

# The Alaska Nuggets

BETA GAMMA STATE



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL for KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



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## ANCHORAGE AREA COUNCIL DKG MINI GRANT BREAKFAST

Delta Kappa Gamma's Mini Grant Breakfast was held on October 20, 2018 at the Moose Lodge in Anchorage. This year, we had five recipients who were selected for their amazing projects and dedication to their students.

Abby O'Neill from Scenic Park Elementary was awarded a grant to fund her project of Surf Portable Desks. Abby stated, "As a primary grade teacher, my room is often filled with manipulatives, Social Emotional Learning centers and toys, as well as lots of storage for books, reading and math centers, and sensory exploration items. This, as well as growing class sizes, makes it hard to provide the space needed to house traditional flexible seating options." Another bonus has been that these desks will lay down and stack on top of each other taking up considerably less space compared to exercise balls, benches, balance stools, etc.

J.T. Lindholm teaches at McKinley Heights School in Eagle River. "It is a secondary school with two classrooms that are within a residential treatment facility for twenty-four 13 – 19 year olds who are going through treatment for addiction. The students are from all over the state and a typical stay here is about six months. As a part of this program, they have a certified 12-step yoga teacher come to school during physical education class once a week. These props make learning

yoga easier for beginners as the poses are much more accessible. The block allows for three levels of accommodation during a pose depending how the block is oriented. I am hoping that with a grant, we would be able to purchase two blocks for our students and the instructor to use during this unique class." DKG awarded J.T. grant money for the purchase of more blocks to support the yoga program at McKinley Heights.

Phyllis Bowie and Holly Adkins teach at S.A.V.E. High School in Anchorage. Project S.A.V.E. students learn to make kuspicks that reinforce math/measurement skills, how to sew, and focus on the culture and history of Alaska's indigenous people. Staff and community members donate the fabric, thread, and embellishments so each student is able to make his or her own



kuspuck. Three sewing machines needed maintenance. With the grant, this service project of students making kuspucks can continue.

Tudor Elementary's librarian, Michelle Carton's project was Global Education in Alaska. Students created videos and connected with other students around the world to discuss Sustainable Development Goals and share a passion for conservation. Students will create projects that will be able to be reused and will raise money for reducing plastic waste in the community. Michelle writes, "As the librarian for 360 students, there will be an opportunity for all students and families to participate. There will be an option for all students to join the action committee that oversees the majority of the project. Different classes will create different materials, from slogans to design bags, to posters to scripts for contacting local organizers.

Jessica Minguez from College Gate Elementary was awarded a grant for her project Image-Making and Picturing Writing Approach. This helps AEL students create language and art to inform writing and build vocabulary skills.

## ETA CHAPTER

Eta Chapter started the year off with an annual business meeting to set goals and plan an annual program. We set goals to follow our state president's theme of "Initiate, Cultivate, and Celebrate" by looking for ways to encourage new membership in our chapter, cultivate our talents and interests, and celebrate each of our unique and special contributions. We want to enrich our chapter in effective and creative ways, while working to simplify our efforts.

We have a balanced set of monthly plans, designed to meet the purposes of our great society. September's meeting was our annual business meeting. In October we had a guest speaker who was a founding member of the international Lemong'o Project, which supports the educational and economic growth of an African village. We were also a part of the annual Anchorage Area Council Mini-Award Breakfast Celebration. We helped with this event by providing an emcee and publicity. November's meeting was culturally enriching. We ate at a downtown restaurant and participated in

Anchorage's First Friday by visiting the museum and downtown galleries. In December, we had our annual holiday potluck party, had an entertaining gift exchange, made contributions to the Child in Transition project, and heard from Barb Dexter, Eta member who heads up this project to support families without homes for the local school district. In January, we'll join Nu and Zeta Chapters for a retreat at the Birchwood Camp for a fun getaway with the local DKG girls. We'll build our sisterhood, do some service, and have a fabulous weekend. In February, we'll be having a jewelry making activity, and in March, we'll have an NEA guest speaker who will inform us about current political issues in the education profession. In April, we will have our Founder's Day celebration and Initiation. We'll hold our annual garage sale to raise funds for our scholarships in May. Our scholarship funds pre-service teachers who are in their final internship of their teacher preparation program - what we used to call "student teaching." We also support "Books on the Fly" with funds and volunteer hours. Our members are each involved in great things, such as volunteering with Lions Club, helping local school libraries, being active in church and professional organizations, and mentoring grandchildren. This year we are happy to have a new slate of officers that include two members who joined our chapter last year.

