

Alpha Zeta State News



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Embracing our diversity
Advancing key women educators
Moving forward to achieve our goals

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AZS Welcomes Our International Guest Sandra Bull Smith

Carol Schwartz, First Vice-President, Program of Work/Educational Excellence Committee Chair

We are extremely honored and pleased to welcome Sandra Smith Bull, DKG International Executive Director, as our guest at the 2016 AZS Convention. Sandra will be fully involved from Friday to Sunday. She will present a workshop and deliver her message from International. Since Friday evening's activities allow us time to relax and to visit with sisters from around the state, please take a minute to introduce yourself to Sandra and welcome her to New Jersey. You will find her an excellent listener and someone who will share her vast knowledge of DKG. She is happily married to her soul mate, Eddie, and is a proud mother of a son, Ryan, so your conversation may not only be about DKG.



Sandra began her education at The University of Texas, Austin where she earned a B.S. in Education and returned to earn a Master of Library Science. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Phi Mu Honor Societies and is a model of a life-long learning as she continues attending programs focusing on personal and professional growth. As a charter member of her chapter, she has served in many officer positions and has participated in leadership roles in the Alpha State Organization (Texas) since 1989. Sandra's contributions to the Society at the International level began in 1998. Along this journey she was awarded Achievement Awards at the chapter, the state, and international levels. Sandra was a participant in the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar in 1999. We are honored to have Sandra join us during convention and look forward to her contributions.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION!

Mary Jean DiRoberto, Sue Davis and Jan Paxton, Convention Chairs

President Barbara Smith and Program Chair Carol Schwartz have planned an exciting convention for 2016. Complete descriptions of all workshops, menus for all meals, information about hotel reservations, and your convention registration form can be found in this newsletter. Be sure to register for your hotel room by **midnight March 17, 2016** and follow instructions so that the Society receives credit for your room. AZS must meet its room guarantee to avoid having to pay for the unreserved rooms so plan on staying for two nights. Breakfast is again included in the price of the hotel rooms this year at the hotel's new restaurant, *Seasonz*.

Fill out your convention registration form online or on the form in the newsletter and send it to Convention Registrar Jan Paxton by **March 17, 2016** to avoid a late fee. Register for every activity in which you plan to participate, including those for which there is no charge. To best accommodate all those wishing (Continued on page 2)



A message from our president, Barbara Smith

***T**ogether we will succeed, **E**mbracing our diversity,
Advancing key women educators, **M**oving forward to achieve our goals!*

*"Make New
Friends and
Keep the
Old."*

Each year Alpha Zeta State welcomes the new year with plans for the annual convention. 2016 is no different. Chapters are working on their responsibilities and convention committee chairs are busy preparing for another engaging convention. This issue of our AZS Newsletter is bursting with information about the weekend. Read it thoroughly so you don't miss a thing about this spring's convention.

We have more opportunities to participate in DKG activities in the near future. Make plans to attend the 2016 DKG US Forum/Legislative Seminar, March 13-16th and the AZS Convention, April 8-10th. Save the date, June 11, 2016, for the AZS Leadership Session for new chapter leaders, officers and committee chairs. Consider traveling to Nashville in July for the DKG International Convention, July 5-9th, to learn more about how to build stronger state and chapter organizations while making new friends from around the world.

When I think of our DKG membership, a song we sang in Girl Scouts comes to mind: "Make New Friends and Keep the Old." How do we attract new members? How do we retain our current members? This is not a challenge only for DKG for most organizations are asking the same questions. We must engage new members now. They will help strengthen and expand our chapters by providing new energy and inviting their colleagues into membership. Help them get involved in planning meetings or chapter projects with veteran members. Encourage them to advance their education and professional dreams and be there to support them. Let's determine the leadership skills of our members and develop and nurture these skills for their personal and professional growth.

Our DKG leadership has definitely given us new strategies and tools to support our efforts to recruit and retain members: the DKG Recruitment/Membership Plan. Our actions now will determine what happens in the future.

Show your enthusiasm for DKG and you will excite someone else. How? Choose a day for your chapter members to wear their key pin all day. Tell people what it stands for. Be excited as you talk about the benefits of being a member of DKG with your colleagues, friends, family, restaurant servers and others you see during the day. Be a cheerleader for Alpha Zeta State.

I am proud to serve as your president and visiting your chapters is one presidential responsibility I really enjoy. These visits enable me time to get to know and interact with our members. Building relationships is part of building strength within our organization. It is a part of developing future teams of leaders who will work together to meet the goals of our chapters and our state.

YOU are the strength of the Alpha Zeta State team. **THANK YOU** for everything you do for, and in support of, our sisters while working as a team to create a stronger organization.



