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MEET YOUR 2017 - 19 OREGON OFFICERS!



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to be held.

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Ad Hoc Committee to examine
re-districting (Dst. 4 has only one
chapter) will be appointed.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



**Dr. Cindy Ryan, President
Oregon State Organization**

Dear Sisters,

It has been my honor to serve as your State President past two years. Meeting, getting to know, and working with such a wonderful group of women educators and leaders has truly been a pleasure for me.

We have a lot of work to do as we move forward in DKG. Our new state leadership is well prepared to help us do that. I am so proud of the amazing women who continue to step up to take on those leadership roles. They are strong, capable, and passionate about DKG and Alpha Rho State. We are in good hands.

For my last president's message, I would like to discuss something I have been thinking about the last few months. Last winter, Marie Mueller received an e-mail from someone in another state, asking why we use the word "sisters" to describe one another. This question initiated an e-mail chain among several people in our state leadership. The argument was that the word sister is associated with the word sorority, and DKG is not a sorority. Another argument was that it is old fashioned and may turn off younger members. I have been thinking a lot about this e-mail thread over the past

few weeks and didn't want to respond until I had my thoughts sorted out.

I looked up "sister" in a variety of contexts and have become increasingly intrigued. According to the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, there are seven definitions. One definition of sister does relate to sorority; however, there are others. One is a girl or woman regarded as a comrade, and another is simply a girl or woman, all of which we are. One of my favorite definitions of sister comes from the *Free Dictionary*: "A girl or woman who shares a common ancestry, allegiance, character, or purpose with another or others, specifically:

1. A kinswoman.
2. A woman fellow member, as of a sorority.
3. A fellow woman.
4. A close woman friend or companion.
5. A fellow African-American woman or girl.
6. A woman who advocates, fosters, or takes part in the feminist movement."

I would say that members of DKG could easily meet five of the six points above.

I had the honor to visit with chapters across Oregon, and I continue to be impressed by the sisterhood I experienced. I don't see how we can see ourselves as anything but sisters. The love, connection, support, and fellowship that happen in chapter- and state-level meetings is palpable. To me that is sisterhood. I wholeheartedly agree that we are not a sorority, and I wouldn't want us to add to the confusion that we may be one. However, I do think we sell ourselves short, and we take something away from who we are when we deny that we are sisters.

I am a person who absolutely wants us to move forward, to stem the losses in membership, and to build our chapters. I also want us to keep the core of who we are in the process. The Delta

Kappa Gamma Song, by Annie Webb Blanton and Cora M. Martin, includes three mentions of the word sister. I believe our founders had the right idea. We are sisters!

To all of my Alpha Rho Sisters, I ask that each of you think of a way, no matter how small, that you too can step up in leadership. Contact a former member or one that has not attended a meeting in a while. Ask her to be your guest at an upcoming meeting. Take a leadership role at the chapter level or take part in a conversation about state leadership. Join a committee. Each one of you makes a difference. Each one of you is part of a sisterhood of key women educators.

The future of this organization rests in all of our hands. As key women educators, we all play a role. I have faith that, as Annie Webb Blanton and Cora Martin wrote in our DKG song,

"Hand in hand, our loyal band,
Forward moving ever!
Onward! 'Tis our **sisters** need us.
Courage, Faith, and Honor lead us!
Wrongs in truth and justice heed us!
Firmly shall we stand!"

Yours in DKG,

Cindy

CATCH THE WAVE!!





Patricia Park, Southwest Regional Director and our guest from International Office

What a pleasure it was! Pat Park is just as warm, friendly, and knowledgeable as she appears in this photo. She informed us of current progress on various projects at International and urged all of us to help DKG grow, thrive, and prosper by making our Society relevant to younger educators.

For those present Friday evening, Pat brought some yummy Hawaiian candies featuring madamias nuts. Tasty! She joined into all our events, presented a workshop to remember, and truly welcomed each and every person present at the conference.

Have you considered visiting Hawaii? The Southwest Regional Conference is in Honolulu this July, immediately following the Northwest Conference! Pat assured us that Honolulu would be a fine place to visit, enjoy, and learn.