We have included service, political awareness, cultural enrichment, organizational governance, honoring our founders, and raising money for scholarships and other educational causes. We have been using a new member recruitment system and hope to welcome more new members to our chapter.

### Excellence in Eta Chapter

As our state organization celebrates the excellence of women of Delta Kappa Gamma, I want to commend the sisters in our chapter for many fine contributions they make to education, our community and meeting the needs of the less fortunate. Here are a few notes about some of our wonderful Eta sisters, and this is just the tip of the iceberg! Each of our members fills her life with many worthwhile and caring works. I appreciate all of them for their fine examples.

\* Barb Dexter has been honored for her many years of work to make a difference in the lives of

- \* homeless children and their families. I honor her big heart and busy hands.
- \* Lynn McNamara has been honored by the state librarians organization for contributions she made as a school librarian and for actively working to establish a fine library in her home community of Girdwood.
- \* Gretchen Van Hove is always at the forefront with creative performing arts for our programs and meetings. Her music skills help us all stay on tune and have more fun.
- \* Our chapter boasts many librarians who create warm and wonderful literacy experiences for hundreds of children each week. We have current librarians Deb Meigs, Darla Grediagin, and Alta Collins. We also have several retired librarians: Jeanne Ashcraft, Kathy Wright, and Lynn McNamara.

\* Karen Wallace stands out as a busy principal at Northern Lights ABC School, and as an active volunteer with the Lions Club. She also serves on our chapter board.

\* Judy Ireton continues to fill leadership roles in our local and state DKG organizations, as well as volunteering weekly in the library of a local Title I school.

\* Margaret Campisi can regularly be found at the Performing Arts Center volunteering as a docent or usher to help our community enjoy special culturally enriching performances.

\* Kathy Wright does community service weekly, helping to distribute food to needy families.

Cynde Hill  
Eta Chapter President

## Example of how Eta Chapter plans its year



**Delta Kappa Gamma – Eta Chapter**  
2018 - 2019 Program Planning

Month & Preferred Days	Purpose	Event/Topic/Presenter	Location/Hostess Home	Hostesses
Tue., Sept. 19 5:30pm	Annual Chapter Business Meeting	---	Cynde Hill	Lynn, Joan, Gretchen, Margaret
Oct. 9 or 10	International Service	Lemong'o Project speaker	Kathy Wright	Jeanne, Tana, Tammy
Sat., Oct. 20	Area Council Mini-Award Celebration	Mini-Award Breakfast Eta: publicity, program, MC	Moose Lodge	No Hostesses ☺
Fri., Nov. 2	Personal Growth & Learning	Museum – 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	5:30 Glacier Brewhouse (Jeanne)	No Hostesses ☺
Sat. Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 a.m. breakfast	Service	Holiday Potluck / CIT Project	Tammy Duff	Gretchen (Potluck – all contribute)
Fri-Sat. Jan. 18-19	Fun and Service	Area-wide Retreat (\$35 per person)	Birchwood Camp	No Hostesses – Camp Provides Food
Feb.	Political Literacy	NEA-AK speaker	_____	Judy I. Carolyn Peggy
Thurs., Mar. 21 or 28	Fun and Service	Craft activity (jewelry making)	Cynde Hill	Tana _____ Alta
Saturday, Apr.	DKG Governance	(State board meeting) Statewide Online Mtg.	_____	Tammy _____
Apr. 10		Initiation Mtg.	Jeanne Ashcraft	Cynde
May 24 & 25	Scholarship Fundraiser	Annual Eta Garage Sale Committee: Judy Kern	Barb Yanoshek	Mary Ann Barb Y. Gretchen Carolyn Kathy

# **Message from the State President, Colleen Brown In Time of Need: Supporting Relationships and Uniting DKG Alaska**

## **Support:**

Wow, we made it through the earthquake! Each day as I feel 3-5 small aftershocks, and wonder if another big one or bigger one is coming. I reflect upon what we have with a thankful heart. Everything we own can be gone in a flash. That is why relationships are vital, and need maintaining and valued in our families, communities, state, nation, and world. Relationships in DKG can be meaningful and long lasting if cultivated properly with tender loving care. We need each other. Even though homes have been damaged and material items destroyed, I am thankful that our Alaska DKG sisters made it through alive and safe.

