

The Alaska Nuggets

BETA GAMMA STATE



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Message from Beta Gamma Alaska President Judy Jaspersen

As I watched the snow fall and make true the “Severe Winter Storm” prediction of the news, I debated about driving the 45-mile trek back home, or staying on the living room floor at my mom’s. I was at a card party with my nieces and daughter from Perth, Australia, before she left in three days. Lots of laughter and reminiscing.

We’d even debated about getting together at all, with several warnings of pending bad weather over the past few days. My brother said, “We’re Alaskans. Of course you can drive across town in the snow!” Fortunately, I was on the road in daylight, drove slowly without thoughts of passing any cars, and enjoyed the drive into town in just a bit of wind and flurries.

However, as we played cards, the snow did get higher and my decision was made for me when a friend came in saying the roads were terrible and he’d had white-knuckle driving in the whiteout conditions. My nephew drove his wife home 20 miles and their “we got here safely” text, reported one-lane traffic and 3 cars in the ditch. I was glad I’d stayed put!

Similarly, I’m glad I stayed a second biennium as State President. There have been experiences and decisions aplenty. The two executive boards I’ve served with allowed for

lots of laughter and reminiscing, as we worked to strengthen DKG Alaska State.

We’ve moved to annual joint executive board/general business meetings, updated our on-line executive board meetings to use the Go-To-Meeting capabilities provided by International, and begun efforts to increase membership statewide by using Dr. Lynn’s formula.

Sadly, we’ve said goodbye to several chapters in the past four years and celebrated the lives of several sisters who have passed away. I’m hopeful that as you talk about keeping the members you have and finding new ones, that you’ll consider reaching out again, to former DKG ladies in your area. It is possible that “whiteout” conditions in their lives have changed in the past few years and they are now able to rejoin DKG Alaska. Let them know that yours is not a one-lane traffic chapter and that you’d love having them back to participate in your many interesting activities and projects.

Yes, “We’re Alaskans”! That prestigious title means we are ever pioneers. Yet again, our Alaska State Executive Board has decided to try something different, in an effort to make us better. Our April 22, 2017 state convention will be in a GTM format, open to all members. Read further in this edition of The Nuggets and stay tuned to your chapter presidents, as plans are finalized.

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, 2017 to the scholarship committee chairman, Tanya O'Brien at 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>

Beta Gamma State Scholarship Application 2016-2017 [pdf file](#)

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This year the amount of the Scholarship Award is \$1,097. Spread the word. The committee is eager to award this scholarship!

Contact any of the Scholarship Committee members for further information:

Scholar Chair Tanya O'Brien

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Scholar Member Mary Ann Curtis

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Scholar Member Gayle Hammons

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Beta Supports Local Women

Not long after the idea was presented to Beta chapter, to do a project to benefit the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IAC), the donations started appearing. First it was a chic leather-look purse filled with personal care items: soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, body lotion, makeup and a hairbrush. Then a handmade, colorful, quilted bag containing similar items was donated. The idea really caught on and boxes and huge bags of personal care items arrived. One member even gave a shopping bag filled with various-sized gift bags and dozens of notepads and pens. In the end, the chapter filled almost 50 bags/purses with personal care items for the clients of IAC. Additionally, a large bag of one-of-a-kind items was given. The staff at IAC was most appreciative and said, "We need personal care items for our clients all the time, year round." Job well done, Beta chapter!! The Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living provides shelter and supportive services to those experiencing domestic violence and/or sexual assault. For more information on the IAC, or to make a donation, call (907) 452-2293.

There are still six months before the current biennium ends. Start thinking about ways you can serve at the state level. Your new executive committee will need committee chairs. Each of those committees generally has at least two members. While some positions rotate, and a person serves more than one biennium, most are only two-year commitments. We are grateful to those of you who choose to stay on a committee for a second (or more) term.

Spring into Something New on

April 22, 2017 by President Judy

Attend our Alaska State Convention from the comfort of your own home! Or at least attend from the comfort of one of your own homes, in your own community, with ALL OF your own chapter members surrounding you!

