



## President's Corner

Dear Colorado State,

The theme of a piece of literature is the point the author is making about the way life is. When we choose a theme for a meeting, a biennium, a conference, or convention, we also get to establish the way we believe life is. Some themes set the tone of fun--an ugly Christmas sweater party or a green beer party for St. Patrick's Day. A theme allows people to plan food, clothes, music and conversation with others who gather. The DKG

mission serves as a theme that guides us all in *promoting personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

Our Colorado State Spring Board Meeting is Saturday, March 16, and as I was thinking about the talented members across our state, I chose the theme of **Let Your Light Shine!** The meeting will have a variety of presenters shining their lights and offer many ways you can share your own to enrich your sisters. As part of the theme, I'm inviting each of you to bring something to give away. Look around your house to find something old that you'd like someone else to treasure or use. Whatever you bring, you will let your light shine by sharing an item you don't want with others who do!

Our Colorado State Convention is June 28, 29, 30, and you may remember that State Corresponding Secretary and Host Chapter Leader Kerry Tripp gave you a save the date reminder that said: Why **BLUE?** Kerry started that idea of anticipation, and when I researched how anticipation raises endorphins, serotonin, and dopamine, I considered holding out the theme a little longer just to keep you happily hoping. Everyone I've shared the theme with laughed in delight so I hope you will, too!

The theme of our 2019 State Convention is: **Into the Wild Blue Yonder--Forward Moving Ever!** Alpha Delta is hosting with Alpha Iota joining in. Omega has donated a gift, and we hope a few more chapters will step up to create table favors now that you know our theme is blue and clouds and future. We have some amazing keynoters and breakout sessions, and volunteers just offer their talents like magic. Believe me when I say we have *plans*, and we want you to join in and come along for this grand ole time! Register today and volunteer to help us.

But even as we head out into the wild blue yonder, we must cherish the traditions that take us there. These traditions give us strength and beauty and wisdom, and we rely on them to move us forward. So Saturday night we'll have the *Blue Yonder Ball* where you're invited to wear long formal dresses and white gloves. Two ladies have already been looking back at their long white gloves from their proms to see if they will still fit their hands. If they don't fit, may I suggest draping the gloves across a glittery evening bag as though you just couldn't be bothered to put them on. Then you can tell their story just the same! I probably can't lose enough weight to get into my grandma's old 1940s gown, but I'm trying. It's a time to reflect, remember gentler times, embrace traditions, and dress up, but if you do come in jeans, strut right in like you own the place! Because you do.

As every Chapter across Colorado State moves forward enriching sisters, teachers, students, and communities, I hope you'll think about the power of a theme to direct your chapter or team toward the possibilities that await. Do join us as we let our lights shine at the Spring Board Meeting and head out into the wild blue yonder at our state convention. Registration forms are in this issue of *Colorado Peaks* and on our website at [dkgcolorado.weebly.com](http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com)

Much Love,

*Janet*



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**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 chairs to **promptly report to all three of the following**:

1. International Membership Services:  
[mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org)
2. Omega State Membership Chair:  
**Beth Barzdukas:** [Barzdukas@live.com](mailto:Barzdukas@live.com)
3. Omega State Treasurer:  
**Lilly Vigil:** [cmcer1@msn.com](mailto:cmcer1@msn.com)

The form is interactive on-line and is available on both the state website and the international website. Names will not be listed in the White Roses unless the Form 6 is submitted.

**White Roses of Remembrance**

- Annie MacLennan**, Alpha Sigma, 2/7/2018  
**Verda McConnell**, Zeta, 7/31/2018  
**Elizabeth Cawthorne**, Pi, 12/1/2018  
**Frances Burch**, Omega, 12/15/2018  
**Lois Ferguson**, Alpha Nu, 1/5/2019



**Omega State Officers 2017-2019**

- President** - Janet McClaskey  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** - Leila Koenig  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske  
**Recording Secretary** - Memory Lamfers  
**Corresponding Secretary** - Kerry Tripp



**Executive Secretary** - Cynthia Mousel  
**Treasurer** - Lilly Vigil  
**Parliamentarian** - Susan Denny  
**Editor & Webmaster** - Nancy Scofield  
**Archivist** - Kathy Flynn  
**Immediate Past President** - Dr. Sue Pettit

## International Conferences 2019

### Leadership Conference

Besides all the wonderful Delta Kappa Gamma Leadership training, fun and fellowship at the 2019 DKG Conference,

#### What is there to do in Des Moines, Iowa?

**D**es Moines – On the banks of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers

**E**mbassy Suites is our DKG headquarters

**S**cience Center of Iowa - **Bring Learning to Life with hands-on activities!**

**M**otivational Speakers – share ideas with other Members

**O**utlets of Des Moines and other Malls for shopping

**I**OWA State Capital Building

**N**ature at the Blank Park Zoo

**E**xpand your Leadership Expertise during workshops

**S**culpture at Pappajohn Sculpture Garden

For more information about Des Moines go to [www.catchdesmoines.com](http://www.catchdesmoines.com)

