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The 74th 2011 Alpha Alpha State Convention "Flames of Passion"

by Joan O. Peters, Beta Rho



As the 74th annual convention of Alpha Alpha State, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, began on Friday, June 10, at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, **FLAMES OF PASSION** were enkindled for almost 300 members and guests into a warm glow of energy, sparkle, and enthusiasm. The evening glistened with a shining array of inspiring activities: chapter focus tables; Artists' Alley with a variety of media from twelve artists (pastels, watercolors, stained glass, quilts, designer totes, jewelry, wall hangings, prints and cards, custom-made [see FLAMES, 11](#)

The Surprise is Over: Haddie Weber Receives the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award

Toward the end of The Presidents' Banquet on Saturday evening, *suspense* filled the air. Everyone anxiously awaited the announcement. Who would receive the most prestigious award in the state? After a long listing of her qualifications, **Haddie Weber** was proclaimed as the 2011 recipient, the 22nd Delta Kappa Gamma woman to be bestowed with this honor. Joy, smiles, cheers, applause then filled the room as Haddie approached the podium and accepted her award.



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*Outgoing president, Susan Stamm,
hands the gavel to incoming president,
Louann Shrader.*

**Alpha Alpha State
President's Message**

By Susan Stamm

"Flames of Passion"

By the time you read this column--my final President's Message--the 2011 Alpha Alpha State Convention will be in the past, and my term as your president will have ended. It has been an amazing jour-

ney for me; one that I could not have accomplished without the help of many DKG sisters. My appreciation goes out to the other state officers and all the committees who have completed their duties making my life easier. I want to thank all you members who made me feel so special when I visited your chapters. I have grown personally and gained so much confidence in serving Alpha Alpha State because of your support.

After traveling around the state for two years, I have found much to "Celebrate What's Right with Our State." We have strong members who are willing to serve the organization with *passion*.

Our chapters have embraced my theme of "Feeding America--Body, Mind and Soul." Last year chapters contributed to local agencies and then non-perishable foods were schlepped to State Convention. After sculptures were designed, the food was sent to the Food Bank in State College--over seven hundred pounds of it! This year we asked you to increase your contributions to local agencies and measure your passion by reporting the results in a creative way to the State Projects Committee. Those chapters who reported their giving were recognized at the Celebration Lunch.

Thirty-four incoming chapter presidents for the 2010-2012

biennium received training under the direction of our State Leadership Development Team. They gained skills and confidence that weekend to assume their duties as chapter president. They also had the opportunity to network with one another. Their members have benefited because chapters are stronger.

Last fall we participated in two wonderfully hosted Area Conferences thanks to the commitment of members of Alpha Sigma Chapter in the West and Beta Iota Chapter in the East. They selected sites for the meetings, selected delicious menus for lunch and made overnight accommodations available for anyone needing them. They were gracious in every way possible. This enabled the state officers to provide more training for their counterparts at the chapter level.

During my biennium, I visited forty-eight chapters with the help of First Vice President Louann Shrader and Second Vice President Kay Stuart. Being able to connect with the chapter members and provide a visible presence is very important. The more personal contact we have, the stronger our organization will become. It has been a joy for me to be able to put names and faces together and to feel that I know you all on a more personal level. Your hospitality was tremendous.

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MEMBERSHIP

By "Annie" (aka Kay Stuart, Membership Chair)

Dear Annie,

My family and I have just returned from our reunion. We had a great time sharing stories, catching up, and making plans for the future. We spent so much time laughing and playing that I did not want to leave. It got me to thinking about my DKG family. Even though we are in the midst of the lazy days of summer, the back-to-school frenzy will be upon us soon. What should I be doing to "reunite" with my sisters in the chapter and in the Society? I want to foster that laughter and sense of belonging with them that I felt at my own family reunion.

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Pennsylvania is making its presence felt at the International level. We successfully nominated Dr. Lyn Schmid as Northeast Regional Director. I was so excited to observe her election and installation last summer in Spokane. I was also honored to nominate Elizabeth Brewer who was elected to serve as the U.S. Forum Northeast Representative. Suzanne Long was appointed to serve on the International Non-Dues Revenue Committee as well.

