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President's Corner

FINISHING STRONG

In Sporting events, coaches often



preach the idea of finishing strong, an extra effort to surge ahead as the finish line approaches. That is where we are in this Covid biennium. The finish line is in our sights, but there is still some distance to cover. As we emerge from the Covid quarantine, with our chapters, it is time to surge ahead to summer.

First and foremost, your job is checking one more time to make sure your chapter members are well. Take a look at your communication network. How many of your members were not getting a newsletter or were unable to

meet virtually with your group? What will you do to correct that?

Next, it is time to collect dues. The June deadline will be here in a few short months. Think about an incentive. Remind them of the benefits of membership and the important projects ahead that they can help with. Did your chapter help support and encourage some teachers during their high stress year? Remind your members of the good you do together.

Now that it is safer to meet, at least in small groups, get busy and plan your meetings for next year. Celebrate being able to meet, to being able to talk in person. Did someone say, "PARTY!"? Has someone learned a new skill while staying home this year that they could share? Do you need to teach some computer skills so that you all can utilize more technology? Did you know that our state webmaster, Heidi Ragsdale, can help you with that?

Your state DKG representatives just met in person in Colorado Springs. What a joyous occasion it was to see friends, to conduct the business of the organization, to enjoy a beautiful day, to soak up some sunshine. We missed you. If you were not able to come, in this issue of the Peaks and Plains, you will find the Call and registration information for the Colorado DKG Convention to be held in Eagle, CO on June 15-17. Find a

roommate, form a car pool, make your plans to come to the mountains.

Also, in this issue of the Peaks and Plains you will find the slate of officer nominees for the 2021-2023 biennium. With this list of outstanding leaders, Colorado DKG will continue to pursue the purposes of the organization. You need to come to vote for your leaders, to learn in the variety of sessions, and to enjoy the fellowship.

How about planning to go to San Antonio or Portland this summer for the International Leadership Conferences? You can attend in person or virtually. These events will take place in July. Registration information and other details are available now soon the International website.

Some of our skills and stamina are a little rusty after staying at home for so long. We may need to stretch a bit as we loosen up our muscles and brains. But as the weather warms up, the possibilities expand, and we can fill our lungs. We can jog along and pick up momentum. We can Join the sprint and surge ahead to finish this DKG year - strong!

Leila

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**Omega State Officers
 2019-2021**

- President** - Leila Koenig
- 1st Vice President** - Suzanne Foster
- 2nd Vice President** - Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske
- Recording Secretary** - Michelle Miller
- Corresponding Secretary** - Kerry Tripp
- Executive Secretary** - Cynthia Mousel
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- Immediate Past President** - Janet McClaskey



White Roses of Remembrance

Eta Chapter

Barbara Kafka

October 22, 2020

Chi Chapter

Marleen Gall

December 2, 2020

Reminder for Chapter Presidents

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:

1. **International Membership Services:** mem@dkg.org
2. Omega State Membership Chair: **Beth Barzdukas:** barzdukas@live.com
3. Omega State Treasurer: **Lily Vigil:** cmcer1@msn.com

The form is interactive online 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.

COLORADO STATE CONFERENCE AUGUST 15, 2020 - MINUTES

The first session of the business meeting of the Colorado State Delta Kappa Gamma Society was called to order at 8:43 am. Maggie Hunt gave a short presentation about mindfulness and enjoying the moment.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. The minutes of the June Convention of 2019 were reviewed. It was moved by Dr. Barb Whinery and seconded by Lily Vigil that the minutes be approved as read. The minutes were approved as read.

The report of the By-laws and Standing Rules Team was given by Cynthia Mousel. The team suggested that the vote on the Appendices of the document be postponed until the final draft of the Appendices are distributed to the state executive board. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Barzdukas. The motion was approved.

Lily Vigil gave a budget report. See Attachment. Lily Vigil (representing the Finance Team) moved that the members attending the full Colorado State Conference have the opportunity to apply for a lifelong learning scholarship for the amount paid for their registration. Motion passed. Lily reminded members that she needs a CORRECT address and stated that all attendees will receive a lifelong learning scholarship for the amount of the conference registration. Attendees can also turn in a voucher for mileage.

There is a signer on the financial documents that needs to be removed from all official documents since Farabe Smith is no longer a resident of Colorado and is no longer a member of the Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society. The Society approved the removal of

Farabe Smith as a signer of all financial accounts.

Suzanne Foster moved that the proposed 2020/21 budget be approved. Sarah Helman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The final two team reports were postponed until later in the day. The business meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.

Meeting was called back to order at 1:00 pm. Laurie Salazar gave a report for the Nominations Team. Nominations for state officers are due November 15, 2020. Officers will be selected for the 2021-2023 biennium. The Nominations Team serves for 4 years.

The Membership Team recognized those who were attending the Leadership Conference for the first time. They then gave a presentation on how to recruit new members.

To finish the meeting, Kathy Flynn outlined a brief history of the founders of the Colorado State Delta Kappa Gamma Society (formerly the Omega State Delta Kappa Gamma Society). We are 84 years young!!

Respectively submitted,

Juana Hajek

Acting Secretary

Team Updates **BYLAWS AND STANDING** **RULES TEAM**

Happy Spring brings changes. The first was the approval at the Spring Executive Board Meeting of the proposed changes to the Colorado State

Organization Standing Rules (see the approved proposal below). It further defines electronic meetings in the “virtual” time. The second item is to alert members that they can suggest changes to the International Constitution and Standing Rules. This is where “member driven, member governed” takes on some real meaning. See the article on this in the DKG News, March/April, page 10. Watch for proposed amendment forms posted on the DKG website and visit the Constitution/ISR page to view a video on the process. There will likely be a workshop on this as well as the updating of chapter rules at the Colorado State Organization Convention this June in Eagle, Colorado. As always, BSR Team would love new members to join our Team.

Submitted by Susan Denny

Approved by the Colorado State Organization Executive Board, March 20, 2021

The Colorado State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules Team recommended the following statement be added to the Colorado State Organization Bylaws 2019 ARTICLE X Section E. Add statement: Refer to Colorado State Organization Standing Rules 2019. V. ACTIVITIES B. Publications/Electronic Communications C. Electronic Colorado State Organization Meetings. The Colorado State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules Team recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Colorado State Organization Standing Rules 2019:

V. ACTIVITIES

C. Electronic Colorado State Organization Meetings

1. Executive Board members may vote at electronic meetings just as if they were at face-to-face meetings, providing members will have the opportunity to debate and to amend motions, just as they would have done at face-to-face meetings. **2.** If there is no meeting, electronic votes must be ratified at the next face-to-face or electronic meeting of the group when members will have the opportunity to debate or emend motions on which ethyl have voted. **3.** To facilitate electronic voting at Executive Board meetings on such items as proposed amendments, a nominations report, a proposed financial budget, team recommendations, written recommendations shall be sent to all Executive Board members 30 days prior to the Executive Board meeting. Team leaders are responsible for sending the written recommendations to their respective team members. **4.** To facilitate electronic voting at State Conventions on such items as proposed amendments, nomination reports, budget items, team recommendations, written recommendations shall be published in the April issue of the Colorado Peaks and Plains and distributed to all Colorado State Organization members. **5.** At meetings held electronically, the requirement for a ballot vote may be waived by majority vote of those present and voting. **6.** a Quorum must be present for electronic meetings, just as for face-to-face meetings.

