



Arizona Sunshine

Support Honor Inspire Nurture Empower

Sunset Rays from President Kristi

Sunset greetings to everyone!

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.

It's this occasion I close the 2022-24 biennium and welcome a new one.

I'm looking forward to hearing from our new President, Helen, share her goals.

To the Executive Board members, Helen, Pat, Nancy, Betty, Chris, Mary, Robin, Barbara and Julie: you all achieved high standards in your duties to make AZ shine with leadership pride. The collaboration with you was outstanding.

Heartfelt thanks to the members of the Expanded Board for their commitment to their Chairmanships! They kept the state shining!

I enjoyed meeting members and knowing they are committed to the mission of Alpha Delta Kappa in Altruism, Excellence in Education and World Understanding.

Arizona chapter members and their Presidents are first-rate teams focused on participation in attending the Leadership Workshops and the first Sisterhood Fun Day and Founders' Day. Many members used ZOOM in the Southwest membership celebration or chats with International. I am proud of your involvement.

Let's continue to be forward thinkers and advocate for AΔK!

We will take different paths to achieve our goals, but no matter how we go, we take a little of each other everywhere.

The sun never sets on our



And



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2022-2024 AZ Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Goals

Support Honor Inspire Nurture Empower

To **Support** the Arizona Scholarship Fund and Altruistic projects

To **Honor** Chapter Members for their leadership and outstanding women educators

To **Inspire** members to advance inclusion, embrace cultural differences, impact educational excellence and world understanding

To **Nurture** members in networking opportunities, connections and attending Conventions and Conferences

To **Empower** Chapters in positive growth through recruitment, reinstatements and retention of members

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE 2022-24 BIENNIUM



When a state president starts a journey in state leadership, she creates her goals and lists her accomplishments at her convention. My goals for 2022-2024:

- To support the Arizona Scholarship Fund and Altruistic projects
- To honor Chapter Members for their leadership and outstanding women educators
- To inspire members to advance inclusion, embrace cultural differences, impact educational excellence and world understanding
- To nurture members in networking opportunities, connections and attending Conventions and Conferences
- To empower Chapters in positive growth through recruitment, reinstatements and retention of members

The goals make our SHINE!

It's been an honor to support my Arizona AΔK chapters by serving as State President.

Arizona has nineteen active chapters with terrific chapter leaders. Chapter minutes were read and reflected on, yearbooks were collected and chapter events were attended in person. I focused on the installation of officers, anniversary celebrations, initiation of new members. I visited chapter meetings and greeted sisters on Founders' Day celebrations.

The executive board voted to dissolve Colorado River District. Fidelis Zeta is now part of Central District. A request to change Alpha Alpha chapter from the Central district was approved and they joined the Northern District. There are three districts, Northern, Southern and Central.

Regrettably, two chapters disbanded this past year. Alpha Kappa (Yuma) and Gamma (North Phx) surrendered their charters.

At the State level, I conducted executive board meetings, planned and executed AZ Leadership meetings and hosted social events. I also attended Southwest Leadership meetings, international events on Zoom as well as attending the SW Regional Conference in Hawaii and the International

Convention in Kansas City. At Founder's Days and Leadership Workshops, Chapter Presidents and chapter achievements were celebrated.

To support the AZ Scholarship Fund, the selected state Altruistic project, Honor An AZ Sister program was created. Sisters donated \$1,295 to our Scholarship fund in honor of members. Thank you for your gifts! Friendship bracelets and raffle baskets were sold at Founders' Days events and the international convention to also support our scholarship fund.

The Executive and expanded board members donated PJ's to Helping Hands Foster Care in Phoenix, water bottles to the Food Bank in Casa Grande and school supplies to a Title I school in Tucson. For the State Convention altruistic project, donations were collected for the St Mary's Food Bank.

Communication about events was effective with Corresponding Secretary Mary Peoples who sent information to chapter presidents and/or every member with an active email address.

The Sunshine Times newsletter was distributed four times each year and the awesome editor

Brenda McDowell and her committee edited every page. The Leadership message, World Understanding, Fraternity Education activities, Chapter Sightings, Honor an AZ Sister honorees and donors, Workshop information, State Convention information articles were scripted for the Sunshine Times newsletter.