Our state had representation at the CTAUN Conference in both 2010 and 2011 and at the National Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C. in 2010. We now have a better understanding about what legislative issues affect us and what we can do to become involved. We have a better understanding of the Committee for Teaching about the United Nations. Elizabeth Brewer is sending information about these issues to chapter counterparts to keep everyone in the loop and informed.

During Dr. Lyn Schmid's biennium (2005-2007), the invitation was extended to host the Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey. That event is taking place this summer. Lyn and her committee have planned for a fabulous and fun-filled week of activities. The way that our members have pulled together to make this happen has been wonderful. Almost every chapter in

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I really miss my DKG sisters during the summer, and want to be sure we have an exciting year for 2011-2012.
Lotta Reddengold

Dear Ms. Reddengold,

Getting together with family always provides some interesting experiences. I can tell that you cherish family time including time spent with your DKG sisters. I hope to see you at the Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey, July 20-23. That will be an incredible reunion with stories, laughter, information for the future, & leadership training. Getting involved beyond the chapter activities helps us to grow in the Society.

As you & your chapter prepare for the fall, make contact with members through phone, email, or letter encouraging them to attend meetings. Don't forget those new initiates! Bring attention to deadlines for dues, applying for scholarships & grants. Here are some other things that you can do to nurture & mentor. You may want to send a note to your chapter officers to express appreciation for the work that they do for the Society. How about highlighting a member in an article for your chapter newsletter or even *The Keystonean*? Do you have members who are quilters, artists, gourmet cooks, or musicians? Showcase the talents of your members at chapter meetings. Make contact with them now so they can be prepared. Don't forget to share stories about your chapter history with those new members. It helps them to be more connected to the Society and will help your chapter to grow stronger.

All these things fall under the category of mentoring & nurturing our sisters, making everyone feel like family, & that there is a place for them. Create an atmosphere of joy & laughter, sincere love of our shared work, & bond of sisterhood. Your sisters won't want to miss the meetings, & will want to be a part of the work of your chapter.



PLAN FOR THAT



by
*Louann Shrader,
 Program of Work
 Chair*

Teachers, just starting their careers, arrive with optimism, energy, and a desire to make a difference. But all too soon with the turmoil that education is feeling today, they start questioning their chosen career and look for more lucrative career paths. We need to keep our outstanding young teachers in the classroom. That is what **THAT** is all about. **THAT**, an acronym for *Teachers Helping Another Teacher*, is the International initiative for supporting early career educators. Simply put it's a way of paying forward, of leaving a legacy, of nurturing, training, and impacting the future.

Many chapters are involved in mentoring already, either mentoring our new members or mentoring new teachers. This challenge asks you, as individuals or as a chapter, to record the amount of time and how you helped, or amount of money collected for a cause. There are forms on the International website that you would use. Go to the home page and click on "Early Career Educators". When the page comes up you will find form choices you can click on and run off--a Chapter Report form, a Volunteer Hours Report form, and a Chapter Monetary Support form. Start keeping track today. In the summer of 2012 a symbolic *check* will be presented to a government official in Washington, DC to show how much our Society has saved the nation because of our support. Likewise, chapters meeting this initiative and the Schools for Africa initiative will also be recognized at the 2012 International Convention.

Consider the following ideas in planning **THAT** for the new school year.

- ~Get a list of young and/or new teachers in your area to work with.
- ~Start an "Adopt a Teacher Program."
- ~Provide a covered dish to go along with a program on classroom management that works or other pertinent topics.

- ~Provide gift certificates to educational web sites or stores. These may be used as door prizes when sponsoring after school programs.
- ~Volunteer within a classroom--reading to young children, designing and putting up bulletin boards, being a speaker on various topics within the curriculum.
- ~With budgets cut and field trips no longer a reality, retired teachers may want to put together a travelogue program to share with a class.

In short, generate your own creative ideas and join the challenge. All of us have been mentored at sometime. The need now is great. It's time to...

"Pay it Forward."

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Pennsylvania is involved in some way in the preparatons. I am so proud of you all.

We have had two stimulating and informative State Conventions with great speakers and workshop presenters. Attendees have been enthusiastic in their response to these events. Once again, I must give credit to all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make these conventions successful.