How can DKG help? This is a time DKG can be of support by simply calling and checking on your sisters in areas that were hit hard especially Eagle River, Wasilla, and Anchorage. Do not take it for granted someone has contacted them. It helps to hear from you. I recently got a call from Gayle Hammons in Sitka checking on me personally, which helped tremendously. I talked and cried with her, and shared my life with her. She had no idea how bad some of us were hit and the emotional effects.

Eagle River Elementary and Gruening Jr. High in Eagle River were hit hard, having to close down for the year, and place their teachers and classrooms in other schools. These schools and the receiving schools are dealing with functioning and working together. Some of our members are part of this transition. It is a challenge before them. We can help these schools by volunteering in classrooms, donating financially, or bringing them coffee or food. Knowing that someone cares can make a big difference. It takes only a phone call to reach out to see how you can help. Just to hear your voice may be the support they need.

At the state level, we are checking on the DKG International Emergency Fund for financial assistance. Once we find out more, I will send out an email to chapter presidents and put something on the state Web site. In the mean time, please email me if you may be a candidate for assistance or want to talk about your experience. Email me at [dkgakbrown@gmail.com](mailto:dkgakbrown@gmail.com) or call 907-360-8663.

I am available for anyone who is experiencing any form of anxiety or PTSD from this experience. This is part of my training. Many of my neighbors are traumatized and afraid. We are supporting each other in the neighborhood the best we can.

## **Unite:**

I wish each of my DKG sisters a Happy New Year, and may it be the best year ever for you, your family, and DKG Alaska. May it be filled with good health, peace, and much joy! We gained momentum and accomplished a lot this past year. Thank you for your effort in making DKG Alaska stronger, more valued, and united. We still have work ahead of us for 2019. Are you ready? Let's have fun leading together and getting to know each other better. Let's keep initiating, cultivating, and celebrating our DKG Pearls.

The following items are provided to keep you informed and engaged in DKG Alaska:

### **DKG International Conference and Training in Des Moines, Iowa July 10-12, 2019:**

This Northwest Regional Conference provides a wonderful opportunity for our state members to connect with sixteen other state memberships. I encourage you all to attend, meet wonderful DKG sisters, and learn about education in their states. Check it out on the International web site: [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) under "Events."

**Northwest Regional Leadership Training** is July 9-10, 2019 and the Leadership Conference is July 10-12, 2019. The **incoming state organization presidents** from the U.S. and Canada will be trained on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9-10, and the **incoming state** organization treasurers, membership chairs, and Educational Excellence Committee chairs (EEC) will be meeting on Wednesday, July 10. As the opening to the conference on Wednesday, a fun Iowa Night is planned. On Thursday and Friday,

July 11-12, there will be leadership sections. At Friday night's banquet all of the state presidents from the United States and Canada will be introduced.

**Get Connected:** The International Communications and Marketing Committee provide a document called *Get Connected*. It can be found on our state web site - dkgalaska.org and on the International - web site dkg.org.

The November/December issue encourages each of us to update our profile with International. MyDKG on the International website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) is a member's profile. Please, please keep your profiles updated. Our State Editor needs our information updated for sending out the Nuggets.

The January/February issue provides marketing strategies for DKG. Consider what you can do to market your chapter better so your membership increases and remains vital. If your chapter has gotten a lot of new members this past year, please share your marketing tips with us on the our state web site, state Facebook page, or with our state Membership Chair, Vicky Foley at <[Vicky.Foley@k21schools.org](mailto:Vicky.Foley@k21schools.org)>.