My recommendations is to change the procedures of the AZ Convention to a one-day meeting without the need of hotel facilities and meals. Meals costs, hotels fees and tech services have become very costly. Chapter leaders and members will attend Leadership workshops and Founders' Day events, however they will opt out of the convention because of the costs or travel involved.

I recommend enhancing communications with chapter leaders with a ZOOM scheduled meeting.

Those serving on the Expanded board have been vital to the operations of the state procedures, however, there are too many committee chairs. I recommend eliminating the non-essential ones.



**“Soaring on the Wings of Opportunities...
Strengthened by Roots of Tradition”**

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW!

2024 Joint NW/SW Regional Conference

June 29-July 1, Bellevue, Washington

Glad Loreen and Mollie Acosta, 2024 NW/SW Regional Conference Co-Chairs

Join Mary Ann Englehart, SW Regional President & the Southwest/Northwest Regional Sisters for
Soaring on the Wings of Opportunity, Strengthened by The Roots of Traditions
Regional Conference in Bellevue, Washington
Saturday June 29- Monday July 1, 2024
Bellevue Hyatt Regency, Bellevue Washington

NW/SW Joint Conference Website

Below, you will find the link to the 2024 Joint NW/SW Regional Conference Website. This site will give you the venue and what is being planned for the conference. It has pre and post-tours and things to do around Bellevue and in the state of Washington. We hope you will check it out to read about the conference and then plan to register for the conference.

<https://sites.google.com/view/2024-joint-conference/home>

You can also go to the Alpha Deltak Kappa website (alphadeltakappa.com) MEMBERSHIP>EVENTS & NETWORKING>REGIONAL CONFERENCES> NORTHWEST/SOUTHWEST ([CLICK HERE](#)).



Read more about sessions and events at the Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference in the May issue of the Southwest Regional Newsletter, The Soaring Herald.

SHINE YOUR LIGHT! ARIZONA AΔK CONVENTION 2024

Congratulations to Kristi for a wonderful event culminating the close of her biennium! The Convention Committee appreciated all the comments on the evaluation forms and has shared them with President Helen for her consideration for her convention in 2 years. Thank you for taking the time to complete an evaluation.

We would like to thank

- Members of **Alpha Nu** for their willingness to jump in and help wherever needed on Friday evening and Saturday so that registration went smoothly.
- The chapters who were assigned door prizes to flowers for the tables on Saturday. Beautiful job!
- The Past State President's recognition and the skit for NW/SW Conference in June were terrific.
- All of the chapters fulfilled their assignments to make for a successful convention

The Convention Committee **THANKS** them.

Alpha Nu sisters at the registration table: Sandy McAlpin, Carol Phillips & Maria Cornelio



International and Regional Guests

Southwest Region President Mary Ann Englehart (CA Xi), Past International President Mollie Acosta (CA Xi), International President Ann Marie Brown (AZ Mu), International Candidate Qualifications Committee Betty Jo Evers (AZ Iota)

Let Your Light Shine! ΑΔΚ Arizona State Convention

Friday April 19—Sunday April 21, 2024
Double Tree by Hilton Phoenix-Tempe
 2100 South Priest Drive
 Tempe, AZ 85282



AZ State Convention welcomed **Tempe Mayor Corey Woods** to speak to the convention. He was invited by Betty Ehret, Past State President and Mu Chapter.

Mayor Woods was reelected as Tempe's mayor in March 2024. He champions initiatives for affordable housing and human services. He worked as director of college and career articulation for the Phoenix Union High School District. Mayor Corey read a proclamation declaring April 2024 as Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Month!



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Women in education constitute a great portion of the nation's work force, and are constantly striving to serve their communities and nation through educational, cultural, and charitable programs; and,

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's mission is to empower women educators to advance inclusion, educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding; and,

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Kappa works to build a fraternal fellowship among women in education, helping them to promote excellence in their field; and,

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Kappa supports educational and charitable projects and activities, sponsors scholarships, maintains high standards in education, and cooperates with community programs relating to education; and,

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Kappa members contribute to world understanding, goodwill, and peace through an international fellowship of women educators united in the ideals of education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Corey Woods, Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, do hereby declare:


April 2024

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Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Month

in Tempe, Arizona

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
 I hereunto set my hand this
 20th Day of April, Two
 Thousand and Twenty-
 Four.


