



The Nevadagram



An Official Publication of Alpha Chi

Happy New Year 2025!

Hi Ladies: I hope everyone had a wonderful time over the Holidays with family and friends. I spent Christmas Day with wonderful friends and my sons, with part of their families over the New Year. It was last minute and I was thrilled!

Time is moving quickly toward our 2025 State Convention in Reno. I have listed the due dates again for your information.

- January 1, 2025 – Convention information due to Donna Harper (Gamma) for the Nevadagram.
- January 15, 2025 – Exemplary Award Nominations due to Judy Merz (Epsilon).
- February 15, 2025 – Chapter information due to Candy Rooney (Delta) for the State Yearbook.
- February 15, 2025 – Chapter Rose of Recognition names and bios due to Judy Merz (Epsilon). • March 1, 2025 – Necrology Report due to Cheryl Anderson (Delta).
- March 1, 2025 – At least one Chapter Newsletter due to Susan Neal (Kappa)

I hope everyone received my email with the information about the DKG Visionary Network. There are seven remotely organized groups of different interests and subjects that you might wish to join. This was suggested by Avenue M.

REMEMBER.....I am here if you need me! Pat

onehappygrandma@cox.net,
702-308-3489.



Contents

Pg

President’s Message	1
Convention Location	2
Chapter Responsibilities	3-4
Convention Registration	5
Convention Schedule	6
In Memoriam	7
Chapter News	8-12
Upcoming Events	13
EEC information	14-16

Officers/Staff

- President: Pat Goepfinger
- 1st Vice Pres: Cindy Frazer
- 2nd Vice Pres: Candy Rooney
- Secretary: Karen Laskowski
- Treasurer: Maxine Emm
- Parliamentarian: Judy Silker
- Editorial Staff: Donna Harper
donnaharper1266@gmail.com
- Cindy Frazer

Delta Kappa Gamma Society
for
Key Women Educators

Nevada State Organization 2025 Convention



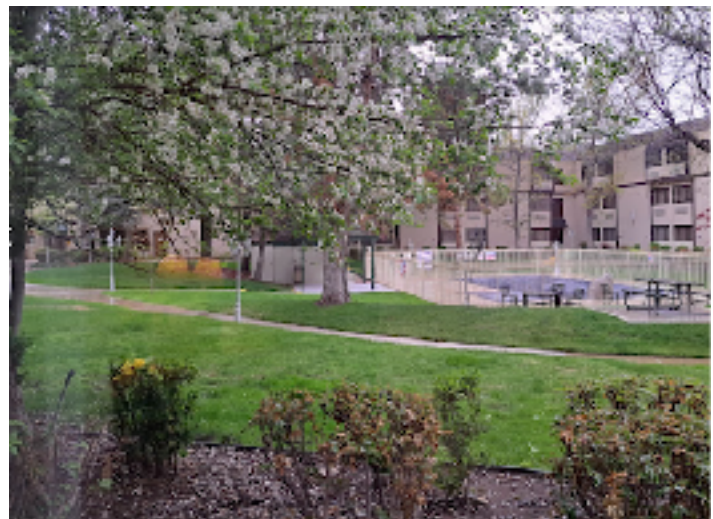
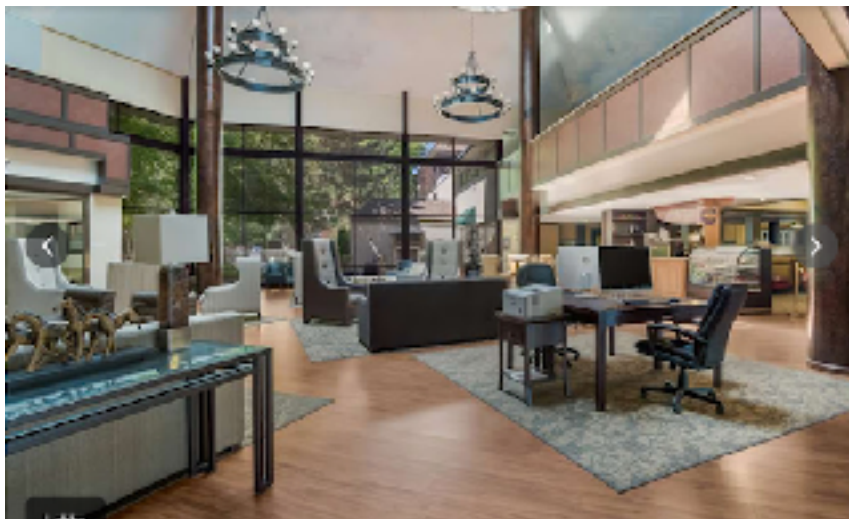
RENO HERE WE
COME!



