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Vendors welcome at State Convention



Thanks to everyone who stopped to talk to our exhibitors and shopped at the vendor tables at the 2018 Convention. Vendors and Exhibitors filled out applications and purchased tables set up in the Conference Center foyer. The money received is counted as non-dues revenue helping to serve members and offset State expenses.

The Non-Dues Revenue Ad-Hoc Committee was formed at the 2017 State Convention and plans are to continue exploring options that will both serve members and benefit the Society.

Be on the lookout for possible vendors/exhibitors for the 2019 DKG Arizona convention. Vendor/Exhibitor applications will be available on the state website later in the fall.

Lori Good, Non-Dues Revenue Chair, Alpha Alpha

CONVENTION MEMORIES



DATES TO REMEMBER

July 16 - 20, 2018
 International Convention
 JW Marriott • Austin, TX

October 27, 2018
 Fall Workshop
 Moon Valley High School
 3625 W. Cactus Road
 Phoenix, AZ

June 7 - 9, 2019
 Arizona State Organization Convention
 Radisson Suites Hotel
 Tucson, AZ

July 16 - 19, 2019
 Southwest Regional Conference
 Hilton Orange County
 Costa Mesa, CA



Beth Marshall
 April 3, 2018

Alpha Xi
 Peoria, Arizona

LaVerna Address
 May 3, 2018

Delta
 Globe, Arizona

Participation *from page 6*

I was asked to present workshops and I accepted. I began to see myself as a leader. The past chapter presidents were wonderful role models. Instead of sinking into oblivion after retirement, they were still vibrant contributors to the Society and it was easy to see that they loved every minute of their participation.

Now I have been inspired to transfer my learned leadership skills to volunteering in the community. I saw that I really have a “can-do” attitude and now I will share my skills with the upcoming officers and I will enjoy every minute watching them grow.

Patricia Holmes, Lambda

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD COMMITTEE SELECTS TWO HONOREES FOR 2018

The Achievement Award Committee honored two members at the 2018 State Convention who have made outstanding contributions to the Society.

Darby Downs (Alpha Rho) has demonstrated enthusiasm and dedication in attracting new members that has kept her chapter thriving and active. Her many leadership skills are evidenced by serving her chapter as president, first vice-president and recording secretary. Downs has also been active at the state level in chairing and serving on several committees, has assisted in presenting workshops, officer training, and was state convention registrar twice. In 2013, she was a recipient of the Spotlight Award and is currently serving as State World Fellowship Chairman.

Linda Perl (Chi) has been a member of



Darby Downs (Alpha Rho) and Linda Perl (Chi)

Delta Kappa Gamma for twenty-two years and is very dedicated to the Society. According to her chapter members, Perl is always willing to participate in every project that the chapter undertakes. She too has held many leadership roles at both the chapter and state levels. In Chi she has served as president twice as well as first and second vice-presidents and corresponding secretary. At the state level, she has chaired two state committees, participated as a member on several committees, and been a presenter at workshops. Currently, she serves as State Corresponding Secretary.

Congratulations go to these outstanding and dedicated women.

Diane Sheets, Alpha Beta, State Achievement Award Chairman

Society success rests on chapter leadership

The International Representative to the Omicron State Convention was Patricia Ann Park, Southwest Regional Director. Speaking at the chapter officer-training luncheon, she emphasized the importance of leadership at all DKG levels to retain Society members.



Pat Park spoke at the Leadership training luncheon.

Membership has dropped from a recent high of 120,000 members to the current level of 73,000. Park challenged leaders to reverse this trend, and retain our current members

Good leaders, she said, share control by giving members responsibility and input within their own chapters. Good leaders recognize and balance the varying needs and interests of their chapter members, working versus retired members. Good leaders think long term and don't assume everyone sees the world the same way they do.

When members feel valued they contribute their best in support of their chapter and the overall vision of DKG, she added. This in turn helps to develop members who are leaders themselves, not only in their chapters but in their schools and communities.

Park recognized in her speech that this topic is very important to the future of DKG. She encouraged everyone to attend her session on leadership at the International Convention to be held in Austin, TX, July 16-20.