At a time when we are struggling with declining membership and dwindling funds, I want you to remember the reasons why you became a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Rekindle your passion for our organization; become the best cheerleader you can be. Encourage and nurture one another. Mentor the younger women. The State President of Wisconsin, through her newsletter, introduced me to an intriguing book *The Butterfly Effect* by Andy Andrews. The gist of the book is that..."we can live a life of permanent purpose that can be achieved when at last we understand: Every move we make and every action we take, matters not just for us, but for all of us...and for all time." I want you to remember that..." your actions have value far greater than silver or gold." Keep up the good work you are doing for Alpha Alpha State.

Measuring the Passion of Alpha Alpha State

By Sharon O'Connell
Educational Excellence Committee - Projects

President Susan Stamm's project of "Feeding America: Mind, Body, and Soul" has been taken to heart by chapters of Alpha Alpha State. President Stamm asked chapters to identify a specific amount to contribute to their local food banks. Chapters were also encouraged to

be creative in determining this goal. The responses from over twenty chapters have cumulated in over 1,810 pounds of food and \$782.00 collected and distributed to food banks throughout Pennsylvania!

Here are some of the creative ways chapters identified their goal:

- ~ Collecting \$5.00 a pound for the fifty years the chapter has been in existence.
- ~ Through raffles
- ~ Collecting food in weight equal to the age of the chapter.
- ~ The difference in age between the oldest and youngest active member.
- ~ The age of the chapter president

President Stamm and the Projects Committee sends a **BIG** thank you to all chapters for their dedication and service to their local communities.

Way to go Alpha Alpha State!!

IN TOUCH WITH TECH

by Bonnie Lee Barnes

Dear DKG Sisters,

As your new *Keystonian* Editor, I have taken a short hiatus with this column. In preparing this, my very *first* issue, I have come "**up-close and personal**" with the use of technology. I've learned a lot about "copy and paste, undo and redo, and save - save - save!" My appreciation for the job that Terri Stetler did these many, many years is overwhelming!

To you, Terri, I cannot fathom how you did this on "dial-up." Thank you for the **solid foundation** upon which I can build. You will be able to judge how I did when you get this issue via snail-mail (*'cause it would take you years to download it electronically on your system.*) LOL!



Alpha Alpha State Creative Arts Retreat April 27th -29th, 2012 Calling for Presenters

We are looking for sisters willing to share creative outlets. Do you sketch, paint, sing, play guitar, act, and stencil or do another craft of any kind? Maybe you have a unique approach to an old art. Please consider sharing your talent and sharing the sisterhood for the...

2012 Creative Arts Retreat

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Welcome New Initiates, Reinstated Members, Transferred Members!

