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## Wagemann leads with H.E.A.R.T.

When Executive Board members voted for the 2017—2019 slate of State officers, they anticipated the journey ahead to be ambitious and fun. They soon discovered, as President-elect Sherri Wagemann gave her acceptance

speech, that the new biennium would also challenge them to “embrace [all the] opportunities” available within DKG. Wagemann described her goals to strengthen the H.E.A.R.T. of DKG in five areas.



**Health:** to encourage members to practice finding balance in mind, body and spirit with a sprinkling of humor and FUN.

**Education:** to continue efforts to educate members about the importance of retaining and growing chapter membership and to implement relevant programs and projects that will make an impact.

**Achievement:** to realize that as key women educators there are no limits to what we can achieve. To empower and encourage members to take advantage of all the leadership and scholarship opportunities open to them.

**Reflection & Recognition:** to always honor our Society’s heritage, but also to recognize, support and celebrate the artistic talents and

accomplishments of today’s key women educators.

**Technology & Teamwork:** to encourage members to learn about and use technology and to work as members of a team to strengthen communication, networking and active involvement at all levels of the Society.

Wagemann and her Executive Committee began work on these goals at the June 10, 2017 Transition Meeting. In the coming months and, particularly, at Fall Board, state committees and chapter officers will detail specific plans to implement the H.E.A.R.T. goals and develop a new five year strategic plan for Washington State DKG.



2017—2019 State President  
Sherri Wagemann

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### Notice:

The position of State Editor for the *Alpha Sigma News* is now open. See the state web site for a job description, timeline and application form <[www.dkgWA.org](http://www.dkgWA.org)> . Or contact Pat Bennett-Forman, state editor, at <[bennettforman.p@gmail.com](mailto:bennettforman.p@gmail.com)> with questions.

## Celebrate the Past—Create the Future



Terri Diehm  
State President  
2015-2017

It is a very dreary day as I write this final note as your state president. The good news is my thoughts are nothing but sunny. I feel very energized because the health of our Society in Washington State is strong and in very capable hands.

As my term comes to an end, I would like to remind you that the success of DKG relies on communication. I am confident that the state leadership for the upcoming 2017-2019 biennium will do a wonderful job of communicating with the membership through a variety of methods, including the state website, *ASN*, the State Facebook page, Skype, Facetime, email and phone. By the same token, our members need to communicate with the State leadership. We need to know what you need and want. Participate in the surveys, tell us about a fabulous speaker who can be invited to speak at chapter, state and/or international levels, share your interesting projects and invite state leaders to your special events and chapter meetings. Feel free to ask for help and guidance for yourself and/or your chapter. If you are a struggling chapter we can offer help. Please don't be concerned about asking for that help. We are all working towards the same outcomes and supporting the purposes of our organization.

The success and future of DKG are really in the hands of the individual chapters. The strength and vitality of each chapter increases the success of the Washington State Organization as well as our International Organization. Help DKG move toward the future by sharing your successes as well as your frustrations. If we continue to communicate, mentor our members and chapters and work in a mutually collaborative and supportive manner, our organization will thrive for many years to come.

My final thoughts are to send you all my very best wishes and the knowledge that it has been a most enjoyable biennium. We have so many amazing, intelligent, talented, insightful and caring women in this organization and I have truly enjoyed serving as your state president. I have learned so much and have always been proud I am a part of the Washington State Organization. All those who served as chapter and state leaders are greatly appreciated as are all DKG members. The support and knowledge that has been shared has been invaluable. The many trips across the state have provided a lovely time to reflect, share warm welcomes and lots of smiles, and meet many of the special women of this organization. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity to serve Washington State DKG women. I look forward to continuing to serve with you in the coming years in new ways and to joining you in continuing to create the future of our Society.

If we continue to communicate, mentor our members and chapters and work in a mutually collaborative and supportive manner, our organization will thrive for many years to come.



The State Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for the following two open positions: trustee for the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Fund and State Nominations member.

Membership on the RRPSF is a five year commitment. Members begin as board members and gradually assume leadership positions on the board, becoming chair in the fifth year.

Nominations Committee membership is a three year commitment, which also advances members' leadership responsibilities over the three year period. At the beginning of a member's third year, she will become the chair of the committee.

Nomination forms will be distributed to Chapter Presidents at Fall Board. Additional copies may be downloaded from the Alpha Sigma State web site: [www.dkgwa.org](http://www.dkgwa.org).

Interested members, please contact Linda Pearn by email: [lindapearn@comcast.net](mailto:lindapearn@comcast.net) or 253-862-8292. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2018.

## Elliott earns Achievement Award



It is always an exciting moment at Spring Convention when the annual Achievement Award is announced. No less so this year, because without a doubt, Linda Elliott was a most worthy and deserving recipient.

As summarized by Marj Patten, immediate past president, Linda's dedication to DKG at all levels is impressive. She served as Washington State president in 2009-2011 when Washington hosted the International Convention in Spokane. Prior to that, she held the offices of first vice-president, second vice president, and recording secretary. Linda has served on, or has been chair

of, the Creative Arts Retreat Committee since 2001 and the Leadership Retreat since 2002. As immediate past state president, she chaired the State Expansion/Dissolution Committee and was State representative to the U.S. Forum, 2011-2013. She was co-chair of the 75th Anniversary activities at the 2016 State Convention.