Please join the Colorado Delegation

Log in on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

To register for the DKG Leadership Conference **July 10-12, 2019**

*Submitted by Leila Koenig*



#### International Conference: Arts & Humanities

Asheville, NC

June 27-29, 2019

#### International Conference: Leadership

Des Moines, IA

July 10-12, 2019

#### International Conference: Technology

Costa Mesa, CA

July 17-20, 2019

#### International Conference: Professional Research and Practices

Reykjavik, Iceland

July 25-27, 2019

#### International Conference: Global Awareness

Mashantucket, CT

July 30 - Aug 1, 2019



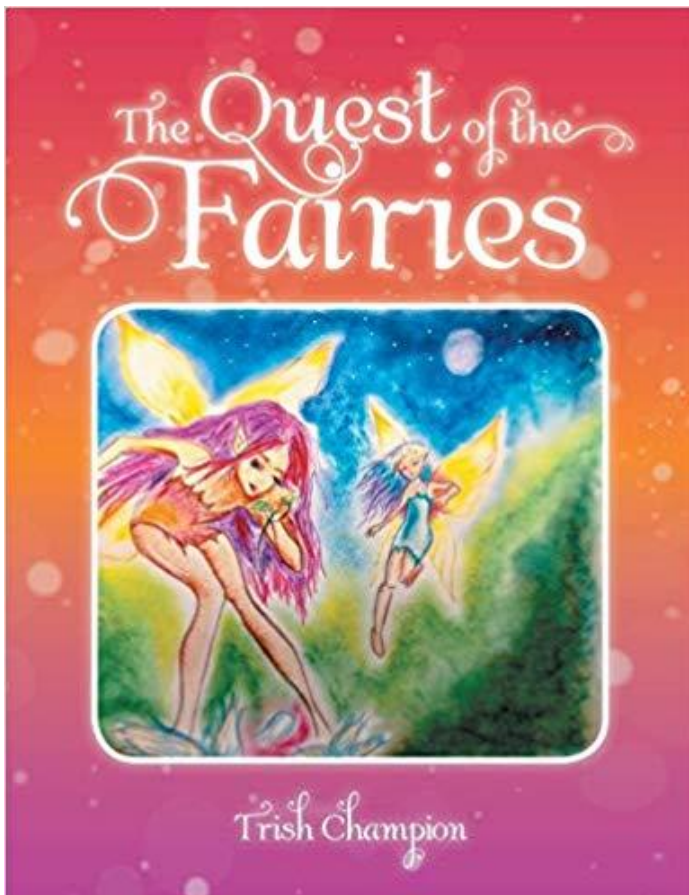
Have you checked out the Colorado Fine Arts Gallery on the website? Have you submitted?

<https://dkgcolorado.weebly.com/fine-arts-gallery.html>



## Kudos Corner

Congratulations to Alpha Delta Member and Colorado State Communications Team Member, Dr. Patricia Champion on the publication of her children's book! Trish wrote the book years ago for her middle child, Jodee when she was six – and Jodee's now the illustrator of her mother's story for



her! The theme of the book is about fear and how it can hold one back from being all one be – even as a community of people.

*The Quest of the Fairies* is a magical story set in a woodland realm in the land of Lumuria, where Kaylee and Julyn seek an all-knowing Wizard to help their fairy folk in Forest-in-the-Valley. One night as everyone gathers for the Moon Dance Festival, the Queen of Lumuria appears. Everyone knows her unexpected appearance means that she has something of great importance to tell them. She tells of the Chamber of Light and notices one of the

spheres of light is growing dim, and that she fears it will soon be gone forever. This is the quest of Julyn and Kaylee who realize they must be the ones to leave Forest-in-the-Valley to find the answer to the sphere's dimming light and what it means for their people. Available on Amazon.



## Chapter Happenings

### Chi Chapter

Chi Chapter is celebrating the initiation of three new members. Megan Wick teaches fourth grade and is the great granddaughter of long-time member (now passed) Miriam Hartig. Megan was proud to receive and wear Miriam's Delta Kappa Gamma pin. Chi Chapter also welcomed Paula Irving, a third grade teacher at Olathe Elementary, as well as Emily MacNiven, director of the Vista Charter School in Montrose.

Celebrations have continued with fruitful sales at the Cedaredge Apple Fest in October, and a successful silent auction at the December meeting. Both events substantially added to the grant-in-aid fund. Finally, the election of one of our own, Leila Koenig, to a state office is cause for great pride. Chi Chapter is flourishing due to the hard work of its members. Way to go, Chi Chapter!

*Submitted by Wendy Burrell*



### Zeta Chapter

2019 is off to a great start by celebrating sisterhood together at our annual Tri-Chapter Meeting.

Ladies of Zeta Chapter hosted Alpha Iota and Omega Chapters to an informative gathering at the Metro Denver North Islamic Center to “Learn about Islam” on February 9<sup>th</sup> in Northglenn, CO.

We were all thrilled to have good weather since the event had to be cancelled last year for a severe winter storm. The presenter was the Mosque's Outreach Director, Ihsan Riahi, explained the five major pillars of Islam emphasizing the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam. He was very gracious, entertaining and willing to answer any and all questions. Several of the Islamic women eagerly answered questions regarding specific issues relating to women. Everyone at the mosque extended sincere hospitality and they welcomed any to return for further questions. The mosque offers a monthly “open house” on the first Saturday of the month—all are welcome!

