

The Alpha Sigma News

Leadership from Washington State is apparent at July 10-12, 2019 International Conference

It was obvious that Washington State shares leadership skills with those at the international level. Several Washington Alpha Sigma State members were key players in running this year's International Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. Take a look at this list of organizers and presenters:

- Janice Moen with the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund introduced the main speaker Susan Leahy, MA CSP;
- Monique Harrison presented a panel, "Editors, Webmasters, and Marketers" including Mary Lou Gregory as Webmaster;
- Barb Clausen presented a World Fellowship workshop advocating for support of women educators from around the world;
- Janice Moen was creator and publisher of two songs sung at the banquet;
- Sherri Wagemann was the soloist for the song "Let's Dance";
- Terri Diehm organized the Marketplace Event;



Susan Fritts, President, WSO



Washington State attendees

- Chorus members included Barbara Brown, Linda Elliott, Susan Fritts, Monique Harrison, and Sherry Wagemann ;
- Janice Moen accompanied the NW Regional Chorus for three practices and the final performance at the banquet;
- Sherri Wagemann reported as the 2018-2020 NW Representative on the US Forum Elections Committee to encourage members to apply for the 2020-2022 US Forum Steering Committee ;
- Keitha Bryson presented "Quality of Work Life in Education" at the international conference in Iceland.

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Embracing Possibilities - Leading with Wisdom and Passion

Susan Fritts, 2019-2021 Washington State President

I am honored and humbled to have been elected as your DKG Washington State President for the next two years. At the state level, I am committed to lead our state with an excellent team of officers, to provide leadership training for members, and to support programs and projects that encourage educational excellence. “Embracing Possibilities – Leading with Wisdom and Passion” promotes forward thinking, as our Founder Annie Webb Blanton encouraged. By embracing possibilities in all areas including literacy, we are reaching out to improve the lives of others.

Who are we? What does it mean to be a Delta Kappa Gamma educator? How do we stand out from other societies or organizations? What is our purpose?

We are defined by what we do and what we have done, our passions and the direction our lives are leading us. Look at your life. What pathway have you chosen as an educator? Delta Kappa Gamma embodies leadership. Our schools, communities and state should gain from our leadership. I am proposing that we, as our Washington State Unity Project, focus on literacy in our schools, chapters, communities, and at the state level. How can you promote literacy? Several suggestions are listed on the “Literacy Unity Projects” link on page 8. Let’s continue to make a difference that may lead us in new directions and possibilities! Engage, enrich and

empower others using your skills, experiences and passions.

We are needed now more than ever in our schools and communities. What with an increase in bullying, violence in schools, decisions being made regarding schools in our legislature, our voices should be advocating for students, teachers, and educational concerns. How can we advocate for important issues? Come Friday night, September 27th, to our “Power Hour” at Fall Board in Yakima and add your voice. Together we can make a statement at the U.S. Forum in Arlington, March, 2020.

At Fall Board, learn about our experiences from the July International DKG Leadership Conference in Des Moines, Iowa and Research Conference held in Iceland.

I’m proud to be an educator in Delta Kappa Gamma and look forward to embracing possibilities as we continue our DKG vision together as women educators impacting education.



Invitation to Fall Board

Come join us at the 2019 Board on September 27 and 28, 2019, Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center. Registration begins at 4 pm on Friday, September 27. Check out the schedule of workshops on page 13. Clock hours are available. Early registration deadline is September 6. Follow this link to register: [Fall Board Registration Form](#). Download it to your computer and save it. Then open it and fill it out, print it and send it with your check addressed to WSO of DKG to Patricia Russell. See you at Fall Board in Yakima!

The Alpha Sigma News moves to online only

Members approved a Bylaws change at Spring Convention to make ^{The} Alpha Sigma News an electronic only publication. Members who are not receiving an email notification of the publication need to log in to their account on www.DKG.org to update their email information. If members do not have access to an email account, the chapter can determine how best to share the newsletter with them.

DKG International Conference: Leadership

Des Moines, IA

July 10-12, 2019



“Build it and they will come . . .”



