

Kappa Chapter News

Alpha Sigma State Kappa Chapter Kent, Washington



March Kappa Meeting

The Grants in Aid Committee would like to invite you to the March Kappa Meeting . Our special guest will be Mary Jo Kahler of the Pediatric Interim Care Center (PICC) in Kent. We would like to encourage members to bring donations of items for the center. There is an extreme need for newborn and small (8-10 lbs.) diapers, bleach, and monetary donations for unfunded beds. Other donations of cotton or terry sleepers with snap fronts (S or M) in white or pastels, Johnsons Baby Powder, Johnsons Baby Shampoo, and Gerber thermal receiving blankets (30x40") in white or pastels are also desired.



Our gathering will begin with Social Time 9:30-10:00 am. Our speaker will begin at 10:00 am with our business meeting to follow.

**** Please note the location, **Carlson Rooms** at the Kent Covenant Church, 12010 SE 240th, Kent. **Please park behind the church and enter through the back door. The Carlson Rooms are just beyond the kitchen on the right.**

The Spring issue of *Alpha Sigma News* is ready for you on the website.

- See the program schedule for Spring Convention in Pasco, April 28-29 and get your registration form.
- Find out who is running for office for the 2017-19 Biennium.
- Get ideas for your chapter from The Chapter Buzz
- See how Alpha Sigma State proposes to allocate funds.
- Read the proposed rules and bylaws changes.

Alpha Sigma News comes to you sooner and in color through the Washington State website.

*** All members should have received this information in an e-mail on March 7th. If you did not, please log into DKG.org to update your member profile.

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendar

- March 18 Quadrant III Workshop
Technology and Learning
- March 25 Chapter Meeting hosted by the Grants in Aid Committee
- April 10-14 Spring Break
- April 28-30 Alpha Sigma State Convention
- May 20 Kappa Meeting hosted by the Communications Committee
- June Chapter Meeting TBA
- July 18-20 Creative Arts Retreat

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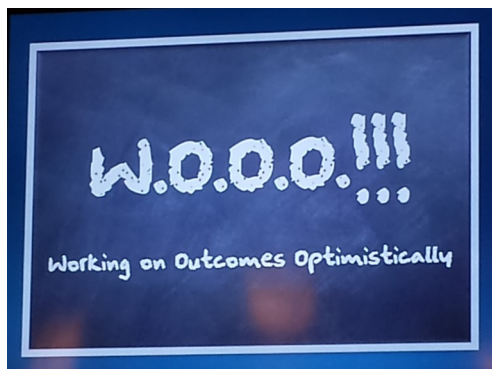
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Educational Excellence Committee established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its second international project. SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as

- giving support for phone calls and visits,
- helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,
- offering advice on classroom management and parent teacher relations; and
- providing support in appropriate and practical ways.

As part of this effort to support classroom educators, Kappa Chapter coordinates those who need assistance in their classroom with those who can offer their time. Look for the sign-up at Chapter meetings. Also, let us know of any one at your school who should be contacted.



Follow Your Dreams

Annual Area IV Fellowship Brunch



On February 4th, Kappa members enjoyed a wonderful brunch at the scenic Auburn Golf Course. Talented students from the Auburn Mountainview High School Choir performed for us. Mayor Nancy Backus, the first female mayor of Auburn, welcomed us to the city and provided an overview of the city and her role as mayor. Patrick Mulick, the Autism Coordinator for Auburn School District, inspired us to “Follow Your Dreams” with his experiences as a missionary, a teacher, and as an administrator working with families whose children have special needs, with a little cheerleading thrown in.



Proceeds from the basket raffle were to help *Birthdays of Renton*, an organization that provides birthday parties for homeless children.

Thank you to our Beta Delta sisters for a wonderful, entertaining and informative event.

WA State Convention April 28-29, 2017

Spring Convention is so much more than meetings. An Art & Hobby Gallery Walk "Celebrating Women's Talent" "Celebrating Chapter Pride" features displays of works by our many talented members. The Creative Arts Make & Take Workshop lets you show off your talents. There will be a forum "Bruised on the Inside: Bullying and Cyberbullying." And don't miss the Dessert Social and Bluegrass and Fiddle Tunes with MCTAMA on Friday evening.

Saturday workshops to choose from are:

Session I

- *A Vehicle for Life Enhancement: Passion with Watercolor
- *Eliminating Opportunity Gaps: The Impact of Community-Based Organizations
- *Vitamins and Supplements Do they work?
- *Autism: a Different Perspective

Session II

- *The Exciting Adventures of a Roads Scholar
- *Movement to Music: Aiding Focus
- *"Appy" Hour
- *Retirement Planning, Policy and YOU!