Colorado State Organization Standing Rules 2019 V. ACTIVITIES C. Electronic Colorado State Organization Meeting was approved at the Colorado State

Organization Spring Executive Board, thus current lettering will be changed in the Standing Rules 2019: Colorado State Directories D.; Leadership Conferences E.; Scholarship F.; Special Awards G,; and Legislative Platform H.

MEMBERSHIP TEAM

How is your chapter doing on your membership goal?

Last fall, each chapter set a membership goal to be completed by June 2021. Even though this year has been a rough one with COVID, some chapters have been able to create a way to meet and to make their goal. Is your chapter one of the ones who have made their goal? If so, Hurray, and hats off to you! If your chapter is still working to make the goal, please continue to work on getting new members. Remember to survey who dropped their membership in the past. They may be ready to rejoin you. Next, think about others who are not in the classroom, but who are educators: Principals, superintendents, paraprofessionals who have had professional classwork/training, and student teachers about the enter the work force.

Other points to remember: Women educators are members when they have paid their dues and the dues reach International. While some will tell you the induction ceremony is not required, please consider doing the ceremony for your new members. Read in the CEREMONIES book for the details. If you do not have access

Submitted by Elizabeth Barzdukas

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRIDE TEAM

~REMINDER~

Personal and Professional Pride Team has received several nominations for the Omega State Honor roll. The nominees will be recognized at the State Convention in Eagle, Colorado on June 15th-17th, 2021. As a reminder, nominations must be in by May 1st in order to prepare certificates prior to the convention. Forms can be found on the Colorado State Organization's website under forms <<https://dkgcolorado.weebly.com/honor-roll.html>> and should be submitted to Dora Cash <jim_dora_cash@yahoo.com> or Diedra Tidwell <diedra45@aol.com> instead of Linda Pitts as noted on the form. The team was also happy to welcome Kathy Jeppson from Rho Chapter to the team which met during the Spring Board meeting to finalize our action steps. The team would just like to remind all DKG Chapters that this is an opportunity to recognize worthy members of your chapter who are your "essential workers" and support your chapter goals and the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma, so please send in your nominations as soon as possible!

Submitted by Dawn Johnson

***The Honor Roll Form is included in the issue of the Peaks and Plains.

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS TEAM

ROAD SCHOLAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Travel the world without leaving home. Due to the pandemic travel restrictions, Road Scholar is offering a wide variety of virtual programs. Information can be found at Online Classes for Seniors| Virtual Distance Learning <roadscholar.org>. Sign up for their emails and watch for their specials.

The scholarship team has decided to offer \$100 Road Scholarships for the virtual programs that are \$399 or more. This would be for the 4 day or longer programs which are usually 2-3 hours every day.

The requirements will be the same as for the regular scholarship as found in the Appendix II G. These virtual scholarships will be offered through the end of 2021.

The deadline for the Colorado State Scholarship and the Hildegard Sweet Glendinning Scholarship application is April 1. The deadline on the application is correct.

COMMUNITY AND WORLD CONNECTIONS TEAM

Even though this year was different, Colorado DKG Chapters have continued to pursue the projects that impact families, children, and schools. The collections of items may have been arranged to a drop-off on someone's porch, but items were collected. The report on the result may have been by Zoom, but lives were made better by chapter efforts.

On the state level, monies were collected at various state meetings for World Fellowships, Schools for Africa, and the Emergency Fund. Are you aware that we have a World Fellowship recipient from Armenia going to school at

CU? Check out the Community and World Connections Committee on the International website for more information.

We were happy to learn that one of our DKG sisters from Estes Park received an Emergency Fund grant when her family had to evacuate on very short notice due to the wildfires in that area last year.

When you attend the State Convention this June in Eagle, you will once again be able to donate to the Emergency Fund. Thank you for the donations that your chapters make as well. Together, DKG makes all our communities better.

Submitted by Lois Astler and Patricia Mrozcek VanAllen ~ Co-Chairmen

MUSIC, ARTS, HUMANITIES IN EDUCATION TEAM

Chapters have been meeting remotely during the last year making it hard to implement music and art ideas into meetings. As we start seeing the possibility of in-person meetings again, is your chapter beginning to plan programs for next year? Is your chapter looking for INTERESTING and FUN ideas for upcoming meetings? These are some of the fun activities other chapters have used. Which of these ideas will you incorporate into next year's plans?

CHI CHAPTER

Yes, we (Chi Chapter) do a lot of MAHE; speakers, craft projects, visiting museums, singing, and having music groups. We have had drama groups from the high school practice their presentations on us, and we have made donations of funds to help various

schools' groups get to state and national competitions.

We always appreciate new, interesting ideas for programs, but other chapters may need your help more. A suggestion you could pass on - We pass a brag bank at most meetings. It gives us a chance to let everyone in the chapter know about good things going on in classrooms, families, travels, etc. It really helps us stay in touch with folks we only see a few times a year. The we vote on a group to receive the funds, and new one at each meeting, so that at the end of the year we have helped 6-8 individuals or groups. Anyone can suggest a need that they know or have seen in the newspaper. Sometimes it goes to one of our own members for their classroom or other need. This month the funds went to the community food bank at the church that we were meeting at.

Thanks for asking, Leila, Montrose

OMEGA AND ALPHA IOTA

We do sing several songs at each meeting. Omega and Alpha Iota always meet together. The chapters jointly own a portable keyboard which is brought to the meetings. One of Alpha Iota's members accompanies us.

Kathy Tedrick

EASTERN COLORADO-HAXTUN

We honored two charter members of our chapter last spring, and used music as part of the program honoring them. Also, all of our meetings this year are incorporating crafts. Tuesday, September 10, we met at a pottery shop in Haztun. Each member selected a piece of pottery to decorate. After glazing and firing, we will receive our creations! Future meetings will include

such things as knitting mini Christmas stockings, decorating cookies, and fondue creations. We would welcome music, craft, and program ideas.

Diane Bell

ALPHA MU

(Singing, Crafts, MAHE programs such as inviting an artist, musician or writer to present a program, making something together)

Singing at most meetings, lots of singing at Founder's Day even with Xi Chapter. We do crafts at 2-3 meetings per year. (Donations, Auction, decorations for FD) we love crafts!! We have invited artists in. We visit CTE classrooms and make stuff! (Woodworking, etc) We also meet for a 'girls night' and have done Painting studio and jewelry making. We usually visit with an author once a year.