Pat Bennett-Forman
First Vice President
Educational Excellence Chair

In the movie “Field of Dreams,” Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella heard a voice saying “build it and he will come,” prompting him to turn a corn field into a baseball park. You might remember that not only did Shoeless Joe Jackson and other “old timers” come to the park, but at the end of the movie, the line of cars coming to see these players extended as far as the eye could see.

Likewise, if we want vital chapters that attract younger members and maintain the current ones, we must first “build it.” That is, we must build our chapters into something that people want to belong to. To do so will require some soul searching and, perhaps, some new actions and directions for chapters.

- What do we want our Society to be known as and known for? **Build it.**
- What contributions are we making to “promoting educational excellence?”
Act on it.
- How will other non-member educators find out about us? **Market it.**

Answers to these questions will vary with each chapter but a good beginning to finding those answers would be to look at the seven purposes of the Society and identify how your chapter currently meets those purposes. Next, ask what more or what different actions could be taken to meet those purposes. Put the ideas your members like into an action plan and implement.

The State Educational Excellence Committee will also be asking ourselves questions about how we fulfill the Society purposes and mission.

- What is the State doing to provide engaging and relevant personal and professional development for members and non-members?
- What service does the Washington State Organization perform?
- And specifically, how are we advocating for educational excellence?

Learn about new ideas for marketing your chapter. A brochure, a newsletter, social media, special events, speaking engagements, and logo wear are a few ideas to consider. Recall that your younger members have skills in this arena and might truly enjoy taking on the challenge of promoting your chapter and its accomplishments.

Finally, ask for help. The Educational Excellence Committee (EEC), the Membership Committee, and the Communications and Marketing Committees are here to respond to your needs. Contact one of the committee chairs and let us know how to assist you.

2019-2021

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Pat Bennett-Forman Recognized with the Washington State 2019 Achievement Award

Terri Diehm, Immediate Past President

At Spring Convention, the 2019 Washington State Achievement Award was presented to Pat Bennett-Forman. The nominating member described Pat as “a dynamic, resourceful and respected leader of her community. She is an educator who has focused on achieving excellence in education representing Delta Kappa Gamma with dignity and dedication.” Pat has been a leader in her chapter by serving on a variety of committees as well as serving as both 1st and 2nd Vice President and as President several times. She has also served on several state committees.

Her dedication to education has not gone unnoticed in her community where she has been chosen as teacher of the year. Pat has also served as an adjunct instructor for Western Washington and Seattle Pacific Universities as well as an instructor for Olympic Educational Service District. Her community also benefits from her leadership in Kiwanis, Kingston Cares and the Food4Kids Program.

In her short term of only 12 years as an active member of DKG, Pat has made an impact. She has offered many workshops at both State and International events with a wide range of topics including supporting early educators, public relations, newsletters, websites and women in leadership. She is both a

chapter editor and has served as State Editor.

One way Pat has increased the number of members in Alpha Sigma is by helping the chapter offer events that include clock hours, such as seminars, that encourage active teachers to attend. She also initiated the chapter Outstanding Educator Ceremony.

Pat presided at an International General Session representing Washington. International has also rewarded her dedication with a grant to the International Golden Gift Seminar.

She was elected to the Executive Committee as your new State 1st Vice-President. Congratulations goes to Pat Bennett-Forman.



You met the challenge!

Chapter Membership Recognition from State Convention

Monique Harrison, Second Vice President

Membership Chair



In this day and age, it is getting harder and harder for chapters to maintain their membership numbers as well as increase them. Whether they are working teachers or retired, women today are busier than ever. One of this biennium's challenges was to “Add 5 More” to your chapter. Congratulations to the two chapters who met that challenge: Zeta and Alpha Sigma. The second half of the challenge was to maintain your membership numbers. Congratulations to the chapters who succeeded in maintaining their membership: Alpha, Theta, Iota, Lambda, Alpha Delta, Alpha Lambda,

Alpha Nu, Beta Beta, Beta Delta, and Beta Upsilon. Thank you for your hard work. These two challenges will continue for 2019-2020.

