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Officers/Staff

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| President: Pat Goeppinger |
| 1st Vice Pres: Cindy Frazer |
| 2nd Vice Pres: Candy Rooney |
| Secretary: Karen Laskowski |
| Treasurer: Maxine Emm |
| Parliamentarian: Judy Silker |



So many thanks to go out to ALL the Chapters, and individual members, for taking responsibility in making this convention move smoothly. Maxine and Kay worked diligently in finding our terrific venue and coordinating with everyone about “everything”. Theta, Kappa, and Lambda did a superb job on a wonderful Friday night social. Judy and Penny did a great job in registration making it easy and clear. The centerpieces, by Alpha Chapter, were creative as well as beautiful. Cheryl for fundraising that provided a fantastic array of raffle baskets, adding to the gift cards the Chapters sent, orchestrating a beautiful Celebration of Remembrance, and surprising many with awards. Candy had a wonderful album prepared and on display, as historian. Thank you to Nu and Xi for our International Speaker and thoughtful Inspirations. Last but not least, Pat our President, who had her finger in everything, backed up by the ladies at Gamma.



“Yah, done good everybody. Hee-haw!”

....and our Officers for the next term are:



President: Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)

1st VP: Cindy Frazer (Gamma)

2nd VP: Candy Rooney (Delta)

Secretary: Karen Laskowski (Gamma)

Treasurer: Maxine Emm (Delta) (appointed)

Webmaster: Susan Neal (Kappa)

Historian: Candy Rooney (Delta)

Parliamentarian: Judy Silker (Nu) (appointed)

Nominating Committee: North: Linda Scribner (Lambda)

South: Penny Thompson (Epsilon)

Outlying: Susan Neal (Kappa)

*Committee Chairs will be part of the Executive Board beginning this year.



FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL!

GREAT FOOD, FRIENDS, AND FUN

Attendance: 38 and 1 guest

From: Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Theta, Kappa, Lambda, Nu, Xi, Omicron



Yummy
food,
great bar,
and
meeting
old
and new
friends.





Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Key Women Educators

Nevada State Organization 2025
Convention

General Session: April 26, 2025



Registration and breakfast from 8:00-8:30.



The General Meeting was held at the SureStay Hotel and called to order at 8:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karen Laskowski (Gamma), and guests Dr. Lisa Cooper Wilkins and Delora Brown were introduced. Prior to beginning business, Parliamentarian Judy Silker (Nu) reminded members to speak clearly, identify themselves with name and chapter, and shared that the motion document should be completed during the meeting. Karen Laskowski reported attendance.

President, Pat Goeppinger (Gamma) recognized eighteen 50+ members and fourteen new members to DKG (pages 12-13).



International Business

President Pat Goeppinger read the DKG Visionary Network. Judy Silker (Nu) shared some of the interest group presentations she has attended including ones highlighting special education, Spanish, and Zentangle. She offered a virtual presentation on Sunday, April 27 on crochet.

“The Social Security Fairness Act, HR 82. The Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset, was signed into law on January 5, 2025. Upon implementation, this Act eliminates the reduction of SS Benefits. Pat shared that she has contacted Social Security about the timeline. She was told it could be as late as November before some people receive their back benefits.

She also reported: The DKG Code of Ethics has been sent to all chapter presidents. It can be found, along with the Ethics Violation Complaint Form is available on the International Website.

2025 International Conference is in New Orleans, LA : July 31-Aug.2
Registration information is available on the International Website.
Judy Merz (Epsilon) and Marlene Killion (Omicron) will be attending.

2026 International Convention will be in Aurora, CA: June 30-July 4

State Business

The minutes were approved for the April 13, 2024 for the General Session as posted on the website (Dr. Joyce King-Gamma moved, and seconded by Donna Harper-Gamma). A committee was developed to proof the minutes of the April 26, 2025 General Session. Volunteers included: Joyce King (Gamma), Susan Capistrant (Theta), and Donna Harper (Gamma).

Finance: The comprehensive financial report was shared by Maxine Emm (Delta) stating that some of the amounts presented are estimates due to not having all the receipts for convention.

Membership and Necrology: Cheryl Anderson (Delta) presented a comprehensive report on membership numbers. She also shared the names of the members who would be celebrated during the Ceremony of Remembrance: Barbara Berstein (Epsilon), Suzanne Roberts (Alpha), and Patricia Pearce (Kappa). Cheryl presented a certificate to each chapter that reported new members. She gave charms to all the members of Delta, Gamma, and Nu chapters because they brought in 3 or more members each.