Don't Miss Convention

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to attend, we must have an accurate count for all activities where admission will be by ticket only. All convention meals are prepaid and pre-ticketed. Please indicate meal option selections and **register early!**

As we move into the technological era, agenda trifolds will not be published this year. Instead, you will be able to scan a QR code to access the convention agenda. The agenda is also published in the Convention Directory.

The DoubleTree offers many amenities for the enjoyment of their guests. You may want to visit the indoor pool, hot tub or fitness room. If weather permits, the hotel has a lovely terrace and walking trail. Many chapters will also be hosting informal gatherings for their members throughout the weekend. We look forward to seeing you at convention where we will continue embrace our TEAM efforts!

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Sisters at CTAUN

The most recent Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) Conference was held at the UN/NYC on Friday, January 22nd. AZS was represented, along with DKG sisters from other states, including DKG International President Dr. Lyn Schmid and DKG Administrative Board members Sandra Bull Smith and Nina Scott. As its theme, the conference featured "Stewardship for a Sustainable World" and emphasized several aspects of the 17 new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They were #2 - Ending Hunger - through achieving food security, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture. The afternoon topic was "Taking Care of the Earth" and emphasized goal #6 - Clean Water and Sanitation, ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation, as well as goal #7 - Affordable and Clean Energy, ensuring affordable and reliable energy for all. Also part of the environmental program was SDG #13 - Climate Action which emphasizes combating climate change and its impacts.

The morning panel spoke about Food Politics, as recently experienced in Syria, and about Food Sustainability and Security. The afternoon session cited the importance of clean water and the effects on children and poor people who lack that basic resource. A lead-in to the topic of water resources was the author, Christine Ieronimo ("A Thirst for Home") and her compelling story about her adopted daughter from Ethiopia.

Ms. Ieronimo also participated in the Information Fair, where students and teachers could gather a plethora of posters and pamphlets, as well as chat with presenters. Other exhibitors, for example, were Heifer International which provides livestock to change lives and the UN World Food Programme which fights hunger worldwide by providing food assistance in emergency situations and nutritional education. The Kazakhstan Mission to the UN presented information on the vanished Aral Sea and its attempted restoration. Some other groups, which have programs and information for students and teachers, are the US Fund for UNICEF, Reach the World, iEARN-USA, as well as the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

In all, about 500 students and teachers attended the CTAUN conference, learning more about the UN Goals and about the affiliated NGOs. If you would like to learn more about CTAUN and for a variety of teacher resources, visit their website at www.teachun.org. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that have been created have a targeted completion date of 2030. The UN Committee that created these goals wants us to share and explore these goals in our classrooms and with young people everywhere. For more information about the SDGs, go to www.worldwewant2015.org.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Focus of Keynote Detective Paul Vanaman

Alpha Zeta State is pleased to welcome Detective Paul Vanaman as one of our Keynote speakers. Detective Vanaman has been employed in law enforcement since 1992. He is currently employed by the New Jersey Human Services Police as Detective and has been assigned to the FBI Innocence Lost Task Force since 2012, participating in the detection, investigation, arrest, and prosecution of Human Trafficking offenders both within and outside the State of New Jersey.

Detective Vanaman has completed multiple forensic trainings regarding missing persons, child abuse, Internet investigations, interviewing children, human smuggling and sex trafficking, identifying deceptive behavior, digital crimes, sex crimes, and others.

He completed Amber Alert training for Child Abduction Response Teams and FBI Child Abduction field training exercises held by the FBI Child Abduction Deployment and Behavior Analysis Unit. He was nominated in 2013 and 2015 by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for United States Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Detective Vanaman served as case detective with over 290 cases involving Human Trafficking detection, arrests, and locating missing and exploited children. Using these experiences, he instructs and speaks on Missing and Exploited Children including those involved in the Criminal Sex Trade. We welcome Detective Vanaman to AZS and look forward to his presentation.

AZS Art Exhibit

AZS artists are encouraged to exhibit their work at this year's Convention. The discipline categories include: digital drawing and painting, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics. To participate, artists are to complete the application found on the AZS website under Convention and return it in its entirety through e-mail only to Barbara Henderson by March 1, 2016.

Work is limited to two images of original art per artist. Works will be exhibited physically on-site only. A digital photograph (at 72dpi) of all work to be displayed must accompany one's application. Work must be ready to display. 2D work must be matted or framed with a free-standing or table-top easel provided by the artist. All work must be delivered to and removed from the exhibit area as indicated by the schedule which will be provided.



Chocolate, The Taste of Freedom

Many of our members were privileged to hear Maud Dahme speak at the 2009 Alpha Zeta State Convention. Ms. Dahme was invited to become an honorary member of AZS by then-state president Carmela DeMarco (*Gamma*). Perhaps you have been fortunate to have had Maud Dahme visit your school to share her experiences as a hidden child during World War II. ***Chocolate, The Taste of Freedom***, Ms. Dahme's long-awaited book about her life, was recently published with the assistance of Stockton University. Her memoir is a part of the "Writing as Witness" project, and the proceeds will benefit the mission of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at the university.