Washington State had four members who celebrated 50 years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Congratulations, for all they have done for your chapters, the state organization and the international organization, go to: Faith McCarron, Nu; Claire Fell, Alpha Nu; Janiece Johnson, Beta Beta; and Beverly Melusky, Iota. **You are all an inspiration!**

Spring Convention 2019

Doubletree Inn, Spokane

April 12 & 13, 2019



Dr. Laurynn Evans, A Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Shares Her Gratitude

Carol Linscott, Alpha Sigma Kitsap

So, what becomes of Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation (RRPSF) recipients after they complete their studies? What kind of an impact do they really have on education? Do they make a difference? Has our money been well invested?

Dr. Laurynn Evans, a 2008 scholarship recipient and present Superintendent, North Kitsap School District, and Alpha Sigma Kitsap member, shares her experience with us.

"I continue to be so grateful to be a recipient of both the RRPSF scholarship and the Margaret L. Harvin Award in 2008. This literally changed the trajectory of my life, allowing me to complete my doctorate a year earlier than I could have done otherwise and enabling me to soar. This was the defining piece of support in attaining my life dream of leading change for schools.

Three months after defending my dissertation in January 2009, I was named principal of Rose Hill MS in Lake Washington School District. I served there for three years before being named as Executive Director of HR at the Singapore American School. It was an amazing experience!" (Laurynn also attended the Singapore American School as a second grade student – how exciting to have this association.) "I then transitioned back "home" to the USA and was named Assistant Head of School (deputy superintendent) at an independent school in San Diego.

Meanwhile, my husband and I were on the hunt for our "forever home" and we found our current home in Hansville in fall 2015. One year later, I came across the posting for North Kitsap School District, and it felt serendipitous that this role, in the community we had chosen for our home, was open. I applied and was named Superintendent of North Kitsap School District in March 2017. I moved from San Diego to our home full time in May of that year, and began serving as Superintendent on July 1, 2017. I have enjoyed the work immensely. I work alongside amazing people every day, and we are surrounded by a very supportive community!

What we do is inherently human, and at the end of the day this is what brings value to the work. It is the heart of

the work. It is transformational. I think about this every single day as I live my life's dream of leading change for schools. I am honored and proud to represent community and schools."

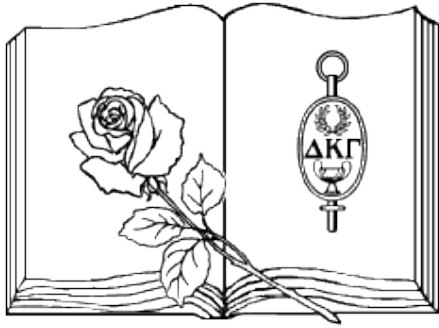
Yes, she has made a difference and yes, our money has been well invested. Laurynn's positive and helpful attitude is infectious. She strives to bring quality to all in her community providing a healthy, safe, and empowering space in which her staff and students may thrive.

Dr. Gene Sharratt, hearing of Laurynn's awards from RRPSF/MLH, exclaimed, *"Wow! This is amazing, but not surprising given your distinguished career and exceptional leadership skills. You never cease to surprise me, Laurynn. Your tremendous success is truly worthy of distinction and recognition."*

The Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation Board thanks you for your continuing and invaluable support. Without your contributions, this work would not be possible. This fiscal year-to-date (2018-19) brought in \$1725.00 via donation, honorarium, and memorials from the following chapters and individuals: Anonymous, Kari Arlint, Pat Bennett-Forman, June Bowers, Inga Boyles, Annamarie Lavieri, Carol Linscott, Andrea Neault, Judy Neumann, Geneal Palmer, Marcia Perkins, Nancy Sauer, Wendy Selde, Claire Smith, Kappa, Lambda, Tau, Theta, Phi, Psi, Alpha Nu, Alpha Rho, Alpha Sigma Kitsap, Alpha Sigma State WSO, Alpha Tau, Alpha Psi, and Beta Upsilon.

As always, donations in any amount are welcomed at any time and are tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) Charitable Trust. For a form and/or address please see our page on www.dkgwa.org or contact Treasurer Carol Linscott at roystontreasurer@gmail.com. To establish a bequest, consult your financial advisor or attorney.





Literacy Unity Projects

Washington State Organization

Delta Kappa Gamma

2019-2021 Biennium

Our goal is to put a book in every child's hands, to make reading more accessible, and to support our communities with literacy projects.

