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## State President's Message #1 Biennium Theme and Logo Let's Initiate, Cultivate, and Celebrate DKG Pearls!

Being part of Delta Kappa Gamma International for over twenty-five years in our great state of Alaska inspires me to stand in awe of the power of educators who stand collectively united in pursuit of our organization's seven purposes, and thus, making educational impact worldwide. Amazing work is completed at the chapter level. It has been exciting to watch how our local chapters participate with determination in the personal and professional growth of our members and nonmembers. Together we have walked through challenges and struggles, jumped over hurdles, made great strides towards excellence in educational matters and the affairs of DKG, and celebrated personal, chapter, and state achievements. It is an honor for us all to be part of DKG.

The vision I have for this biennium is for us to work with International to revitalize our state, slow the descent of Alaska's membership, and ascend into new territory of diversified new membership. This means we need to both increase and maintain our membership. Every member matters and every voice counts. We need to be about more relationships and less about the rules. I encourage you to remain positive, enthusiastic, and dream

new dreams for our state as we continue functioning, taking risks to advance our mission and purposes.

I cannot do this alone. I believe we can do it together as a team. We are stronger together. We need each other. Together let's revisit, rethink, and renew our society's destiny. You have the educational light within you leading the way and shining in the lives of people everywhere. We are the Alaskan-Team.

I envision each DKG member as a pearl: rare, fine, admirable, and valuable. In its simplicity, the pearl is magnificent and needs special care. Each pearl on the strand lusters more brilliantly in relationship to another, united in a circle of unity. Unity is their strength. **DKG PEARLS** are: **P**-partners, **E**-empowering, **A**-active, **R**-relational, **L**-leaders, and **S**-servants. Visualizing our state, I see found and unfound pearls all across Alaska. Some are on the strand and some are waiting to be invited to join. As an example, they may be found in your neighborhood, at the local gym, or on an airplane. My challenge to each of our members: find another Alaskan pearl, bring them into membership, and mentor them for a year. If we have 225 state members, and we each bring in one new member, we can double our state numbers in two years to 450. Nothing is impossible. Let's dream BIG!

Thank you for the opportunity to be in this

leadership role as your State President. I look forward to coming along side all of you during my 2017-19 biennium to build on the foundation of our founding sisters of Beta Gamma State, and together we will make necessary changes to keep our state alive and vital. It could mean a paradigm shift in the way we do business. We will together embrace International's 2017-18 motto to "simplify" rules, meetings, and structures - everything.

Let's Initiate, Cultivate, and Celebrate DKG Pearls!  
Colleen Brown

various Ketchikan schools, and she was given a tour of each school she visited. Her visit culminated with a potluck at Pat's house. After a tasty meal, Colleen shared her vision for the future of DKG and gave each of us a pearl to string on the chapter strand and one to give to a new member we bring into membership. Her view of "each DKG member as a pearl: rare, fine, admirable, and valuable" who gain strength through unity was inspiring.

Our final meeting of the year was at our president, Gera Cesefske's, home. Her roommate prepared a sumptuous buffet for us including her

## EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS

Members were off to a busy start with the beginning of school in September. We had our first meeting in October. We discussed our annual scholarship fundraiser, selling quality nuts, fruits and candies after Pam placed our order and received them, Tongass Federal Credit Union and Madison Lumber and Hardware graciously volunteered their respective businesses to aid in selling our nuts. We discussed plans for the visit of our State President, Colleen Brown in November.

Colleen arrived in Ketchikan on November 7 and was the guest of honor at a Meet and Greet Epsilon Chapter hosted at Cape Fox Restaurant. Pat Schaner generously housed Colleen during her stay. During her time in Ketchikan, members introduced her to staff at the



signature bubble tea. We enjoyed each other's company and concluded the afternoon with an ornament exchange.

