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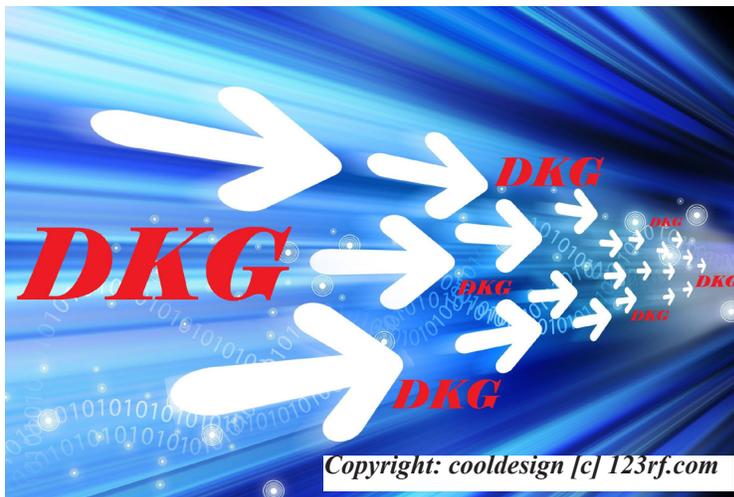
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FORWARD MOVING EVER IN DKG!



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EXECUTIVE BOARD
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Sept. 1: Cornet Individual Awards Application due

Sat., Sept. 16: 9 - 3, WOU at Monmouth. Fall Conference

Dec. 1: Golden Gift LMS Applications due

Dec. 15: Collegial Exchange articles due

Mar. 18 - 21: National Legislative Seminar, Arlington, VA

Fri., April 6, CTAUN Conference at the UN, New York City
Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children

Fri - Sun, Apr. 20 - 22, Oregon Conference, Bend,
Mt. Bachelor Village

July 16 - 20, International Convention, Austin, Texas

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



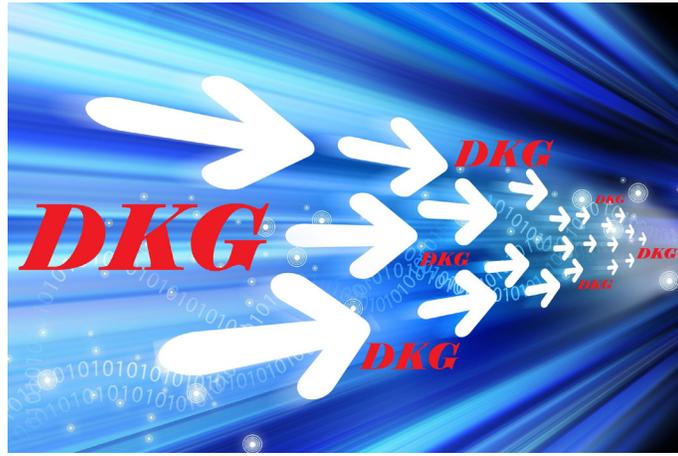
*Kelly McIntyre, 2017 - 19 President
Oregon State Organization*

Dear Sisters

It is truly an honor to be selected as your state president for this biennium. Working with so many amazing professional women educators is exhilarating, with all the knowledge represented. The DKG coat of arms is a symbol of that knowledge. The shield is red with a band of gold which is where we get our colors. Three roses on the band symbolize the Society's ideals of friendship, loyalty and helpfulness. Many of our best friendships come from DKG members within our districts, state, country, and even internationally.

We have many loyal members always willing to help. The flaming lamp and open book represent our scholarship and knowledge. The laurel sprays are the traditional symbols of achievement. As women educators in DKG, we have achieved so much. When you think back to 1929, we've come a long way. The women before us paved that way, just as we are paving the way for future DKG women as we continue to uphold our seven purposes. As our song says, "... forward moving ever."

What part can Oregon play in paving



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the way and moving DKG forward?

Continuing to make connections within the state is a great place to start. By having a solid State Organization, we show pride and commitment to Oregon and its members. Connections build relationships. Relationships will keep us moving.

How can Oregon stay connected?