 Corey D. Woods





Speakers at Arizona State Convention

Annie Shanahan was invited to speak of legacy for our Shine Your Light convention. She was Arizona's Ambassador 2023 and spoke to Mu chapter last year. Shirley Bruns, PSP introduced her. Mrs Shanahan's message inspired us, as did her Great-Great Aunt, Grandmother and Mother who were educators. Annie reminds us,

"Your legacy lives on in the doctors, artists, engineers, and leaders who once sat at your desks, absorbing not just knowledge but also the essence of your passion."



Annie speaking at Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention

How do we continue to let our light shine?

Connect with Purpose: Reach out to fellow educators, share stories, and collaborate. Your collective wisdom is a gift too precious not to be shared.

Empower Students: Encourage them to dream big, set long-term goals, and connect with mentors. Let them know that their light matters.

Advocate for Public Education: Your voices still hold weight. Let's champion funding, equitable resources, and policies that uplift our schools.

Be Present: Whether retired or active, our presence matters. Attend school events, mentor new teachers, and remind them why they chose this challenging but rewarding profession.



Annie Shanahan (center) continues the legacy.

Quotes from Annie's PPT:

Great-Great Aunt legacy tells us:

"Break barriers, for your leadership can enlighten the world."

Grandmother's legacy tells us:

"Education is not static; it evolves, and so must we."

Mother Pamela Jensen's legacy tells us:

"Illuminate the path, for your passion can guide and inspire others in their journey."

More Convention Speakers:

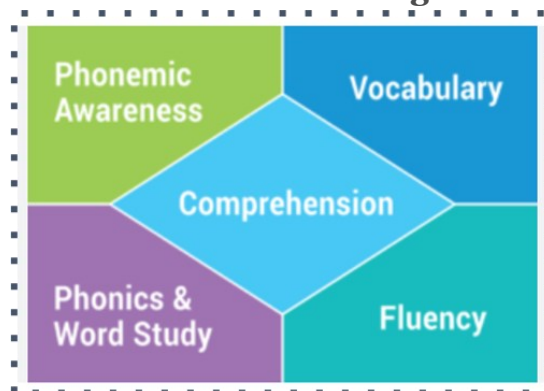


Kristi invited **Adriel Grieshaber** and **Amber Brink** from the Dysart Unified School District to inform members about The Science of Reading. It is an approach to teaching reading based on research and not a program. An Arizona bill signed in April 2022 requires all K-5 teachers to take a professional learning course in Science of Reading.

K-5 Literacy Endorsement:

All new graduates must have the endorsement by 2025 and current teachers must have the endorsement by 2028.

The Five Big Ideas of the Science of Reading



The Science of Reading

The Basics

There are so many pieces to the Science of Reading that it can be difficult to know where to start. Here are a few highlights about what the Science of Reading IS and what it IS NOT. This knowledge will help you on your journey to teaching all children, including those with diverse needs and cultural backgrounds, to read.



What it IS

A Collection of Research

Research, over time, from multiple fields of study using methods that confirm and disconfirm theories on how children best learn to read.



Teaching Based on the 5 Big Ideas

Phonemic Awareness - The ability to identify and play with individual sounds in spoken words.

Phonics - Reading instruction on understanding how letters and groups of letters link to sounds to form letter-sound relationships and spelling patterns.

Fluency - The ability to read words, phrases, sentences, and stories correctly, with enough speed, and expression.

Vocabulary - Knowing what words mean and how to say and use them correctly.

Ever Evolving

There is new research and evidence all the time. As populations, communities, and approaches evolve, so should practice.



Amber Brink
Teaching & Learning Specialist
Dysart USD



What it IS NOT

A program, an intervention, or a product that you can buy.

The Science of Reading could be considered an approach to teaching reading that is based on decades of research and evidence. It is NOT a specific program.



Phonics-based programs that drill phonics skills.

Phonics is an integral part of teaching reading based on science, but it is just one of the five big ideas that should be taught so all children can learn to read.



Complete and no more study needs to be done.

As with any science, it is never complete. We can always know more. More study happens all the time and researchers, teachers, and families can work together to bring the best research into classrooms.



