

# The Alaska Nuggets

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Has your chapter sent in their membership contact information?
- Do you have members who are going back to school? Check out the available scholarships.
- New scholarships, invitations, etc.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

DKG Alaska sisters,  
I am so excited and honored to be your state president this biennium! I have begun visiting our chapters throughout the



state. I've met many of you and look forward to meeting many more in the coming months. It's been a wonderful experience.

By way of introduction, I'd like to share a bit about myself. I came to Alaska in 1980 and married a young Coast Guard officer in Juneau where we lived for four years. Over the years we also lived in Kodiak and Washington, DC. We settled here in Anchorage in 1991, where we raised our 6 children in the great land of Alaska. Like many young mothers, I filled my life with family, church, scouting, outdoor fun, and kids sports. I still enjoy most of these things, but now I watch my grandkids' sports!

I started working at my children's elementary school as a noon duty and a TA, and discovered that I love working with kids. I returned to school to complete my Elementary Ed. Bachelors at UAA in 2002. Soon afterwards, I went on to earn my Masters of Curriculum and Instruction and my National Board certification. I taught 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, worked as a literacy coach, and now as an instructional coach. I've been able to facilitate professional development and teach at the university level, as well. I've loved all my years of working in education! It's fulfilling, challenging, and so worth it.

I joined the Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 2013. I became Eta's secretary and grew to love my Eta friends. I've also served as our Anchorage area treasurer and was on the state finance committee. Last year I was elected president of my chapter, and now I've stepped into the state president role. I love being part of DKG because of the great women I am able to associate with, the

worthy causes it espouses, and the opportunities for growth it gives our members.

Yours in sisterhood,  
Cynde Hill

## AK STATE FOUNDATION

### OMNICROM

It was such a smoky summer with fires and burn bans. We decided our first meeting would be a camping theme and



had trail mix, tents, and fake fires. It was an organizational meeting for the year. We discussed how to provide encouragement to teachers in the classroom facing the possibility of a strike.



### **Back Pack Project**

Once again, our Chapter, with the support of our local churches, Rotaries and Lions, put together back packs filled

with school supplies given out to students through our *Homer Food Pantry*. We have given out 86 so far this year!

If any other Chapter would like to donate to this worthy project, we are always looking for financial donations.



Gloria Hensen,  
Project Chair

### ZETA

Zeta chapter met at the end of September and planned for a year filled with fun and charitable events. We purchased a table for the AWAIC Starry Nights Gala, signed up for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, and planned for the table decorations for the upcoming Mini Grant Brunch.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## BETA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Are you going back to school? Need some financial support. Check out the Beta Education Scholarship. Applications are due October 5th. Click on the link (blue title) above for more information.

## CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to a sizable contribution to the Beta Educational Scholarship Fund, three \$500. travel scholarships will be available after the first of the year for the purpose of DKG educational opportunities. This may be used to attend the 2020 convention in Ketchikan or any other conference. More details will be coming later this fall.

# 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

*Come to the*

*Philadelphia DKG International Convention!*

*Pennsylvania will be joining with  
New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland,  
and the District of Columbia*

*to host the*

*2020 DKG International  
Convention in  
Philadelphia*

*July 7-10*

*at the Downtown Marriott Hotel.*

**Why should you put this event on your calendar?**

**We can think of at least 7 good reasons.**

**It's Good For Your Health!** No, we aren't making this up. Studies have found that when you stop thinking about your own problems and focus on an event or learning, your stress levels start to decrease, your immune system is strengthened and your overall sense of life satisfaction increases. This is because learning interrupts tension-producing patterns and replaces it with a sense of purpose, positive emotions, and high confidence levels.

**Give Back to DKG!** You have an opportunity to present a session where your passions lie. Let your love of DKG create a positive experience for those attending the 2020 Convention.

**Make Real Connections!** Attending the 2020 Convention will let you meet people from all the regions and state organizations of DKG. You could meet your new best friend, future business partner, or have a conversation that sparks a real change in your life.

**Gain a Whole New Perspective!** Experiencing DKG at the International level will change how you see the Society. This shift in perspective will open your mind to the scope of the DKG.

**The Food!** The convention hotel is attached by walkway to the **Reading Terminal Market**. Beloved by locals and tourists alike, this historic indoor market features more than 80 vendors offering an astonishing variety of food, with some vendors operating in much the same way that they did when the market opened in 1892. The globally inspired food — available for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert as well as for snacking — is the main draw, while butchers, bakers, chocolatiers, cheese mongers and produce vendors offer food, ingredients and goods for sale. From scrapple and samosas to soul food and smoothies, Reading Terminal Market is such a fantastic place to eat that it can be tough to choose what to get.

**Get Inspired in Philadelphia!** Philadelphia has something for everyone and our hotel is close to it all. Historic sites such as Independence Hall, The LibertyBell, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art (run the Rocky steps!) are just steps from the hotel.

The central location also brings easy access to the Barnes Foundation, Kimmel Center, and Franklin Institute.

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Letter from the Editors,

We hope you like the new format for the DKG Nuggets and are eager to receive more news from all the state chapters. Please submit your chapter news to: [DKGNUGGET@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DKGNUGGET@GMAIL.COM) by December 14, 2019.

Can't wait to hear from you,  
Jen and Jeri

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