Linda has given workshops at nine Fall Board meetings, five Spring Conventions, five Northwest Regional Conferences and five International Conventions. Topics have included leadership, women as leaders, program ideas and resources, membership tips, scholarships and various fine arts activities. Some of these were performed in her capacity as chair of the International Expansion Committee or as NW representative to the International Scholarship Committee. A former music teacher and member of many DKG choirs, we know Linda to be an ardent promoter of the arts. One of Linda's outstanding accomplishments was to lead the campaign to pass a resolution at NW Regional Conference (Alberta, 2011) and at International (New York, 2012) that DKG promote arts education. The International Fine Arts Gallery is one result, as is the International Arts and Humanities Jury, on which Linda served as Washington State liaison. A member of the Leadership Management Seminar class of 2006, Linda has also assisted with recruitment activities.

Of course her activities don't stop with DKG. Linda has, for many years, served the Auburn community on various arts boards. So it's no wonder Linda Elliott earned the Alpha Sigma State Achievement Award. She is a leader of distinction.

## New state web site announced

Check out the new Washington State DKG website. Webmaster Mary Lou Gregory has announced that the state website has a whole new look and a new URL. Now you will find it at [www.dkgwa.org](http://www.dkgwa.org). Our former site needed streamlining and updating. Since the software used to make the old site was no longer available or supported, the time was right to make the leap to a new platform.

The conversion to a Weebly-based website enhances the webmaster's ability to provide training and support to chapters using a Weebly site, as well as to make the transition to a new webmaster in the future easier.

As always, it takes many eyes to keep a website correct and up to date. Please look for state information there frequently and let your webmaster know when something needs fixing. Be sure to bookmark the site on your web browser to keep it handy.

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# Purpose-filled Purse Project™



Sherri Wagemann,  
2015-17 1st Vice  
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How does one describe human trafficking? Modern slavery . . .trapped . . .fear . . . hopelessness. In 2003, Washington became the first state in the nation to pass a law criminalizing human trafficking. The Washington law is the most stringent in the country. Under the law, it's a serious felony offense to recruit, harbor, transport or obtain any person for labor or services using force, fraud or coercion.

Many women trapped in the cycle of human trafficking are afraid to seek help from law enforcement for fear they will themselves be punished. In April 2017, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee signed a new prostitution law that will hopefully hinder human trafficking by helping victims more easily escape trafficking without fear of retribution. Unfortunately, there are still too many women and children trafficked on the streets, in domestic violence situations or seeking refuge in shelters.

Delta Kappa Gamma has, from its beginning, sought ways to make a difference by educating, advocating and empowering women and children. Our NW Region of the U.S. Forum voted in 2013 to focus on educating members about human trafficking and to encourage states and chapters to consider projects to strengthen laws and support victims. In Washington, we have had a number of workshops at State Conventions and Quadrant Training meetings on this topic.

During the 2017 Leadership Development Transition meeting in June, President-elect Sherri Wagemann proposed a Washington State unity project, one project to which all Washington chapters could contribute (much as was done in the past with Dresses for Africa). Attendees viewed a Milwaukee news video clip which stirred the emotions of the leadership team to participate in the Purpose-filled Purse™ Project for the coming biennium. The goal of the state unity project is to encourage every member and chapter across Washington State to work collaboratively to help spread hope to women who are victims of trafficking, abuse or homelessness. The project will empower members to get involved in a tangible and meaningful way.

The Purpose-filled Purse™ project is a program of Fresh Start Learning, Inc., a Milwaukee-based survivor owned and directed nonprofit providing training, education, outreach and advocacy for social justice causes, including human trafficking. Fresh Start Learning's Executive Director Nancy Yarbrough fully supports the partnership with DKG Washington to make an even broader impact. In Nancy's words, "The effort is to provide an olive branch of love to those that are still out in the trenches of human trafficking, domestic issues or drug addiction, etc. The purpose of the Purpose-filled Purse™ is to provide a loving way to initiate communication at ground level to those that have lost hope." As she sees it, "My life is a mirror that reflects the possibility of change—fresh starts where beginnings truly happen." (For more information, contact: <[FSL.inc4314@gmail.com](mailto:FSL.inc4314@gmail.com)>).



DKG Washington  
Purpose-Filled Purse™  
Project

So, for the spirit in which our Washington State organization supports the process in Washington on these same issues, the DKG Washington State unity project, following the Purpose-filled Purse™ model and approved by FSL. Inc., seems to be a perfect fit. It will work as follows:

Chapters are requested to bring at least one purse to the Washington State Spring Convention in 2018 that will be "collectively" donated to a shelter in the Olympia area. "Gently loved" purses collected by chapters should be filled with such items as socks, underwear, toiletries, body lotion, toothbrush and paste, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, and packets of face wipes. Chapters may also choose to collect and provide purses for their own communities.

To help chapters successfully organize, a project planning checklist will be available for download on the Alpha Sigma State WA website: [www.dkgwa.org](http://www.dkgwa.org).

Together, everybody wins! DKG members provide support and supplies with women and children in need; DKG members work together and share the joy of giving, and DKG members make connections in their communities that make a difference.

