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Vision: *Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.*



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KEYNOTE: DR. JUDY MERZ

Dr. Merz joins us to provide updates from Int'l Office and to share website building with chapters.

FORWARD MOVING FOR LIFELONG LEARNING!

OREGON CONFERENCE

April 20-22, 2018

Mt. Bachelor Village Resort
19717 Mt. Bachelor Drive
Bend, OR 97702
800-547-5204--Call for room reservations.

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Although she retired as Superintendent of Schools in Cedar Grove, NJ, Dr. Judy Merz considers herself, at heart, an English teacher. Her career spanned 35 years in that suburban district and also included work as classroom teacher, high school vice principal, elementary school principal, supervisor of curriculum and testing, and assistant superintendent. Judy's greatest pride was in organizing and often providing professional development for staff—so that, even after moving to administration, she remained a teacher!

Initiated into Alpha Chapter in New Jersey State Organization in 1978, Judy served as an officer and committee member/chair at both the chapter and state levels; she was NJ State Organization president in the 2001-2003 biennium and compiled a 605-page history of Alpha Zeta State for its 75th anniversary in 2013. Although currently a resident of Nevada, she has maintained NJ ties and serves in various roles “electronically.”

At the international level, Judy has been a member of the Communications & Publicity (2004-2006) and Educational Excellence (2012-2014) committees, as well as a member of the Editorial Board beginning in 2006. In 2008, she attended the Leadership Management Seminar in Austin. In 2010, she was named editor of the *Bulletin* and, in 2014-2015, spearheaded the development of the *Collegial Exchange* magazine. When the position of Communications Services Administrator was eliminated at DKG Headquarters in 2015, Judy was named Communications and Marketing Consultant. From June 1 through December 31, 2017, she served as Interim Executive Director and is currently serving as Interim Membership Director through June 1, 2018.

Judy's education includes earning a bachelor's and a master's degree in English; a master's degree in Student Personnel Services; and a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership, which was in part supported by the international Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship. Since 1996, she has worked as a doctoral advisor for Nova Southeastern University—yet another extension of her core identity as an English teacher!

Married for 47 years to her high school sweetheart, Judy and her husband currently reside in Henderson, NV, close to their only son and his wife. She enjoys the antics of their recently-inherited spaniel/poodle, Lola, and counts—what else?—writing and reading as favorite pastimes.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



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

FORWARD MOVING EVER.....

Happy New Year! Can you feel the fresh start in the air? That's what the new year feels like to me, a chance to begin again. We get to choose the calendar we want to see in 2018. What will yours be? Perhaps you feel like nature? Or puppies? Maybe you're a Maxine type! That's the beauty of a new year: you can make it what you want. Don't let last year get you down, 2018 is just beginning!

My team didn't make it to the playoffs, which means they are resting, recuperating and planning for next season. We all need a bit of a break to rest and recuperate. But we mustn't forget to keep planning. Some of our plans may not go as expected. Back in August, the Broncos were expecting to win the Super Bowl, but even the best laid plan can run into obstacles that require changes. This is part of life. We need to be

flexible to adjust to these changes and still keep our eyes on the goal. One of the goals that came out of the Fall Conference was better communication. This helps us with our personal planning as well as DKG planning and is important to everyone. Ladies, 2018 is a new year! We can communicate better in 2018. We will communicate better in 2018. I will communicate better in 2018. Communication needs to be a priority. Communication keeps frustration at a minimum. If I don't know what's happening, I get frustrated and don't want to do anything. Let's not let that happen. So many wonderful events and activities occur in DKG. We need to communicate all of them.

Let's begin by communicating all that we do in our chapters, even if it's the same event every year. Let us know you're still doing it! Send in an article to the Oregon Trail along with pictures. We love those pictures, they let us know you're still alive!! I'll do my part by sending emails to chapter presidents every month to check in. As you see, this is being published in the state newsletter to help me be more accountable to the members of Oregon DKG. I'm here for you. Let me know what you need from me. Oh, and my 2018 calendars are Paris (I love to travel), Naked Winery (I'm a member), sudoku (my daily brain work) and Maxine (I love her humor). Welcome to a new year!

Kelly

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SEE YOU IN BEND!