Adriel Grieshaber
Literacy Coordinator
Dysart USD



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Shine Your Light! Arizona AΔK Convention 2024



Twyla Preising sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Cover Me in Sunshine. "

Candidates for Executive Board Speak
Pictured: Michele Roosma, Candidate for
Sergeant-at-Arms



Filipino Traditional Dance



Arizona AΔK Convention 2024



Special Guest: Jeanne Chang, Past Hawaii State President,



Mary Ann Englehart, President Southwest Region, Helen Valliere, AZ State President and Mollie Acosta, Immediate Past International Prsident.



Members of 2022-24 Executive Board
President-elect Helen Valliere
VP for Membership Pat Trias
Corresponding Secretary Mary Peoples
Historian Robin Leebardt
Chaplain Barbara Sandust

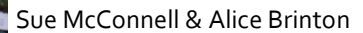
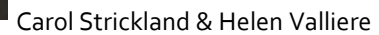
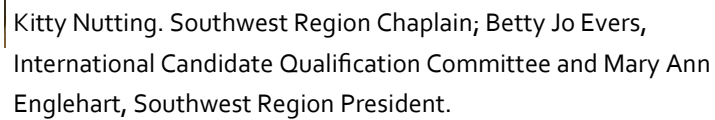


Yvonne Ramirez, Nancy Martinez, Joy Goodsell, Alice Bever, Kitty Nutting and Kristi Koziol.



Psi sisters: Chris Sanzo and Julie Gates

Photo Op



Sales



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! Banquet



Carol Stickland, Pat Trias,
Baleka Baker, Stephanie Hill



Alpha Alpha Sisters



Iota Sisters



Omicron Sisters

Awards Arizona State Convention 2024



Michelle Roosma, Psi, accepts Excellence in Education Award from Nancy Martínez. Michelle will represent Arizona at the NW/SW Joint Regional Conference in Bellevue.



Woman of Distinction Nominees: Kay Wright, Nancy Avery and Marge Jantz



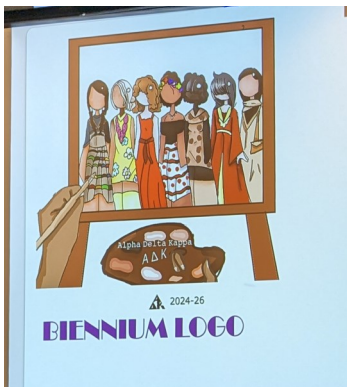
Omicron President Filameno Brooks accepting Membership Award from Pat Trias, Arizona VP for Membership



Above: Psi sisters (center) Michelle Roosma, EIE State winner, and (right) Denise Murphy, Honoris Causa winner, with (left) Woman of Distinction winner, Nancy Radden Avery

Right: Honoris Causa Award Winners: Baleka Baker, Omicron; Mary Peoples, Iota; Brenda McDowell, Zeta; Denise Murphy, Psi





2024-26 Arizona President Helen Valliere and Mikala Earle look on as Helen introduces her biennium logo. Mikala ,who designed the logo, is 12-years-old an in the 6th grade.



**2024-26 3 P's:
President Helen Valliere
President-elect Nancy Harrison
Immediate Past President Kristi Koziol**

2024-26 Executive Board

L to R:

Helen Valliere, President
Nancy Harrison, President-elect
Kristi Koziol, Immediate Past President
Pat Trias, VP for Membership
Betty Smith, Recording Secretary
Julie Gates, Corresponding Secretary
Barbara Sandust, Historian
Michelle Roosma, Sgt-at-Arms
Baleka Baker, Chaplain



**Banquet
Entertainment:
Elvis, aka Alex
Gonzales, Jr**



**And all things must come to an end...
Conga dance to end 2024 Arizona Alpha Delta
Kappa State Convention**

Arizona Logo and Theme 2024-2026

Greetings from Helen Valliere, 2024-26 Arizona President! As the new biennium begins, allow me to present to all of my Arizona sisters the logo and theme for the new biennium.

DESIGNING OUR FUTURE



AΔK 2024-26

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

There are seven women representing each of the states/nations in our region. Each woman has a pearl in her hair, our seven pearls. Our organization diversity is represented by the variety of dress worn by the women and by the different skin tones. The paint palette matches the skin tones and indicates our organization name - Alpha Delta Kappa.

Goals for the Biennium are to:

Distribute funds to the Arizona Friends for Foster Children Foundation Scholarship Fund

Empower chapters and individual members in positive membership growth through recruitment, reinstatement and retention of members.