2025 Chapter
Convention Plan-
ning Responsibili-



Convention: SureStay Hotel by Best Western at 1981 Terminal Way



Chapter Responsibilities

Event	Chapter/Individual Responsible	Job Description
General Convention Chair	State President Pat Goepfinger	Oversee, evaluate and insure execution of planning phases.
Facility Coordinator	Member(s) of Planning Committee Maxine Emm Kay Kurvers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate/oversee locations for all events 2. Provide information on room costs and locations. (room block) 3. Coordinate/oversee event meals. 4. Oversee all AV needs and set up. 5. Communicate all information to Planning Committee.
Convention Registrar Information due to Epsilon by January 1, 2025	Member(s) of Planning Committee Epsilon Chapter Judy Merz Penny Thompson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop convention registration form for publication in Nevadagram. 2. Coordinate/collate/collect registration materials, data and fees. 3. Prepare and collect Convention evaluation form.
Workshop Sessions and International Speaker	State President Pat Goepfinger	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request International Speaker. 2. Coordinate with presenter(s) as to presentation needs. 3. Present appreciation to speaker at end of session.
Celebration of Remembrance	Membership Chair Cheryl Anderson Karen Laskowski	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with chapters regarding presentations. 2. Prepare presentation of members who have passed. 3. Prepare materials needed for Ceremony. 4. Conduct the Ceremony.
On-site Friday: 5:00-6:00pm Saturday: 8:00-9:00am	Theta Chapter Gamma Chapter Donna Harper will assist with printing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide Agenda and Program - Gamma 2. Assist members on Friday and Saturday. -Theta 3. Provide all needed materials needed for attendees. 4. Collect DKG bags and distribute where needed.
Friday Evening Social	Lambda Chapter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan social event. 2. Provide needed items for event. 3. Communicate event activities to the Planning Committee.

Fundraising Raffle/Auction	Delta Chapter	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Determine type of fundraising event.2. Set up/arrange whatever is needed for fundraiser prior to Opening Session on Saturday.3. Implement the fundraiser.4. Report and present funds to State Treasurer.
Main Luncheon	Centerpiece(s) Alpha Chapter	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Design, prepare and place centerpieces on tables.
General Session(s)	Gamma Chapter Pat Goepfinger Donna Harper - printing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide Agenda(s) for session(s).2. Provide all needed materials at sessions.3. Assist with presentation where needed.
Inspiration	Nu Chapter	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Give Inspiration during General Session.2. Give Inspiration during Luncheon.
International Speaker	Xi Chapter	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pick up and return International Speaker to airport.2. Escort Speaker to events.

Registration Info on Page 5!

Mention: NV DKG attendee





LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD

Delta Kappa Gamma International
Nevada State Convention
SureStay Plus Hotel by Best Western
1981 Terminal Way
Reno, NV 89502
April 25-26, 2025

Convention Registration Deadline: March 1, 2025



Name: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Chapter: _____ Current Office Held: _____

Chapter State International

Convention Registration (includes Registration, Snacks on Friday/night, Breakfast Bar & Lunch on Saturday)

If paid by March 1: \$120.00 each Total \$ _____

If paid March 2 - April 25: \$130.00 each Total \$ _____

Check if you plan to participate in the following:

Friday Night Social Hour Saturday Breakfast Bar Saturday Lunch

Luncheon Choice: Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Roll, Beverage, Cake
 Beef Tips, Potato, Salad, Roll, Beverage, Cake
 Vegan Option: Pasta Alfredo, Salad, Roll, Beverage, Cake

Convention Schedule

Friday, April 25:	Pick up Convention Materials & Social Hour: <i>Please bring your own DKG bag for materials and any extra stuff!</i>	5:00 - 6:00 pm
	General Session I	6:00 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 26:	Breakfast Bar	8:00 - 8:30 am
	General Session II	8:45 - 11:00 am
	Break	11:00 - 11:10 am
	General Session III	11:10 - 12:00 pm
	Break	12:00 - 12:15 pm
	Celebration of Remembrance	12:15 - 12:45 pm
	Luncheon, Speaker, Awards	1:00 - 3:30 pm

Please make checks payable to: Nevada Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mail check & registration form to: Judy Merz, 5987 Honeycuckle Ridge St., Las Vegas, NV 89148-5571

Hotel Reservations for the SureStay Plus Hotel by Best Western

Front Desk Phone: 775-348-8370. Reference DKG Convention Attendee Rate of \$99 per night, (\$113.87 with tax and fees).