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Iota

Miss Melana Pavich

Mrs. Vicki Thomas

Pi

Mrs. Amy Adams

Mrs. Amy Doan

Ms. Kathryn Helgemo

Mrs. Janice Hughes

Mrs. Rhoda Mann

Mrs. Melissa Morral

Mrs. Cheryl Sottolano

Sigma

Mrs. Brittany Bunting-Specht

Mrs. Carol DiRocco

Mrs. Jennifer Harter

Mrs. Jeanne Menko

Mrs. Janet Patterson

Tau

Mrs. Laurie Rebovich

Mrs. Rose Seroka

Chi

Mrs. Susan Fritz

Mrs. Christine

Kowalski

Ms. Nancy Val

Kambouroglos

Mrs. Brenda Walker

Dr. Tracey Weis

Mrs. Peggy Woods

Alpha Xi

Miss Jessica Linden

Susan Phillips

Becky Root

Mrs. Carol Schuler

Alpha Omega

Mrs. Twila Eddy

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Beta Gamma

Mrs. Marlene Spark

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Mrs. Dian Yost

Beta Mu

Ms. Dana Deichmann

Miss Laura Hritz

Ms. Sandra Mandel

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Ms. Marsha Landis

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Beta Sigma

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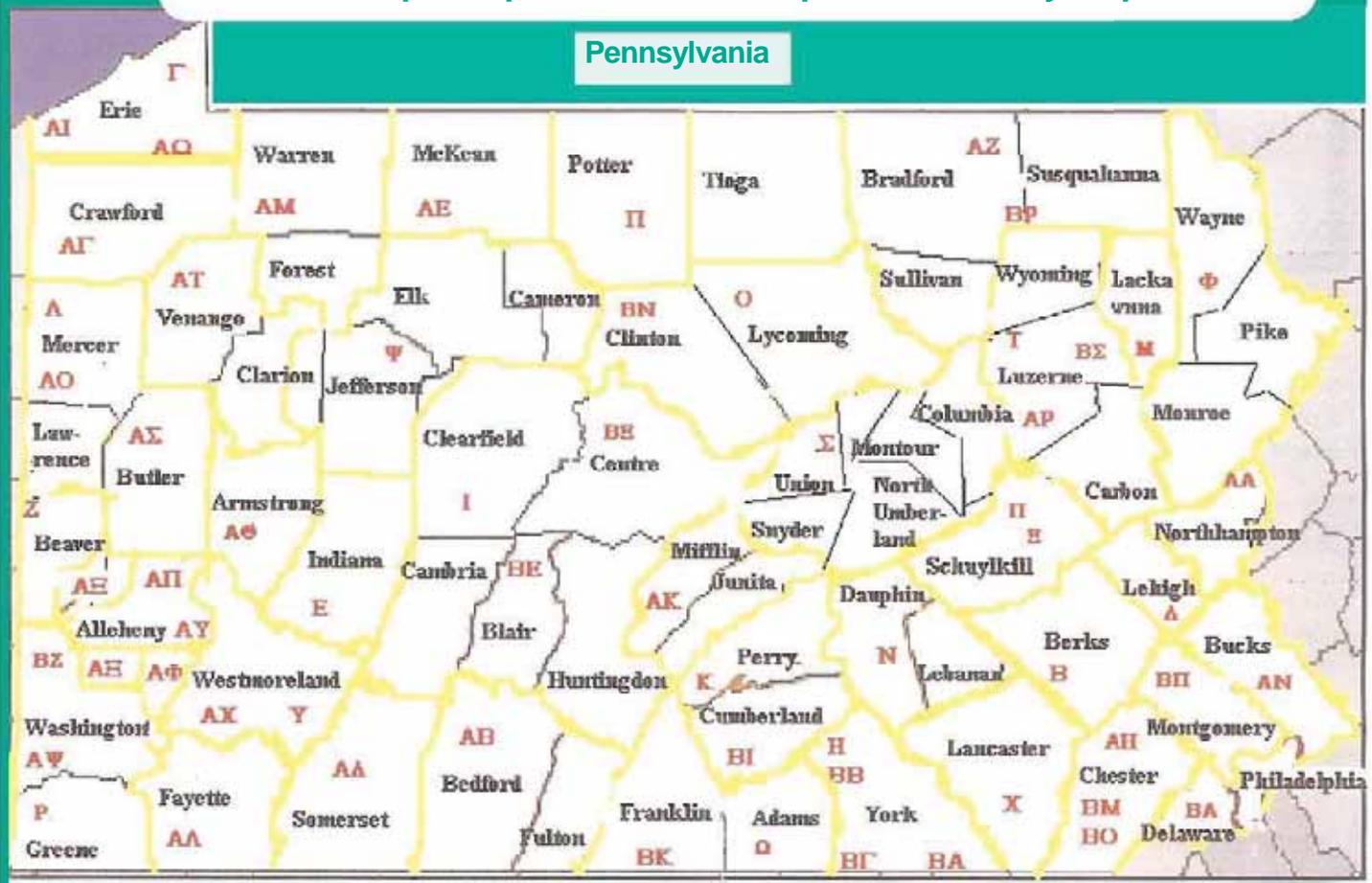


By Linda O'Connor
State Treasurer

Where in the state is your chapter??? Use the map below to find the location of each chapter. (Note: This map is also found on our state brochure.)

Alpha Alpha State

Chapter and County Map





THE LEGISLATIVE Heartbeat

By Elizabeth Brewer, Liaison to the
U.S. Forum and U.N. Forum

News from the Forums

*The Forums relate directly to
Purposes 4 and 7 of our Society.*



The heartbeats of both the U. S. Forum and the U. N. Forum continue and the pace is quickening. There are many opportunities and possibilities for all sisters in Alpha Alpha State to become involved.

U.S. Forum

The role of the U. S. Forum is to disseminate information in a non-partisan position. This service will enable members to easily obtain information pending federal legislation in order to contact legislators and thereby becoming advocates for women, children and education.

The U.S. Forum at NERC

~Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, in Washington, D.C. shared the what, the how and the way we can affect change, on the local, state and national levels.

~Ms. Maatz provided us with a framework of legislative issues that we need to monitor and then act by contacting our legislators. She also explained the work that she does "on the Hill."