Once again your Alaska Executive Board is thinking outside the box, for a way to get as many as possible involved in DKG. By April, we're hopeful you will have an increased membership and will be introducing brand new members to our brand new meeting format.

Think face-to-face through Go-To-Meeting! We have decided to use GTM for our State Convention this year. It will still be in April. It will still feature business, officer elections/ inductions, and perhaps a speaker or workshop or two. Nita Scott, the Society's Membership Administrator, will visit us from TX, where the administrative board is excited to see how we do.

Details are forthcoming and registration will be handled through your chapter at a later date. We'd like as many as possible to attend from one of the two sites each chapter will be assigned. If you are out of town, you could even have the capability to join GTM from wherever you are. I conducted the last Executive Board meeting from Bainbridge Island and know others who were in WA and MT. Computers are wonderful, and our Communication Chair, Monica Stockburger, is even more so. As she has in the past, Monica will be sure our computer needs are met at the various locations.

We will not be able to hug friends from around the state. Instead we will be able to hug in-town members who might not usually get to meetings and are attending this all important event right at home. In addition, we can share our smiles, laughter, and discussion across the state through cyberspace! With as many as possible attending your *local* meeting, we could have the biggest *state* meeting in our history. How does 100% attendance sound? YOU can make that happen on APRIL 22, 2017!

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International Communications and Publicity Blog

It's not a difficult task. It's done very simply and takes less than a minute. Go to <http://dkgcommunications2016.blogspot.com/> and enter your email address to follow the Communications and Publicity committee blog. You'll receive notifications of new posts and comments. We've been discussing websites, email communication, social media, and even how to get attention! Join us, won't you? Make a comment and let us know you're 'listening.'

NEW MEMBERSHIP SUPERVISOR AT HEADQUARTERS

International invites you to join us as we welcome Tracey M. Wilson to our staff as membership services supervisor. As administrator, Nita Scott will of course continue to be available to you as well; however, Tracey will be a primary contact for you in the membership services department.

With many years of experience in coordinating projects, working with international clients and managing a variety of concerns while employed by Texas Executive Education at the University of Texas McCombs School of Business, Tracey is ready to assist you with your membership concerns. You can reach Tracey at traceyw@dkg.org. Tracey is also an active DKG member here in the Austin area.

REMEMBER TO "OPT IN"

International has asked all DKG members to log into their website and register. Log in under My Account, using your membership number. Contact your chapter president for the password or our webmaster, Maryanne, at dkgallan@gmail.com.

Click on My DKG to Set up your account and create your profile page and change your password.

Click on My Participation.

Scroll to Communication Preferences and click the share option to "Opt In."

DKG International Scholarship Information 2017

My name is Alice Hartness-Reichle, and I am a member of the DKG Oregon Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. I live in Portland, and my local chapter is Alpha Phi. I am currently the Northwest regional representative on the International Scholarship Committee, and I am your contact member to serve you on this committee.

Please help this international committee promote our international scholarships at both the state and chapter levels. You can do this through a variety of communication and publicity tools within the Society. At the state and chapter levels you can promote the international scholarships through your websites, Facebook pages, twitter accounts, and newsletters. Please work with your members and your state communications & publicity committee chairs to promote scholarship information at state meetings. I also encourage you to direct members to the scholarship committee page on the Society website at www.dkg.org. More information and resources are available on the page.

At this time it is especially important to remind your members of the annual international scholarship application deadline which 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. Please, encourage your members to start preparing their applications now.

Criteria information and scholarship applications are available under the **Forms** link on the top of the homepage of the Society website at www.dkg.org. On the website, click on Forms and then click on **Applications**.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at dareichle@comcast.net

I am here to help you in any way I can.