You may also click the link below to book your reservation:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-main-52317.html?gclid=5K2111574

Christine Holtzinger, Sales Coordinator: Office phone: 775-384-5007

State Convention - April 25-26, 2025 Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 25, 2025

5:00-6:00 - Social Hour

Pick up Convention information: *** Bring your own DKG bag

6:00-7:30 - General Session 1

Opening comments by State President

Introduce International Speaker & Comments

Introduction and presentation by Dr. LeAnn Morris,

Independent Education Consultant, Nevada Board of Education

Topic - Artificial Intelligence in schools and personal use

Q & A and General Session 1 ends

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:00-9:00 - Breakfast Bar

8:30-11:00 - General Session 2

Welcome

Introduce International Speaker

State Business

11:00-11:15 - Break

11:15-12:10 - General Session 3

Presentation by Emma Ekradi-Cohen

Presentation by Dr. Joyce King

12:10-12:20 - Break/Set up for Celebration of Life

12:20-12:45 - Celebration of Life

12:45-1:00 - Break

1:00-3:30 - Luncheon

Presentation by International Speaker

Awards

3:30 - Convention closed

Membership and Necrology: Cheryl Anderson (Delta) shared we currently have 143 active members, 13 Reserve members, 1 Chapter honorary member. 157 total.

IN MEMORIAM – PATRICIA PEARCE



Patricia Pearce, Kappa Chapter, passed away November 18, 2024, at the age of 96. Pat had been an active member of DKG for 54 years, inducted October 1970 into Kappa Chapter. Pat grew up in the 1930’s on the family homestead in Fallon. In the 8th grade, her family moved to Sparks. She graduated from Sparks High School at the age of 16. She attended the University of Nevada-Reno and majored in education with a minor in economics. She also played her clarinet in the university marching band all four years. Pat graduated in 1950 and came to Elko for a teaching job in Grammar 2. In Elko, she met her husband, Bob, and they were married 62 years. He passed in 2014. In 1968, Pat taught 3rd and 4th grade at Northside School for 30 years. She was also a substitute teacher during her summers at Nevada Youth Training Center in Elko for 30 years.

Besides being a long-standing member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Pat was an active member in her Presbyterian Church in Elko for 70 years; a 74-year member of Philanthropic Educational Organization; and a 50-year member of Oregon California Trails Association and Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved traveling and gardening.

Pat will be joyfully remembered by her Kappa sisters for her kindness and generosity. Nevada State will honor her memory during our convention’s *Ceremony of Remembrance* on April 26th.

IN MEMORIAM – SUZANNE ROBERTS



Sue Roberts, Alpha Chapter, passed away October 6, 2024, at the age of 94. Sue had been an active member of DKG for 53 years, inducted April 1971 into Alpha Chapter.

Sue spent most of her life in Reno surrounded by the Sierras and her beloved Lake Tahoe. She devoted her life to teaching – educating 1st graders in Illinois and Nevada, as well as spending several years with students in Africa when her husband, David, was stationed in Asmara, Eritrea. For more than 20 years, Sue was a counselor at Bearskin Meadow Camp, a wilderness program in California for children with diabetes.

After retirement, Sue filled her days with photography and found joy in spending time with her grandchildren. She took numerous classes at Truckee Meadows Community College and became involved with the Nevada Rock Art Foundation. Sue will be lovingly remembered for helping students follow their dreams. She will be greatly missed by her Alpha sisters, and Nevada State will remember her dedication and commitment to DKG at our convention on April 26th.

ALPHA/THETA THOUGHTS

10 members enjoyed lunch at the home of Janice Clarke on July 20 to honor outgoing Theta CoPresidents: Jane Barnes and Terrie Camenisch. Jane was recognized as having the longest Co-Presidency of any member in the chapter, founded on October 18, 1963. Terrie's certificate honored her for 8 years as Co-President, the longest continuous Co-Presidency since the chapter's establishment.

