

## President's Corner

Dear Omega State,



As your new State President, I begin our biennium with an overwhelming sense of pride and appreciation for all of you!

President Pettit and her Host Chapters created a wonderful 2017 State

Convention in Fort Collins. From Little Miss Valentine's uplifting mission of love to International President

Carolyn Pittman's call for

change, I was inspired by every moment of *"Embracing the Heart of DKG."*

I am proud of the process behind the productions. Both Host Chapters spent hours making centerpieces, baskets, and door prizes--all choices and creations that brought us joy. Alpha Nu President, Debbie Coffey clearly presented ideas, and 1st VP Susan Chapman organized, met each challenge, and made things happen. I loved Alpha Rho President, Nancy Heinz' quiet wisdom in bringing up details we hadn't even considered and the way Kappa President, Robin Denman made everyone feel welcome. Each planning meeting had laughter and teamwork. This behind-the-scenes grace is what DKG is all about, and I'm so grateful to everyone.

At the Convention, Bylaws and Standing Rules Team Leader, Joyce Best led us as we voted in changes that will make communication more effective and strengthen Omega State. (Check [dkgcolorado.weebly.com](http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com) for more details).

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And I introduced my biennium theme "**Promoting Praise and Possibility**," offering you two challenges:

1. Write a praise note to each chapter member by Christmas
2. Dream up something impossible, talk about it until it becomes possible, and share it at the October Board Meeting.

Of course, I wanted you to enjoy the challenges, play with them, and see what comes up, but it never even occurred to me that I'd get my own praise note from Linda Pitts the very next week! This, too, is a courtesy we all can emulate--give the gift of praise to those we often forget.

I'll share two pleasures from the Southwest Regional in Hawaii. (Again, check [dkgcolorado.weebly.com](http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com) for more details). First, International President Carolyn Pittman was so impressed by how Colorado had changed our "Committees" to "Teams" that she shared it with other states as a move toward being actively "in the game" playing together to "win it" for women educators and education in our state!

Second, we were give coasters with Aloha fabric on one side and a hand-embroidered DKG rose on the other. When I complimented them, the Hawaii hostesses said, "Oh, we got the idea from the Convention in Denver. You gave us such beautiful coasters that we thought we'd try it too." This is what DKG is all about--sharing and caring, growing and becoming.

And so we're off, into this wide wonderful world of Omega State, *Promoting Praise and Possibility*! We'd love to have you join a State Team, and I'm ready to come visit your chapter. Just let me know where you'd like to lead and how I can serve you.

As I keep saying, "I'm totally pumped about Omega State!" Together we can lead Colorado education into the future!

*Janet*

## Sue's Farewell Message

Dear Colorado State Sisters,

Thank you so much for supporting me as your 2015-2017 Colorado State President. It was the experience of a lifetime! Your love and commitment to the organization and to education in Colorado is breathtaking.

During the last two years, you worked hard to provide support for teachers, chapters and your DKG colleagues. You took risks--personally and professionally, as demonstrated by all of the great programming and lovely entertainment we have enjoyed.

Although you have been rightly concerned about our dwindling membership and chapters, your optimism for the future has not waned because you know who we are---Colorado DKG--talented, amazing women, creative leaders, and powerful community change agents. You are inviting new and returning members to get involved and you value the support we give to long-time members.

During the many times that I have attended International Meetings, it is obvious to other states and regions around the world that Colorado DKG members are the best and brightest, insightful, and forward thinking. You have inspired me by your love for each other, for education, and for your communities. I am extremely proud of our accomplishments this last biennium and look forward to a strong future in Colorado DKG!

Dr. Sue L. Pettit,  
Immediate Past State  
President of Colorado





## Omega State Officers 2017-2019

**President** - Janet McClaskey  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Leila Koenig  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## White Roses of Remembrance

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

*Delta Kappa Gamma Ceremonies Book*

**June Daley**, Theta, Sterling,  
June 26, 2016

**Grace Henninger**, Alpha  
Beta, Denver, December 23,  
2016

**Shirley Organ**, Alpha Beta,  
Denver, January 12, 2017

**Helen Spehar**, XI, Grand  
Junction, February 20, 2016

**Mary Trammell**, XI, Grand Junction, August 2,  
2016



## 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](mailto:mem@dkg.org)

Omega State Membership Chair: Beth Barzdukas:  
[Barzdukas@live.com](mailto:Barzdukas@live.com)

Omega State Treasurer: Lilly Vigil:  
[cmcr1@msn.com](mailto: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.