At the end of the presentation, the Imam, the mosque leader welcomed the group as well.

Thirty-two (32) attended lunch at Cinnzetti’s Italian Restaurant in Northglenn following the Islam program for some delicious food and delightful visiting. Zeta’s **Ethel Clow** shared a fascinating book, **Winter's Tale** by Robert Sabuda, with amazing “paper cut outs” on each page depicting the beautiful story.



“Happy Birthday” was celebrated with members from each chapter.

March brings our annual performance by piano students taught by Zeta’s **Millie Jurneke**. These students range from elementary to high school age and are preparing for their competitive recitals.

The musical talent at this age is especially rewarding to observe and we can appreciate the long, hard hours of practice required to perform, in addition to overcoming “stage fright”. Thanks Millie!

*Submitted by Nancy McFaddin*



## Mu Chapter



### **MU CHAPTER, LONGMONT CELEBRATES 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

“On March 18, 1939, at the Olin Hotel in Denver, Mu Chapter, Longmont, was installed in an inspiring ceremony conducted by Hildegard Sweet, State President, and Dr. Norma LeVeque, state founder (CU). Mu Chapter had 12 founding members: Margaret Davis (First Chapter President), Bessie Rayl, Bessie Forsyth, Gladys Hubbard, Lola Gregory, Lillian Richart Smoot, Hattie Fuller, Genevieve Vallat, Laura Clark, Velma Biddle, Nora Poland, and Jessie Ingmire.

Following the initiation and officer installation, and dinner, letters of welcome/greetings from other chapters were read. Mu Chapter’s first year of meetings, found in the minutes from 1939-1940, was interesting. The first chapter meeting was held March 27, 1939, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to have seven chapter meetings each year. Membership and state scholarship dues were paid for the year, and the meeting was adjourned.”

As this is our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, President Susan Burnett asked the hostess committee each month to celebrate a particular decade of happenings. So far we have done the 40s through the 70s and will celebrate the 80s at our March meeting. We have had dress styles, music from each decade, current events of that decade and have highlighted changes in our world and in Delta Kappa Gamma from those.

Our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated in style at our March meeting with a brunch provided by the members, songs from a DKG song book from 1939-41 presented by our music committee, Gail Fray, chair. A recommitment ceremony, archival readings, displays of memorabilia including photos, scrapbooks, projects displays, and a cake to celebrate our 80 years. Current DKG songs will also be sung in honor of our anniversary.

Mu Chapter is a very active chapter including 51 total members, nine of whom have been initiated in the past four years. We continue our presence in the St. Vrain Valley School District by our New Teacher Orientation booth, volunteering in schools, by our Adopt A Classroom project, a pre-school Books for Kids project, and various

other endeavors. In the community, many members are active in various civic organizations and church groups, and we continue to support Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley which provides a comprehensive system of programs and services to address the needs of victims of domestic abuse. Mu Chapter began this project in the early 1980s. Each year we collect funds to support their programs.

We are proud of our heritage and our accomplishments over these past 80 years. Our chapter scholarship program began in 1968 and continues today offering two \$600.00 grants-in-aid/scholarships each year to St. Vrain teachers seeking higher degrees. Many of our members have left legacies in our school district and the communities we serve. Our efforts will continue to support our mission statement “To promote Professional and Personal Development of Women Educators and Excellence in Education.” Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide!

*Submitted by Kathy Flynn*

## **Team Updates**

### Early Career and Educators Team

#### **Spring Board Meeting 7-minute takeaway**

**Providing monthly suggestions to chapters of how they may assist working educators**

1. **Recycle and Reuse.** In April notify teachers at a school near you that you would love to collect any material no longer needed. (This is especially true of retiring teachers). You would be responsible for collecting the materials in late May / early June and storing for the summer. Then, in the fall, you would conduct an “open shopping festival” for new teachers to come and grab. There is no charge for the materials. The idea being that new teachers to the profession usually have the bare bones – so this allows them to have a bit extra. This activity could be done by an individual, a couple of people, or entire chapter.
2. **Adopt a teacher.** Select a school in which you are able to commit an hour or two a month. With the assistance of the school principal (if



needed) offer your services to a classroom teacher (preferably one in the first three years of their teaching career). You may be specific in what you are willing to offer (help with bulletin boards, listen to students read, help edit a student's writing, help the teacher plan a great unit) or just be open to what is needed each time you arrive. A word of caution – this option may require a background check (at the members expense) because you will be in the classroom. This activity could be done by an individual, a couple of people, or entire chapter.

3. **Offer of time** (outside of the school day) of “grandma extra ordinary”. Remember those times when you were trying to juggle teaching and parenthood? You have papers to correct, phone calls to make, lesson planning, cleaning the pet cages, etc. that always seem to come after you had “clocked out” for the day. You can offer to “sit” with a teacher's children (read a book, go to the park, a museum, a movie, do a craft project, etc.) and allow our “new” inspired teacher some creative work time without having to worry about the expense of a sitter. This activity could be done by an individual, a couple of people, or entire chapter.