## THETA CHAPTER NEWS

Theta Chapter in Fairbanks has spent the Fall and early Winter meetings continuing our lifelong learning. September saw a visit to our new, state of the art, Ryan Middle School. The school is gorgeous, with a design that includes a fully equipped art room that opens completely to the public and a commons with stained glass dividers high to the gorgeous ceilings. The 12, 13, and 14 year olds that go to this school will be proud and happy in their new surroundings. There is no doubt the beauty of the building will enhance students' desire to achieve and do their best in the years bridging elementary school with high school. The massive gymnasium was named "The Kenneth Dickey Gym", after a long time custodian at the school who coached, mentored, and laughed with children of all levels at the old school. He would be

proud of the school in which he invested so many hours.



Nanook grown Breanne Meath was our October presenter at the home of President Tanya O'Brien. Breanne's a member of the sustainability team at UAF because she believes that we can change the

world on a global scale through small changes in our everyday life. She uses a minimum of single use products, uses reusable containers in every part of her life, and, in her presentation, gave us many ideas on how to live a more earth-friendly life. Check out her Instagram page called [@Zerowastefairbanks](#). Besides her wonderful presentation she brought all kinds of reusable "gifts" to the members of



our chapter to take away and use with zero waste.

Chair pilates was the special activity at our November meeting, held in the Anne Wien Elementary Library. No matter the age of our members, everyone could join in to this wonderful exposure to strengthening activities. Our teacher was long time Fairbanksan Ruth Merriman. Ruth has taught movement, strengthening, and balancing activities at North Star Ballet, our local producer of The Nutcracker. She gave us a wonderful class in which we all had fun and experienced muscles we thought were nonexistent.

Ruth even offered to follow up with a class for members who wished to extend their knowledge of the skill.

Each and every year for many years, Sandy Buhite has hosted a December social gathering at her extensively decorated wonderland home. Her collection of holiday ornaments, figurines, stuffed animals, and other decor is a delight to observe and we love visiting her home and exchanging a fun gift



with others. But watch out because the famous homemade pie, baked specially for the event by Kay Saunders, will be stolen from you if that is the gift you

choose!

This fall we've also been collecting needed items for The Door, a 24-7 shelter for homeless youth aged 12-18. The shelter provides a safe place to sleep, home cooked meals, clothing, supplies, and connections to community resources to help youth find stability. Each month comes a new list of needs, most of which the Fairbanks community provides through volunteers and donations. This year they have a Vista worker, Julie Ashburn, who has been a big help.



## Revitalization With Dr. Pittman

As President, my biennium theme and pearl logo are part of revitalizing Alaska. Our state membership may not be large, but we are valuable pearls. We must embrace change. Appreciating and building on the strengths of DKG, we can unite and guide needed changes for our state. Our Founder, Annie Webb Blanton said, "Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while NOT discarding what in the OLD has value. But don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you." It is an exciting time to be part of DKG!

I am thrilled that Dr. Pittman, our International President has officially agreed to be the International Speaker at our April 2018 State Leadership Convention. She is helping revitalize our state before and during the Spring Leadership Convention in Homer.

To get a head start on thinking and planning, we will offer three GoToMeeting opportunities with Dr. Pittman before the State Convention: January 20, February 17, and March 24, all from 9-11 am. Please save these dates. We want as many members as possible to attend these meetings. With everyone's input, we can start rolling toward making those changes that will revitalize DKG throughout Alaska.

Chapter Presidents, please rally your members and come together for these meetings and make it a fun social/informational time. Together we can keep our state organization vital and unified. ***(If you are out of town but still want to participate, make sure that you email is sent in to Dr. Pittman; she is issuing the connection invitation.)***

At the Convention, we are offering a one-graduate credit class ED 593: Growing Leadership Now. Dr. Pittman will be presenting along with other state

members. Course topics include transitioning leadership, communicating, leading change, mentoring, resolving conflicts, and building teams. It is going to be a great class. IClass participants must attend the preliminary GTM meetings in order to qualify for credit. Let's all plan to come together at the Convention and take this valuable credit class.



## ED 593: Growing Leadership Now

A 1-credit graduate course through UAS will be offered at the Leadership Convention in Homer April 20-22, 2018. *ED 593: Growing Leadership Now* will present leadership skills for current and future leaders in education or other professional fields.