Support each member to instill confidence in holding leadership positions at the chapter, state, regional and international levels.

Inspire to embrace cultural differences, impact educational excellence and increase world understanding

Generate greater communication between chapters through innovative ideas for sharing ideas and programs and attending other chapters' meetings.

Nurture relationships with active teachers in order to learn about current needs and how membership can help teachers meet those needs.

REMEMBRANCE AT CONVENTION 2024

Our Omega Sisters SHINE!

As we closed this biennium, we took time to remember our Omega sisters celebrating the sunshine brought by each of them,



- Jane Ann Kline—opened her home to chapter meetings
- Judith Kay McCoy Larson—"a teacher par excellence"
- Carolyn Blean—volunteered at an animal rescue shelter
- Patricia May Lee—wrote a children's book at 88
- Tuller J. Merrifield—served as chapter treasurer for AZ Alpha Lambda
- Velma Jean Verley—loved reading to her children and students
- Bernice Marsala—besides teaching in TUSD she taught ESL adults
- Ann Mickle Autrey—played trumpet until her 90th birthday
- Katherine "Katy" Goode—"She was our consummate Betty White"
- Miriam Bruce—she was recording secretary for AZ Sigma Chapter
- Billie Nelson Kurth—her love of teaching inspired others
- Candice Wise—attended our conferences and conventions
- Elizabeth Moody—diligently sent kind notes and thank you notes
- Mary Hammett—Once a sister---always a sister
- Nancy Frank—collected Alpha Delta Kappa pins and shared them
- Marilyn Ludwig—gave books and magazines to needy families
- Emma Jane Gray—she loved books and reading to her students
- Lisa Wilson—contributed to future teacher scholarships
- Pat Cretcher—celebrated 50 years in Alpha Delta Kappa
- Gloria Burke—was a charter member of Psi chapter in 1968

**We are thankful for these sisters.
You are our sunshine.
Our special sunshine.
We celebrate your sunshine today.**

We thank Chaplain Barbara Sandust for a very heartfelt Omega Service.

Executive & Expanded Board Dinner at La Familia



**President-Elect Helen Valliere w/
International President Ann Marie Brown**



**Betty Jo Evers with Delcy, guest of Jeanne
Chang from Hawaii. Delcy entertained
with her uke.**



**President Kristi Koziol receiving an
appreciation gift of jewelry**

Scholarship News

Twyla Preising, State Scholarship Chair



The Arizona Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship Committee has had a busy biennium. This is our final report for the 2022-2024 biennium. It has been an honor to serve with Kristi Koziol, State President.

- A \$1,000.00 scholarship was given to Northern Arizona University Flagstaff to Andrew Oxley and to Northern Arizona University Yuma to Jezavel Reyes.
- A \$1,000 scholarship was given to the University of Arizona Collegiate Club. Megan Denise Floyd was the recipient.
- A \$1,000.00 scholarship was given to Arizona State University, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College. The recipient was Emily Mohert.
- The Arizona Mini- Scholarship is given in the Fall and Spring of each year in the biennium. Up to \$250 can be requested to attend non-Alpha Delta Kappa educational events. The Mini-Scholarship was awarded in the fall of 2022 to Sandra McAlpin for \$150 and in the spring of 2023, it was awarded to Carol Phillips for \$120. Both sisters were from Gamma chapter and used to attend art seminars.
- The Arizona Mini- Scholarship was not awarded in the fall of 2023 nor in the spring of 2024. No applications were submitted.
- The Family Education Scholarship is awarded each year of the biennium to a relative or ward of an active AZ AΔK member. The scholarship is \$500. The 2023 scholarship recipient was Madisynn Marsh. The 2024 scholarship recipient was Claire McClellan. Both young ladies were family members of Denise Murphy and Beth McClellan of Psi chapter in Tucson.

My recommendation to the Executive Board for the 2024-2026 biennium, is to retire the AZ Mini-Scholarships and use the funding to enhance our Family Education Scholarship.

I would like to thank the scholarship committee for their willingness to serve this biennium. Connie Berger – Central District/ Ruth Brockington – Colorado River District/ Karen Feess- Northern District and Brenda McDowell – Southern District.