- * Document your chapter project via photos, description, process or timeline.
- * Display your Literacy Project at the April 2020 Washington State Convention in Olympia, or send photos to the President to be included in a slide presentation.



Suggestions to give the gift of Reading:

- **"Cradle Catchers"**: Provide every new mother in the hospital with a small bag filled with a book, bookmarks, library card application to a local library, and a pamphlet describing effects of early reading to babies. Include DKG information.
- **"Loads of Laundry-Loads of Books"**: Provide a bookshelf/basket filled with books for children at your local laundromat. Attach a card indicating your contact in your chapter and DKG WA State Organization plus the benefits of reading.
- **Shelters or Retirement Homes**: Locate nearby shelters and/or retirement homes in your community and provide books for children and adults from your chapter.

- **"Reading Leaders"**: Contact your local elementary/junior high or middle school to volunteer time to:
1. listen to children read, 2. form a literature circle of four to five children to discuss a book for three to four weeks, 3. volunteer to read to children during their story time. If you are teaching, reach out to members in your chapter with ways to encourage reading and help you out! Teaching is all encompassing, and you have the gift of experienced educators within your chapters.
- **Literacy Project of your choice**: This may be an existing project where you can add books or research about reading to your child.

Be sure to write an article to your local newspaper to let the public know of your accomplishments and rewards to increase literacy within your community.



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Membership updates from International



Monique Harrison
Second Vice President
Membership Chair

Thank you for your confidence in allowing me to serve as your new 2nd Vice President. While in Des Moines, Iowa at the DKG International Conference focused on Leadership, I was able to attend my first Membership Chair Training. During

this training, I learned the role of the membership chair, membership changes, membership classifications, and other membership nuances. For this article, I will inform you about the membership changes and give clarification on membership classifications.

Membership Changes: During the 2018 International Convention, the following changes were made:

- ♦ New terminology -
A woman educator is **inducted** not **initiated**.
- ♦ When Membership begins -
Membership begins when a woman educator pays her dues, not at induction.
- ♦ Former educators can become members (Once an educator always an educator!) -
A woman educator can be inducted although she is no longer working as an educator, but still has interest in education.
- ♦ Where Induction fees go -
The \$10.00 induction fee is paid at the time of induction. \$7.50 stays with the chapter, while \$2.50 is paid to the state organization. No induction fees go to international.
- ♦ Collegiate membership classification -
New membership classification – collegiate membership.



Membership Classifications: I am including the descriptions of each classification for clarification.

- ♦ Active Member
 - Is or has been employed as a professional educator
 - Participates in all activities
 - Paid graduate assistants are eligible
- ♦ Reserve Member
 - Only eligible due to physical disability and/or geographic location
 - May not hold office
 - Status can be restored to active
 - Exempt from paying any chapter financial assessments
- ♦ Honorary Member
 - Woman not eligible for active membership
 - Notable service to education or to women
 - Selected by respective executive board
 - May not hold office, but may serve as parliamentarian (not an office)
- ♦ Collegiate Member
 - Undergraduate or graduate student in last two years
 - Enrolled in an institution offering an educational degree
 - May participate in activities of the Society
 - May not hold office, but may serve as parliamentarian (not an office)

During Washington State Organization Fall Board, September 27 – 28, 2019, in the Chapter Membership Chair training, I will go into more detail about the new changes, classifications, and the role of being a membership chair for your chapter. This session will be held in conjunction with the Leadership Committee and Communications & Marketing. If you have any questions before Fall Board, do not hesitate to contact me.

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I have one request of all Chapter Membership Chairs. Please complete the information form in this [link](#) or scan the QR Code .



Literacy projects applauded



"We are teachers; our prime directive is to promote literacy," enthused Susan Fritts, 2019 – 2021 president of the Washington State Organization, DKG. Thus, stated Fritts, our goal – for this biennium's unity project – is "to put a book in every child's hands, make reading more accessible, and support our communities with literacy projects."

For some chapters, promoting literacy is not new, though the renewed emphasis is welcome. **Beta Chi Chapter** (Hoquiam) President Mary Lou Gregory describes the long standing project her chapter has supported. Wanting all babies to eventually become readers, the chapter partners with the Grays Harbor Community Hospital to deliver literacy packets to new mothers. Each packet includes a library card application, bibliography of books for babies, items donated by the Timberland Library, bookmarks and other items available through the American Library Association, a poem on reading to your children by Richard Peck, and a small board book.