Mark your calendars! Come to Homer! Read, observe, discuss – learn from experienced leaders and each other. Instructor of record is Gayle Hammons. Presenters include Delta Kappa Gamma International President Dr. Carolyn Pittman, State President Colleen Brown, and other organizational leaders. **The minimum hours required for a 1 credit course include 3 GTM meetings, Friday evening and Saturday convention sessions plus pre- and post-session work.**

More information including course syllabus and registration fee will be posted on the website and distributed to chapter presidents as it becomes available.

**The registration form for Homer/Leadership Convention April 20-21, 2018 is on the last page of this issue of the Nuggets. You can print off only that page if you select print, then indicate only page 14-14.**

## State President Visits Chapters

The New Year is here! It is hard to believe six months has passed as your State President.

Connecting through chapter visits is a priority. What a blessing to have already visited four chapters meeting our DKG pearls. I look forward to meeting with the other four chapters; I am waiting for the invites. In August, Nu in Eagle River requested a Leadership Development presentation for their Executive Board, which prompted Eta in Anchorage to invite me for the same presentation for their entire membership at their January 2018 meeting.

My first early October stop was Zeta in Anchorage, an enthusiastic friendly group that beautifully bridges the generation gap. I am grateful that they extended their generosity a second time, inviting me to attend their table at AWAIC 's annual fundraiser gala. It was a hoot dressing up in a semi-formal dress with flannel shirt and boots, and laughing with them all night. My second stop was with Nu for their October initiation meeting, in which two members were initiated. I presented my Presidential biennium message and activity where each member strings a pearl on their chapter pearl strand and takes another pearl to give to a new initiate they invite into DKG. I want to do this at each chapter visit.

In November, my chapter visits took me to Epsilon in Ketchikan and Iota in Sitka. Both chapters had me do a presentation on who can be a member and the benefits of being a DKG member. While in Ketchikan, they arranged three DKG gatherings with perspective members: Tuesday night appetizers, Thursday night potluck and business meeting, and a



Ketchikan's DKG member Vicky Foley, Alaska's State Expansion and Membership Chair

Saturday morning coffee social. I treasure being able to visit every school but one, spending time with teachers in their classroom, attending a member's ukulele night, star gazing, and hiking with a DKG Iditarod finisher, Angie Taggart.



A big



thanks to Ketchikan's chapter trip host and chapter secretary, Pat Shaner.

Sitka welcomed me with open arms, taking me around Sitka sight seeing, hiking, and shopping.



During their business meeting, they presented two 25-year DKG pins to Jan Love & Sandy Fontaine and put together Thanksgiving cookie trays

for school staffs.

The chapter visits were all wonderful and I want to thank each chapter for their generous hospitality. Our Alaskan DKG sisters are a unique group spread across a special land.



**Does DKG International have your up-to-date contact information? If not, please update your information in "My DKG" Account at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org).**

## **Alaska's International Constitution Amendments for 2018 DKG Austin, TX International Convention Approved for Floor Vote**

A small group of members from Beta Chapter Fairbanks worked together to create a Sectional for presentation at the DKG Northwest Regional in Spearfish, SD last summer. The focus of their sectional was the Go-To-Meeting Convention that our state held in April last spring. This was an experiment attempting to complete the work of the 2017 Alaska State Convention without meeting face-to-face. Maryanne Allen, Geri Benshoof, Daphne Hofschulte, and Judy Jasperson presented their sectional to a very receptive audience in Spearfish. They received high praise from several International Administrators for Alaska State's innovative endeavor! The idea of an Electronic Go-to-Meeting State Convention was so popular, that the Beta members were asked to repeat their sectional!

The Beta Members who attended the meetings in Spearfish were encouraged to propose amendments to the International Constitution to be presented for a vote in Austin, TX in 2018. Daphne Hofschulte and Judy Jasperson stepped forward to accomplish this task.

After much back and forth with the 2016 – 18 DKG Constitutional Committee, we have received word that two amendments have been approved to be presented for a vote at the DKG International Convention in 2018.

1. The proposed amendment for Constitution Article IX.B.2.a State Organizational Meetings:

Each state organization shall hold at least one (1) state organization convention each biennium. The date and site shall be determined by the state organization executive board.

