



The Alpha Sigma News

The “I got it!” feeling with S.T.E.M.

Thirty-five educators experienced first-hand the “I got it” feeling while participating in a S.T.E.M. workshop led by Kennewick CTE teacher Ken Brager at the October 20, 2018 Quadrant 4 meeting. Using inquiry method, Brager engaged attendees in a hands-on engineering task that drove home the point that as teachers we should never take away the “aha” moment for students by giving answers. If students discover the answer, they are more motivated to learn and at deeper levels of understanding.



Karen Leonard (Psi-Kennewick) on right and Amanda Robel-Lopez (Theta-Yakima) dig into their maze building project at Quad 4.

Brager reinforced the potency of inquiry-based S.T.E.M. lessons as Quadrant participants tried their hands on a maze building experiment. It was clear to all that the session could have lasted all day to everyone’s delight, and it was easy to see how students would love this type of learning.

The Quadrant workshop also had sessions on technology: Google Docs led by **Jan Millgard** (Beta Delta - Auburn) and Cell Phone Photography by **Pat Bennett-Forman** (Alpha Sigma-Kitsap). Members from local chapters also contributed in a sharing session about their



Barbee Buchanan (Theta-Yakima), Kathy Larson (Psi-Kennewick) and Barb Pisel-Wilbur (Psi-Kennewick) are fully engaged in S.T.E.M. engineering lessons at Quad 4.

favorite apps, ranging from fitness to banking, from Arlo to WSDOT.

“While this was the last of the current round of quadrant training meetings,” said State President **Sherrri Wagemann** (Eta-Spokane), “it is clear that our members are eager to receive more training in S.T.E.M. related topics. Future professional development proposals will want to take this interest into consideration.”



Sherrri Wagemann and Jan Millgard set up for the Google Docs class at Quad 4.

According to First Vice President **Susan Fritts** (Alpha Sigma-Kitsap), it is intended that S.T.E.M. clock hour offerings will continue to be part of the training included in state meetings and conventions. Noting that Washington State now requires most teachers to earn 15 clock hours by September, 2019 in S.T.E.M. related coursework to maintain their credential, Fritts indicated that DKG members are desirous of as many opportunities as possible to receive training. S.T.E.M. clock hours were offered at last Spring’s Convention and at Fall Board. They will also be offered in Spring 2019.

“Some chapters are even offering S.T.E.M. clock hours to their members,” reported Fritts. “Alpha Sigma-Kitsap recently had a three hour “Introduction to S.T.E.M.” program that a few members took advantage of. Not only does such training assist our working members, but it also keeps retired members up-to-speed on current educational trends,” suggested Fritts. “These trainings are a great way to keep DKG relevant to current and potential members,” she added.

Strengthening the H.E.A.R.T. of Delta Kappa Gamma...Embracing Opportunities



As her theme this biennium, International President Cathy Daugherty encouraged all of us to continue to embrace our Society's vision "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide." We are called upon to work together to advance our mission to ensure the legacy of our organization continues long into the future.

As an integral part of helping to strengthen our DKG legacy of leaders, during our Fall Executive Board - Leadership Conference at the Red Lion Yakima on September 28-29, your state organization teams developed and shared their state action goals & plans, and facilitated small group conversations on leadership strategies to encourage the heart that could make a positive impact in chapters. Interactive discussions included discovering our DKG purpose and possible solutions to overcoming adversity and challenges in our chapters. Members had a variety of opportunities to take part in one-hour breakout sessions which focused on topics such as: leadership development, communications & marketing, membership strategies, finance, and S.T.E.A.M. and music classroom activities.

Below are a few of the positive internal & external qualities of an exemplary leader generated at one of the leadership development workshops.

- L** - Listens & pays attention
- E** - Encourages & Expects the best of others
- A** - Affirms why we are doing something
- D** - Dedicated & committed
- E** - Engages everyone
- R** - Recognizes, Rewards, Reflects
- S** - Supportive mentoring



Sherri Wagemann

Washington State President
2017-2019

We are part of this organization because we are key women educators. Each of us has a significant role to play in our organization, in education and in our communities. In the spirit of cooperation and dedication, we seek excellence in every phase of our lives while providing the support and encouragement needed by those around us. We remain firm and strong in our convictions and ideals, but it is also important to be gentle, kind and understanding with one another.