# Membership matters: be a voice, not an echo

Educators are known for their fortitude, conviction and leadership. They are readers with a wide variety of interests and curiosity for learning. They – WE are what makes up DKG; members, and membership, matters. We must not lose sight of the fact that membership doesn't just happen. Continued efforts to recruit new and retain existing members are essential for DKG to thrive as a Society and carry out its mission.

Be a voice, not an echo. Encourage chapter members to become more involved. We know that when members are involved, they retain their membership longer. Certainly, chapter participation is key. We need to support members, engage them in committee work and encourage development of their leadership skills and activities. I would maintain that we also need to encourage members to be involved at the state level and beyond because that is where DKG can really offer full benefits of membership. Fall Board is quickly approaching on September 22-23. Bring a team of members from your chapter to Yakima not only to partake in leadership training of officers, but also to attend exciting workshops in health, literature, team building, and technology. Clock hours are offered for current teachers. These are opportunities for building a stronger chapter and a stronger state organization.

As this biennium concludes, I would like to thank **Joanne Scholen** (Kappa, Kent) and **Jaime Reister** (Beta Upsilon, Wilbur) for their commitment to the Membership Committee. It takes a team to organize the "The Celebration of Life", membership workshops, and other activities and these women have been a formidable team for me. I look forward to my training at Spearfish, SD as First Vice-President/EEC Chair for Alpha Sigma State, WA, and continued participation with all our members. Thank you for an exciting past biennium.



Susan Fritts  
2015-17 2nd Vice  
President/  
Membership



## Welcome new initiates

Congratulations and welcome to the following members newly initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date</u>
Linda Middlebrook	Alpha Sigma	May 2017	Judie Kasnick	Alpha Sigma	May 2017
Elisa Garcia	Alpha Sigma	May 2017	Maureen Cunningham	Eta	May 2017
Carolyn Mosiman	Alpha Sigma	May 2017	Jennifer Duggan	Eta	May 2017
Claire Hallinan	Alpha Sigma	May 2017	Sarah McKeever	Eta	May 2017
Kate Moriarty	Alpha Sigma	May 2017	Rose Mary Bruce	Tau	May 2017

## White roses of remembrance

As we celebrate new members, we also mourn the loss of members who have passed away in recent months. Their lives will forever be reflected in our hearts.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date</u>
Muriel Masel	Alpha	Feb. 10, 2017	Karen Eichelsdoerfer	Phi	Dec. 10, 2016
Mary Weed	Lambda	Jan. 28, 2017	Geraldine Stubb	Phi	March 26, 2017
Ilene Klein	Phi	March 29, 2017	Beatrice Rodeheffer	Beta Kappa	Feb. 14, 2017

The lives of these women were honored at the Celebration of Life ceremony, Washington State Convention, April 2017. The Celebration of Life has taken place in Washington since 1946, first held in honor of DKG founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and nine members of Alpha Sigma State, Washington, who had passed away since the state organization began in 1941.

# Schedule at a Glance



## Fall Board Meeting September 22-23, 2017 Yakima, WA

### Registration & Clock hours sign up

(not open during meals/meetings)

Friday 4:00—8:00 pm

Saturday 7:15—11:00 am

### Marketplace

(not open during meals/meetings)

Friday 4:00—8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am—12:45 pm

### Friday, September 22, 2017

2:00—4:00 pm Workshop  
*Creating a Chapter Website (2 clock hrs)*

3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting  
(State officers and parliamentarian)

4:00 pm RRPSF Board meeting

4:00—5:30 pm Workshop  
Interactive Music & Movement (1.5 clock hrs)

5:00 pm Executive Committee & Advisory Council  
Dinner Meeting  
(State Officers and past presidents)

6:30 pm Meetings of Standing & Ad Hoc Committees  
Committees (optional as called by committee chairs)  
Rainbow Lodge, area liaisons, chapter presidents  
and state committees

### Friday, September 22, 2017

7:15—8:15 pm Leaving No Stone Unturned  
Serving all students in diverse districts  
Kevin Chase, ESD 105 (1 clock hr)

8:15—9:15 pm Dessert Reception, musical FUN and  
Rainbow Lodge video

### Saturday, September 23, 2017

7:30 am Early Bird Door Prizes

7:45—8:45 am Breakfast

9:00 am RRPSF Board Meeting

9:00—10:00 am Workshop Session I (1 clock hour)  
Action Plans & vouchers session

10:15—11:15 am Workshop Session II (1 clock hour)

11:30 am—12:30 pm Workshop Session III (1 clock hr)

12:40 pm Early Bird Door Prizes

12:45—1:45 pm Luncheon Meeting/  
Chat & Chew topic table (.5 clock hrs)

2:00—4:00 pm Executive Board/ RRPSF/General Session

**Clock Hours available:** Fall Board participants may earn up to 8 clock hours while attending workshop sessions.

Registration forms for clock hours will be available at the Fall Board General Registration table. Participants must keep a record of sessions attended and turn in session and convention evaluation sheets as well as have their attendance certified by the clock hours registrar. Instructions are available at the Registration table. Participants must attend a minimum of 3 hours to qualify for clock hours.