#### **Promoting membership in the DKG organization to current working educators**

1. **Adopt a school near you and foster relationships.** Take treats to the staff meeting (don't forget the DKG literature), help out at school wide events (field day, fun runs, etc.). The idea is to enable current teachers to experience what DKG offers and encourage them to become part of our sisterhood. This activity could be done by an individual, a couple of people, or entire chapter.
2. **Invite teachers** to attend your meeting as a guest when you have a special presentation or event. Don't give up after one attempt, people have busy lives. A personal invite vs. a flyer is going to have better results. This activity could

be done by an individual, a couple of people, or entire chapter.

#### **Receives feedback from current educators about their needs for support and assistance**

1. **Create a survey.** Ideally, you would love to be able to give out and collect at a staff meeting – only would take five minutes or you could arrange to drop off (and later pick up) at your local neighborhood school. Keep it simple – four or five questions. You are trying to determine where current educators want assistance. You can either have questions targeted to your specific skill set (or your chapter's), you could have multiple choice, a scale, or open-ended options. Once you've received the information you (and your chapter) could devise a plan to carry out.

*Submitted by Michelle Miller*

## **Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast Unites, Inspires and Calls to Action**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Women's Legislative Breakfast was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> in Denver, Colorado. The theme was “Inside and Outside the Golden Dome,” a reference to the State Capitol Building, and the program featured women who actively work on behalf of Coloradans to foster better access to basic human rights and services. The keynote speaker was Crisanta Duran who was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2010 and served as the Colorado House majority leader from 2015 to 2017, the first and only Latina elected as Speaker of the House in the history of Colorado. Duran shared the heartfelt story of her grandmother who had not learned to read because she was taken out of school at a very young age in order to care for her younger siblings. Duran reflected upon how that lack of basic literacy clouded the life of her family's matriarch and how it inspired her to advocate for education. Other



highlights from the morning included Representative Leslie Herod who talked about the College Kickstarter Program that would provide \$100 to every baby born in Colorado as an impetus to their family to save for their child's college education. Senator Julie Gonzales discussed the need for better ways to address addiction and mental health issues in our country; she pointed out that prison is the most expensive way of addressing them. Senator Martinez-Humenik encouraged the audience to be free-thinkers but "to know when it's time to find common ground." Judith Marquez explained how the organization **9to5 Colorado** is advocating for paid family leave for all Coloradans. March 13<sup>th</sup> is the first public hearing for this initiative. Other speakers featured on the program included Lauren Casteel, president and CEO of The Women's Foundation of Colorado; Nancy Spence, who served on the Cherry Creek Board of Education and three terms in the Colorado House of Representatives, and Chaer Robert, who serves as Director for the Family Economic Security Program at the Colorado Center on Law and Policy. If you have any questions about this event or the speakers and topics discussed, please contact Maxine Fawcett-Yeske at [mfawcettyeske@gmail.com](mailto:mfawcettyeske@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Maxine Fawcett-Yeske*

## Mental Health in Colorado

At Alpha Chapter's February meeting our ladies were enlightened regarding a topic critical to Colorado, mental health. Dr. Sarah Davidon, research director of Mental Health Colorado, presented an informative and impassioned discussion of the problems facing our state with a special emphasis on increasing the availability of mental health services for our students. Dr. Davidon, who holds highly impressive credentials in her field, spent more than 15 years working in research, evaluation, policy development, and leadership in children's mental health in Colorado before joining Mental Health Colorado in 2017. This non-profit organization advocates for the more than one million citizens who experience mental health and substance abuse issues yearly. The aim of the group is "to make

Colorado a national leader in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental health and substance disorders." The organization has been nationally recognized for its policy leadership that has helped to secure the passage of landmark legislation. Along with state lawmakers, state and local agencies, mental health providers, schools and others, Mental Health Colorado strives to advance this field in every part of our state.

Dr. Davidon's major focus is on early intervention as she works to support students and schools. She examines the mental health situation in schools and helps them develop strategies for increased success. According to our speaker, combating mental health is an upstream battle, one of persistence, devotion, and endless challenges. In 2016 Colorado was ranked 48<sup>th</sup> in mental health care. Presently we rank 33<sup>rd</sup> as the result of increased access to health care services. More individuals in need of help are presently insured and being treated before a crisis might occur. Still our state faces overwhelming mental health concerns. Colorado ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the country in regard to suicide, and in the age group 10-24 years of age, suicide is the leading cause of death. As youth suicide rates climb across our country, it is essential that schools engage in safe, straightforward conversations and screenings to identify those most vulnerable to suicide. However we experience multiple stumbling blocks toward our ultimate goal, superior mental health care for all students. Dr. Davidon pointed out that not enough individuals are choosing to go into school psychologist positions. Schools are complaining that the resources for proper care are insufficient, while in rural areas of our state services are often unavailable altogether. Colorado is home to 1,888 schools in 178 districts with around one million students. Providing crucial mental health care is obviously daunting but still doable thanks to organizations like Mental Health Colorado.