Beautiful Table for the Ceremony of Remembrance

EEC and Committees:

Judy Merz (Epsilon) mentioned UNICEF and SEE (Supporting Early Education). Judy would like to have a volunteer from each Chapter as a contact person for sharing the information from the following committees:

- a. Exemplary Award: Focus Leader Judy Merz (Epsilon)
- b. State Apple Award: Focus Leader Cheryl Anderson (Delta)
- c. Rose of Recognition: Focus Leader Judy Merz (Epsilon)
- d. Arts and Humanities: Focus Leader Judy Silker (Nu)
- e. World Fellowship: Focus Leader Susan Capistrant (Theta)
- f. US Forum: Brenda Downs (Delta) Brenda distributed copies of the U.S. Forum Connection and booklets with links to <https://www.leg.state.nv.us> and <http://www.congress.gov>. She also shared some Assembly Bills that have passed.



Chapter members interested in joining a committee or being a Focus Leader please contact: Judy Merz (Epsilon) jrmerz@aol.com

Communication: Donna Harper (Gamma) Nevadagram. Please send articles to to her email: donnaharper1266@gmail.com. Please include names with photo submissions for identification. She encouraged committees to submit articles for inclusion in the Nevadagram. Pat Goeppinger and Donna will be getting together to come up with a schedule for distribution of future publications so that members may anticipate when they will arrive.

Historian - Candy Rooney (Delta) shared the year book she has compiled by having it displayed for all to peruse (see photo below of display table). This is an historical record. Candy shared that pictures could be submitted for any chapter events throughout the year. Maxine Emm (Delta) has stored all the older historical records in her home.

Webmaster-Susan Neal (Kappa) had everyone complete a photo release form to DKG and said to be careful about submitting copyrighted material/photos for publication on the website. Judy Merz (Epsilon) offered to assist anyone who needs help accessing MyDKG.

Awards: Other awards not listed here, were given at lunch (see below)

State Apple Awards were presented by Cheryl Anderson (Delta): Delta: 11, Alpha-1, Gamma-1, Epsilon-1, Xi-1, Theta-2, Nu-3. The remaining chapters will be awarding theirs by the end of the school year.

The Annle Webb Blanton State Scholarship was awarded to Karen Laskowski (Gamma) by Leta Rabenstine (Xi). Karen gave a brief synopsis of the two courses she complete: “Instilling a Growth Mindset” and “Effective strategies for Struggling Writers”.

The Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship was not awarded this year. Susan Capistrant (Theta) mentioned that Capella University gives DKG members a 10% discount. There is a link on the International Website.

Convention Planning Committee - 2027 State Convention Information will be coming later.

Nominating Committee Linda Scribner (Lambda), Penny Thompson (Epsilon), and Susan Neal (Kappa). Penny Thompson (Epsilon) presented the slate of officers and asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations, the slate of officers was accepted unanimously.

Leadership Pat Goeppinger (Gamma)

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2024⁵ from 10:00-12:00 pm. Need members to help plan. Planners will meet by ZOOM. There was discussion about the topic of not having a convention during the even years. Judy Silker informed the group that our bylaws state the convention is to be held annually. A committee will be formed including Judy Merz (Epsilon), Joyce King (Gamma), and Judy Siler (Nu) to proceed in changing this according to parliamentary procedures. Maxine Emm (Delta) asked if there will be an Executive Board Meeting this Fall, and suggested the committee come up with a schedule and present a report at the Fall Executive Board meeting.

Emergency Fund - Marlene Killian (Omicron) gave the emergency funds donation breakdown.

| Fund Contributions: | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Alpha | \$100 |
| Gamma | \$150 |
| Delta | \$ 85 |
| Epsilon | \$100 |
| Theta | \$100 |
| Lambda | \$ 50 |
| Xi | \$ 50 |
| Total | \$635 |

State Fund Raising - Cheryl Anderson

(Delta) shared the T-shirts have brought in \$700 so far. She is looking into adding sweatshirts as an option. To place an order, there needs to be at least nine T-shirts ordered. Cheryl will email chapter presidents with the next order deadline.