Rational: In the current wording the required convention must be in the odd-numbered year. This new wording says that the states may prefer to have their required meeting in the even numbered year. A state may opt to hold a

convention in the odd-numbered year electronically or by some other format: however, a state may prefer to hold its one required convention in an even-numbered year to work with incoming chapter leaders and not have a convention in odd-numbered years.

2. The proposed amendment for Constitution Article VI Officers Section D. Election and Term of Office 2. State Organization a:

The state organization officers, except the treasurer and the executive secretary, shall be elected by the members of the state organization in odd-numbered years.

Rational: The current wording calls for election to be specifically at a state organization convention in odd-numbered years. This change would allow for election in odd-numbered years by some means other than a convention, but still require a method for all state members to be able to vote for their state officers.

This effort shows that a small group of members with a good idea can create ripples, which can effect changes at the International level!  
Thank you, Daphne Hofschulte and Judy Jasperson, for your tenacity!

### **What's Your Story?**

Share your back-story at your next DKG meeting. Tell your personal story that led to your membership in DKG.

Our stories can remind chapter members about the value of membership. Chapter members can use their social media accounts and encourage new interest in your educational community. Make your newsfeeds stand out. Better yet use a smartphone to video tape your story and encourage chapter members to do the same. Together we can grow membership by telling our stories.

## ANCHORAGE AREA COUNCIL NEWS

A special presentation was made at the Anchorage Area Council Mini Award Breakfast in October. Four past State Presidents, all Anchorage residents, asked



current State President Colleen Brown to come forward. The Past Presidents presented Colleen with her State President's pin and took the opportunity to remind the members that although one person may hold an office in DKG, she is never alone. DKG women work together and help one another. Members were encouraged to step into leadership roles if asked and to feel free to volunteer to serve in leadership positions. Colleen also received a red rose.

The former State Presidents in attendance were Carolyn Rooker, Kati Rogness, Mary Ann Curtis, and Judy Ireton.

Judy Ireton, Eta ChapterEWS



Colleen with flowers, Judy Ireton, Kati Rogness, Carolyn Rooker (behind) Mary Ann Curtis

## IOTA CHAPTER NEWS

Delta Kappa Gamma Iota has had a busy year here in historic Sitka. Everyone in the community was busy through the summer and fall with Sesquicentennial events commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Transfer of Russian America to the United States. It was a special time of viewing our history as the site of the transfer through the eyes of historians and cultural leaders.

As school started, Iota took part in Baranof Elementary's Open House by providing a fun presentation of ways kids can have fun "off-screen." Iota sister, Sandra Fontaine, created a play center featuring play dough and Legos where children played as a part of Open House. This is an important issue of concern to many in the Iota Chapter. The Chapter was called on in October to help with the Pumpkin Patch fund raiser for 3-5 Preschool. November brought a visit from DKG State President, Colleen Brown. President Brown gave an inspiring presentation at our meeting as well as taking part in putting together cookie trays to be taken to schools for National Education Week. Iota volunteers helped with the annual Santa Breakfast in December as well as joining together for our Santa Sale to raise money for the scholarship fund. Iota will offer five \$200 mini grants to classroom teachers in February 2018. Happy New Year to all Alaska Chapters.



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## OUR STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Let's spread the word to all our members and get some applicants for this program. Any applicant who is a state member of DKG can apply. The applicant must have an active membership for at least one full year prior to applying. The application deadline is MARCH 1, 2018 to the scholarship committee chairman, Tanya O'Brien at [tjobrien@gci.net](mailto:tjobrien@gci.net).

An applicant's program can be for any accredited program such as an endorsement, certification, or one leading to a graduate degree related to education.

