

President's Corner

Dear Omega State,

Thank you for sharing your Chapters with me and letting me enjoy the impact you're making on your communities!

As you share your favorite programs and projects in *Omega Peaks* and at our meetings, you enrich Omega State. You

are, indeed, true examples of what it means to "promote

personal and professional growth of

women educators" and "promote excellence in education." All across Colorado, DKG is impacting educators and education so let's hold our heads up high and claim our position as key women educators, for that is exactly what we are!

Even as we give to others, we are life-long learners ourselves, and, my, what an exciting summer it's going to be for Omega State! We've got the Leadership Conference in June and the International Convention in July. Check out the details about both exciting times in this issue of *Omega Peaks* and at dkgcolorado.weebly.com and dkg.org.

The Leadership Planning Team has created an awesome Leadership Conference experience for us June 11, 12, and 13 at the Franciscan Center Retreat in Colorado Springs. We know the time is different from usual weekend retreats, but M-W were the only available dates. We hope you'll make time to join us--and bring a guest or two. You can read all about

the Pre-conference Sessions, Breakouts, and Speakers, fill out the enclosed registration form, and bring along the copy of the agenda from this *Omega Peaks*. We'll update all info on the Omega State website as more leaders respond with details about their sessions and topics.

We're planning to go virtual so bring your laptops and iPads! Schedule of Events, breakout session handouts, and other info is on the website. Chapter Training materials are virtual, too, at www.dkg.org so follow the links mentioned later in this issue of the *Peaks* to get yours. You can use all documents virtual or print hard copies and bring them along if you're a paper girl. I, personally, like paper so I'll be printing mine to bring. There's all kinds of details about the Conference in this issue so circle and highlight and fold over any info you need, get your walkin' shoes on, and bring a friend!

The International Convention on July 15-21 just may be the most exciting Convention ever because it's set in Austin, the birthplace of DKG. If you've never been to an International Convention, this would be the one because we have the option of touring Headquarters and learning about Annie Webb Blanton's inspiration for creating our beloved Society. Tours are available M-Th so don't miss going. Think about times you've stood at the site of a beginning--your immigrant grandmother's homestead, Mt. Vernon, or the school where you started your education. I'm always overcome with emotion as I stand in the place where someone's vision changed the world, and if you find me weeping beside DKG founder portraits this summer, just hand me a Kleenex, please.

Austin is a grand city with great Tex-Mex and barbeque and the most amazing local singer-songwriters any night of the week. With a motto of "Keep Austin Weird," the city holds a million things



to enjoy, and you might want to bring along a pair of cowboy boots, just in case. Registration and hotel info is at dkg.org. Send Lelia Koenig your cell phone number if you're coming with us so we can gather for some fellowship and tour headquarters together! Just imagine all of us Omega State members standing in International Headquarters together!

Almost a year ago, I introduced my biennium theme, *Promoting Praise and Possibility*. At the 2017 Omega State Convention, I challenged you to write a note of praise to every person in your Chapter. That challenge still stands. Praise isn't a one-time thing. It's a steady dose of thankfulness and glory poured out on those around us. If you've not written a note lately, send one. Or an email, a phone call, a visit. Tell your sister something she's done well; mention a quality you love about her.

I also invited you to dream of the impossible, to embrace poet Mary Oliver's suggestion: *Leave a little room in your heart for the unimaginable*. If you don't remember what you dreamed up for your Chapter, if you let the possibility slide, it's time to dream big again! What wild and crazy, unimaginable, impossible way can your Chapter grow in 2018? Talk it up, embrace it, and come along on the journey with me. Let's grow together!

Janet

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Omega State Celebrates Past Presidents

Dorothy Dunlap (1971-73)

Charlotte Collins (1979-81)

~ Lives Forever Entwined ~

~ Treasures to be Cherished ~

Sadly in January 2018, two past presidents passed away. We celebrate their lives and their dedication to Omega State over the years. Their contributions and their biennia are well remembered by many of us who knew them. We send condolences to their families and especially thank Charlotte Collins and Dorothy Dunlap for their service to Omega State and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Fittingly enough, at Charlotte's convention, Dorothy Dunlap was asked to speak and chose the topic Future Focus to relate some of the "technological changes we may soon face in the future." Dorothy was always a forward thinker. Dr. Mary Ann Roldan said of Dorothy, "She was very business-like and raised the bar for Omega State in the performance of duties. She was devoted to promoting the Society."



Dorothy served as president of Beta Chapter, Pueblo, from 1964-1966, and as Omega State president in 1971-73.



Dorothy served on the international Personal Growth and Services committee, the international Travel and Study Committee and the Constitution Committee. In

Omega state, Dorothy's biennium theme was "This Day Is Ours" taken from a poem written by Lillian Larson, XI Chapter. International guest Bernice Conoly, Member At Large, keynoted with her address, "The Reachable Star." Dorothy's insights into furthering the state organization were enumerable. Membership and leadership were promoted, and members were encouraged to participate fully in the Society. During Charlotte's biennium, Dorothy received the Omega State Award in 1979, and was nominated and elected Southwest Regional Director,

1980-1982. Additionally, she held elected office as international Member-at-Large from 1990-1994. True Morgan commented, "Dorothy and I attended CSCE College together. Her father was superintendent of Pueblo County Schools and an admired educator. Dorothy had that same excellence and passion in her teaching and her DKG work. I so enjoyed attending international meetings when Dorothy served."