Every chapter contributed \$25 for the purchase of gift cards. Cheryl randomly assigned baskets to the Chapters. Maxine Emm (Delta) asked the membership/planning committee



to consider asking each chapter to contribute \$50 next time to cover the cost of the gift card, “and” the cost of the items that would go with them.

Amendment Proposals Passed:

Amendment: The members of the Executive Board shall be the elected officers, past state presidents, the chapter presidents, and state committee chairs. The treasurer shall be a voting member except when she receives remuneration for her services. Motion made by Donna Harper (Gamma) and seconded by Marlene Killion (Omicron). Motion passed unanimously.

Questions and Concerns:

Susan Capistrano shared their chapter’s Craft Fair information: May 10 from 9-3:00 at Stonehouse Nursery.

Carol Cardillo has had complications due to an ear infection and AFib. Please send cards to her at: 865 Sweet Briar, Sparks, Nevada 89436

Jan Pederson has moved to Texas.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Guest Speaker from DKG International:

Dr. Lisa Cooper Wilkins

25 years service to higher education

DKG Tau Chapter member, CA

2024-2026 Member at Large for DKG’s
International Administrative Board





12 Little Baskets All in a Row!

Speaker: Homa Ekradi-Cohen (AKA: Emma)

Homa was born in Bandar Pahlavi, Iran in 1952 in the reign of Shah Pahlavi. She worked as a middle school teacher while attending college and then taught high school for 12 years, until the revolution of the Ayatollah Khomeini. She was jailed for her opinions as a teacher, persecuted, put in solitary confinement for 10 months, almost executed, and then served 4 years of probation having to check in monthly to the government, during this time. If it weren't for her family, community, and her students paying for the bribes, she would never be alive today. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1985 and became an American citizen in 1996. Emma is a member of Gamma Chapter. Her story shared the true accounts of life and education in her country of birth. Her presentation was entitled: Life and Education Under Two Regimes in Iran





| 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
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| International <i>Convention</i> | International Conference | International <i>Convention</i> | International Conference | International <i>Convention</i> | International Conference | International <i>Convention</i> |
| State Convention | State Convention | ZOOM General Business and Leadership Training | State Convention | ZOOM General Business and Leadership Training | State Convention | ZOOM General Business and Leadership Training |
| State Executive Board ZOOM meeting | State Executive Board ZOOM meeting | State Executive Board ZOOM meeting | State Executive Board ZOOM meeting | State Executive Board ZOOM meeting | State Executive Board ZOOM meeting | State Executive Board ZOOM meeting |
| Leadership/ Intervention/ Communication Training | | | | | | |



FIRST YEAR MEMBERS



14 New Members Added to the Membership This Year!

| <u>CHAPTER</u> | <u>NEW MEMBER</u> | <u>DATE OF INDUCTION</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ALPHA (1) | Susan Kramer | 6/28/2024 |
| GAMMA (3) | Rebecca Weeks | 9/14/2024 |
| | Helen Mann | 9/14/2024 |
| | Emma Homa Ekradi Cohen | 9/14/2024 |
| DELTA (3) | Mary Ann McNeill | 5/18/2024 |
| | Donna Harker | 10/13/2024 |
| | Janni Gearty | 1/11/2025 |
| EPSILON (2) | Naomi Hene Waterbury | 5/14/2024 |
| | Firdina Hyman | 6/28/2024 |
| KAPPA (1) | Kimberly Vargas | 6/26/2024 |
| LAMBDA (1) | Dana Johnson Galvin | 6/29/2024 |
| NU (3) | Nadeene Gosselin | 7/26/2024 |
| | Luana Olsen | 7/26/2024 |
| | Toni Nielsen | 9/14/2024 |



ORDER OF THE ROSE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For outstanding membership recruitment 2024-2025 the following chapters received special recognition during our Nevada State Convention:

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Alpha Chapter | Gamma Chapter | Delta Chapter |
| Epsilon Chapter | Kappa Chapter | Lambda Chapter |
| Nu Chapter | | |

We would like to thank all of our chapters for their continued efforts in bringing the vision and purposes of DKG Society International to all Nevada educators!