Did you know that Pat was the principal who asked Oregon's Kelly McIntyre to join DKG? Aren't you glad that Kelly accepted?

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2017 – 18 BOOK CLUB SELECTION

The Nightingale
by Kirsten Hannah

Begin reading today! Contact Kelly McIntyre if you cannot locate a copy of the book.

For a quick review, go to <http://kristinhannah.com/books/the-nightingale/>

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If you find mistakes or have suggestions for additions, please contact Grace using the [Contact Us](#) link on the home page or by an e-mail to gcpitzer@comcast.net.



Rosette and Order of the Rose Awards Criteria in State Chapter Rules



The Rosette Award shall be presented at the state convention or conference to chapters that have completed the following:

1. Sent a copy of the chapter yearbook and the chapter brochure by December 1 to the state president and to the appropriate district coordinator.
2. Sent a copy of the chapter president's report by February 1 to the state president.
3. Sent four chapter newsletters by March 1 to the communication/technology chair, to the state president, and to the appropriate district coordinator.

The Order of the Rose Award shall be presented at the state convention or state conference to chapters that have completed the following:

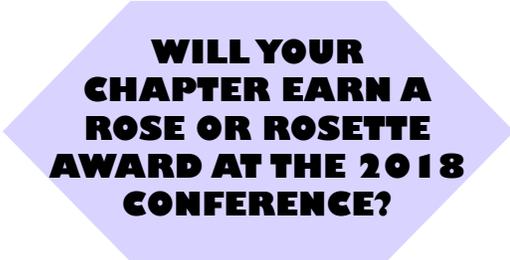
1. All requirements for the Rosette Award.
2. Initiated and/or reinstated members between April 1 of the year preceding the convention or conference, and March 31 of the year of convention or conference, according to the following parameters:
 - a. Chapters at 30 members or below, initiate and/or reinstate 1 member
 - b. Chapters of 31-60 members, initiate and/or reinstate 2 or more members
 - c. Chapters at 61 members or more, initiate and/or reinstate 3 or more members

We want everyone to be aware of the requirements for the Rosette and Order of the Rose Awards now so you can start planning for next year. Collect your chapter's copy of the official Oregon Awards Brochure at Fall Conference and Executive Board meeting at WOU on September 16. By then, the new leadership team will be decided so we can complete the brochure.

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***BETA BETA wins Order of the Rose and Rosette Award in 2017!
Alpha Nu also won a Rosette Award!***

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

SERVICE TO:

ALPHA RHO STATE -- OREGON



Betty Hyde (Zeta/1)--Center

COMMUNITY



Sally McBride (Kappa/3)--Center

EDUCATION



Lise Van Brunt (Omega/2) Left

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, LONGEVITY, & MORE

Martha Nicoloff, Financial Awards Chairman, (Alpha Epsilon/5) announced the recipients of the following awards:

- State Founders and Presidents Scholarship in the name of Bernice Conley-- \$2,500 to **Shelly Gruver** (Kappa/3)
- Jeppeson Grants \$887 to **Ana de la Paz Martinez** (sponsored by Lambda/3)
- \$887 to **Makenna Maurer** (sponsored by Alpha Epsilon/5)

Kathy Martell (Alpha Epsilon/5) recognized Convention First Timers: Judy Brimmer (Alpha/2), Lois MacMillan (Omega/2), and Sarah Wicks (Omega/2)

Priscilla Ing (Lambda/3) and **Kathy Webster** (Gamma/3), State Awards Committee Co-Chairmen, announced the recipients of the following awards:

Chapter Achievement

- Rosette Award – Alpha Nu/5 and Beta Beta/5
- Order of the Rose Award – Beta Beta/5

Longevity Awards – 25 years

Renee Misso (Alpha/2)
Judy Smith-Clifton (Alpha/2)
Shirley Mann (Alpha Omicron/4)
Linda Kidd (Alpha Pi/6)
Sheila Daniels (Beta Gamma/6)
Mary West (Zeta/1)
Jean Haldorson (Beta Beta/5)
Sheila Sundahl (Lambda/3)

Longevity Awards -- 50 years

Renee Kirtley (Alpha Epsilon/5)
Edith Knouff (Beta Beta/5)
Meribeth Olsen (Lambda/3)
Muriel Danforth (Iota/1)
Carolee Jones (Omega/2)

Getting Ready for 2018 Awards!

