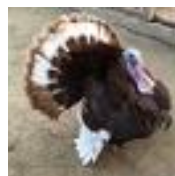




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President's Message

Hello Ladies.....

I don't know where the year has gone but I will say that it has been busy! Now, it is time to think of the holidays. Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends is something I look forward to every year. OH! ... the delicious food, catching up on the news, football and, of course, early shopping on Black Friday. Then it is turkey soup, turkey casserole, and turkey sandwiches over the weekend.

One other tradition on Thanksgiving weekend is to decorate the Christmas tree. It can be great fun while family is still around. I hope you remembered to buy Christmas wrapping so you can get started wrapping (I do gift bags) all those gifts you bought on Black Friday. Now that the house is ready for the holidays, it is time to party. Enjoy all those gatherings with family and friends. Those times are so dear to me.

If you still send out Christmas cards, you had better get started! The Post Office would very much appreciate it if we got our packages mailed during the first part of December. It is my goal this year to get everything in the mail to my boys' families so they have time to place the gifts under their trees. I can't wait to see the videos of my kids, grandkids, and great grand baby opening gifts. One thing about technology, we can be with our families in real time even though we are far away.

Well ladies, I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy the time with family and friends, but also remember to take the time to be thankful for all our blessings.

Pat



Chapter Chatter



Alpha/Theta Thoughts:

Alpha and Theta Chapters met together for a field trip to the University of Nevada Head Start Program. Alpha's past president, Gemma Romo, served as one of the directors there in the past. The Center focuses on core areas of early learning, health, nutrition and family well-being. Children from ages 0 to 5 are in varied programs taught by well trained facilitators with a low student to teacher ratios. They also offer home visitation to empower fathers and male caregivers a supportive space to share experiences, build relationships and engage in meaningful activities with their children. A Community Health Fair was held Saturday Oct. 25th and offered well-child exams, immunizations and many other resources. Maria Reyes-Vargas is the current director of this nationally accredited 5-star center offering early education. Our DKG sisters were very impressed with this top notch research center. Following the tour, we enjoyed lunch together at The Cup in Old Town Mall. (Kay Kurvers)

Our November joint meeting at the Riverbend Clubhouse, with hostess Betty Barker, and enjoyed guest speaker Dr. Diane Nicolet, WCSD Trustee (arranged by Ardynne Sprinkle). She spoke about the situation which has been created by the changes in the US Department of Education, especially in respect to finances and programs for students with special needs.



Planning committee photos for 2025/2026.



Bakery and Craft Fair that raised \$600 for our scholarship fund.

Delta Details:

Prepared by Maxine Emm

Executive Board Meeting and Annual Planning

On June 21, the Delta Chapter executive board convened at the home of Cindi Supko to lay out plans for the 2025-2026 year. During this meeting, members discussed making necessary changes to the chapter's bank account by organizing a visit to the bank. In addition, the board mapped out upcoming meetings and fundraising events that will take place throughout the year.

September Activities: Chapter Meeting and Yard Sale

The chapter gathered on September 13 at Jack's Valley School where fellow Delta member Pam Gilmartin serves as Principal. This meeting also served as preparation for the chapter's yard sale which was held at Jack's Valley School on September 27. The yard sale was organized with the goal of raising funds for Delta Chapter's annual scholarship program.

October Highlights: Successful Fundraising and Future Plans

On October 11, Delta Chapter members came together at the Carson City Sheriff's Office for their regular meeting. Treasurer Diane Drumm announced that the Jack's Valley School yard sale raised over \$2,000 for scholarships. The chapter would like to extend sincere thanks to Pam Gilmartin and the Douglas County Schools for their support in hosting the event. Looking ahead, Delta Chapter is planning a Wine Event in the spring. Additionally, the chapter has already received nearly 20 applications for the Apple Award Grants this year.

November and December Events

The November meeting will feature a Membership Tea, hosted by Becky Tupa and Brenda Downs. This event provides an enjoyable opportunity for current members to socialize and to invite potential new members. In December, the chapter will hold a Holiday Social hosted by Cindi Supko. The Holiday Social promises to be another festive occasion for Delta Chapter members to gather and enjoy one another's company.



Epsilon Elements

Our October meeting was a joint adventure with Gamma Chapter, a trip to Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in Blue Diamond. Nine Gamma members and two Epsilon members were able to go. The tour of the main ranch building was led by Susan Luzzi, a Gamma member and docent for the park.

What a perfect day for the trip! Sunny and mild, no wind, beautiful scenery! As the name indicates, the ranch receives its water from the Spring Mountains providing a lush, green retreat in an arid desert. What an oasis that must have been to weary travelers in a long- ago era! It was, indeed, a working ranch with cattle and sheep.

The ranch has had numerous owners over its history, all with their own stories. Vera Krump, German actress and heiress, was one of them. She had fabulous jewels, which made her a target for a notorious robbery. One of her rings, which she got back, was later owned by Elizabeth Taylor, another actress who loved jewels. (The “Krupp” Diamond)

After the tour, we met for lunch at BJ's restaurant for fellowship and food.

Our chapter will not be meeting in November. Details for our December holiday party will be announced later, but for now, please put December 6 on your calendar and hold the date.

Take care, DKG sisters, and Happy Halloween! By: Judy Merz



Epsilon President, Penny Thompson and Vice President, Carolyn O'Mara enjoy the scenery and shade at Spring Mountain Ranch.

Epsilon and Gamma Share Field Trip

Spring Mountain Ranch history began with the indigenous peoples who used its natural springs for at least 10,000 years. In the 1830's it became a stop on the Old Spanish Trail, later used by Mormon pioneers. In 1876, James Wilson and George Anderson started the founding of the Sandstone Ranch evolving from an oasis into a working ranch. In 1929, it became a chinchilla farm by furrier Willard George. Chester Lauck, the next owner, renamed it the "Bar Nothing Ranch" in 1948 and built the current ranch house. In 1955, the German actress, Vera Krupp, bought the property renaming it "Spring Mountain Ranch" the name it still bears today. Krupp sold it to Howard Hughes in 1967 to be used as a retreat for his employees. It became a state park in 1974. The original cabins are among the oldest buildings in Nevada. His company sold it in 1972 to Fletcher Jones and William Murphy who planned a large housing development. Public opposition led to the property being sold to the state in 1974 at which time it was turned into a state park.

Entry to the park



Ranch house pictures



Spring Mountain Ranch State Park is a public recreation area located within the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area in Nevada's Cottonwood Valley, five miles northwest of Blue Diamond, Nevada.



Alpha and Theta Joint Meeting

Reno Museum of Art and the exhibit, “Sea Monsters of Nevada” was the venue for the joint meeting of Chapters Alpha and Theta. Learning about the ancient pre-historic marine fossils of Nevada was the subject, primarily Nevada’s State fossil, the ichthyosaur. The exhibit introduced them to Mary Anning (1799-1847) an English paleontologist, who discovered the first Ichthyosaurus fossil in England. The long hallway of the museum held over 2,000 miniature dinosaurs hanging from the ceiling, part of a collection by a local citizen.



Historical Note:

The Nevada State Museum in Las Vegas is one of the largest repositories in the world for ichthyosaur fossils and research materials.



Lambda Lines

Apple Awards given out in September



Linnea Wolters and Cristin Zion from V. Palmer & Kristin Ritenhouse from M.Herz



New member Delora Brown



Jacquie turns 99



Sandra moves after 50 years

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