## **DKG Alaska State Executive Board Meeting: April 9, 2019, 5 p.m.**

**DKG Alaska State On-Line Convention:** April 27, 2019, starting at 10 a.m. At your chapter location, you may want to have a breakfast from 9-10 and/or lunch afterwards. The following is the beginning draft. I appreciate your input. Let's make this convention a united fun state affair. Please let me know what you think and share how you would like to get involved.

**1. General Meeting:** Roll call, rules of order, minutes, additions/approval of agenda, treasurer's report, nominate state officers, old and new business, and chapter president reports. Committee reports will be online, and only presented during new business if there are items that need to be voted upon. Chapter reports (1 minute share time) will have three items: how many people were initiated in the last two years, one way your membership was cultivated, and one way you celebrated your members.

**2. International VP Dr. Lace Marie Brogden:** Motivational keynote speaker will present more on revitalization, "New Face of Leadership," and will share a few International updates. She is willing to do a round table discussion with the new state president. She is willing to be used in any capacity we need.

### **3. Installation of New State Officers**

#### **4. Celebration**

- a. Membership: 1, 5, 10, 25, and 50-year membership
- b. Scholarships
- c. Degrees obtained
- d. Meeting the state president's challenge of 5 new members in a chapter

**5. White Rose:** Moment of silence for those who have died since April 2018.

**6. Sessions:** Gara Cesefske is working on an online format and how this part would take place. The topic possibilities are endless: cooking, Pilates, working with challenging kids, etc. Be thinking if you are willing to present or know of someone. It would be awesome if every chapter had one session to share. Nu has a jazzercise instructor and she may be willing to share her skill. I am currently eating an API (auto-immune protocol) diet and could share information and recipes about it. I will send out a separate email about our Online Conventions to chapter presidents.

**7. 2020 State Face-to-Face Convention Invitation:** Epsilon who is hosting our next face-to-face State Convention on April 24/25, 2020 will invite us to Ketchikan. Gretchen Klein and Gara Cesefske have enthusiastically agreed to help lead their Ketchikan crew in this endeavor.

**8. Colleen's Last Words:** Appreciation and Encouragement to initiate, cultivate, and celebrate DKG Pearls!

**9. Committee Budgets:** Committee Chairs please contact your team and see how much money you need to be in the state budget for 2019-2021. Let Joan Lower know the amount as soon as you know.

Now is the time, more than ever to become involved in the lives of your DKG Sisters around the state. Be a relationship builder by connecting and supporting each other. My DKG relationships humble me and make me a better person. I am proud to know you and be a member of DKG Alaska! I challenge you to contact one of your sisters who you do not know very well and get to know them. Someone will be glad you did!

## EasyBiz, Alaska Airlines, and Beta Gamma State

In September, State Treasure Joan Lower signed Beta Gamma State up as part of Alaska Airline's EasyBiz program. For every dollar spent on the base fare portion of all tickets purchased online through the EasyBiz website, Beta Gamma State can earn 1 mile.

One caveat is that a member can't participate through any other EasyBiz company (e.g., the University of Alaska's plan), which has meant some Theta members can't participate and this may be true with other DKG members statewide. Additionally, the DKG member's number must be used to purchase tickets, not a spouse's or significant other's or a travel companion's number.

A second caveat is that at least \$5,000 must be accumulated within 15 months to remain a member of EasyBiz.

At this time, only 8 Beta Gamma State members are signed up. Several were sent invitations, but because they didn't respond (follow directions of the EasyBiz/AlaskaAir email) they are not part of the group yet.

The whole reason to become part of the EasyBiz group is to help earn enough miles to offer "scholarships" to DKG members who want to attend state or regional or international conventions.

Joining Beta Gamma State's EasyBiz account and using it when purchasing tickets (must pay; no credit for mileage tickets or passes) does not affect one's Mileage Plan benefits. Individual member travelers who are Alaska Airlines Mileage Plan members continue to earn all individual Mileage Plan benefits (see Mileage Plan Conditions of Membership at [alaskaair.com](http://alaskaair.com))

If one buys tickets without going through Beta Gamma State's online EasyBiz account, there will be no gain of mileage for Beta Gamma State.