## Friday, September 22, 2017

### 2:00 - 4:00 pm Creating a Chapter Web Page Coaching Session

**(2 clock hrs)**

If your chapter has been trying to create or update it's web site, but can't remember all the steps or are a little stuck or just need someone to check your progress, come to this coaching/tutoring session with the state webmaster and state newsletter editor. Help where you need it and as much or as little as you need. Participants need their own laptop and password information.

**Presenter: State Editor Pat Bennett-Forman (Alpha Sigma), State Webmaster Mary Lou Gregory (Beta Chi)**

### 4:00 - 5:30 pm Creating an Extraordinary Life...Balancing Mind, Body & Spirit

**(1.5 clock hrs)**

An interactive experience using body, voice, and instruments, such as drums, to demonstrate how an individual can utilize music in specific ways to increase well-being, alleviate stress & tension in the body, and support health and balance in body, mind and spirit.

**Presenter: Alpha Sigma Music Representative Carla Carnegie (Eta)**

### 7:15 - 8:15 pm Leaving No Stone Unturned

**(1 clock hr)**

A story of trying to deliver the finest teaching possible for ALL students in a district with 92% Latino students, 80% of the students qualify for free and reduced lunches and 35% of the students are ELL students.

**Presenter: Kevin Chase, Superintendent, ESD 105, South Central Washington**

## 9:00 - 10:00 am Meetings/Workshop/Activities

### State Action Plans & Vouchers

State Committees & Area Liaisons meet to complete & submit yearly action plan documentation.

**Facilitators:** Past Alpha Sigma State President Terri Diehm (*Beta Delta*), Alpha Sigma Executive Secretary Paula Nichols (*Alpha Psi*), Alpha Sigma State Finance Chair Nancy Guthrie (*Alpha*)

### Workshop Session I

#### Chapter Treasurers Q & A

(1 clock hr)

Join State Treasurer Pat Russell for a question and answer session and to discuss updates for new and veteran treasurers.

**Presenter:** Alpha Sigma State Treasurer Pat Russell (*Beta Sigma*)

#### Mindful Movement

(1 clock hr)

Experience basic movement and mindfulness to help you relax, reflect, and create a more balanced and healthy life.

**Presenter:** Cathy Johnson (*Beta Upsilon*)

#### What Effective Communication Can Do for Your Chapter

(1 clock hr)

Evaluate chapter needs to select appropriate communication strategies that can strengthen and increase membership, share the "heart" of your chapter, and help your chapter be relevant to a more diverse and active teaching population. Examples and training on using different modes and applications for communications included.

**Presenters:** Communications & Publicity Chair Barb McPherson (*Kappa*), ASN Editor Pat Bennett-Forman (*Alpha Sigma*), and State Webmaster Mary Lou Gregory (*Beta Chi*)

### 10:15 - 11:15 am Workshop Session II

#### Chapter Presidents' Leadership Development Part 1

(1 clock hr)

Time to check the "pulse" of our organization. Chapter presidents will share successes, challenges & concerns and network. We will use our creative "Blue Sky" thinking to collaboratively develop plans to enhance our chapters, our state organization, and our international organization.

**Presenters:** Leadership Development Chr. Monique Manuel (*Beta Sigma*) **Committee members:** Barbie Sharrard (*Beta Delta*) and Jaime Reister (*Beta Upsilon*)

#### Empowerment through Educational Excellence

(1 clock hr)

Let's get to the "heart" of the action. Discover how to empower women through leadership opportunities and engage in purposeful programs & projects that promote personal well-being, intellectual growth, global awareness and involvement.

**Presenters:** 1st VP/EEC Chr. Susan Fritts, (*Alpha Sigma*) **Committee members:** Carla Carnegie (*Eta*), Jan Blankers (*Alpha Tau*), Charlene Shea (*Mu*), Mary Rennie (*Theta*)

#### Team Building Activities to Enhance Your Classroom or Chapter

(1 clock hr)

Come prepared to have a heap of hearty FUN in this interactive workshop. Learn activities & strategies which will enhance your communication, leadership and problem solving skills for the classroom and/or chapter.

**Presenter:** Pia Longinotti (*Eta*)

#### Iceland...Now & Then

(1clock hr)

The "heart" of the Icelandic culture is rich and varied and known for its literary heritage and traditional arts. Participants will experience a glimpse of this land of the north through Karavala (*Finnish-Sami/Lapp origin stories*), dolls, newspapers, sweaters and book sharing.

**Presenters:** Joy Lauderbaugh (*Kappa*), Janice Moen (*Kappa*)

### 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Workshop Session III

#### Chapter Presidents' Leadership Development Part 2 (Continued. See above)

(1 clock hr)

#### Members Are the Heart of DKG

(1 clock hr)

Do you want new members? Are you looking in all the right places? Using recruitment strategies and tools that work? Learn about the latest materials and resources available to help increase the "heartbeat" of your chapter's membership.

**Presenter:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership Chr. Jane Gerdon (*Chi*), **Committee members:** Pia Longinotti (*Eta*), Mindy Hoffman (*Alpha Psi*)

#### Outstanding Educator: a Successful Program

(1 clock hr)

Want to recognize the awesome teachers in your area? We will show you how we do it by sharing our timeline, sample nomination forms, and all letters we send, as well as specific information about our culminating event.