On the bag holding these items is a label reading, "Give your child the gift of reading! Reading aloud to your child helps her or him to become a reader. Presented to newborn babies at Grays Harbor Community Hospital by the women of Beta Chi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and their friends." The chapter provides approximately 300 book bags a year, about half of which are in Spanish.

Lambda Chapter (Bellingham) also hands out books for newborns to clients of the Sea Mar Clinic. They raise funds each year to purchase 100 copies of *Rock-a-Bye Reader* by Carole Olson, Third Week Books, publisher, in both English and Spanish. The book includes poems and information on how to read to babies and young children. Another fun literacy project they sponsor is "Rub-a-Dub" books. Members purchase books, usually through library sales, and place them in local laundry mats and hair salons. Children of patrons are encouraged to take the

books home if they want. This gives children something to do while waiting for the laundry to wash and dry or while mom gets her hair cut. According to Lambda President Nancy Sheng, they are very appreciative of these little library corners. Each site has a poster prominently displayed acknowledging the chapter donations.

Psi Chapter (Kennewick) efforts in volunteering for the Cavalcade of Authors Conference have also been appreciated by both children and adults. Members have been engaged in this project supporting literacy and the community for several years. They provide transportation for guest authors and serve as presiders, introducing the authors to their student writers. They volunteer in other capacities, as well.

Working on a literacy project in your chapter? Share your story and pictures with Joanne Vining, EEC member, invining@embargmail.com, so that it may be shared on the state web site and in the newsletter. Document your project via photos, narratives, process or timeline that can be shared on a power point at Spring Convention. Thank you for supporting literacy in our state.

Welcome New Member

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hellen Wilson	Alpha Tau	July 1, 2019

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>
Jacque Sonderman	Alpha Psi	August 15, 2018

The lives of these women will be honored at the Celebration of Life ceremony, Washington State Convention, April 2020. 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.



Iceland Conference a Diverse Experience

Pat Bennett-Forman, 1st Vice President/EEC

The July 25 – 27, 2019 International Conference on Professional Research and Practices, held in Reykjavik, Iceland, presented participants with numerous opportunities to learn about diverse research projects and programs impacting education and the opportunity to interact with educators from many diverse cultures. The over 200 DKG members in attendance, and their guests, hailed from a dozen countries and while English was the official language of the conference, it was a second language for the majority of participants. And that fact alone made the conference an exhilarating experience.

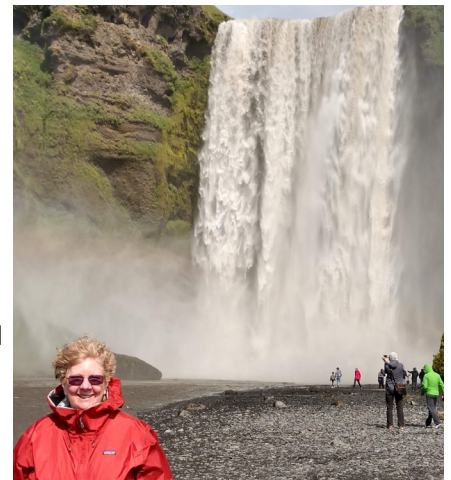


Learning about the goals and priorities of European school systems and universities gave me an interesting perspective on the challenges we share with them and on potential solutions we might learn from our European colleagues. For example, Ingvi Omarsson, chief innovation officer at Skagafjörður School District and soon to be in a California district, responsible for technological innovations, indicated that technology deployment fails to improve education if there are not corresponding changes in school structure to focus on creative tasks and social intelligence. Dr. Jon Torfi Jonasson, professor emeritus of the University of Iceland, shared research on the critical importance of

intentional professional development, noting it to be as important as pre-service training. Other speakers emphasized collaborative processes, action research, dramatic and outdoor play, and professional learning communities in the improvement process.