~As DKG sisters in the Northeast Region, we can connect with members in the AAUW chapters of our respective states to join forces for legislative change for women, children and educational issues. What a great outgrowth of this 2 hour session! Read more about this on the AAState website under "News from the Forums."

And remember to read the newsletter "[Usforuminfo] Forum Connection." Subscribe to this free monthly newsletter by sending request to Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu.

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT

INFORMATION can be obtained through
Congressional Switchboard
1-866-327-8670 (this is a toll free number). You

can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the
House of Representatives

<http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S.
Senate

U. N. Forum

The role of the U. N. Forum is to inform members of the work of the United Nations Department of Public Information and The Economic and Social Council as it works on advocates for women, children and education.

The U.N. FORUM at NERC

~The panel discussion presented by the U.S. Forum was well attended and participants were updated about the "Schools from Africa project." They told us about the newsettes being created to explain the countries in Africa that we are supporting through our Society. See FORUMS, 9

Announcing Staff Vacancy

**The Ad Hoc Personnel
Committee of Alpha Alpha State is
announcing a staff vacancy for the
position of State Webmaster, effective
June 1, 2012. Please share
this information with your chapter
members and encourage interested
and qualified individuals to
apply. The deadline to apply is:
February 1, 2012.**

For further information and applications, please contact:

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Album of Distinction

Karen Tinstman, Professional Affairs Chair

Twenty-five "sisters" were honored on Friday, June 10, 2011, in the Assembly Room of the Nittany Lion Inn as Album of Distinction recipients for sharing their "Flames of Passion" outside The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Actually, these women have been honored twice: first by the organization and now by Alpha Alpha State. The following women have shown that "Passion" and "Purpose" is the "Key" for women everywhere. Congratulations to our 2011 Album of Distinction recipients!

Colleen Armor	Alpha Upsilon	Top Ten Team Leaders Nationwide "First in Math Online Competition"
Frances Bassett	Beta Kappa	"Outstanding Teacher of the Year" Fairfield Area School District
Ellen Brosnan	Theta	"2010 Jefferson Award" from the Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring Program
Marge Buzogany	Alpha Nu	"Presidential Volunteer Award" for 3000+ hours to a local hospital
Rosalie A. Dibert	Theta	"Lifetime Achievement Award" from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
Nancy Fondrk	Upsilon	"2010 Volunteer of the Year" Alle-Kiski Chapter of PASR
Louise Garverick	Beta Kappa	Watercolor painting "Never Enough" accepted into the Harrisburg 83rd Annual International Juried Exhibition
Mary Beth Girardi	Upsilon	Inducted into the Leechburg "Hall of Fame" for her long-time volunteerism
Barbara Giuffrida	Beta Pi	"2010 Paul A. Vaughn Community Service Four-way Test Excellence Award" and recognized by the American Red Cross
Doris M. Goerlitz	Phi	"2010 John J. Dillon PASR Service Award" from Wayne County Chapter of PASR
Lisa Hoffman	Alpha Nu	2009 State Finalist for the "Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching" from Bristol Township School District
Rosemary Hulsman	Theta	"Window of Hope Award" from P.O.W.E.R. (Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery)
Barbara K. MacDonald	Alpha Xi	"Distinguished Service Award" of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics



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Mary
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Barbara
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Doris M.
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Lisa
Hoffman

Rosemary
Hulsman



Barbara K.
MacDonald

Bridget Mayak	Alpha Delta	"Touchstone Artist of the Year"
Simone Miller	Alpha Phi	"Teacher of the Year" from Homeville Elementary PTA and Mon-Yough Area Council PTA/PSTA
Susan Mullen	Alpha Zeta	"2010 Laretta Woodson Award" from PASR Region 3, Bradford/Sullivan Chapter
Cindy Reynolds	Beta Rho	"Celebrate Literacy Award" from the International Reading Assn. and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Reading Assn.
Joan Roy	Alpha Zeta	"2010 Volunteer of the Year Award" from Bradford/Sullivan Chapter of PASR
Judith L. Schaffer	Alpha Upsilon	"2010 Jim Mankie Memorial Award" from the Westmoreland Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the American Red Cross
Mary Jane Schultz	Beta Omicron	Education Literacy Hero" from West Chester Public Library and "Jane Dulin Service Award" from the Chester County Reading Association
Jill Shirey	Omega	"Elementary Teacher of the Year Award" from South Western School District
Lynn Sibley	Alpha Theta	"Ford City Area Hall of Fame"
Taska Smola	Upsilon	"2010 Citizen of the Year" by the Norwin Lions Club
Arlene Troutman	Nu	"John J. Dillion Award" from Lebanon County PASR
Annie Laurie Williams	Psi	"Jefferson County Senior Core-RSVP Volunteer" for July from the Clearfield/Jefferson County Chapter of the American Red Cross



