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DKG International Conference

Portland Marriott Hotel – Waterfront
July 7-10, 2021



Marie Mueller's Conference Review

If you couldn't attend, you missed out! Despite all the chaos involved in setting it up and assigning work, the conference went smoothly and was both informative and fun. The

Marriott fronts on the Willamette, straight across from OMSI, with lovely bridges to view from the waterfront path. The weather was great, providing sunshine, mid-80s, and a light breeze. Due to pandemic restrictions, attendance was almost entirely USA members, but many states were represented.

Keynote speakers were informative and inspiring. Becky Sadowski, International DKG President, and Nita Scott, Executive Director, both spoke. Nita suggested that if each member could bring one—just one—person to a meeting, DKG would soon be a thriving Society, rather than one with declining membership. When was the last time you participated in a fire drill? We had that opportunity during one evening presentation. A warming cart in the kitchen began smoking, so the alarm went off (flashing lights and alarm bells). As good teachers, we stood, grabbed our purses and programs, and marched out in lines. The hotel management said

we accomplished the most rapid and well-organized exodus he had ever seen—and we didn't even need to. We were told to cross the street. All those school practices paid off, even though I was even outside yet when we were able to reverse and go back to our seats.

Workshops were lots of fun, with enthusiastic speakers on MANY topics ranging from serious learning for PK-adult to personal enrichment. I tried some of both and went away pleased from each one. Out of the 46 available, I attended 7—all good and all were well attended. My every-day job wasn't writing blogs, an easy job made very difficult by initial procedures. We ended by packing Grace Pitzer's laptop from person to person to accomplish timely posts of information

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Kathy and I were worker-bees. I ran errands for Jean Fairbairn, Steering Committee Chair. I adjusted signs by adding details and arrows. Jean and I moved signs into better positions for ease of finding your way, then moved them again if they didn't work. One of my assignments was to find hotel staff who could produce four serving spoons. Marriott staff worked well with us, helping a great deal, and doing so with a smile.



Registration – Yvonne Fassold, Marie, Grace Pitzer and Sandy Watts in back.

Kathy, meanwhile, was organizing, recruiting, and orienting volunteers to fill slots on her list of needed hands. Her booth was positioned where everyone saw it right off, so she also greeted members. Both of us worked registration and that was busy and fun. We had jobs throughout the conference.

In the lobby, Jean Fairbairn and helpers greeted incoming members with smiles and welcomes—and information! While so doing, they also assisted non-members who were coming in and needed help. DKG was popular.

Kathy Martell's Conference Review



Yes, I had the best job and location of the whole conference. Being located right outside the elevators and under the stairwell, I was able to see and visit with everyone coming down to the workshops or the General Sessions.

The Marriott's set up for a conference was the best I've

ever attended. The meeting rooms were all downstairs in the same area and very easy to find. Only the Marketplace and Art Gallery were in a different place on the second floor.

Out of the approximate 250 attendees at the conference, 60+ were from Oregon and 50+ were from Washington. California had their share too, but I never heard how many. The NW Regional Director, Barbara Clausen was from Washington and the SW Regional Director, Janis Barr is from a California Chapter, but actually lives in Brookings, OR. There was a little competition to see which of these three states would have the most members at the conference. WE WON!



We were able to meet our DKG World Fellowship person who is attending the University of Portland this year. She is from South Africa and was a delight to visit with.



I had the pleasure of performing in my first choir ever at the International Conference. My friend, Director June Bowers convinced me to take part in her choir. I enjoyed it but felt intimidated by all the music teachers in the group. Can you find the two Oregon representatives in the choir?



Friday night's dinner was on our own. Seven of us went exploring on the river front and stopped at Little River Café for something to eat. Pictured above starting on the front left is; Dr. Muriel O'Tuel from Myrtle Beach, SC, Marie, Grace Pitzer-Alpha Nu, Sandy Watts-Alpha Omicron, Kathy, Yvonne Fasold-Lambda and Judy Brimmer-Alpha.

What's next? New Orleans, Louisiana, July 12-16, 2022! Mark your calendars now and save your dollars for a wonderful trip. The more chapter members who go, the more fun it is!

In the interim: We will see you at our next Alpha Epsilon gathering in August at Left Coast Vineyard. Cindy is planning a social event for us. Watch your email for more information to come!



Oregon Delegation

Unfortunately, not everyone was there when we took the picture above. Some were working in the Market Place. Some only came a specific day.

Marie hard at work writing her blog!

