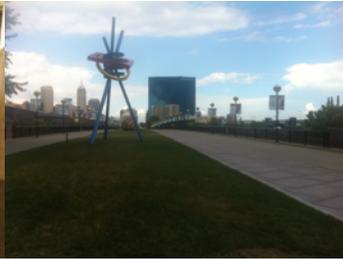


# The Alaska Nuggets

BETA GAMMA STATE



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL for KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



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## Beta Gamma State President's Message

As I worked with the cleanup crew on our mile-long section of Adopt-a-Highway this morning, I thought of you. Others had paired up, and I was alone. I let my mind wander while walking and stooping over my section. What should my greeting be for this September edition of *The Nuggets*?

I thought about my former student council members who used every section of the building as they did monthly service projects for both the school and the community. My mantra to them was "always leave everything cleaner than we find it," because we were *borrowing* areas of the school for our activities. Between the actual trash pickup and memories of teaching tidiness at school, you'd think I would have raced home and cleaned the house from top to bottom. Ha! I'm glad that's a Spring chore.

Instead, my mind-wandering on the cleanup trial has led me to this: Remember to revisit your DKG jobs, whether you are an officer or worker-bee member. How tidy are you in your area of commitment? We have new officers who had a "box exchange" over the summer. Did you actually *look* inside the box? Or did you *set it aside* until Fall, when activities pick up again for DKG? Have you looked at it recently, or did you jump in to the new season, unaided?

Committee chair and members also need to rethink your role in DKG. How do you want to

help your new executive committee and further your own growth? The more actively you involve yourself now, the more you'll learn and feel empowered to take on leadership responsibilities of your own, beyond the ever-important and always-appreciated committee level.

Everyone...take time *now* to peruse your boxes, both mentally and physically. Downsize what you don't need and upsize your ideas for the coming Biennium. From One Member, to One Chapter, to Beta Gamma State, to the International Society...we each need to take this opportunity to de-clutter, decide what's most important to keep, and discover new points of interest to pursue.

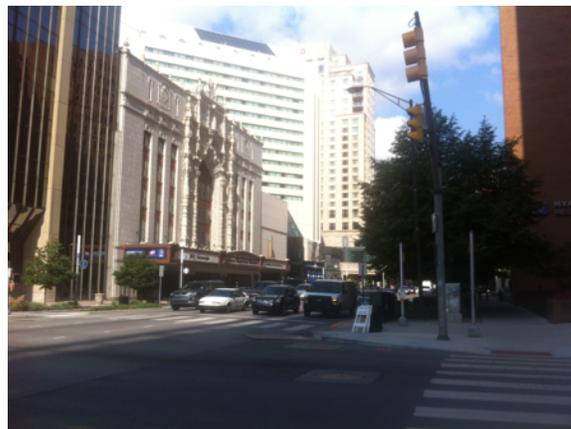
Let the minds of those who came before us teach us, as we remember and keep, or rework, strong ideas from the past. Let us, in turn, continue to touch the hearts of new teachers and potential members of the present, as we strive to grow our DKG sisterhood. Everything we do should foster our learning and membership into the future. Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, International President, reiterates this thought with her theme for the 2014 – 2016 biennium...

**85 Years and Beyond:  
Advancing Key Women  
Educators for Life**

## Congratulations from Beta Gamma State, Alaska, to the next group of outstanding women on the 2014 – 2016 DKG Administrative Board.

President, Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid  
First Vice President, Cathy P. Daugherty  
Second Vice President, Jeannette Zuniga  
Interim Executive Director, Sandra Smith Bull  
Europe Regional Director, Marianne Skardéus  
Northeast Regional Director, Dr. Kay Clawson  
Northwest Regional Director, Dr. Phyllis VanBuren  
Southeast Regional Director, Becky Sadowski  
Southwest Regional Director, Beth Schieber  
Immediate Past President, Dr. Beverly Helms  
Member -at-Large 2014-16, Barbara L. Whiting  
Member-at-Large 2014-18, Dr. Hannah Fowler  
Area Representative, Dr. Donna-Faye Madhosing (Canada)  
Area Representative, Tamara Flores Hernández (Latin America)

Beautiful Indiana Theater, built in 1927 and refurbished in 1980, when the Indiana Repertory Theater moved in to provide 10 diverse plays each season. The main stage area is also available for extravaganzas in an incredible setting. A highlight in Indianapolis that Beta Gamma State members saw while touring downtown after DKG International sessions ended for the day.



### OMICRON CHAPTER NEWS

In late August of 2014, “the Homer food pantry inside the United Methodist Church was filled with families lining up for their chance to pick up fish fillets, beans, rice, and other necessities. But before they reached the food, a few split off to get into another line leading into a separate room where the Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was set up handing out backpacks full of the goodies every child needs for school.” Thus began Quinton Chandler’s report on KBBI in Homer, which eventually reached NPR, again spreading the news of how Omicron members attempt to help take away barriers that students may encounter as they start a new school year. Classroom and school supply lists are generally found on schools’ web pages, but there are students in every classroom who can’t afford all of what might be on a list. Omicron Chapter steps in to help these students towards better success in school when they have required supplies. Chandler wrapped up the story by saying, “Delta Kappa Gamma’s members say they help about 100 students in the Kachemak Bay Area get supplies every school year, and there is always a need as the school year moves forward.”

## THETA CHAPTER NEWS



Members of Theta Chapter took the opportunity to investigate the Poker Flats Research Range on July 17th, at its Open House. Poker Flats is the largest land-based rocket research range in the world and the only high-latitude rocket range in the United States. It launches scientific sounding rockets, performs satellite tracking and is home to a growing fleet of unmanned aircraft. The research station also has many scientific instruments designed to study the Arctic atmosphere and ionosphere, and of course,



the Aurora Borealis.

Located approximately 30 miles north of Fairbanks off the Steese Highway, the range is operated by the University of Alaska's Geophysical Institute under contract to NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, part of the Goddard Space Flight Center. Poker Flats also works with other paying customers, including the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army, the National Science Foundation, and a number of Universities and research laboratories.

The first launch at Poker Flats was in March of 1969. As part of our experience, we heard Dr. Neal Brown, director of Poker Flats from 1971 to 1989, talk about the history of the site, using some incredible photos. It was interesting to observe the safety measures employed before a test, to insure the safety of everyone on the site.



The weather was perfect for the tour of the facility, which included the Rocket Storage building where there were various geophysical science activities to try. Also included were the Block House, the Rocket Assembly buildings, the Payload Assembly building, the Balloon Inflation building, and the 5 Launch Pads. The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle area, where we enjoyed an aerial demonstration, was a highlight of the tour.

As a wrap-up to this fun "road trip," we stopped on our way back to Fairbanks for dinner at The Silver Gulch. This restaurant offers dining as part of the Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company, the farthest north brewery in America.

### Reporting the Death of a Member

Chapter presidents are to report the death of a member immediately to International and to Beta Gamma State. The updated, interactive report form (Form 6) is available at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under Forms. It may be completed online and sent to the Membership Services Administrator or printed and mailed. A copy is to be sent to Beta Gamma State President, Judy Jasperson, [dkgjasperson@gmail.com](mailto:dkgjasperson@gmail.com); Beta Gamma State Treasurer Joan Lower, [joan@alaska.net](mailto:joan@alaska.net); and Beta Gamma State Membership Chair Helen Gonion, [ballaten@yahoo.com](mailto:ballaten@yahoo.com). The chapter president or membership chair should also keep a copy.

## *Remembering Dr. Irene...*

On August 6, 2014, DKG lost past International President Dr. Irene Murphy. This was especially sad for me because she was the first International President that I knew personally. Her term of office was 1994-1996 and I was serving as Beta Gamma State President for the biennium 1995-1997.