Breakout sessions, including one by Washington's own Keitha Bryson on Quality of Work Life in Education, reinforced the keynote addresses and added information on art, robotics, mentoring, leadership, STEM, and many other topics. In addition, there were ten minute take-aways and multiple musical performances by youth, members and professional artists. Add to that, high quality meals and snacks and great conversations – well, it was an outstanding conference.

Plus, the conference was in Iceland, an opportunity not to be missed. Keitha went on an eleven day Road Scholar tour before the conference that included whale watching, fjord treks, and farm visits. Ask her about her luncheon at the “tomato” farm. Pat did a six day self-guided driving tour with a Canadian friend that included walking inside a glacier, making plokfiskur (cod stew) and sampling local hot springs. Both Keitha and Pat saw waterfalls, geysers, lava fields and geo-thermal sites along with tours of Reykjavik, learning Icelandic history and folklore, and a tiny bit of language.



If you ever get the chance to attend an International Conference – the next European conference is in Finland in 2021 – don't hesitate. It is a wonderful opportunity for both personal and professional growth, making international friends, and having lots of fun. Takk fyrir (takk fe-reer). Thank you.

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**If you are considering
proposing an amendment to
our State *Standing Rules*:**

- Joanne Scholen, State Bylaws and Rules Chair: 2019-2021

A large pile of books and bags, including red and orange tote bags, and cardboard boxes filled with books, illustrating a large collection of books.

Fall Board Meeting September 27-28, 2019

Schedule at a Glance

Registration & Clock Hours Sign up (not open during meals or meetings)

Friday 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday 7:15 – 11:00 am

Market Place

(not open during meals or meetings)

Friday 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday 8:45 am – 12:40 pm

Friday, September 27, 2019

2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting
(state officers and parliamentarian)
4:00 pm RRPSF Board Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Children's Literature Workshop
4:15 -5:00 pm (Optional) Action Planning - State Committee meetings (if called by Chair)
5:00 – 6:30 pm Dinner on your own
5:00 – 6:30 pm Executive Committee and Advisory Council (past state presidents) Dinner

Friday, September 27, 2019

6:30 – 7:30 pm Action Planning II – all Standing and Ad Hoc Committees +
6:30 – 7:30 pm Creation Station
7:40 – 8:40 pm U.S. Forum Power Hour: Hot Topics in Education
8:45 – 9:30 pm Dessert Social and Sing-a-long

Saturday, September 28, 2019

7:30 – 8:45 am Breakfast*
9:00 am RRPSF Board Meeting
9:00 - 10:00 am General Session
10:15-11:15 am Workshop Session 1
11:30-12:30 pm Workshop Session 2
12:40 – 1:45 pm Luncheon*
2:00 – 4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting (state officers, chapter presidents & open to all)
4:15 – 5:15 pm Executive Committee Meeting

* Early Bird door prize drawings 15 minutes before meals.

+ See Committee descriptions in the workshop descriptions.

Clock Hours available:

Fall Board participants may earn up to 6.5 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 27, 2019

4:00 - 5:00 pm Books by Inklings (1 clock hr)

Literacy is the State Unity Project this biennium. President Susan Fritts is asking all chapters to partake of some sort of literacy project for children. This session will prepare members as they learn about new and old favorites in children's literature.

Presenter: Irene Pearcy (Inklings Books, Yakima)

4:15—5:00 pm State Committee Connections and Action Planning I **

Optional Committee Meetings and Action Planning (if called by chair): Rainbow Lodge Ad Hoc Committee, Area Liaisons, Nominations, Scholarship, Finance, etc. meet to develop 2019-2020 action plans.

Presenters: Sherri Wagemann (Eta) and **Nancy Guthrie** (Alpha)

6:30—7:30 pm State Committee Connections and Action Planning II **

All State Standing and Ad Hoc Committees meet to complete yearly action plans. Plans must be submitted before the Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, September 28, at 2:00 pm to Sherri Wagemann (Eta).

Presenters: Sherri Wagemann (Eta) and **Nancy Guthrie** (Alpha)

6:30—7:30 pm Creation Station (1 clock hr)

Join in the fun of learning what PinInterest has to offer to make crafts for your chapter meetings or for the classroom.