**Presenters:** Kathy Caldwell & Judy Miller (*Alpha Sigma*)

## Kudos from around the State

### DKG Foundation Grant

**Pia Longinotti** (Eta, Spokane) was selected to receive a Cornetet Individual Professional Development Grant in the amount of \$2,000 from the International DKG Education Foundation. In a letter announcing the award, Cornetet Committee Chair, Karen Duke, indicated that Pia was given the award for her summer 2017 trip to Poland to study the Holocaust. Congratulations to Pia! We look forward to hearing about your trip at Fall Board.

### Teacher of the Year

**Chi** chapter co-president **Pam Bauman** was honored by the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce as the K-12 Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017. Pam was recognized along with other community leaders in the Chamber's annual *Pillars of Strength* awards ceremony, which also awarded \$19,000 to graduating seniors.



**Denise Perkins** (Zeta, Wenatchee) lights candles representing International, Washington and the Zeta Chapter in a special ceremony honoring Zeta's 75th anniversary.

### Psi celebrates 44 year member

by Helen Bakshas, Educational Excellence Committee

**Marlys Mayer** has been a member of Psi Chapter in Kennewick, Washington, for 44 years. She started teaching in 1970 and joined DKG two years later. During her time with DKG, Marlys served as chair of the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation. She mentioned that this committee struggled in its first years. She was also a State International Committee Chair and attended International Conventions including Nashville and Toronto. Along with these activities, Marlys served as Psi Chapter treasurer for approximately twenty-five years.

Like many of DKG's outstanding members, Marlys is also involved in other activities and organizations. She is a very active member of the Benton Franklin School Retirees' Association. She joined in 1999 and has been treasurer for the past fifteen years. Marlys is active on committees in the Richland School District and tutors elementary students. She served on the Board of Directors of the School Educators Credit Union for twenty-five years until SECU merged with Numerica Bank.

One of Marlys's favorite volunteering activities has been with Kadlec Hospital in Richland for the past fifteen years. She is the Junior Volunteer Advisor overseeing 100 high school students volunteering at Kadlec each year.

Marlys and her husband, Dick, have three adult sons, one of whom followed his mother's footsteps as a teacher. This incredible woman, who continues to be very busy, is an inspiration to all Psi members and, indeed, to all DKG members, for she represents the best we have to offer and reminds us of what we can accomplish as DKG members.

Psi chapter (Kennewick), member for 44 years and counting, **Marlys Mayer**.



# State Convention 2017: a brief pictorial glimpse



2017—2019 State Officers (l—r): Sherri Wagemann, president; Susan Fritts, 1st vice president; Jane Gerdon, 2nd vice president; Paula Nichols, executive secretary; Pat Russell, treasurer; Janice Moen, parliamentarian; Terri Diehm, past president. Absent, Lisa Wiese, secretary.



Clockwise from upper R: Enjoying the Hospitality Room; the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts & Music Association; Wa State kazoo choir; Kari Arlint (Chi) & Kylie Arlint-Henderson (RRPSF recipient); International Area Representative Canada, Joan Wolfe, led a watercolor workshop; Past President Marj Patten; Monique Manuel (Beta Sigma) presented on community involvement; Mindy Hoffman (Psi) offers the collect.



## RRPSF Board highlights activities

By Marcia Perkins (Eta, Spokane)

The Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation (RRPSF) held its final meeting of the year during the 2017 Alpha Sigma State convention in Pasco. Board Chair **Paula Nichols** (Alpha Psi, Pasco) planned a busy schedule for the board. In a cost-saving move RRPSF eliminated the traditional turnover meeting, incorporating this into our final session, increasing the funds available for scholarship. We also met with Dan Berge, portfolio manager and financial advisor to the Royston Board, prior to the annual meeting with the State Executive Board in General Session.

At the Saturday convention luncheon, the new recipients of the RRPSF Scholarship were presented to the Alpha Sigma State membership. The Board hosted these outstanding women: **Dr. Becky Hendrickson** (Alpha Rho, Puyallup, Specialist Endorsement, Applied Behavior Analysis, Florida Institute of Technology), **Kylie Arlint-Henderson** (Seattle, M.Ed. Digital Education Leadership, Seattle Pacific University), **Martha Little** (Alpha Sigma, Kitsap, M.Ed. English Language Learning, Washington Governor's University), **Maren Johnson, Harvin Award**, (Chimacum, Educational Administration, Western Washington University) and **Erin Murphy** (Rho, Seattle, Ed.D. Educational Leadership, Washington State University). Funds totaling \$18,000 have been awarded for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. Recipients are women educators who are residents of Washington State pursuing a master's degree, doctoral degree, or work in a field of special interest; each of whom has an amazing story. All Convention participants were privileged to hear the Margaret Harvin Award recipient, Maren Johnson, tell her story of teaching in Africa.



2017 Rachel Royston Scholarship Recipients (left to right): Erin Murphy (Rho, Seattle), Dr. Becky Hendrickson (Alpha Rho, Puyallup), Martha Little (Alpha Sigma, Kitsap) Kylie Arlint-Henderson (Seattle), Maren Johnson, Margaret Harvin Recipient, (Chimacum).