Quoting Dorothy, "Looking back, I am once again reminded that the Society has played a very important part in my life. I am so very grateful for the challenges offered and for the opportunities to have my life enriched by so many remarkable women."

(SW Regional Director History Booklet, published 2010.)



At 99, Charlotte Collins was our oldest living past president, and Memory Lamfers and I visited her in late November to interview Charlotte for a special tribute to her in the Omega State 30th Anniversary Booklet. We had a delightful visit with Charlotte. Charlotte served as president of Pi Chapter and also was Omega State President from 1972-1974. Primarily an English teacher, Charlotte began her teaching career at Holy Family and Cathedral High Schools.

At Lakewood Junior High, she met the love of her life, Frank Collins, a coach, P.E. and history teacher. They were married in June, 1949. Because a husband and wife could not teach in the same school, Charlotte relocated to Fort Logan Jr. high School where she taught English, Civics, Drama and Physical Education in which she taught exercise and various dancing styles. After

Charlotte and Frank were married, after a time, Charlotte returned to full-time teaching at Arvada Senior High School as an English teacher. Thus, began her 27-year career at Arvada.

Charlotte noted, "I thought Delta Kappa Gamma was my salvation, because my husband, Frank, had passed away, and I needed the work the organization could provide. I donated the Society's state flag in Frank's honor." Charlotte was on the Archives committee and was instrumental in writing portions of the Golden Anniversary Booklet of Omega State. Cynthia Mousel recalled that Charlotte orchestrated some of the most memorable Remembrance



Ceremonies, “Charlotte wanted the set up to be ‘just right.’ True Morgan said of Charlotte, “She was a very important member of Omega State, and we all loved to be with her in her lovely

Home. She was such a gracious and a loving hostess.”

Charlotte was last present at the 1997 Southwest Regional in Salt Lake City and at the 1999 state convention in Colorado Springs.

Charlotte will be greatly missed by Omega State members and even more by her Pi Chapter sisters who visited her regularly in her later years.

An era has passed and Omega State thanks both these past presidents for their service. Your work was outstanding and greatly benefited our state organization! Charlotte was a member for 50 years and Dorothy a member for 60 years.

Submitted by Kathy Flynn, State Archivist

The 2018 Omega State Leadership Conference Goes Virtual!

Even as we follow International's lead into the land of virtual (we can now access *dkg.org* on an iPhone app!), we want to honor the desire of Omega State members who still prefer paper. That's why we're making all documents available in numerous ways. Those of us who are comfortable with online agendas, Chapter Guidelines, and Chapter Rules can access and update them all on our laptops, iPads, and iPhones. Be sure to bring your preferred technology tool to the Conference.

Those of us who prefer paper can download copies and print from three sources--this *Omega Peaks*, updates from the *dkgcolorado.weebly.com* website, or the email attachments sent to Chapter Presidents. Please help your sisters access documents in the formats they prefer.

**Leading
with
Praise
and
Possibility**

**You are invited to
The 2018 Omega State
Leadership Conference
June 11, 12, & 13
Franciscan Retreat Center
7740 Deer Hill Grove
Colorado Springs
CO 80919**



BYOB!

How many bags do you own? If you're like most of us, you've got dozens of them just lying around. While getting a new bag at a Conference is a momentary joy, the truth is, you've probably already got more bags than you'll ever be able to use. In order to save Omega State money and reduce member costs, we've opted for BYOB--Bring Your Own Bag to the 2018 Omega State Leadership Conference. (International Convention is BYOB too). Be sure to keep the old nametag on it in case it gets misplaced. It might even be fun to see what



generations of bags we can bring from previous events! Maybe we should give a prize for the oldest bag brought!?

Supplies you'll need for the Leadership Conference June 11, 12, 13

- your own bag to carry papers and your laptop
- a copy of the agenda--printed or virtual, your choice!
- copies of Breakout Session handouts--printed or virtual
- Chapter Guidelines--printed or virtual
- your laptop or iPad
- notepads and pens if you like to write
- a happy, open attitude and willingness to grow
- a toothbrush and other personal items for spending the night!

Bring Your Chapter Guidelines

Please bring copies of the Chapter Guidelines booklets to use in learning about Chapter leadership positions at the Society Breakout Sessions of the Leadership Conference.

Current Chapter Guidelines are now available online at www.DKG.org. On the home page, click on "TOOLS" and scroll down to "Chapter Leader Guidelines." There you can download PDF files for Chapter Presidents, Chapter Treasurers, Chapter Membership Committee Chairs, Chapter Communications and Publicity Committee Chairs, and Finance Committee Guidelines. You may view these PDF files on your computer or print your own copy if you wish. Any Chapter member can download them now for free!

