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Hello Ladies,

Apologies everyone for being a terrible editor and taking so long to get this newsletter out. I hope this finds everyone well.

Summer is behind us (although the heat hasn't subsided "YET"), and best wishes go out to all of you in the trenches this new school year. As a retiree, I can honestly say I do not miss the day to day stress, but I do miss those smiling faces of students in the "aha" moments.

Best wishes to all for a successful year. Many thanks for all that you do. Happy 250th Birthday to all!!

Cheers!

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NSO 2026 State Convention Summary

Inspirations given: 1. "Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers." by Josef Albers. 2. "Good teachers are the ones who can challenge young minds without losing their own." by Unknown. 3. "Children must be taught how to think, not what to think." by Margaret Mead

New Members were acknowledged: **Mary Jo Marx** from Alpha, **Janni Gearty** and **Donna Harker** from Delta, and **Rhonda Clark** from Nu.

Treasurer, Maxine Emm (Delta) presented and explained the Treasurer's report: Checking account: \$9,872.58, Permanent fund: \$1,995.30, Annie Webb Blanton State Scholarship : \$6,874.74, Martha Schultz Doctoral Scholarship fund: \$15,127.89. **The budget is posted online.**

Cheryl Anderson (Delta) reported there are 152 members of which 141 are active and 11 are reserve.

Judy Merz (Gamma) shared the International Vision. At the state level there are 8 focus areas. She recommended the focus leaders function as a comprehensive committee with a few meetings a year. She would like to add a focus leader for UNICEF which is the same as the Every Child Fund. **Please let Judy know if you would like to take this on.** Any member interested in joining any of the committees contact Judy Merz: jrmerz@aol.com. Judy would like to hold an art show during the 2027 convention. More information will follow.

Focus leader, Cheryl Anderson (Delta) shared the number of Apple Awards granted: Alpha-2, Gamma-2, Delta-11, Nu-1, Xi-2, Omicron-4.

World Fellowship focus leader, Susan Capistrant (Theta), reported Lambda and Gamma donated \$50 each.

US Forum Committee Chair, Brenda Downs (Delta) reported she wants to form a committee that would go to Carson City. They will have a budget.

Historian, Candy Rooney (Delta) reported that Chapters sending anything in the past year has been included in the yearbook. The yearbook will be sent to Susan Neal so it can be posted on the Website. Going forward it will be housed digitally.

Webmaster, Susan Neal (Kappa), shared the Website virtually. All members' personal information will be removed due to scammers, and it was suggested that the directory password be protected.

Annie Webb State Scholarship, Leta Rabenstine (Xi) reported there were no applicants this year. There were questions and discussion for determining how the funds can be used and the types of events it can serve, with ultimately the resolution that reworking the scholarship for better understanding is needed. This year it is to go to a member in Northern Nevada. If no one apply it can the revert to Southern Nevada.

Emergency Fund, Marlene Killian (Omicron) reported \$469 in contributions: Gamma-\$150, Theta-\$50, Omicron-\$100, Delta-\$69, Lambda-\$50, and Xi-\$50.

Please send Fundraising ideas to Cheryl Anderson (Delta).

Scholarship Proposal, Maxine Emm (Delta): There are two pages of guidelines for this scholarship which currently has \$31,000 (\$15,000 of which is in a CD-the original scholarship intent). Discussion evolved regarding how best to honor the original scholarship intent and how to reword it. Attempts to locate the Schulz family for their input have been fruitless.

A resolution was made to revise the State By-Laws and Standing Rules to be presented for a vote for the 2027 convention. Committee members were formed of: Cheryl Anderson, Maxine Emm, Pat Goepfinger, Cindy Frazer, Judy Silker, Leta Rabenstine, Judy Merz, and Karen Laskowski.