Recently, International has been using more social media and technology to share information and connect with members. Oregon will be following this lead in a couple ways. The state committee members who attended the transition meeting participated in a Google Calendar® training session. State and committee meeting dates are to be placed in Google Calendar so members interested in attending those meetings can view them. Communication is very important to staying connected.

For State Conference in the spring, we will be requesting an International representative to attend in order to help all chapters create a website. Websites are a great tool for communication between members and non-members interested in learning about DKG.

Communication is very important in relationships. Relationships are very important to DKG. Let's make a commitment to improve communication so relationships can improve and

connections can be made. DKG needs to be 'forward moving ever' so future professional women educators have the same great benefits this organization has given to us.

I look forward to the work we will do as we are . . .

Forward moving ever in DKG,

Kelly



Oregon State DKG Fall Conference



**Saturday, September 16, 2017
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Western Oregon University
Richard Woodcock Education Center
345 Monmouth Ave N
Monmouth, Oregon**

Fall workshop will provide all who attend with leadership training that will be beneficial both personally and professionally. We will also look at the direction DKG is taking and how we can continue to move forward in Oregon. This is certainly a conference you won't want to miss.

Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:20 Registration and Continental breakfast
- 9:20 – 9:30 Welcome
- 9:30 – 12:00 Leadership Development **(2.5 PDUs available for this)**
- 12:00 – 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 – 2:30 Forward moving ever, in DKG: What's Oregon's part?
- 2:30 – 3:00 Executive Board Business meeting

Return the bottom portion of this registration form by **September 11, 2017.**
Parking Passes will be sent out ELECTRONICALLY, with directions, by September 13.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Your Chapter: _____

Email: _____

Cost: **\$20.00** (includes Continental breakfast and lunch)

Choose one sandwich AND one salad:

Sandwich Choices: Turkey Breast ___ Ham & Swiss ___ Steak & Arugula ___

Salad Choices: Greek Salad ___ Seasonal Greens Salad ___ Caesar Salad ___

**Enclose this registration and \$20.00 check or cash
Make checks out to Alpha Rho State**

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REPORTS FROM REGIONALS

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 Kelly McIntyre
 Darlene Cook
 &
 Bonita Fillmore
 (Not pictured)*



Oregon at the U.S. Forum (above)



Cindy Ryan and Kelly McIntyre (right)

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Kelly McIntyre

The thought of attending one more conference, one more convention, one more workshop, one more training, can really be exhausting not to mention the expense involved. So, why would anyone want to attend these DKG events? Well, if you are concerned about expense, there are many ways to have some of that reimbursed. You could be one of the committee chairs who are reimbursed for the training International provides at regional conferences.

You could submit an application for a grant from the Oregon Unique Boutique as a first timer. You could present a workshop at regionals or International and apply for a professional development grant from state or International. Some chapters also help members attend, so just ask yours if they would help.

Once you attend your first event, you will not want to miss another.

Thursday, June 29th

Thursday, "my day" for reporting, we began with the Second General Session. During this session, a representative from The Sanford Underground Research Facility presented what they do to advance science. Sanford is involved with multiple physics experiments in areas like dark matter and neutrino research. Many DKG members were able to visit this site earlier in the week on a tour into Lead, SD. Check it out at www.sanfordlab.org

After this interesting speaker, we broke into our Forums (U.S. and Canadian). Darlene Cook (Alpha/2) did a great job with the U.S. Forum. Our topic was suicide prevention. The Forum was well attended, as this is

a topic of concern for many. The big door prize at the end was registration for the **National Legislative Seminar from March 18 - 21, 2018, in DC.**

The birthday luncheon was next, with a cell phone activity. DKG is working hard to keep us moving forward in technology. During this luncheon, we completed a survey using our cell phones and a QR code. This survey asked important questions that will help guide the direction of DKG and also provide feedback. One question concerned the voting process for International positions. Another was about possibly having a student teacher member option. Before the lunch was over, the results were shared. NW results will be compiled with other regional conference results and shared on the International website.