Yours in DKG,
Alice Hartness-Reichle
2016-2018 International Scholarship Committee

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

ALL CALL from our NW Regional Director

Rhonda Anderson is looking for YOU to present a workshop or lead a Ten Minute Takeaway session, which is an intense topic of concern or interest to educators regarding personal, professional, and DKG concerns. The Ten Minute Takeaway will be held between Breakout Sessions and will allow members to address more issues at the Workshop Conference

HOW IT WORKS: At the 2017 NW Regional Conference, there will be 30 minutes between Breakout Sessions. The first ten minutes of the 30 minutes can be used to walk to a session or network. The second ten minutes will be for the Ten Minute Takeaway that will have 10-40 listeners per room, with the speaker standing and addressing members. No PowerPoint or technology will be used in the Ten Minute Takeaway except maybe a microphone. After the Ten Minute Takeaway, members have a final ten minutes to settle in to the next Breakout Session.

SIGN UP: If you plan to attend our NW Regional Conference in Spearfish, consider being a presenter in this way. Geri Benshoof and Daphne Hofshulte had standing-room-only crowds at their presentation in 2014 and enjoyed the 45-minute experience. This shorter version is an easy way to get the speaker bug, in front of a trusting audience. Let this opportunity encourage you to go to Regionals this year!

Travel with DKG is a Win-Win!

Everyone raves about traveling with DKG members! Now it's your turn! Join DKG in its tour of Lisbon, Portugal prior to visiting Seville, Cordoba, Madrid, San Sebastian, Burgos, Bilbao and other parts of The Basque Country in Spain. Traveling with DKG affords a benefit to members who like to share experiences with friends and receive first class service. *Go Ahead Tours* is partnering with DKG and its international non-dues revenue committee. A percentage of the earnings from the tour are returned to DKG. So, it is a win-win for members and for DKG itself.

Board your overnight flight on Friday June 2, 2017 and arrive in Lisbon, Portugal to be welcomed by your tour director and fellow travelers. You will depart from Spain on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 for home. You may book your own air fare or Go Ahead Tours will book it for you.

The price is great for 11 nights in handpicked hotels, breakfast daily, 5 three-course dinners with beer or wine, one olive oil tasting at an olive farm and one wine tasting, guided sightseeing, select entrance fees included, private deluxe motor coach and multilingual tour director plus other optional excursions. Outstanding DKG camaraderie, excellent sights such as cathedrals, monasteries, museums, castles, the Chapel of Bones, Royal Alcazar, once home to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella; mosques, public baths, Flamenco shows, the Mezquita, a UNESCO world Heritage site, and more can be yours if you call **1 800 438 7672** and book today!

To view a daily itinerary visit, portugalandspaindkg.grouptoursite.com. You may also contact Dr. Beverly Helms, DKG Ambassador, at 850 547 3220, or bevhelms@embarqmail.com for additional information.

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Check out the DKG website at www.dkg.org for a more detailed itinerary.

*Advertised tour price is based on June 2, 2017 land-only trip and is for customers that book before March 1, 2017. Additional departure gateways are available. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and vary by gateway. Changes or cancellations will result in a fee of up to the total tour price. Applicable airline baggage fees are not included and can be found at goaheadtours.ca/baggagefees. Please contact the airline for more information. To view Go Ahead's complete Terms and Conditions, visit goaheadtours.com/terms. The tour operator for your trip is EF Education First International Ltd

DKG Personal Profile – A Connection to DKG Members

Have you ever wanted a pen pal? Have you ever considered discussing your favorite book with someone from Finland? Or do you want to know strategies and tips on DKG membership? The Society's website offers the opportunity for each member to make these and many other connections with DKG members around the world.

First, you need to sign in to the dkg.org website with your membership number and password. You are now in a secure website available only to members. Second, create an account by going to MyDKG from the top menu bar. By filling in a very brief personal profile, you can then join communities and also be listed in the Member Directory. For example, the author of this article is one of ten Iowa members with a profile. We are able to join, or even create, a Community.

As of this writing, there are 10 Communities from which to choose. By contacting Nita Scott at nitas@dkg.org, you could even suggest a new Community! She will also answer your specific questions. Within each Community are sections for Discussions, Blogs, Resource Library, Wiki, and a list of Participants in that Community.

Create an account on our dkg.org website and find a Community you'd like to join. Share your thoughts and ideas, questions or concerns, hopes and dreams with other members around the world.