Aldean Kilbourn ([akilbourn@gci.net](mailto:akilbourn@gci.net)) and Joan Lower ([joan.lower@gmail.com](mailto:joan.lower@gmail.com)) are administrators; if you want to help, let them know that you want an invite to join. When you get the invite, follow directions, and they will then get an email saying you've officially joined. Then go to EasyBiz (across top of AlaskaAirline's menu), log in with your mileage number and your password, and make/pay for your reservations. It costs nothing, and can definitely help Beta Gamma State.

ONE CAVEAT: let Aldean or Joan know if you cannot log into EasyBiz with the link given in the invitation. Some have reported this problem and we can't get credit if Alaska Airlines doesn't fix a tech problem. Only when one of us reports a problem can it get fixed.

## IOTA CHAPTER

The year 2018 was the beginning of a transitional period for Iota Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma in Sitka. As we saw attendance decline at monthly meetings over the past few years, we reviewed the purposes of the goals and action plans of the chapter. We determined there was a need to address the needs and concerns of members and potential members if Iota was to survive and thrive. With that in mind, it was decided to actively issue invitations to local educators at all levels and did a presentation about DKG last April in hopes that by openly sharing what DKG was all about that we would be able to get women

interested in joining our group in the fall.

We were pleasantly surprised to receive a large number of positive responses and, at the October meeting, five new members were received and installed! At our November meeting we installed another two members who were unable to attend the October meeting.

Each year for American Education Week our Iota Chapter bakes cookies for all staff, support staff, and administration in each of the schools, from preschool through high school and the University of Alaska to thank them for their hard work and dedication. We also wrote articles that were published in the Daily Sitka Sentinel, the local newspaper for each of the five days highlighting specific information, and even interviewed two women who have volunteered in the schools for twenty plus years.-

Our December meeting is traditionally the Santa Sale, a “fun event” at which



Gaylen Needham and Toby Campbell

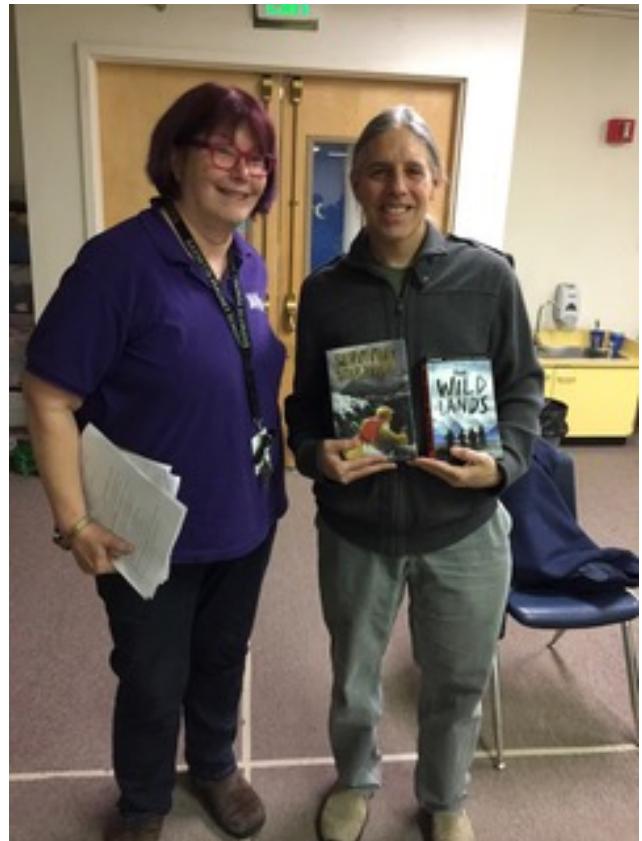
members bid and purchase in a silent auction, a wide range of merchandise contributed by all members with proceeds designated for the local scholarship/local grant fund. That event netted over \$1,000 this year, (more than twice the amount of the 2017 Santa Sale) more evidence that good planning and good promotion, together with a warm welcome and a friendly atmosphere matter!