The afternoon was filled with workshops—16 workshops in two breakout sessions. Topics included personal enrichment, education, finances, DKG issues, and international concerns, to name just a few. There were also twelve 10-minute take-a-ways in two sessions. These were short informational sessions between the workshops: how to complete grant forms, what grants are available, the new DKG travel group, iPhone tips, and doing twice as much in half the time. The evening ended with entertainment by great local musicians.

So . . . **benefits of attending** DKG regional/International events include knowledge-- personal and professional. You discover what DKG is doing within the organization and beyond. You learn about education and women's issues worldwide. You connect with others from different states and countries. You have the opportunity to grow as a person. Why would you not want to attend?



2017 - 19 ALPHA RHO STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Friday, June 30th

In DKG, Karen Shelton

Friday at NW Regional was a fun day! We started with a Thoughts, Feelings, and Actions Connecting Brunch. I ventured out and sat with some lovely ladies from Washington. We had an engaging conversation about various service projects and our ideas of where DKG is headed in the future. It was a lovely brunch with excellent food and conversation. After brunch, we could attend a 10-minute break-away session and another workshop. This fabulous workshop focused on the teenage brain and how learning is made through connections or linking of neurons. It was interesting to see how the human brain can make connections and learn!

That afternoon, two buses rapidly filled and we headed to Mount Rushmore. It was stunning to see a massive work of art! We had the option of walking around observation decks, visiting the museum, attending the artists' gallery, purchasing souvenirs from the gift shop, and refreshing ourselves with dinner and even ice cream. I chose to squeeze in as much as I could and began with a walk around the observation decks. Along the way, we stopped at the artist studio. We ate dinner, visited the museum and gift shop, and wrapped up the evening watching the lighting of the monument while enjoying a delicious bowl of ice cream. I learned the first ice cream recipe to come to the United States came with Thomas Jefferson--a yummy vanilla recipe. I got a copy of the recipe, so that I can make it one day.

We returned to the hotel around 11 p.m. and went off to bed after a long, productive day. I had an amazing time! As a first time attendee, I strongly recommend you attend the next regional conference in 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa!

VISITING WITH FORMER PRESIDENTS

(Check the background at the top of the photo!)

L to R: Karen Shelton, Kelly McIntyre, Darlene Cook at
Mount Rushmore National Memorial



A very special “**thank you**” to Christine Luehring, Lambda/4 for editing this edition of *The New Oregon Trail*. Her work ensures that your reading is smoother. President Kelly McIntyre (Psi) also reviewed the document, so content is accurate.

NW REGIONAL PRE-CONVENTION TRAININGS

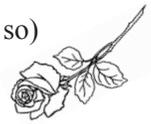
Bonita Fillmore

I attended one day of training for Presidents and Executive Secretaries and one day for Educational Excellence Committee Chairs. Both sessions were wonderful!

The first day focused on leadership skills for new presidents/secretaries. Lace was an outstanding presenter. Everything was well planned, moved smoothly from one point to the next and was filled with fascinating facts and information, often with a little humor included. Even the meals were used to guide us into new thoughts and shared activities, and provided an opportunity to converse and bond with tablemates. It seemed to exemplify the convention theme of butterflies, one leading the way and others using that impetus to expand and surpass the first one's accomplishments. Each in turn, made her own flight to leadership and support of members.

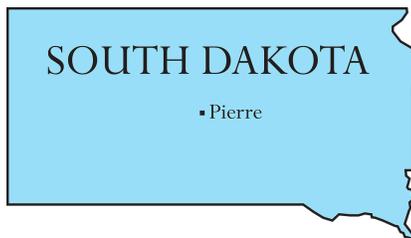
The training for the EEC Chairs had three fun ladies guiding the activities. We broke into groups of three several times to complete small activities mostly centered around the resources available on the International Website and ideas and activities to engage members. A challenging scavenger hunt gave us a focus for an enjoyable and helpful meeting.

All information and handouts were given on a thumb drive, keeping the convention a paperless (or nearly so) event. The presenters and the participants were friendly and enthused, making it a fabulous place to be!