Alpha and Theta members enjoyed a very special Northern Nevada DKG Christmas luncheon on December 7th, presented by Lambda Chapter. The lovely location was the Notables facility and the buffet was catered by Chuy's Mexican Kitchen. The beautifully decorated tables featured holiday mugs, and poinsettias. The D.J. for the occasion was Pedro Jacinto and music was provided by the Billingshurst Middle School Choir, Matt Petersen, Choral Director. The program ended with raffle drawing and a Christmas Carol Sing-Along.



DELTA CHAPTER: Delta chapter has had a busy fall season. Our members have been very responsive to our chapter needs. In September we reviewed how to access the state and chapter websites. We inducted a new member in October and were updated on many senior scams that are prevalent these days. We had beautiful gatherings in November with our annual tea and in December with our traditional Christmas party.

Delta Kappa Gamma
Epsilon Chapter
President's Newsletter
December

“Looking Back and Moving Forward” is the theme for our 2025 state convention. This seems to be the right tone for my end-of-the-year President's Newsletter. We have honored two fifty-year members, Myrtle Hyman and Sheryl Mayes, and added two new members, Dina Hyman and Hene Waterbury.

On May 4 we joined sister chapter Gamma to celebrate our founders with a lovely high tea at Queen of Hearts tea room. On May 6 we held our delayed election of officers and elected Penny Thompson, president; Carolyn O'Mara, first vice president, and Emily Ladner, secretary. Judy Merz was appointed treasurer.

May 31 we received word our past co-president Barbara Bernstein had passed away.

September 21 the new officers were installed and they inducted Dina Hyman, who is now our Parliamentarian. Jennifer Neeman was awarded Epsilon's Apple Award. Judy Merz shared highlights from the International Convention in Maryland.

In October we toured the Assistance League and heard about their many programs. We were especially interested in Operation School Bell which gives new clothes and shoes to needy elementary school children in Clark County.

Our December meeting was a Holiday Party Potluck with wonderful food, games, and a gift exchange. We held the induction ceremony for Hene Waterbury. Wishing to celebrate the season of giving, we collected socks and underwear for the children at Robert Taylor elementary school.

Penny and Judy have been representing Epsilon at five ZOOM meeting to help plan our state convention April 25-26. Differing from past years, instead of one or two chapters being responsible for the entire convention, each chapter was given designated responsibilities. Our chapter's responsibilities include designing registration and evaluation forms. Dina Hyman has been an invaluable member of this committee. We will receive these forms as people register, accept payments, etc., so some work is done, but there's more ahead.

So, as we end the year, I wish everyone a joyful Christmas and Hanukkah, and a healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

Your president,

Penny Thompson

NEWS

Congratulations to Judith Merz!

October 2024: The Arts and Humanities Jury of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is pleased to announce the publication of Poetry, “Hurting” and “Of Heartstrings, Shaped and Shattered” by Judith Merz in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters at <http://www.dkg.org/> or <https://gallery.dkg.org/index.php/writing/>. Judith Merz, a resident of Las Vegas, NV, is a member of Epsilon Chapter of the Nevada State Organization of the Society.

State Webmaster and Communication Chair:

Susan Neal (Kappa), slineal@gmail.com

The new website: <https://www.dkgnv.org>

Please click on the link and check it out!

Hello!

The DKG News for November/December is out now. This bi-monthly newsletter gives you the most up-to-date information about the happenings around DKG International. Each issue features timely updates, highlights of recent events, member achievements, and important announcements.

There are many ways to read this newsletter. You can:

- Log into your DKG account.
- View the attached PDF.
- [View](#) as a flipbook.
- [Read](#) it on our new website.

Please remember to bookmark our new website at <https://www.dkgnv.org/>. If you are in charge of your chapter website, please change the link to our new address. For questions or comments about the new website, please feel free to send me an email.

The DKG Visionary Network Task Force is excited to announce the release of the attached marketing flyer, which provides essential information about Visionary Networks. The flyer is available for download or printing and the information is available. You need to log in to the International website to access the flyer. <https://www.dkg.org/DKGS/MyDKG/Visionary-Network.aspx>.

Thank you!
Susan

Gamma Chapter Initiates 3 New Members!

Emma Ekradi-Cohen, Helen Mann, and Rebecca Weeks have been added to the ranks of Gamma chapter. Congratulations and welcome new members.



