

Alpha Alpha State Convention
Second General Session
State College, Pa
June 10, 2012

I. Call to Order

Alpha Alpha State President, Louann Shrader called the Second General Session of the 2012 Alpha Alpha State Convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order at 9:46 a.m.

II. Introductions

President Louann introduced those seated at the head table: Kay Stuart, Pi, Alpha Alpha State First Vice President; Patricia Shedlock, Nu, Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary; Tiffany Warner, Kappa; Linda O'Connor, Omega, Alpha Alpha State Treasurer; Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi, Finance Chairman; Kate Campbell Stevenson, Special Convention Guest; Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi, Northeast Regional Director, Chairman Leadership Development; Pat Crouse, Parliamentarian; Lois Brown, Chi, Scholarship Chairman; Carolyn Pittman, International Guest and Susan Stamm, Lambda, Immediate Past State President

III. Reflection

Tiffany Warner, Kappa, presented the Reflection from a younger Delta Kappa Gamma member's viewpoint. Tiffany encouraged us to find new members' strengths and envision the possibility of growth by listening and learning from our newest members.

IV. Roll Call of Chapters

Patricia Shedlock, Nu and Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary conducted the roll call of chapters. Forty one (41) chapters out of fifty nine (59) chapters were present.

V. Report of the Convention Registrar

Barbara Tobias, Nu and Convention Treasurer reported two hundred and nineteen (219) members present today. President Louann declared a quorum present for the meeting.

VI. Review of the Minutes

Patricia Shedlock, Nu and Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary presented the minutes of the Second General Session of June 12, 2011. Minutes were emailed to the members of the Executive Committee and were posted on the state website. Copies were also available at this session.

President Louann hearing no objections to the minutes declared them approved as printed and will be filed. The committee to approve the minutes for this meeting is Jeannette Thomas, Beta Theta, Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho, and Mary Van Lieu, Delta Chapter.

VII. Report of the Scholarship Committee

Lois Brown, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee announced the committee is granting three (3) state scholarships and ten (10) enrichment grants.

Scholarships granted include:

Karen Matis, Alpha Sigma-
Margaret J. Wolf Award.....\$3,500

M.Margaret Stroh International Scholarship.....\$6,000
D. Ed. Curriculum/Instruction, Indiana University, PA

Jamie Bielecki-Quinn, Alpha Lambda
Dr. Irene M. Murphy Award..... \$1,500
Ph.D. Educational Psychology, Capella University

Colleen Kane
Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship.....\$900
Doctoral degree, Educational Leadership, Penn State University

Enrichment Grants:

Teresa Borger, Alpha Mu.....\$1,900

Linda Falconer, Alpha Mu.....\$2,000

Judith Gibson, Alpha Mu.....\$1,200

Julie Myler, Alpha Mu.....\$2,000
Alpha Mu members will attend Chautauqua Institution, New York

Barbara Giuffrida, Beta Pi.....\$1,300
Study cooking in Abruzzo, Italy

Nancy Ann Hay, Alpha Delta.....\$1,200
Study music education

Joy Knepp, Alpha Delta.....\$1,200
Study architecture at Falling Water in Mill Run, PA and glass blowing and fusing at
Goggleworks,
in Reading, PA

Ann Shoemaker, Beta Gamma.....\$1,500
Study in England

Sharon Stockholm, Beta Rho.....\$700
Study watercolor, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon.....\$3,000
Travel to Belgium and Netherlands

VIII. Report of the Communications Committee

Kate Chronister, Omega and Chairman of the Communications Committee, awarded the following chapters certificates of recognition:

Chapter Newsletter Recognition: Alpha Xi, Alpha Zeta, Beta Beta, Beta Kappa, Eta, Kappa, Omicron, Phi, Pi, Psi, Zeta, Iota, Alpha Phi, Chi, Upsilon, and Alpha Sigma

Chapter Website Recognition: Alpha Sigma, Alpha Zeta, Beta, Chi, Iota, and Pi

IX. Unfinished Business

Kathy Kuzmiak, Finance Chairman, made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 budget for the Alpha Alpha State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

President Louann called for the vote and the motion was successful. She thanked the Finance Committee and Chairman Kathy for her leadership in developing the budget.