Encourage us to share pictures via Facebook with other chapters. And/or make Facebook friends with members and/or chapters.

ALPHA BETA

Just met with Anna Garcia of Alpha Beta Chapter this week to plan our music for the year. So, "YES", music and the arts are a big part of our program. Every meeting we sing the "Edelweiss" Grace if there's food to eat (there usually is). We also have a couple of songs/activities each meeting. For December, we either do a sing-a-long or have an outside performer. We do a multicultural meeting once a year and feature food, artwork, artifacts, histories, and music. We bring literacy into this usually with multicultural books or book talks. One year we had Hula dancers! We are happy to receive ideas from your team.

Susan Denny

ALPHA CHI

Alpha Chi has specialty meetings where we learn a craft..making sugar scrub, kahlua, jam...followed by a short business meeting. We sing more at our Christmas meeting/dinner/party and have some sort of jeopardy game with prizes, of course. We also sing at our initiation meeting/ceremony in October.

I hope you've gotten some good ideas from your DKG sisters. As we begin to meet in person, please send music and art ideas to me and I'll continue to pass the good news in future Peaks and Plains !

*****DON'T FORGET that a Poetry Wall will be part of the Art Show at State Convention!!**

Submitted by Deb Howard, Chair, MAHE Team

Communications Team

The communications Team partnered with the membership team for some great brainstorming ideas at the Spring Board Meeting. Some of the goals of the communications team are to continue to highlight chapter members' accomplishments, opportunities and share events and news with chapters, the Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society, as well as with the International DKG members and teams. Communication will continue via email, publications, the website and social media, as well as on the CO DKG Facebook account

If you have specific news to share for communication or website purposes, please send it to Webmaster: Heidi

Ragsdale at
<STEMisMyFuture@gmail.com>

If you have news for the Peaks and Plains, please send that to :
<farabejhajek@gmail.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoDKG>

State website: <https://dkgcolorado.weebly.com/>

*******Heidi will be unavailable in the last few weeks of May and early June. SO, if you want something projected for your presentation at the summer convention, please prepare it now, and send it to Heidi by May 1st. She is able to save a lot of time at the meetings, if we are not trying to find presentation slides. This talented lady will prepare a meeting-long power point of information in the order it is needed for each presenter as they are listed in the agenda. BUT she has to have that information ahead of time. This also allows for solving any software compatibility issues ahead of time, instead of while everyone is waiting for the meeting to proceed.**

SO, the last minute won't work for preparing for this meeting. Thank you for your understanding and help on this matter.*****

Nominations Team

Nominees for the State Board

The purpose of the Nominations Team for Delta Kappa Gamma is to continue to provide Colorado State with a slate of the best qualified candidates to fill elected positions

each Biennium. The team is proud to present the following candidates for state officers for the 2021-2013 biennium.

Suzanne Foster - President



I have tried to remain engaged with students, staff and the communities in which I have lived. I don't "do what I do" for recognition; as the Music, Arts and Humanities Chair for Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma, I enjoyed bringing smiles to Sisters' faces as we danced the Hokie Pokie, sang songs, played Annie Blanton says... and I loved being a part of the Choirs that performed at Leadership Conferences and Conventions; I loved resurrecting pieces to be performed like "The Delta Kappa Gamma Christmas Carole" with the MAHE team and creating a state-level Gallery of Fine Arts that has been well-received. My time with Delta Kappa Gamma has been precious to me, and I value all of the relationships that have developed and deepened through my work on the local, state and international levels.

2020 has been a tough year. Prior to the world shutting down, I traveled with or

met our current President Leila Koenig as she visited chapters around the state. I promise now that as President, I will continue that path. We now know that Zoom meetings are wonderful and can help chapter members keep in touch; Leila has held monthly Zoom meetings with chapter presidents from around the state, and I promise to continue with that practice as well. I know that we are a social, face-to-face group, and that we are strong as friends and Sisters, but we need to move forward, adapt and keep growing to face the challenges that are presented to us on a daily basis. We will meet and celebrate in-person as much as we can, but we will also stay in touch as best we can through emails, texts, cards, notes, phone calls and online meetings.

I have a lot to learn; I plan on being a sponge as long as Leila will let me, then I will attend the Leadership Conference in Portland, Oregon in July and the Presidents' Training, which is now a separate meeting. I hope to come up with a theme that reflects our combined energy and growth, and I promise to be the best President of Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma that I can be.

Maxine Fawcett-Yeske – First Vice President



I am excited about the possible opportunity to serve Delta Kappa Gamma at the Omega State level as the First Vice President. I believe in giving back to the community that nurtures and inspires me, and Delta Kappa Gamma has done that for me for more than fourteen years now. I have served as President of the Eta Chapter more than once. Members of the chapter have said that I have “breathed new life into our chapter out of sheer will and enthusiasm.” I suggest, however, that I have sparked enthusiasm in our members and together, we’ve been recapturing the spirit of our chapter. I hope my enthusiasm and leadership can help us find ways to strengthen and grow DKG at the state level and beyond.

Paulette Evans Deustch and Karen Libby
– Co-Second Vice Presidents



We, Karen Libby and Paulette Evans Deutsch, are willing to take on the new challenge of second vice-president at the state level. Both of us have served in various positions in our chapter, Alpha Gamma, including president. Both of us also have served on state teams (such as membership, communication, scholarship, and others). We worked as a team on the Southwest Regional Conference and the state convention hosted by Alpha, Alpha Beta, and Alpha Gamma. During our teaching career, we presented the Step-Up-to-Writing program at various schools and conferences across Colorado and at a North Dakota reading conference. In addition, we received a scholarship from International for an interschool creative writing project for our middle school students. We are both blessed to have grown children and grandchildren and are enjoying retirement.

Nancy Pierce – Recording Secretary



I have been a member of DKG since 1985. During my years as a teacher, I was not able to participate in the

organization as much as I would have liked. Since my retirement, I have become a more active participant in Chi chapter and have attended several state and international meetings. I would like to continue to offer my service to the organization as needed so I am seeking the position of State Recording Secretary. I have served as recording secretary for other organizations including the Delta County Council of Teachers and I believe I have the skills to fulfill the requirements of this position.

I am is a retired teacher after 37 ½ years of public education. I hold certifications in Secondary Language Arts, Secondary Social Studies, and French. I have taught all levels between 5th and 12th grade. I have also served as an adjunct faculty member for Colorado Northwestern Community College (Rangely), and Colorado Mesa State, teaching classes for college credit at Cedaredge High School. The majority of my career was spent in Delta County School District 50. My first 3 ½ years were spent teaching in Agate School in Elbert County.

Since my retirement, I have continued to help out at Cedaredge High School with the A.P. English program. I have also been refining my sewing skills, and have finally had the time to read as I would like!!