If your Chapter wishes Omega State to provide printed Chapter Guidelines, you can request them for \$3 each. Send your requests to Lilly Vigil at cmcer1@msn.com or 970.409.9313 by May 15 so she can have them printed for you in time for our Leadership Conference.

2018 Omega State Leadership Pre-Conference Options

Monday, June 11 9:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m.

Choice A: Achieving Your Leadership Potential

Good leaders recognize that good leadership is a never-ending process of self-study, education, training, and experience. This pre-conference workshop offers just that--time to examine leadership styles that work for us, new ideas about how lead creatively, and other components of leadership that will help us *redefine* our own leadership potential.

Since many members won't be able to make an early morning meeting, we decided to use this time as an outreach to gather new members. Please bring a potential member for your Chapter. With your paid registration fee and attendance, your guest receives free registration and CEU credit. It's a 2 for 1, and who doesn't love a sale?

Cost \$10 Registration forms available in this issue and at dkgcolorado.weebly.com.

Breakfast and Lunch on your own.

Choice B: Walking Tour and Lunch at Garden of the Gods

Meet at the Franciscan Center parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to the Garden of the Gods and take a stroll with your talented guide through one of the most beautiful rock formations Colorado has to offer! The group will stop for lunch (additional cost) and sit outside at the Garden Cafe, viewing the line of the Garden stones. The natural beauty of the rock formations is a peaceful way to spend a morning and gather your thoughts for the Leadership Conference.

Cost \$10 Registration forms available in this issue and at dkgcolorado.weebly.com.

Breakfast on your own; choose lunch from the Garden Cafe menu at regular prices.



leadership
passion

dedication
motivation
drive
discipline
excellence
heart

**2018 Omega State Leadership
Pre-Conference**

***Achieving Your
Leadership Potential***

June 11, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Franciscan Retreat Center
7740 Deer Hill Grove
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

CEU Credit Certificate for 3 contact hours



Society Representative



Omega State is delighted to announce that Patricia Park, 2017 DKG Southwest Regional Director, will be the Society Representative for the 2018 Omega State Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs. Pat serves on the DKG

Administrative Board and is an expert on leadership training and will present keynote and breakout sessions to inspire Chapters across Colorado. With her Spirit of Aloha, she models the kindness and peace that our mountains bring us!

News from International

The DKG International Website www.dkg.org has been updated!

When you visit the website, you will see the usual tabs along the top. While you're there, click on the MyDKG and update your email, phone, or address.

In addition, there is now a rotating image to the left of the screen. You can click on these images to get information about each of the topics indicated by the image. When the image of the cell phone appears, click the rotator to get instructions on how to download and use the **new app**. If you've used it previously, it's been updated so you'll need to delete it and download again.

The rotating image also shows a constitution. You can click on it and see the 79 proposed amendments to the International Constitution and the 43 proposed amendments to the International Standing rules that will be voted on at the International Convention in July 16-20 in Austin. One important proposed amendment is to change the name of Delta Kappa Gamma International. Some Omega State members want to; some don't. If you go to the Convention, you can vote. If you don't go, you can send your opinions to janet.mcclaskey@gmail.com. I will count the votes and vote the way most Omega State members ask me to.

New Executive Director



On January 1, 2018, Nita Scott became the new Executive Director of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Initiated in 2005, Nita previously served as the DKG Membership Services Administrator and brings both a strong

knowledge of the Society and a background in education, business, and marketing to her new role. She is a former mathematics and business teacher in Tennessee and Arkansas. Nita and her husband James live near Austin with five horses, four dogs, a cat and a small herd of cattle.



White Roses of Remembrance

Dorothy Dunlap
Beta, Died 1-28-18.

Lee Oldham, Beta
Died 1-26-18.

Charlotte Collins
Pi, Died 1-22-18.

Eleanor Popham
Alpha Beta chapter,
died 1-6-18.



“She has left a part of herself with those she loved, with her colleagues, and with all of us.”

Delta Kappa Gamma Ceremonies Book

REMINDER FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS – FORM 6

It is very important that each death of a member be reported as soon as possible on Form 6 for Death of a Member. Please work with your membership chairs to **promptly report to all three of the following:**

International: **International Membership Services:**
mem@dkg.org

Omega State Membership Chair: **Beth Barzdukas:**
Barzdukas@live.com

Omega State Treasurer: **Lilly Vigil:**
cmcr1@msn.com

The form is interactive on-line and is available on both the state website and the international website. Names will not be listed in the White Roses unless the Form 6 is submitted.