Emma Ekradi-Cohen



Helen Mann



Rebecca Weeks

Dr. Joyce King is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Saturday, January 25, 2025

10:00-12:00

Early Literacy Education

Many things affect literacy and instruction and it's important to review what has happened in education over time for a better understanding of how things came to be, and where we need to go from here.

We will:

- Look at the perspectives and research that have influenced early reading instruction in the United States.
- Review the components of and effective strategies for early literacy instruction and how they connect learning to read to reading to learn.
- Current trends and events including the recent lawsuit against Lucy Calkins.
- What might the future look like?
- Resources for effective literacy instruction.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88149746129?pwd=tD3sBPCVZE3886vmiwmUzcaJKqTzdV.1>

Meeting ID: 881 4974 6129

Passcode: 774413

Lambda's 2024 in pictures

LAMBDA 2024 in Pictures



Grant in Aid recipients, Apple Award to Dusin Coli, Wooster H.S., Lambda hosted the Holiday Luncheon



50 Year Plus pins to Jacquie Carleton, Delores Clewe and Sally Martin



Lambda and Xi's dinner with guest speaker from Project 50



Holiday Luncheon Choir from Billingham M.S.



Schedule of Upcoming Events

2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
International <i>Convention</i>	International Conference	International <i>Convention</i>	International Conference	International <i>Convention</i>	International Conference	International <i>Convention</i>
State Convention	State Convention	ZOOM General Business and Leadership Training	State Convention	ZOOM General Business and Leadership Training	State Convention	ZOOM General Business and Leadership Training
State Executive Board ZOOM meeting	State Executive Board ZOOM meeting	State Executive Board ZOOM meeting	State Executive Board ZOOM meeting	State Executive Board ZOOM meeting	State Executive Board ZOOM meeting	State Executive Board ZOOM meeting
Leadership/ Intervention / Communication Training						



September 7, 2024 State Executive Board Meeting

Educational Excellence (EEC) Chair, Judy Merz, jrmerz@aol.com

Nevada State Organization has consolidated its Educational Excellence Committee in alignment with the international model, which has been presented as “Under the Red Umbrella.” The red umbrella graphic suggests the various areas of focus a chapter can pursue in its Educational Excellence efforts! Chapter chairs of EEC can find additional resources on the DKG website: dkg.org > Resources > Program/EEC Chair Resources.

Areas included in EEC at the International level:

Support for Early Career Educators (SEE)

Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) was established as DKG's second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City. SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies.

Legislation

EEC encourages DKG members to be active in promoting legislation on educational issues on the local, state, and federal level.

Nevada State Focus Leader (US Forum): Brenda Downs, Delta Chapter.

United Nations

DKG became an NGO (non-governmental organization) in 1995.

Programs and Projects

Programs and projects are best based on interests of chapter members and are a key part of members' personal growth and philanthropy. World Fellowship, which supports graduate work by women from non-members countries, is one example of an international program that is supported by chapters.

Nevada State Focus Leader for World Fellowship: Susan Capistrant, Theta Chapter

The Arts

Members' artistic contributions are highlighted in the DKG Arts & Humanities Gallery.

Nevada State Focus Leader: Ardynne Sprinkle, Theta Chapter

Leadership

Per the DKG Strategic Plan, one of the focus areas of EEC is to empower members to take leadership roles. The new Leadership Discovery Centre on the DKG Website is a key resource for leadership topics.

UNICEF “Girls Initiative to Revitalize Learning and Success” (GIRLS) Fund

This new international project was approved at the 2024 International Convention, replacing Schools for Africa. The GIRLS Fund will achieve results by directing critical funds to African countries where girls’ education has been identified as a challenge.

NOTE: In Nevada, we also include our various awards under EEC:

- **Apple Award** (chapter level: recognizing educators for unique and creative contribution to their schools, classrooms, and students): *Nevada State Focus Leader: Cheryl Anderson, Delta Chapter*
- **Exemplary Award** (State level: Serving as a desirable model and representing the best) and
- **Rose of Recognition Awards** (outstanding member displaying exceptional service at chapter level: *Nevada State Focus Leader: Judy Merz, Epsilon Chapter*

*That's
all
Folks!*



I would like to encourage all Chapters to send me information for the Nevadagram directly to me. The next Nevadagram will be after the convention in April.
Happy New Year!

Donna Harper
donnaharper1266@gmail.com