As Dr. Davidon presented the statewide overview of mental health issues facing our schools, she left us with a product that we can all use within our schools and communities. The School Mental Health Toolkit is really an act of relentless concern and love for our kids in need. It can be accessed online at [mentalhealthcolorado.org](http://mentalhealthcolorado.org) for printing or downloading. The kit provides invaluable guidance toward implementing strategies that really work. Dr. Davidon





left us applauding her tireless devotion to Colorado children.

*Submitted by Ruth Ann Bearden*

### CTAUN Conference

New York City, Friday, April 5, 2019

20<sup>th</sup> CTAUN Conference at the UN

“Our Planet – Our Crisis – What’s Next?”

“Climate change is the defining issue of our time – and we are at a defining moment. If we do not change course by 2020, we could miss our chance to avoid the disastrous consequences of runaway climate change. The time for ambitious **#ClimateAction** is now.” UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres

**REGISTRATION** is now open. Book Hotel by March 3 for reduced rates.

Coming from out-of-town? We have arranged for special hotel rates for conference attendees at the nearby Hampton Inn, Manhattan Grand Central Hotel located on East 43rd Street between Second and Third Avenues. For details and to book a room once you have registered for the Conference go to **CTAUNatHamptonInn**.

#### CONFERENCE: THIS IS A ONE DAY CONFERENCE W/ LUNCH

WELCOME: UN – A.M. overview of challenges and initiatives

\*Presentation by Fabien Cousteau, Founder/President, Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center

\*Earth Ethics and Justice – Karena Gore, Director, Center for Earth \*Ethics, **Lunch and InfoFair**





\*Global Kids – NYC High School Student Activists’ Reports from the \*UN Climate Change Conference (COP24) in Poland

*Submitted by Kathy Flynn*



## Colorado State Slate of Officers for 2019-2021

Bios for the State Office Nominees are available on the state website: <https://dkgcolorado.weebly.com/>

	<p><b>Mrs. Leila Koenig</b> President</p>
<p><b>Mrs. Suzanne Foster</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</p>	
	<p><b>Dr. Maxine Fawcett-Yeske</b> Second Vice President – Second Term</p>
<p><b>Miss Mary Lauck</b> Recording Secretary</p>	
	<p><b>Mrs. Michelle Miller</b> Recording Secretary</p>
<p><b>Mrs. Kerry Tripp</b> Corresponding Secretary - Second Term</p>	



Into The Wild Blue Yonder--  
Forward Moving Ever!  
**Colorado State Convention Registration**

June 28-30, 2019

Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows  
10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124  
303.728.5936

\*\*\*\*Please use a separate form for each person\*\*\*\*

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Office/Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

State Office/Team \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attending?  Yes  No    1 Free CEU Credit?  Yes  No    Choir Participant?  Yes  No

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 21, 2019 (Registration fee not refunded after this date.)

Registration Fee: (Circle one) Member - \$75                      Non-Member - \$85                      Hostess Chapter Member - \$50

*All attendees (including presenters, volunteers, and hostess chapter workers) must register.*

Meals

Please list any dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter number of meals and total amount for that meal.

Indicate # of meals:	Total for meals
_____ \$	_____ Friday Night Dinner - \$53 (Circle one: Chicken Marsala or Salmon)
_____ \$	_____ Saturday Breakfast - \$40
_____ \$	_____ Saturday Celebration Luncheon - \$47
_____ \$	_____ Saturday Night Banquet - \$53
_____ \$	_____ Sunday Morning Breakfast - \$40
_____ \$	_____ Food total
_____ \$	_____ Registration total from above
_____ \$	_____ <b>Total Due (Registration and Meals)</b>

If you have indicated more than one meal, please list the names of your guests. \_\_\_\_\_



Make check payable to: *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society*

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Updated registration information will available at [dkgcolorado.weebly.com](http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com).

### Meal Information

#### **Friday Night Dinner - \$53**

Choice of One - Chicken Marsala or Salmon  
Both served with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley  
Fruit Pie for Dessert

#### **Saturday Breakfast - \$40\***

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Rosemary Potatoes, Pancake served with Syrup

#### **Saturday Celebration Luncheon - \$47**

Beet Salad and Vegetable Lasagna served with Cheesy Garlic Bread  
Chocolate Mousse for Dessert

#### **Saturday Night Banquet - \$53**

Salad: Hearts of Romaine, Cucumber, Herbed Chickpeas, Heirloom Tomato, Feta,  
Pita Crisp, Oregano Lemon Vinaigrette  
Entrée: Garlic Thyme Marinated Chicken, Mushroom Ravioli, Blistered Tomato and Mushroom Ragout,  
Sautéed Broccoli (Vegetarian option if needed)  
Dessert: Flourless Chocolate Cake with Hazelnut Brittle

#### **Sunday Morning Breakfast - \$40\***

Individual Vegetable Egg Fritter, Bacon, Sausage, Rosemary Potatoes, and Pancake served with Syrup.

\* All plated breakfasts include Assorted Pastries with Butter and Jam, Freshly-Brewed Starbucks  
Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea and Orange Juice

### Lodging Information

Hotel Guest Room Group Rates

Standard Guest Room--\$119 per night

Available June 28 and 29, 2019--may extend stay before and after Convention at regular prices.

