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The Fall Board Meeting will be held on October 19, 2024 at Colorado Mountain College in beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and we will be finished at 4:00 p.m. As always, CEU credit will be available, as will lunch. The cost of the registration and meal is \$45.00. The Call and Registration are included in this issue of the Peaks & Plains. Registration is due by October 4th. The deadline for hotel room registration is September 25th.



IMPORTANT!!

PLEASE READ!!

Download issues: We are aware of the issues that some have been having with downloading the Peaks & Plains and Webmaster Heidi has worked to resolve the issue. Please contact Heidi with any further issues. Because each issue is uploaded in PDF form, it should be easily opened and accessed. Secondly, I keep getting the same questions about the deadlines over and over. Once again, the deadlines for submission are February 1, April 1, and September 1. If you see any other dates anywhere else, please disregard them.



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Omega State Officers

2023-2025

President - Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske

1st Vice President - Maggi Johnson

**2nd co-Vice Presidents - Paulette Evans
Deutsch/Karen Libby**

Recording Secretary - Nancy Pierce

**Corresponding Secretary - Memory
Wollenweber**

Executive Secretary - Beth Barzdukas

Treasurer - Lilly Vigil

Parliamentarian - Memory Wollenweber

Editor - Juana Hajek

Webmaster - Heidi Ragsdale

Archivist - Kathy Flynn

**Immediate Past President - Suzanne
Foster**



White Roses of Remembrance



REMINDER FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

It is very important that each death of a member be reported as soon as possible on **Form 6 for Death of a Member**. Please work with your membership team leaders to promptly report to all three of the following:

1. **International Membership Services:**
mem@dkg.org
2. **Omega State Membership Team Leaders:**

Kelly McGuire:

mcguire_maureen@yahoo.com

Farabe Smith: farabes1@gmail.com

3. **Omega State Treasurer: Lilly Vigil:**
cmcer1@msn.com

The form is interactive online and is available on both the state and international websites. Names will not be listed in the White Roses unless the form 6 is submitted.

Team Updates
Nominations Team

The Nominations Team Needs:

Who?

The Nominations Team is composed of one member from each area of the state. The Team shall be elected at the State Convention in odd numbered years by ballot to serve for four (4) years on a rotation basis. The primary consideration of the Nominations Team should be to seek the best leadership available. Each member of the Team shall review all endorsements submitted for each position.

What?

To provide Colorado State with a slate of the best qualified candidates to fill elected positions for each Biennium

When?

TIMELINE

March (year prior to election) - Submit article to Colorado Peaks and Plains regarding the election

March (year prior to election) - Distribute information/nomination forms to chapter presidents at the Spring Executive Board Meeting (dkgcolorado.com)

October (year prior to election) - Give update at Colorado State Fall Executive Board Meeting

November 17 (year prior to election) - Nominees submit nomination forms and photos to Team Chairman

February 15 (year of the election) - Nominations Team Chairman sends photos and biographies of nominees to Colorado Peaks and Plains editor for March publication

March (year of the election) - Present Slate of Officers at Spring Executive Board Meeting

June (year of the election) - Presentation of Slate, Voting and Installation at Colorado State Convention

Why?

Because Colorado State needs strong, dedicated women in leadership positions to represent our members throughout the state. Your organization needs you!

How?

The Nominations Team shall submit, in election years, the name of one (1) nominee for each elective office **and** nominees for the Nominations Team.

The Nominations Team shall request the membership to recommend members capable and willing to serve as state officers and Nominations Team members.

The slate of officers, with candidate qualifications, shall be published in the Colorado Peaks and Plains sixty (60) days prior to the State Convention.

After the report of the Team has been made to the convention, additional nominations may be made from the floor, with the consent of the nominee.

Elections shall be by ballot and a majority vote of the members present and voting at the business session of the State Convention elects. If there is but one nominee for an office, the election may be by voice vote.

The Nominations Team shall prepare the ballot and conduct the election.

How?

Committee Responsibilities:

Follows the Colorado State Colorado Bylaws/Standing Rules in the officer selection process;

Corresponds with Chapter Presidents about nominations for Nominations Team members from their respective areas;

Submits articles/slate of officers and Nominations Team nominees for Colorado Peaks and Plains publications in a timely manner;

Presents the slate of officers at the Spring Colorado State Executive Board Meeting;

Prepares the ballot and conducts the elections at the State Convention;

Meets at Colorado State Executive Board Meetings to develop and review goals, process, guidelines and timelines;

Revises nominations form is needed;

Communicates with Team members throughout the biennium

Your organization needs you!