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~They explained how the CTAUN Committee works in conjunction with other non-governmental agencies such as AAUW. They also announced early plans for the 2012 CTAUN Conference.

~The panel members shared how the UN has created 5 MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs) that DKG and many other groups have joined in to achieve by 2015. They are to eradicate hunger and poverty; achieve universal education; promote gender equity and empower women; reduce infant mortality; combat HIV/AIDS; ensure environmental stability; and develop a global partnership for development.

~Please stay connected to these happenings via this column, or on our state's website under "News from the Forums" and also by reading DKG@UN which comes out monthly. If you do not receive DKG@UN, please send me your email address (elab@earthlink.net) and I will place you on the mailing.



A member in Delta Kappa Gamma since 1984, **Haddie Weber** has enthusiastically shared her talents with this organization. This retired music educator, current piano teacher, and church organist has served DKG as pianist at state conventions and regional conferences and as a vocalist in many state, regional, and international choruses. She also acted as The State Music Committee Chairman from 1991-93 and led workshops on music at state area conferences.

As Judith Schaffer stated, "**Haddie never says NO when asked to take on a task!**" Over the years, she has filled many leadership positions in Alpha Phi Chapter, including several terms as President. She also served Alpha Alpha State as the 2003-05 Recording Secretary, as Chairman of Communications, World Fellowship, and Projects Committees and as a member on numerous other committees. She has just completed a term on the Pennsylvania Expansion Team.

Haddie has fervently supported the good works of Delta Kappa Gamma. She not only established in her chapter an annual scholarship for a female education major, but also leads fund-raising efforts to maintain it. For the state, she presented workshops on DKG collaborations with ABC Quilts, Parents Anonymous, and America's Promise. In so many ways, **Haddie** has been a cheerleader for active membership in DKG. She created a chapter newsletter contest and designed a brochure for the state. According to Sarah Moreno, President of Alpha Phi Chapter, "**She has worked tirelessly to bring new membership into our chapter, has assisted new officers in keeping alive our traditions, and brings back from conventions a sense of purpose to our members.**"

Our 2011 Alpha Alpha State Achievement Awardee is a *petite powerhouse with limitless enthusiasm, amazing humility, and impeccable style*. In short, she graciously wears a vast variety of hats (*along with adorable high heels*) and is an invaluable asset to Delta Kappa Gamma.

**Congratulations,
Haddie!**

Melody Hannegan,
Achievement Award
Committee Chair



Update from the Finance Committee Kathleen Kuzmiak, Finance Chair

Once again we had an uplifting and enjoyable experience when we gathered at State College for Convention. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the convention, I want to share the state of affairs with our finances and provide a brief explanation of the budget of 2011-2012.

Over the past five years, Alpha Alpha has lost 1679 members and added 937 members for a net loss of 742 members. **Keep in mind our only income is from state dues.** Four chapters have disbanded during this same period of time. We have been balancing our budgets by using money from our CD investments which have been earning abysmal interest in recent years. This needs to end because our last CD will be used to cover the rest of this year's expenses. That leaves us with our fixed annuity in Available Funds.

The finance committee met in May and began developing the budget by giving each committee what they requested. However, the expenses far exceeded our projected income so each committee will receive less than requested and are being directed to stay within the budget given or pay out of their own pockets for any excess. Our biggest expenses are for the *Keystonian* and for Leadership Development neither of which we felt could be sacrificed. However, the more members we have choosing to receive the *Keystonian* electronically will help us save money.