Mt. Bachelor Village Resort in Bend is the site of our 2018 State Conference. Nestled in the gorgeous mountains and stunning lakes that make Bend unique, it is only minutes from downtown and the Old Mill District and is on the road to the world-famous Mt. Bachelor Skiing facility. The resort offers a variety of elegant accommodations, including traditional rooms and condominiums. Amenities include indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs, WiFi throughout the resort, complimentary use of cruiser bikes, a scenic walking trail along the Deschutes River, and numerous nearby golf courses.

Join us in this beautiful setting! Renew or make new friendships, learn new information and skills, earn PDU's, and make unforgettable DKG memories. Whatever your interests, whether you are a working educator or retired, you will find a workshop or activity to meet your interests and needs.

During the conference, chapter leaders will build websites for their chapters. Finished websites will be shared Sunday morning. Members not involved in developing the websites will choose from a variety of workshops designed to ensure "Forward Moving for Lifelong Learning."

You still have opportunities to propose workshop topics.

Presenting a workshop is a valuable learning experience, and it allows members and visitors from across the state to gain information, knowledge, and skills they can take back to their classrooms or use to enrich their personal lives.

Email Darlene Cook at kfteach@aol.com with workshop proposals.

Detailed information on workshops will be published in the spring Oregon Trail.

Darlene

Dr. Judith Merz
International Guest



As Oregon's special guest from International Headquarters in Austin, Texas, Dr. Merz will share the latest news and update us on all things DKG. She has graciously agreed to assist with training chapter representatives to design chapter websites. Her page 1 background tells us that Oregon has the right guest!

CHAPTER & STATE AWARDS

We look forward to handing out many chapter and state awards at Oregon's 2018 Spring Conference in Bend. **Requirements for these awards and all pertinent information can be found on the state website at dkgoregon.weebly.com/forms.html.** On that website is a printable brochure explaining all awards. Please pay close attention to dates and requirements for chapter awards.

Watch for the **new form** that needs to be included with your recommendation letter for Oregon DKG State Service Awards. This new form includes biographical information that chapters should have on file for each member. It is suggested that all members fill one out and the chapter keep it on file and update as needed.

See you in Bend! Your State Awards Committee,

Sandy Watts
Kathy Martell
Fonda Lawson

Collegial Exchange

Did you read the current edition yet? If not, Check out the article on webinars (web-based seminars) and the resources it provides. See pp. 50 - 52 in the December 2017 edition. P.S. Dr. Merz was instrumental in producing this magazine for us!

AcademicAward.com

Affiliated with NEA and California Casualty, this group is offering a chance to win \$2,500 for your class. Apply at the website above & win?

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DATE TO REMEMBER

July 16 - 20, 2018
International Convention
Austin, Texas

Next Trail deadlines

March 15, 2018

May 20, 2018

August 20, 2018

Send your newsworthy
events and chapter chatter
to Marie at
cwmueller33@gmail.com

AT-A-GLANCE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Subject to change. A detailed schedule will be in your registration packet.

Be sure to mark your calendars.

Who: YOU.

What: The 2018 Alpha Rho State Conference.

When: April 20-22, 2018.

Where: Mount Bachelor Village Resort in Bend.

Why: It will be a great opportunity for “Forward Moving for Lifelong Learning” and it will be a fun, exciting weekend! See you there!

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Friday - April 20

The conference begins with registration in the afternoon. Members will check into their rooms and come to the hospitality room for a snack after their travels. Baskets will be received and the Unique Boutique will be open. Tickets for the baskets will be sold throughout the conference. In the evening Sigma Chapter will host a reception with lots of goodies and fun-filled activities. Members who have signed up will depart for dinner and the Local Pour Tour.

Saturday - April 21

The morning will begin with breakfast in the hospitality room. The Unique Boutique will be open at various times to purchase your choice of special items. Following a welcome by local dignitaries, our International Representative, Dr. Judith Merz, Interim Executive Director, will share Society information. Throughout the day, Dr. Merz and Brenda Jensen, Communications Committee Chair, will facilitate the development of chapter websites. Members not involved in building the websites will have a variety of workshops from which to choose.

During lunch, Alpha Rho State (Oregon) will celebrate its 77th birthday! At a short meeting session, awards will be presented and any state business will be enacted. Basket winners may pick up their baskets. The evening will conclude with dinner and an opportunity to network with DKG friends.

Sunday - April 22

Sunday will begin with the White Rose Ceremony, followed by breakfast. The conference will end with chapters sharing their finished webpages.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –

July 16 – 20, 2018

Austin, Texas

Information on the website (www.dkg.org) and in publications. Today (Jan. 17, 2018), the website says:

HOTEL BLOCK : Is now open!