Chocolate, The Taste of Freedom is a young adult book for grades five and older. It chronicles the wartime experiences of six-year-old Maud and her four-year-old sister Rita, who were hidden from the Nazis for almost three years by righteous gentiles in the Netherlands. The book describes her life as a hidden child, as well as Ms. Dahme's reunion with her parents, and her post-war experiences, which include immigration to the U.S., marriage, and life as a Holocaust education advocate. The book contains many photographs of Maud and her family. Don't miss this heart-warming story about the good in humankind, even in the face of great evil. ***Chocolate, The Taste of Freedom*** is available from the publisher at http://www.cometpublishing.com/book_detail.php?140.

Additional Companion Resources

- ***The Hidden Child*** DVD, a documentary filmed during a 2004 educators' trip led by Ms. Dahme. It is available through Amazon.com or at the internet link www.njvid.net/showvideo.php?pid=njcore:16543.
- Another film entitled ***Transformation and Remembrance*** follows Ms. Dahme leading educators through Berlin and Prague during the summer 2014 tour. This can be accessed through Classroom Close-Up: www.classroomcloseup.org/transformation-remembrance.
- The 2015 placing of memorial plaques for nine members of Maud's family can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oxuopg_gs2A.

For a life-changing experience, you can be part of Maud Dahme's 2016 summer seminar to the "Infamous Sites of the Holocaust". Information on this trip for educators is available at www.nj.gov/education/holocaust/programs/trips/08021716Seminar.pdf.

Scholarship Awards to be Presented at Convention

*Jo Anne Applegate, Jean Jaeger and Faith Steinfert
Scholarship Tri-Chairs*

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that both the Elizabeth M. Bozearth State Scholarship (\$3,000), which is awarded to a DKG-AZS member who is matriculated in a graduate program; and the Margaret Abel Scholarship Award, which is presented to a non-member who is enrolled in a program leading to certification for an initial teaching position, will be awarded at the luncheon at our State Convention in April. We hope you will join us in applauding these outstanding women.

Sadly, there were no applications for the Professional Growth Stipend (up to \$1,000), which is awarded to a DKG AZS member or team, twice yearly at the AZS meeting in September and January. It may be used for professional growth, personal development, research, educational or community service projects, travel related to field, conference attendance related to field.

DKG AZS and International offer many scholarships and stipends to help support the further education and professional growth of our members. Be sure to check out the AZS website for more information.

Book Sharing with Donations

The fifth Annual Book Venue will be one of our Convention's special events. ***Book Sharing with Donations*** has been created to be "green" and to support the State Stipend Fund.

Chapter Responsibilities:

- ♦ Each chapter will donate 25 very gently used books. (Please note the change in number.)
- ♦ Genres will include:
Children's books (hard or soft cover)
Popular fiction (soft cover only)
- ♦ Each chapter will be responsible for its books and taking them to a designated place on the Friday evening of Convention.
- ♦ Each chapter will be responsible for distributing or disposing of one bag of unsold, left-over books, to be picked up by 4:30 PM on Saturday evening before Initiation. Please give the name of the pick-up person when you drop off your chapter's books.

Book tables will be opened on Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 AM; 10:30 to 11:45 AM; and 2:30 to 4:30 PM.

Members who select books are encouraged to make a donation to the State Stipend Fund. For more information, please contact Lisa Andrews at landrews@trschoools.com

Sisters Sharing

CHAPTER NEWS

Editor's note: An apology is given to Pi Chapter whose news was omitted from the last newsletter. Their news is printed below.



PI CHAPTER

Robin Atkins, *president*

Pi's annual membership dinner meeting was held on Oct. 6 at the Telford Inn in Mantua, NJ. After the outlining the year's activities, the focus was given to our S.E.E. Project. Three new educators with three years or less experience will be selected to receive a \$150 stipend in the form of a gift card to be used for a classroom project. The winners will receive a recipe box containing recipes for quick, easy to make meals inscribed with "Pearls of Wisdom" (advice to young educators) from the Pi sister submitting the recipe on the back. In keeping with this theme, Pi sisters wore their pearls to dinner.

Terry Boyajian made an appeal to support the campaign of Jane Flanagan, a cancer survivor from Xi Chapter. "Jane's Joyful Survivors" walked in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Ocean City on Oct. 18. Pi Chapter collected \$352 at the meeting for this worthy cause.

Past President Mary Conover reviewed the seven purposes of DKG and shared the PowerPoint "Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture" with the chapter. She spoke about AZ State's goals for this year. "The Formers" (retired Pi sisters) were thanked for their "Care" packages by our sisters returning to the classroom for another challenging school year. Each year The Formers prepare a bag with "survival" items and a tag containing well wishes for our working sisters that are delivered to each sister's school.