It is my honor to announce that I will be serving as Scholarship Chair for the 2024-2026 biennium and my new team will be Jenn MacColl – Central District, Sharon Keown-Cooley- Southern District and Sherry Baca- Northern District.





Membership News Flash

By Pat Trias, Vice President for Membership



Congratulations Arizona!

You all have been great at increasing our membership. Though the Biennium ends now, we must be ready and willing to commit your chapter to increase its membership. There is now a new incentive for your chapter to take advantage of. International has started a new campaign. Your chapter president was invited to a Zoom meeting, which announced that chapters that apply could be eligible to win an Honorarium of \$75.00 for use in their membership drive. It could be you! Don't wait and be left behind. More information is coming to you soon.

The Membership Impact Award was narrowly won by Arizona Omicron. It was nip and tuck up to the last day of our campaign. Please invite prospective members to your social and business meetings. Many women educators are waiting for you to invite them to one of your functions. If they say no to your invitations, be persistent and frequently invite them again. We just found one at choir practice. She was invited to our last meeting. I sat next to her at our chapter luncheon and was about to introduce her to one of our newer members when they discovered they already knew one another. They had taken classes together at the University of Arizona. Who knew? I am so glad she found a friend she was acquainted with.

Immediately, I thought of ONBOARDING. How perfect was this? I am going to suggest those two pair up. Now our potential member will have a SPONSOR and an ONBOARD Designee to make her transition smoothly into her membership in our chapter.

Remember sisters, we are all on Arizona's Membership Team. Together we can Recruit, Reinstate and Retain. Let's make the 3 R's work.

Starting a conversation with one of these employees (prospective members) could be fun and rewarding!

Qualified FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Audiologist
- Career/Technical Education Teacher
- Community College/College/University Faculty
- Educational Consultant (Independent)
- Instructional Coach
- Instructional Technology Teacher/Coach
- Literacy/Math/Curriculum Coach
- Media Specialist/Librarian
- Occupational Therapist
- Orientation and Mobility Specialist
- Physical Therapist
- Private Contract Educational Provider
- School Counselor
- School Nurse (Registered Nurse)
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- S/P/N Department of Education Consultant/Employee
- Vocational/Occupational Teacher
- AND MANY MORE!

Chapter Sightings!



Our May 11, 2024, meeting was held at the home of Mary Lou Johnston. A light brunch was served, followed by a business meeting. During the meeting, **Theta** Chapter officers for 2024-2026 were installed by President Vaunee Ann Lewis. The theme was “Violets” and was written by President-Elect Alice Brinton. Alice also designed the little violet flowerpots which were given to each officer and the other members in attendance, honoring their support. Each violet had a name, and mine was “unity”, an important trait for a Corresponding Secretary to possess. Following the installation, members planned the upcoming year’s calendar including programs and hostesses.



Left to Right: Mary Lou Johnston, Historian; Kayanne Andersen, President Elect; Helen Valliere, Recording Secretary; Vaunee Ann Lewis, Past President; Jane Hilsendager, Corresponding Secretary; Tricia Valliere, Treasurer and Alice Brinton, President



Arizona Lambda Chapter Welcomes Mary Jo West

We were thrilled to host Mary Jo West to our meeting on April 5. We were inspired by her motivational talk regarding “SUCCESS”. Mary Jo was the First Lady of TV News in Phoenix in 1976. She ran across many obstacles in a male dominated career, but she became our city’s first prime-time anchorwoman. She moved around quite a bit and was often discouraged. It was her positive attitude, her motivation and her ability to do the job well that finally brought her recognition and job security. We were all moved by her values and the lessons she lives by. Many of you would remember Mary Jo West from Channel 10.



Mary Jo West and Joie Vidoni



Zeta Fiesta

Rita Mills, Zeta, President-Elect, hosted a Fiesta at her home on May 1. Tacos, enchiladas, flautas, and all the sides were served! Chapter President, Suzanne Maly was honored for her service to the chapter and new officers were installed by State Corresponding Secretary Julie Gates. Guests included State Board members, members from other chapters, potential members and members of the UA Collegiate Club!



State Corresponding Secretary Julie Gates installs Zeta Officers. Rita Mills, President; Brenda McDowell, President-elect; Suzanne Maly, Immediate Past President; Sharon Plaisted & Susan Lane, Secretaries



Omicron Treasurer Mary Saraceni presenting a Scholarship check to graduating Collegiate Club Member Vanessa Matty from Omicron Chapter

A SUNSHINE filled gathering!