REGISTRATION : Opens by February 1st.

SCHEDULE: Now Posted! Room locations TBA.



Mount Bachelor Village Resort, Bend, Oregon

Location for this year's DKG Oregon State Conference



Discounted Group Rates: Room	Rate
River Ridge Executive	\$105.00
Ski House One Bedroom Condo	\$129.00
Ski House One Bedroom Loft Condo	\$157.00
Ski House Two Bedroom Condo	\$157.00
River Ridge One Bedroom Suite	\$223.00
River Ridge Two Bedroom Condo	\$245.00 – \$273.00
River Ridge Three Bedroom Condo	\$321.00

INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS

Each individual will make reservations for this program directly with the Reservations Department. Reservations will be confirmed by credit card at the time reservation is made. All reservation requests must be received by March 20, 2018. After this date, all unreserved rooms in the room block will be returned to general inventory. Reservation requests made after the cut-off date will be accepted on a rate and availability basis.

Rates listed above are available up until 30 days prior to the event, based on availability and rates are non-commissionable, net rates, subject to a 18.7% tax and assessment which is broken down as follows: A resort fee of 6% (six percent) plus a city tax of 10.4% and a state tax of 1.8% per room night. The resort fee is also subject to a city tax of 10.4% and a state tax of 1.8%. All rates are subject to change.

ROOM CHARGES

Individuals will be responsible for their own charges (room, tax, and incidentals). To establish charging privileges, the guest will be asked to provide a credit card at the time of requesting the room reservation as well as upon arrival.

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CANCELLATIONS / NO SHOWS

For individual reservations cancelled or modified the individual will be charged for the full amount of the stay based on the guidelines below:

- Reservations made 30 days or more prior to arrival date; A 14-day cancellation is required
- Reservations made 29 - 20 days prior to arrival date; A 10-day cancellation is required
- Reservations made 19 – 4 days prior to arrival date; A 3-day cancellation is required
- Reservations made fewer than 3 days prior to arrival date; No cancellation

A confirmed guest who fails to arrive on their scheduled date of arrival will be considered a “no show” and their entire reservation will be canceled and charged at group rate, unless notified by the guest of a later arrival date. Mount Bachelor Village Resort cannot guarantee room availability for guests arriving after their scheduled arrival date, but will make the best effort to accommodate guests arriving after their scheduled date of arrival. A guest who departs prior to their confirmed departure date will be charged for their entire scheduled stay.

Brought to you by Wanderlust Tours of Bend, since 1993

The Local Pour with Dinner! A Beer, Wine, and Spirits Odyssey

Friday, April 20, 2018



6:00 You will be picked up at Mount Bachelor Village Resort to begin the journey of three amazing hand-crafted “pour producers” which have engendered Bend’s fame for tasty niche libations! You’ll be taken behind the scenes of the normal tasting room experience to witness fermentation and distillation magic. From mash tun to still to waxing a bottle top, you will get an insider’s look at some of Bend’s outstanding pour houses - all the while enjoying complimentary samples. Throughout the tour, your professional guide will dazzle you with the highlights of beautiful Bend, Oregon, delving into the natural & cultural history of the area.

At the first stop we will enjoy a dinner and drink pairing before continuing on the tour of local libations.

10:30 At tour’s end, you’ll be delivered back to Mt. Bachelor Village Resort, safe and happy.

Cost: \$115 per person, includes transportation, guide, “pour house” tours, gratuity, tasting samples, **and a 3-course meal with wine pairings.**

Items to bring: good walking shoes and, in general, dress in layers. A water bottle is good to have as well as a camera.

Remember how amazing this was in 2014? It’s even better now! They have a local chef preparing dinner for us as well as the great tours! Just in case you were wondering, the cost for just the tours in 2014 was \$69 and we didn’t get a dinner. What a great deal we have now! This will be a journey long remembered.



WORKSHOPS

Send your workshop ideas TODAY! Practice your presentation skills. Share with members and visitors who will gain information, knowledge, and skills from you. Your ideas will be taken back to their classrooms or will be used in personal lives to add and enrich.. Email Darlene Cook at kfteach@aol.com with workshop proposals.

Detailed information on workshops will be published in the spring Oregon Trail.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

Registrations are now open for the National Legislative Seminar sponsored by the United States Forum. The Seminar will be held March 18-21 at the Holiday Inn in Arlington, Virginia.