It doesn't matter what DKG positions we hold, either in the chapter, state or international levels. We are all responsible to assure that we incorporate authentic ways to improve our leadership by encouraging the hearts of our members. So to be effective, first consider 'What should we do? Why should we do it? Then...How should we do it?' Don't be fearful of taking risks. Set a SMART goal, embrace the plan, and then reflect on whether the energies are expended wisely to accomplish the goal.

As Rita Pierson reminds us in her TedTalk presentation, *Every Kid Needs a Champion*, so too, do our DKG sisters. We all need a champion to lift us up, encourage and empower us. Let's make it a point to do our best to be effective leaders, encouragers of the heart, and supportive mentors for all our members.

President Sherri's Travel Schedule

November 17 - Meet 'n Greet - Vancouver (*weather pending*)
January 17-18 - Exec. Committee/Finance Committee mtgs.
February 2 - Area IV Workshop - Tacoma
March 9 - Area VII Workshop - Seattle
March 16 - Area X Workshop - Sequim
March 23 - Area II & VIII Joint Workshop - Wenatchee
June 1 - Area VI Workshop - Whidbey Island

If you would like to request a visitation to one of your chapter meetings or special programs, please contact me and I will do my best to accommodate your request.

Members Share Your Concerns with Legislators at the U.S. Forum National Legislative Seminar

Carol Linscott (Alpha Sigma-Kitsap)

Representing Washington State, Pat Bennett-Forman (Alpha Sigma-Kitsap), Keitha Bryson, (Beta Beta-Seattle) and I attended the National Legislative Seminar, held March 18-21, 2018, in Arlington, VA. Extending our trip by several days enabled us to visit more legislators as well as enjoy some personal time in the Capitol.

Using both the cooperative and “divide and conquer” methods between the three of us we managed to visit the office of each of Washington State’s legislators. Materials were left at each office addressing our concerns with specific attention to school safety and gun violence. Additionally I visited legislators of each of the Northwest Region states. Our visits were encouraging as legislators and/or their staffers listened to our concerns.

While working to secure a meeting room for our Tuesday briefing with Education experts from each party, I literally ran into Representative Pramila Jayapal. She asked what I was doing in town so I grasped the opportunity to talk quickly, sharing members’ concerns they had emailed me specifically pertaining to gun violence and school safety. Representative Jayapal had just come from the House Floor where she spoke eloquently on the importance of these issues.

The National Legislative Seminar opened with Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy at American Association of University Women and Advisory Board Member at WIN (Women’s Information Network) as our keynote speaker. Her focus was on *The Changing Environment for Advocacy*. Other speakers included Dr. Ellen Kennedy (*World Without Genocide*), Pamela Yuen, *Turning Advocacy Into Action – AAUW*, and Susan Scanlan, *The Next Step*.

Other meetings I attended at this time included the Maryland Commission for Women and Women in

Maryland History.

I strongly urge you to use your voice and contact your representatives on issues that concern you; it is the most effective tool you have. I also encourage you to consider attending the 2020 seminar.



Left to Right: Carol Linscott, Pat Bennett-Forman, and Keitha Bryson

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EEC: Promoting “Strong Women” as Leaders of DKG

Strong Women: Strengthening our DKG Legacy of Leaders. This theme resonated throughout workshops during the Fall Board Leadership Conference on September 28-29th in Yakima. Leadership takes on many faces. Having officers gather from all chapters around the state made a powerful statement about the roles that leaders in our Alpha Sigma State Organization are engaged in for the next two years. Inspirational speakers and wonderful presidors promoted an atmosphere of knowledge, learning and excitement.

Three Leadership Workshops were scheduled for officers Friday and Saturday led by State President Sherri Wagemann (Eta-Spokane) and Past State Presidents (Janice Moen (Kappa-Kent), Joy Lauderbaugh (Kappa-Kent), Linda Elliott (Beta Delta-Auburn), and Janet LeBeau (Theta-Yakima). These included group break-out sessions focused on how we encourage members, programs and how they are selected, and projects that are chosen to support our communities. Chapters voiced concerns and suggested solutions. Many agreed that concerns and questions were similar among chapters. An assessment was given which provided self-reflection. When we are able to identify and look very honestly at where we are right now in terms of our skills, we can improve our leadership.