University of Arizona Collegiate Club May meeting. They will start the 2024-25 school year with 19 members.



Many thanks to Donna Jurich and Maria Orozco, professors in the University of Arizona College of Education, who have been the sponsors of the club from its beginning. Donna is retiring and Maria will not longer serve in this capacity.

Chelsea Bruce, who works for the University of Arizona Foundation and is a member of Psi chapter, will be the new club sponsor.



From Alpha Nu Musings

The March meeting took us to the Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix. It was such a great turnout with 21 sisters in attendance. Our tour took us to the Ceili dances in the Great Hall, we explored the McClelland Library and learned about the Book of Kells, visited an Irish collage, learned about the 1916 Easter Rising and visited St. Patrick's Exhibit which celebrated his life and work to promote peace and reconciliation between Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and North America. It was wonderful to connect and learn about Irish history.



This was World Understanding at its best!



From Alpha Alpha Newsletter

Alpha Alpha sisters at the State Convention Banquet supporting our Excellence in Education Nominee and State Finalist Amanda Chartier. Even though she wasn't selected as the Arizona AΔK EiE overall winner, she is the number one in our opinion! In back: Jeri Hamilton, Abby Chartier, Amanda Chartier, Kay Turner, Nancy Martinez In front: Sherry Baca, Georgia Davidson

Congratulations to Nancy Martinez, Alpha Alpha, who was appointed to the position of **Southwest Regional President-Elect for 2024-2026** by International AΔK President Ann Marie Brown.


Alpha Alpha chapter presented Nancy with two t-shirts representing her state and hometown to wear as she travels the region.





Alpha Nu Installation May 11, 2024

L to R: Twyla Preising, Jackie Buckley, Charlene Mcgee, Claire Schonaerts, Sandy Van Zwol-Anderson, New President Liza Bergman

Wednesday, May 29, 2024
Green Valley News 

by Jorge Encinas, Assistant Editor, jencinas@gvnews.com

Partial eclipse brings total excitement to SUSD teacher, students

(content edited for space)

The upcoming eclipse on April 8 won't completely hit Southern Arizona, but that hasn't stymied the excitement for Sahuarita school kids—or sixth-grade science teacher Michelle Roosma.

Roosma, who teaches at Wrightson Ridge, said the school is setting up two solar telescopes on the basketball courts, where students will have a chance to directly view the eclipse. She said the school also has eclipse glasses for students to cycle through during different stages of the eclipse and draw their observations.

Roosma said one telescope was provided by volunteer John Meschberger with Space Science Adventure. It will connect to a screen display so groups of students can observe the live eclipse together.

While Sahuarita isn't in the path of totality, the event's timing still turned out well for Roosma and her lesson plans. "Because we have been studying, right now, with our state standards, we finished with constellations, phases of the moon, and the Solar System," she said. "So, this is perfectly timed with our state standards right now."

Even though they will only see 60-65% coverage that appears, it isn't anything to shake a stick at for Roosma, her students and adults in general. "They're very excited," she said about her students. "It doesn't happen very often and when you're little, it's a big deal. Even if you're big it's a big deal."

Michelle Roosma is a member of Psi Chapter



The eclipse over Green Valley and Sahuarita at 10:40 a.m. in August 2017, near the height of the event.

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August 9

- State Newsletter Articles Due

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September 13

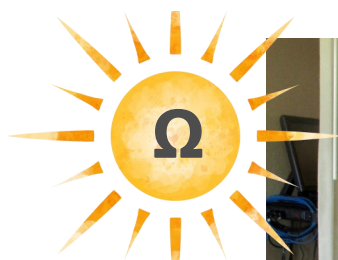
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October 20

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- Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention, Austin, TX



Gloria Burke, a Golden Sister and the last of the Psi Chapter's Charter Sisters, joined Omega on April 18, 2024. She held all of the Chapter offices and served as AZ State Historian (1988-1990), Chaired the Music Committee (1994-1996), and served as Secretary of the President's Council. She loved being an AΔK sister and has left a wonderful legacy in our chapter and state. She will be greatly missed.

This is the last issue of Arizona Sunshine Times.

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Brenda McDowell, AZ Newsletter Chair