The purpose of the US Forum is to identify major issues affecting women, children, and education so that DKG members living in the United States can take action on those issues. At the 2017 regional conferences, members completed a survey to identify issues that they would most like to pursue during the 2018 National Legislative Seminar. Major issues identified were advocacy, violence against women, women's health issues, and youth suicide awareness and prevention. Other areas of interest were equal pay, human trafficking, hunger in America/poverty, opioid addiction, peer abuse/bullying, and women's heart health. The resolution to endorse the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) passed at the regional conferences last summer. Details will be available. On Tuesday, March 20, participants will travel to Capitol Hill to attend a briefing with legislative staffers. In the afternoon they will meet with their Congressional Representatives to voice their concerns on the targeted issues.

Registration deadline is February 10. Cost is \$140 (\$160 for non-members). After that date, registration fees are \$160 (\$180 for non-members). Registration includes lunch on Monday. The Sunday evening meal can be purchased for \$45 and breakfast on Wednesday for \$20. Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Holiday Inn. If reservations are made by February 10, room rates per night are \$189 for single, double, triple, or quadruple occupancy. The registration form and information about making hotel reservations is on the US Forum website www.usforumdkg.org

Seminar participants arriving by Saturday, March 17, will have an opportunity to attend *Capitol Steps*, a live musical presentation of skits of political satire/humor. Tickets are \$40.50 or \$33 each for groups of 10 or more and may be purchased on the *Capitol Steps* website: capSteps.com

Two additional tours are available:

1. [A Walk Through History](#), scheduled for Sunday, March 18, at a cost of \$50 will explore sights important in our nation's history such as Arlington Cemetery and the Smithsonian Museum of American History.
2. [Monuments by Moonlight](#), scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 20, at a cost of \$36 will give participants an opportunity to visit several of our nation's monuments and see Washington, DC, at night.

Information on both tours is available on the NLS registration form.

“Communication, Cooperation, Advocacy into Action!”

Delta Kappa Gamma members are Women Poised for Legislative Action!

Register now for the 2018 National Legislative Seminar and help make DKG the voice of education!.

“KARI-BAGS”

It is amazing how a little encouragement can go a long way. Carol Kari-Bicart was fully aware of just how important it is for new teachers to feel welcomed, supported and encouraged, as they embark on new careers or join a new school. I have fond memories of Carol welcoming me to her school 17 years ago, and I am still filled with gratitude for her support over the years.

Carol Kari-Bicart, who recently passed away, was our Sigma chapter president. She enthusiastically encouraged new teachers every year. Carol took on the task for our chapter of purchasing, creating, and delivering Teacher Gift Bags for new teachers in Jefferson County. This year, however, Carol was unable to shop for and prepare the bags because she was battling cancer.

Thanks to help from a *Catch the Wave Chapter Mini-Grant* through Alpha Rho State, our small chapter was able to continue with this fun recruitment tradition that Carol began. In Carol’s honor, we have affectionately given the new teacher gift bags a new name. Sigma members now call them “Kari-Bags.” With help from the grant, we greeted 21 new teachers with smiles, encouragement, and “Kari-Bags.” The bags included teacher supplies and an invitation to our Sigma start-up meeting in September.

Thank you, Alpha Rho State for supporting us in this fun tradition. We are also thrilled to let you know that Carol was feeling well enough to join us for some of the deliveries. Inspired by Carol’s wisdom, enthusiasm, and guidance, these little “Kari-Bags” were an enjoyable and meaningful September project, one that will continue.

Sigma Chapter sends a special thank you to Alpha Rho State for the *Catch the Wave Mini-Grant*.

Sincerely,
Karen Adams, Sigma President



Gifts for Teachers from Sigma--above

Carol Kari Bicart--at the right



OMEGA 2007 to 2017 What a change!!

Some of you may remember our appalling article in 2007—*A County With No Library!* Things have changed for Josephine County. In the fall 2017 elections, voters agreed to support public funding for local libraries! Now local groups are working to further strengthen funding for long-term success,

Three priorities were identified:

1. Library card scholarships for children outside the boundaries of the district
2. A capital campaign for new buildings
3. Maintenance and updating for current buildings

Want to learn more? foundation@josephinelibrary.org FINALLY! Back to a sensible access to information.