Omega State Officers 2017-2019

President - Janet McClaskey
1st Vice President - Leila Koenig
2nd Vice President - Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske
Recording Secretary - Memory Lamfers
Corresponding Secretary - Kerry Tripp
Executive Secretary - Cynthia Mousel
Treasurer - Lilly Vigil
Parliamentarian - Susan Denny
Editor & Webmaster - Nancy Scofield
Archivist - Kathy Flynn
Immediate Past President - Dr. Sue Pettit

Chapter Happenings

Alpha Chapter

In November, Alpha Chapter chose to do an altruistic project, working with The Action Center in Jefferson County. The center, based in Lakewood, works with low income and homeless in a variety of ways. The three basic areas are: providing assistance in basic needs, offering a network of support, and helping to create avenues to self-efficiency.

Jefferson County Human Services is also onsite once a week to assist with applications for housing, food assistance, and employment. The Center also cooperates with local businesses in support of their endeavors, they offer support with GED and college credits, and mental health services are also available.

They are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays for donation drop offs. They are always in need of food, school supplies, clothing, toiletries, and household items. Our chapter members donated many of these items along with new and slightly used toys, books, and wrapping paper for their Santa Shop. We also donated items that could be used at their “beautiful junk” sale they hold at the Jefferson County Fair grounds that helps provide funding. One of our members, Cathy Throner, is a devoted volunteer and has been helping at the Action Center for several years. We applaud her endeavors! If you live in the Denver Metro area, please think of The Action Center when “purging”!

Submitted by Deb Francis, Alpha Chapter President

Chi Chapter

Chi Chapter celebrated loyalty and longevity at their February meeting held in Delta. Members received pins in recognition of their years in Delta Kappa Gamma. Collectively, the recipients represented 364 years of membership. The loyal members are Linda Read with 35 years, Shirley Cotton (45), Carol Martinson (30), Judy Cover (40), Madaline Lake (35), Alice Murphy (45), Leila Koenig (29), and seated are Miriam Hartig (45), Marlene Gall (30), and Nancy Pierce, 30 years.



WANTED: Nominations Team Members

The Omega State Nominations committee needs your help. We would like you to begin considering recommendations for State Officers and Nominations Committee Representatives.

Officers needed are President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

State President shall:

- have served on the State Executive Board within the last six (6) years,
- have served as Chapter president,
- have state committee experience,
- have attended state and regional conferences/conventions,
- have interest and time for this position,
- have organizational ability and the ability to delegate,
- be able to speak well and communicate effectively.

First Vice-President shall:

- have served on the State Executive Board within the last six (6) years,

State Officers will serve for the 2019-2021 biennium.

The Nominations Committee needs one (1) representative from each of the following areas: Area I, Area V, and Area VI.

Area I, V, VI need to nominate one (1) representative each, to serve on the Omega Nominations Committee for four (4) years (2019-2023.) The following chapters lie within those areas.

Area I: Xi, Chi, Alpha Mu, Alpha Chi

Area V: Zeta, Mu, Omega, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota

Area VI: Beta, Eta, Iota, Rho, Phi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Omicron

The role of the Nominations Committee is to seek the best leadership available, present the slate of officers, prepare the ballot and conduct the election.

Check with chapter members as to their interest in serving at the state level and get their permission before nominating them for office. All nominees are nominated by their chapter and all pertinent information and letters

of support need to be sent to the Nominations Committee Chairman. Nomination forms can be downloaded at dkg.org Omega State Website and will be available to state presidents at the 2018 Omega State Spring Executive Board Meeting.

Completed Nominations Forms need to be submitted by **November 15, 2018** and sent to:

Laurie Salazar, Nominations Committee Team Leader
885 County Road 311
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
lsalazar@frontier.net

Amendment Proposals

This summer at the International convention in Austin, attendees will vote on several proposed amendments to the International Constitution and the International Standing Rules. Several of these, if passed, will impact chapters and membership practices. In this issue, I will write about half of the changes for membership in the Constitution. Next time, I will complete this task with the second half of proposed changes. There are many changes proposed to these documents and the challenge by the International president is, "Simplify, simply, simplify." Please read on for further information.

First, **Article III, Section A. Membership 1.** the wording would be changed from **initiated** to **inducted**. The Article currently reads: "Membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shall be by invitation. A member **initiated** into the Society becomes a member of a chapter, a state organization, and the International Society." Again in Number 2, It currently reads, "An individual becomes a member of the Society when she is **initiated**. She is **initiated** only once." If passed, it would read the same except **inducted** would be used instead of **initiated** because the submitter feels "the use of the more contemporary professional term supports the Society's move toward branding itself as a professional organization as opposed to a social organization."

A second possible change is in **Article III. Membership. Section A. Membership 1.** which currently reads: "Membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shall be by **invitation**." If passed, "**or application**" would be added after the word "invitation" so that membership could be either by invitation or application. Rationale for this change is that a chapter has an additional recruitment option. Members may be wondering how this would affect chapters and



membership. Would someone drop in and bring their application and expect to be a member?