Hotel's room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes  
(currently 12.8125%) in effect at the time of check out.

\*Hotel will provide complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms.

Method of Reservations: Individual Call in/Online via

Passkey Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/DeltaKappaGammaJune>

\* Marriott's Reservations toll free number 1-800-686-2767. Identify DKG.

Group rate is guaranteed for reservations made on or before the Cutoff Date of May 31.  
Any reservations made after the Cutoff Date shall be at the Hotel's then current available rate.



## 2019 Colorado State Convention Schedule

*Into The Wild Blue Yonder--Forward Moving Ever!*

Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 28, 29, 30

Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows

10345 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124



***\*Please bring your own bag, a printed agenda, your laptop, a notepad, and pens.\****

Full Conference Schedule available at <https://dkgcolorado.weebly.com/>

### Saturday Breakout workshops

#### **1:10-2:10 Breakout Workshop Session 1**

Building Confidence with the New Dues Processing Procedure	Jane Tanner	<i>Littleton A</i>
Using State and International Websites	Nancy Scofield	<i>Littleton B</i>
Women's Fitness, Weight Loss and Healthy Again	Kathryn Peterson	<i>Lone Tree</i>

#### **2:20-3:20 Breakout Workshop Session 2**

Membership--The Light of the Future	Membership Team	<i>Littleton A</i>
Making an Elastic Bracelet	Diedra Tidwell/ Marney Hawes	<i>Littleton B</i>
Embracing Your Life and Enhancing Your Well-Being	Memory Lamfers	<i>Lone Tree</i>

#### **3:40-4:40 Breakout Workshop Session 3**

Promoting Critical Thinking Through Proper Questioning	Michelle Miller	<i>Littleton A</i>
The Power of One, The Power of You	Dr. Maxine Fawcett- Yeske	<i>Littleton B</i>
Personal and Professional Experiences of Pakistani Teachers from a Six-Week Professional Development Program at the University of Northern Colorado	Dr. Ginny Helwick- Jackson	<i>Lone Tree</i>

### Keynote Speaker Bios and Session Descriptions



#### **OPENING SESSION KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Dr. Jane Tanner, DKG Northeast Regional Director  
Society Representative**

#### ***Greetings from International***

During the opening session, Dr. Tanner will share updates and greetings from Delta Kappa Gamma International Society headquarters. In addition, Dr. Tanner will be leading us in two other sessions. Her breakout workshop, *Building Confidence with the New Dues Processing Procedure*, will teach us about the new dues processing procedure and familiarize us with the electronic process that will compute all mathematical calculations to lighten the work for both chapter and state organization treasurers.



In her whole group session, *What's On Your Mind?*, Dr. Tanner will lead us in an informal round table discussion of Society topics that interest us.

Jane is from Central New York, having lived there all her life. She received her AB in mathematics from Cornell University, her MS in Education (secondary mathematics) from the State University of New York at Oswego, and has completed many hours of graduate work at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry and UCLA Extension. Jane taught middle and high school mathematics for four years before heading to Onondaga Community College, part of the State University of New York (SUNY), to teach computer information systems and mathematics. She served as a faculty member there for 36 years, having retired as professor emerita in 2018.

Jane has been married to her husband Andy for 17 years. For six months a year, they live in the log cabin in NY that he designed and built. This has served as home for her two stepchildren Stephanie and Casey, who in turn have made her a grandma to four grandchildren: Audriana (6), Casey Jr. (5), Grayson (3), and Shelby (2). The other six months are spent in Florida where winters are much kinder than in Central New York.

In 1969, Jane's aunt became a charter member of NY's Beta Kappa chapter. Growing up, Jane heard a lot about DKG and became a member of that chapter in 1991. She has served this chapter as recording secretary, webmaster, and president as well as chairing a number of committees. Currently she is a member of Chi chapter that meets annually with the Nu chapter from Ontario.

On the New York state level, she has served as Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and President as well as treasurer and vice-chair of the state foundation. Currently she is a member of the Gladys L. Mersereau Grants-in-Aid Committee as well as the State Achievement Award Committee (she received this award in 2005).

Internationally, Jane has been to every Northeast regional (now an international conference) and international convention since 1995. She has served on the International Research, Golden Gift Fund, and Finance committees as well as serving as chair of the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. She is now busy as the Northeast Regional director and will be coordinating this summer's Global Awareness International Conference in Mashantucket, CT.

In the last issue of the *Collegial Exchange* (Vol 85-2), Jane tells how her leadership in DKG propelled her to become active in her national mathematics organization. She is currently the immediate past president of AMATYC, the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges. Between DKG and AMATYC, Jane has travelled throughout the U.S. and Canada giving presentations on mathematics and issues related to DKG.

In her spare time, Jane is an avid sports enthusiast as well as being an accomplished stitcher. She enjoys doing all types of puzzles and has done many presentations on Sudoku. Jane looks forward to visiting Colorado in June.



## FRIDAY AFTERNOON KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Tenica Henry, Interventionist**

***Bringing Mindfulness and Mind Shifting Strategies to High School Students***

In her workshop, Tenica will share her experiences in piloting the mindfulness curriculum she developed to help students "sit with" their feelings instead posting immediately on social media and lead attendees through one of her activities.