With input from all members we are working to develop programs that will address the content and relevance of which topics are of most interest and usefulness to members for our meetings. We want members to walk away from our meetings feeling empowered, actively involved,



Megan Bahrt, Leslie Young, Annette Blankenship, Mindy Bartolaba, Jennifer Davis,

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## THETA CHAPTER

Theta members Aldean Kilbourn and Tanya O'Brien worked together on a project for Barnette Magnet School that included a visit from the author Paul Greci, a local Fairbanks teacher at Pearl Creek Elementary School. The book, *Surviving Bear Island*, was an especially high interest novel for boys, but all of the middle school read the book in their literature classes. The activities, worksheets, vocabulary, etc. were presented to the school as a finished unit with many hands-on possibilities. The amount of time and effort that Aldean put into this project was large and the interest of the students was good. The special question and answer session with the author was excellent. Several teachers were involved, but pictured with the author holding his books is Heidi Imhoff, middle school history and English teacher at Barnette.



Some of the students at Barnette Magnet School who read *Surviving Bear Island* and spoke with the author.

September meeting Theta toured Raven Landing & heard about EasyBiz; October we toured silver jewelry artist Judie Gumm's studio & had an opportunity to buy Christmas gifts; November we experienced Laughing Yoga with instructor Michael Bork, and December was the always fun Christmas brunch and white elephant gift exchange at the beautifully Christmas decorated home of Sandy Buhite. We don't hold a January meeting - it was -48F at least one day when a monthly meeting could be scheduled. January's often just too cold to do anything but stay indoors! February and March we will host teacher presentations funded by this year's Theta mini-grant awards. April's meeting will be our online conference.

## NU CHAPTER

Chapter Nu has been busy this fall. We hosted a goodbye salad luncheon to our sister, Helen Gonion, as she moved to the lower 48 to be near her daughter. We also participated in the ASL Walk in memory of our sister, Kathy Adamich. In August, Nu Chapter gave away gently used books for all ages to the families that came to the LOVE, Inc. back-pack and school supply give-away. We also signed up quite a few new families for the Imagination Library (the books sent to pre-school children). Members donated a large number of books to Read on the Fly. Nu had business meetings in September and November, and initiated two new sisters: Denise Ray and Helen Harmon. In October, we helped with the Anchorage Area Mini-Award Project Breakfast with the decorations which were sold in a silent auction. In November, it was



Playing around with dryer ball materials!



Barbara Kovarik socializing and enjoying the potluck.



a privilege to help with the Community Thanksgiving Blessing and gave away more books to all ages that we had collected. In December, many members gathered, enjoying a delicious Christmas potluck dinner together to celebrate our friendships and sisterhood and that we were all safe and recovering from the earthquake. The book-trade gift exchange, games, and visiting made it a lovely time. We also collected \$500.00 in gift cards for the CIT program with ASD—the children in transit. Several visitors came to our activities and meetings. One past Nu sister may be reinstated and another educator showed interest in becoming a DKG member.



## BETA CHAPTER

Beta Chapter enjoyed its annual fundraising auction and Christmas tea on December 2, 2018. This fundraiser is held to raise funds for the Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation (BESF). BESF is Beta Chapter's non-profit organization created for the purpose of promoting educational excellence by providing current and future women educators with scholarships for personal and professional development and funding for projects that

support quality in education. Recently, the BESF board of directors changed its bylaws to allow DKG members to contribute to an earmarked Conference line item, a tax advantage for some, so that DKG members can apply for a Conference scholarship.

Besides fundraising for BESF at this annual event, Beta Chapter also honors a community member who works diligently to enable added educational opportunities to our Fairbanks community.

Our dynamic chairwomen Julie Abegg and Kathy Alton pulled off a lucrative and FUN event!



Joanne Widman preparing an item  
for auction.



BESF and Beta treasurer, Judy Tolbert, hands a check to our 2018 Friend of Education, Sarah Garland.

Honored this year as our “Friend of Education” was Sarah Garland, the director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) here in Fairbanks. Hundreds of short non-credit courses, from arts and crafts to academic subjects are offered both fall and spring to community members over the age of 55. There are nearly 900 community members participating in OLLI each semester!

## New Opportunity for AK State Members!

After discussion with our state president and Beta members, the BESF executive board has opened its Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation to include Conference scholarships. AK DKG members can donate money to BESF, earmarked for Conferences. The amount may be tax deductible. Any other AK DKG members may apply to BESF for a scholarship to either AK State, NW Regional, or International Conferences.