DKG Communities

Communities on dkg.org that are available to members:

DKG Book Club

DKG Communications and Publicity

DKG Home Life

DKG Membership Forum

DKG Travels

DKG Collaborative Communities

DKG for Social Media

DKG in Canada

DKG Mentoring

DKG with a Focus on the Arts

It is courteous to take time to reply to emails. Just a word of thanks, a note of receipt, or indication of having actually read an email tells the sender that information is being exchanged. DKG desires its members to communicate and to be responsive.



**THETA
CHAPTER
TOURS
MORRIS
THOMPSON
CENTER AND
INITIATES
NEW MEMBER**

Before the snow fell, members of Theta Chapter gathered out front of the Morris Thompson Visitors's Center and were given an exclusive tour by Executive Director Cindy Schumaker through the Walter and Mary Gould cabin. Built before 1910, the cabin provides a glimpse into the early days of Fairbanks. On the edge of a bustling gold rush town, Mary Ellen cooked on a wood stove, carried water by bucket, and spent evenings with her husband reading or sewing.

Like other homes in early Fairbanks, the cabin was simple and small to construct, which minimized the amount of firewood needed for cooking and heating. Remaining on its original site, the cabin exists today in large part due to the pioneer Burnett family, who owned it for many years and helped keep this part of original Fairbanks intact.

From there, the tour moved inside the Visitors' Center, where there was time to view the Bill Engles painting of traditional Doyon Chief Peter John coming home after a day of hunting (donated by the Jack O'Brien family and Tanya's late husband) and see all the images of Fairbanksans that so many members fondly remember, be they students, old timers, athletes, or politicians. This Center tells the story of the Interior so well.

Afterwards, we celebrated the initiation of Jackie Barkdull into Theta and talked about the coming year's events.

Deadline for May Nuggets is May 1, 2017. Please send photos as well as write up an article from your chapter. You can highlight someone in your chapter, talk about a project your chapter has undertaken, introduce your latest inductees, or describe a regional convention one of your members may have attended. Write up the experience and send photos! (Please do identify who is in the photos, l to r)

2017 Regional Conferences

Northwest – June 28-July 1 – Spearfish, South Dakota
Southwest – July 4-7 – Honolulu, Hawaii
Northeast – July 12-14 – Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Southeast – July 19-22 – Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Europe – July 26-29 – Tallinn, Estonia

CONSIDER AS PART OF YOUR VACATION!

The Nominations Committee submits the following names for consideration for election as Beta Gamma State Officers 2017-2019:
President - Colleen Brown
1st VP - Amy Budge
2nd VP - Still seeking nominations
Secretary - Cherilyn Ansley

Please consider this 2nd VP position as a way to serve DKG Alaska State. Contact the Nominations Committee at akilbourn@gci.net if you are interested in helping. Specific job commitments are in our Bylaws and Standing Rules at www.dkgalaska.org.

Colleen Brown is a member of Nu chapter and a former Beta Gamma State 1st VP and 2nd VP. Colleen focused these last four years working on a Masters of Divinity. She graduates May 19. She is now a "licensed and ordained chaplain," working with the Alaska Fire and Police Chaplains and with Hiland Mountain Correctional Center. She is ready to focus and serve our AK State Organization for the 2017 - 2019 Biennium.

Amy Budge currently is 2nd VP. She has been Omicron Chapter President in Homer for many years and will chair our Spring convention in Homer along with Omicron in April, 2018. As State Membership Committee Chair, Amy facilitated International president Dr. Lyn's membership drive information to all chapters and is eager to see State DKG grow as we focus on membership. She was the State World Fellowship Chairperson for several years. Amy is teaching Special Education full time in Homer. This is her 42nd year of teaching, and she is still excited about trying some of the current ideas such as Blended Learning and Deeper Learning. She has been a Charter member of Omicron since 1994.

Cherilyn Ansley is from Eta chapter. She is willing to continue as Secretary for a 2nd Biennium, which is greatly appreciated. She has served as Finance Committee chair for two bienniums, too. She is recently retired from teaching and already has enjoyed several trips with her husband.