SOUTH DAKOTA NIGHT AT SPEARFISH

Darlene Cook



Connecting People with Their Roots was the theme of South Dakota Night at the NW Regional Conference, July 28, in Spearfish, SD. The evening festivities began with a welcome from Darlene Telkamp, chair of the NW Regional Steering Committee. Northwest Regional Director Dr. Rhonda Anderson, DKG Executive Director Sandra Smith Bull, and International President Carolyn Pittman were introduced to the approximately 250 registered members at the conference. Northwest Regional Conference was Sandra Smith Bull's final official event as she retired June 30.

Following a presentation of the US, Canadian, South Dakota, and DKG flags, the 2015-2017 state presidents were introduced as they accompanied the 2017-2019 state presidents to the stage. Alpha Rho was represented by both Dr. Cindy Ryan, who led Oregon during the past biennium, and Kelly McIntyre, who will begin her term in July.

Nancy Tystad Koupal, director and founding editor of the Pioneer Girl Project and the South Dakota Historical Society Press, spoke on the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder from pioneer girl to bestselling author. Ms Koupal is editor/annotator of *Pioneer Girl Perspectives: Exploring Laura Ingalls Wilder* (2017).

The evening concluded with finger food and the country music of Kenny Putnam and Paul Larson. Putnam is a South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame fiddler. He toured with the Red Willow Band and was at one time part of Roy Clark's world-renowned band. Larson, known for his baritone voice and cowboy yodel, spent many years competing in and judging rodeos. South Dakota Night was indeed a night of connecting—connecting DKG with music, food and conversation.

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Oregon State Organization
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Southwestern Regional Conference
July 4-7, 2017 Honolulu, Hawai'i

OREGON ATTENDEES AT SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE, HONOLULU

Back: Left to right: Sandy Watts, Kathie Hill & Kathy Martell
Front: Left to right: Darlene Cook & Kelly McIntyre

Photo by Brad Goda Photography from Honolulu, Hawaii

All Oregon attendees had a wonderful time. The consensus, as phrased by Kathie Hill, was: "If you want to experience true multi-culturalism, the Southwest Regional Conference is the perfect place to visit. We enjoyed meeting sisters from Japan, from Latin America, and from the Southwestern U.S.--as well as visitors from other areas who came to experience Hawaii and tour its wonders, or to just play on the beach."

CHAPTER CHATTER, Part 1--More on page 11

Dist. 4: Lambda: Changes to financial procedures: Members agreed to (1) budget for payment of initiation fees for up to three new members each year. (2) Those initiated between July 1 and Nov. 30 will pay full dues (chapter, state, and International); those initiated between Dec. 1 and March 31 will pay full state and Int'l. dues but have chapter dues waived. (3) allow dues payment in installments, with the total paid before Oct. 31. (4) approve investing \$10,000 in PIMCO Income Funds, with dividends to be applied to our grant fund. (5) offer Grants-in-aid up to two awards of \$1000, rather than one. Two women received grants for 2017-18. **Morgan Rees**, Elementary Education master's at the U of O. According to sponsors, she has "a passion for service and for helping others," and "is on her way to becoming a teacher for social justice." **Leah Barrera**, majoring in Spanish and Education Foundations at the U of O. She is the coordinator of GAMAS, a program that connects middle school Latina students with Latina MEChA. She hopes "to become a teacher activist that cares deeply and is involved in the community." Lambda is pleased to assist these women to finish their programs and become key women educators.

U.S. FORUM NORTHWEST REGION

Darlene Cook



Approximately 150 DKG members representing the 12 states and provinces of the NW Region gathered June 29 in Spearfish for the US Forum Session. Darlene Cook, US Forum Northwest Regional Representative (Alpha/2), presided. Guest speaker was Sheri Nelson, Suicide Postvention Coordinator with the Helpline Center in Sioux Falls, SD. In her presentation, *Curbing an Increase in Youth Suicide*, Nelson gave statistics on bullying, especially cyber bullying and its effects on children and young adults. Participants learned that, according to 2015 rates of suicide by state, 4 of the 5 highest were states in our region. Oregon ranked 12th with 762 deaths for a rate of 18.9 per 100,000. As a certified suicide risk assessment and management trainer, Ms Nelson provided training to 25 members who attended both the Forum Session and her workshop that afternoon.