Star Chapter Awards

Thank you to the 13 chapters who took the time to participate in the Star Chapter Award program. It was exciting to present these awards at the Colorado State Conference in June. Congratulations on all the projects taken on by DKG members. Our chapters throughout the state are “Making a Difference”.

Here are the chapters who received an award this year. Nice work!!! Beta (4), Delta (3), Zeta (3), Eta (2), Mu (4), Rho (4), Phi (3), Chi (4), Omega (3), Alpha Gamma (4), Alpha Iota (3), Alpha Rho (4), and Alpha Chi (3).

You might want to start keeping track of your chapter’s activities and projects starting now. The award for next year will include your chapters activities and participation in State/International events from July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025.

If you have any ideas for the form to make it easier to fill out, new categories, or simplification of language, please let me know. I am very open to new ideas. Have a great year!!!

Submitted by Karen Eilenstine
kbde@comcast.net

Chapter Happenings

Alpha Rho

Our chapter was involved in many exciting activities this past year. In March, we enjoyed reuniting with our sister chapter, Delta. Our theme of the brunch was centered around our program “The Art Life”. The captivating program was presented by Colette Pitcher. She is an artist and educator in several mediums such as painting and sculpture. Colette owns the Showcase Art Center in Greeley, Colorado. Our table decorations and following activities were also artistic and creative. The members participated in a collaborative making of a creative artwork.



Our outreach for this month was donations to James Madison STEAM Academy.

Submitted by Beth Barzdukas

Rho

Rho Chapter held our summer planning meeting on July 18th. As usual, our hostess was Donna Hoover, who graciously opens her home to us each summer. We have planned some very interesting programs for our meetings, including a tour of our local buffalo ranch. After we concluded the planning portion of our meeting, we enjoyed a potluck luncheon which was finished off with Donna’s delicious homemade

ice cream. We are looking forward to a great year!

On another note. I am happy to report that my mother, Farabe Smith, is recovering very well from the stroke she suffered early this summer. She was recently able to travel from Hugo to Kansas City, KS. Thank you all for the enquiries about her health and for the cards and letters. It meant a great deal to all of our family.

Submitted by Juana Hajek

Zeta

In April, **Zeta Chapter** hosted the annual “**Tri-Chapter**” meeting, inviting Omega and Alpha Iota Chapters to a “Wild West Hoedown” featuring the talented **Legendary Ladies!** Traveling back in time, we witnessed stories of the American West of the amazing women who made significant impacts. The Western theme carried over with a delicious BBQ lunch with all the “fixins” and by the members’ attire. Each table was individually decorated with fun and specialty items, even some artifacts. **Mary Boughton** made unique and creative favors~~Chap-stick holders with the **DKG** emblem. Fun was had by all ! Special Thanks to Chairperson, **Heathre Palige** and her committee.



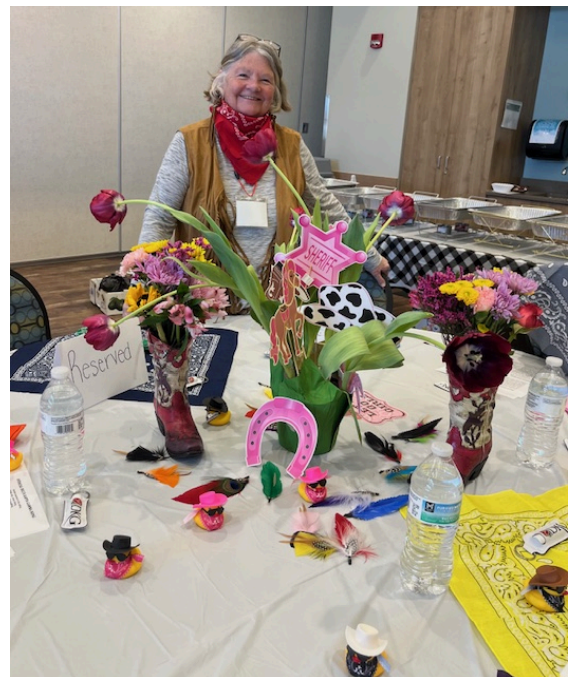
Zeta Chapter celebrates Founders’ Day with a Wild West Hoedown

Zeta Chapter celebrates **Founders’ Day** each year with a special program. This year honor was given to two long-time, faithful members; **Alice McCutcheon**, presented by **Nancy McFaddin** and **Verda McConnell**, presented by **Ronnie Fugita**. Current member and Historian, **Elizabeth Price** compiled and presented a comprehensive and interesting history of the schools in Westminster, Colorado, Adams County District 50. **Amber Salaz** was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship for her continued work in education. She has started her master’s degree in leadership education, which will entitle her to have a principalship endorsement or other administrative positions at the completion.