Pieces of Pi, the Pi Chapter newsletter, is electronically published five times each year. It contains news about members, updates, legislative news, book club selections/ meeting dates, the Formers' activities and information from the *Forum Connection*.

Sisters in Print

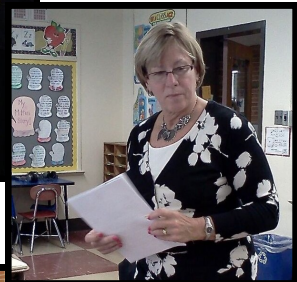
Two of our sisters' articles have been selected for inclusion in DKG's *The Collegial Exchange*, Volume 82-2. Congratulations go to Annabelle Boehm for her article, "I SEE the Challenge" and to Jan Wilson for her article, "Mornings with Harry". We look forward to reading them!

Theta sisters need your help

Do you have any small, personal-sized toiletries, such as shampoo, toothpaste and so forth, that you can donate? Joyce Breitwieser of Theta Chapter is in charge of collecting items that will be given to Women Rising, a shelter for women and children of domestic violence. Please bring your items to Convention. Sisters at registration will tell you where and when the items will be collected.

Memories from the September 2016 AZS State Meeting

Michele Contala, AZS Photographer



2016 CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Carol Schwartz, First Vice-President/Program Planning Chair

The Program of Work Committee selected an excellent variety of diverse professional workshop presentations for the 2016 AZS Convention. The committee met in September to review the presentation proposals submitted to Carol Schwartz. Each chapter voted for the book selections. The two most popular books were selected. You may only register for ONE of the two so that more members can be accommodated. Please register early to guarantee you are placed in the workshop/s of your choice. Presenters will need time to prepare for the size of the audience. Members are reminded that it is essential for you to take the time, following each workshop, to complete the workshop evaluation, as the information and recommendations for speakers is critical to future planning. Mu, Theta, Epsilon, and Rho chapters will facilitate and hostess the convention workshops.



Saturday morning 10:30 - 11:45 AM

50 Apps in 50 Minutes

A fast-paced look at apps that can help in educational settings and beyond. Leave with a take-away of 50 apps and their description.

PRESENTER: Claire Swanson (Alpha Chapter)

A member of Alpha Chapter since 1990, Claire is a High School Educational Media Specialist at Cedar Grove High School. She has served as Alpha Zeta State President and NE Representative to the International Communication and Publicity Committee. Currently, Claire is the Chair of the International Communications and Publicity Committee and NR Representative.

"No Math, No Future"

Centenary College is reaching out to the Hackettstown community by offering free tutoring to local 2nd-12th grade students. Students recommended by their math teachers come and work with Centenary students, DKG members, and faculty volunteers on homework and test preparations. Former teachers also volunteer at the center. The outreach is gaining popularity and makes a positive impact on the community - both the students and volunteers see how you can make an impact on the community.

PRESENTERS: Kathy Turrisi (Epsilon Chapter), Barbara Henderson (Epsilon Chapter)

Kathy has experience teaching K through College. She holds certifications in 7-12 Math in NY and N-8 in NJ. She has worked as a director and tutor for a nationally recognized tutoring center, trained teachers and presently works as a math professor at Centenary College where she won Teacher of the Year. Kathy's research has been focused on problem based learning and learning styles. She has conducted workshops on math anxiety, assessment, and helping students with math through creating their own games. Kathy felt it was important to give back to the community so she started the free math tutoring center, MTC, to inspire the younger generation because math is all around us.

Barbara Henderson is a past President of Epsilon Chapter and a former fourth grade teacher. She presently volunteers at the MTC as a tutor and mentor.

Group Dynamics and Successful Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

Group Dynamics are evident in our everyday life whether it is personal, social or professional. This workshop will highlight how to work within a group, the roles that individuals take, productive group roles, and counter-productive group roles. Concepts will be tied to the Professional Learning Communities, which have been associated with student achievement.

PRESENTER: Judith S. Nappi, Ed.D. (Omicron Chapter)

Judith is currently an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at Rider University. Previously, she was the Assistant Superintendent/Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Manchester Township School District in Ocean County, New Jersey. Dr. Nappi also held positions as a principal, grade level administrator and teacher. She has degrees in psychology, social sciences, educational administration and administrative policy and urban education.

"Our Book is Published! How We Did It."

Did you ever think about publishing a book? How about illustrating one? Schuyler McClain, Sigma member, artist and illustrator, and her childhood friend, Lorraine Haddock, author of Bella Figlia Della Mamma: Mamma's Beautiful Daughter, will discuss their recently published book. The bilingual book, written in English and Italian, is a loving memoir celebrating mothers and daughters. As women, we all have stories to share. This presentation may be the catalyst you need to begin writing your own special story.