Other sessions available: State Treasurer Pat Russell (Beta Sigma-Seattle) informed us of new due dates and rules; “How to run Dynamic Meetings” was inspired by Past State President Janice Moen (Kappa-Kent); and “Strengthening your Membership” included a panel directed by State 2nd Vice President Jane Gerdon (Chi-Longview). Other offerings included the Creation Station with Kaye Moon’s (Alpha Sigma-Kitsap) “Shepherd’s Hook” bookmark, Google Docs introduced by Jan Millgard (Beta Beta) to help familiarize ourselves with computer programs, and a merging of art and science lessons, “From S.T.E.M. to S.T.E.A.M.”, taught by Pamela Valentine (Iota-Shelton) and Toni Pierson. Samuel Aldrich presented information on retirement finances and Nancy Sheng (Lambda-Bellingham) showed members how to play the ukulele. Keitha Bryson (Beta Beta) informed us of current



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Assistance Available for Members Seeking Professional Growth

If you are considering an advanced degree or further study beyond your B.A., but financing of your endeavor is an issue, you might want to apply for an Alpha Sigma State Scholarship. Or perhaps enrolling in a workshop or specialized study is out of your reach because you just can't afford it, then a state stipend can be the answer to your dream. Both scholarships and stipends are available to members of any Washington State Delta Kappa Gamma chapter. All that is required is that you be a member for two years at the time you apply, submit a completed application, and provide two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a member of your chapter. Application is easy with the simple form available on the state website, www.DKGWA.org. Deadline for application is February 1, 2019.

Both the stipends and scholarships are funded through our membership dues, so the number of members we have is directly related to the amount of funding we can provide. Many chapters give their own scholarships and stipends which is certainly commendable. Many chapters may choose to engage in activities that raise money for the state scholarships and stipends as well. Our scholarship and stipend recipients are grateful of the opportunities the fund provides.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, contact Connie Jay, Scholarship Chair, through our website, www.DKGWA.org/scholarships.

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legislative decisions regarding education, women and children. An eclectic array of workshops was provided for everyone. Please turn in your Action Plan to Nan Guthrie (Alpha) and Teri Diehm (Beta Delta) if you haven't done so.

Challenge: Remember to encourage others to do their best, express genuine appreciation for successes of members and celebrate together.

P.S. Don't miss EEC member Barbara Clausen's article on Homelessness. (See page 8.)

Inklings Books, led by Irene Pearcey, presented literature focused on "Strong Women."

Lilac Girls, by Martha Hall Kelly. Three women are set on a collision course when Kasia is sent to the notorious Ravensbruck Nazi concentration camp for women.

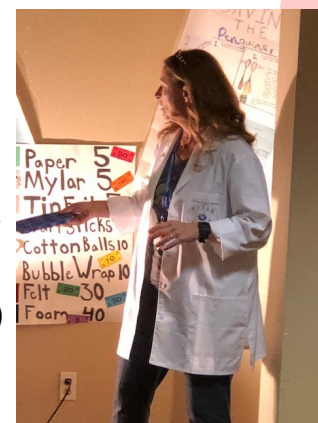
We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter. Based on a true story of one Jewish family separated at the beginning of WWII and their journey of survival at all costs.

Three-Martini Lunch by Suzanne Rindell. Takes place in 1958 at Greenwich Village and tells the story of three ambitious individuals living in a very competitive environment.

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. An African-American labor/delivery nurse is reassigned and told not to touch the child of a white supremacist when that baby goes into cardiac arrest.

A Well-Behaved Woman by Theresa Ann Fowler, historical fiction about Alva Smith Vanderbilt.

Encouraging the Heart by James Kouzes and Barry Posner, encourages strategies for leadership.



Membership Dues Reflect a Professional Organization



Jane Gerdon
2nd Vice President/
Membership

Due to the recent concerns about increasing dues for the Washington State Organization, I decided to look at the costs of joining other organizations.

I chose to start locally with two service organizations: Lions and Altrusa. One of our local Lion's groups charges \$90 a year with \$62 leaving the local unit. The local Altrusa club also charges \$90 with \$75 leaving the club. Both of these groups have a multiple district level and an international level with conferences and conventions. Lion's members receive a monthly magazine. Both groups receive electronic newsletters. Both offer fellowship, networking, scholarships and projects.

Phi Delta Kappa, ACEI (Association for Childhood Education International), AMLE (Association for Middle Level Education), IRA (International Reading Associa-

tion), and ASCD were a few of the organizations that I was able to research. Some of these are international organizations. Some have a state level of organization. All provide publications - newsletters and/or magazines. Some also provide webinars (seminar on the web) for their members. Three of these groups offer online membership ranging from \$35 to \$60. Four groups offer student membership from \$24.99 to \$52.50. Two of these groups offer professional membership starting from \$39 to \$149. The other three offer professional membership ranging from \$54 to \$95. None of these groups offer local involvement.