Cela Varosy – Corresponding Secretary



Cela Varosy is a retired elementary teacher who has taught in US Department of Defense Schools in Stuttgart, Germany and in North Hollywood, California and Tustin, California, and as a volunteer reading teacher in Foxfield, Colorado.

Cela received her BS in 1983 from Georgia State University and her MA in 1992 from California State University, Los Angeles. She taught two summer math methods courses for teachers at the University of California, Irvine. She was a mentor teacher and an Elementary Teaching Assistant Principal (ETAP) in the Tustin Unified School District in California.

Cela joined DKG in 1997 and has served as Chapter Recording Secretary, Second Vice President, and as President of two different chapters. She is currently co-president of Alpha Iota Chapter in Area 5. She had served on the Membership Team, and the Community and World

Connections Team for Colorado State. She has presented at the Colorado State Convention and at the State Leadership Conference.

Some of Cela's favorite things to do are singing in her church choir, where she also serves as choir librarian, working with a Church Grief Group, and volunteer teaching at a local elementary school.

Cela has two married sons in Colorado and five grandchildren and they are the lights of her life. She moved from California in 2014 in order to be near her sons and their families.

Cela is applying to be Colorado State Corresponding Secretary in order to support the wonderful Colorado State DKG Organization.

Nominees for the Nominations Team

Area 2 –
Area 3 – Penny Propst
Area 4 – Mary Jo Pullman

[Colorado State Organization](#)

\$\$\$ Dues Information \$\$\$

News from the Colorado State Organization Spring Board Meeting is the *motion to remove the Chapter Bonding Fee Payment from your chapter to Colorado State.*

The dues portal will reopen on April 1, 2021, with billing created for all existing members for the 2021-2022 (next) dues year. Existing honorary members at the chapter and state organization levels do not pay annual

dues and will not appear in the dues portal for billing. Chapter Connect will continue to house the step-by-step PowerPoints and PDFs, as well as the tutorial video with instructions on how to add and transfer members into the portal.

Deadline dates for your information are included below, and affects members and chapter treasurers!

June 30, 2021 - Members to submit dues to chapter treasurer

July 15, 2021 - Chapter Treasurer Annual Report (Form 15) to State Treasurer

September 30, 2021 - All dues must be entered in the portal by Chapter Treasurer to avoid members being dropped October 1, 2021

Please make your check out as indicated on the form, whether it is for dues, board meetings, or registration fees for Colorado State Convention or State Conference.

Send donations to DKG International along with the form and check directly to Austin, Texas.

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STAR CHAPTER UPDATE

The Star Chapter form has been updated to reflect the times. Point values are different and ways you can earn points are varied. I do hope most of our chapters are considering participating in this program for 202-2021. The die date for the applications is June 5, 2021. It seems a long time away, but time flies

and it will be here sooner than we think. The form has been emailed to each Chapter President and can also be found on the Colorado State Website. I hope to hear from you in June. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Karen Eilenstine, 303-913-6851 <kbde@comcast.net>

***Star Chapter Forms are in this issue of Peaks and Plains

Submitted by Karen Eilenstine

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**Chapter News**

**Omega Chapter**

NOTE: This article should have been included in the Winter issue. My apologies.

Omega chapter had a wonderful Zoom Christmas party. Each member could dress up or stay in jammies and enjoy a little snack. Our Melanie Briscoe told an inspiring personal story about being in Norway, and in the middle of the story she played a beautiful flute solo. From our Alpha Iota sisters, we enjoyed a lovely Christmas songs, a Dinky Donkey reading, several poems, and etc. Those Alpha Iotas can sur be funny! We did have an very unexpected visitor, jolly old St. Nick! He needed a brief rest and suddenly found himself in the midst of our DKG meeting! We were amazed and thrilled. We all shared some of our favorite Christmas memories with Santa when another unexpected guest showed up...Mrs. Santa! She needed Santa's help desperately as Ken and Barbie were fussing. Rudolph had hurt his nose when



he bumped into the International Space Station and his nose wouldn't light up, and I don't know what all. Santa left with rather sad, "Oh, oh, oh," and we proceeded with our entertainment.

After losing track of one of our long time members, we have learned to try to keep up with our members who sometimes do not or simply cannot show up to meetings. We try harder to check in to make sure they are okay. We are grateful to two members who have shared contact information of a friend or relative so we can better keep up with these special members.

### **OMEGA CHAPTER NEWS FOR THE SPRING ISSUE**

Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is proud to have Cathy Wildman as a member of our group. Cathy has taught for many years in Colorado at both public and private schools. Her Experience includes working with elementary , middle, high school and adult learners while earning both an M.A. and a Type D certificate. She has served as a representative to the Colorado Education Association Board of Directors, Aurora Education Association, and on the Aurora Public Schools Board of Education. She was the featured speaker at our March meeting with our sisters from Alpha Iota. Cathy shared many engaging stories and reported that being on the school board definitely expanded her world. She relayed the story of the night she arrived at the board meeting only to find that Channel 7 had a truck in the parking lot ready to broadcast about a controversial subject being discussed. A big "Thank you" to Cathy for being of service to our community and to our chapters!

### **Alpha Beta Chapter**

For 61 years March has been our Tri-Chapter Birthday Celebration, but not this month! While we would all miss our sisters in Alpha and Alpha Gamma, Alpha Beta would continue meeting through Zoom as we had done since September 2020. We wanted this to be a special meeting that would be fun and interesting for our DKG sisters. We invited Jessie, a local acupuncturist, and someone two of us visited regularly, to share acupressure with us via Zoom. Before our meeting, Jessie and I talked about what the ladies would most like to hear and what Jessie found in her practice was most regularly asked for. Jessie sent me pictures of how to perform specific protocols to help specific problems. She narrowed it down to 3 areas; immunity, stress and anxiety, and allergies. I sent these pages out before the meeting so the ladies would be able to run them off and follow along as Jessie spoke and demonstrated each protocol. For 45 minutes we were taken through several protocols teaching us how to better take care of ourselves. We learned, laughed, asked questions, and just had fun! We all found it fascinating that by applying pressure on one part of our body we could make another part of our body feel better. One member had just hurt her ankle and Jessie was able to give her some specific pressure points to use. Another was concerned about her husband getting too worked up and Jessie gave her acupressure protocols to use to calm him. Several ladies struggled with acid reflux and once again she had pressure points that would help. It was a fun, informative, interactive meeting on Zoom as the snow came down outside!



*Submitted by Marsha Henry*

### **Alpha Mu Chapter**

Alpha Mu has been meeting via ZOOM for several months and we are so excited for our first formal in-person member meeting on April 26th at Grand Junction Maker Space. In February, we welcomed Kelly Mcguire in Alpha Mu. Kelly is a middle school ESL specialist and we are looking forward to having her bright spirit in Alpha Mu! We will have another initiation at our April meeting, as well! At our March virtual meeting, we were graced by the presentation from Tracy Gallegos, the Western regional director for the Migrant Education Program (MEP). We learned about diversity, equity, and inclusion support offered through the MEP, both locally, regionally, and nationally. Heidi Ragsdale enjoyed the Spring State Board meeting in Colorado Springs, and was thankful to miss the Snowmageddon 2021, driving over from Grand Junction.

