

## Understanding Out-Of-Sync Senses

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### Holiday Inn, Great Falls, MT

**Saturday, May 7, 2016, 9 am - 4:30 p.m.**

{Lunch from 12-1:30 is on your own}

The event is partially funded by a grant from the *Golden Legacy Fund*.

Carol Kranowitz, renowned author of **The Out-Of-Sync Child**, “the parents’ bible to [Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD)] which has been on the *New York Times* best seller list, will be sharing her knowledge of how the brain can scramble and misinterpret the sensory signals of sight, smell, taste, touch, hearing and balance. Common in people with autism, these out of sync senses can make the world confusing and hostile. This can lead to unexpected and difficult behaviors in the home, school and community.

Carol’s valuable, helpful and insightful information is a must for parents, teachers, medical personnel, grandparents, babysitters and others who help and support the Out-Of-Sync Child. This event is free to the public. CEUs will be available for a fee of \$20.

Registration is required at Eventbrite.com. [seating is limited] Register early!

Email: friends of [autisimgf@gmail.com](mailto:autisimgf@gmail.com)

For more information: [friendsofautisimgf.blogspot.com](http://friendsofautisimgf.blogspot.com),

Facebook group: Friends of Autism Great Falls.

## 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](http://www.dkg.org)) or using the registration form found in the January/February Issue of the *DKG News*.

Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

## Membership

Doris Tollefson (Alpha Zeta) Alpha Mu State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

### ‘Mining’ for Membership

Thank you to the five chapters that sent in the Necrology Annual Report even if you had no one to report. Two chapters sent in forms to report the death of a member. Please keep in mind that if a member of a chapter dies, the chapter president is to report the death through Form 6 to the state membership chairman, the state treasurer and to International. This form can be found on the DKG website.

Speaking of the DKG website, if you have not visited it yet, please do so. It is full of information for chapters and individual members. Please remember that you need your membership ID number, which is found on your membership card, to use for your user name. Your chapter president has the password.

Now, let’s go ‘mine’ for some precious information. Go to your computer or tablet or other electronic device as you read this and access The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International website—[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). You are at the home page of our society and at the top you see tabs, one of which reads Resources. Click that tab and under it click Chapter Resources. Now click on Recruitment Plan. This resource is the new way to recruit and invite women to membership. It was developed by International President Lyn Schmid to help struggling chapters to revitalize and to help stable chapters to find and invite women to join our society.

Often in our chapters when we are looking for new members, we don’t have a clear plan. This new membership plan is just that—a plan for chapters to use to invite women to membership and to keep members in our organization. If your chapter has not already downloaded this plan, please do so. The chapter president and the membership chairman should each have a copy.

My challenge to each chapter is to download from the DKG website the Prospect Card. It can also be easily made from an index card. All you need is a place for a name, contact information, position and person submitting the card. Hand out these cards to members and have them write down the names and contact information of women who would be good members. Remember these women do not need to be classroom teachers but may be teaching in other areas such as painting or gardening or healthful living classes. ‘Mine’ your area for good prospects. Bring the prospect cards back to the chapter meeting and begin the process of inviting someone to chapter membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

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Alpha Mu  
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**A NOTE FROM MARY VAIRA**  
*Greetings from beautiful, downtown Golva, ND!*

I received biennial chapter reports from the presidents of 13 chapters. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and attention to detail as you submitted this information in a timely fashion. I have compiled and sent this data to International. Upon reviewing these forms, several common themes appeared. They basically included membership concerns, lack of funding and questions regarding the usage of our dues..

Due to budgeting and time constraints, I will be “visiting” chapters statewide electronically during this biennium. You can access this presentation on our state website, which is <http://alphamustate.weebly.com/>

Or, you can view it directly at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIIjZS2ZDfM&feature=youtu.be>

Please feel free to show this presentation at your chapter events. I hope this presentation helps to generate enthusiasm for *Fueling the Future* of Alpha Mu State.

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**Plan to attend**  
**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
**Thursday, June 16 – 9:00 – 4:00 PM**  
**First Christian Church – Lewistown**

Details will be forthcoming.