Martha Nicoloff (Alpha Epsilon/5) announced that \$908 was collected at the luncheon for Scholarships.

CONVENTION COVERAGE



Grace



Grace

Top, Right: Catie Thurber-Brown of Unique Boutique fame!

Below (3) photos:

Fiday night reception for Patricia Park, SW Regional Director

Top: A toast to DKG--Bonita Fillmore and Judy Brimmer, both from Alpha/2
Below: Elaine Hall, Kappa/3, won a door prize



Grace



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Gentlemen were welcomed!



Top: Pat Park smiles at Roberta Hutton



Center: Keynote speaker Mark Hoog



Right: Johnene Laminak, all dressed up



In the banquet room (above)-- a whole line of smiles!

Left and Below: Socializing in Room 141 and outside Rm. 141.



Photo credits in the circles

Grace

Brenda



L: Beautiful baskets behind Chris Luehring
R: Healthcare for all Edith Orner



L: Jean Fairbairn reading those *Rules of the Day!*



R: Installation by Linda McCoy



L: DKG Moment (and video) by Lisa Kramer

R: Longevity Award 50 years for Carolee Jones





L: Rose Banquet attendees--and smiles
R: Kate Kelleher's workshop presentation



Business Meeting in Progress



If you noticed all the lovely leis, here's why: Kelly McIntyre taught these ladies how to make them!



White Roses Ceremony was moving and beautifully done.



Brenda

L to R: Jim and Pam Boston (Pam was the local site chair) and Pam's Special Olympians (deep blue shirts) who presented the flag. Jim acted as chauffeur and treated the team to ice cream!



Brenda

Welcome to southern Oregon from SOU's Education Dept. Director Dr. John King.



Book Club Readers Rejoice!

2018 book is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

Brenda



Grace Pitzer--Be balanced when you photograph!

Brenda



BEAR Program--It's alive and well! See page 13.

Grace

RECOGNITION FOR LAMBDA MEMBERS!

Clair Wiles was recently selected to attend the National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute on “Women at War.” From their website: “Our cohort of 30 teachers will spend the three weeks engaging in lively discussions with 24 of the nation’s most-renowned historians, examining one-of-a-kind primary sources (including those featured in our brand new Center for Women’s History), and exploring historic sites in New York City to bring fresh perspectives on American, military, and women’s history.”

Clair is also poised to graduate her first Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) class. For the past four years, she has mentored first-generation, college-bound students with multiple risk factors that would predict that they would not continue on to higher education. Among those risks are poverty, racial background, and single-parent households. All of these students are headed to two- and four-year colleges, many with tuition paid for by grants and scholarships. Through their hard work and determination, these students have earned \$605,000 in scholarship money. Her work begins anew in Fall 2017 with a fresh cohort of 32 ninth graders. Way to go, Clair! Congratulations to your students for their hard work, determination, and resulting success!



Clair Wiles
Center,
rear,
in black with her
hands raised.

(See the orange
arrow.)

Julie Voelker-Morris has been designated as a Williams Fellow for the 2017-2018 academic year. She is a senior instructor in Arts Administration at the University of Oregon. She was nominated by faculty colleagues from throughout campus and then selected from a competitive pool of nominees by the Williams Council. Susan Anderson, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, noted that “this distinction is based on your extraordinary accomplishments in undergraduate education and is a clear reflection of the high regard in which your colleagues and students hold you.” (from website): “The Tom and Carol Williams Fund for Undergraduate Education was established to provide financial support for initiatives that enhance the quality of the educational experience for undergraduate students at the University of Oregon. The Fellowship recognizes professors who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to undergraduate education by challenging their students academically, creating an engaged learning environment, striving to improve the learning process, and fostering interdepartmental collaboration.”