This procedure is meant to be an interim way for BESF to assist members. The state executive board will assess the process over the next year and hopes to form an AK State Foundation to continue the scholarships.

Read the Conference Information and Application for specifics on the following pages.

If you want to print out just the application, go to print, then select page 12 to 12. IF you just select print, you will get the entire Nuggets printed out!

## Consider Attending with DKG Sisters

check out at [www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events)

International Convention July 7-11-2020 in Philadelphia, PA

DKG Go Ahead Tours

Iceland Tour July 19-July 24, 2019 or July 28-August 2, 2019

Food and Wine: San Francisco and Napa Valley October 9-October 14, 2020

## DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

This committee is charged with annually awarding up to thirty (30) \$6,000 (U.S.) international scholarships to members for study at the master’s level and \$10,000 (U.S.) for work at the doctorate level.

### Deadline

February 1, 2019 - International DKG

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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**DKG Alaska State On-Line Convention:** April 27, 2019, starting at 10 a.m

**Nuggets Submittal Deadline:** May 1, 2019

**NW Regional:** Des Moines, Iowa July 10-12, 2019



## Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation DELTA KAPPA GAMMA – Beta Chapter

### BESF Conference Scholarship Information

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage leadership training and involvement in DKG. Beta Chapter will offer limited Conference Scholarships to members of DKG AK State. Amounts will be for DKG conferences only: \$250 for an AK State conference and \$500 for a NW Regional or International conference.

#### **The Process of Applying for the BESF Conference Scholarship**

- Application found on-line at [betafoundation.weebly.com](http://betafoundation.weebly.com)
- or email Judy Tolbert at [jmtolbert@alaska.edu](mailto:jmtolbert@alaska.edu)
- **Scholarship applications must be received by March 15**
- Mail completed form to **BESF Conference Scholarship Committee**  
c/o Judy Tolbert      3032 Riverview Dr.      Fairbanks, AK 99709

#### **The Process of Awarding the BESF Conference Scholarship**

- Awards will be determined by the BESF executive board.
- Scholarship applicants shall be notified as soon as possible, following the selection.
- Recipients will be **expected to report back to their local chapter about their experience**. Submitting an article for The Nuggets is also encouraged.
- Priority will be given to first-time conference attendees.

**REMEMBER . . . Application Deadline is Midnight, March 15**



## Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA – Beta Chapter

### ***BESF Conference Scholarship Application***

**PERSONAL - Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current DKG Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Years of DKG Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Has a member of DKG urged you to apply? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

**Your involvement in DKG:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Tell us about yourself:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Describe the conference, why you want to attend, and how you hope to benefit:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SUBMIT:**

1. This application form
2. Due Date: Midnight, March 15
3. Send to: Judy Tolbert, 3032 Riverview Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99709  
Or email to Judy Tolbert at [jmtolbert@alaska.edu](mailto:jmtolbert@alaska.edu)

Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation is a 503 (c) 3 charitable organization.



# Get Connected!

## How You Can Help

Here are different ways you can market your involvement in DKG:

- Share on personal social media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Have a one-on-one conversation with other educators about chapter and state projects that impact students
- Share the benefits of membership, including fellowship, scholarships, stipends, and professional development
- Display DKG logo on your car, phone, or notebook
- Invite a friend to a meeting or conference/convention
- Offer professional development to local teachers
- Volunteer in a school
- Partner with a teacher or school in a service project



## Tell Your Story

Last year, the International Communication and Publicity Committee encouraged members to share their “back” stories at a DKG meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear why an educator became a member, her experiences in education, and why she is *still* a member. Honoring the stories of our members increases our knowledge and understanding of their experiences and broadens our horizons. Share stories at <https://goo.gl/forms/YqLnI4KsedT8lqLp1>.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

January/February 2019

## Sharing Who We Are and What We Do

How do we market our exceptional and diverse talents? How do we share with others all that DKG offers and let this “best kept secret” out of the bag and in front of educators worldwide?

Social media is changing so rapidly that groups and businesses often struggle to keep up. As DKG continues to move forward and seek new ideas to recruit and retain members, we are constantly searching for the best ways to interact with our group while respecting the traditions of past recruitment efforts.