Even though we trimmed \$10,000.00, we will need to increase dues to meet the expenses for the organization. We have not raised dues since 2004. The vote taken at Sunday morning's meeting at convention approved the proposed budget with a dues increase of seven dollars for active members and two dollars for reserve members. This is not a one year fix so there will likely be another increase in 2012. We hope this will be less especially if our Membership/Expansion efforts bring in new members. However, many attendees at convention appreciated not having a

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CONVENTION NEWS

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garments, scrapbooking, and counted cross stitch); presentation of the "Album of Distinction," with 25 recipients honored for many distinctive services; a session of Zumba participation; and the zealous Soul Sisters Bingo.

With Susan Stamm presiding, the soul and the spirit of Alpha Alpha State shone brilliantly on Saturday with the fervor and excitement of the First General Session. Ten past presidents --- Marion Miller, Dr. Irene Murphy, E. Margaret Gabel, Rebecca Place, Terri Stetler, Polly Delaney, Louise Garverick, Carol Ulrich, Dr. Lyn Schmid (currently Northeast Regional Director of DKG), and Carolyn Sutton radiated a special focus on our commitment to the Society's seven purposes.



Dr. Hanna Fowler, Chairman of the International Membership Committee, highlighted the following in her Keynote Address: (1) Visionary leaders since 1929 are the crux of Delta Kappa Gamma. (2) A "genuine flame of passion" is identified with Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, whose advocacy for equality for women in education is a blazing element of our empowerment and our ability to maintain integrity in our profession. (3) The seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma are still powerfully gleaming after 82 years. (4) We impact the world and must let our voices be heard with determination and dedication!



Carolyn Sutton, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented the following slate of officers: President --- Louann Shrader; First Vice President -- Kay Stuart; Second Vice President --- Tracey Dusch; Recording Secretary --- Patricia Shedlock; and Corresponding Secretary --- Barbara Gasperini. They were elected for the 2011-2013 biennium, along with Kathleen Kuzmiak and Barbara Giuffrida for the Finance Committee and Carol Herbert, Eileen Little, and Nikki McWilliams for



the Nominations Committee. Also, there was a recommendation from the Nominations Committee to nominate Dr. Lyn Schmid for International Office.



No photo available. She's too busy with NERC

In her report to the Northeast Regional Conference (NERC), to be held in Hershey from July 20 - 23, Royce Boyd indicated that 388 had registered to date. She encouraged all of us to attend and participate.

Six morning workshops (described in the Spring issue of the *Keystonian*) provided a diversity of inspiring and heart-stirring topics to spark our imagination and enlighten our reflections.

At the Celebration Luncheon, with Louann Shrader presiding, recognition was given for Communications Committee contributions and to ten Birthday Chapters:

- Alpha Epsilon - 60 years
- Alpha Mu - 55 years
- Alpha Nu - 55 years
- Alpha Xi - 55 years
- Alpha Sigma - 50 years
- Alpha Upsilon - 50 years
- Alpha Phi - 50 years
- Alpha Chi - 50 years
- Alpha Psi - 50 years
- Alpha Omega - 50 years.

The impetus for celebrating was ignited by **FLAMES OF PASSION**.



Afternoon workshops offered five additional presentations, where attendees were given opportunities for personal and professional growth.



The Saturday evening Banquet, with Kay Stuart presiding, featured heartfelt traditions, such as processions of past state presidents, head table officers and guests, and chapter presidents, the installation of 2011-2013 Alpha Alpha State officers by

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CONVENTION NEWS

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Dr. Beverly Helms, International Second Vice President; Musical Interlude on "Our Favorite Things" (with a focus on the beauty of nature) by the Alpha Alpha State Chorus; and



the announcement of the recipient of the 2011 Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award: **Haddie Weber.**



Dr. Beverly Helms stirred our thoughts and emotions with glittering concepts like these: **"Embracing Our Vision: Designing Our Future"** begins at the chapter level. Educational excellence is affirmed by using available resources; taking advantage of updates in membership materials; acknowledging the commitment of passionate members, who carry through and make a difference; accenting scholarship opportunities for key women educators; making the visibility of Delta Kappa Gamma an absolute; sharing among chapters in multiple levels of membership activities; and, most significantly, offering the gift of membership in the Society to new career educators. DKG women bless this world - - - with knowledge, skills, outstanding leadership, and prodigious influence in routine exchanges of ideas.

The Spiritual Unity Service on Sunday morning was followed by the Celebration of Life, which remembered the dedication and passion of 44 departed sisters from 26 chapters. Both of these services were profoundly meditative, reflective, memorable, and benevolent.