Delta Kappa Gamma offers involvement on the local, state and international levels. It also includes projects, fellowship and networking at all three levels. Delta Kappa Gamma - local chapters, locally involved, with projects that affect the world as well as home. Our state and international dues (\$81) are in the ballpark of these other groups.

Bylaws and Standing Rules amendments now due

Any member, committee, board, or chapter may propose an amendment to the Washington State Bylaws or Standing Rules. Each proposed amendment submitted must include a statement giving the rationale for the proposed change and fiscal impact on current and future budgets. Please refer to the online version of the Bylaws and Standing Rules as it includes the Line Number references needed on the form.

The deadline for submitting proposed amendments is December 1, 2018. The proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules amendments will be studied and edited for correct form by the committee before sending them to the State Executive Committee in late December.

The official amendment form is on the state website under the *About Us* tab. Scroll down to Bylaws and Rules. See www.dkgwa.org.

Note: Please open the amendment form, SAVE IT on your computer, then type on the form; save it with the proposed revision(s), and then e-mail it as an attachment by the December 1 deadline. Send proposed amendments to Nancy Sauer, Bylaws and Rules Chair. [<nsauer@charter.net>](mailto:nsauer@charter.net)

Welcome New Members

Congratulations and welcome to the following members newly inducted or reinstated into DKG.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	
Lisa Randall	Beta Upsilon	5/15/18
Sally Rowan	Beta Upsilon	5/15/18
Ann Tichy	Eta	5/12/18
Lana Pelella	Eta	5/19/18
Linda Lewis	Beta Delta	5/15/18
Adriane Hartness	Beta Delta	5/15/18
DeAnn Fredrickson	Beta Delta	5/12/18
Kristen Kangas	Theta	5/14/18
Darla Van Corbach	Alpha Lambda	5/7/18
Lorri Gilmore-Dillman	Alpha Lambda	5/7/18
Kelsey Schueller	Chi	9/29/18
Lisa Yakovich	Chi	4/9/18
Amanda Hair	Chi	4/9/18
Marile Kunkle	Zeta	9/11/18
Jeanne Lodge	Zeta	9/11/18
Grace Lynch	Zeta	9/11/18
Sandee Slate	Zeta	9/11/18
Mary Symonds	Zeta	9/11/18
Reinstated		
Betty Noack	Lambda	1/16/18

Past Rachel Royston Recipients Share the Impact of Scholarship



Left to right: Erin Murphy (Asst. Superintendent Bainbridge Island School District), Rebecca Miner (Superintendent Shoreline School District), Dr. Kate Grieshaber (Retired, Seattle Pacific University, Music, Past RRPSF Chair), Katherine Hohimer (Asst. Principal, Pasco, STEAM), Dr. Claire Smith (German, Spanish Skyview High School, Vancouver School District, Past RRPSF Chair, current Trustee).

This past June a panel comprised of Rachel Royston Scholars agreed to participate as the “opening act” at our state leadership seminar held at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. These scholars provided insight to their personal journeys as they shared a glimpse into how they traversed career, family, community, and self while pursuing their certifications and Ph.D.'s. Appreciation for the scholarship and the lasting impact these funds make from the individual recipient on down the line to the hundreds of lives over a career was evident in their stories. Seminar participants appreciated learning how our scholarship dollars truly make a lasting and evolving difference and enjoyed the opportunity to interact with these women over a meal.

Each of these scholars continues to impact her community and education. Erin continues work on her Ph.D. while serving Bainbridge Island School District as their Assistant Superintendent; Rebecca serves as Superintendent for Shoreline School District and has completed her Ph.D. (Congratulations!); Kate tries her hand at retirement (again) while remaining very in-

involved with DKG, quilting, family and life. Kate is embarking on an adventure moving to Boston where her husband begins teaching at MIT this fall, and Claire continues at Skyview High School teaching German, and Spanish in the Vancouver School District. All provide outstanding examples of leadership, scholarship and education.

Dr. Claire Smith has agreed to go through the chairs of the RRPSF Board again. Her knowledge and background will make the work of the Board much easier. Instrumental in putting the scholarship application online, Claire has brought us out of the dark and into the digital age with great success while beautifully streamlining the process for all involved and saving money in the bargain.