I was as green as spring grass when it came to the international level of the Society, and the leadership training in Des Moines, IA had my mind whirling. In addition to my trying to digest the formidable State President's 3-ring orientation binder, Alaska was attempting to gain approval from the NW President's group to host NW Regional '99.



In those days, the Society was heavily influenced by headquarters staff, who had decided that Alaska wasn't a suitable venue for a NW regional conference. So promoters Kati Rogness and Sandra McGowan helped me begin a PR campaign to win the support of the 16 NW presidents who had the authority to accept or reject Alaska's invitation. After dinner and a hot tub session the first evening, Sister Presidents thought Alaska would be a perfect site!

The next day when Dr. Irene made her appearance before our presidents' group, Kati and Sandy had just given the formal invitation. Over the Presidents' wishes, staff was explaining why Alaska just was not acceptable. When the problem was put before Dr. Irene, I vividly remember her saying, "If Alaska wants to host the regional, I don't see why not. It's up to the presidents to decide." And after a moment of stunned silence, just like that, the earth moved. The Presidents accepted the invitation and Alaska hosted NW Regional '99.

Dr. Irene Murphy (September 9, 1924-August 6, 2014) was a life-long Pennsylvania educator who served as a reading specialist for 23 years, and substitute taught after retirement until reaching her early 80's. Twenty years ago, she promoted membership as a top Society priority. She recognized that DKG would be facing changing times and changing needs. Dr. Irene is remembered by her Golden Gift classmates as "a great lady, one who led with grace and dignity, but moved us forward always."

And now, we have an amazing coincidence: exactly 20 years later, our new DKG International President for 2014-2016 is Dr. Lyn Schmid also from Pennsylvania. She also worked in the reading field, as a supervisor. Quoting from her Indianapolis convention address this summer, Dr. Lyn said, "Identify and invite to membership women who have potential to make a difference in their work and in their community... the new Delta Kappa Gamma **Icon** Women who will advance us into the next generation and evolution of our Society."

I think Dr. Irene must have applauded and joined in a standing ovation.

Daphne Hofschulte  
Beta Chapter, Fairbanks

**Copyright law** says you need written permission from someone if you publish (that's print or Internet or a blog or Facebook) something you didn't create yourself. Could be a photo, a poem, song lyrics, etc., where one's creative juices were used to "create" whatever you're using. For example, my use of the quotes posted on my emails doesn't require that - those words aren't copyrightable. But if I used the whole portion of Burke's writings from where I took the quote, I'd need permission. Or if I took a portion out of an article that Mark Stein wrote and put it into an article I was posting in a blog or in a flyer or even in writing of my own (EXCEPT where it's in an educational setting), then I'd need written permission.

I can create a parody of a song (like Weird Al Yankovich does) and not break copyright law, since I'm using MY creative juices to create something different as a social commentary, something also protected by the First Amendment, especially if it's satirical.

Chapter 17 U.S.C. Part 107 says that fair use of a copyrighted work "for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, is not an infringement of copyright."

The whole point of copyright law is to protect the creator (using creative juices) so others can't take advantage of him/her but also for the enrichment of the general public. S/he is quite able to give one person permission and not another, or put it out there under open access, where anyone can access it and utilize the information to go in another direction with that info.

There is much case law on copyright, but the basic is - don't use someone else's work in place of your own. Make it transformative, not a derivative. Thanks, Aldean

## BETA CHAPTER NEWS

Beta Chapter's first meeting with new presidents Bonnie Roberts and Judy Tolbert was conducted by Judy since Bonnie (cleverly) lost her voice. Judy says it will even out next month when she is out of town and Bonnie will be in charge – they are a good pair! Exactly ½ of our 48 member chapter was in attendance – we're a busy, far-flung group!