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PRESENTER: Schuyler McClain (*Sigma Chapter*)

Artist Schuyler McClain, born and raised in Margate, NJ, drew inspiration for much of her artwork while walking the beaches of the Jersey shore. Schuyler received her Bachelor of Arts in Art and Education and a Master of Arts in Environmental Education from Glassboro College (now Rowan University). She taught elementary art for over 30 years in New Jersey public schools and was a teacher of art at the University of the Arts Saturday School in Philadelphia. Currently retired from education, she is a working artist in Moorestown NJ, working primarily in pen and ink, colored pencils and watercolor. Schuyler has recently illustrated her first picture book, Bella Figlia Della Mamma: Mamma's Beautiful Daughter, written by Lorraine Haddock. She is very excited to share that experience with you.

Book Discussion - All the Light You Cannot See

The novel, All the Light You Cannot See, is a Pulitzer Prize winner. It takes place during World War II and tells the story of a blind French girl and a German boy and what happens when their paths cross.

PRESENTER: Judith Jordan (*Lambda Chapter*)

Ms. Jordan is a retired remedial reading teacher who has loved to read her entire life. She has been a Lambda Chapter member for over forty years. This will be the fourth book discussion she will be leading for Alpha Zeta State. We are pleased to have her return to lead this book discussion.



Saturday Afternoon 2:30 -3:45 PM

Membership Diversity in DKG - Is Variety What We Really Want?

We talk a lot about the strength of diversity in the makeup of chapter membership. Unfortunately, we don't always talk about the effort that is necessary to make diversity work for every member. True inclusivity is a culture changing process. This workshop will describe different types of DKG diversity and offer suggestions for meaningful inclusion.

PRESENTER: Sandra Smith Bull

Sandra is currently serving as International Executive Director of the Society.

Teacher leaders: Who Are They And What Do They Do?

Frequently when we hear the term "leader" in the educational context we think of the school principal or superintendent. But teachers can be and frequently are leaders within their schools, definitely in the context of DKG. After a review of the professional standards for teacher leadership, we will discuss how these standards apply to each of us in our professional lives as well as in our life as DKG members.

PRESENTER: Dr. Nora Pollard (*Lambda Chapter*)

Nora has been a member of DKG since 2004 and has served in a variety of leadership roles in both her professional life and in DKG at the chapter and state level. She has been a chapter president and worked on various state level committees including newsletter editor and initiation. Nora was the co-chair of the Leadership Development Committee for the 2013-2015 biennium and is currently the chair of the committee for the 2015-2017 biennium. In her role as co-chair and chair of the Leadership Development Committee she provided the orientation workshop for initiates at convention each year. Nora also serves on the Editorial Board of the society.

Cliff Notes to Each Financial Goal

Attend this workshop if: you are so busy you cannot find time to do your financial homework; your life placement has changed again; you hope you are "all set", but can't say for sure; you have no clue and are embarrassed to say so. Do you need a financial checkup?

PRESENTER: Barbara Bobbins Wilkinson

Barbara has been assisting clients in the accumulation, protection, and distribution of wealth for 24 years. She was ranked 19 out of 14,000 agents in 2015. This places her at the top of the million dollar round table which is comprised of the top 5 percent of insurance agents. She strives to treat everyone with respect and kindness and to share her wealth of information.

Book Discussion: Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker

New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Chiaverini's compelling historical novel unveils the private lives of Abraham and Mary Lincoln through the perspective of the First Lady's most trusted confidante and friend, her dressmaker, Elizabeth Keckley.

PRESENTER: Catherine Cleenput (*Alpha Chapter*)

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Catherine has been a member of Alpha Chapter since 2001. She is a retired teacher of gifted and talented. We are pleased to have Catherine return once again to lead our book discussion.

Domestic Sex Trafficking in the United States (Terms, Phrases, & Identifiers)

Attendees will be instructed on the terms, phrases, and identifiers of Domestic Sex Trafficking trade within the United States.

PRESENTER: Detective Paul Vanaman

Detective Paul Vanaman has been employed in law enforcement since 1992. He is currently employed by the New Jersey State Human Services Police as Detective and has been assigned to the FBI Innocence Lost Task Force since 2012 participating in the detection, investigation, arrest and prosecution of Human Trafficking offenders both within and outside the State of New Jersey.

Share Your Talents Globally...Porque Tu Puedes

Focusing on the talents that each and every one of us possess, we will explore the possibilities of how to share those talents and rejuvenate ourselves as well as provide needed assistance to other communities (local or global). Through a presentation of a recent trip to the Dominican Republic in order to teach English at Mission Tu Puedes, Angela Belmont will share the culture, educational setting, and how her experience changed the way she views the world!