Phyllis Gendreau, Alpha Beta

Collaborative Connections breaks state records

Arizona members donated over 17,000 hours of volunteer service this year for an equivalent total of \$1,232,797.06 of Collaborative Connections hours. Donated were 3,870 hours for professional development, 1,0751 hours for early career educators, and 24,696 hours for community service. The hours were collected by chapter first vice presidents and forwarded to Shauna Finley-Paton and Sandy Hillegass for



Lori Good (Alpha Alpha), Marilyn Duerback (Alpha Iota), Suellen Brahs (Rho), Representative Kelli Butler, Alice Reule (Alpha Delta) and Shauna Patton (Alpha Iota) deliver the Collaborative Connections Check and Representative Butler's award.

totaling. Special thanks to Valerie Ramirez for her help in preparing the giant check, which was presented to Representative Kelli Butler.

At the same time, Representative Butler was awarded Omicron State's 2018 "Friend of Education Award." This award is given annually to a member of the Arizona Legislature who advocates for education in the state.

Lori Good, Alpha Beta





heartfelt NOTES from ALICE

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR Are the proposed changes for the sake of change or is it to make improvements and to simplify the DKG structure? Founder Annie Webb Blanton sought change for women educators. It took courage to step out and build a grassroots organization that has swelled to over 70,000 members worldwide to date. The processes in 1929 reflected what was needed for women in education at that time in history.

Think about change in your own lives, from childhood to adulthood. With each period of our lives, starting with dependency and then moving into independence, more and more responsibility became part of the change process. Decisions as we reached adulthood, amounted to whether to marry or not, where to live and what career choices would be made.

When asked to be a member of DKG, was that yet another change in your life? Indeed, you realized that you have an opportunity to affect not only your educational setting, but educators in your chapter, state and worldwide. Then, the potential was realized, you may have been mentored to reach higher and take on leadership as your chapter president and a member of the state Executive Board. As a member, you vote to make decisions at the state level including changes to state bylaws and standing rules. Eventually, your colleagues may have encouraged you to take on a position as one of the state officers. Why did you do that? You saw the need to support education, not only here in the US, but globally, and to uphold the Seven Purposes of our Society.

Why are there so many proposed changes to our constitution this year? Many of them center around attracting a broader membership. In addition, finances are needed to support professional development for workshops, scholarships, publications, travel and insurance. Other proposals are designed to meet the individual needs of aged members or are related to those from varied geographic areas. Proposals are also recommended to simplify our documents.

Where do all the recommended changes originate? They come from International committees, membership and those skilled in parliamentary work. Many of the proposals will likely pass; others may not. Why is that? Some are ready and see the need to make some of the changes; whereas, others are not yet ripe for this period in our history.

You each have a voice if you are attending the International Convention in Austin. For those not attending, continue to send me your thoughts. International offers explanations in the DKG NEWS, Collegial Exchange, webinars and on-line assistance to aid us in our understanding. Only by study, discussion, and a willingness to understand fully the implications, will we make the best choices that will impact the changes needed for the future of

DKG. Together, let us have the courage to make the necessary changes for the Society, just as Annie Webb Blanton did in 1929.

ALICE'S TRAVELS

January 2018

- 10 Alpha Delta Meeting, Phoenix Zoo
- 13 Convention Committee Meeting, Prescott
- 17 Convention Committee Meeting, Prescott
- 2 7-28 Alpha Chi Executive & Chapter Meeting, Lake Havasu City

February 2018

- 3 Alpha Rho Leadership, Learning and Laughter Seminar, Green Valley
- 14 Legislative Day, Phoenix State Capitol
- 16 Membership Committee Meeting, Phoenix
- 17 Joint Chapter Meeting, Alpha Delta & Alpha Sigma, Phoenix
- 19 Convention Planning Meeting, Prescott

