journalistic-style writing skills, and editing skills

3. Parliamentarian

- a. meets the common requirements for a Theta State Apprenticeship Program
- b. has experience as a parliamentarian (chapter, community, other organizations, etc.)

- c. is familiar with parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order
- d. is familiar with current Delta Kappa Gamma International, Theta State, and chapter documents (governing and non-governing)

C. Program Procedures

1. Advertisement of the program will appear in Theta State News February issue, announcing a workshop for interested members to be offered at the State Convention in April
2. A training session for current and prospective apprentices will be offered at each Leadership Development Seminar.
3. Letters of interest for any apprenticeship program are due (postmarked or time stamped) to the State President by July 1st.
4. The State President will electronically distribute all information to the Executive Committee for review prior to the August Executive Committee meeting.
5. The Executive Committee will screen all letters of interest and confirm those for approval at the Fall Executive Board meeting.
6. The State President will present the Executive Committee apprentice recommendations for approval at the Fall Executive Board meeting.
7. Apprenticeships will begin immediately upon Executive Board approval.
8. No more than two (2) apprentices for each related personnel position, who would be eligible for financial support while participating in the program, will be approved by the Executive Board.
9. Former apprentices, who leave the program after two (2) years, shall continue to be considered available apprentices for the positions for which they did their training.

D. Program Oversight for Theta State

1. The State President will appoint an ad hoc committee to oversee the function of the Apprentice Program
2. Funding
 - a. The Ad Hoc Apprenticeship

Proposed Changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules, cont.

Program Committee will request that a budget line item be established by the Finance Committee to support the program’s needs.

b. The Committee will request that three night’s lodging (at \$30 per night) will be provided for each apprentice to attend Theta State meetings when travel is necessary for carrying out Society business.

SECTION 5. STATE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION AND DUTIES

I. Standing Committees; 1. Society Business; e. Bylaws Committee

4) The committee shall be responsible for sending updated copies of state Bylaws to the International Constitution Committee for approval. ~~and the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC).~~ Current and approved Bylaws must be kept in the Theta State safety deposit box. They are to be made available to the State of New Mexico as per Corporation regulations.



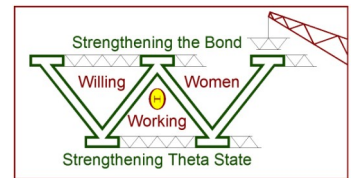
Register Now for the 2014 Theta State Leadership Seminar



“Seal the Deal—Theta State Sisters Form a Bond”

Get Ready Chapter Officers! Mark you calendars for May 29-31, 2014

The 2014 Leadership Seminar for chapter officers (and anyone else wanting first-class leadership training) is ready to accept your registration. Simply fill out the registration form and send it to **Lonna Griffin, 211 W. Alegre St., Hobbs, NM 88242**. If you have any questions you can call Lonna at 575-392-7217 or e-mail questions to her at lonnag@windstream.net



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Address: _____
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Chapter: _____ Office you will hold (2014-2016) _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Food Allergies: _____

COST: \$65.00 per participant. Includes two (2) meals, snacks, and amazing leadership training. **Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma Theta State** and include 2014 Leadership on the memo line.

WHAT TO BRING: (1) Laptop to explore the Theta State Website; (2) Enthusiasm; and (3) Any questions or concerns you have about serving your chapter.

Special Guest Appearance by Katie Snapp, author of *Skirt Strategies* and nationally acclaimed speaker!

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White Roses



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(<http://www.frenchfunerals.com>)

It is with a sad heart that I need to tell you of the passing of **Eleanor Wald** on Tuesday evening, **November 26**. Services were held December 7, 2013, in Albuquerque, NM, with a number of her DKG Sisters in attendance—those from Sigma Chapter and those from other chapters representing Theta State. It was a beautiful memorial service with Sigma Chapter presenting the "White Rose, In Remembrance Service." [TS Treasurer for 13 years; served on the International Finance Committee] We are so proud of all that Eleanor has done for DKG and her contributions to Theta State.

*Sent via e-mail from
Marilyn McGee
President, Sigma Chapter*

Theta State extends its condolences to Eleanor's family. "She was all the Society represents—a key woman educator."