Tenica Henry, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), has worked a range of social emotional issues from Alaska's Inuit population to high risk populations in Colorado and Virginia to high school students in Colorado. She has worked in the schools for the past 15 years and at Niwot High School for 8 years. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from University of Colorado at Boulder in 1995, and then a master in Social Work from Colorado State University in 2002, she received her LCSW certification in 2008. She has worked in various settings such as Department of Social Services, Tanana Chiefs, county jail, Mental Health Partners, and St. Vrain Valley School District all to support children and families. Tenica was born and raised in Boulder, and currently lives in Erie. She is married with a 7-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son.



## FRIDAY EVENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Dr. Harvey Rude, Director Colorado Center for Rural Education**

***Convening, Connecting, and Capacity Building:***

***Systemic Recruitment, Preparation, and Retention of Rural Educators***

The Colorado Center for Rural Education (CCRE) was established in 2016 by the Colorado General Assembly to address the critical shortage of educators in Colorado's 147 rural and small rural school districts. The Center convenes rural education agency partners to implement various pipeline projects to support the identification of rural educators, connects educator preparation program providers with regional rural school district partners to create innovative pathways for preparation, and builds capacity of regional partnerships to ensure sustainability.

This presentation provides outcome data regarding ongoing projects: Rural Teaching Scholar stipends for student teachers placed in rural school districts; Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification (CEEQ) and National Board Teaching Certification (NBTC) stipends for practicing rural educators; Rural Alternative Licensure Stipends (RALS) for candidates being prepared through alternative teacher licensure programs in rural school districts; University/Rural School District Partnership mini-grants; and rural Plan-Into-Action partnership grants. The outcomes from these projects include the numbers of additional educators who elect to practice in rural school districts, the number of rural educators who are prepared by Colorado educator preparation programs, and the numbers of rural educators who commit to continue their practice in rural school districts. A variety of demographic and contextual variables are addressed in the analyses of evaluation data.

The CCRE has awarded 135 Rural Teaching Scholar stipends, 30 Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification stipends, 40 Rural Alternative Licensure Stipends, and 31 National Board Teacher Certification stipends. In addition, 7 University/Rural School District Partnership mini-grants and 14 Plan-Into-Action partnership grants have been awarded to date. Preliminary findings will be shared that include the impacts on alleviating educator shortages in the state of Colorado.

Over the past six years, Colorado schools have experienced 15% growth in numbers of students being educated while the number of educators being prepared by educator preparation institutions has declined by 25%. The CCRE supports a variety of recruitment, preparation, and retention projects and activities designed to address the critical shortages of educators in rural school districts across the state of Colorado.

Dr. Harvey Rude is Director of the Colorado Center for Rural Education, a statewide organization based at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) in Greeley, where he has served in a variety of leadership capacities over the past 39 years. Currently a Professor Emeritus of Special Education, he has held positions as Executive Director of the Bresnahan-Halstead Center on Disabilities, Director of the School of Special Education, Director of the School of Teacher Education, and Associate Dean of the College of Education at UNC.



Harvey served from 2002-2016 as elected Chairperson of the Navajo Nation Teacher Education Consortium, comprised of twelve institutions of higher education in the Four Corners region, that focuses on building capacity of the Navajo education system. He is currently working as Advisor/Consultant to the Navajo Nation President’s Office for the Navajo Tribal Education Department project. Dr. Rude served as President of the Higher Education Consortium for Special Education as well as the American Council on Rural Special Education, and continues to serve on the National Advisory Board for the Bureau of Indian Education.

Dr. Rude earned graduate degrees in Special Education and Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado, and an undergraduate degree in Special Education from Minnesota State University at Moorhead. Prior to entering higher education, he gained experiences as a local school district special education director, a special education teacher, a residential program counselor/educator, and a three-sport coach.

**SATURDAY LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Brandon Crandall, Professional Sculptor**



In his session, *Building Every Day*, Brandon will share his sculpting process steps and show us how small steps every day can help us reach our goals as he leads us into thinking about how to sculpt our Colorado Chapters like true artists!

Brandon Crandall is a native Missouri artist known for his highly detailed bronze sculptures. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sculpture. Since that time, Brandon has worked as a freelance sculptor, creating such works such as *Curiosity*, *The Purple Heart*, and *Selfless*, among others. One of his most prestigious works to date can be seen in Missouri's State Capitol, in the Hall of Famous Missourians.

**COLORADO STATE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**Dr. Sue Pettit and Cela Varosy -- *Into the Wild Blue Yonder of Possibility***

Cela and Sue were inspired by attending Ben Zander’s keynote presentation at the 2018 International Convention in Austin and are honored to be able to share some of his wisdom at the Colorado State Convention. How are you doing on your goals and resolutions for 2019? The way we think about others and the world impacts our ability to meet our goals and become our best selves. In keeping with our biennium theme—Praise and Possibility, Sue and Cela will engage attendees in two stimulating vision building exercises based on the *Art of Possibility* by Benjamin and Rosamund Zander.