March 2018

- 3 Finance Committee Meeting, Tucson
- 6 Chi Chapter Meeting, Scottsdale
- 10 Tau Chapter Meeting, Flagstaff
- 12 Expansion & Chapter Renewal Committee Meeting, Peoria
- 16 Executive Committee meeting, Peoria
- 17-27 National Legislative Seminar, Arlington, VA

April 2018

- 10 Alpha Delta Meeting, Phoenix
- 13-15 State Convention, Prescott
- 25 Legislative Committee presentation of Collaborative Connections check to Rep. Kelli Butler, State Capitol



• **Alice Reule**, Alpha Delta, in support of Collaborative Connections-DKG Arizona's state project, volunteers at Desert View Elementary in Phoenix. She was recently honored with the Lamp of Learning Award, the highest honor, bestowed to an administrator, teacher, support staff, or volunteer in the Washington Elementary District.

• **Jessica Howell**, Nu, was awarded her National Board Certification. She was a 2017 Omicron State Scholarship recipient.

The way we were...

1943 (75 years ago) – From Our Treasured Past, Volume 1 – “The second regional meeting was held in Tucson for the southern area, with eleven in attendance. It was noted that gas and tire shortages made travel conditions unfavorable for Omicron State officers and members for purposes of organizing.”

1968 (50 years ago) – In March, Alpha Eta became the 31st chapter of Omicron State. In April, members traveled to Yuma for the state's 32nd convention.

1993 (25 years ago) – Omicron State members were pleased to have two World Fellowship recipients in the state. Nora Berbisada from the Philippines attended Northern Arizona University and Yadira Montilla studied at the University of Arizona. Both women were pursuing degrees in ESL.

CONVENTION MEMORIES



Leadership, Learning and Laughter

The Leadership, Learning & Laughter Seminar, hosted by Alpha Rho Chapter, February 3, 2018 at the Quail Creek Resort in Green Valley, was a day brimming with innovative activities.

President Darby Downs kicked off the activities by welcoming 60 plus DKG members and guests from 10 chapters. President Alice Reule (Alpha Delta), gave remarks on Arizona State happenings, and four past state presidents were also in attendance.

Guest Speaker Julie Cober (Beta) opened the event with a motivating address, "Laughing Your Way to the Top: Why Humor in Leadership is Important."

Breakout sessions were presented twice each on four relative topics, giving everyone the opportunity to attend two sessions. The choices were Reading Is Rocket Science! presented by Dayna Burke and Mary McGraw; Math Anyone? by Maricruz Wilson; QR What? by Sara Mora (all three Alpha Rho) and Classroom Behavior Breaks by Gena McGill (Nu).

The seminar came to a close amid many compliments, and Alpha Rho members were extremely satisfied in accomplishing the key goals of their first Leadership Seminar. The area chapters came together to learn and share productive ideas, as requested by President Alice, and those in attendance included active educators and both prospective and established Society members who together reaped the rewards of an informative conference.



Two mother-daughter pairs attended Alpha Rho's Leadership Seminar. Pictured are Sandy Hillegass (Beta), Rachel Wear (Alpha Rho), Julie Cober (Beta) and Darby Downs (Alpha Rho).

Rachel Wear, Alpha Rho

Chapter investigates education's future

The January meeting of Alpha Epsilon Chapter was at Mesa Community College where members met with Jared A. Langkilde, Executive Director of Development. He spoke to them on "Designing Our Destiny" and the future of education in this country. Attendees learned how MCC is addressing their student educational needs by involving their community and local schools in their goals. An example was having an MCC counselor in each high school.

In February, the Chapter participated in the forum "From the Mouth of the Classroom Teacher" to see what a classroom is like today. The panel was comprised of six members who are currently teaching: Hope Atchison, Beth Carbone, Sally Carter, Bonnie Hill-Dowdy, Kim Johannsen and Pattie Vincent. They had 3 to 25+ years teaching experience and represented public, private, parochial, Franklin Basic and high schools in SanTanValley, Chandler, Mesa and Phoenix.

At the forum, members wanted to learn about the challenges facing the teachers for direct teaching success. Did class size, technology, student diversity, curriculum, discipline, support staff, families and administrative leadership affect student success? What obstacles needed to be resolved to increase effective teaching? The teachers talked regarding positive and negative experiences within their schools.