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**DEADLINES AND DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 1, 2016 - If you received a doctorate degree during this biennium send required documentation to [societyoper@dkg.org](mailto:societyoper@dkg.org)

**April 23, 2016** - Deadline for articles for May *Alphamusings* due to Joyce English

May 7, 2016 - *Understanding Out-Of-Sync Senses*, Holiday Inn, 1100 5<sup>th</sup> St S, Great Falls, MT, 9 am-4:30 pm

**June 16, 2016** - Leadership Conference - 9:00-4:00 pm  
First Christian Church – Lewistown

July 5-9, 2016 - International Convention at Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN

June 26-July 1, 2017 - NW Regional Conference in Spearfish, South Dakota

2018 - International Convention in Austin, Texas

**Wildhorse Saloon, Nashville, TN**

**Your ticket (\$165) includes:**



- \* transportation [buses will run every 20 minutes between the **Wildhorse Saloon** and the Opryland Hotel]
- \* access to all levels and activities
- \* entertainment - DJ, live band, line dance instruction, dance floor
- \* dinner buffet
- \* a tax deductible donation to the Foundation

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Article here and on page 1 and picture above submitted by Cathy P. Daugherty 2014-2016 International First Vice President

**International Convention - July 5 - 9, 2016**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

Register for tours before May 15, 2016.  
Convention registration due before June 5, 2016 to receive the cheaper rate.  
No meal tickets sold after June 21, 2016

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Educational Excellence

Audrey Collins (Omicron) Alpha Mu State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Educational Excellence Chairman  
Audrey says, “The Educational Excellence Committee encompasses a great deal since the restructuring of Alpha Mu State committees. As the chairman of this committee, I would first like to thank all of those dedicated members that said, “Yes” to heading up each of the different duties that were previously separate committees, but that now fall under the umbrella of EEC. It would not be possible for me to do all of these things but I know that it will all get done through the team efforts of our DKG sisters!

As I checked out the newly launched DKG International website, I wanted to share a couple of items regarding the Educational Excellence Committee and its focus.”

First of all, it is important for all chapters to think about the goals set forth for the 2014-2016 biennium. These should really be the guide as we set up chapter programs and help to prioritize chapter activities.

They are:

- ★ 1. Empowering women through leadership opportunities
- ★ 2. Promoting Educational Excellence through programs and projects
- ★ 3. Changing global awareness through collaboration worldwide

Secondly, I found two resources that I think would be very helpful and practical for chapter planning. They are: *Collection of programs, projects and activity ideas* and *EEC Hot Topics Programs and Activities*.

You can find these articles by going to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and logging in with the first six digits of your membership number. Click on the Committees tab and go to Educational Excellence. They are listed under the Documents section (the link is written below).

Finally, remember I am always available to support your chapter and provide any assistance I can. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Information taken from [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

[http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Committees/Society\\_Mission\\_Purposes/Educational\\_Excellence/DKGMember/Committees/Society\\_Mission\\_Purposes/Educational\\_Excellence.aspx?hkey=5ef3cb6d-12e2-41b2-b2b6-d38ab0f443dd](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Committees/Society_Mission_Purposes/Educational_Excellence/DKGMember/Committees/Society_Mission_Purposes/Educational_Excellence.aspx?hkey=5ef3cb6d-12e2-41b2-b2b6-d38ab0f443dd)

### Expansion

Madalen Sugrue (Omicron) Chairman

In this first message of 2016, Madalen would like to wish the Delta Kappa Gamma members a meaningful and fulfilling year ahead!

She has contacted International Headquarters and requested information to assist chapters who are struggling, etc. They have some suggestions. Please contact her if you are a struggling chapter or one that is considering dissolving. The committee would help in any way possible.

The Expansion Committee supports anyone considering beginning a new chapter. Thus far, we haven't heard from anyone contemplating this.

Again, enjoy 2016. I am looking forward to attending DKG International Convention in Nashville in July. I will share with you any new ideas and suggestions that I learn there.