## Memories of SW Regional

*Janet McClaskey*

Loving and Learning at Southwest Regional in Hawaii.

I loved both the music and the story behind the Hawaii State orchestra. The conductor was a high school music teacher whose life-long dream had always been to lead the band. That explained the rapture on his face as he sang along! The band was made up of many cultures and ages and played many types of music--really showcasing Hawaii's dedication to diversity.

In Phyllis Unebasami's workshop "Tapping Into Your Team's Potential," I learned that 40% of the time in any meeting should be relationship-building with 60% or less spent on business. I think there's a way to do both--build relationships as you take care of the business--if we just use structures that allow for it! We can catch praise and possibility from each other! Fourteen of us did just that with DKGers across the Southwest at the Regional meeting in Hawaii. Yes, you heard that right. *Fourteen* Coloradans wore our state sashes and carried our banner and loved and learned at Southwest Regional. People kept coming up to me and oing an ahing about Colorado, and when I went to pick up our photo, the photographer said, "Oh, I know Colorado. You're the ones who came on time, all organized with your banner. Very impressive!" I was so proud of us that I couldn't stop beaming. Here's a picture of us all beaming.



*Paulette Evans Deutsch, Alpha Gamma*  
 There were so many high points from the conference. I attended one of the Japanese presentations on the kimono and the Obi. It was fascinating on how expensive the Obi is and the types and purposes of the kimono. (Not sure I spelled Obi correctly.). I also enjoyed one of our speakers who talked about how she had been an at risk child, and due to mentors and her grandmother, she succeeded and is now an administrator. She feels that we should change the label from "at risk" to "at promise".

*Karen Libby, Alpha Gamma Chapter*  
 Two members of Alpha Gamma Chapter, Paulette Evans Deutsch and Karen Libby, attended the Southwest Regional Conference in Honolulu. Most interesting was the multitude of cultural experiences that were offered in the break-out sessions and the general sessions. Aloha became more than just a greeting as we were swept up in the friendly and welcoming atmosphere that pervaded the conference. Among the most interesting sessions were those offered by the Japanese on the symbolism of the kimono and on the traditional Japanese tea ceremony. A session on the Hawaiian Primer provided insight into the growth of literacy in the Kingdom of Hawaii in the 1800's. The opportunity to join other Omega State sisters in representing Colorado on the lovely

island of Oahu made this an unforgettable conference!



## Star Chapter Awards 2016-2017

*Carol Drollinger, Star Chapter Chair*

Thanks to all of the chapters who participated in the Star Chapter Award this year.

I would appreciate feedback from Chapters who did not participate. How can we make this process more inclusive? Would it be helpful if I made more printed application forms and made them available at the March Executive Board Meeting? The goal has been to help chapters celebrate their successes. Would it be helpful to change the *Special Projects* section so each chapter has a chance to expand the explanation of their concept? Are there areas you would like to see changed? Please give me a call at 720-863-8087 or email [cj.drollinger@gmail.com](mailto:cj.drollinger@gmail.com).

**Chapters who earned 4 Star Awards:** Alpha, Mu, Rho, Chi, Omega, Alpha Delta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Rho, and Alpha Chi. ★★★★★

**Chapters who earned 3 Star Awards:** Eta, Phi, and Alpha Nu. ★★★



## Chapter Happenings

### Zeta Chapter

*Nancy McFaddin, Zeta Chapter Corresponding Secretary*

The ladies of Zeta Chapter have a special treat every March when the piano students of **Millie Jurneke** perform and share their musical talents in the chapel at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Students range from elementary to high school age and are preparing for their competitive recitals. Their talents at this age are extraordinary!

Our beloved **Verda McConnell** celebrated her **101<sup>st</sup>** birthday in April and is still walking her walker around her retirement home three times a day! She is such an inspiration to us all. At our **Founders' Day Program** in May, three of our members were awarded their **50-year-membership** certificates. These three all joined Zeta the same day and all taught together at Adams City High School. **Carol Tebo, Verda McConnell** and **Nancy McFaddin**. (See picture). An amazing slide presentation of Zeta's history was prepared by **Elizabeth Price** and **Mary Boughton** and shown at the meeting. Many wonderful memories were shared along with more delicious refreshments.