**The application is posted on the state website: <http://www.dkgalaska.org/scholarshipsgrants-in-aid.html> scroll down - these are listed in black boxes**

**Beta Gamma State Scholarship Application 2017-2018. This year the amount of the Scholarship Award was to be \$1,097 but by a vote of the Executive Committee the amount on a one time basis was raised to \$3000. In the next several months the Scholarship committee will be discussing changes in the by-laws that will be presented in April in Homer.**

**Remember spread the word and include the deadline date. Let's get some applicants and give away this scholarship.**

Committee members are: Scholar Chair Tanya O'Brien <[tanya.obrien0@googlemail.com](mailto:tanya.obrien0@googlemail.com)>, Scholar Member Mary Ann Curtis <[macurtis@gci.nett](mailto:macurtis@gci.nett)>, Scholar Member Gayle Hammons <[jimkatclassy50@gmail.com](mailto:jimkatclassy50@gmail.com)>

### GRADUATION CEREMONY by Geri Benshoof

I was privileged to attend the Graduation Ceremony of the National Police and Fire Chaplain Academy in which our very own President Colleen Brown was a graduate. It took place close to us in the Spokane Valley and I was thrilled to see Colleen graduate. She is such a hard worker in her present profession. Congratulations, President Colleen!



## State President's Message #2

### *Initiate, Cultivate, and Celebrate Pearls*

“Initiate” means to begin; to introduce into the knowledge of some subject; or to accept with formal rites into an organization. We “Initiate Pearls” through a formal initiation process. New members begin their DKG journey on initiation day by hearing our purposes and being accepted into the Society.

To be a member, women need to have taught one year in a paid position. International encourages us to strive toward diversity in our chapters. That means to have a mixture of cultures, ethnicities, ages, interests, experiences, and talents in each chapter. Diversity opens new possibilities to educators of all kinds. It swings the door open wide for us to do things really different. What would it look like to have a chapter that has a piano teacher, physical therapist, fitness trainer, preschool teacher, teacher's aid, corporate trainer, computer trainer, nurse educator, child psychologist, photography instructor, and volleyball coach? Our programs and projects could have some real cool angles to them. We could learn a lot from each other and help each other grow.

“Cultivate” means to improve the growth through labor and attention, or to develop by education or training. To “Cultivate Pearls” we must take care of all DKG sisters from initiation day onward by being attentive to each member's personal and professional development. Educators should be educated and loved by each other.

Real pearls are gemstones that require special care and should not be exposed to conditions that could scratch or deteriorate their finish. Newly initiated DKG pearls need proper care and attention, and should not be left to defend for themselves. We cultivate pearls by respecting differences, communicating kindly, listening, mentoring, building relationships, and promoting leadership. We must always build our sisters up, both in public and private, being careful not to gossip or slander. Pearls treat pearls how they want to be treated!

“Celebrate” means to commemorate with ceremonies or festivities; to make known publicly; or to praise widely. “Celebrating Pearls,” is recognizing and publicly praising our members' accomplishments and their membership as a DKG sister. Every initiation is a day of celebration. We celebrate each pearl for who they are as an educator and human being.

Look for opportunities to celebrate DKG Pearls and together publicly celebrate. I have two celebratory ideas. First, have a celebration page on the State Website where members send in celebration items small and large. Send your suggestions to Maryanne Allen, our Alaska Web Master. Second, like celebrating the New Year by ringing bells, tooting horns, and shooting fireworks, we could celebrate new initiates by creating a new tradition of ringing a bell and announcing each initiate at State Conventions. At the 2018 Leadership Convention in Homer, we will recognize new initiates by having each chapter announce their initiates. In celebration, a bell will be rung for each one initiated since July 2017. Of course our chapter strands of pearls will also be on display.

We have a lot to celebrate. Join me in celebrating Dawn Swenson as our State Scholarship recipient, Daphne Hofschulte as contributor to the Bulletin, State Committee Chairs and members, State Officers, new initiates, and dedicated women receiving their 5, 10, 25, and 50 year DKG pins.

Together let's create a community of unity and...

Initiate to increase and diversify membership.

Cultivate to promote the personal and professional growth of women educators.

Celebrate to acknowledge key women educators who make impact worldwide.

## **Bylaws Amendments for**

### **Vote in Homer -**

### **December 28, 2017**

#### **1. State Name Change - Various locations in the documents**

The suggestion for a name change for our state came from International President, Lynn Babb Schmidt, when she visited our Leadership Workshop in Eagle River.