DKG Nevada State 50-Year Members

| <u>CHAPTER</u> | <u>50-YEAR MEMBER</u> | <u>DATE OF INDUCTION</u> | <u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u> |
|-----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| ALPHA (2) | Yolanda Dechert Sue Roberts (deceased) | 5/1/1975 4/1/1971 | 50 54 |
| BETA (1) | Edna Forsgren | 10/1/1967 | 58 |
| GAMMA (2) | Linda Fleming Lynette Sibo | 4/1/1970 4/1/1972 | 55 53 |
| EPSILON (3) | Myrtle Hyman Sheryl Mayes Betty Latimer | 5/1/1974 12/1/1974 4/1/1961 | 51 51 64 |
| THETA (1) | Charlotte Dinning | 11/1/1971 | 54 |
| KAPPA (2) | Juanita Karr Patricia Pearce (deceased) | 4/1/1972 10/1/1970 | 53 55 |
| LAMBDA (4) | Jacquie Carleton Delores Clewe Sally Martin Lorrayne Northway | 1/1/1968 11/1/1974 11/1/ 1974 11/1/1975 | 57 51 51 50 |
| XI (1) | Ann Carlson | 4/1/1970 | 55 |



Speaker: Doctor Joyce King (Gamma Chapter member)

Doctor Joyce King was a professional educator for over 50 years. She taught elementary grades in Illinois and Nevada. She retired from Clark County in 2010. As a lifelong learner, she completed her Doctorate at 60 years of age in Educational Leadership, and she has continued to expand her knowledge in science, literacy, and many other educational subjects for adults and children.