The third proposal in this article is **Article III. Membership Section B. Classification 1.** which reads “An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator at the time of her election or has been retired **from an educational position.**” If passed, wording would be changed to read, “An active member shall be a woman who is **or has been employed** as a professional educator at the **time of her election or has been retired from an education position.**” The proposed change would allow former educators to become members of the Society. Rationale for this change is that it may increase membership and therefore increase revenue. To make this clearer, if passed, for example, Mrs. A. Teacher who taught for twenty years and then resigned and worked until retirement in her own cupcake business would be eligible for membership. Currently, Mrs. Teacher would not be eligible for membership because she did not retire from an education position. It was necessary for me to read and re-read this piece, and hope I interpreted it correctly.

I will write about the rest of the proposed changes in a later issue of the PEAKS. A word to the wise: Please be informed. Read and re-read these changes and talk over these changes with chapter members. In addition, there will be some sessions at the International convention to further discuss these changes. Consider attending the convention!!

Omega State’s Arts Gallery Is Moving Closer to Being a Reality!

The Music, Arts and Humanities Education Team is working on an Omega State Arts Gallery. Members of the team have looked at the International's guidelines and will be discussing how to best implement this page for Omega State Members.

Initially, Chair Suzanne Foster felt that the Gallery could be up and running by Thanksgiving; however, missing the chance to meet with Team members in the fall impeded the progress. "We may start small, but we hope to have the start of a page up and running so that it can run continuously during the 2019 DKG Convention," says Foster.

We will continue to post updates in the Omega Peaks and on our MAHE web page. Thanks also to Nancy Scofield for her invaluable advice and help in this project.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Once again, the Music, Arts and Humanities Team will sponsor a Talent Show!! It will be held Tuesday Night of the Leadership Conference which runs June 11-13.

The theme of the Conference is Promoting Praise and Possibility; therefore, individuals, duos, trios, chapter members---everyone is invited to participate. Please email Suzanne Foster at sunafoster@yahoo.com with the chapter name, the contact person, the number of individuals, and the talent that will be shared. We had so much fun at the inaugural Talent Show that we are excited to bring it back!!

Contact **Suzanne Foster** by email or by text (970-471-4213) with questions.



ΔΚΓ

Is three Greek words.

Διδασκαοι—Didaskotikai means teachers

Κλειδουχοι—Kleidouchai means key

Γυναικες--- Gynaikes means women.

Delta Kappa Gamma is literally "Teachers Key Women" which we say as "Key Women Educators!"



Mu Chapter Recognizes Gail Ward and Anna Miller as 2018 Honor Roll Awardees



Gail Ward, a member since 1981, was an early childhood teacher in St. Vrain and served as Mu chapter president in 2006-2008, plus, many other capacities as a Mu chapter member. Gail began the liaison with the district professional development office and the induction coaches which led to us participating for 9 years

now in the fall New Teacher Orientation where we greet new teachers and also provide a drawing for our Adopt-A- Classroom teacher. Gail also chairs the Personal Growth and Services Committee (8 years) and has been our contact with Safe Shelter for abuse victims. She has arranged for many great programs for personal health and well-being. Gail has facilitated our 'Books for Kids' program since 2008 processing over 12,000 books to St. Vrain Students. Her contributions to the 2010 state leadership conference were huge. She, pretty much single handedly, made and set up the table decorations for the conference. Gail and husband, John, have two children, Kevin and Kim (husband Glen and granddaughter, Holly.) Gail is most deserving of this honor. Mu Chapter appreciates your dedication. Thank you!

Anna Miller has served Mu chapter many years as treasurer managing our money and various funds. Anna also submits the annual membership report data to the state organization and files with the IRS. Her efforts in this endeavor have been stellar. We have not worried about our finances



in Anna's hands. She is stepping down this year, and we want to honor her as a dedicated treasurer not only providing complete reports, but also as a long-time member joining in the 1980s. Anna is an active participant in meetings, is almost always present, sings with our music committee and special groups, including two at state conventions, and is dedicated to Mu chapter and our presence in the community. Anna retired after a long career as an elementary teacher from Central Elementary SVVSD. Among her other activities, Anna was a cantor at two different churches and has sung in the Longmont Chorale over 30 years. Anna has served the Chorale in many capacities, including Chorale Singers, small group, and "#1 ticket-seller and advertising solicitor."

Submitted by Susan Burnett, chapter president, and Kathy Flynn

Promoting Personal Growth of Women Educators

On February 13th, Alpha Eta chapter was visited by our Omega State President, Janet McClaskey. We enjoyed a thought provoking discussion as we sat around the table with Janet. As professional educators we are challenged to grow, but what about growing personally? I have been enjoying my years of retirement, and one of the joys of time for myself, has been the time I have for building friendships. A close friend shared with me her practice of choosing a "word" to focus on throughout each new year, for personal growth. I decided I wanted to give this a try.

My retirement also provides me the time for in depth Bible study. I have been studying the book of Daniel. I have learned that Daniel was a man of "resolve". I want to be a Daniel. I want to be a woman of resolve! And so, I have the word I hope will bring personal growth in 2018!