In August, the new round of scholarship availability notices will go out to ESDs, colleges and universities, etc. The Board has found out that the “word of mouth” technique is one of the best ways to get the information out. Applicants need to know where to get the application and that is on the Alpha Sigma State website. In fact, that website is being worked on, and we are hopeful that the application and forms will be interactive. Thank you to our webmaster, **Mary Lou Gregory** (Beta Chi, Hoquiam), for working with the board on this issue. Now, what can **you** do about the “word of mouth” technique? Please share information in your local school districts about the opportunity available through the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation. Visit the principals and give them a brochure or website information. Are you talking about scholarship availability at your chapter meetings? Please do so! Take every opportunity to tell educators about the opportunities for scholarships and grants available from Delta Kappa Gamma, including the Rachel Royston scholarships, which, by the way, are sometimes given for more than one year.



### Rachel Royston Board Members and Other Personnel for 2016-2017

(left to right) Dan Berge, Portfolio Manager, Wells Fargo Advisors;; Carol Linscott, Treasurer (Alpha Sigma, Kitsap); Lisa Vaughan (Beta Upsilon, Wilbur); Marcia Perkins (Eta, Spokane); Paula Nichols (Alpha Psi, Pasco); Dr. Claire Smith (Mu, Vancouver); Geneal Palmer (Alpha Rho, Puyallup); Annamarie Lavieri, Administrative Assistant (Alpha Sigma, Kitsap). Absent: Eva Mehaffey, Coordinator of Educational Research (Rho, Seattle).

Thank you again to all of the chapters and individual members who have made contributions to the Rachel Royston Scholarship Foundation. Dan Berge reminded us that donations to RRPSF are tax deductible. Individuals can honor special friends with donations, including memorials. Chapters are encouraged to give at any time, though most choose to do so at the Spring Convention Celebration luncheon when they meet the scholarship award recipients and hear the Margaret Harvin recipient acceptance speech.

Funds Received for 2016-2017	
Estates	\$5400
Honorariums	\$ 65
Memorials	\$ 95
Donations	\$1246
Convention	\$1670
Total 16-17	<b>\$8376</b>

Welcome to our new board member, **Sharon White** (Phi, Aberdeen). Sharon was initiated in Phi Chapter in 1978. That's 39 years of experience she is bringing to the Board! She has served on the EEC and many other committees. A fascinating detail Sharon revealed is that she played varsity basketball for the U of W. This was in pre-title IX days when women's teams did not travel in style! I want to see her letters, ring and jacket! We look forward to our first meeting at Fall Board where we will get to know Sharon better.

Members serve on the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Fund board for a five year term, learning the ins and outs of investing and rotating through board positions, becoming the chair in her fifth year. A new member is elected each year at Spring Convention by the Executive Board.



Newly elected RRPSF Board member, Sharon White



# The Chapter Buzz



## Area I (Yakima)

Trish Cosner (Alpha Zeta, Goldendale), liaison

**Alpha Lambda** (Sunnyside) celebrated its 60th birthday this past year with a big party, including confetti, balloons and gifts. After reviewing minutes from years past, **Annette Zacher** presented a history of chapter accomplishments. Conducting an initiation that night made it magical indeed. Other chapter events included a program from the Central Washington Mountain Search and Rescue, as well as a fascinating session of Paper Cut Work. Four members volunteered at the local science fair and three grants-in-aid of \$600 each were awarded to future educators. The chapter is working on the October Area 1 workshop which will provide various classes for clock hours hosted by the Holocaust Center for Humanity in Seattle.

**Theta Chapter** (Yakima) likes to stay informed about happenings in different educational fields. This year, members toured the Children’s Village, where multiple social services for children are housed. One hallway looks like store fronts and another a barnyard scene. They also learned about the Satellite/Yakima Online School and its outreach programs and toured Naches Elementary. Other programs included member book reviews, reliving **Sue Dunn’s** musical travels, their annual grants-in-aid silent auction and a Parisian themed bunco party. Since it was the chapter’s 75th birthday, they held a special party in the old Lee Semon Building and honored long time members with certificates.

**Alpha Zeta** (Goldendale) hosted the Area 1 workshop at Maryhill Museum where thirty members toured the venues and learned the history of the museum and the historic Columbia River Highway. Chapter members expanded their knowledge of schools in Africa when they hosted a local missionary couple as speakers. Another couple informed them about Goldendale High School’s FFA program, which teaches leadership skills, public speaking, team building and creativity. Speaking of which, Alpha Zeta members spent an artistic hour led by a new member who taught them to paint floral designs on a quart jar to make a vase. Finding a lost scrapbook with chapter founders’ biographies made the April Founder’s Day dinner meeting a truly inspiring event. The chapter awarded three grants-in-aid and held a successful yard sale fundraiser.

## Area II (Spokane)

Rosemary Shockley (Eta, Spokane), liaison

**Tau** Chapter (Pullman) had to deal with a number of major health issues with their members this year. **Pat Voge**, chapter president, has worked hard just to keep things together. They did get an application for a new member who was initiated in the spring. The chapter is happily on the way to rebuilding. In addition, they provided assistance for the Area II Spring Workshop, which was held on March 4th in Spokane.