Alpha Mu will attend the State Convention in our Neighbor city, Eagle, CO, on June 15-17. We are excited to present sessions on Make-n-Take Chapter crafts, a tech tips session, and Therese Moran will participate in the panel on diversity.

Check us out at : <<https://www.facebook.com/deltakappagammaalphamu/>> or @DKGGrand

*Submitted by Heidi Ragsdale, Alpha Mu Co-President*

### **Delta Chapter**

Delta Chapter, under the leadership of member Amie Cieminski, continues to find ways to support the early career educators at Centennial Elementary in Greeley. All the chapter members support the efforts financially through voluntary contributions. Amie, Nancy Robinson, and Mary Lauck met at Amie's home to put together Valentine packets for each of the teachers we support.



Amie Cieminski and Nancy Robinson prepare Valentine's Packets for sponsored teachers.

A May 2021 afternoon gathering of Delta members and the Centennial early educators is planned to help celebrate all the hard work these early educators have done in this school year.

*Submitted by Mary Lauck, Delta Chapter President*

### **Alpha Iota**

#### ALPHA IOTA IS PROMOTING A SPIRIT OF GIVING

Alpha Iota and Omega Chapters have met on Zoom for our monthly meetings and our annual December meeting entitled “A Bit of Holiday Fun”, a virtual talent show on Zoom. This form of communication has kept us connected and involved.

We have contributed to UNICEF/ Schools for Africa, World Fellowship, and the DKG Emergency Fund.

Our chapters have been busy encouraging and promoting a spirit of GIVING to our community.

In September we donated money and hygiene products to Aurora Interfaith Community Services. AICS is an organization providing clothing, food, and assistance services to Aurora residents as well as emergency help for Aurora’s homeless.

In November we organized an extensive book drive for Catholic Charities Little Flower Assistance Center. Little Flower is an assistance center in Aurora. They serve individuals and families facing crises.

In March we added to the funds, the goods and the household items needed by Community Housing Partners.

Their mission is to provide quality transitional housing and then permanent affordable housing for moderate and low income families with dependent children living in the Metropolitan Denver area.

We continue to give generous grants and scholarships to our members who are working teachers.

This summer at our planning meeting for next year’s programs, we will choose which service projects we will want to continue 2021-2022.

With the help of COVID vaccines, we look forward to the time when we are able to meet in person again.

*Submitted by Diedra Tidwell*

### **Chi Chapter**

Chi Chapter has continued to stay in touch with each other through ZOOM meetings, emails, phone calls, and snail mail. We are hopeful to be able to have our May meeting in person. Yay!! In the meantime, our Grant-in-Aid Committee has selected two recipients to receive funds to help with their college expenses in the fall. and Finally, we give a big THANKS and shout out to our fellow Chi member, Leila Koenig, for their service over the past two years as our State President during some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable! Thanks Leila!

*Submitted by Wendy Burrell*

### **Rho Chapter**

March brought another ZOOM meeting for members of Rho Chapter. We were hoping that our Eta sisters would be able to join us, but it was not to

be. We did have a wonderful meeting, though with not one, but THREE presentations by our own members. Christina Collazo and Kathy Jeppson both gave tips for teaching online and coping with mental and emotional issues that some teachers have been struggling with during this time of dealing with COVID. Yours Truly gave several book talks on various Young Adult Fiction books. We were excited to learn that this would be our final ZOOM meeting!

Our April meeting was held in person with many members in attendance. Our program featured Nikki Myers, who is a teacher at a local charter school for students who are gifted and talented. The program was so helpful for those who are able to teach these special students.

Therese Dills, a Rho member who has volunteered at the local Ronald McDonald House of Colorado Springs also shared several stories of families who have stayed in the Ronald McDonald House. These families have benefitted greatly from having these



Baskets donated by Rho sisters for our World Fellowship auction

houses nearby when children are being treated in the hospital. The Ronald

McDonald House has been a charity to which Rho Chapter has donated for many years.

We were also able to FINALLY hold our basket auction for World Fellowship. What a great time we had bidding on those beautiful baskets, which were donated by Rho Chapter members! We were able to set a record for the amount we will be able to donate to World Fellowship.

We are looking forward to finishing the year strong at our May meeting.

*Submitted by Juana Hajek*

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## **Webmaster Tech Time**

by Heidi Ragsdale

### **Greetings from your state webmaster!**

**The Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma website can be found at <https://dkgcolorado.weebly.com>**

### **New Website Updates!**

- Access registration info and forms for the June 15-17th State Convention in Eagle!
- Look on the “PD Opportunities for class opportunities for teachers.
- Check out the recent recognition of Colorado member Kathleen Keelan!
- Have a favorite recipe? Send it to [STEMismyfuture@gmail.com](mailto:STEMismyfuture@gmail.com)
  - **The first 3 people to submit recipes will get a fun surprise!**

As always, please let me know if you need to add something to our state

website, or if you have ideas you would like to see!

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## Little Bits

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Information about sisters in the News!!

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The March/April **Get Connected!** is available on the International website at <[dkg.org](http://dkg.org)> and contains important information about upcoming International events, including Regional meetings.

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Colorado's own Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske is featured in the Member Spotlight on the DKG website! Be sure to check it out and see the great work that is being done by Dr. Fawcett-Yeske!

## The Librarian's Corner

by Juana Hajek

Who else loves a good nonfiction book? I know that I do. My latest read is called *The 1935 Republican River Flood* by Joy Hayden. This book was SO interesting to me since the South Fork of the Republican ran right through our family ranch, southeast of Arriba, Colorado.

In 1935, the drought and Great Dust Bowl of the 1930s had been raging for years. The Black Sunday Dust Storm had happened on April 14, 1935, the area along the Republican River was as dry as everywhere else. The people who lived there didn't believe that they would ever be in danger from flooding. The morning of May 31, and subsequent days would prove them wrong.

The rain began to fall at around 3:00 am on May 31st. Because of the many years of drought, the rain could not soak into the ground, but ran off and into the river basin.

This book gives a great many details of the flood. One man who lived one mile west of Siebert, Colorado was washed away. When his body was finally found, it was at Sharon Springs, Kansas. The book is a great read and NOT boring at all! You can find more information about this flood at <<https://history.nebraska.gov>>

## Mark Your Calendars

**June 30, 2021 - Members to submit dues to chapter treasurer**

**July 15, 2021 - Chapter Treasurer Annual Report (Form 15) to State Treasurer**

**September 30, 2021 - All dues must be entered in the portal by Chapter Treasurer to avoid members being dropped October 1, 2021**

**Colorado State Convention - June 15-17, 2021, Brush Creek Pavilion, Eagle, Colorado**

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## Statement

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

## Vision

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.