Another special surprise at our May meeting was the attendance of **Shirley Simpson**, recently moved to Thornton, Colorado from Beta Xi Chapter, Eta State North Carolina. The Zeta history slide presentation was perfect timing for her introduction. She is delightful, and we plan her transfer will be a great addition to our chapter.

June is "planning the future" for 2017-2018 and we were treated to a delicious breakfast meeting in the home of our President, **Cynthia Ziegler**, a very gracious hostess. We've got several exciting and interesting programs planned for next year.

Sadly we lost another member in March, 2017, **Frieda Royer** 92, was living in MO, and she was also a 50-year-member of Zeta this year.

She is fondly remembered by several Zeta members who taught elementary education with Frieda.



## MU Chapter News

Spring brought 3 new initiates to MU Chapter. We are happy to welcome literacy teacher, **Sharon Bonner**; first year Language Arts teacher at Sunset M.S., **Lindsey Cook**, and retired elementary teacher, **Carol Nicholson**.



Scholarship Chair, Sandra Vazquez announced the recipients of the 2017 Grants in Aid at the May meeting. After much deliberation of the committee, Nicole Rudman, Alpine Elementary, and Kristen Kron, Sandborn Elementary, were announced as the 2017 recipients. Sandra and committee did an excellent job. The Leah Jewish Memorial Scholarship (given from funds bequeathed to Mu Chapter from Leah Jewish's estate for the purpose of an annual scholarship to a St. Vrain Educator, and our Mu Chapter Honor Scholarship, given annually in honor of member deceased during that time period were awarded. The award was presented in honor of Elizabeth (Beth) Ford Boss who passed away December 22, 2016.



Lastly, we honored our president, **Susan Burnett**, on her retirement from her job of the last 14 years as assistant principal of Niwot High School. Susan is retiring from the “daily

grind,” but will be active in several capacities working with Boulder County Mental Health, teaching classes, and serving on the boards of non-profits, and continuing as president of Mu Chapter. Congratulations, Susan.



### Alpha Chapter News

Alpha Chapter celebrated the birth of Breken Brian Mettler on May 17th. His mother, Kelly Mettler is an Alpha Chapter member, and a third generation Delta Kappa Gamma. Kelly’s Mother, Deb Francis is the president of Alpha Chapter, and her grandmother is a member from Iowa. It is always a joy when a new little one enters the world. In the attached picture, Brek is resting in the bassinet that his great grandmother, grandmother and mother all used as infants.

We are looking forward to an exciting year, with our first meeting being a Meet, Greet, and Share. We are asking members to bring a guest to learn more about DKG. Hopefully we will be able to share information, and greet potential new members.



## Why Tell a Story?

*Kerry Tripp*

For the past two years, I have been telling stories to 4th and 5th grade students in Cherry Creek and Littleton Public Schools. I'm part of an organization called "Spellbinders". The organization's purpose is to use the art of oral storytelling as a way to build literacy, character development and provide occasions for young students to interact with the older members of our community. Participants get training, mentoring and the opportunity to monthly tell to students in a grade level of their choice.

I'm not great at memorizing but I can learn a story and through practice, make it my own. A highlight for me last year was when one of my 5th graders believed the story I told had actually happened to me. WOW! I was walking on air all the way to my car.

Why do I tell stories? The joy I get...

When I know I have grabbed their attention.

When their heads are turning as they watch me tell and I walk around the room.

When they share their feelings when I am finished. Imagine a 5th boy telling you "That was awesome." Sure made me smile.

When I come into their room and the word gets quickly passed that "Our storyteller is here."

When they have stories to tell me when I arrive and ask when I will be back.

When I see students from the year before and they stop and say hello. I know I have made that generational connection.

The wonderful thing about stories is that everyone as one or two or more. Sharing a story creates a one on one experience for the listener and the teller, even if there are 25 listeners, it honors both. I have found that many times the students will tell me they shared the story with their family and I hope that maybe the story gets told again and again.

That's the joy and the happiness I get when I tell stories, and I'll bet it's the same feeling that those wonderful storytellers from long ago and far away felt when they first told their story.

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## Membership Matters

*Beth Barzdukas*

Hello, Omega State Colorado members!

As part of the duties and responsibilities of the membership team, the team will pass along helpful hints to make this biennium the best for you and your chapter.