Check the website for full details. www.deltakappagamma/WA

The convention will wrap up with the banquet festivities, including Dr. Gene Sharratt as the keynote speaker.

Early registration ends March 31st, (see page 5)
so consider going to Pasco!

Gourmet Potatoes

From the Kitchen of: Kenda Chambers

6 medium potatoes; cooked, peeled, and
grated or chopped
1/3 cup green onions, chopped
8 oz shredded cheddar cheese
1 1/2 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons butter, melted
Dill weed
Paprika

Mix all ingredients and place in a casserole dish. Top with dill weed and paprika. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for one hour.

*After cooking the potatoes, I use a potato masher to create the size of chunks that my family enjoys.

*This also makes a delicious ham and potato casserole. Add a green salad for the side. Yum!



Scandi Culture & Nordic Cool

The 2017 Creative Arts reTreat is July 18-20th at the Dumas Bay Retreat Centre, Federal Way.



Experience Scandi Culture in art, music, dance, costumes, crafts, literature and food. Enjoy a host of artists, instructors & professional performers sharing their passion. Participate in workshops. Fellowship with old and new friends. Celebrate a relaxing, creative, fun filled three days and two nights with lodging (in a single room). Clock hours will be offered. \$225 includes lodging, chef-prepared meals & supplies. Open to all, so bring a friend!

Registration forms must be postmarked on or before June 9, 2017. (See page 6)

The recipient of a \$50 Creative Arts reTreat scholarship will be announced at the spring convention in Pasco WA. The name is to be drawn from those already registered for the retreat or signed up with intent to attend.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kappa members represent a wide variety of experiences and interests. While many have spent their entire careers as classroom teachers, quite a few have been educators in other settings. These members all spent part of their careers as classified instructors in programs to enrich or remediate student learning.

Marlene Hamell taught in the Kent School District for 21 years. Her tenure includes positions as an Instructional Assistant, a substitute teacher and an elementary teacher. As a classroom teacher, she was the recipient of a 2-year, Gates Technology Grant. She continues with her love of working with students by being involved in the Park Orchard Elementary “Active Readers” Program. This program provides a positive adult response to children reading outside the school day. Outside of teaching, Marlene enjoys quilting, gardening and of course, reading.

Barbara McPherson began her career coordinating and teaching college microbiology laboratory courses. After moving across country to Kent, she began working as a Title I Reading and Math Instructional Assistant. This led her to go back to school to become a classroom teacher, teaching 4th and 5th grades for nine years. She currently works as a substitute teacher, mostly in high school science classrooms. Barbara has been Kappa’s secretary and treasurer, and served on the Communications Committee. Barbara has been a Master Gardener since 1990, and volunteers with the Friends of the Covington Library. She loves reading murder mysteries, crocheting, knitting, learning new crafts, camping, and traveling.

Judy Rustik began her career teaching French at the Oak Hill School for the Blind. In Kent, Judy worked as an Instructional Assistant in the Title I Math Program. As these programs became computerized, (Remember those little Apple computers?) Judy took on the challenge of being the Computer Specialist for the Kent School District Title I and LAP Reading and Math Programs. She traveled monthly to all of the school programs to ensure compliance with all the necessary reports. Since her retirement, Judy stays busy volunteering at Soos Creek Elementary, St. Stephens, the Kent Senior Center, Meals on Wheels and the Greater Maple Valley Community Center.

Joanne Scholen had a diverse career. While she served as an Administrative Educational Assistant for a brief time, and was a Title I Reading Assistant for four years, most of her teaching career she taught Kindergarten and First Grade. As an undergraduate, Joanne majored in music. Her love of music has led her to be involved through the decades with many church congregations as an organist and pianist. She has also been an accompanist for vocal students at competitions. In her spare time, Joanne enjoys singing in her church choir, sewing, quilting, and rosemaking. Joanne has chaired numerous Kappa committees and has extended her service to Alpha Sigma State committees and events.



**Washington State Organization
Alpha Sigma State Spring Convention
April 28 -30, 2017 Red Lion Hotel Pasco**



Registration Form Deadline Date: April 14, 2017

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Area: _____
 Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
 City/Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

State Officer _____ State Committee Member _____ Past State President _____ RRPSF _____ Area Liaison _____
 Chapter President _____ Chapter Officer _____ Chapter Member _____ First time attendee _____
 Generation X (born 1965-80) _____ Millennial (born 1981-97) _____ Non DKG member attendee _____

Photo release: With this registration I grant permission to Alpha Sigma State, DKG, to be videotaped, audiotaped or photographed and give permission for my photo, voice or words to be used in any Alpha Sigma State official publication, including the state web site and Alpha Sigma News. I understand that if I do not give permission, I must submit a written statement denying permission for use of my photo, voice or words attached to this registration.