X. President's Report and Reflection

President Louann, in referring to her report on page 18 of the Convention Program booklet, stated:

*"To merely anticipate change and prepare for it,
that's to stand in the dust while the future erupts
around you. To lead change and direct its flow, to
force its pace and take advantage of it- that's to
help design the future".-----author unknown*

"A great quote---We are on the threshold of the future---the success we experienced over the past 75 years lays behind us---the future lays in front of us. Part of this weekend was a reminder of how dreams fulfilled and visions embraced have made a difference in the growth of our State Organization and the opportunities of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, many of which were enjoyed and witnessed this weekend. Another part of the weekend was a look ahead of what we can be. We do not live in the past and we can't expect that doing the same as we have been will continue our success in the future.

Since our beginnings we have experienced many changes—just the impact of the age of technology has created a mounting challenge and change in how we do things.

This coming year as we concentrate on designing our future we need to also consider entering another era---the era of innovation. We constantly hear examples of individuals recreating themselves---sometimes in retirement, sometimes right out of college when they can't find work in their field. They are forced into innovation. As we design our future my challenge to you as leaders in your chapters is to be risk takers to find your pathway to change; look at things in a new way, take what you know and adapt it for the better, make changes in something established by introducing new ideas or methods of reaching your goals....be innovators---lead change and direct its flow -help to design the future of the Society. Apple's Steve Jobs said it simply "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower". We are leaders, identify pathways of change that will prepare your chapter for the challenges it will face in the future---go to the limits of your know how and then enter your own frontier. As Dr. Lyn reminded us last evening as she spoke of Icon Woman you will find some things will work and some won't—but you will have successes and I ask that you share those successes because there will be 58 other chapters out there taking risks and entering their own frontiers. Keep in mind and heart our vision—We are leading women educators impacting education worldwide---and that word impacting is very powerful."

XI. New Business

President Louann called for new business and hearing none moved on to announcements.

XII. Announcements

1. Carol Hartley, Chi and Chairmen of the State Achievement Award Committee announced that the State Achievement Award will be given at the 2013 State Convention. Qualifications to receive the award are that the candidate must be an active member for ten (10) years, served in a leadership role in her chapter as president or vice president, and given distinguished and outstanding service to Alpha Alpha State. The nomination is confidential and the deadline for submission of applications is March 15, 2013.
2. The proceeds from the Raffle Baskets were \$3,130.00.
3. A thank you was expressed for the support of the yard sale tables and the chapter focus tables.
4. Members were reminded to hand in their evaluation form and online *Keystonian* request at the

registration table. Anyone interested in helping with next year's convention should sign up at the registration table.

5. Those attending the International Convention in New York City please sign up for the PA night dinner with Kay Stuart.

6. If interested in attending a play on Friday night of Convention please contact Louann.

7. Members were reminded that Carolyn Pittman is a candidate for the office of International First Vice President and she will be nominated from the floor at the International Convention in July, 2012.

8. President Louann thanked Carolyn Pittman for attending our state convention.

9. President Louann thanked Kate Campbell Stevenson for sharing her talents as a special convention guest this weekend.

10. President Louann asked that a red rose be sent to the following Past State Presidents who could not attend convention this weekend: Shirley Lotz, Alpha Sigma, Dr. Irene Murphy, Beta Delta, Louise Garverick, Beta Kappa, and Carol Ulrich, Nu.

11. Karen Ball, Psi Chapter and Projects Co-Chairman, reported that the "Patricia's Panties Project" collected 3,900 pairs of panties that will be sent to Africa.

12. Liz Brewer, Sigma, US Forum Chairman and Projects Co-chairman, announced there is a rally in Harrisburg on June 13, 2012 and you must be registered to attend. She alerted members that Governor Tom Corbett has stated he will be targeting teachers' pensions in the future.

13. An announcement was made that Linda O'Connor, State Treasurer, will be retiring at the end of the 2011-2013 biennium. Alpha Alpha State is seeking applications for the position of State Treasurer.

XIII. Adjournment

President Louann adjourned the 2012, 75th Anniversary of the Alpha Alpha State Convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at 10:52 a.m. The flags were retired by Tracey Willet, Omega and Christine Kowalski of Chi.

Prepared by Patricia Shedlock (pas) Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary on June 29, 2012.

Reviewed and approved by Louann Shrader (ls), Alpha Alpha State President, 2011-2013,

on July 1, 2012.