We had a great overview of upcoming ballot initiatives from Mary Lee Guthrie and Beta member Linda Witt, both members of the League of Women Voters, where Linda is past Alaska president. It's helpful to hear objective explanations so we can each make up our own mind on controversial issues such as legalization of marijuana. Linda encouraged us to take advantage of opportunities to assist

with voter registration and elections - get involved!

Then we got ship-shaped up with committee meetings to choose goals and projects for the biennium. What a lot of great ideas! The budget was passed with some regret for needing to reduce line items due to smaller membership numbers. This seems to be a concern at all levels of the Society. Thank you to each one who has chosen to remain a part of the DKG Society.

### Beta Gamma DKG State Scholarship

Have you been a Delta Kappa Gamma member for a year or more? Are you working on an educational endorsement, certification, or graduate degree? Beta Gamma State may have money for you! Apply for the Alaska Beta Gamma State Scholarship by March 1, 2015. The details and application form are on the State website: [www.dkg-ak.org/scholarships.html](http://www.dkg-ak.org/scholarships.html)

## A few Indianapolis Convention Numbers...

- 1415 Registered DKG Delegates
- 17 Countries Represented
- 5 Alaska Delegates (Aldean, Judy B., Judy I., Judy J., and Marlin)
- 6 Days of Activities for executive board and members
- 3 Keynote Speakers
- 5 General Business Meetings
- 120 Breakout Sectionals, in 7 Sessions, over 4 days
- 116 Program Book Pages

The enjoyment you have meeting with your local chapter members quadruples as you move up the ladder. From chapter, to state, to regional workshops, to International convention, the atmosphere and thrill heighten. What's nice is that while things change, many things stay the same. You experience business meetings, delicious food, the in-house Marketplace, inspirational speakers and workshops... magnified! Yet even with the numbers, it feels cozy, because the administrative team and host chapter are so organized.

Didn't attend? You could follow the daily updates on the DKG website and stream the Opening Ceremonies for the first time. Our members' talents were featured at every opportunity, with special music, comments from state/province presidents, and reports of committees. The guest speakers each day also held sectionals. Sarah Sladek showed us effective steps to attract



and maintain multi-generational members. Ron Rosenberg helped us with tricks to enhance our memory. Dr. Ellen Kennedy spoke poignantly about human trafficking. It is one of the world's fastest growing criminal activities, and happening right in our own communities. At the U.S. Forum breakout session, which followed, our own Northwest Region chose this challenging topic as our focus for the coming biennium.



From the processional of member country flags, welcome by the Indianapolis Mayor, and solo by Japan sister, Reiko Sumi on Monday, to the presentation of state organization presidents, scrumptious dinner, and installation ceremony Friday evening, July 28 – August 1 was a week like no other.



Blue building is JW Marriott Indianapolis, site of DKG International Convention 2014; area is White River State Park, a wonderful walking/riding area.

## 2014 DKG Beta Gamma State Achievement Award

My day had started with my daughter from Juneau and I sitting in the waiting room at Providence Hospital. My husband, Scott, was undergoing a double bypass heart procedure. He did very well and came through the surgery with flying colors.



I had previously planned to attend our Area Council Founder's Day Dinner that evening. Since Scott was doing well and would be resting that evening, my daughter encouraged me to go to the dinner as planned. I always enjoy gathering together with my DKG sisters, and I was prepared for an evening of good food and interesting conversation. Eta, my chapter, was responsible for the Founder's Day program. My friend, Gretchen Van Hove, had written a wonderful skit for us to perform, honoring the founders of our society.

It was announced that there was an addition to the program. I thought that was curious, but sat back and began to hear the description of a person who sounded as though she was an active member of our society. I still had no idea what was happening. I realized that Carolyn Rooker, who was sitting next to me, kept glancing in my direction. As I continued to listen to the speaker I began to recognize some familiar statements. When I heard that this person had spent six years on the Board of Directors of Anchorage Youth Court, a light went on in my head. She was talking about me! I had been chosen to receive the Beta Gamma State Achievement Award!