My goal is to work on a specific area of my life each month, building my 'resolve'. In January I decided to be better disciplined by getting up at a consistent time each day. This month I am striving to drink up to eight glasses of water a day. I'm doing well to empty 3-4 a day right now. But I know this can



improve my health, and maybe even help with weight loss.

I believe that I am in charge of my personal growth, and it is important to set goals for how I can BE and FEEL different tomorrow.

If you have not had the privilege of meeting Janet McClaskey yet, I hope you meet her soon. Her theme for this year is, "Promoting Praise and Possibility," and dear sisters, she is FULL of praise and possibility herself!!

Submitted by Jeni Koch

CTAUN Conference in New York
City at the United Nations, Friday,
April 6, 2018
“Stepping Up to Protect the
World’s Children”
Make Plans Now to Attend !
 Registration:
<http://www.ctaun.org/conferences/2018-un/>

Get Involved in the 2018 Election!!!

The 2018 election year is underway and there are many ways Delta Kappa Gamma members can get involved and have their voices heard on important issues to them by knowing the candidates and understanding ballot issues!

Precinct Party Caucus: If you are affiliated with a political party as of January 8 and a resident of the precinct for 30 days, you are eligible to participate in a Precinct Party Caucus meeting on March 6.

The purpose of party caucuses is to elect delegates to county and state assembly meetings to select candidates for the primary election ballot and to participate in discussing a party platform. This caucus process is the true form of grass roots democracy. For information on where your precinct meets go to www.govotecolorado.com or visit your county clerk’s office.

County/District & State Assemblies: The next step in the process for those who attended caucus meetings and were a elected delegate is to attend county, district or state assemblies is to select candidates to run for county and state offices in the June Primary Election. The Colorado political parties schedule the dates for these events.

Omega State Anniversary Booklet

Our History from 1986—2016

Continuing on where the 50th Anniversary booklet left off.

We celebrated the Golden Anniversary, and now we celebrate the Diamond anniversary plus 5 years—Our 80th year in Omega State.

Pre-Orders Taken at Board Meeting March 17, 2018.

Cost: Dependent on # of orders.

10-20 = \$20.00

30+ = \$16.00

All orders must be pre-paid.

Primary Election Day: The purpose of the State Primary Election is to nominate candidates for the political parties to go on the November ballot.

Starting this year: All registered voters may vote in the June Primary Election. Unaffiliated voters may choose a party ballot they wish to receive or receive all participating party ballots. Unaffiliated voters may only vote for **one** ballot. Primary Election Day is June 26, 2018.

General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
 Voters elect federal, state, and local officials and vote on any ballot questions. Make plans now to participate in these important events, learn about the candidates running for office and ballot issues.

Make you democracy work.

Vote in 2018!

Dr. Barbara Whinery, Team Leader
 Education Policy and Law Team



2018 Omega State Leadership Conference
"Leading with Praise and Possibility"
Monday-Wednesday, June 11, 12, 13
Franciscan Retreat Center
7740 Deer Hill Grove, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Registration Form

Please use a separate form for each person

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ Zip _____ Chapter _____

I grant permission for my photo to be used in state publications/websites

Signature _____

Registration Fees (Please enter amount) **Early Bird by May 22, 2018**

- _____ Member \$75.00
- _____ Non-member \$85.00
- _____ Late Fee \$20.00 (if postmarked after May 22nd)
- _____ Monday Lunch \$13.00
- _____ Monday Dinner \$14.00
- _____ Tuesday Breakfast \$11.00
- _____ Tuesday Lunch \$13.00
- _____ Tuesday Dinner \$14.00
- _____ Wednesday Breakfast \$11.00
- _____ Wednesday Box Lunch \$11.00
- _____ **TOTAL Amount**

Make checks payable to: **Delta Kappa Gamma**
Mail to: **Pam Salas 419 S. Bayfield Avenue Pueblo West, CO 81007**

Special Dietary Needs: (Please Explain)

First Time Attendee: _____

State Office/Committee _____

Chapter Office/Committee _____

Chapter President (Check One) _____ Incoming _____ Outgoing

Request CEU Credit: _____

Lodging available at the Franciscan Retreat Center. Rooms per night (\$75 for 1 person) (\$86.00 for 2 people sharing) (\$98.00 for 3 people sharing). Get your group together and contact Cynthia Mousel (303) 475-9892 to make reservations. **First come, first served!**



2018 Omega State Leadership Conference

Pre-Conference Registration

June 11, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Choice A: *Achieving Your Leadership Potential*

Open to members and potential members. Mt. Cedar Room Franciscan Center Retreat.
Breakfast and Lunch on your own. Lunch available at Franciscan Center on Conference Registration form.
Request CEU Credit certificate for 3 contact hours.

Choice B: *Walking Tour and Lunch at Garden of the Gods*

Breakfast on your own; choose lunch from the Garden Cafe menu at regular prices.