The Area II workshop is a joint effort of **Tau** and **Eta** (Spokane) chapters. This was also the second year that members of Area VIII joined the workshop and provided food for participants to enjoy prior to the start of the workshop. This year the theme was *Creating an Extraordinary Life: Finding Your Balance & Igniting Your Joy!* There were over 30 women in attendance, including some potential members who expressed interest in learning more about Delta Kappa Gamma. Four participants signed up for clock hours. This was really an interactive program that started with learning & laughing, followed by drumming & vocalizing (yes we played a variety of drums), using movement & music, a lunch of soups and tortilla wraps and closing with aromatherapy and relaxation. All in all it was a day of fun and fellowship that provided some great inspiration for us to use to balance our lives.



**Carla Carnegie** (Eta) led the Area II workshop on *Creating an Extraordinary Life*, March 2017, in Spokane.

**Eta Chapter** (Spokane) has also had a busy year that included learning more about agencies and resources that impact our lives. Members gained some in-depth knowledge about the American Red Cross, Montessori education and our own cellular health. In addition, chapter members assembled Jared Boxes that were donated to the Shriners Hospital. Eta closed its year with presentations from grant-in-aid recipients, attended Alpha Sigma State Convention and held a Founders Day Celebration in May.

## Area III(Tri-Cities)

Cathey Erickson (Alpha Psi, Pasco), liaison

**Psi** (Kennewick) started off the year “Getting Fit with DKG” with a dinner at Tri-Tech Skills Center, initiated five new members and played “Where in the World is DKG?” They got “Financially Fit” by raising \$800 with their annual Bunco evening, made cards to sell at State Convention, were “Emotionally Fit” by providing handbags filled with women’s products to the Women’s Shelter in Pasco, and had a No-Bake-Bake Sale earning over \$300, Got “Physically Fit” with a Red Dress Fashion Show and heart health lectures. They organized the Area III workshop with a presentation by Sharon Cooper, *Sharing Love and Joy One Rock at a Time*. Members ended the year “Spiritually Fit” at the Bookwalter Winery where six prospective members for next year were introduced. Chapter members assisted with the State Convention by staffing the registration table and making decorations with the theme, “Celebrate the Past and Create the Future”.

**Alpha Psi** (Pasco) participated in numerous projects: raised \$1,000 for their Columbia Basin College Scholarship and supported domestic violence prevention with donations of towels, sheets, toiletries, kitchenware, Halloween costumes, and gift certificates for moms to use for their purchasing of Christmas gifts for their children. Food and clothing was donated to the Gospel Mission, and the chapter supported the Good Samaritan with shoeboxes containing useful items for needy children overseas. They hosted the hospitality room at convention with 100% active member support.

## Area IV (Pierce, South King County)

Bev Reinvik (Alpha, Gig Harbor), liaison

**Alpha** (Tacoma) had two chapter meetings facilitated by chapter members. **Nancy Guthrie’s** presentation dealt with the effectiveness of supplements and vitamins, which she also presented as a State Convention workshop. **Quinn West** introduced members to Open Education Resources currently being implemented at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This open alternative concept to textbooks is saving students the expensive cost of buying their books.

**Alpha Rho** (Tacoma) participated in Winterfest, an annual local community support event, with 298 families and 986 children in attendance. Members provided tiles for the children to decorate, along with the opportunity to select a gift for their parent/guardian. They also continue to participate in the Road Clean Up program near PLU. At State Convention member **Becky Hendrickson** presented a workshop on “Autism-A Different Perspective”.

At one of **Alpha Tau’s** (Tacoma) meetings, the daughter of a member brought her service dog and shared her experience as a teacher living with diabetes and the role of her service dog in her classroom. Chapter members donated towels and blankets to the local Humane Society. In the spring, Alpha Tau celebrated its chapter’s 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special birthday luncheon.

The Area IV Fellowship Brunch in February was hosted by **Beta Delta** (Auburn) at Bogey’s Public House Restaurant in Auburn. All proceeds from the raffle items (\$50.00 Amazon gift card, overnight stay at Tulalip Resort Casino, and baskets) supported Birthday Dreams of Renton which provides homeless children with the gift of a birthday party. The mayor of Auburn and an autism specialist spoke during the program.

**Epsilon** (Puyallup) had their annual Christmas brunch catered by member **Susan Templin**. There were seventeen members in attendance, each donating \$15-\$20 in support of DKG. A favorite program this year highlighted books and reading. A Puyallup librarian shared her experiences while on the committee for the Barbara Bush Foundation which gives books to needy and low-income children.

**Kappa** (Kent) celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. They are compiling a chapter cookbook with all of their favorite recipes to honor the occasion. Their annual December holiday auction raised close to \$4000 which helps them give support to DKG International projects, support local organizations which focus on students and education, and give grants to teachers completing their state certification.

# Bylaw & Standing Rules Amendment Changes

Revisions were made to two of the proposed amendments to the Washington State Bylaws and Standing Rules at the April 2017 State Convention. The words “Quadrant meetings” were added. The revised rules passed and are printed below. All other amendment proposals were adopted as printed in the Spring 2017 issue of *the Alpha Sigma News*, pages 10-11.

## Bylaws

### Article X. Meetings

#### Section B. State Meetings

**Line 731 approximately**

#### 5. Technical Support

The Executive Committee will appoint a technical advisor to facilitate all technical equipment at Fall Board, Convention and **Quadrant meetings**. The technical advisor will work with the Educational Excellence Committee to complete assigned tasks.