## Society Purposes

- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
- To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries
- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- 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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## Colorado Peaks & Plains

Published four times a year in February, April, September, and December by the Omega State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Deadline for submissions to the quarterly issue is **the end of the preceding month**. Each issue will be published on the 15th of the month, i.e. February 15th, April 15th, September 15th, and November 15th.

Contributors to the newsletter are asked to send news as soon as it is available to ensure inclusion in the next issue to:

Juana Hajek

24886 County Road 2L

Hugo, Colorado 80821

or [farabejhajek@gmail.com](mailto:farabejhajek@gmail.com)

For email submissions, please list Peaks & Plains as the subject.

### Send address and email changes to:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
International

PO Box 1589

Austin, TX 78767

or [mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org)

## Colorado Peaks & Plains Submission Guidelines

1. Articles due on the 15th of the month preceding publication.
2. Each individual article should be a **maximum** of 300 words. The



purpose is to have room to make the newsletter a statewide representation of as many chapters as possible.

3. Two photos **maximum**, per article. Photos must include a clear description and name identification of each person in said photos.
4. Additional photos/videos should be submitted to our webmaster Heidi Ragsdale at [STEMisMyFuture@gmail.com](mailto:STEMisMyFuture@gmail.com) to be used in a slideshow on the website. Members are encouraged to send photos for this slideshow.
5. Submit basic word processed documents - do not heavily format your submission as it will not translate to the column style of the newsletter.
6. Communicate clearly with the newsletter editor if you want your submission formatted in a specific way.
7. Some suggestions for submissions to *Colorado Peaks & Plains*:
  - New chapter member bios/photos
  - Chapter awards given to members
  - Special chapter projects and/or presentations
  - Programs given at the chapter level
  - Scholarships or other awards given to student teachers, first-year teachers, other community members, etc

**AGENDA**  
**Colorado DKG Convention**  
**June 15-17, 2021**  
**Brush Creek Pavilion**  
**Eagle, Colorado**

**Cultural Diversity and Inclusion**  
**Telling our Stories**

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

1:00 - 4:00pm - Registration Open

4:00pm - Opening Session – Leila Koenig, presiding  
Welcome from Eagle, CO Mayor  
Introduce Janis Barr, International guest  
Sights and adventures await –  
Tales of the Eagle, CO area – Kathy Heicher

Announcements and dinner instructions

Song – Weave

Grace -

Ticket donations for silent auction - Baskets available for viewing

5:30pm - dinner/networking discussion –Is there a storyteller in your family?  
Tell your family story.

6:30pm - 1<sup>st</sup> General Session

Presenting the Colors/ America the Beautiful/ Pledge of Allegiance

Welcoming our Colorado Chapters – Suzanne and Maxine

Speaker – Cultural Diversity and Inclusion – Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

Panel - addressing diversity in schools and communities Participants – Therese Moran

7:45pm - Announcements and short break

8:00pm – yoga stretch with Mary

8:30pm – Networking, Continue discussion on School diversity & Inclusion

Head to Hotel



*Wednesday, June 16, 2021*

Breakfast at hotel for registered guests starting at 6am.

Networking connections

Coffee/tea available at Brush Creek for registered DKG members.

Ticket donations for silent auction - Baskets available for viewing

Fine Arts Gallery opens for viewing

8:30am - 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session -

Colorado music – Rocky Mountain High

Inspiration

Call to Order, Call the Roll, Establish a Quorum

Approval of minutes from the State Leadership Conference in Montrose

Biennium Reports from Teams

By-laws and Standing Rules Team

Electronic Business meetings discussion and vote

Finance Team - Budget and Travel information

Archive update - Kathy Flynn –

Communications – Heidi Ragsdale

Personal and Professional Pride – Linda Pitts, Dora Cash, and Diedra Tidwell

Ed Law and Policy/US Forum – Dr. Barb Whinery and Kathy Hall

Community and World Connections – Lois Astler and Pat Mrozcek VanAllen

9:30 - 10:00am Janis Barr – update from International DKG

10:00 – Break and Networking

10:15 -10:45am Breakout Session 1

A. DKG – Revitalizing and maintaining membership – Janis Barr

B. MAHE Team – make and take activity – Deb Howard

11:00-11:45am Breakout Session 2

A.Roundtable - Reaching and Keeping our Younger Teacher Members –  
Janis Barr and Suzanne Foster

B. Story Telling – You should do it too. – Kathy Heicher

12:00 - Lunch Grace

Donations – International Emergency Fund (bring your checkbook?)

Birthday Song

1:00 - 1:45pm - General Session 3

Call back to order

Educational Excellence – Suzanne Foster

Early and Career Educators -

Membership Team – Beth Barzdukas

Arts, Music, and Humanities – Deb Howard

Nominations – Laurie Salazar will present the 2021-2023 Slate of Officers  
Vote  
Other teams?

2:00 - 2:45pm - Breakout Session 3

A. Constitutional amendments – "member driven, member governed" By-laws and Standing Rules – True Morgan and Susan Denny

B. Improve your Virtual and Hybrid Meetings – Tech Tips – Heidi Ragsdale

3:00 - 4:00pm - Breakout Session 4

A. Yoga

B. CDI continued - practical ideas - Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

C. A discussion of the book White Fragility by Robin Diangelo  
Susan Burnett

4:00pm Fine Arts Gallery closes

6:00 - 6:45pm Banquet mix and mingle – Share ideas on supporting teachers as schools reopen in the Fall

Last chance to donate at the Silent Auction

7:00pm - General Session 4

DKG song

Keynote – Janis Barr - Telling your DKG story - expansion

7:30pm - State Awards

Star Chapters Awards

Colorado State Organization Honor Roll – Dora Cash, Diedra Tidwell, Linda Pitts,

Thank you for chap presidents – Maxine, Suzanne, Leila

Determine Silent Auction winners

Music, etc.

8:30 – Good Night and Head to Hotel



*Thursday, June 17, 2021*

Breakfast at hotel for registered guests starting at 6am.  
Coffee/tea available at Brush Creek for registered DKG members.

8:30 am - Inspiration

Musical Interlude to set the mood

9:00am – Ceremony of Remembrance – Beth Barzdukas & Team

10:00am – Announcements and Networking

Break and Music Interlude

10:15am – Leila’s Farewell Address

song – Make new friends, but keep the old

10:30am - - Installation of 2021-2023 State Officers

Suzanne’s Acceptance Address

Invitation to the Fall Board meeting – October 16, 2021

Spring Board meeting – March 19, 2022

Invitation to 2022 State Convention – June 2022

Song – Let there be peace on Earth

11:30am – Adjournment and Safe Travels

**Reminders –**

Bring your own tote bag.