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CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

If you have not heard about the “Count Her In: Women and Girls Empowerment” survey, go to www.womensfoundationoforegon.org

The Women’s Foundation of Oregon has completed and evaluated a survey of Oregon counties with some surprising results. One community presentation is scheduled for Grants Pass in February, but at present, that is the only one. If you are interested, this could be something to do with your local high school and/or college. Interested? Contact Carolyn Kohn at 541-218-4481 or carolynkohn@gmail.com to find out how Grants Pass is structuring their event. Learn about the issues at the link in paragraph 1.

Eight to Celebrate

Civic Engagement
Caregiving
Minimal Violent Crime (by women)
Physical Activity
Education and Health Care
Generosity with Time and Money
Public Service
Educational Attainment

Eight That Can’t Wait

Violence Against Women
Systemic Racism
Cost of Caregiving (for children)
Barriers to Reproductive Health
Wage and Wealth Gap
Economic Fragility
Mental Health
Public/Private Glass Ceiling

Grants Pass Program

February 11 (Sunday)
2 - 5 p.m.

Grants Pass Performing Arts Center
830 N.E. Ninth St.
Grants Pass

Programs, ideas, and opportunities that address issues like safety, caregiving, health, wages, poverty, education, leadership, & community.
Breakouts for teens.

OMEGA VP LOIS MACMILLAN RECOGNIZED!

Lois MacMillan, a U.S. history teacher at South Middle School in Grants Pass, was invited to present at The Grammy Museum’s 2018 Jane Ortner Education Award Webinar.

Lois is the vice president of Omega Chapter. By doing this webinar, Lois certainly embodied the DKG vision of “serving women educators who are impacting education worldwide.” She was the Oregon History Teacher of the Year a few years back and has received other honors. .

The webinar topic was “Using *Hamilton* as a Gateway to Middle School U.S. History.” Presenters discussed how they were using *Hamilton* in their classrooms. They shared ways that students can create and perform “raps” that make history more relevant, provide more impact, and add an element of fun. In addition to Lois, Justin Emrich from Olentangy Berkshire MS in Galena, Ohio, and Georgette Hackman from Cocalico MS in Denver, Pennsylvania, participated. The free webinar was Monday, November 13, at 4:30 p.m. Pacific. For more information, visit www.JaneOrtnerEducationAward.org



INFO FROM INT'L OFFICE

Enjoy an Alaskan Glacier Cruise
Join me and DKG Friends aboard The Celebrity Solstice
August 29 – September 8, 2018

Check it out via
Alaskacruisedkg.grouptoursite.com
Or call 1.800.438.7672
Or contact me at Carolyn@rants.net

NEED MONEY FOR PROJECTS, SEMINARS, OR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH?

Go the www.dkgef.org and use your computer bookmark to connect you to the website of the Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Take advantage of the opportunities to apply for funds that are available to individuals, chapters and state organizations. Deadlines to apply for the funds are listed online. (If you missed this deadline, just check for the next one.)



- **November 1, 2017:** The Cornetet Seminar for Professional Development Award (CSPD) is granted to organizations within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to sponsor professional development seminars open to all educators.
- **January 3, 2018:** Up to \$10,000 may be awarded to groups or individuals for projects that not only benefit children and education but also encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.
- **February 1, 2018:** Members and nonmembers can apply for Cornetet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Awards to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 15, 2018. Awards are for up to \$2000. The DKG Cornetet Professional Development Funds can be used for conference or seminar expenses, for national certification, for online courses, workshops, or other non-degree programs. Three award cycles per year provide flexible planning: February 1, May 1, and September 1.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR (NLS) SCHEDULED in Washington, DC, March 18-21, 2018. The registration form can be found at [nls_registration_2018_updated.pdf](#).

FORUM WEB SITE: <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK: <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR: To contact your legislator to express your opinion, call the Congressional Switchboard at [1-866-327-8670](tel:1-866-327-8670) (a toll free number]. You can email your senator or representative via a link Congress.gov. Another way of contacting your senator is by using a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm



EMAIL AND PHONE ACCESS

- <http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives
- <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate
- White House [1-202-456-1111](tel:1-202-456-1111)

FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.



Marketing a DKG Plan

Samantha English likes to plan, research, and analyze. She owns a marketing and consulting business and presents online webinars about marketing on Facebook. The five steps she shares could be used to develop a successful “Marketing Plan” for your chapter.