Julie was quite surprised, yet proud, upon learning she had been selected for this prestigious award. She will receive a \$5000 stipend to acknowledge her efforts, along with another \$5000 for her to develop a project (yet to be determined) with students that will have a long-term impact.

CHAPTER CHATTER!

District 2

Omega (Josephine & Jackson Cos.): Several Omegans attended the recent convention: **Pam Boston, Lise Van Brunt, Lynn Hughes, Ellen Ellis, Lois MacMillan, Sarah Wicks, Lisa Kramer, Kimberly Roberts, Carolee Jones, Cari Hinesly, and Marie Mueller.** We worked a little and had lots of fun--meeting new people and learning neat stuff! President Pam did a great job as the "local chair" and, just because she is Pam, we had thoughtful door prizes for every session. Our annual fundraiser is June 17. Come on down and spend money on yard sale treasures to fund scholarships and grants.

District 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): Honoring those who were recognized at State Convention (but unable to attend) was a focus of Lambda's May meeting. **Sheila Sundahl** received a certificate and roses for her 25-year DKG membership, while **Meribeth Olsen** was given a certificate and roses for her 50-year membership.

Dagmar Jeppeson Grant recipient, **Ana de la Paz Martinez**, was introduced to members and congratulated. The check and certificate were presented by Lambda co-president **Yvonne Fasold** at a Prairie Mountain School music assembly in early May. Ana thanked the chapter and gave them a beautiful, delicious cake in appreciation.

Lambda raised more than \$800 at our annual yard sale. Proceeds fund the grant given to a woman preparing to

be a teacher in our area. Each year at least one, \$1000 grant is awarded.

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.): Alpha Epsilon had six chapter members attending State Convention, with State President **Dr. Cindy Ryan** being one of them. We are looking forward to having Cindy at more chapter meetings as she finishes up her biennium as state president. Chapter members attending and actively involved were **Beverly Bodtker, Shirley Lomax, Kathy Martell, Sue Nelson, and Martha Nicoloff.**

At our last chapter meeting on May 16, we surprised member **Rene Kirtley** when we presented her with a 50-year membership certificate from Alpha Rho State.



Photo by Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Chapter members have enjoyed a busy and informative year beginning in the fall when representatives from The League of Women Voters and the Road Scholar program presented interesting and valuable information. We gave donations to support the Beaverton School's Homeless Education Liaison Program (H.E.L.P.) In February, guest speaker Ginny

Hansmann, Chief Academic Officer for Beaverton Schools, detailed the duties and responsibilities of her administrative position after sharing her educational career journey. We welcomed five key women educators to Alpha Nu: **Jane Carlton, Pam Edens, Kristin Koppert, Bev Hubbard, and Jenny Fipps.**

In the spring, **Kathy Martell**, District 5 Coordinator, and **Cindy Ryan**, State President, gave us an overview of DKG opportunities for leadership, professional development, community involvement, scholarships, and grant awards.

The April program was a book-sharing meeting highlighted with a Founder's Day presentation. The May meeting was our own **Grace Pitzer** instructing us on everything we needed to know about taking pictures with a smart-phone.

Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Excellence in Action:

On February 24, 2017, Psi Chapter honored Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle for his long service to youth and the community. Many of Mayor Doyle's staff, friends, and the members of Psi Chapter enjoyed a buffet reception and open bar prior to the formal presentation and remarks by his fellow mayors from Hillsboro and Forest Grove. Prior recipients, Kirsten Carpentier, Development Director at Homeplate, and Ralph and Carol Brown, 2015 honorees, also shared how important Mayor Doyle's work has been, not only in Beaverton, but also in all of Washington County. Maureen Wheeler, Communications Officer with the Beaverton School District also lauded the assistance the schools have received as a result of his work.