Presenters: Mindy Hoffmann (Psi) and **Naomi Angle** (Psi)

7:40—8:40 pm US Forum Power Hour: Hot Topics in Education (1 clock hr)

Learn about some of the hottest topics in education and how to effectively advocate for your position on those topics with school board members, state legislators and national congressional representatives. Participate in prioritizing the topics you believe DKG WA needs to address, especially at the upcoming US Forum.

Presenters: WA League of Women Voters and WSSRA

Saturday, September 28, 2019

9:00—10:00 am General Session: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Project (1 clock hr)

All conference participants are invited to learn about the work being done to locate missing and murdered indigenous women throughout the country, to bring awareness and justice to the unusually high incidence of this occurrence compared to non-Indian victims.

Presenter: Earth Feather-Sovereign (Yakima Nation)

10:15—11:15 am Workshop Session I

◆ Leadership Development Part 1 (1 clock hr)

Skills for developing the leadership capabilities in all your members, for guiding your chapter's growth and promoting the purposes of DKG are presented. Chapter presidents, membership chair, and communication chairs encouraged to attend. Open to all.

Presenters: Leadership Development Chr. Janet LeBeau (Theta)

Committee members: Marge Lofstrom (Beta Delta) and **Dr. Sandra Cross** (Alpha Sigma Kitsap)

◆ Chapter Treasurers (1 clock hr)

Join State Treasurer Pat Russell to learn how to access and use the new International dues payment process. Laptop or tablet recommended.

Presenter: WA State Org. Treasurer Pat Russell (Beta Sigma)

◆ Saber Tooth Living in the 21st Century (1 clock hr)

Understand the body's response to stress and fear and learn how meditation can increase relaxation and heal the body. Examine applications to the classroom to help students reduce anxiety, diminish depression and improve learning.

Presenter: Cathy Grytting (Rho)

◆ Desert Plants of Eastern Washington (1 clock hr)

Learn about plants that thrive in dry land climates like Eastern Washington from this certified Master Gardener.

Presenter:

11:30 am—12:30 pm Workshop Session II

◆ Leadership Development Part 2 (1 clock hr)

This part of the Leadership Development workshop will focus on strategies for increasing membership with an emphasis on diversity. Strategies will also be presented for effectively marketing your chapter to prospective members and educators at large.

Presenters: WA State Org. 2nd VP Monique Harrison (Beta Sigma)

and **State Communications Chair Jannette Manuel** (Beta Sigma)

◆ Educational Excellence through Chapter APPS (1 clock hr)

Empower your members through leadership opportunities and engagement in purposeful programs & projects that promote advocacy, personal well-being, professional development, and service to community (APPS).

Presenters: WA State Org. 1st VP/EEC Chr. Pat Bennett-Forman, (Alpha Sigma Kitsap)

Committee members: Carla Carnegie (Eta), **Mindy Hoffman** (Psi), **Joanne Vining** (Alpha Lambda), **Keitha Bryson** (Beta Beta)

◆ Mentoring Essentials (1 clock hr)

Are young people just not interested in affiliating with organizations anymore? Or are associations not engaging young members effectively? Can chapters of the Washington State Organization utilize mentoring in recruiting, retaining and reinstating members? Learn the essentials of effective mentoring.

Presenter: Myrna Muto (Beta)

◆ Genealogy 101 (1 clock hr)

Learn about the resources and processes that can help you dive into your family history and avoid false information and misleading stories in your tree.

Presenter: Barbee Buchanan (Theta)

1:00—1:30 pm Chew and Chat (.5 clock hr)

During the luncheon, table hostesses will facilitate a conversation about possibilities for literacy projects with participation and ideas generated by members. Table ideas will be collated and distributed to chapter presidents.

****State Committee chairs: be sure to connect with Sherri Wagemann and Nancy Guthrie before 2 pm to submit your annual action plans. If needed, take time during Workshop session II to complete the work. Also submit vouchers to Nancy Guthrie.**

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2019-2020 Dues

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to all members who have paid your
2019-2020 dues, which were due
June 30, 2019. And thank you to
all chapter treasurers who have sent
those dues in to International and the
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If you have not done so, please send your
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September 13, 2019	Hotel registration deadline Yakima Red Lion
September 27—28, 2019	Fall Board Meeting Yakima Red Lion
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