5 Steps to Successful Marketing

- Identify and Find (Your Target Audience)
- Grab Attention (of Target Audience)
- Build the relationship
- Follow-up (Invitation to join)
- Close the Sale (Initiate new members)

English’s Simple Solution

- Know **Who** to Target
- Know **How** to offer Value
- **Stand out** in the Newsfeed

What’s Your Story?

Share your back-story at your next DKG meeting. Tell your personal story that led to your membership in DKG.

Our stories can remind chapter members about the value of membership. Chapter members can use their social media accounts and encourage new interest in your educational community.

Make your newsfeeds stand out. Better yet use a smartphone to video tape your story and encourage chapter members to do the same. Together we can grow membership by telling our stories.

Create a Strategy to Connect with Others

How do you connect with your chapter members? Does your chapter connect with non-members about the great things DKG is doing? Have you even considered marketing DKG and your chapter? TheBalance.com is a website that shares information on financial empowerment, but their marketing strategy provides practical advice for DKG.

1. Who is your target? Chapter members, new teachers, or non-traditional teachers could be your target audience.
2. Once you have focused on a target, your chapter needs to ask, “What does this person need?” — scholarships, grants, social events, networking, community projects, or fellowship?
3. Can you offer what the target audience needs? What can we as a Society provide to fulfill that need? Is your chapter hoping for new members or building excitement in members not active in chapter?
4. This same website encourages groups to develop hardcopy marketing materials. Examples of that could be a chapter brochure or elevator speeches on business cards. Templates for brochures can be found on the C&P Committee webpage.
5. Develop a strategy to use social media. Media such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn are cheap, easy, and reach many. Multimedia, surveys, and polls attract attention too. Create a website that generates a sense of community, showcases benefits, and shares important information to target audience: the back story, news, past newsletters, and events.
6. Create a database of targeted individuals—prospective or non-active members for follow up contacts and invitations.

This six-step strategy to promote DKG can strengthen your chapter. It is definitely worth your time to follow through, not just by targeting your audience, but by completing all six steps!

Marketing Resources on DKG.org

[How is your chapter marketing the Society?](#) – A list of general marketing ideas gleaned from members.

[How are you helping new teachers in your area?](#) – Specific ideas for reaching out to potential members through the SEE program.

[Social Media Information and Resources Guide](#) – definitions, best practices, and how-to’s for all key social media useful for DKG.

[Practices for Improving Publicity](#)



CONNECTING CHAPTERS

District 1

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.):

Iota has been hard at work sewing hats for kids in our area. Several members who are slightly less skilled at using the sewing machines worked to cut out patterns, and the official seamstresses worked hard to sew the hats together.



Nikki Murtaugh (L) and Betty Krause



Karen Shelton

The hats are distributed at our local elementary schools to kids.

Additionally, we will be initiating new members in the next month. We look forward to seeing all our DKG family in Bend in April!

Iota celebrated the recognition given

to **Jackie Gentry**. Gentry, who works for the Athena-Weston School District (Northeast Umatilla County between Pendleton and Walla Walla), conducts a summer program of great assistance to kindergarten students and teachers. Her summer was spent in “Kindergarten Jump Start.” This neat program assists youngsters learn how to be good kindergarten students—sitting, listening, stopping to pay attention to the teacher, and other positive behaviors. This is a pilot program facilitated by the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub and the Intermountain ESD.

In addition to basic behavioral skills, it focuses on STEM topics. How the children learn and succeed in this program assists with placement when they enter kindergarten and eases their way into a positive school experience. If you would like to read more about the program, the *Walla Walla Union-Bulletin* of August 6, 2017, features a nice article by Sheila Hagar, entitled “Athena-Weston Primes Youngsters for Kindergarten” (page A-3).

District 2

Omega (Josephine & Jackson Cos.):

Our October meeting was a joy. We toured Imagine That! Creative Children’s Center, at Jerome Prairie Elementary. An environment set to inspire and learn, the new location is the brainchild of Omega member Michelle Gallas. Setting and curriculum reflect respect for and love of nature in interior and exterior spaces. The walls are earth tones. Plants and items from nature abound. Michelle also has sites in downtown Grants Pass and at Hidden Valley High School in Murphy. For information, contact Michelle

at 541-472-6437 or 541-660-5145.

Omega Officer change:

Co-President Tawnya Campbell
Co-President Lisa Kramer

In November, Omegans were honored to meet our grant recipients. What talented women! December was a holiday social with an ornament exchange (and many smiles).