In each PEAKS, I will be sharing some helpful hints for each chapter to consider using this biennium. These strategies are from a handout given at the Membership training at the recent Southwest Regional in draft form. There are several sections to this handout and I will be sharing these sections, one per issue of PEAKS.

While there are no "cookie cutter" rules for creating a vibrant, enthusiastic and growing chapter, there are practices that are repeated again and again by successful chapters. Here are a few tips collected from surveys, reports and informal research.

### Plan for Success

- Choose two or three areas and plan to fit your chapter's needs. Consider assigning specific action items and scheduling follow



up that includes encouragement as well as accountability.

- Establish goals for the biennium (or longer.)

### Recruit and Retain Members

- Use the Membership Recruitment Plan found at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org).
- Hold orientation at a separate meeting before initiation.
- Have a functioning chapter membership committee.
- Remind all members to recruit new members.
- As area schools/universities/colleges for recommendations of potential members.
- Explore community centers/religious organizations, where there are educators for potential members.
- Invite members from other organizations such as AAUW or Retired Teachers groups (CSPERA, CEA-Retired) to learn more about and join DKG.
- Hold Initiation more than once a year.
- Invite past members to meetings and to reinstate their membership.

In summary, please consider using the strategy that best fits your chapter. Everyone knows it takes work to get new members and keep a chapter bright, inviting, and vibrant. Set your goal and work your plan. Lastly, stay tuned, there will be more helpful hints in the next PEAKS issue.

### Details, Details, Details

As you probably know by now, the state organization in beginning a new biennium. As part of that work, committees are now named **teams** and I am head of the membership team. If you have any Form 6 or other questions, please contact me at the following address:

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## Ode to Chapter Rules

*Joyce Best*

Not to panic! Don't get upset! This is not a request for your Chapter Rules. This is just a short guide to help you understand why chapter rules are important. The "WHY" is simple; Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters must have Chapter Rules to be in compliance with DKG International and state governing documents. Most organizations use some kind of rules to support their vision and mission.

Chapter Rules for your chapter accomplishes defining "WHO" you are and "WHAT" you are and then explains "HOW" you do what you do. Your chapter's rules should explain what makes your chapter work. It includes definition of what your chapter values, what process it follows and what responsibilities members are expected to perform. In other words, defining the organization and minimizing the chaos.

Questions may arise within chapters on duties of officers, team leaders and membership. Times and dates of meetings can be clarified. Who is the Chapter's parliamentary authority? These can all be defined in your chapter rules.

The *Omega State Colorado Bylaws* states that "each chapter will submit Chapter Rules to be reviewed every two biennium by the Omega State Bylaws and Standing Rules team...." The Bylaws and Standing Rules team have placed on the state website a template to guide you in writing your chapter rules and the International Chapter Rules Checklist as listed in the *Go-To Guide Handbook of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society*. Members of the Bylaws and Standing Rules team are available and willing to support your chapter in the writing of your chapter rules.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules team will present a workshop at next year's Leadership Conference on the writing, updating and completion of your chapter's rules. **Your completed chapter's rules will be due at the fall Omega State Board meeting, October 20, 2018.**



## Celebrating Three Grant-in-Aid Scholarships Winners

At the May 2017 meeting, Eta Chapter was pleased to award three Grant-in-Aid Scholarships to recipients currently pursuing degrees in education. Scholarship Committee members and scholarship recipients are pictured from left: Maggie Hunt, Jan Veuthey, Marje Swearingen-Erickson, Katie Regan, Cynthia Lucero, Angela Hoss, and Maxine Fawcett-Yeske.



## DKG Author's Book is Published

June 2017 marked the commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of foremost American architect Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959); it also marked the release of *From Crna Gora to Taliesin, From the Black Mountain to the Shining Brow: The Life of Olgivanna Lloyd Wright*, the collaborative effort of musicologist Maxine Fawcett-Yeske (Omega State, Eta Chapter) and Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer, preeminent Wright scholar.