The links to the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation application and information have been sent to the colleges, universities, ESDs, and UniServ Councils and may be found at <http://www.dkgwa.org/royston-scholarship.html>. Please share this information with your schools and friends. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2018.

DKG Can Make a Difference!

Barb Clausen, Educational Excellence Committee

The woman arrived in a taxi still bleeding as the hospital had released her after the required three days. She had no home, no food, and did not know at which campsite her children were camping. The shelter was full and would break city code if they took her in--regardless of her vulnerability. Reality!

This is only one of the scenes you may see if you serve others in a homeless shelter. Yet, denial of the needs of homeless people is rampant. You hear, "If they would only help themselves and not be lazy." or "I want them to have help, but not in my neighborhood." There are no easy solutions. There is little to no available affordable housing, no mental health institutions, no drug and alcohol treatment--many of these human beings need these services to bring themselves out of their agony.

Washington State reported that the state's homeless children are victims of these circumstances. Since 2010, the numbers have doubled to over 38,500 homeless children in our state. In 2013 the proportions were 49% elementary age, 20% middle school, and 31% high school. Today it is worse! The long-term affects of homelessness on children may be neurological, social/emotional, impacts on cognitive development, increased health risk factors, and early death. As a country, we are losing many valuable human beings to a condition that is ALL of our responsibility—and so many of them are women and girls!

More information can be found at:

Office of Homeless Youth - Washington State Department of Commerce
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov> › *Serving Communities*
› *Homelessness Assistance*

Washington | Homeless Youth
<https://www.homelessyouth.org/us/washington/>

Washington State Education of Homeless Children and Youth - OSPI
www.k12.wa.us/HomelessEd/default.aspx

What can you or your chapter do? Find organizations in your community and support them. Help make soft preserved food and hygiene product bags. Then stuff the bags with a list of local services available. Give blankets, bottled water, clothes, and hot soup/sandwiches to cold weather shelters. Find the counselors in your school and give them gas and gift cards for mothers living in cars, and children who need underwear, shoes, and warm coats.

Delta Kappa Gamma members in our Washington State Organization can make a difference --get involved!

“Snuggle Time Fleece” & “Breast Intentions: 2018-2019 Statewide Unity Project

This year, President Sherri’s community outreach focus is two-fold: helping women of limited means feel pride and self-assurance and giving hope to children who have been removed from their homes and placed in emergency foster care.

Foster care organizations work tirelessly to place children into good homes, but it can be a particularly scary time for any child. For children being taken out of their homes, receiving snuggly fleece blankets can be especially important to them because they represent something they can call their own.

Directions for making these snuggly fleece blankets are simple. Search for a video on YouTube™ or follow instructions listed on the WA State DKG web site. (See the Events page.)

Plan now for the 2019 Spring Convention Bring at least one “*Snuggle Time Fleece* blanket to state

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2019 DUMAS BAY CREATIVE ARTS RETREAT

At Fall Board, Sherlock Holmes and members of the Creative Arts Committee gave clues to help you find your way to beautiful Dumas Bay in Federal Way. You are invited to COME **SPARKLE** WITH US!

It is not too early to put the date on your calendars. The retreat will take place from

Tuesday, June 25-Thursday, June 27.

The committee is hard at work planning a **sparkling** time together.

Plan to:

***Shimmer** your day away in a relaxing waterside atmosphere.

***Spark** your creativity with hands on arts and crafts projects.

***Bask in the glow** of professionals who are passionate about their art.

***Shine** from morning to night as you participate in a variety of active artistic activities.

\$250 includes lodging, delicious chef-prepared meals and **sparkling** supplies.

Registration forms will be on the website and are due by **May 21.**

A \$50 scholarship is available and a name will be drawn at Spring Convention from those who have pre-registered.



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convention in Spokane to donate to the Salvation Army Sally's House—an emergency shelter receiving children 2 to 12 years of age that are removed from their home due to abuse, neglect, abandonment or parental criminal activity. Children are only brought to Sally's House by local law enforcement or Child Protective Services.