Excellence in Action has been an annual project of Psi for over 35 years. It was conceived by **Bea Connolly**, our member, who went on to become

both Alpha Rho State and International President. The first honorees were Barbara Klein and Nancy Ryles, active school board members in Washington County. The purpose was to focus on the need schools have for support from those in the greater community. We were pleased to have both State President **Cindy Ryan** and immediate past State President **Kathy Martell** in attendance. We are always pleased to have representatives of our sister chapters join us for this special event.

Beta Beta (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood): BB celebrates winning both the Rosette and Order of the Rose awards. **Dana Murphy and Pam Kenyon** won baskets, too.

BB member Sandy Bartnik is challenging her BB sisters to double the number (5) who attended convention this year to have at least 10 attend next year in Bend.

District 6

Beta Gamma (Canby/Molalla): Beta Gamma met May 18 at Los Dos Amigos in Canby. Two of our teacher grant winners were guests and told how they are using their grants. **Sheila Daniels** received her 25-year membership certificate and pin.



Did we miss your chapter? Be sure you are represented in the next issue. Just send a sentence or two of "chatter" to Marie Mueller, editor, at cwmueller@charter.net

Editor's Note: Will your chapter accept the challenge to double attendance, too?

Did you know?

Kelly McIntyre won the Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship from International. She was one of 12 awardees out of 55 applicants and scored at the very top of all the rating scores. Kelly now has \$10,000 toward her doctoral degree!

In another note, Kelly is the first Oregon recipient of an International Scholarship for many years! Will you be the next winner?

*Special Thanks to
photographers, Grace Pitzer
and Brenda Jensen!*



*Special Thanks to the great
proofreader,
Christine Luehring.*

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Peggy Cowens--an update on June 8:

In April, I was diagnosed with invasive melanoma, late stage stage IIb. It is a high-risk, fast growing form of cancer. Sometime within the month following surgery to remove a lesion in the right arm, the wound developed a dehiscence. Additional sutures were inserted on June 8. There was also a second surgery to implant a Groshong catheter for interferon treatments. Because Pacific Source insurance denied the necessary high-dose interferon treatments, they are in the appeal process for reversing the insurance representative's mistake. We are hoping to hear of authorization by the middle of June.

Grace Pitzer said on June 8 (e-mail):

Grace Pitzer reports that she is recovering nicely from her double mastectomy and follow-up surgery to acquire more lymph nodes for testing. The results of those tests came back negative, which was a huge relief to her. She is waiting for the results of one final test and then she will be able to work with oncologists to design her specific treatment plan. Grace is gaining strength every day and is happy to be back to driving, but the complete recovery will take much longer. She is very thankful for all the cards, prayers, and positive thoughts that have been coming her way.

Keep our sisters in your prayers and good thoughts.

BUILDING EARLY ACADEMIC READINESS BEAR PROGRAM

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BEAR Program at Evergreen Elementary 2015 - 17

	2015-16	2016-2017
Participants	23	28
Families	18	20
Adults		28
Siblings	26	24
Returning Families		5

Funding and Donations

2015-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Eugene: St. Vincent de Paul</u>— book donation • <u>ADI Electric and Water Well Systems</u>— cash donation \$300.00 for end-of-the-year party gifts/ back packs
2016-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Omega Chapter: General Fund</u>—\$500.00 (books) • <u>Anonymous Donation of Books</u>—7 cases of themed books • <u>KPI (Kindergarten Partnership Innovation)</u>—books

Family Engagement: Books Read

	2015-16	2016-17
Top 3 Families: Number of books read	3 rd grader: 60 Kinder/3 rd grader: 62 2nd grader: 432	Kinder/1 st graders (sisters): 88 1st/3 rd graders (sisters): 290 Kinder: 720!!!!*

Thank you, DKG Sisters, for your book donation at our recent state convention. Your support in encouraging a love of reading will inspire others to read more, dream more, learn more, do more, and become more!

Sincere Appreciation,

Tawnya & Omega Chapter Literacy Committee

Tawnya Campbell, Title 1 Intervention Specialist, Evergreen Elementary,
Cave Junction, Oregon

Carrie Gragg, 3rd Grade teacher, Evergreen Elementary

Ellen Ellis, former Evergreen Elementary teacher, retired

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Twitter: https://twitter.com/DKG_SI?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw

Do you need a copy of a document? It's likely online at www.dkg.org Some items are listed on the DKG home page; others are linked to committees. All it takes is a couple of clicks!

