

# Alpha Omicron News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International—Oregon State Organization—Alpha Omicron Chapter

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

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## Important dates!

**May 2**

**Bunco prep**

**May 3 Bunco de Mayo**

**May 17-19**

**Oregon State Conference  
Klamath Falls, Oregon**

**\*Please visit the state website for much more information on the conference. It shows details on registration, guest speakers, and conference schedule\***

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## Dolly Parton Imagination Library

We had a short presentation from Claire Catt from United Way of Columbia County at our April meeting. Claire shared information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Dolly's goal is to inspire a love of reading. The program has expanded worldwide. It is open to any child ages 0-5. The program promotes literacy by sending a child a free book every month up through age 5. That is 60 books if started at birth! The books are high quality children's literature.

This program has been in Columbia County since 2018 and has grown to 1400 children enrolled. It is supported through sponsors and donations. Our chapter voted to donate \$50. Flyers were distributed to members to share with any child who is of age.



**Claire Catt (center) enthusiastically shares about the program.**

## Bunco de Mayo

Committee Chair Betsy Penziol has been busy organizing our annual bunco fundraiser. Bunco will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Columbia City Community Hall at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$20 which includes a taco bar, game play, and a raffle ticket.

Many members have been out in the community collecting donations for raffle prizes. Members at the April meeting signed up to bring food for the taco bar as well as various other tasks to be accomplished to put on a successful event. If you would like to help in some capacity, contact Betsy to see what is still needed. Please spread the word. It is a fun event and our only fundraiser of the year.



Join Us For

### **Bunco de Mayo**

Friday, May 3, at 6 p.m.

Hosted by **Alpha Omicron Chapter  
of Delta Kappa Gamma**

Columbia City Community Hall

1850 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Columbia City, OR

Cost \$20

Includes a light dinner, raffle tickets, and **BUNCO!**

Extra raffle tickets will be available for \$1 each.

Proceeds benefit our local teachers and students.

## Recent happenings!

In lieu of a business meeting, March was a month of social events. Our chapter showered member Kellee Malnasi with gifts for the upcoming birth of her twins. Thank you to Betsy Penziol for sharing your home. Several members attended the Shamrock Cruise in Portland. It was a lively event full of music and fun.

April was back to business! In addition to the program, voting on new officers, and Bunco planning; we filled trays of goodies for Scappoose teachers. We also put together baskets for the state conference. Whew!



**Sandy Watts and Debbie Wells sport green on the Shamrock Cruise!**



**Kellee looking relaxed and beautiful at her shower.**

## **New Officers elected**

For the next biennium, our leaders will be as follows:

President-Sandy Watts  
Vice President-Betsy Penziol  
Recording Secretary-Barb Shriver  
Correspondence Secretary-Amy Corris

## **Stay informed online!**

Here are addresses for our statewide newsletter and other publications:

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