The major obstacle for learning was class size. There were too many students in a class to address individual needs, thus hampering teaching and learning for all students. It was quite sobering as to how much is expected of the classroom teacher from the administration and the district. Members thought the two meetings were very enlightening.

Margaret Frihart, Alpha Epsilon.

Cleaning chapter files

Chapters across the Society struggle with managing files, memorabilia and records. Occasionally a member will refuse to accept an office or chair position because she doesn't have room to store all the "stuff." This is a missed opportunity for the member. None of us want "stuff" to stand in the way of leadership.

We all need to SIMPLIFY our lives. Purging out-of-date papers and no longer useful materials is one way to start. Consider scanning records to maintain an easy to store e-record.

Keep permanently: minutes, financial records (including financial reviews/audits), and membership information. For more details, check the Go-to-Guide, pages 9 and 10. The guide is available on the website under Resources-Publications. Review all other papers and discard what no longer has value or historical importance.

Happy cleaning! How freeing it is to have control over the ever-growing mounds of papers!

Barbara Whiting, International First Vice-President

The importance of participation

I have just completed my third biennium as president of Lambda chapter. As we elected a new president, I spoke to those in attendance and reflected on my history as a DKG member. I emphasized how important it is to participate. I joined DKG at the invitation of two friends, even though I knew little about the Society.

At my initiation meeting, I was asked to lead the singing of Christmas carols and play my guitar. When elections came around I became secretary. That certainly improved my computer skills. In the coming years I served in all officer positions except as treasurer. I also produced the annual yearbook even though I was a novice at that type of work. I learned by trial and error. When I was asked to be president, my reply was "I don't think I'm qualified". No one accepted that excuse and I ended up serving for six years.

I was not encouraged to attend Fall Workshops and State Conventions and International events, I was told that this was what members do. I discovered that I loved meeting members from different chapters. Later, I began to meet members from different states and I got to meet and recognize international representatives and leaders. As I attended each meeting and workshop, I began to discover my admiration for DKG sisters. They had poise, knowledge and expertise.

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Nu Chapter News

Two chapter members recently shared their work venues by hosting chapter meetings. The April meeting was hosted by Gena McGill at Canyon Del Oro High School. She shared the instructional strategies that she uses with her students. McGill is working with a newly established Garden Club. She hopes to create eight planter beds and would appreciate donations of seeds and tools.

The May meeting was held at the Miniature Time Machine Museum. Lisa Hastreiter-Lamb welcomed everyone and answered questions as members explored the galleries.

Nu chapter was pleased to award grants-in-aid to three local teachers. They are Melissa Romero and Summer Knight from Walter Douglas School and Kristine Daigle from Davis Elementary School. Two of the recipients attended a meeting to discuss the use of the monies received. A letter from the third awardee was read at the meeting.

Reem Kievit, Nu

2018 SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

Omicron State Convention

Two members received the 2018 Spotlight Award at the State Convention's Birthday Luncheon. The Educational Excellence Committee presented Faye Golden (Alpha Delta), and Judy Tucker (Chi) with the Awards.



Faye Golden, Alpha Delta

Community volunteering has long been a priority for Faye Golden. She has served as co-chairman of a full day Arts Festival Day at her school and served as president of the Peoria Classroom Teachers' Association. She volunteers with the Peoria Historical Society and Peoria Pioneer Days' activities. She served on a community committee to fund an all-weather synthetic track for the high school, which was built using no state, bond or district monies. She also worked on "Saving Old Main," the 1922 original school building. It is now placed on the historical registry.

Though officially now retired, Golden continues to tutor and mentor students on all levels. She volunteers weekly at the elementary school tutoring students in math and reading. She continues to help high school and college

students edit research papers. Every fall she places a box of school supplies in the teacher's lounge as a thank-you. Away from school she volunteers as a Sunday school teacher, and she reads one day a week at the local library to her grandson and his community friends.