Zeta Chapter was recognized as a “Three-Star Chapter” at the state leadership conference in June.. Two **Zeta** members are currently serving on State Committees: **Heathre Palige** and **Mary Archuleta**.

The “planning” meeting for the upcoming year was held at the home of out-going President, **Vivian Harvey**, with exciting programs!

Newly elected officers for 2024-2026 are



Cathay Senior with her Wild West Hoedown table decorations



2022-2024 president Vivian Harvey with 2024-2026 president Mary Boughton

President: Mary Boughton
1st Vice President: Heathre Palige
2nd Vice President; Cathy Senior
Treasurer: Mary Archuleta
Recording Secretary: Aarona Fugita
Corresponding Sec.: Nancy McFaddin
Parliamentarian: Vivian Harvey

Zeta Chapter will be one of the hosting Chapters for the Colorado State Convention in 2025.

Submitted by Nancy McFaddin

Delta Gamma

What an incredible year our chapter had! Our theme this year was **People and Places in Our Neighborhood**. For our first meeting in September, we met in Paulette's beautiful backyard where there was a lot to eat. We had a great time catching up with each other after the

long summer. Before reviewing our meetings for the year, we listened to a copy of *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, where a world of infinite kindness, wisdom, mutual care and tenderness, and true love is shared between real friends.

In October, we wore fall colors and learned about the history of pumpkins. Pumpkins have been cultivated since about 3500 B.C., and along with maize (corn) are among the oldest known crops in the western hemisphere. Sherilyn always decorates our meeting tables beautifully with seasonal items.

We learned about ourselves in November. The six factors (or dimensions) of the HEXACO model include their facets and the personality-descriptive adjectives that typically belong to six groups. They are:

Honesty-humility (H):

Facets: Sincerity, fairness, greed avoidance, modesty

Adjectives: {sincere, honest, faithful, loyal, modest/unassuming} *versus* {sly, deceitful, greedy, pretentious, hypocritical, boastful, pompous}

Emotionality (E)

Facets: Fearfulness, Anxiety, Dependence, Sentimentality

Adjectives: {emotional, oversensitive, sentimental, fearful, anxious, vulnerable} *versus* {brave, tough, independent, self-assured, stable}

Extraversion (X):

Facets: Social self-esteem, social boldness, sociability, liveliness

Adjectives: {outgoing, lively, extraverted, sociable, talkative, cheerful, active} *versus* {shy, passive, withdrawn, introverted, quiet, reserved}

Agreeableness (A):

Facets: Forgivingness, gentleness, flexibility, patience

Adjectives: {patient, tolerant, peaceful, mild, agreeable, lenient, gentle} *versus* {ill-tempered, quarrelsome, stubborn, choleric}

Conscientiousness (C):

Facets: Organization, diligence, perfectionism, prudence

Adjectives: {organized, disciplined, diligent, careful, thorough, precise} *versus* {sloppy, negligent, reckless, lazy, irresponsible, absent-minded}

Openness to experience (O):

Facets: Aesthetic appreciation, inquisitiveness, creativity, unconventionality

Adjectives: {intellectual, creative, unconventional, innovative, ironic} *versus* {shallow, unimaginative, conventional}

We also brought our favorite recipes. The recipes were put into a cookbook. We received our cookbooks in January.

What fun it was to share a family heirloom in December after we had our annual luncheon at the Denver Country Club.

Along with our cookbooks, we learned about each of our hobbies in January. Our chapter especially enjoys learning more about each other each year, and we played a game to learn more about the likes and dislikes we had from many stages of our lives. We traveled, went to summer camp, studied other languages and so much more.

Due to Colorado weather, we were snowed out in February, but in March we had a wonderful opportunity to see the members from the other two Denver DKG chapters when we had our annual lunch together at a golf club.

April was special as we shared family portraits with each other. How wonderful it was to see photos of our families. Some were 100 years old, others depicted us as children. During the meeting, we learned about the witch trials and the women of the Northeast. Did you know that the only women burned at the stake were from the original 13 colonies?