Guest Speaker, Connie Resink from Texas gave two presentations: "How Does Your DKG Garden Grow?" and "Revision of Governing Documents". Membership classification changes to include two new categories were presented: Global (someone who wants to be a member but there are not enough people in their area to form a chapter), and Affiliate (someone who is not qualified but is a supporter of DKG, such as a husband). An Affiliate member would not have voting rights. **2029 will be the 100th anniversary of DKG and the goal is for each state to gain 100 members over the next 3 years.**

Remembrance by Cheryl Anderson (Delta) and Karen Laskowshi (Gamma):

Janet Pederson (Xi)-speaker Leta Rabenstein

Linda Fleming (Gamma)-speaker Karen Laskowski

Sue Wagner (Alpha)-speaker Kay Kurvers



Awards, Judy Merz (Gamma):

Exemplary Service Award: Judy

Merz (Epsilon, Gamma)

Rose of Recognition:

Marfel Kusko (Alpha)

Judy Davis (Gamma)

Paige Coziahr (Delta)

Janice Clarke (Theta)

Julie Gould (Kappa)

Lois Bianchi (Lambda)

UPCOMING EVENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

ZOOM 10:00-12:00

ANYONE may attend. Send your name to Pat:

onehappygrandma@cox.net

She will add your name to the list for attendance and admission.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

July 4-6, 2027

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

DKG's 100th Anniversary at the 2029 International Convention

July 25-28, 2029

Austin, Texas



Summer Chapter Chatter



Alpha/Theta Thoughts

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June Planning Meeting

The joint Alpha/Theta Planning Meeting was held in early June at the home of Kay Kurvers. A group of 12 members were present and many ideas were generated for the coming year. Kay's delightful patio was a great place to meet and enjoy the food and each other. Thanks for your hospitality, Kay.



MILESTONE EVENT

On June 20, long time Theta member, Charlotte Dinning, celebrated the milestone of reaching 100 years with a party given by her family. A number of DKG sisters were present to enjoy this very special event and to wish Charlie a special Happy Birthday!



Gamma Gab



Gamma Chapter has welcomed six transfers from Epsilon: Dina Hyman, Myrtle Hyman, Emily Ladner, Betty Latimer, Sheryl Mayes, Judy Merz, and Penny Thompson and two new members: Febe Romero and Cherry Anne Ramirez.

We had great attendance this summer even though many of our members participated in “travel adventures” with family and friends. Our “Back to School” August luncheon at Olive Garden was terrific. We also spent a lovely evening at dinner and the CSN Planetarium for our September meeting. The Planetarium’s September theme is “Space Exploration”. The group saw, “Mars, Always Above...The Ultimate Voyage” and they gave it rave reviews. If you are planning a visit to Las Vegas check out their website. It’s a bargain of an evening.



Gamma Lunch Group at Olive Garden

Seated L to R: Judy Mertz, Penny Thompson, Judy Davis, Febe Romero, Pat Goeppinger, Cindy Frazier

Standing L to R: Susan Luzzi, Rebecca Weeks, Karen Laskowski, Cherry Anne Ramirez, Shannon Koss, Joyce King, Emily Ladner



Lambda's Latest Lines

*Lambda thanks everyone for their help, participation and support
Over \$3,000 made – another Grant in Aide will be presented to
Shelley Waskiewicz at the Pot Luck*

Nancy and Claudia

checking out the baskets

guest enjoying dinner

Press wine Stewart



Dave auctioneer

Martha drawing

Delores, Sarahy, Linda

Sarahy Gusman Lara

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY MARTHA MAY 28th

Delta Dialogue

Delta Chapter held a successful Wine Fest prior to the summer beginning on May 1st. Chapter members provided food, wine, gift cards, and silent auction items. The money raised help fund student teacher scholarships, Nevada Apple grants for classroom teachers and future philanthropic projects and programs. The pictures of the event follow on the next page!



May 1, 2026
Wine Fest



International Convention Photos



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Maxine Emm, Cheryl Anderson, Pat Goeppinger, and Judy Merz.

Please Note!!!!!!

Due to how articles are sent, it is often impossible to resize or change the content due to how they were copied or pasted in the email. Also, due to their original formats in which they were sent, it is very difficult to transfer the information in many cases.

In the future, please send all written materials in PDF format and pictures in JPEG. When you send your information as in your newsletters, It is often not possible to “take it apart”. I apologize for the extra work this may take. ALL photos should come with the names of the people that are in them if you want them included!!

Articles were not in ABC order this time, but introduced as received. My computer is dying and I was unable to reformat the chapter information in order. Please accept my apologies for this “messy” issue!

Donna