## Standing Rules

### Article 3 Finance

#### 3.7 Financial Accounting

##### 3.75 Meetings

##### a. State meeting development:

**Approximately Line 206**

The appointed technical advisor shall be reimbursed for early registration and scheduled meals at Fall Board, State Convention and **Quadrant meetings**.

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## Amendments to the Standing Rules open

Any member, committee, board, or chapter may propose an amendment to the Washington State *Bylaws* or *Standing Rules*. Proposals submitted must include a rationale and fiscal impact on current and future budgets. Please refer to the online versions of the *Standing Rules*; they include the Line Number references needed on the form.

The deadline for submitting proposed amendments is December 1, 2017. The proposed 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 Bylaws and Rules. See [www.dkgwa.org](http://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 1st** deadline. Send proposed amendments to Nancy Sauer, Bylaws and Rules Chair, [<nsauer@charter.net>](mailto:nsauer@charter.net).

## International proposes to amend election process

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Plan to attend the International Convention in Austin in 2018 to vote on proposed election amendments to the governing documents. As a result of a motion at the Nashville International Convention, 2016, President Carolyn Pittman appointed an ad hoc committee which, after review of the 2012-2014 Ad Hoc Election Process Committee, proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* to enable convention attendees to vote for officers. If passed, as a Convention attendee in 2020 you would be able to cast YOUR vote for international officers.

Workshops at Regional Conferences and on the International website will inform members of the difference between Delegate, General Election and Convention Election options in the proposed amendments.



# Washington State Organization Fall Executive Board Registration Form

September 22 -23, 2017

Yakima Red Lion



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

State Officer \_\_\_\_\_ State Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_ Past State President \_\_\_\_\_ RRPSF \_\_\_\_\_ Area Liaison \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter President \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ First time attendee \_\_\_\_\_  
Generation X (born 1965-80) \_\_\_\_\_ Millennial (born 1981 - 97) \_\_\_\_\_ Non DKG member attendee \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in clock hours? (Circle one) yes or no

Early Registration postmarked by Sept. 1, 2017	\$ 30	\$ _____
Registration postmarked by Sept. 8, 2017	\$ 40	\$ _____
Registration postmarked after Sept. 8, 2017	\$ 50	\$ _____
<u>Friday Night:</u> Dessert Social ( <i>not reimbursed</i> )	\$ 7	\$ _____
<u>Saturday:</u> Breakfast	\$ 18	\$ _____
Lunch	\$ 24	\$ _____

\*PRICES INCLUDE 8.2% tax and 20% service charges **TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please, only food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

**State Officers, State Committee Chairs, Committee members and Area Liaisons:**  
**Please bring a copy of this registration to attach to your voucher for reimbursement.**

**Checks should be made payable to Alpha Sigma State and sent with registration form to:**  
**Marcia Perkins 1720 Hawthorne Ave. Colville, WA 99114**  
**509.684.1019 mkp49dkg@gmail.com**

In case of an emergency, please notify the registrar, two weeks prior to the event, to be considered for a refund. A \$5 processing fee will be withheld.

Photo release: With this registration I grant permission to Alpha Sigma State, DKG, to be videotaped, audiotaped or photographed and give permission for my photo, voice or words to be used in any Alpha Sigma State official publication, including the state web site and *Alpha Sigma News*. I understand that if I do not give permission, I must submit a written statement denying permission for use of my photo, voice or words attached to this registration.

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE Friday, SEPT 8, 2017**

Make reservations directly with the hotel. Identify yourself as a Delta Kappa Gamma member when making the reservation. Please be specific with handicap needs for bedrooms.

**Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center 607 East Yakima Ave Yakima, WA 98901**

**\$104.25 single/double per room OR \$115.37 triple/quad per room (price includes all taxes)**

Phone: (509) 248-5900 or 1-800-redlion

Directions: From I-82 South take Exit 33. From I-82 North take Exit 33B

Go west on Yakima Ave. Hotel is next to the Convention Center



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## Announcements

Chapters wishing to earn some “non-dues revenue” are invited to sell items at the Fall Board State Store. Tables are rented for \$25 for the two day event and must be reserved in advance. Send the table rental fee to Patricia Russell, state treasurer, by August 25, 2017. The rental fee supports the State Travel Fund which helps state leaders attend Regional conferences and International conventions. Directions for sales are on the State website.

Any corrections to the State Directory should be sent immediately to Paula Nichols, state executive secretary so that changes may be made for the Fall Board distribution of the directory.

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## Important Dates

July 18 – 20, 2017

Dumas Bay Arts Retreat  
“Scandia Culture & Nordic Cool”

September 1, 2017

Early bird registration deadline for  
Fall Board (see p. 15 for details)

September 8, 2016

Hotel registration deadline  
Yakima Red Lion (see p. 15 for details)

September 22 – 23, 2017

Fall Board Meeting  
Yakima Red Lion  
(see p. 6-7 for details)

October 10, 2017

Deadline for submissions to  
*Alpha Sigma News* winter edition

November 1, 2017

DKG Education Foundation Cornet  
Professional Development Seminar  
applications due. See [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org)

November 15, 2017

Deadline for Rachel Royston  
Scholarship applications. For more  
information see [www.dkgwa.com](http://www.dkgwa.com)

December 1, 2017

Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rule  
amendments due to Nancy Sauer  
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