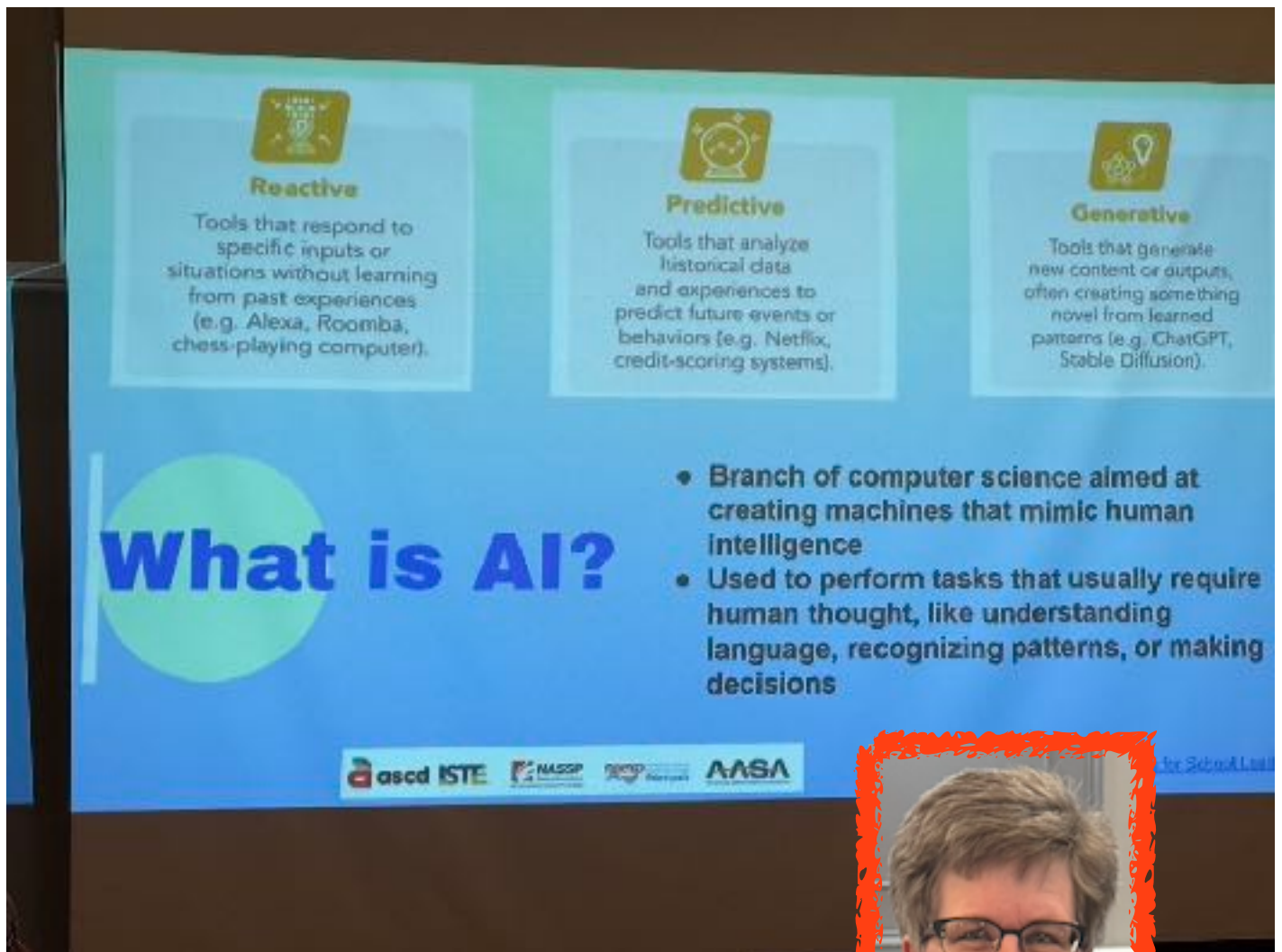


Her presentation provided insight and strategies into "Conflict Resolution." Role playing activities in learning to compromise had everyone on their feet involved, laughing, and learning at the same time.



Speaker: Dr. LeAnn M. Morris

LeAnn Morris, Ph.D., CETL is a 35 year veteran educator in public education, from elementary to high school all in Carson City specializing in technology. She is currently reporting to The State Superintendent of Instruction at the NV Department of Education in Carson City. She was the 2008 NV State Teacher of the Year, and has received many honors and awards during her career. Through her current position, she continues to explore cutting edge technology which aided in her presentation to the Convention in Artificial Intelligence (AI).

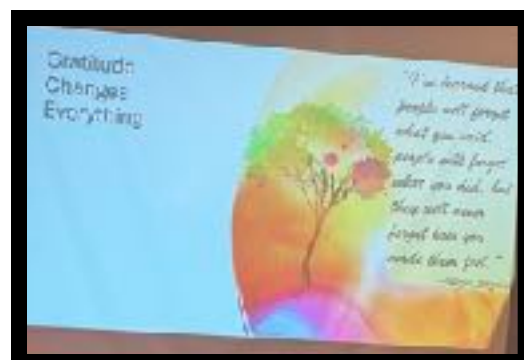
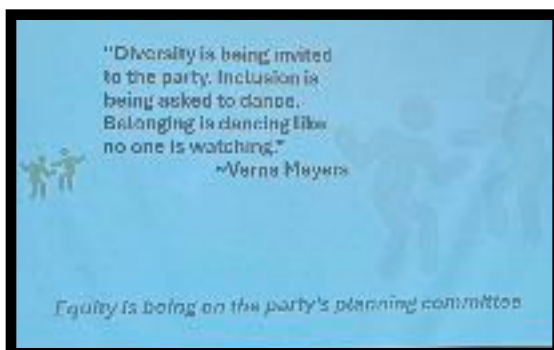




Speaker: Dr. Lisa Cooper Wilkins

Her 25 years of service in higher education allowed her to explore many positions at the College and University level. She has received two national awards in her field of educational management/administration, a DKG award for Professional Service, and the Freedom Fighter Award to name a few. A member of Tau Chapter in CA, she is the DEI AD Hoc Committee chair and 2024-2026 Member-at-Large.

She was able to share many insights in good practices and was warmly received. We appreciated her travel to Nevada to attend and speak at the Convention.



GETTING READY



Raffle Tickets Anyone?

AWARDS...THANK YOUS...AWARDS



**State
Exemplary
Award:
Marienne
Killian
Omicron**





Chapters Announce 2024-2025
Nevada Apple Award Recipients!



Alpha Chapter: Awarded to *Arts for All Nevada Title I Program* to pay for *Artist in Residency* workshops & supplies (5 hours of art instruction at \$70 per hour) for the five Title I elementary schools in Reno (Kate Smith, Virginia Palmer, Agnes Risley, Robert Mitchell, & Bernice Matthews)

Gamma Chapter: Awarded to Lisa Lee, Cahlan Elementary librarian, for her *Lego Art Museum* project

Delta Chapter: Awarded 11 \$250 grants to 1 elementary & 5 high school teachers in Douglas & 1 middle school & 4 elementary teachers in Carson. The high school projects included a fingerprint scanner for enhancing biometrics in the classroom, a mini portable PCR machine for molecular biology, 2 catapult/trebuchet/battering ram kits for bringing history to life, set design materials for Apple *ET* play & dinner theater, & creative writing materials for workshops & a *Write Night* performance venue. Elementary projects included *Santa's Story Squad* book deliveries to students' homes, hands-on learning math manipulatives, book sets to build stamina with independent reading, a math raffle reward program, & 2 GATE axolotl classroom pets with tanks.