Judy Tucker is considered an ambassador of Scottsdale. She ministers to the sick, lectures at her church and contributes to the Christ Child Society, a group that addresses the needs of the underserved children of Phoenix. She volunteers for a children's book discussion and helps with the organization's Red Wagon Fare Fundraiser. She has served as secretary and board member and received the "Star Fish," an award given to a member devoted to children.

Spotlight Awards are presented to DKG members who are nominated by their chapters and recognized for their community work outside of the Society.

Carmen Wendt, Chi, Educational Excellence Committee Chair



Judy Tucker, Chi

Arizona State Organization celebrates 82nd birthday

Who doesn't like a birthday celebration? Members who attended the event at the state convention were all smiles. A lovely tribute celebrated each founder who was represented by a flower. The bouquet included a sunflower, a daisy, a tulip, a carnation and more. The beautiful arrangement communicated the respect and honor due to the courage of women leaders of yesterday and challenged the members of today to unite and move forward to support women educators and impact education worldwide.



Dr. Lacey Marie Brogden, ISF Speaker and Carmen Wendt (Chi)

Dr. Lacey Marie Brogden, the international guest speaker from Canada, shared the journey that brought her to providing a convocation address to an audience of 2,031. She cited multiple examples linking personal and professional connections to opportunities presented to her through DKG membership. She urged attendees to celebrate and embrace their own membership and engage in the skill building leadership opportunities offered at local, state and international levels.

Included in the luncheon activities was recognition of 50 and 25 year members and convention first timers. The Omicron State Spotlight Award recipients were announced and a giant "check" representing the dollar

Scholarship Committee Names 2018 Recipients

Two women educators were awarded \$1000 each at the April 14, 2018 Omicron State Convention Rose Banquet. Kelsey Gibbs (Alpha Chi) received the Anne Brown Endowment. She is working toward her National Board Certification. She had previously won an AIMS scholarship and a Catholic Daughters scholarship. She has worked with first and second grade teams to align curriculum and expectations vertically for primary students. Gibbs has served as first vice president of Alpha Chi.



Kelsey Gibbs, Alpha Chi



Julie Cober, Beta

The recipient of the Anne Paget Rogers State Founders Scholarship is Julie Cober (Beta). She is pursuing a Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in higher education. Faculty Chair of the Communications Department at Rio Salado, she has also received an Academic Scholarship from ASU and, in 2012, was named Outstanding Adjunct Faculty for Instruction. She also received outstanding awards in 2013 and 2014. While involved in many professional and community organizations, she serves her chapter on three committees and is a member of the state Educational Excellence Committee. She has presented workshops at state and regional conventions. Through her research she hopes to inform and motivate other women to take on more responsibilities in higher positions of influence. She is a second generation member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and her mother is also a member of Beta Chapter.

Sorale Fortman, State Scholarship Committee Chairman, Xi

value of the collaborative connections hours was presented. All were invited to attend the EEC Seminar in May. The UNICEF fund raising goal was summarized.

The luncheon concluded with a joyful rendition of "Happy Birthday".

Joyce Geranis, Chi



Lessons from Leading in a Northern (Canadian) Town

"A Photo Essay of an Educational Leadership Journey" was presented by Dr. Lace Marie Brogden, ISF, at the annual DKG state convention in Prescott, Arizona. Brogden is Dean of Education at Larentian University in Sudbury Ontario, Canada.

She combined photos of Canadian landscapes and contexts with anecdotes from an educational leadership journey to becoming a Dean of Education. We coexist in peace and with mutual respect...as long as the sun shines...the rivers flow and the grass grows.

She reminded members of mentorships in their careers and life. She said to look back, reflect and then look forward. She shared her background of growing up in Canada and how that related to her life.

She encouraged members to look at their past, work to identify what they know and try to understand what they don't know. We may have loved something from the past and we may miss it. That is okay. She challenged attendees to learn new things everyday as this is an important aspect of good leadership. Leadership roles can be lonely but we can draw strength from new challenges. As she showed photos of beautiful Canadian waterfalls, everyone was reminded that leadership is constant motion. Leaders need to be in motion because motion changes things. Showing piles of fall Canadian leaves, she reminded members that leadership can be messy and uncontrollable.