Our new officers were installed at our Denver Country Club luncheon in May. After years of dedication as our president, Sue Stock turned the helm over to Paulette and Karen, who will be our new co-presidents. They are both very active at the DKG state level. We also met and honored the recipient of our chapter's scholarship fund. It's exciting to meet future teachers at our annual scholarship meeting.

We have already planned out a wonderful 2024-2025. If you are thinking about moving to Denver, join us. Come and learn with us. We'd love to have you. There's **always** room for one more.

Submitted by Barbara Fettner

IMPORTANT:

Editor Update

Don't forget about the new email for Peaks and Plains! It is

coloradodkgpeaksandplains@gmail.com. Please use THIS email for Peaks & Plains articles. **I am no longer checking my personal email for articles.** Submission deadlines are **February 1st, April 1st, and September 1st.**

Submitted by Juana Hajek, Editor

Webmaster Update

NEWSLETTER 8.1

NEW from the Webmaster!

Greetings and hope you are all staying cool indoors during this hot time of the year!

Conference FUN!

It was a grand event and much fun was had by all! International Guest Carol Herzog, gave props for the website, presentation, and the art session. We can consider that a win.

As always, please let me know if you would like me to highlight members, chapters, teams, or events on the state website. Thanks for the ongoing feedback on DKGColorado.com.

I will be taking steps to continue to have our website verified and hosted on the International DKG Website. If you are a webmaster in CO, here is the rubric to get your chapter on the International Site:

<https://shorturl.at/yvHdQ>

Also, if you attended the art session at the June Conference, please consider entering your art

into the upcoming International Arts and Humanities Gallery. <https://gallery.dkg.org/>

**For all future event attendees:
Please wear a mask, if you are
feeling unwell.**

Submitted by Heidi Ragsdale

Mark Your Calendars!

Fall Board Meeting

October 19th, 2024

Colorado Mountain College

Breckenridge, Colorado

International Events

International Convention, Aurora 2026

Aurora Gaylord

Aurora, Colorado

MY Librarian

Have you ever heard of Annie Wilkins? I hadn't. I happened across this book on Pinterest and thought it looked interesting. I grew up on a small ranch southeast of Arriba, Colorado. My sister and I were my dad's "hired hands" so we were busy working cattle at all times of the year and during all sorts of weather. The idea of a lone woman crossing the United States on her horse was fascinating to me. Annie Wilkins was no ordinary woman of her time. Her ride took place in 1954, a time when most women were homemakers. Having grown up in Maine on a small acreage, Annie knew the meaning of hard

work for very little return. At sixty-three, she had been married twice, had lost all her relatives, and was in the process of losing the family farm. The final straw was learning that she had only two more years to live. Annie didn't want to spend the last years of her life in the cold of Maine, living in the county home for indigents.

Annie decided that she wanted to see California before she died. With that New England determination that is so famous, Annie purchased a hardy horse that she named Tarzan, she packed up her clothes (wearing most of them), tied a leash on her little dog Depeche Toi, and set out for California in NOVEMBER. Having determined to travel through the southern states because of weather considerations, Annie set out in a southeasterly direction. News of her trek preceded her, and everywhere she went, she was met with hospitality, care, and helpfulness.

This book depicts an America that was changing drastically. Most roads were being transformed from dirt tracks to paved highways upon which cars and trucks were speeding along. Unbeknownst to Annie, she became somewhat of a celebrity. Her celebrity proved to be helpful to her because she was able to use it to earn funds for her travels. Annie made many friends on her journey, including a new equine companion named Rex.

While I have not finished this book, I am definitely enjoying it very much. I'm anticipating Annie's journey across the Rocky Mountains and the Sierras with a bit of trepidation! I'll update you when I finish!

Submitted by Juana Hajek

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators.

Vision

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education
Worldwide

Society Purposes

- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
- To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries
- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Colorado Peaks & Plains

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Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Deadlines for inclusion of articles in the Peaks & Plains are as follows:

- **FEBRUARY 1**
- **APRIL 1**
- **SEPTEMBER 1**
- **Contributors to the newsletter are asked to send news as soon as it is available to ensure inclusion in the next issue to:**

Juana Hajek, 24886 County Road 2L Hugo, Colorado 80821

or coloradodkgpeaksandplains@gmail.com

For email submissions, please list Peaks & Plains as the subject.

Send address and email changes to:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

12710 Research Blvd Ste 230

Austin, TX 78759-4395

or mem@dkg.org

[Colorado Peaks & Plains Submission Guidelines](#)

1. Each individual article should be a **maximum** of 300 words. The purpose is to have room to make the newsletter a statewide representation of as many chapters as possible.
2. Two photos **maximum**, per article. Photos must include a clear description and name identification of each person in said photos.
3. Additional photos/videos should be submitted to our webmaster Heidi Ragsdale at

STEMisMyFuture@gmail.com to be used in a slideshow on the website.