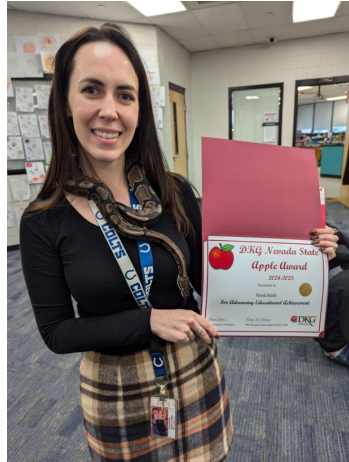
Epsilon Chapter: Awarded to Jennifer Neeman, Epsilon member, for her ongoing involvement with and service to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNLV

Theta Chapter: Awarded to Coral Academy of Science Elementary - \$250 for a classroom printer & to Brown Elementary - \$250 for basic sensory items for 3-5 special education students with autism

Nu Chapter: Awarded to Toni Nielsen - \$140 for her class to buy special books; to Rhonda Holloway - \$280 for school supplies; & to Mark Twain Elementary - \$80 for a gardening program

Xi Chapter: Awarded to Isabel Rodriguez, Sparks Middle School teacher, for SEL support materials

Nevada Apple Grants 2024!



Congratulations to all recipients!



Kim Tretton—Douglas HS

Ethan Petite—Douglas HS

Tonya Charles—Douglas HS

Nycole Marsh—Douglas HS

Valerie Wilkinson—Pinon Hills ES

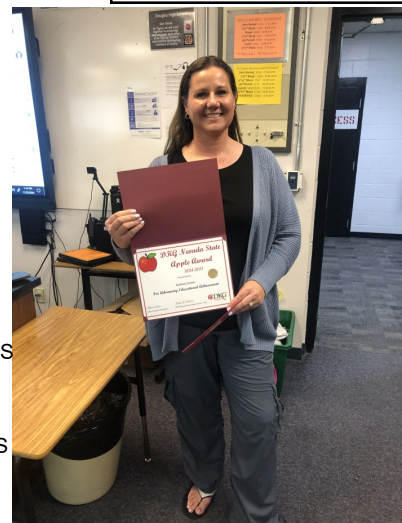
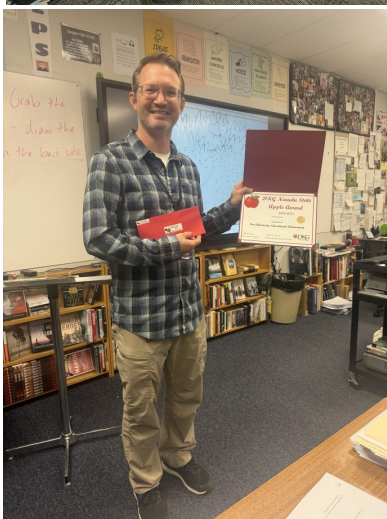
Donna Harker—Bordewich-Bray ES

Allie Davis & Connie Thompson-Bordewich-Bray ES

Rachael Overstreet—Fritsch ES

Katie Martin & Cathy Johnson—George Whittell HS

Amy Riddle—Eagle Valley MS



Fantastic classroom project proposals!

Building the Next DKG Slate of Nominees Begins With YOU

Your invitation to DKG highlighted your leadership potential. Are you ready to apply for an elected position at the international level, or can you encourage another member to do so?

The International Nominating Committee (INC) will begin accepting applications in the summer of 2025. The deadline for applying is September 15, 2025. The time to plan and recruit is now! As a DKG member, you can take steps to move our organization into #SecondCenturyDKG. Leadership is crucial for the growth of our organization, so please give careful consideration to this important task.

All qualifications and recommendations for applicants for each position are listed in the *International Standing Rules* (ISR) 8.103. These are the **only** qualifications the INC will consider when evaluating applications. Act now! Assess your interests and skills alongside the qualifications listed in ISR 8.103.