Early Registration postmarked by March 31, 2017	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
Registration postmarked by April 14, 2017	\$ 40.00	\$ _____
Registration postmarked after April 14, 2017	\$ 50.00	\$ _____

Friday Night:

3-5 clock hrs (\$2 per hr) will be available for the weekend beginning at 4:00 PM on Friday.

Sign up & pay upon arrival at event. Check the newsletter for clock hour offerings.

Are you interested in clock hours?

(Circle one) yes or no

Dessert: Fruit kabobs with sherbet and Musical Entertainment \$ 7.00 \$ _____

Saturday:

Breakfast \$ 18.00 \$ _____

Lunch \$ 24.00 \$ _____

Banquet Check your choice: _____ Smoked Pork Loin with apple glaze \$ 35.00 \$ _____
 _____ Chicken with white cheddar sauce

*PRICES INCLUDE 8.6% tax and 19% gratuity **TOTAL:** \$ _____

Please, food allergies only _____

State Officers, State Committee Chairs, Membership Committee members and Area Liaisons:

Please bring a copy of this registration to attach to your voucher.

In case of an emergency, please notify the registrar, two weeks prior to the event, to be considered for a refund.

A \$5 processing fee will be withheld.

Checks should be made payable to Alpha Sigma State and sent with registration form to:

Helen Bruggeman 5207 W Hildebrand Blvd. Apt. 236 Kennewick, WA 99338 509.539.1936 hjbrugg@gmail.com

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE April 14, 2017

Make reservations directly with the hotel. Identify yourself as Delta Kappa Gamma member

Pasco Red Lion Hotel 2525 N.20th Avenue Pasco, WA 99301 Phone: (509) 547-0701

\$ 128.08 Single/Double or 139.14 Triple or Quad (includes all taxes)

Traveling directions: **From Yakima** travel on I 82E/US-12E toward the Tri-Cities. Take Exit 102 merging with I-182 East /US-12 East toward Richland/Pasco. Cross the Columbia River and continue on take the N.20th Ave. / US 395 South Exit 12AB toward Columbia Basin College, Kennewick, and Pendleton. Then take the Exit 12B on the LEFT toward the Columbia Basin College. Turn left on N. 20th and the Pasco Red Lion is on the right. **From Spokane** travel south on US 395 and take Exit 12B on the RIGHT toward the Columbia Basin College. Turn right on N. 20th and the Pasco Red Lion is on the right.

Alpha Sigma State
Dumas Bay 2017 Creative Arts reTreat presents

Scandi Culture & Nordic Cool

Immerse yourself in Scandinavian culture

You will be able to participate in a wide variety of activities such as rosemaling, dance, weaving, music, heirloom recipes, genealogy, story telling, costumes & history. Bring a friend and enjoy fun & fellowship!

WHEN: July 18-20, 2017 (Tue, Wed, Thu)
WHERE: Dumas Bay Retreat Centre, 3200 SW Dash Point Road, Federal Way
COST: \$225 (includes lodging, all meals & supplies)

DIRECTIONS: From the NORTH or SOUTH:

Take I-5 to Exit 143.
Go west on 320th toward the SeaTac Mall
Stay on 320th until it ends at a three-way stop
Take a right on 47th Ave SW and continue until it ends
Take a right onto Dash Point Road. (WA State 509)
Dumas Bay Centre is one mile down the road on the left side of the road

PRE-REGISTRATION begins today.

REGISTRATION **must be postmarked on or before June 9, 2017**
This allows the caterer and activity leaders time to order supplies

Send the information below with a check made out to Alpha Sigma State
to Carol Linscott, 2508 19th Ave S, Seattle WA 98144
phone: 206.462.8680 email: roystontreasurer@gmail.com



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Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Zip _____

Chapter _____ Area _____

Food Allergy only: _____

Chapter or State office _____

Clock Hours _____ Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

PHOTO RELEASE:

With the registration I grant permission to Alpha Sigma State, DKG, to be videotaped, audio taped or photographed and give permission for my photo, voice or words to be used in any Alpha Sigma State official publication, including the state website and Alpha Sigma News. I understand that if I do not give permission, I must submit a written statement denying permission for use of my photo, voice or words attached to this registration.

IN CASE of an emergency, a refund must be requested two weeks prior to the reTreat.

A processing fee of \$5 will be withheld.

Which heirloom recipe are you going to bring?