Brogden's attendance at the convention was sponsored by the International Speaker's Fund.

Jane Holdcroft, Alpha Sigma

Rose Boutique Displays Special Art



(PHOTO BY LAVONNE LARSON, ALPHA XI)

Memorial exhibit honoring Betty Jo Blanchard.



(PHOTO BY PEGGY SCOTT, ALPHA EPSILON)

Many items were available for sale at the Rose Boutique.

At the Omicron State Convention in Prescott, Sandy Breece (Alpha Chi) displayed the many crafts created by her mother, Betty Jo Blanchard. Betty Jo was interested in trying a variety of art forms. It started with the creation of a jewelry Christmas tree; her love for creating took off from there. On display were ceramics, sand paintings, quilted blankets and wall hangings, birdhouses, dolls, and stained glass. Sandy shared that her mother always had two or three projects "in the works" at one time. Sandy and her family treasure Betty Jo's creations.

Three Alpha Epsilon members displayed their artistry. Paula Bafaro presented a flower water color. Marjorie Perkins shared three of her flower photographs, and Karen Blackstone created a rose candle wicking piece.

We appreciate the creativity of all of these women.

LaVonne Larson, Alpha Xi.

Membership committee shares convention statistics

The membership committee conducted a pre-convention training session for chapter second vice-presidents. Topics included responsibilities for the job; the 3R's - recruitment, retention, and reinstatement; using the Society website to do the job; and ceremonies. Chapters were encouraged to invite the state committee members to a chapter meeting to present a renewal program.

Longevity awards were presented at the



Betty Knight, Kappa



Ann Donlin, Rho

Birthday Luncheon to celebrate members that have just reached the 25 and 50 year milestones in DKG. The following members received their 25 year pins: Dora Donovan (Alpha Sigma), Brenda Emry (Tau), Janet Fish (Alpha Eta), Florence Foster (Upsilon), Donna Hoekstra (Lambda), Joan Jones (Alpha Alpha), Sharon Lawrence (Omega), Marla McCall (Alpha Epsilon), Donna Michel (Tau), Gail Nelson (Chi), and Mary Shenefield (Eta).

Members celebrating 50 year anniversaries are Kathryn Bossuyt (Xi), Eleanor Clauson (Alpha Iota), Ann Donlin (Rho), Betty Knight (Kappa), Beverly Nielsen (Alpha Alpha), Alta Peck (Kappa), and Rosalie Wong (Xi).

Chapters with high attendance were recognized at the Sunday breakfast. Eta chapter received the award for the highest attendance of members from in the area of the convention and Alpha Epsilon was named as the chapter with the most members from out of the area. When using percentages, the highest chapter percentage from in the area was Alpha Chi. The out of the area percentage award went to Alpha Eta.

Susan Halliday, Alpha Delta

Arizona Spring Convention Leadership Training

The Leadership Committee presented a Friday workshop at the State Convention in Prescott designed to help new chapter presidents. Nearly all chapters were represented at the training.

Some of the topics covered were communication tools, approaches to leading successfully, program planning strategies and a leadership model used by DKG, using Mike Figliuolo's book *One Piece of Paper*.

The attendees went home with a notebook

and flash drive. Some of the contents included DKG references, resources and forms; team building activities; parliamentary information tailored for chapter meetings; and program planning strategies.

The Leadership Committee is available to provide additional information and problem solving throughout this biennium.

*Dr. Joye Sterrett, Omega and
Mary Ann Liddle, Lambda,*

Co-chairs, Arizona State Leadership Committee



Ready to retire abroad?

Did you ever consider an international adventure for your retirement years? The prospect of retiring to Ecuador is a serious possibility for Cynthia Maher, Alhambra High School ESL instructor. Having lived in Egypt and Mexico, Maher has experience in adjusting to new lifestyles and customs outside the US. Relocating to Ecuador is a scenario that offers her the opportunity of continuing to teach English to non-English speaking students and enjoy a relaxed way of life.