Reflecting on how her research on the third wife of Frank Lloyd Wright came about, Dr. Fawcett-Yeske writes, "What Providence it was that having a free weekend in Phoenix in the summer of 2003, I decided to visit Taliesin West, one of the many homes designed by the provocative architect Frank Lloyd Wright. On

the tour of Taliesin West in Scottsdale, the guide mentioned in passing that Wright's wife, Olgivanna, composed music. I listened and was definitely curious! Over the following months, I corresponded frequently with Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer, the Director of the Frank Lloyd Wright Archive. Bruce was the individual who worked most closely with Olgivanna Lloyd Wright (1896-1985) on her many endeavors into music composition. Imagine my surprise when I found fourteen boxes of musical scores waiting for me when later I arrived at the Archive to conduct research--boxes of music that had been in storage since Mrs. Wright's death in 1985. My exploration and analysis of Mrs. Wright's music continues, but along the way, learning of the autobiography, I decided that Mrs. Wright's personal narrative should come first. To that end, Bruce and I turned to unveiling Mrs. Wright's story in her own words."

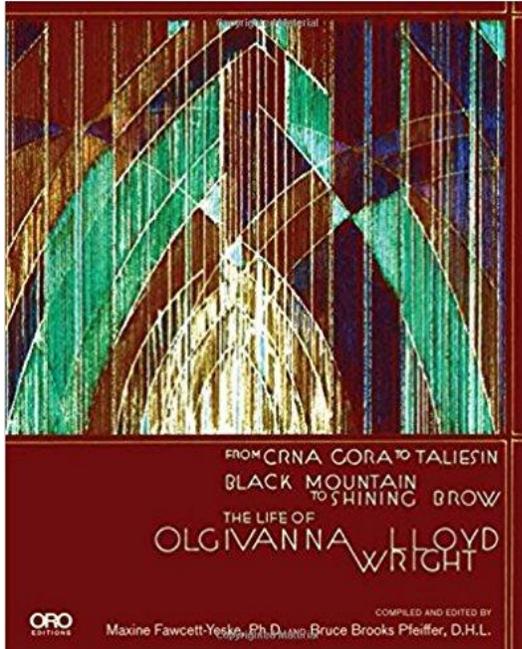
"I have dedicated fourteen years to researching the fascinating life of Olgivanna Lloyd Wright. Olgivanna was born in Montenegro to father, Iovan Lazovich, who was the first Chief of the Supreme Court of the principality of Montenegro, and her mother, Melitza Milijanov, a general in the Montenegrin army. Olgivanna's grandfather, Duke Marko Milijanov, was a revered patriot who was instrumental in gaining Montenegro's independence from Turkish rule in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Her life as wife of Frank Lloyd Wright was no less remarkable. He was the love of her life and she was his. She along with her husband created the Taliesin Fellowship--The Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. In addition, she was the inspiration and motivation behind her husband's renaissance, out of which came such innovative creations as Fallingwater and the Johnson Wax Administration Building. So often living in the shadow of her husband's fame and bravado, Olgivanna tells her personal story which is





revealed for the first time in *From the Black Mountain to the Shining Brow: The Life of Olgivanna Lloyd Wright*.”

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## Notes from the NW Regional Conference

Sue Pettit and Nancy Scofield attended the Northwest Regional Conference in Spearfish, SD from June 25-July 2. Here are some highlights from their journal entries.

Dear Nancy,

Sunday, June 25

Hey girl, wasn't that drive to South Dakota today amazing? I loved driving through so many states! Oops, that trip through the corner of Nebraska was an accident. It was still daylight when we arrived, phew. Spearfish is beautiful at sunset. Guess who I bumped into in the hallway? I got to hug both Judith Merz (Interim Executive Director) and Sandra Bull (retiring Executive Director). They checked in for the President's Training tomorrow. I love our International people; they always make you feel cared for. Have a good night's sleep lady. That

Dairy Queen we had in Rapid City will help me to sleep like a baby! Lova ya--

Dear Sue,

June 25

Thank you so much for letting me tag along with you and Rick to SD. The drive was so nice (including the detour through Nebraska!) I met some wonderful ladies from NW Region when I checked in at Registration today. The black and gold bags are beautiful! I'm excited for the Webmaster and Editor training tomorrow. It will be so good to meet more DKG sisters, learn, and make valuable contacts. {{Hugs}}

Dear Nancy,

Monday, June 26

Rick and I went on a bus tour to the Sanford Mine. It is an open cut gold mine that hasn't been in operation for about 10 years. Instead, 4000 feet below, there is a science lab where scientists around the world are studying neutrinos. Colorado School of Mines is involved in this study. Constance Walter, Communications Director for the lab will be speaking to us on We also traveled through the Spearfish Canyon National Forest Scenic Byway. As we traveled, we got to visit with many of our Northwest Region Friends. Several of my LMS Sisters were on the tour!