Ignore commonly assumed misconceptions.

Applicants do not **need to** have. . .

- Earned a doctorate
- Attended Leadership Management Seminar (Ignite)
- Attended a given number of international conferences/conventions
- Held a certain number of specific state positions
- Been a member for a minimum number of years

The duties and responsibilities of the elected INC members are detailed in the *Constitution* Article VIII Section B.8.b.

INC members MAY NOT...

- Recruit applicants
- Assist applicants in any way with the application process
- Discuss an application with anyone other than another INC member
- Support or advocate for a nominee in any manner

Guidelines and applications will be posted on the DKG website in May 2025. Additionally, the International Nominating Committee will present at two Inside International sessions to review the application process.

Mark your calendars for one or both sessions:

~ Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. Central Time

~ Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Central Time

Susan D. Perkins

International Southwest Regional Director 2022-2024

KSO Rules Committee Chair 2023-2025

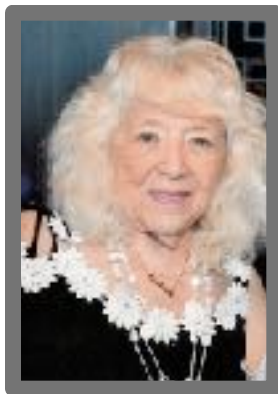
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Ceremony of Remembrance



DKG Nevada State

April 26, 2025



Barbara Bernstein

Epsilon Chapter

Inducted May 2016

4/8/945-5/31/2024

Reader: Penelope Thompson



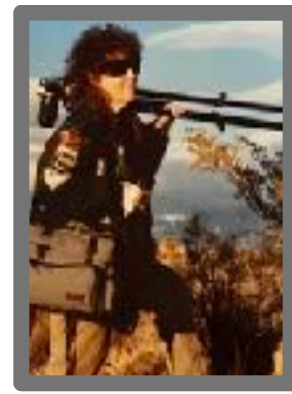
Patricia Pearce

Kappa Chapter

Inducted Oct. 1970

10/26/1928-11/18/2024

Reader: Susan Neal



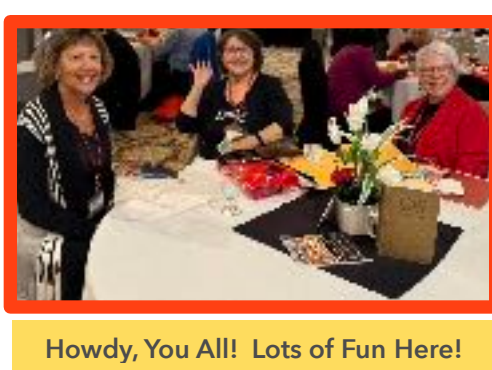
Suzanne Roberts

Alpha Chapter

Inducted April 1971

6/20/1930-10/6/2024

Reader: Susan Kramer



Howdy, You All! Lots of Fun Here!



Looking Back and Moving Forward!



ACCESS VIRTUAL LEARNING GROUPS ON THE WEBSITE: [DKG.ORG](https://www.dkg.org)

Looking for an affinity group to foster your professional or personal growth?

Interested in building a network of like-minded DKG members?

Seeking a system for offering and/or receiving support?

SPECIAL THANKS



- **Maxine Emm and Kay Kurvers:** Without the dedicated work of these two ladies, we would not have had the wonderful venue and meals that were so much enjoyed.
- A big thank you to the **Convention Planning Committee** with input from all the Chapters too.
- All of our members appreciated the time and effort of the **Guest Speakers**, and especially those who traveled to Nevada to share their knowledge and expertise.
- Finally, thank you to all the **Chapter Presidents and their members**, for attending and supporting the Nevada State Organization of DKG.



Hi All,

Many thanks to all who submitted things for the convention newsletter. I tried to fit in as many as possible.

A special thanks to Cheryl Anderson (Delta) for "all" of her slides and charts to make my life easier. Also, to Cindy Frazer (Gamma) and Susan Neal (Kappa) for being my "editor eyes".

I sincerely appreciate it!

All submissions for the upcoming newsletters are to be sent to me:

donnaharper1266@gmail.com.

Please include descriptions when possible, and have permissions to reprint photos of people.

Donna Harper (Gamma)