Name _____

email _____ Phone _____

_____ Yes, I would like a CEU certificate for 3 Contact Hours (Choice A only)

Conference Cost \$10

Make check payable to: *Delta Kappa Gamma*

Mail check and registration form: Pam Salas, 419 S Bayfield Ave Pueblo, CO 81007-2755

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

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2018 Omega State Leadership Conference Schedule of Events

Theme: *Leading With Praise and Possibility*

M-W June 11, 12, 13

Franciscan Retreat Center

7740 Deer Hill Grove, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Monday June 11, 2018

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Conference Registration open at Franciscan Center Retreat

9:00-12:00 Pre-Conference Activities

Choice A: *Achieving Your Leadership Potential*--Open to members and potential-members

Choice B: *Walking Tour of Garden of the Gods*--Meet in Franciscan parking lot to carpool

1:00-3:00 First General Session

Musical Interlude

Presentation of Omega State Banner

Pledge

Welcome

Introduction of Steering Committee and Guests

Special Guests from Colorado Springs

Introduction of International Society Representative

How to Influence Global Learning for ALL Children

Schools for Africa

Geography of Africa

Announcements

MAHE Team

Leila Koenig, Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

Susan Denny

Janet McClaskey

Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

Kathy Flynn

Society Representative, Patricia Park

Gail Frey, Janet McClaskey

Jessie Shackelford

Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

3:00-3:10 Networking Break

3:10-3:30 Music for Members

Educational Excellence for Chapters

International Website Scavenger Hunt

Leila Koenig

3:30-4:30 *Making Choices*

Memory Lamfers

4:30-4:40 Networking Break

4:40-5:40 *Inspiring New Members*

Beth Barzdukas

5:40-6:00 Networking Break

6:00-7:00 Singing Grace

Dinner

MAHE Team

7:00-8:30 Special Music Presentation

Introduction of Key Note Speaker

My Leadership Top Ten

Deb Howard

Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

Col Jennifer Alexander



Chair of Economics and Geospatial Sciences Department, Air Force Academy

	Announcements	Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske
8:30-9:00	Member Sing Along	MAHE Team
9:00-9:30	Yoga with Memory	Memory Lamfers

Tuesday June 12, 2018

8:00-8:45	Breakfast	
9:00-10:00	Conference Theme: <i>Leading With Praise and Possibility</i> Janet McClaskey Music with Members <i>Promoting Praise and Possibility</i> MAHE Team Inspiration <i>Leader in Every Chair</i>	Patricia Park
10:00-10:10	Networking break	
10:10-11:10	Breakout Session 1	
11:10-11:20	Networking Break	
11:20-12:00	<i>Community Partnerships and Asset Mapping</i> Announcements	Dr. Barbara Whinery, Janet McClaskey
12:00-1:00	Singing Grace Lunch	
1:00-1:10	Networking Break	
1:10-2:10	Breakout Session 2	
2:10-2:20	Networking Break	
2:20-3:20	Breakout Session 3	
3:20-3:40	Networking Break	
3:40-4:40	Music With Members Gathering Song Ask your Officers Panel	MAHE Team
4:40-4:50	Networking Break	
4:50-5:50	<i>Preventing Suicide: Project Open When</i>	Emily Alire, Erica Switzer
5:50-6:00	Networking Break	
6:00-7:00	Silent Auction closes Announcement of Website Scavenger Hunt Winner Leila Koenig Dinner	



7:00-9:00 Announcement of Silent Auction Winners Nancy Scofield
 Omega State Member Talent Show MAHE Team

Wednesday June 13, 2018

8:00-8:45	Breakfast	
9:00-9:30	Inspiration Sharing of favorite moments	Janet McClaskey
9:30-10:30	<i>Math Education in Hungary</i>	Julia Campfield
10:30-11:00	<u>Omega State Board Meeting</u> Music with Members Inspiration Business Meeting <i>Collecting Chapter Archives</i> Announcements <i>Star Chapter Awards</i> Invitation to 2018 International Convention Invitation to 2019 State Convention <i>Omega State Award</i> Evaluations CEU Credit certificates Invitation to <i>Labyrinth Presidents Walk</i> Closing of Board Meeting	MAHE Team Kathy Flynn Carol Drollinger Kerry Tripp Ruth Ann Bearden
11:00-12:00	<i>Labyrinth President's Walk</i> Flute Ensemble <i>Leadership Appreciation</i> Music with Members <i>DKG Song</i>	Leila Koenig Gail Frey, Susan Chapman Janet McClaskey MAHE Team

**General Session Descriptions** **All General Sessions will be held in Mt. Cedar Room.****First General Session** **Monday 1:00-3:00**

How to Influence Global Learning for ALL Children Society Representative, Patricia Park

Bringing global learning to all children within our families, schools, communities, and organizations will inspire global citizenship, globalizing curriculum, empathy, and inclusion. To be human-centered will generate an interconnected and responsible world. This session will provide practical/effective research, strategies to implement global learning, and processes to develop an inclusive world.

Geography of Africa Communications and Publicity Team Leader, Jessie Shackelford

This session offers an interactive way to find out what you already know and engage in new opportunities to learn about Africa. Participants will leave with a new understanding of the continent and a new appreciation for our International Project *Schools for Africa*.