PRESENTER: Angela Belmont (Gamma Chapter)

Angela is a 35 year veteran business teacher, social studies curriculum supervisor, and high school vice-principal. Recently retired, she searched for a way to share her gift of teaching (and possibly administration) with other communities and cultures. A mission trip to Najayo, Dominican Republic to teach English in a rural mountain community at Mision Tu Puedes became the answer to her search. Over the course of two months this past fall, she became familiar with the culture and educational setting in the Dominican Republic and built relationships with people who have changed her life.

Convention Menus

Friday's Evening Social - April 8

- ◆ Display of vanilla and chocolate ice creams, including sugar free served with your choice of chopped nuts, chocolate sauce, strawberry topping, cherries, sprinkles, chocolate chips, caramel sauce, whipped cream
- ◆ Brownies and blondies
- ◆ Coffee, decaf and tea

NOTE: Complimentary, registration ticket required

Saturday's Luncheon - April 9

- ◆ Tomato bisque
- ◆ Turkey club **OR**
- ◆ Vegetarian option: steamed Jasmine rice with snow peas, carrots and tofu – gluten free
- ◆ Carrot cake
- ◆ Water and iced tea
- ◆ Coffee, decaf and tea

For members: \$34 inclusive of tax & service charges
Initiates and Workshop presenters are guests of AZS; registration and ticket required

Saturday's Banquet - April 9

- ◆ Double Tree house salad: field greens tossed with diced cucumbers, spanish olives, plum tomatoes, gruyere cheese and citrus dressing
- ◆ Duet entree: grilled salmon with a lemon butter sauce – gluten free and grilled rosemary chicken **OR**
- ◆ Vegetarian option: vegetarian wellington
- ◆ Chef's selection of starch & vegetable for all entrees.
- ◆ Chocolate mousse cake (NOTE: diabetic/gluten free desserts can be requested on registration form)
- ◆ Water and iced tea
- ◆ Coffee, decaf and tea

\$46 inclusive of tax and service charges

Note: Diabetic/gluten free dessert options are available provided that the request is made on the registration form. All special dietary requests – gluten free, allergies, nightshade free, etc., must be on the registration form!

Since breakfast is included with the hotel room, no "Coffee and" will be served on Sunday morning.

CHAPTER SALES AT AZS CONVENTION

A number of AZS Chapters offer items for sale at our annual Convention. These sales help to defray chapter costs/fund special projects. Some items are to be pre-ordered while others have special arrangements for pick-up if not done at Convention. Look for the Chapter Sales folder under the Convention tab on the AZS website for details and further information.

This year look for: **BETA**- bracelet holders (\$8) and travel tissue holders (\$2.50), **GAMMA** - ΔΚΓ rhinestone pins (\$20), **THETA** - denim shirts (\$25), **IOTA** - magnetic ΔΚΓ name badge holders (\$15), **MU** - magic grip jar openers (1/\$2 or 3/\$5), **NU** - Cardigan sweaters (\$35-45 based on size), **RHO** - rose pashmina shawls (\$10), and **SIGMA** - DKG notecards (5/\$5). Happy shopping!

The Basket Auction ...

is one of the highlights of Friday night at Convention. This special event helps to fund AZS's Scholarship Fund.

Each chapter is asked to donate:

- ♦ One large basket with a retail value of \$100 to \$200;
- ♦ One or two smaller items with a retail value of \$25 to \$30. These items do not need to be placed in a basket.

Items are to be brought to the Convention ballroom prior to the evening's activities on Friday night. Information will be sent to chapter presidents. **Thank you for your support!**



Looking for some fun this summer?

Ready for country music, dancing, and some “good ole’ country cooking”? If so, come to Nashville, TN July 5-9, 2016 for the DKG International Convention! Enjoy meeting DKG sisters from around

the world and getting to know your AZS sisters in an energetic and fun location, the Marriott's Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Resort. Check out information about the tours available, DKG's Educational Foundation's evening at the *Wildhorse Saloon*, and registration for the convention in the DKG News, as well as online at www.dkg.org. Register now! Looking forward to seeing you in Nashville!

DKG Educational Foundation Hosts Nashville Event at the Wildhorse

Dust off your western wear and boots as you pack for Nashville this summer! The DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) will sponsor *Call Me Country* at the world-famous **Wildhorse Saloon** during the 2016 DKG International Convention. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the convention, either online (www.dkg.org) or using the registration form found in the Jan./Feb. issue of the *DKG News*.

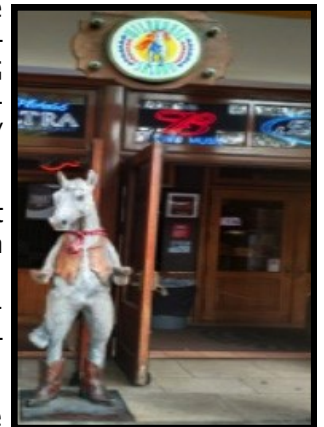
Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7, in the **Wildhorse Saloon** located in the heart of Nashville's entertainment district. This three-level historic warehouse has been converted into a 66,000 sq. ft. country music dance hall, restaurant, concert hall, and TV production site. Horse sculptures and murals dominate the décor with many positioned for optimal “selfie” opportunities! The extensive “all-you-can-eat” buffet on levels two and three features award-winning BBQ selections and numerous side dishes.