District 3

Lambda (Lane Co.): Members were saddened by the recent passing of two members: **Lura Pierce**, known for her portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt and her work to spread peace, including the creation of a Peace Quilt with her students, died in July. **Meribeth Olsen**, who had been honored for her 50 years as a DKG member and given the Service to Community award from Alpha Rho State, died in October. Both will be greatly missed.

The chapter is venturing into a new financial realm, having invested \$10,000 into a company that was recommended by two different financial advisors. Proceeds from this will be used for future chapter grants. In other financial news, \$1000 grants were awarded to Leah Barrera and Morgan Rees to continue education toward becoming teachers. Leah hopes to become a bilingual teacher through the UOteach program. Morgan wants to be a teacher for social justice.

Special guest presenters for September were several local Rosie the Riveters. As they are aging, we wanted to honor them and hear their stories while they are still with us. Alice Heiney, who had been an ammunition inspector for Remington Arms in Denver, has

turned 100 since our meeting. She was joined by Opal Nelson (95) and Doris Graham (93) as presenters. **Yvonne Fasold** arranged for them to be with us. Yvonne is a Rosebud (daughter of a Rosie) and former president of the national organization of Rosie the Riveters.

In October, members learned about the future temporary home for teen girls who are now homeless. The facility is being constructed and organized by St. Vincent de Paul of Eugene. Director Paul Neville shared how the project was envisioned and the steps needed to bring it to fruition. Students will receive two years of transitional housing, social services, protection and jobs (receiving pay above minimum wage) if they promise to go to school. There will be 13 tiny apartments, each complete with a bathroom and small kitchenette. Each apartment will house one girl, age 16-18. A large commons area, which, by the girls' request, will be as "normal as possible" will have games, books, couches, a music/performing stage, and similar things.

A common kitchen area will have food supplied by Food for Lane County. The girls can come together for meals once a week in a large dining area. The computer lab will have six Apple computers. The girls will have access to a laundry room. Security features include cameras and intercoms. There will even be a bike barn. In addition, there will be spaces for social workers, case workers, and other support professionals to meet with the girls individually or in groups. A small apartment for the house manager will be on site. Each girl will be matched with a mentor, probably from the University of Oregon, who will work with the girl for a year (after being vetted and trained).

In November presenters Larry Lewin and Rachel Rich shared an update from CAPE (Community Alliance for Public Education), a community orga-

nization supporting public education. Members of CAPE work against the corporate takeover of the classroom, excessive standardized testing, vouchers, and privatization. They sponsor public forums and guest speakers and work for better school funding. Their motto is "Keep the public in public education."

A dozen Lambda members volunteered to help serve at The Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Tea in December as a service project. They set up, prepared, and served three elegant courses of tea, food, and desserts, followed by clearing tables, washing dishes, and setting up for the next day. This was a first-time experience for Lambda and made a lasting positive impression upon all who participated.

January marks the 70th year since Lambda became an Alpha Rho State (Oregon) chapter. **Jule Crume** is the only remaining charter member, and she was recently visited by **Bev and Jodi Emmons, Yvonne Fasold**, and our youngest member **Nancy Schaal-McHarry** and her 13-month-old daughter, Maggie.

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem & Polk Cos.: Alpha Epsilon continues to work with the Career and Technology Center for Salem-Keizer Schools on making ten Little Free Libraries. 45 high school students signed up for this community project. Kathy Martell, an architect from the community, and two leaders from the Marion and Polk County Early Learning Hub listened to 11 presentations in November as to designs the students had been working on. Out of the 11 group presentations, we selected two designs, a rocket and a living tree (which was inspired by the *Treehouse Mystery Series* one of the students had read in grade school). Production is starting this month. The grand openings for the ten libraries will be in April.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): November 16 marked Alpha Nu's 55th anniversary. Alpha Nu has remained vital these many years, reflecting President Kelly McIntyre's theme: **Forward Moving Ever in DKG**. We honor and appreciate past educators who demonstrated loyalty and dedication to DKG's mission of promoting personal growth and excellence in education.

To stay current, Alpha Nu continues to grow and change. A recent change is that each monthly meeting is coordinated by a small team who arrange the program, secure a location, and provide refreshments. At our October meeting, presenters who coordinate services for Beaverton Schools' homeless students told of their programs. Currently, they serve about 1,100 homeless students. Our community outreach this year is supporting the Beaverton School District's H.E.L.P Center (Homeless Education Liaison Program). We donated gift cards and supplies last month and are planning a spring project to assemble personal hygiene bags.