Research shows people need to see an advertisement twelve times before it registers with them, so the more times they see it, the easier it becomes to engage with it. Examples of this are websites, social media postings, personal interactions and experiences.

What can we do as a group to satisfy our members, so they will want to share with everyone the positive aspects of belonging to DKG? We all know one positive recommendation or reference is better than any advertisement.



Websites, which are the face of an organization, need to be constantly maintained and updated while social media can be changed every day. Websites serve as a foundation and source of information for the chapter and state rather than an evolving interactive source. Is your website in compliance and recognized by successful completion of [Form 72a](#)? If not, check out the requirements on DKG.org and apply today.

Daily interactions with a state or chapter Facebook page are critical because the more engagement the post receives the more likely that someone will see it. Feature your members bi-weekly or monthly, share your stories and projects, past experiences, and how DKG impacts your community. Events can be posted and shared with pictures and videos and it is easy to tag others in attendance. The more you engage with the media the more information is spread and the exposure is widened.

Our focus is on our members and what they need to be able to move forward. We can do this by letting the world know who we are and what we do. As a DKG member, offer new possibilities and endless opportunities for women in your community, state and world.

## How are you marketing DKG?

- How is your chapter and state marketing your work?
- How are you supporting and helping teachers in your area?
- What recruitment and, more importantly, retention practices are working for your chapter and state?
- Do you have other ideas to market our organization?

[Share your marketing ideas with us](#) and we'll share the results!





# Get Connected!

## New Chat Feature on DKG Website

If you need an answer to a question quickly, try the new chat feature on the DKG website!



We are online  
[Click here to chat now](#)

The chat box, pinned on the bottom right of the website, is available during Headquarters' business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST. Leave a message at other times and someone will respond the next day.

Originally intended to unlock accounts, members have also asked questions about scholarships, forms, and more. Chat monitors have responded to over 550 requests in a little over a month! They are there to help you!

## MyDKG lists more for Presidents, Treasurers

Chapter/state presidents and treasurers have an extra tab on the red menu bar in their MyDKG profile.

The Chapter/State Connect tab has a link to view or download their chapter/state roster of membership data. It also has quick links to current forms, such as annual report or dues forms. These change to keep current forms readily accessible.

Membership data is downloadable as either a spreadsheet or pdf file. Forms are available in their original format.

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## MyDKG and the Member Directory

Have you ever met a fellow DKG member but later didn't know how to get in touch with her? Have you ever wanted to find a phone number for a committee member? The Member Directory is the answer—if the member has updated and shared her profile.

MyDKG on the International website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) is a member's profile. It contains the member's chapter, id number, date joined, address, email, phone number, and more. It is also where members can update that information, access Communities, donate to the Emergency Fund, shop DKG, and register for conferences and conventions.

Once logged into the member-side of the DKG website, click on the MyDKG tab. (To log into the site, a member needs her id number and password. Ask the chapter president for the information or contact Headquarters [see left].) Use the pencil edit icon to update information on the About Me tab in the red bar. Click save after any changes.

Next, click on the My Participation tab and click yes to share the information in the Member Directory. This will allow other members—and members only—to find you in the Directory.

The more member emails added to the Directory, the more valuable the resource will be in finding other members. For example, often members assume new responsibilities and updated profiles can help them find a member when they need the talents of that individual.

Since a member can easily update her own data, she knows it is accurate and International has the most current information for others to use. If everyone shares their profiles, members will have a directory and method of communicating with any member anywhere.

About Me    My Participation    My Communities    Member Directory    Chapter Connect

### Communication Preferences

Please indicate your preferences below:

YES - Include my DKG Profile in the Members Only Online Directory  
 YES - I would like to receive Email Communication from DKG  
 YES - I would like to receive communications from DKG by text message.

Unsubscribe from all

**Save**   **Cancel**

## Security of MyDKG Applauded

Technology consultants contracted to assess the DKG network had high praise for the Society's membership network. They commended it for being current and updated in each aspect of security. Victor Trisnadi, Technology Director, has a strong background in server and IT management and takes pride in monitoring Headquarters' servers and ensuring security patches and anti-virus protocols are up-to-date to keep member's information safe. So, update your MyDKG profile and know your information is secure!