The first floor features space for performances by a live band and a DJ, as well as line dance instruction for those wanting to kick up their heels. Besides dining seating, the second and third floors include cash bars and a variety of entertainment venues ranging from billiards to shuffle board to big screen TVs. Use your visit to the **Wildhorse** as an opportunity to wander in and out of all the famous clubs and shops located in the area – with a ride home to the Opryland Hotel provided at your convenience.

Your ticket (\$165) includes:

- transportation (every 20 minutes between the Wildhorse Saloon and the Opryland Hotel by bus)
- access to all levels and activities
- entertainment – DJ, live band, line dance instruction, dance floor
- dinner buffet
- a tax deductible donation to the Foundation

Purchase tickets for the DKGEF *Call Me Country* event on the Convention Registration Form and join your friends for a “get-down good time” at the **Wildhorse** in Nashville!



2016 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Our Convention site is at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Somerset Hotel and Conference Center**.

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-jersey/doubletree-by-hilton-somerset-hotel-and-conference-center-EWRDADT/index.html>

Hotel Address: 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873-4197 **Phone Number:** 1-732-469-2600

Room rate (includes breakfast in Seasonz):

2 guests-\$126.50 inclusive of all taxes; 3 guests-\$138.50 inclusive of all taxes; 4 guests-\$147.50 inclusive of all taxes

Hotel reservations are to be made by individuals by call in or online.

CALL IN: 1-800-222-TREE, ask for reservations in the Delta Kappa Gamma room block

ONLINE: Go to <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/E/EWRDADT-DKG-20160407/index.jhtml>

Group Name: Delta Kappa Gamma 2016 **Group Code:** DKG

Room reservations must be made by **midnight on March 17, 2016**. If you do not register as a DKG member, you may get a cheaper rate, but we will not get credit for you and, if we do not make our room guarantee, we'll pay a huge penalty!

Convention Registration:

Read the complete descriptions of the [workshops](#) and [menus](#), either in this newsletter or on the AZS website. Register with AZ State to participate in convention.

Online - on the AZS website under Convention by filling out the google form **OR** by

Snail mail - use the form in this newsletter or print the form found on the website, fill out, and mail to Jan Paxton.

Payment (See chart below for fee computation):

Pay online - use the online PayPal button and pay with your credit card (fee of 2.9% + \$0.30 will be added)

OR Mail a check-Make checks payable to **NJ DKG** and mail to Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829

Confirmation: Online registration-First a "Thank you" page appears "your information has been recorded". If not, go back, complete the *entire form* and hit the "submit" button again! For both online and snail mail - After payment is recorded, an email copy of your information will be sent. If you never get any confirmation of any kind from Jan Paxton, you are not registered! If you think you have registered, please contact Jan at AlphaZetaState@gmail.com or 908-638-8693 sooner rather than later to make sure that you are registered!

Deadlines: Registration deadline and Cancellation date: **March 17, 2016**

Your registration is **LATE** if it is not postmarked or recorded online by March 17. You will be charged a \$10 late fee! You may find that your meal seats are with other late registrants, not with your chapter. Your registration is **NOT Late**, even if you haven't yet mailed your check, as long as it is recorded online by March 17.

Other Details: If you plan to sing in the chorus, please contact [Diana Dohrmann](#) to get your music prior to convention.

Need to cancel? Contact Jan at AlphaZetaState@gmail.com or 908-638-8693. Do not expect a refund after March 17.

COST CHART				
CATEGORY	CHECK HOTEL	CHECK COM-MUTER	PAYPAL HOTEL	PAYPAL COMMUTER
Registration ONLY (Everyone pays!)	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$41.50	\$51.80
Initiate/Presenter: registration, luncheon, banquet	\$86.00	\$96.00	\$88.88	\$99.18
Member: registration, luncheon, banquet	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$123.89	\$134.19
Initiate/Presenter: registration, luncheon	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$41.50	\$51.80
Member: registration, luncheon	\$74.00	\$84.00	\$76.52	\$86.82
Initiate/Presenter: registration, banquet	\$86.00	\$96.00	\$88.88	\$99.18
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Together we will succeed
Embracing our diversity
Advancing key women educators
Moving forward to achieve our goals