### U.S Forum/Legislative

Jan Counter (Alpha Lambda) Chairman

U.S. Forum is a part of Delta Kappa Gamma that keeps members informed on current issues affecting women educators and education in general. A survey was done at regional conferences. The following topics were considered as priorities:

- ◆ bullying and cyber-bullying
- ◆ high stack testing
- ◆ human trafficking
- ◆ mental health/gun violence
- ◆ pay equity/fair pay for women

U.S. Forum's website is updated monthly. The website is: <http://usforumdkg.org>

Or on facebook at <http://facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>.

A free newsletter is available on request at [Benenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com](mailto:Benenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com)



# Chapter News: Omega Chapter

submitted by Mary Meissner (Omega)

Omega Chapter is enjoying something new and different for its evening meetings called "Salad by Committee". It's quite delicious and makes a wonderful meal.

Here is how it works: the hostess provides salad greens, dressings and a beverage. The members attending bring one ingredient ready for the salad. Like most potlucks there's a surprising array of items. Members also pay \$5.00 for the privilege of sharing a healthy dinner together. The funds go to the scholarship fund. It's been fun, inexpensive and just good eats.



The photo by Dusty Kuehner shows our guest, Maureen Dachs on the left and then members Marjie Pribyl, Kathleen Prody and Patty Paulsen all enjoying a good salad and good conversation at the home of Mavis Peterson.

## Iota Chapter

submitted by Sandra McNeill (Iota)

In honor of "I Love to Read" month, Betty Billmeyer, local Chinook author, spoke at the February meeting. She told us the process she and her daughter, Stephanie, had to go through to publish their children's book Apples to Zebras, which is currently available online, including Amazon. Stephanie did the photographs and Betty wrote the poems to go with each letter of the alphabet. It is a delightful children's book and several Iota members purchased a book to take home to their families.

Also to go along with "I Love to Read" month, Iota gave each kindergarten student in Blaine County a book to take home to keep and enjoy. This is a yearly project that Iota enjoys doing to promote the love of reading.

Iota Chapter was organized February 16, 1946. At the February meeting, we celebrated Iota's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special birthday cake.



Congratulations to Iota Chapter on their 70th birthday

## Alpha Zeta Chapter

submitted by Joyce English (Alpha Zeta)

At the January meeting, Patti Armbrister, FFA instructor at Hinsdale High School, discussed the importance of communities learning to grow their own food, rather than depending on food shipped or trucked to our local stores. She informed us about the spread of the emerald ash borer, which, when it spreads to our area, will quickly kill all of the native green ash trees in the area.

She summarized what she and her students have learned in the test plots near the school where they learned the importance of no-tilling and how it keeps moisture and nutrients in the soil.

The February meeting was held at Sleeping Buffalo by Saco. Following the meeting, members were encouraged to take advantage of the facility and enjoy swimming.

Alpha Zeta members at the Sleeping Buffalo Hot wells near Saco. Vivian Taylor, Doris Tollefson, Valeria Schmauch, Joyce English, Mardy Demarais  
Photo by Anita Freeman.



### WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY KEY PIN AND MY CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S BAR PIN?

This form will help you and your family know what to do.

#### TO MY FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS:

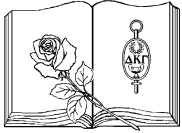
This is a picture of my Delta Kappa Gamma membership key pin and Chapter President's bar pin:



I have worn them with pride. When I can no longer wear them please return them to my chapter \_\_\_\_\_ or Alpha Mu State, Montana.

To get the name and address of my chapter's current president, please contact the staff at:  
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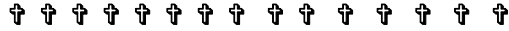


**WHITE ROSES  
OF  
REMEMBRANCE**

“A Moment to Remember...  
A Lifetime to Honor.”



Ethel Jean Purvis Graves, Alpha Gamma, May 13, 2015  
Martha Adams, Mu, January 18, 2016  
Joan Sampson, Beta, January 20, 2016



**Ethel Jean Purvis Graves**  
1926 - 2015

Charter member of Alpha Gamma and lifelong teacher, Ethel Graves, 88, of Kalispell, died May 13, 2015 at Prestige Assisted Living Center in Kalispell.

Ethel was born in Bancroft, Idaho to William and Mary Purvis. She came from a large family of eight children. She grew up in the Sun River Valley and graduated from Simms High School in 1944. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Great Falls.