What an honor to be selected to join a very select group of women of Delta Kappa Gamma. I was extremely touched by this honor. The honor was doubly special when I realized that the medallion I will wear, was also worn by Carolyn Rooker.

Thank you for this special honor!  
Barbara Sell

Eta Chapter member Barb Sell received the 2014 Beta Gamma State Achievement Award at the Anchorage Area Founders' Day Dinner May 1. The Award is usually presented at the April State Workshop or Convention, but Barb was not able to attend the 2014 Workshop, so the award was given in May.

Barb has been active with her Chapter, Anchorage Area Council, and with the State most of the time since she became a member in 1977. She has always been available to her Chapter for committee assignments, chapter projects, and leadership positions. She has served the Chapter as President for two bienniums, chaired many committees, and is the main organizer and general go-to person for the Chapter's annual 2-day garage sale each spring.

Barb has worked on the annual Area Council Mini-Grant Breakfast, assisted the biennial Founders' Day Recognition, and has supported other Area Council discussions and activities.

At the State level, Barb is the immediate past Chairman of the State Rules Committee, a position she held for at least three bienniums. Barb was also State First Vice-President for the 2003-2005 biennium and chair of the 2005 Convention held in Anchorage.

Barb also worked on the planning and presenting of the 1999 Regional Conference in Anchorage. She is a faithful attendee at State Leadership Workshops and Conventions and has attended a number of Regional Workshops and International Conventions.

She is an outstanding role model for other Delta Kappa Gamma members

## **Beta Gamma State Convention to be in Anchorage**

Eta Chapter, Anchorage, has agreed to host the Beta Gamma State Convention April 17 and 18, 2015. All Convention activities will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Midtown, 109 West International Airport Road (corner of C Street and International Airport Road).

The Convention Schedule and Registration Form will be available in the January Nuggets as well as online. Members may make their hotel reservations any time between now and March 15, 2015 by contacting the Crowne Plaza - Midtown at 907-433-4100 and mentioning Delta Kappa Gamma. Convention room rates are \$114.00 per night, plus tax. Choices are a room with one King-sized bed or a room with two double beds. The hotel has a shuttle to provide transportation to and from the airport.

The members of Eta Chapter are looking forward to hosting the Convention and are excited at the prospect of seeing our sisters from all the other chapters.

**YOUR** NW Regional Director is a veteran teacher with experience at the K-12 and postsecondary level, teaching Spanish, German and FL pedagogy. I had no intention to learn either Spanish or German but each has enriched my life.

I have a supportive husband--I celebrate his birthday with my DKG friends every year. I am proud of my two adult children and adore my one-year-old granddaughter. It is my time to serve--DKG and you.



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### **AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT**

Each regional conference is sponsored by DKG International. Each conference will be unique but will reflect the same theme and changes. If you are unable to attend the NW regional conference, attend one in another region. Maybe the dates don't fit into your schedule. Maybe you plan to visit daily or friends in another area. Maybe you've always wanted to visit, say Sweden, to do genealogical research. Tie that in with this year's EU regional conference that will be held August 5-8 in Boras, Sweden.

And a heads up for the DKG International Convention in 2016 - It's going to be in Nashville, Tennessee!

### **Northwest Regional Conference Watch**

Regina, Saskatchewan awaits your arrival in late July—for preconference training for newly elected officers and tours (experiential learning opportunities) for attendees and guests before our great conference.



Regina is the city located closest to the geographic center of North America. It is a bustling city of over 200,000. Hotel Saskatchewan overlooks Victoria Park, close to cultural centers, restaurants and shops.

**Regina, the Queen's City invites YOU!!  
July 29 to August 1, 2015!**

**Reminder that the next Nuggets edition comes out mid-January. Please send photos (with names indicated somehow), articles, convention information, chapter news, whatever, to Aldean by January 1, 2015 ([akilbourn@gci.net](mailto:akilbourn@gci.net)). Make certain you get a reply that she's received it; don't assume she got it!**