Additionally, each chapter is asked to bring one or two new or gently used women's bras to donate to Breast Intentions - a local organization which helps underprivileged women gain dignity and confidence through professionally fitted bras in a fun and caring environment. You can learn more about this non-profit organization by watching the video at: <http://www.breastintentionsofwashington.org/>

Nominations for Future Leaders Being Sought

Positive change is coming to DKG and input is needed from members and chapters to make this happen. The State Nominations/Personnel Committee is seeking candidates for the following open positions in the 2019-2021 Biennium: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary. Parliamentarian and Treasurer remain appointed positions.

Nominees are needed for a five year term as Trustee on the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Board and a three year term on the Nominations/Personnel Committee.

To qualify for any of these positions, a nominee must be a current Washington DKG member and show a desire to serve the Society. While experience is valued, it is not a pre-requisite for nominations. There are over 800 qualified women in Washington and we look forward to a full slate. Be a part of this change opportunity!

Nomination forms were available at Fall Board to chapter presidents. Additional copies may be downloaded from the Alpha Sigma State web site, www.DKGWA.org. Nominations must be accompanied by a completed form, references and a photo of the nominee suitable for electronic publication. All nomination materials must be received by the Nominations/Personnel Committee on or before January 15, 2018. Send them to: Caryn Mills, <mills_caryn@yahoo.com> or P.O. Box 44, Wilbur, WA 99185.



The Chapter Buzz



Area V—SW Washington

Wendy Selde (Chi-Longview), Liaison

The 2018 Fall Executive Board at the Yakima Red Lion was hosted by Area V of SW Washington. All three chapters participated in creating a warm, welcoming and successful environment.

In October, **Chi Chapter-Longview** was “Packing and Styling”, while November featured “Writing Your History” and in March, an author will discuss “How to Publish.” Chi also plans a “Visit with a Dermatologist”. The chapter continues to support the Emergency Support Shelter, Children’s Justice and Advocacy

Center , a grant-in-aid for a female senior pursuing a degree in education and to award a teacher grant.

Mu Chapter –Vancouver has adopted Gaiser Middle School students/staff as their project. They are planning a “Meet n’ Greet” to inform the educational community of opportunities offered through DKG. Adapting their chapter newsletter and yearbook to an electronic format and giving a grant-in-aid are additional goals.

Both Chi and Mu are focusing on membership.

Area VI—NW Washington

Nancy Sheng (Lambda Chapter—Bellingham), Liaison

Lambda Chapter—Bellingham celebrated the end of summer with a pool party. Our fall fundraising projects have gone well, including tulip bulb sales, and a Panda Express™ fundraiser that tripled our receipts from last year. Our annual walkathon is coming up soon and we will again sell coffee for the holidays. These activities fund our mentoring grants for student teachers, grants-in-aid for working teachers, and Books for Babies in English and Spanish for parents of newborns to take home from baby checkups at a local health clinic. Our Rub-a-dub Books program supplies laundromats and beauty shops around town with books for children to read there and take home if they wish. In the new year, we will sew more Little Dresses for Africa and usually make about 20 dresses annually for this international project. We look forward to programs on professional and personal development, getting together for our annual Holiday Brunch, collecting winter donations for our local

women's shelter and making fleece blankets for donating at spring convention. In spring, we also look forward to planting a flower pot at a local nursery and the Whidbey Island Adventure hosted by Beta Kappa for Area VI.

Beta Kappa—Oak Harbor is pleased to embark on the next year of programs. We will host our annual fundraising tea along with meetings which embrace the **HEART** of DKG. Meetings include learning and supporting menstruation packets for needy girls and women, a CPR course presented by a member’s son, and a planned presentation on how to maintain our safety with a representative from *Damsel in Defense*. We will have a Christmas brunch gathering along with two meetings which will bring out our creative side at a local shop in town which upscales items and resells them. We are also looking forward to hosting the Area VI Workshop/Meeting, June 1, 2019. It will be a Whidbey Island Adventure.

AREA VII -King County

Gerrel Lindberg (Alpha Nu—Seattle), Liaison

Area VII has six chapters consisting of Beta, Rho, Alpha Delta, Alpha Nu, Beta Beta and Beta Sigma. They have been very busy this past year strengthening the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma. Their activities have included: funding scholarships; providing opportunities for leadership; hosting a successful workshop; giving

over one hundred “Purses for a Purpose” participating in a “technology” Quadrant meeting; providing school supplies; involving members in political movements and actively seeking new members. But in their own words let them tell you what they have been doing:



Beta Chapter—Back L - R: Marianne Livingstone, Kay (guest of Barbara), Barbara Cummins, Myrna Muto, Pat Bell, Kathy Kellogg, Paige Wakamatsu, Susan Grant **Front L -R:** Camellia Lee, Joan Bayley, Lee Whitehall, Nancy Minard, Mirium Puffert

Beta's year began by installing a new member and ended with a wedding celebration at our June meeting. In between we donated money from our "Loose Change fund" to the U.W. Culture Center to assist DACA Dreamers. We donate to a different group each year. We also made "Birthday Bags" for Sojourner Place, read our book of the year, *Free Boy: A True Story of Slave and Master*, Lorraine McConaghy, and participated generously in DKG's "Purposeful Filled Purse" project.