Join one of the DKG Communities (there are 11 now!). [DKG Communities](#) is on the main banner on the DKG homepage. Topics range from travel to art to books to home life--and more.

CELEBRATE MEMBERS



As I age, I often think about what kind of impact am I leaving on this world. How will I be remembered? With those thoughts in mind, as State President, I chose to honor six of Oregon members who were 100+ years old. They were **Charlene Hanan—Phi, Joyce Hulse—Phi, Irma Wauchope—Alpha Pi, Dr. Neva Neill—Zeta, Esther Miller—Alpha Delta, and Alice Fossatti—Iota**. At the 2015 State Convention, I shared pictures of them, along with their accomplishments, thanks to the chapter presidents who collected the information for me. Chapter presidents accepted the ladies' certificates and a silk rose to deliver to them when they returned home. A couple of weeks later, I received an e-mail from Neva Neill's niece. Neva had asked her to write and thank me for remembering her and her membership in DKG. I didn't expect that, but I remember feeling so proud and warm inside that I had thought of honoring our eldest members.

I share this because I feel it is important that chapters remember our aging members while they are still alive. Take a moment to drop them a short note or give them a quick call. They need to know they are remembered. Then, when the time comes and we celebrate them in a White Rose Ceremony, you, too will feel warmth inside, knowing you made that special effort. I felt that "warmth" again at the 2017 State Convention as **Charlene Hanan, Dr. Neva Neill, and Alice Fossatti**, all 102+-years-old, were honored again in the White Rose Ceremony. May they all rest in peace!

Kathy Martell

2013 - 15 Oregon President

DID YOU KNOW?

DKG is helping women on an international scale and is the leading group to celebrate women educators worldwide.

According to SW Regional Director Pat Park, DKG

- has 75,000 members worldwide
- has 2,500 chapters
- serves 17 nations
- supports 78 "state" or "provincial" organizations
- offers many advantages to women educators

So, will you Be the Change? Will you make a difference?

Will you . . .

1. Be a champion for children? (Pay taxes to support schools.)
2. Be a champion for students of all ages? (Vote for university funds.)
3. Be champions for each other? (Watch for ways to help sisters.)
4. Be a champion who recognizes talented, quality educators in your area? (Suggest new members for your chapter.)

Do you support Early-Career Educators?

Does your chapter have an ECE program yet?

Has your chapter done THAT--Teachers Helping Another Teacher?

New teachers need your support. Because they are new to the profession of teaching, they can feel as if they are not important. They may worry that they are not respected. They fear to make suggestions of new ways that might "upset the applecart" or make someone angry. If that occurs, those energetic and well-trained young teachers may decide to seek another career; nearly 50% drop out of teaching within five years.

If young teachers feel welcomed, feel valued, feel supported, and feel that they can make important contributions, then they are much more likely to make the commitment and the connections that lead to a life-long career in education.

What do the schools and communities get from them? Better knowledge of current technology, new tactics for student/teacher interaction, and improved variations on current procedures. These new teachers are trained in teaching diverse classrooms. They have studied the trauma students experience due to homelessness and poverty. Some new teachers are bilingual and have ELL skills to share. They bring ideas for better serving special needs students and students with brilliant minds.

This is the *Butterfly Effect* mentioned in publications from Int'l HQ: If you make a move to help, that will spread to others. Spread your butterfly wings to make a change for all educators in this challenging climate for teaching and learning.



REMINDERS FOR CHAPTER TREASURERS

- Spring initiates should be reported on Form 18 by June 10.
- The Annual Report, Form 15, should be mailed to the state treasurer by July 15.
- It's a good idea to file the 990n report with the IRS when you are preparing the annual report.
- Send confirmation of filing to state treasurer, Madaline Lapp.