Dr. Sue Pettit is a semi-retired adjunct professor from Colorado State University-Pueblo and has been a DKG member for 25 years. She is Immediate Past President of Colorado State, a Team Leader for the Community and World Connections Team, Chair for the Omega State Award, and Team Leader for the Music, Arts, and Humanities Education Team in Beta Chapter.



Cela Varosy is a retired teacher who has taught in Germany, California, and as a volunteer in Colorado. She has been a DKG member for 22 years and is currently serving as the Alpha Iota Chapter President. She is a team member of the Membership and the Community and World Connections Teams for Colorado State.



## Pre and Post Conference Activity Options

*all within a few miles of the Convention hotel!*

### Care for a Castle?

#### Cherokee Ranch and Castle

<https://cherokeeranch.org> 6113 Daniels Park Rd, Sedalia, CO 80135

Tour price \$15 (Limited availability. Schedule early.)

Trace the rich history of this site through the 1800's to the 1950 when Tweet Kimball bred South Texas Santa Gertrudis cattle in Colorado's cold climate and made Cherokee Ranch famous for the breed which spread all over the world. You can see the herd--plus a couple of bears and bobcats if you're lucky--as you pass thorough the wildlife sanctuary to the Scottish-style castle which was built in the 1920s. The Castle houses historic collections of fine art, furnishing, and memorabilia from around the world, including drawings by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Amazing views of the Rocky Mountains complete the trip.

#### The Highlands Ranch Mansion

<http://highlandsranchmansion.com> 9950 E Gateway Dr, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Tour price: FREE *Tipping the docent or a small donation is suggested.*

One of the most architecturally unique structures in Colorado, the Mansion offers over 27,000 square feet of living space and at one time contained more than 14 bedrooms and 11 bathrooms. Plan to spend a delightful hour or so on one of the free guided or self-guided tours. No reservation required, but submit a tour request to insure a docent is available.

### Maybe a Mall?

Park Meadows Mall 8401 Park Meadows Center Dr, Lone Tree, CO 80124

Call or download app for transportation. Lone Tree Links 720-990-0176

<http://www.lonetreelink.com/link-on-demand/>  
Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Frequently touted as one of the best malls in Colorado, Park Meadows Mall is a great place to shop. Visit the Lego store for a gift for your grandchild or rest your feet and get a slice at The Cheesecake Factory. The new Amazon store is an interesting set of items that ranked 4 stars on Amazon. The mall is circled by restaurants, and Best Buy, Old Navy, a Teachers Store, Nordstrom Rack, and Marshall's are just across the street.

#### Premier Outlets at Castle Rock

Address: 5050 Factory Shops Blvd #437, Castle Rock, CO 80108

Over a hundred of the world's best brands at 70% off. The new surrounding stores include Sierra Trading and a King's Soopers with a cafe.

#### The Barn Chatterbox

<https://thebarncastlerock.com> 400 Third St, Castle Rock, CO 80104

Antiques and Specialty Shop

From the *Book Nook* to *Bohemian Rags-n-Bags* to the *Bees Knees Antiques and Interiors*, you'll enjoy buying or browsing the hundreds of booths in Castle Rock's old feed store turned boutique.

Daniels Park 8682 North Daniels Park Road, Castle Pines, CO 80108

A stunning view of the whole mountain range and Denver's bison herd. Visitors drive from miles around to catch the glorious sunset. A must see if you're in our area. The establishment of Daniels Park dates back to a generous donation of 1,000 acres – 38 acres in 1920 and 962 acres in 1937 — to the City of Denver by Florence Martin. Best known for its bison herd, Daniels Park is a Denver Mountain Park, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Home to historic ranch structures, Daniels Park is the site where Kit Carson was said to

<http://dkgcolorado.weebly.com/>





have made his last campfire. It is also home to the Tall Bull Memorial Grounds cultural area.

**A Denver Museum, CU South Denver** 100035 S. Peoria Street, Lone Tree, CO 80134

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<http://www.lonetreelink.com/link-on-demand/>

Groups of 10 or more \$12 for movie and exhibit (60+ in smaller groups is \$17 (well worth it!) Buy tickets online at <https://southdenver.cu.edu/visit-us/>

Art and natural history exhibits with an impressive wildlife art collection and educational displays including Globeology, Science on a Sphere and special exhibits. called Science on a Sphere. Science on a Sphere is a global display created by National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration that projects information about Earth onto a six-foot diameter sphere creating a life-like hovering globe displaying animated content that covers information on topics such as atmospheric storms, climate change and ocean temperature.

Globeology is a one-of-a-kind experience featuring seven significant biomes from around the world. The journey begins high in the canopy of the tropical rainforest and creates a life-like experience with the world's wildlife and habitats. From the Arctic to the depths of the oceans, find yourself nose to nose with polar bears, clown fish and howler monkeys. In this 30,000-square-foot permanent exhibit, visitors get an astronaut's view of Earth, delight in a 17-foot waterfall, enjoy the magic of the northern lights, observe life at an African watering hole, explore majestic reefs, discover the secrets of caves, and much more!

## Mission Statement

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

## Vision

Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide

## Society Purposes

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

## Omega Peaks

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