Rho really became involved with the state service project of Purpose-filled Purses. We hauled garbage bags filled with purses to State convention. To hear the speaker at State convention made us feel that it was indeed a worthwhile project. We were able to give scholarships to seven applicants who are pursuing their education to become leaders in schools. The degrees being pursued varies from Digital Education Leadership, to Superintendent Certification to a PhD in Ed Psych gifted program. Our focus this year is to become more informed about the views of our state and local officials in areas of public education. As educators we need to have informed voices to speak in behalf of educational issues.

Our **Alpha Delta** 2017-18 year got off to a strong start with a timely presentation by the League of Women Voters that inspired lively discussion at our October meeting, along with the initiation of two new members. Several members also attended a Technology Workshop at Bainbridge Island, which was instrumental in getting our chapter web-page up and running. Cultural events included a docent-led tour of the Andrew Wyeth exhibit at the SAM, and a performance of the opera, *Aida*. Our chapter completed two service projects: 15 backpacks filled with school supplies that we donated to Van Asselt Elementary School in Seattle, and two "Purpose-Filled

Purses" for the Spring State Convention. The high point of our year was our Founders poem, *The Solution for the Women Educators Revolution*, composed by member Melanie Olson and performed by chapter members at the King County Breakfast and at the Spring State Convention. Our year ended with a special luncheon to honor our Past President, Loveday Conquest, for all of her contributions as our Chapter President for 16 years!

Alpha Nu continues to work with the Ballard Landmark to provide a holiday sale once a year to their residents and together we provide a scholarship to a graduating senior at Ballard H.S. Rachel Wade not only teaches at Edmonds C.C. but serves as full commander in the Naval Reserve. Superintendent Rebecca Miner successfully completed salary negotiations with her employees in Shoreline. Angelia Nivens and Marlene Harmeling also returned to school districts that had successful negotiations. We are all grateful to our DKG sisters who diligently worked with legislators to make these worthwhile settlements possible. Ruth Bacha and Elaine Hendrickson continue to work with young women who have special needs. With these members and six more our Chapter continues to support the community with scholarships, school supplies for students and support for women with children living in protective housing.

A few of **Beta Beta's** great programs: Susan Kindem, our member, gave a slide presentation on her Cuban trip; Kent Hope Women's Shelter, which received our purses with supplies; Habitat for Humanity Organization. Keitha Bryson, president 2015-18, organized a delightful summer picnic for our members. We're proud to announce that Fima Inabuy, our 2012 World Fellowship recipient, finished her Ph.D. at WSU and is back home in Jakarta. Our chapter sponsored Francely Diaz who just graduated with her teaching degree.

Beta Sigma Chapter continues as a group of about 50 diverse educators including teachers, counselors, psychologists, nurses, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, administrators, and other school support personnel. Our fundraising efforts for 2017-2018 allowed us present nine \$1000 Grants-in-Aid to deserving women educators. For 2018-2019 we plan to support the Health and Hope Foundation in their efforts to provide educational resources to areas around the world. We will make and provide fleece blankets for the State DKG service project and for local needs.





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Achievement Award Application Due February 1, 2019

We all know a DKG woman who has given exceptional service to our organization. Now is the time to honor them with our state achievement award. Let's show them our appreciation! Honor them by submitting their name for consideration and completing the **Achievement Award** application found on our state website.

All applications are due to **Terri Diehm** by **February 1, 2019**. They may be emailed or sent via snail mail.

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Important Dates

December 1, 2018

Deadline for Rachel Royston Scholarship applications. For more information see www.dkgwa.com

December 1, 2018

Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rule amendments due to Nancy Sauer <nsauer@charter.net>

January 15, 2019

Nominations for State Leaders Due to Caryn Mills <mills_caryn@yahoo.com>

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