She suggested **Alaska State Organization**. This is the possible name we have included in these documents as our official name and also using **DKG Alaska** as our shortened name. Many other states have gone to this format to move away from Greek letters that don't identify where they are located. We have not really gotten a confirmation from International that a name change is recommended. We also foresee that the International Constitution Committee may reject the name change when they review our Bylaws and Standing Rules after we have adopted our possible amendments.

## **2. Chapter Names - Bylaws Article I. B - Bylaws Article.V.C.2**

Each chapter shall be designated by a Greek letter and a city.

We have been including our chapter Greek letter and a city for a while now during our state meetings when identifying ourselves as a speaker, but our Bylaws document had not been updated.

## **3. Names and Required Work of Our Annual State Meetings— (Various locations in the documents)**

The State Online Convention will be held in odd-numbered years. (Replaces State Convention.)

State Online Convention (Article VII Meetings 1.a) shall be held in odd-numbered years for the purpose of electing and installing officers, accepting the budget for the biennium, disseminating Society information and conducting other state business, which may properly come before it.

The State Leadership Convention will be held face-to-face in even-numbered years. (Replaces Leadership Workshop.)

State Leadership Convention (Article VII Meetings 1.b) shall be held in even-numbered years for the purpose of leadership training, amending Bylaws and Standing Rules, conducting the Ceremony of Remembrance, honoring the State Achievement Award recipient, disseminating Society information and conducting other state business which may properly come before it.

## **4. State Executive Board Meetings - Article VIII Executive Board. A. 1 and 3.**

The State Executive Board will meet at least one week before the annual convention in order to save time at the state meeting and to allow necessary time for the Executive Board to complete its business before the convention. This allows enough time for preparation of necessary documents for the convention.

The Executive Board will meet at least twice a year using GoToMeeting.

This means that each year, the Executive Board will meet in the fall and also at least one week before the state meeting. GoToMeeting will be used for both online meetings.

## **Standing Rule Amendments for Vote in Homer**

### **5. B. Officers #3. #4. #7. #8.**

3. State officers shall be installed at their own chapter gathering during the State Online Convention according to our ritual.

4. The newly elected State President shall receive her State President's pin from a chapter officer following the installation ceremony. The State Treasurer shall be responsible for the purchase of the State President's pin.

7. Chapters are encouraged to send a photo of the installation of their state officer to The Nuggets Editor to be published.

8. The new state officers will be honored with a special ceremony at the next State Leadership Convention in even numbered years.

### **6. C. Nominations and Election of officers #2.**

The election of officers will be a part of the agenda of the Online Convention. The result of the election will be announced when the vote is tallied.

### **7. D. Meetings #1. #2.**

#1 The State Leadership Conventions in even-numbered years shall be self-supporting from registration fee receipts.

#2. . Housing expenses incurred for the Leadership Convention's International Guest is the responsibility of State Leadership Convention and shall be for the days of the Leadership Convention.

### **8. E. Committees #3**

Each state committee chair will receive a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) stipend for attending a state leadership convention.

**9. G. Scholarships #7 (Also see separate amendment at the end of this document, presented by Scholarship Committee)**

#7 The Scholarship recipient's name shall be given to the State Secretary so that the recipient's name can be entered in the official minutes.

**10. J. Achievement Award #4 and #5**

#4. The DKG Alaska Achievement Award shall be presented to the recipient by the State Second Vice President. The award shall be presented at the final banquet of the State Leadership Convention.

#5. The Achievement Award recipient's name shall be given to the State Secretary, so that the winner's name can be entered in the official minutes.

**Alaska State Organization Standing Rules  
Scholarship Amendment from the Scholarship Committee  
April 2018**

**Standing Rules G. Scholarship # 6**

Recipients shall report to ~~Beta Gamma State DKG Alaska~~ the use made of the money, program progress or achievement and the growth of their education/personal life, which has resulted from their studies. The report shall be sent to the Nuggets Editor ~~during the calendar year in which the scholarship was received~~ for printing in whole or in part. Report compliance is a Scholarships Committee responsibility.