Alpha Zeta State New Jersey State Organization Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Register for Alpha Zeta State DKG Convention. Answer all questions. Snail-mail a check in the correct amount **to Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829**. If you do not receive a note from Jan Paxton confirming your registration and payment, **YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED!** Contact Jan at 908-638-8693 to make sure that you are registered - please do not wait until Convention! Your complete registration, including payment, must be postmarked by March 17, 2016. After that date, there will be a late fee of \$10 and you may not be seated with your chapter sisters for meals! **All hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by midnight on March 17, 2016!**

Please give your first and last names as you want them printed on your name tag.	Membership Status - Please choose the appropriate category: member, initiate, presenter, guest.	Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter -Name of the DKG Chapter of which you are a member or an initiate. If you are a guest, just put "guest".
If you are an initiate, please name your sponsor and/or escort	E-mail address & Phone Number	Registration Type Choose one: Staying at the hotel (\$40) or Commuting to the hotel (\$50)
Will you attend the Friday evening program and social? No charge, but a ticket is required. ___Yes ___No Will you attend the Chorus Rehearsal? ___Yes ___No	Will you attend the Saturday morning (8:00 a.m.) Initiation Rehearsal? Initiates, their escorts and chapter presidents are expected to attend. ___Yes ___No	Initiates - Will you attend the Saturday morning orientation? This will be at 9:00 a.m. following the rehearsal. (Sponsors and chapter presidents are expected to attend the business meeting.) ___Yes ___No
Will you attend the Saturday Birthday Luncheon (12 noon)? Please select your entrée. Cost: \$34 for members. Initiates & presenters will be guests of AZ State __ I will not attend the luncheon __ Turkey Club __ Steamed Jasmine Rice with Tofu, Snow Peas and Carrots - Gluten Free (vegetarian)	Will you attend the Saturday evening banquet? Please select your entrée. Cost: \$46 ___ I will not attend the Banquet ___ Duet Entrée: Grilled Salmon (gluten free) and Rosemary Chicken ___ Vegetarian Wellington	Do you have any food allergies or other dietary restrictions? Please explain your needs specifically - diabetic dessert, gluten free diet, etc. All special requests must be made on this registration form!
Morning Workshop 10:30 - 11:45 Choose one of 4 and an alternate (1, 2) __ I will not attend a workshop __ 50 Apps in 50 Minutes __ "No Math, No Future" __ Group Dynamics and Successful Professional Learning Communities __ "Our Book is Published! How We Did It." __ Book Discussion - All the Light You Cannot See	Afternoon Workshop 2:30 - 3:45 Choose one of 5 and an alternate (1, 2) __ Membership Diversity in DKG __ Teacher leaders: Who Are They and What Do They Do? __ Cliff Notes to Each Financial Goal __ Domestic Sex Trafficking in the United States __ Share Your...Parquet Tu Puedes __ Book Discussion: Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker	Will you attend the Sunday morning Celebration of Life? __Yes __No Do you have any accessibility needs during the workshops? Please specify. If you have accessibility needs regarding your hotel room, contact the hotel.

NEW FOR THIS CONVENTION!

This year there will be NO TRIFOLD with program sessions, times, and room assignments. What, gasp, a change?! Yes, we will be embracing technology.

When you arrive at convention there will be a poster. If you use your QR reader, you will find that it downloads a PDF which has the information that used to appear in the trifold. Open it and you will then have all of that information at your finger tips!

Try it out now. Scan the QR code below and it will bring you the tentative schedule for the coming convention – rooms are either missing or not guaranteed at this point.



Don't have a QR reader?

Download the **DKG APP** for a QR scanner. Go to the App Store for your mobile device and search for the DKG App. On that app, go to "more" on the home page and scroll down to access the scanner.

Dates and Deadlines

February 2016:

- 1 - Rose and Key nomination forms due
- 15 - Chapter president's Biennium Report for the Convention Booklet due to Barb Smith

March 2016:

- 1 - AZS Art Show application due
- 1 - Items needed for Convention due:
 - Names of facilitators from Mu, Theta, Epsilon, and Rho Chapters;
 - Celebration of Life narratives; and
 - Banner information
- 13-16 - DKG US Forum/Legislative Seminar
- 17 - Deadline to register for AZS Convention or for

cancellations

- 17 - Last day to register for hotel room reservations at Convention

April 2016:

8, 9, 10 - AZS State Convention, Somerset, NJ

30 - AZS News due

May 2015:

- 1 - Lucille Cornet Award for Professional Development electronic application due

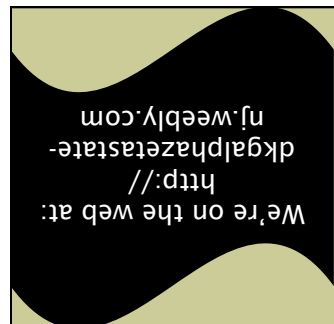
June 2016:

- 11 - AZS Leadership Workshop

July 2016:

- 5 - 9 - DKG International Convention, Nashville, TN

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