In her workshop, "Are We Retiring in Ecuador?" she described several attractions that Ecuador offers to retirees, expatriates, and the international community at large. At the top of her list is that Ecuador is basically a nonviolent country, not actively involved in radical controversy or hostile activities.

Of the four geographic areas of Ecuador (the Highlands, the Coast, the Amazon, and the Galapagos Islands), her ideal area is the Highlands, the central mountainous area of the country where the Andean weather is temperate with cool temperatures and strong sunlight. Local citizens comment you can experience four seasons in one day!

Public and private medical services/hospitals are recognized internationally as very good and reasonably priced, Maher said. In addition, many of the medical personnel are proficient in English. Good food grown locally as well as a reliable supply of fish make nutritious options for meals. Housing is clean and modern with a range of price options. The hospitality and friendliness of the people are another major attraction for Maher. Rather than tour the countryside she prefers conversing with the locals who frequent many of the public spaces in the cities.

Ecuador's reputation as a retirement area is growing internationally, Maher said. It is diverse ethnically and ecologically with adventures to offer the traveler and the retiree.

Kathy Green, Alpha Delta

State-wide global involvement project:

UNICEF School-in-a-Box

The UNICEF School-in-a-Box project was off to a rewarding start with \$683.39 collected by the chapters between Fall Workshop and the Prescott State Convention. This will buy 3+ kits for schools that have experienced a disaster.

At each chapter meeting, the State Educational Excellence Committee asks members to drop their pocket change in a collection. At the 2019 State Convention in Tucson, the chapter first-vice presidents will bring a chapter check to the Birthday Luncheon for all the change collected. The goal will be to

purchase five more School-in-a-Box kits that can be used for global education.

Each kit provides supplies for the teacher and up to 40 students to continue their education when their schools have been damaged by fires, hurricanes, floods, or other catastrophes. The School-in-a-Box kit was named by UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte, and in 2014 UNICEF supplied \$63 million worth of educational supplies.

*Carmen Wendt, Chi, State Educational Excellence
Committee Chair*



Thirty-one members enjoy the pre-convention tour

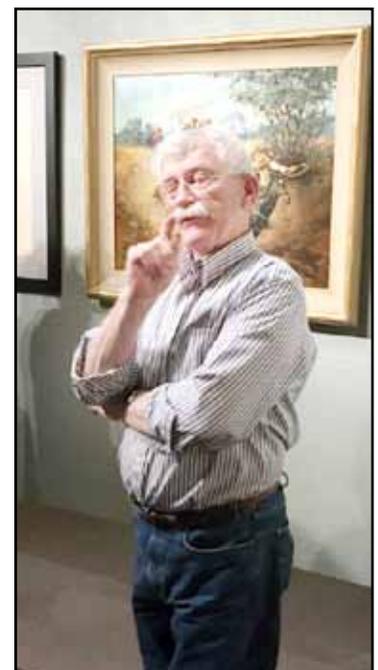
On Friday of the DKG convention in Prescott, members who were not involved in Leadership training meetings, drove to downtown Prescott on a very cold and windy day. They lunched at Murphy's and then went antiquing. It was a relaxed activity and a good way to get to know DKG sisters from across the state.

In the late afternoon, thirty-one DKG ladies carpooled to the Phippen Museum, named after a local artist and first president of the Cowboy Artists of America, George Phippen. Tour guide Neal provided an enlightening time. He guided the attendees through the museum's paintings, etchings, drawings, and bronze sculptures plus American Indian artifacts and jewelry that dated from the late 19th century to the early 21st century.

The facility is home to the Kemper and Ethel Marley Western Art Gallery. There were permanent exhibits, which included works by Bill and Marion Gray. Ray Swanson's artwork was also on exhibit. He is well known for his Native American art representing many of the southwestern Native American tribes.

After the tour many members visited the Museum Store where purchases could be made to help them remember the day at the Museum.

*Jane Holdcroft, Alpha Sigma, Co-chair - Life Experience
Committee*



Tour guide at the Phippen Museum in Prescott.