Bring your donation for Emergency Fund.

There will be a Silent Auction with wonderful gift baskets.

Bring something to display in the Fine Arts Gallery.

Welcome to





Pursuing the Treasures of DKG-Past, Present, and Future  
**Colorado State Convention**  
**June 15-17, 2021**  
 Brush Creek Pavilion – Eagle, CO  
 0909 Capitol St., Eagle, CO 81631  
\*\*\*Please us a separate form for each person\*\*\*

PHOTO RELEASE: By your attendance at this event, you are granting permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped, or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness without compensation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Office/Committee \_\_\_\_\_ State Office/Team \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attending? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Free CEU Credit? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**Registration Deadline: June 1, 2021 (Registration fee not refunded after this date.)**

**Registration Fee:** (Circle one). Member -\$ 75.00 Non-Member -\$ 85.00 Hostess Chapter Member \$ 50.00

All attendees (including presenters, volunteers, and hostess chapter workers) must register.

All members who pay registration and all three meals by June 1, 2021 and who attend the full event, will be eligible for

A Life-Long Learning scholarship in the amount of their registration fee.

**Meal** Please list any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of meals and total amount for that meal

| Indicate #<br>Of meals: | Total for meals                                                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| _____                   | \$ _____ Tuesday Night Dinner - \$ 36.00 Mediterranean Salad Bar w/chicken      |
| _____                   | \$ _____ Wednesday Luncheon - \$ 20.00 SW Taco Bar/ ground beef & shredded pork |
| _____                   | \$ _____ Wednesday Dinner - \$ 36.00 Tuscan Chicken in Portobello               |
|                         | \$ _____ Food Total                                                             |
|                         | \$ _____ Registration total from above                                          |
|                         | \$ _____ <b>Total Due (Registration and Meals)</b>                              |

If you have indicated more than one meal, please list the names of your guests. \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society

**Send registration and check to:**

**Lilly Vigil**  
 217 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Leadville, CO 80461-3619  
[cmcerl@msn.com](mailto:cmcerl@msn.com) (719)486-0093

For Questions Contact:  
 Cynthia Mousel 303-475-9892  
[camousel@gmail.com](mailto:camousel@gmail.com)

Updated registration information will be available at [dkgcolorado.weebly.com](http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com)

**Meal Information**

**Breakfasts** - If you are registered and staying overnight at the Best Western Eagle, your breakfast is included in the cost of your room.  
Not staying at the Best Western? Breakfast on your own.

**Tuesday Night Dinner - \$ 36.00****Mediterranean Salad Bar w/grilled chicken**

Tuscan Style (Mediterranean) self serve Salad Bar with Grilled Chicken  
fruit Cobbler with real whipped cream  
Lemonade or Iced Tea.  
Wine available on request

**Wednesday Luncheon - \$ 20.00****Taco Bar**

Southwestern Style Taco Self-serve Bar, Ground Beef and Shredded Pork  
Chocolate or Vanilla Cup Cakes  
Lemonade or Iced Tea.

**Wednesday Night Dinner - \$ 36.00**

Tuscan Chicken in a Portobello, Roasted Red Pepper Parmesan Sauce  
Roasted Rosemary Potatoes  
Vegetables and Fruit  
Bread  
Individual Mini Bundt cakes w/ fresh fruit compote & whipped cream  
Lemonade or Iced Tea  
Wine available on request

**Lodging Information**

Best Western Plus Eagle Lodge & Suites  
200 Loren Lane, Eagle, CO 81631  
Guest Room Group Rates  
Standard Guest Room, single or double - \$128 per night + tax  
Available June 14-16, 2021

Hotel's room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes, currently 8.9% + \$4.00/night occupancy Tax for a total of (\$143.75).

\*Hotel will provide complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms and complimentary breakfast.

**Method of Hotel Reservations:** Please call the hotel directly – 1-970-328 6316  
**and use the group name - Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society**

Group rate is guaranteed for reservations made on or before the **Cutoff Date of May 15, 2021.**  
Any reservations made after the Cutoff Date shall be at the Hotel's then current available rate.

**HELP WANTED...**

**NEEDED: A FEW ENTERPRISING, INTERESTED DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SISTERS...**

**FOR: TEAM MEMBERSHIP AND/OR LEADERSHIP ON THE FOLLOWING TEAMS: COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING; BYLAWS; MEMBERSHIP; ARCHIVES; EARLY/CAREER EDUCATORS; EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY (TO POSSIBLY BE COMBINED WITH US FORUM); PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRIDE; COMMUNITY/WORLD CONNECTIONS**

**WHAT: TO FOCUS ON A SPECIFIC AREA THAT ADDRESSES THE DKG CONCEPTS. MEETINGS WOULD BE HYBRID--A COMBINATION OF ONLINE AND FACE-TO-FACE AS NEEDED--**

**WHY: THERE ARE SEVERAL TEAM MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS ARE UP, AND THERE ARE MEMBERS SITTING ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM. AS ACTIVE MEMBERS, WE SHOULD ALL THINK ABOUT BEING A PART OF THE STATE-LEVEL TEAMS WHERE WE CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT DKG.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED: PLEASE CONTACT LEILA KOENIG ([LEILAK@BRESNAN.NET](mailto:LEILAK@BRESNAN.NET), 970-275-1375) OR SUZANNE FOSTER ([SUMAFOSTER@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SUMAFOSTER@YAHOO.COM), 970-471-4213).**

**THANKS FOR READING AND PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF A DKG STATE TEAM!**

## Personal and Professional Pride Team

### Colorado Omega State Honor Roll

Colorado State would like to honor outstanding members who go above and beyond “for the good of the order”. This Honor Roll will be comprised of chapter members who deserve special recognition for their service in the following areas:

**Chapter Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Participation:** This is the member who has consistent attendance at chapter meetings. She has chaired committees and held offices. She has attended and participated at state meetings and/or regional and international conventions.

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**Educational Expertise and Innovation:**

Highest degree held \_\_\_\_\_ Years as an Educator \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe her most successful contribution to students’ growth and life-long learning.

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**Community Service:** This is the member who willingly contributes to the larger community through various organizations and volunteer work.

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**Directions:** Submit nominations to State President, Leila Koenig, by May 1, 2021.

[leilak@bresnan.net](mailto:leilak@bresnan.net) or 17160 Panorama Ct. Montrose, CO 81403



2020-2021 Colorado State Star Chapter Awards
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



4 Star Chapter Award=180 or more Points 3 Star Chapter Award=125-179 Points
2 Star Chapter Award=0-124 Points

\*\*\*Applications must be signed by the Chapter President. DUE JUNE 5, 2021

MAIL TO: Karen Eilenstine, 5755 Irish Pat Murphy Drive, Parker, CO 80134

phone or text (cell) 303-913-6851, email: kbde@comcast.net

Awards: Chapters will be honored at the Colorado State Convention/Leadership Conference and listed in the Fall Colorado Omega Peaks.

