



BLOOMING ROSES

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Oregon State Organization – Alpha Epsilon Chapter

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*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Mission Statement:
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional
and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

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Hello Everyone!
Lots has happened in DKG in the last 30 days including Oregon State Spring Conference at the Oregon Gardens in Silverton and this past weekend was Beta Beta Chapters' Spring Tea for Mother's Day. Both were a joy to finally get to attend in person. I will include info and pictures in this newsletter. First, I'll start with some business items and then turn to the two special celebrations. **Kathy**

DUES

\$85 Total

\$21 – Chapter
\$24 – State \$40 – International

The fastest and easiest way to pay is to bring the money Wednesday. Otherwise, please send check to Jill Snyder, 2784 Bald Eagle Ave. NW, Salem, OR 97304 **ASAP**

See You Wednesday – May 11 - 4:45pm City Library

June

7 - Shawnase Murphy
16 – Charlotte Rieder-Bolton
19 – Goldie Kulbel

July

24 – Emily Hickman



Life-Long Learning, Knowledge, Exploration, Discovery, Experience,



Confidence, Self-Improvement, Unlimited Horizons, Accomplishment.

Attending the Spring Conference from Alpha Epsilon were Kathy, Jill, Marie, and Cindy. What a fun time we had as we participated in the many outstanding workshops and listened to the spectacular keynote speakers. It was great seeing everyone in person and being able to give and receive hugs. We decided we really missed that. Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Omicron were responsible for hosting the Hospitality Room. A special thank you to Charlotte for helping set up the room and hosting it on Friday while Kathy, Marie and Cindy were attending the Revitalization Workshop. Even though the room was smaller than most Hospitality Rooms at conferences/conventions we made it work. Due to the weather, we couldn't use our patio outside, so we got cozy. Cindy conducted a workshop called *We're Different, We're the Same: Teaching Equity & Diversity with Picture Books*. She brought many books from her own collection and shared how she uses the books in her own classroom at the college level. She has a beginning resource list of books that she uses when celebrating diversity. If you would like a copy, I'm sure she would send the list to you, or I could copy the one I received at the workshop and send you.

The next Trail that Marie is working on will have many articles on the conference. Please read it and know next year there will be an in person, State Fall Conference in Jefferson, and a State Convention in the spring at the Independence Hotel in Independence. Both locations are close to Salem and the four of us pictured above would like you to attend both with us. It will help us grow closer as a chapter.

Alpha Epsilon Members Receive Two State Awards

Service to Education

This DKG sister has served her chapter as webmaster, Zoom master, and by making many presentations. She has served as a State president, attended several regional conferences, and has presented workshops. In fact, she was a workshop presenter at the conference.

She is Professor of Early Childhood and Special Education at Western Oregon University. She is collaborating to develop a state-wide Center for Early Childhood that focuses on justice, equity, and inclusion. She is on a state level leadership team for early childhood inclusion. She organized an exchange at Western Oregon University with students from China. She has been director of the Early Childhood Inclusion Summer Institute. She created a bridge program for transferring community college students to Western Oregon University. She works with the Marion/Polk Early Learning Hub, the NW Down Syndrome Association, and has served on the Chemeketa Community College Early Childhood Advisory Board. She is currently serving on the Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Higher Education Consortium. She is active on many more councils and in many professional organizations. Do you know who your Alpha Epsilon sister is?

Did you pick **Dr. Cindy Ryan** as receiving the award for **Service to Education**?



Service to Society

This DKG sister has been a member for 28 years. She began teaching elementary grades in Klamath Falls and continues her career in Salem-Keizer. She has volunteered with Girl Scouts, 4H, and the West Salem Band Program

She has been a chapter co-president for two bienniums and has been chapter treasurer for the past twelve years. She has attended many International conventions and conferences as well as State meetings, conferences and conventions.

This busy lady has served as Oregon's Executive Secretary for four State Presidents. In this role, she maintained the state database for all state members. She updated the state directory to a digital format, and made the state leadership directories. She served as registrar for state meetings and conventions and created the State's Convention programs. Due to her expertise in math and computer skills, she was able to accomplish all of these tasks while still teaching and raising a family. Who is this Alpha Epsilon member?

More Conference Pictures



Did you pick **Jill Snyder** as receiving the award for **Service to Society**?



A few more State Conference Pictures!



New State Members in 2021-22



New Author Lisa Gerlits from Silverton

Four Themes To Consider When Trying To Rejuvenate Our Chapter

- Membership -

- * Publicizing the org.
- * Certificates of recognition *- received by members*
- * Celebrations * Excellence in Ed Award
- * Use Alpha Rho Fdn. grants (community events)
- * Share scholarship opportunities
- * Create elevator speeches
- * Speakers via Zoom to encourage more participation
- * Keep membership info close by to share
- * Sharing

- Leadership -

- * DKG Ignite (formerly Golden Gift)
- * Mentor - sister chapters
- * Delegate responsibilities lightly to new or struggling members
Provide support to ↑
- * Alpha Epsilon - changing names re leadership
President = Communicator

- Relevancy -

- * Retired Working Community Ed } 3 types
- * Community - opening up to new ideas -
 - professional trainers, HR, military
 - Share w/current members so they know how open we are
- * Those on maternity leave or who have left look @ skills
- * Could have variety of mtgs for different groups (retired etc) - can we provide the diversity we need?
- * Get into schools to learn what teachers really want Offer PDUs
- * Members who don't attend - "How would you like to contribute?"

- Communication -

Internal -

- * Chapter Chatter for Trail
- * Pied White Rose
- * Honor current members of others
- * Honor 5yr, 10yr, etc (list in Trail drawing)

External -

- * Advocate to legislators
- * Publicity - newspapers, etc
- * Community outreach
- * Community events (cultural, include languages, etc)
- * Social media (using search engines)
- * Tables (Info) @ COBA, Cohort mtgs, etc
- * University papers,
- * Celebrate new members
- * Technology - using to connect

Lark and Kathy at Beta Beta's 2022 Spring Tea



Beta Beta Education Foundation
2022 Spring Tea
Menu

Scones:
Apricot Cardamom
Bacon, Chive & Blue Cheese
Lemon Curd and Devonshire Cream

Sandwiches:
Southern Pimento Cheese
Mustard Chicken Salad
Ham and Chutney

Savories:
Asparagus Roll-up
Mushroom Leek Quiche Square
Cucumber Canapé w/Goat Cheese & Mango Jelly

Desserts:
Citrus Diamond
Poppyseed Cupcake
Kahlúa Truffle Triangle
Fresh Fruit Mini-Skewer

Assorted Teas:
Cherry Almond (flavored black)
Mango Passionfruit (caffeine free herbal)
Empress Lady Grey (traditional black)