Members heard a report on work of an *ad hoc* committee charged with revising US Forum operational guidelines. The document will be available for review and proposal of amendments during fall and spring; it will be considered for adoption during the Forum Session at the 2018 International Convention.

Forum business included a motion by International First Vice President Barbara Whiting of Minnesota. It was moved and seconded that, in order to acknowledge the efforts of the

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Northwest Regional members of the U.S. Forum should support and endorse CEDAW, which was adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly. The motion passed. Barbara moved to forward the CEDAW motion for presentation to the NE, SE, and SW Regional Forums for consideration (motion passed). Since June, CEDAW support has passed in all three regions.

A video from the 2016 National Legislative Seminar (NLS) was shown, and DKG members are urged to attend the 2018 seminar, March 18-21, at the Holiday Inn in Arlington, Virginia.

Participants completed a survey of issues for the 2018 NLS. Results from all four regions will be considered in determining which issues will be addressed.

The Session ended with state groups discussing issues of concern in their states. Most concerns seemed to cross state lines, only emphasizing the importance of working together for welfare of women, children, and education. Key words are **communication, cooperation, and advocacy**. We must be "Women Poised for Legislative Action!"



AND THE WINNER IS . . .

Center--**Judy O'Brien**, Iowa, who won the door prize: a FREE registration to the 2018 National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, VA.

Left--**Darlene Cook**, NW Rep to US Forum

Right--**Dr. Carolyn Rants**, Iowa, Past International DKG President

OUTDOOR SCHOOL CALLING!

After the passage of Ballot Measure 99 in November, the Oregon State Extension Service began planning and forming the managing body for Oregon's Outdoor School Program. A call was made for volunteers to fill positions on both the Advisory Committee and several work groups. The Advisory Committee met for the first time in May at a two-day meeting at the 4-H Conference Center outside Salem. One of the many recommendations made was for the committee to become more diverse to better represent rural school districts and the many ethnic groups in Oregon. Central and Eastern Oregon were, in my opinion, under-represented, as were school districts with majority low socio-economic populations.

This is your opportunity to fill out the forms and possibly serve on either the Advisory Committee or one of the six work groups: (1) Planning for Innovation, (2) Outdoor School Sites, (3) Curriculum, (4) On-Site Program, (5) Professional Development, (6) Diversity, and (7) Research, Evaluation, and Assessment. Some work is being done by teleconferencing and other electronic means. This is the ground level, beginning to build what we all imagine to be an exemplary Outdoor School Program. It will likely be used as a model by other states considering similar legislation and curriculum.

General information can be found at outdoorschool@oregonstate.edu. Application information is at <http://oelp.oregonstate.edu/outdoorschool>. You will find the following at this site:

- OSU Extension Service Director's Letter of Solicitation
- Advisory Committee Position Description
- Work Group Position Description
- Advisory Committee and Work Group Application

If you have questions, please call or e-mail me. I'm excited to be part of this new statewide program and would love to have DKG sisters and friends join me.

Priscilla Ing
ODS Advisory Committee
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priscilla.a.ing@gmail.com

DISTRICT 6 FALL BRUNCH

Please join your sisters in District 6 on **Saturday, November 4, at 10 a.m., at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland** for a delicious \$25 brunch.

Enjoy the inspiring speaker and author, Michael McCloskey. Michael is an Oregon native and is recognized worldwide as a conservationist, a leader of the Sierra Club, and as an advocate for the preservation of many wilderness areas in Oregon. His book—*Oregon: A State That Stands Out*—should make all who live here proud to be an Oregonian.

Purchase tickets from Jean Fairbairn
jj7fair@msn.com



PIANO IN A U-HAUL?

Elaine Hall, Kappa

Happy end of summer! School is quickly approaching and it always gets my mind thinking about new music. As part of the Music Committee, I asked myself, "How can we incorporate more music in each meeting?"

(Part of the job description). Well, here is just one idea. I have attached a picture of a small part that I carry in my purse. Weird, I know. It attaches to my iPad and can be used to connect to a projector. Ya, I often travel with that too. Sounds more complicated than it really is. Project a You-Tube song on the wall and you have music for the meeting. It may take a bit of homework to choose a video (one with words), but yes, your 10-year-old grandchild can help you. In addition, it is seriously easier than putting a piano in a U-Haul and taking it to a meeting. Try it!