4. Members are encouraged to send photos for this slideshow.
5. Submit basic word processed documents - do not heavily format your submission as it will not translate to the column style of the newsletter. **Please do NOT send submissions in PDF. PDF submissions cannot be formatted correctly for inclusion.**
6. Communicate clearly with the newsletter editor if you want your submission formatted in a specific way.

7. Some suggestions for submissions to *Colorado Peaks & Plains*:

- New chapter member bios/photos
- Chapter awards given to members
- Special chapter projects and/or presentations
- Programs given at the chapter level
- Scholarships or other awards given to student teachers, first-year teachers, or community members.

COLORADO STATE ORGANIZATION
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Fall Executive Board Meeting Official Call

October 19, 2024

Colorado Mountain College, 107 Denison Placer Road, Breckenridge CO 80424

To: The Colorado State Executive Board; State Officers; Personnel; Chapter Presidents; State Team Chairs; State Team Members; Past State Presidents and Guests.

From: CO State President Maxine Fawcett Yeske mfawcetteyeske@gmail.com; CO State Treasurer: Lilly Vigil cmcer1@msn.com; CO State Executive Secretary Beth Barzdukas barzdukas@live.com

The Fall Executive Board Meeting will be held Saturday, October 19, 2024, at the Colorado Mountain College Room 142-143, in Breckenridge. Follow the signage once you enter the building from the main entrance (west side of building) to the room.

- The meeting will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Check-in will be from 8:15-9:00; Coffee and tea will be available.
- Welcome/call to order at 9 am sharp.
- The Board meeting registration is enclosed. Lunch will be:

Option 1: Ham, arugula, provolone sandwich, tomato fennel soup, side, and beverage

Option 2: Turkey, basil mayo, provolone sandwich, side, and beverage

Cost: \$25

- CEU credit will be available: check the line on the registration form.
- **Lodging:** A block of rooms is reserved at the Residence Inn by Marriott, 600 S. Ridge St., Breckenridge. The cost is \$185 plus tax. The rate includes a complimentary breakfast and Bonvoy points when shown your loyalty number on check-in. Parking is \$20 and will be added to the bill upon checkout. **Please call the Residence Inn 970-453-1181 directly to make your reservation. You must use the reservation code: Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society.**
- **CUT-OFF DATE IS SEPTEMBER 25, 2024.**
- **Parking: Only one space is available per room. Please plan to carpool. No oversized vehicles. The hotel personnel will send details on other parking spots if none are available in the motel parking area.**

Directions to Residence Inn in Breckenridge: (motel)

Take I-25 to exit 216 toward Grand Junction onto I-76 for 6 miles. Continue on I-70 W. for 66.3 miles. Take exit 203 toward CO-9 S. Frisco/Breckenridge. Go for 0.2 miles. Take the 4th exit from the roundabout onto N. Summit Blvd (CO-9). Go for 1.3 mi. Pass 3 roundabouts and continue on Highway 9 (CO-9 S). Go for 7.9 miles. Keep right onto Highway 9 (CO-S). go for 0.1 miles. Continue on N. Park Ave (CO-9). Go for 0.4 miles. Pass 2 roundabouts and continue on S. Park Ave (CO-9). Go for 0.8 miles. Turn left onto S. Ridge St. Go for 207 ft. You will see the motel sign. 600 S. Ridge St. Residence Inn.

PHOTO RELEASE: By your attendance at this event, you are granting permission to be filmed, videotaped, or photographed by any means, and you are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Registration Fee (required)_____ 20.00

Lunch _____ 25.00

Luncheon Choice _____
Your choice from offerings on front page

Total _____ 45.00

Food Allergy? Please list _____

CEU credit: Yes _____ No _____

Please mail your check for \$45. (registration and lunch), and registration form **before Friday, October 4, 2024.**

Make a check payable to Colorado Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Mail this completed form and the check to:

**Lilly R Vigil
217 W. 2nd St.
Leadville, CO 80461-3619**

All information is available on the state website.

Please share the Call, Registration Form and Hotel Information with your state Team Members and chapter members.

Questions? Call Maxine Fawcett Yeske at (719) 649-2348, Lilly Vigil at (970) 409-9312, or Beth Barzdukas at (970) 518-1066. We hope to see you there!