Dear Nancy,

Tuesday, June 27

Can you meet us for supper? Food in the hotel is amazing--too good. Did you see that humongous plate of onion rings. YIKES, I'm in trouble. I likey what I see:)

Today Rick and I are enjoying the pool and I've started a book that I've wanted to read for a long time. Tomorrow we are going to Keystone and riding on the 1880 train. I'm so excited for South Dakota Night. Did you hear that Kenny Putnam and Pal Larson are going to entertain us for South Dakota Night? Put on your dancing shoes!



Dear Sue,

Wednesday, June 28

Today I attended the training sessions for webmasters and editors. Both were very good sessions, and I made a lot of great contacts with fellow DKG sisters from across the country. I'm excited to start my new role as state editor!

Wasn't that steak dinner amazing? YUM! I could get used to ice cream every night too!

Dear Nancy,

Wasn't it interesting to attend the NW U.S. Forum? I really loved listening to how the educational laws and policies have changed in the twelve years I have been a part of the SW Region. These ladies are really passionate about education! I sure would love to go to Washington in March. It will be a great time, I'm sure.



Dear Nancy,

Thursday, June 29

What a great day. Thank you so much for helping me with technology! There is never more peace when you have three presentations to give and your State Webmaster is with you!!! My presentation, "Spelling Cannabis: Are Schools Responding to

Legalized Pot?" was an amazing experience. I didn't know if anyone would be interested and I had a packed room of DKG Sisters who wanted to talk about their personal experiences. It is my hope to start a Facebook page on our DKG website. I found out that teachers want to talk about this issue! I was a little nervous when Carolyn Pittman came to my 10 Minute Breakout on the Compass Strategy--yikes, LOL!

It was so wonderful to present with my LMS Sisters about the next Golden Gift/Leadership Management Seminar. I hope that we have someone apply from Colorado! What a way to end the day, The Hegg Brother's Band for Northwest Night. This Regional rocks!

Dear Sue,

Friday, June 30

This has been such a wonderful conference! The sessions have been terrific, and everyone is so welcoming to us. I really like the 10-minute Take-away sessions too. What a great way to get specific information in a short time.

You know I'm a huge fan of Laura Ingalls Wilder and the whole Little House on the Prairie series. I am so excited to hear Nancy Tystadt Koupal, the Director and Founding Editor of the Pioneer Girl Project. Holly Hoffman, a former contestant on *Survivor* was an excellent motivational speaker also. It was fun to take pictures of her with her torch.

Dear Nancy,

Saturday, July 1

Oh my goodness, Colorado State has a new President--congratulations President McClaskey:) HUG! She is certainly on her way to Hawaii with our other attending State members. They are sure to have a wonderful time. I have so loved the breakout sessions at the conference. Today my favorite was Dr. Sheryl Feinstein. I have read her work and it was amazing to hear the updates on what we now know about learning and the brain. Tonight Sandra Bull is going to give her farewell speech at the Banquet. I will have my Kleenex ready. Have you packed for the trip home yet? Thanks so much for coming to Spearfish with us. It has been a blast! I can't wait to go to Austin next year. Let's take the short route! Hahaha

Love ya, girl--Sue



## Fall Executive Board Meeting Call

October 21, 2017

Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows 10345 Park Meadows Drive,  
Lone Tree, CO 80124-5345, Lincoln Ave., West, Exit 193 off of I-25, Phone: (303) 925-0004

**To:** The Omega State Executive Board: state officers, personnel, chapter presidents, state team chairmen, state team members, past state presidents and guests.

**For:** Omega State President Janet McClaskey, janet.mcclaskey@gmail.com

**From:** Cynthia Mousel, Omega State Executive Secretary; camousel@gmail.com

\*The Fall Executive Board Meeting will be held Saturday, October 21st, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Marriott South. Agenda enclosed.

\*Check-in and Breakfast: 7:45 to 8:30 AM.

\*Call to Order: 8:30 AM.

\*The board meeting registration form is enclosed.

\*Please mail your registration form and check, payable to Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society, to Cynthia Mousel, 1381 Niagara St., Denver CO, 80220-2918, before October 17th. (Guarantee to hotel is due Wed., Oct. 18th.) Plan to participate in the meeting's *fabulous door prize* drawing by submitting your completed registration, by Oct. 17th (Tuesday).