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MUSIC COMMITTEE
TIP FOR YOU

Chapter Chatter!

District 2

Omega (Josephine & Jackson Cos.):

The 2017-18 planning meeting was efficiently conducted. After a few phone calls, we should be set for the year's programs and committees! On August 12 our annual yard sale for scholarships and grants netted nearly \$400!

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.)

Alpha Epsilon Chapter - Six members of Alpha Epsilon Chapter volunteered on August 9 to help the Marion and Polk County Early Learning Hub label books and fill backpacks for preschool children in the two counties. Members were Sue Nelson, Martha Nicoloff, Shirley Lomax, Beverly Bodtke, Kathy Martell and Jennifer Tooley. Joining them in the project were three friends who were not DKG members.



As a chapter, we are excited to welcome transfer member, Jennifer Tooley from Florida. Jennifer and her husband have relocated to Silverton, and she has just accepted a teaching position with Salem-Keizer.

CRITERION SCHOOL AND NRTA

This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the **National Retired Teachers Association**. To celebrate, the Oregon Retired Educators Association (OREA) hosted a party August 27 at the Criterion Schoolhouse on the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

The Criterion Schoolhouse was moved from Maupin to the Oregon State Fairgrounds for the 1976 Bicentennial. The move required that the school be cut in half. After arrival, the schoolhouse was reassembled, repainted, and the roof replaced. Over 3,600 schoolhouse visitors were greeted by 74 OREA volunteers during the 2016 Fair. Many Alpha Rho members are also members of OREA, and several have worked at the Criterion Schoolhouse.

Last summer the roof on the Criterion Schoolhouse began to fail after 40 years serving the State of Oregon as a tribute to public education and honoring one-room schools. The building was in danger of not surviving another winter, so OREA and key allies started the Save the Criterion School Campaign. The goal is to raise \$28,000 to repair the roof, address ADA accessibility issues, remove lead paint, repaint the building inside and out, and refresh the school bell. To date \$4000 has been raised. Roof repairs are complete.

To help with the project, a donation by check to CCREA Unit 39 can be sent to Pat Eck, 11502 Washington Street, Portland, OR 97216. Donations are tax deductible.

Address questions to Darlene Cook, Alpha/2, DKG/OREA member.

OPPORTUNITY!

Dear DKG Sisters,

Western Oregon University's (WOU) teacher education program is looking for potential university supervisors who can supervise teacher candidates (early childhood-secondary) in local classrooms. We are not looking for classroom teachers, but supervisors who would go out and observe our candidates in their classroom settings.

In particular, we are looking for amazing people to supervise in **Portland, Eugene, Bend, and Klamath Falls school districts**. If these districts are not part of your local area and you are still interested, please let me know. We can add you to our list of possible supervisors for your local district. Right now, I am looking for retired teachers/administrators who may be interested in some supervision hours.

If you are interested in more information, please contact me at ryan@wou.edu or (503) 838-8605.

Take care,

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July 16 - 20, 2018
International Convention
Austin, Texas

Next Trail deadlines
January 15, 2018
March 15, 2018
May 15, 2018

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events and chapter chatter
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Invite Kelly McIntyre, the new Oregon President, to a meeting or special event at your chapter. What best shows off what your chapter can do? Call or e-mail today to be put on the schedule.
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PRESIDENT KELLY'S SCHEDULE		
2017 – 2018		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
August 5 (9 – 3)	Transition Meeting	WOU, Monmouth, OR
Sept. 9	2018 State Conference Planning Meeting	Bend, OR
Sept. 16 (9 – 3)	Fall Workshops & Exec Bd.	WOU, Monmouth, OR
Nov. 4	Dst. 6 Brunch	Portland, OR
Nov. 13	Beta Beta Fall Auction Fundraiser	Portland, OR
2018		
April 20 – 22	Oregon State Conference	Bend, OR (Mt. Bach.Vill.)
July 16 – 20	International Convention	Austin, TX