In November, presenter Louise Wilmes, formerly the Native American Education Coordinator for Beaverton Schools, told us about implementation of tribal curriculum in Oregon Schools. This is in compliance with mandates of Senate Bill 13, which states that tribal history will be written from the Native American perspective. She shared information about local tribal history and the goals of Oregon tribes.

We gifted our active teachers in December with a bag of cookies made by retired members. February 12 is our initiation dinner. We will welcome four new members into our chapter and hear from a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer.

District 6

Chi (Clackamas): Chi celebrated at their fall meeting with the initiation of their first Honorary member, Pat Maple. Pat retired as a middle school secretary and is fondly known as the Bear/Blanket Lady. Over the past several years, Pat has averaged knitting three baby blankets per month. She contributes these blankets (including a cute stuffed bear) to Chi Chapter, which then moves them to the Clackamas Children's Center. Chi held a commitment ceremony and introduced Pat Howard, Mary Covert, and Delores O'Connell as transfer members from Phi. The evening ended with food, fun, and fellowship.

Alpha Phi (Clackamas Co.): is very proud to congratulate **Tracy Fischer**, our mathematics teacher from Alder-creek Middle School in the N. Clackamas School District. Tracy received The Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics (OCTM) Area Recognition Award. It was awarded in recognition of dedicated leadership and service to the students, staff, schools, and citizens of Oregon. We are honored to celebrate with you, Tracy!

Dear Special Friends,

Wow, what a year it has been! I hope all of you had a loving time with friends and family over the holidays, and are looking forward to a New Year as much as we are. Since my last update, I have finished my 28 radiation treatments and managed to have minimal side effects: very little fatigue and only minor skin irritation like a sunburn. My doctor was very pleased with my tolerance for the whole process. I do have to admit that I got addicted to jigsaw puzzles in the waiting room and now have a good App on my iPad which can be a "time killer." I continue working out at Curves three days a week and walking the other days (most of the time.) This helps lessen fatigue.

I have been back to see my medical oncologist and am now taking an "anti-estrogen" medications since the type of cancer I had fed on estrogen. This is prescribed for at least five years. The good thing is that there are three drugs in the Aromatase Inhibitor (AI) classification, so if I don't tolerate one, I can go to a different one. So far so good, but it has only been a month.

In the meantime, I continue to have AFib episodes periodically. The good news is that the 48-hour Holter Monitor showed no pauses over 2 seconds and the echo stress test shows my heart muscle is healthy. For now, it is carry on and keep taking the Eliquis blood thinner.

We had an ice and snow storm come through on Christmas Eve so we postponed celebrating with my cousin and family until Wednesday. Christmas Day we spent with Paul's cousin and family. We plan to go to Roseburg in January to see my sister and family. For New Year's Eve we have tickets to go see the music group "Pink Martini" in downtown Portland with three other couples from our condo. We really look forward to it.

In January we plan to drive down to Green Valley, AZ, with stops in Roseburg, Walnut Creek and Glendale, CA, to see relatives along the way. I have twelve classes scheduled to teach at the Camera Club when I get there, so it will hopefully be "back to normal." We wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Love, Grace and Paul



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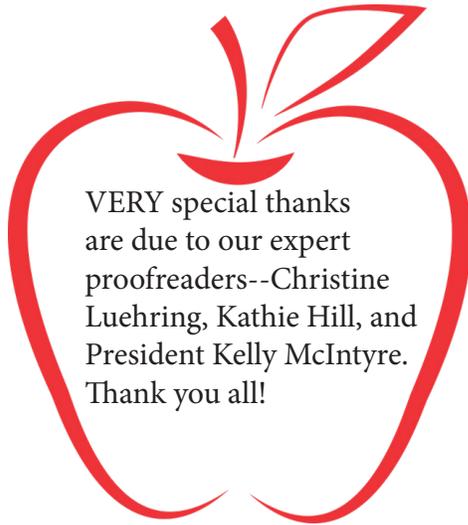
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PRESIDENT KELLY'S SCHEDULE JANUARY - JULY 2018		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Feb. 12	Beta Beta Chapter Meeting	Tigard, OR
2018		
April 20-22	Oregon Spring Conference	Mt. Bachelor Village Bend, OR
July 16 – 20	International Convention	Austin, TX