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current membership: Active \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Chapter Leadership:

Monthly or Bimonthly newsletter submitted to Colorado State President and all chapter members (10 points) emailed or mailed

1 copy of your yearbook submitted to Colorado State President (hard copy or electronically) by January 1 (5 points)

Participate in membership longevity recognition at local and state level (5 points)

Chapter hosted or co-hosted State President for a meeting this year (10 points)

Chapter had a program presented by a Colorado State Officer or Team Chair (5 points)

Reports and Meeting the Deadline - Sent to the correct person

Chapter President's Report by February 1 (even numbered years) (10 points)

State Treasurer received Chapter Dues and Fees by July 15th (15 points)

Necrology Report by February 1 (every year) (2 points)

Chapter Membership Growth: (25 points maximum) EACH ONE REACH ONE

Number of Active Members, June 30, 2020 ( members)

Number of Active Members, June 30, 2021 ( members)

(Count all initiates and reinstatements)

(Members who go on reserve status are not counted in the active number.)

Celebrate any gain in membership for your Chapter 2020-2021.

\*\*\*Either "net gain" points or 2 points per member. (CANNOT COUNT BOTH)

"NET GAIN" in membership. 1 to 5 members, 5 points each member (25 points possible)

Please list name/date for each "net gain" member. (Include reinstatements)

2 points for each initiate whether the chapter gained members or not. Please list name/date.

You may attach an additional sheet to list more names of new members.

**Scholarships and Grants In Aid:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial Scholarship Award to members pursuing further education/enrichment. Please explain.  
 Awards of \$50-\$99 (**3 points**) \$100-\$400 (**5 points**) \$500 or more (**10 points**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial Grant-In-Aid Awards to non-members pursuing degrees in Education. Please explain.

Awards of \$10-\$99 (**3 points**) \$100-\$400 (**5 points**) \$500 or more (**10 points**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter contributes \$.20 cents per member to the Colorado State Scholarship Fund + \$5.00  
 Legislation Fee. (**10 points**)

**Quality Programs: (2.5 points each/15 points maximum)**

**Meetings in person or virtually (like ZOOM)**

These programs follow the Colorado State/International Program Themes and the DKG Seven Purposes. If more space is needed, you may attach a separate sheet.

| Title     | Date  | Which Purpose, I-VII? |
|-----------|-------|-----------------------|
| (1) _____ | _____ | _____                 |
| (2) _____ | _____ | _____                 |
| (3) _____ | _____ | _____                 |
| (4) _____ | _____ | _____                 |
| (5) _____ | _____ | _____                 |
| (6) _____ | _____ | _____                 |

\_\_\_\_\_ If any program was presented by a Chapter member, add **5 points**. (one time only)

**COLLABORATIVE CONNECTIONS WITH SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY**

**Supporting Early Career Educators (30 points maximum)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adopt a Classroom/Teacher** One time gifting=**5 points** May count up to 3 contributions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ongoing support of an Early Career Educator — meeting with them at least 2 times a year**  
**\*In person or virtually\* (15 points)** Please give a brief description of your support.

**Other classroom/teacher/community connections (30 points maximum)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Classroom/Teacher Connection Project: (20 points maximum)**

**One time major giving effort - explain: (5 points)**

**Ongoing volunteer tutoring (in person or virtually) (15 points)**

Please give a brief description of your project.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Community Connection Project: (Support of a Community Agency or Project, such as Ronald McDonald House, Books for Kids or Babies, Safe or shelter homes/orphanages, Adopt a Family, etc) Describe the program supported and the involvement of your members, Volunteering, mentoring, etc. (10 points maximum)** Please give a description.

**CHAPTER PARTICIPATION IN COLORADO STATE/INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

**Colorado State Participation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter member serves as an officer or chairman of a Colorado State Team **(5 points each)**  
**(15 points maximum)**. Please name the member and committee.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter member serves on a Colorado State Team **(2 points each, 8 points maximum)** Please list  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Presenter at the State Executive Board Meeting (Fall & Spring) **(3 points each, 12 points max)**  
Names and presentation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Presenter at the State Convention/Leadership Conference Workshop **(3 points each, 6 points max)**  
Names and presentation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Attendance at Colorado State Executive Board Meetings **(16 points maximum per board meeting)**  
**(President 10 points, one additional member 3 points, each additional member 1 point)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Attendance at the State Convention/Leadership Conference **(25 points maximum)**  
**(President 10 points, additional member representative(s) 5 points each)**  
Please list **registered** members:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hosted Colorado State Convention/Leadership Conference this year **(10 points)**

**International Leadership Conference/Convention Participation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Members attended the July 2020 International Convention virtually  
If you signed in for 2 or more sessions, points are available for your chapter.  
**(5 points each member, 20 points maximum)** Please list attendees:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ International Standing Team member **(5 points each, 10 points maximum)**  
Please list member(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ International Standing Team chairman **(10 points, 10 points maximum)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter financial help for members to attend Colorado State//International conventions/conferences**

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial assistance (\$100 or more) for Chapter President or Representative to attend Colorado State  
Convention/Leadership Conference **(10 points)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial assistance (\$100 or more) for Chapter President or Representative to attend the  
International Conference (odd number years)/Convention (even number years). **(10 points)**



**PUBLICIZING DELTA KAPPA GAMMA/CHAPTER HAPPENINGS (25 points maximum)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Colorado Peaks & Plains** or News Article published Please explain. **(5 points each)**  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Additional News Article in local paper, etc. such as program, event. Please explain. **(5 points)**  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other Journal or publication Please explain. **(5 points)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL LAW AND POLICY/U.S. FORUM**

Local Chapters can earn points through active participation in Local and State matters regarding education and/or related topics. **(25 points maximum)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Member(s) involved with a District Accountability Committee or Special District Committee **(5 points per meeting, 10 points maximum)** Please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance at Colorado Legislative Committee meetings **(5 points per meeting, 10 points maximum)** Please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guest speaker at Chapter meeting on Legislative Focus topics, ballot issues **(5 points)** Please explain  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*According to my computation, we have earned \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL POINTS\*\*\*\*\*

If my computation is correct, our Chapter has earned a \_\_\_\_\_ Star Award.

Signature of Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(electronic signature accepted)

\*\*\*\*4 Star Award=180 or more points  
\*\*\* 3 Star Award=125-179 points  
\*\* 2 Star Award=0-124 points

Applications must be signed or electronically submitted by June 5, 2021 to:

**Karen Eilenstine  
5755 Irish Pat Murphy Drive  
Parker, CO 80134**

Email: [kbde@comcast.net](mailto:kbde@comcast.net)

Phone: 303-913-6851

**Thank you for completing this form.**