She married Richard (Shorty) Graves on October 11, 1947 and they had five children. When all the children had left home they adopted a sixth child.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son - Jim, daughter - Linda Graves Vollrath and her seven siblings.

She is survived by her four children; Rich (Susan) Graves, JoAnn Graves-Gill (Paul), Ray (Betsy) Graves and Bonnie Richardson (Mike), eight grandchildren and sister-in-law Patricia Swartzback and many nephews and nieces.

Ethel was a mother, farmer’s wife and a teacher. She taught at Greenfield School (near Fairfield, MT) for many years. She loved children and had a quiet demeanor. If you needed anything Ethel and Shorty were there to help. Ethel was a wonderful cook (especially her homemade caramels), loved to bake, and was a beautiful seamstress. She loved to sing and sang with the Electric City Harmony chorus of Sweet Adelines. Being active, she was a member of the Sun River Valley Lions Club, Sun River Methodist Church and Delta Kappa Gamma. Ethel was initiated into Alpha Gamma Chapter as a charter member on May 23, 1970. She served as president (1978-1980) and held many other different offices.

submitted by Rochelle Kimmerle (Alpha Gamma)

**Chapter Presidents:**

Remember to report the death of a member immediately following the death of a member on Form 6 and send to the state membership chairman, the state treasurer and International.

The Editor would like to have an obituary to publish in *Alphamusings*. Do not send the obituary that was in newspapers. Highlight the members service to Delta Kappa Gamma. Enclose a recent picture if possible.

**Martha Adams**  
1920 - 2016

Life for Martha began on February 22, 1920 in Pembina, North Dakota, a small town in the northeast corner of the state where she also began her love of education with twelve years in the same school with many of the same classmates throughout her schooling. Martha wrote in an autobiographical essay that, “We were expected to behave and if we were in trouble at school it meant trouble at home.”

Summer was filled with roller skating, tennis and reading and, in the winter, ice skating and sledding. In high school Martha played basketball and the team traveled to other schools in horse drawn bobsleds.

She received her teaching credentials at Mayville State Teachers College and at age nineteen began her first teaching job in a one room school with all eight grades near Cavalier, North Dakota.

Martha met her husband Bob, a native of Cavalier, at a dance in Pembina. Martha said, “Bob was the most handsome man in the world.” They were married July 1, 1941 and were blessed to have seventy wonderful years together.

Bob and Martha were living in Williston, North Dakota when Bob was called into the service. They traveled from one army base to another while Bob trained and earned his officer’s commission. He was sent to overseas duty in the Pacific Theater of World War II. When Bob returned from Japan they remained in Cavalier having four young children and Martha continued to teach fourth grade.

In 1957 the family moved to Bozeman where Martha earned her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Elementary Education and Library Science at Montana State. She was a busy mom to the four children while working as a school librarian at Irving, Emerson and Willson Schools and then served as the Library Supervisor for all of the elementary schools for the last 20 years of her career. She taught in the Bozeman Schools for 23 years.

The retirement years for Bob and Martha were spent traveling to many countries and enjoying other cultures. They felt they were blessed beyond measure to have the four children, their spouses, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren and to have enjoyed their many years in Bozeman with a wonderful life.

Martha was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma April 1, 1969 and served on many committees; she shared her home for meetings and served as hostess for other gatherings. She was also a member of PEO, Big Sky Retired Educators, enjoyed playing bridge and was a very involved member of Grace Bible Church while living in Bozeman.

Martha was living in Las Vegas at the time of her death on January 18, 2016 and had been visiting there for a number of months in the last years to be near her daughter. She will be greatly missed in Bozeman and in Las Vegas.

submitted by Lloyd-Ann McMahan, Mu



### Mission Statement

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

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The members of the Alpha Mu State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promote quality education and the professional development of Montana women educators.



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### DKG website and the Sign-in Procedure

The username is the member's six digit membership ID number which can be found on your membership card or from your chapter treasurer.

Contact your chapter president to get the password. **This password is not to be published electronically--i.e., not shared on a website or in a newsletter that is published on a website.**  
Yvonne Gatley 2014-2016 International Communications & Publicity Committee



### OF LEADERSHIP

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Watch for further information