\*The sleeping room rate for Friday and Saturday nights is \$109, plus tax. Call the hotel, **(303) 925-0004, to make your reservation. Use DKG/Delta Kappa Gamma group code. Cutoff date is September 30th.** After cutoff date, call Riley Horton, (303) 215-0994, direct.

\*Free Parking is available around the hotel.

\*To prepare for the board meeting, please bring this packet, and your electronic devices.

\*Share the "Call" information with your state teams and chapter members.

\*The Executive Board meeting information is on the Omega State web site.

<http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com>

Questions? Call Cynthia Mousel, (303) 475-9892, or  
President Janet McClaskey, (303)-660-0624



2017 Fall Executive Board Meeting Registration Form Denver  
Marriott South at Park Meadows  
10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124  
Registration form must be received by Tuesday, October 17th

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title First Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Office or team

Omega State Office/team

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

Prices include gratuity/tax

**Custom Breakfast:** Assorted Breakfast Pastries with Preserves and Butter; (2 Pieces per Person.) Plain Yogurt with House made Granola on the side; Assorted Fruit Juices. Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.75

**Plated Lunch:** Bread, Cup of Soup, Chef's Choice of Salad with Chicken, Dressing on the side. Afternoon Dessert Blondies and Brownies (Served Family Style) Coffee, Decaf, Iced Tea.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$28.75

**Registration fee: (Required)**  
(AV equipment rental.)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ \$49.50

**Special Dietary Concerns** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you wish to have CEU Credit?** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society Mail this completed form and check to:

Cynthia Mousel, 1381 Niagara St., Denver CO 80220-2918

Cancellation: Before October 17th, a full refund can be expected.  
The Fall Call registration information is available on the state web site.

<http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com>

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## Schools for Africa: Transforming lives through education

Schools for Africa is an organization in partnership with UNICEF that uses government and private donations to fund the establishment and support for schools in thirteen of the poorest countries in Africa. Originally established in 2004 in cooperation with the Nelson Mandela Foundation, the Peter Kramer Society, and UNICEF, the Schools for Africa organization has helped more than 30 million children receive an education in the last 13 years. The fund supports the building and furnishing of schools and the training of teachers for schools across Sub-Saharan Africa. Safety concerns such as clean drinking water at schools and separate, safe toilet facilities for girls and boys are also a priority.

The following are some questions that may be of interest DKG members:

### **Does Schools for Africa support any of our 7 purposes?**

Absolutely. Schools for Africa advances the professional interests of the teachers who receive training in Africa and they in turn help some of their students become competent, active members of the teaching profession. The organization also helps US DKG members participate effectively in a world society. DKG members have donated more than \$324,150 as of October 2016.

### **Can I get a US tax deduction if I donate to Schools for Africa, and what do I have to do to comply with tax regulations?**

Yes, your donation is tax deductible.

- Please pay all donations directly to UNICEF using the Schools for Africa Flyer (donation form). Schools for Africa Flyer (donation form) This is a link found on the DKG website.
- Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)
- Click on **Forms** in the black menu strip
- Click on **Contributions**
- Click on **Schools for Africa Contribution Form**

Or you can contribute directly to UNICEF <https://www.unicefusa.org/donate/donate-schools-africa/29196>• Or send in checks to:

- U.S. Fund for UNICEF
- C/O NGO Department
- 125 Maiden Lane
- New York, NY 10038
- Include the name of your organization and chapter on the memo line. Make a notation in your tax records of the check number, amount, and date. The EIN number is 13-1760110

### **What percentage of my donation actually goes to help schools in Africa, and what percent goes to administration of the fund?**

The U.S. Fund for UNICEF meets the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance's Standards for Charity Accountability. The U.S. Fund also meets Charity Navigator's highest financial standards for charities. Out of every dollar spent,

90.2 cents goes toward helping children. SFA spends just 7.1 cents on fundraising costs, and 2.7 cents on administration.

### **Are there other links that can tell me more about this charity?**

Here are a few:

To see a complete explanation about Schools for Africa:

Go to [www.DKG.org](http://www.DKG.org)

Click on Programs/Projects in the black menu strip  
Click on Schools for Africa

To see a short video from Nelson Mandela: click on this link:

[www.schoolsforafrica.org/about.html#nelsonmandela](http://www.schoolsforafrica.org/about.html#nelsonmandela)

Click on the triangle and be patient for 15 seconds.



## 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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