Second General Session **Monday 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

My Leadership Top 10

Col Jennifer Alexander, Chair of Economics and Geospatial Sciences Department, Air Force Academy

Third General Session **Tuesday 9:00-10:00**

Leader in Every Chair Society Representative, Patricia Park

Every single DKG member is a leader and truly should be honored and engaged. Therefore, you as a member, will enrich and live your legacy. You will actively participate in collaborative strategies to delve deeper at a conscious level into the Five Levels of Leadership. This is a true commitment to yourself, to your chosen professional career, to your contribution to mankind, and most importantly to your love and dedication to DKG.

Fourth General Session **Tuesday 4:50-5:50**

Preventing Suicide: Project Open When Emily Alire, Erica Switzer

How can our Chapter members make a practical difference in supporting teens in their communities? Two Teacher Education graduates from Colorado State University will describe their non-profit initiative: *Project Open When*. This interactive presentation will engage you and invite you to get involved in this or another like project. The session will also include information from Emily Gervais' *In 27 Days*, a book that comes with a discussion guide to get teens talking about their own mental health and suicide.



Breakout Session 1 Descriptions

Chapter President's Training

Leila Koenig and Susan Denny

Bring your virtual or printed Guideline Book. (Mt. Cedar Room)

The Power of One, The Power of You

Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

Using video and discussion, learn how your personal power can serve others. (Aspen Room)

Your Leadership Styles: How they Influence and Promote DKG's Purpose

Dr. Patricia Champion

This session will highlight and explore some of the most common leadership styles. A brief overview of eight leadership styles will be presented, incorporating activities and questionnaires that will enable attendees to determine their leadership styles and how that knowledge can lend itself to DKG's purposes and beyond. (Pine Room)

Book Conversation on The Speed of Trust

Cela Varosy

Stephen M. R. Covey's book can improve your personal, professional, and community life. This session will peak your interest in reading this book and show how Covey brings the principles of trust to life. Find out why the author's subtitle is *The One Thing That Changes Everything*. Inspiring stories illustrate how enhanced trust improves your life in all areas, and applying these strategies will improve trust with truly amazing benefits. Your Chapter will benefit from you reading and applying the strategies in this book. *Several copies of the book will be given as door prizes!* (Pinon Room)

Record Keeping for Chapter Treasurers and Secretaries Cynthia Mousel, Lilly Vigil

Bring your virtual or printed Guideline Book. (Marion Hall Lounge)

Breakout Session 2 Descriptions

Using Omega State and International Websites

Kathy Parker

Get a refresher on what's found where at dkgcolorado.weebly.com and dkg.org. (Mt. Cedar Room)

Chapter Finance and Budget-Building

Finance Team

Everything you wanted to know about chapter finances and then some! Discuss responsibilities of both finance teams and treasurers. Learn about resources available to your finance team and treasurer. Share ideas for fund raising and promoting early dues collection. Bring your virtual or printed Guideline Book. (Aspen Room)

Yes, We are Leaders of Leaders, Not Leaders of Followers Patricia Park

How to take the first steps to cultivate a Leader-Leader Culture whereby all are engaged and empowered to be active members. Learn strategies to develop leader-leader practices, empower each member and develop highly effective teams. More importantly, each member is truly involved by being part of the decision-making process and is valued. (Pine Room)

Making Paper Roses

Tina Grimmer

Using a new type of machine, this session teaches you how to create beautiful roses from paper. A fun Chapter project for table decor or gifts. (Pinon Room)

Resilience--The Art of Bouncing Back

Leila Koenig

In this session, you'll learn how to assess resilience levels for yourself and others. The session includes a quiz, activities, and other resources. (Marion Hall Lounge)



Breakout Session 3 Descriptions

Gotta Have Them Rules!

Bylaws and Standing Rules Team

Chapter presidents/representatives come ready with your current chapter rules. This session will make chapter rules as relevant, useful and compliant as possible. All Chapters will hand in rules at the 2018 Fall Board Meeting and be signed off on for the next four years, unless International does some major changes. (Mt. Cedar Room)

Attributes of Leadership

Loretta Kerr

Working in small groups, participants will explore attributes of leadership. This hands-on session is sure to bring out the creative child in you. (Aspen Room)

STEM is Elementary: Renewable Energy using KidWind and Vernier

Kathryn Eyolfson

Explore renewable energy and engineering design using KidWind kits with Vernier technology. Design, test, and refine a wind turbine to maximize its energy output. (Pine Room)

Eyelash Lei Making (bring \$10 fee for supplies)

Ronda Collette

In Hawaii, leis are given as a sign of good will, prosperity, and good luck. Come, learn how to use eyelash yarn to make your own lei. A creative idea for a chapter program or activity, lei making is a way to decompress, have fun, and spend time with a few of your closest DKG friends. (Pinon Room)

******Session location changes will be announced when necessary.***



Mission Statement

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

Vision

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

Society Purposes

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in

appropriate programs of action

7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

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