All forms may be obtained online. It is important to meet these deadlines so that all chapters can be included in reports that will be submitted to International. Thank you for all you do for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

If spring initiates are reported in June, they will be listed on your next Form 18 from Int'l and will receive DKG publications and notices.

WORKSHOP SUMMARIES

Kate Kelleher on “**Love and Logic**”--

Building Positive Relationships in the Classroom

Twenty people attended the workshop for information and PDU's. She explained the background of the Love and Logic Curriculum and gave tips about how it will help in your classroom. She also uses this curriculum when talking to parents and grandparents while discussing their needs to understand their children and grandchildren. Her key message is to allow choices in the child's life, be calm, and listen to the child's complaints without replying to them. Children need to solve their own problems with as little help as possible from an adult.

Vickie Jackson, Iota/1, Reviewer

Growth of Africa's Children in Sierra Leone by Kaye Jones

Kaye inspired us with information about the Willamette International Sponsorship Program, based in Albany. She has traveled to Sierra Leone to assist with their mission at Grace Village, a small orphanage that was born out of the Ebola virus. Thousands of orphans were created by this virus, and Grace Village provides food, water, medical care, and education in a Christ-centered environment. Kaye shared that we could sponsor a child, helping to create a home where they can be cared for and loved.

Mary Jo Huisman, Lambda/3, Reviewer

Shanghai or Bust presented by Dr. Cindy Ryan

Alpha Rho President Dr. Cindy Ryan shared an exciting new program at Western Oregon University that will be combining the Early Childhood cohort of 20 fourth-year students with a cohort of 58 education students from Shanghai in Fall 2017. In the last two years, Cindy and other staff from WOU have traveled to Shanghai and shared in the training of these Chinese education students. Cultural differences were addressed as the students from Shanghai prepared for their year in Monmouth. One of the reasons for this cultural exchange in education is the realization in China that, while their children are academically well prepared in their extremely structured school system, the essential quality of creativity has been lost. Through this innovative program, it is hoped that international understanding and sharing will benefit both cohorts of future Early Childhood Educators.

Priscilla Ing, Lambda/3, Reviewer

DKG & Plagiarism presented by Marie Mueller

Marie briefly reviewed recommendations from International Office and presented attendees with many sites and suggestions for both DKG and classroom considerations related to copying and copyrights.

Marie

WOULD YOU LIGHT A FIRE?



Mark Hoog, keynote speaker at convention, spoke of “Conscious Leadership” and tied it to the work we do every day in classrooms (physical or virtual) around the nation and world.

1. One legacy of teaching should be hope for the future.
2. Teachers plant seeds that can grow and bloom when tended and watered.
3. You (to the students) are of value.
4. Rescue students from the miasma of drugs and their effects.
5. Invite students into the game of life!
 - See them.
 - Do not judge them.
 - Show them you care about them.
 - Ask students to identify their goals for the future. Hoog said all

third graders have big goals for life, but that this drops to only 50 percent of middle-schoolers, and to a dismal 3 in 450 high schoolers.

- Teach Maslow’s self-actualization.

ASK YOUR STUDENTS

1. What do you want to be?
2. What is your passion?
3. What is your talent?
4. What must you become to fulfill that desire?
5. What do you need to do first on the road to your goal?
6. I choose to _____ to reach my goal.

Action verb goes here.

ARE YOU READY FOR COMMITMENT:

Commit yourself:

- I WILL try.
- I WILL succeed.

(Just this can change a student’s attitude.)



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June 28 - July 1
Northwest Regional Conference
Spearfish, S.D.

Next Trail deadlines

August 20, 2017

January 15, 2018

March 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 JULY - DECEMBER 2017		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
June 28 – July 1	NW Regional Conference	Spearfish, SD
August 5 (9 – 3)	Transition Meeting	WOU, Monmouth, OR
Sept. 16 (9 – 3)	Fall Workshops & Exec Bd.	WOU, Monmouth, OR
2018		
April 20 – 22	Oregon State Conference	Bend, OR (Mt. Bach.Vill.)
July 16 – 20	International Convention	Austin, TX