**Standing Rules G. Scholarship # 10**

The amount of money available for the ~~Beta Gamma State DKG Alaska~~ Scholarship shall ~~not exceed the total annual interest earned on the Scholarship Fund, the Available Savings Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the Available Checking Fund~~ be \$3000, including all interest from interest bearing accounts of the Alaska State Organization. The Executive Board shall direct the treasurer from which State Fund the monies are to be dispersed.

**Standing Rules G. Scholarship # 11**

~~All interest money not awarded as scholarships shall be added to the scholarship amount available the following year.~~

**Rationale for change:**

G. #6.

If the scholarship were awarded in October, the recipients would not have enough time to write a report within the timeline previously expressed in the guidelines.

G. #10

DKG Alaska needs a defined amount for the Scholarship. The past few years there have been very few applicants. The Scholarship Fund has built up because no scholarships have been awarded. With the low funds from interest, at this time, the cost to the state could be \$2400 per year to make up the difference between the available interest and the \$3000 given in Scholarship.

G. #11

With a defined amount of the scholarship stated in G. #10, #11 is no longer needed.

**INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Members are directed to look at the scholarship committee page on the Society website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). The annual international scholarship application deadline is February 1. There are up to 30 scholarships that may be awarded. The scholarship award for an advanced graduate degree is \$6,000. For a doctoral degree, it is \$10,000.

Criteria information and a new revised and easier to use scholarship application is available under the Forms link on the top of the homepage of the Society website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). On the website, click on Forms and then click on Applications.

Any questions you may have can be directed to [dareichle@comcast.net](mailto:dareichle@comcast.net) (Alice Hartness-Reichle, 2016-2018 International Scholarship Committee, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International)

## NU CHAPTER NEWS

Two NU Initiates at October 2017 Chapter meeting! Beta Gamma State Alaska President, Colleen Brown, shared one of her visions for her biennium; to invite new “pearls” to join our strand of key women educators. Nu Chapter had the pleasure of initiating two new members, Nikki Morris, Special Education Teacher from ACE/ACT and retired Anchorage School District Teacher,



Marie Smith. The table was attractively arranged and the ceremony beautifully executed by Julie Hargraves, membership chair. (Pictured left to right, Nikki Morris,

Beta Gamma State Alaska President Colleen Brown and Marie Smith) Members in attendance included Mary Vaught, Barbara Kovarik, Cynthia Miller, Colleen Brown, Dawn Swensen, Kelsey Gerke, Chris Howard, Julie Hargraves, Dee Bowns, and Jane Lister.

### *Last Letters From Attu*

After a scrumptious meal of chili and cornbread prepared by our hostess Kelsey Gerke, our



members had a rich book discussion based on the book *Last Letters from Attu: The True Story of Etta*

Hostess Kelsey Gerke serving chili to Nu member Chris Howard

*Johns, Alaska Pioneer and Japanese POW* by Mary Breu. The author contacted our chapter and mailed additional resources to enrich our discussion of the life of her Great Aunt, Etta Jones.



Pictured left to right, Julie Hargraves, Barbara Kovarik, Dee Bowns, and Dawn Swensen.

Nu Chapter is overjoyed to announce that Nu Member, Dawn Swensen was awarded the Beta



Gamma State Academic Scholarship for 2017. Dawn is working towards her Master's in Education, Learning and Technology at Western Governor's University. She was awarded \$3000 to support her continued

education. (Dawn Swensen with Beta Gamma State Alaska President Colleen Brown)



Beta Gamma State Workshop      April 20, 21 2018

Land's End Homer, Alaska

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Meals: Saturday Lunch: Sandwich Lunch

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Airline information if you need a ride to Land's End:

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**Mail registration form and check to: Amy Budge PO Box 1095 Homer, Alaska 99603**

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[www.DKG-AK.org](http://www.DKG-AK.org) and /or the Nuggets newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_ NO

Room Reservations are made directly to Land's End [www.lands-end-resort.com](http://www.lands-end-resort.com)

Check out other sites:

[www.cityofhomer-ak.gov](http://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov)

<http://homer.alaska.com>