After a delicious Nittany Lion Breakfast Buffet, President Susan Stamm conducted the Second General Session, at which several proposed amendments to the Alpha Alpha State Bylaws and Standing Rules were finalized, the 2011-2012 budget was approved, dates for future meetings and conferences were announced, and recipients of four scholarships and seventeen enrichment grants

were recognized.

When the business of this convention was completed and the meeting was adjourned, all attendees experienced, deep within our hearts, the intensity, the power, the vitality, and the promise of...

FLAMES OF PASSION.



Outgoing and Incoming.....



UPDATE From page 10

big increase in one year like we experienced with International dues. Our goal is to have a balanced budget based solely on income which is our membership dues.

Keep in mind Annie Webb Blanton began this organization during the Great Depression; we can certainly survive this recession and continue to support her vision with the same passion and vigor she demonstrated. If you consider what dues are for other organizations, Delta Kappa Gamma is still a bargain.

CONVENTION PICTURES



TRACEY asks:
"WHO ARE
THESE PEOPLE?"



**Multi Chapter Meeting
Punxsutawney, PA
Psi, Host Chapter**

When: Saturday, October 22, 2011
9:00 am to 12:30pm
Where: Grace United Methodist Church
61 Hillcrest Drive
Directions: Route 36 North 1 mile outside
Punxsutawney
*turn at the hospital sign

Registration: \$15.00
Program: **Ways and Means and the
Presentation of Education Grants**

Come see how your chapter can earn well over a \$1000/hour making money for educational grants that are given to future women educators who are approaching their senior year in college. Psi's annual Ways and Means event has provided dozens of women with thousands of dollars for educational expenses. Browse and shop the many hand crafted items, baked goods, gently used books, gift baskets and more. Please bring canned food item(s) for the Food Pantry Project. Come early, shop, eat, visit and enjoy a morning in Punxsutawney, Weather Capitol of the World!

Reservations: Please send your reservation form and \$15.00 check made out to Psi Chapter by October 15, 2011 to:
Donna Anderson, 515 Highland Ave,
Punxsutawney, PA 15767

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Phone _____

AM.....Scones, coffee, tea and juice

LUNCH.....Chicken Romano, Risotto,
Eggplant, Sonoma Valley
Salad, Rolls/Butter, Tiramisu
Coffee & Tea

SCHOLARSHIP AND ENRICHMENT GRANTS MAKE PA HISTORY AND CREATE GLOBAL FLAMES IN EDUCATION AMND TRAVEL PASSIONS

By Janet Lee Hay, Alpha Alpha State Scholarships Chairman

The Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee made **PA HISTORY** this year when it received 27 applications - the most ever! The State Scholarship Committee reviewed, studied, and critiqued each application. After much deliberation, the committee decided to award 20 women educators scholarships and enrichment grants to **CREATE GLOBAL FLAMES IN EDUCATION AND TRAVEL PASSIONS** at the 74th State Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, June 12, 2011. Scholarships were presented to two outstanding Alpha Alpha State women educators who are pursuing higher educational study for professional enrichment. They are:

Jamie S. Bieleckie-Quinn, Alpha Sigma, is working on her Ph.D in Educational Psychology at Capella University. She received the *Blanche Foster Award* and was awarded the *Dr. Evelyn L. Milam International Scholarship*. Jamie lives in Apollo. (no photo available)

Sharon Ferringer, Alpha Iota, is pursuing a Post Master's K-12 Principal Certificate at Edinboro University. Sharon, from the Erie area, received the *Dr. Irene M. Murphy Award*. (see photo 1, page 15)

The *Marion Spitzer Roebling Scholarship* was awarded to **Karen L. Matis** from New Castle and Alpha Sigma Chapter. She received \$999.47 to help defray expenses this summer at IUP to work on a D. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction. (see photo 2, page 15)

Seventeen Enrichment Grants were presented to help ignite global flames of travel passions to women who will grow personally and professionally this year...

Patricia H. Brenner from Alpha Beta Chapter in Bedford will travel to Alaska in August. (see photo 3, page 15)

Gayle A. Field, Tafton, and **Sharon Herzog**, Honesdale, are members of Phi Chapter. They will be traveling together in late August/early September on a 12 night cruise to Scandinavia, Netherlands, Germany, Estonia, and Russia. (see photos 4 and 5, page 15)

Louise L. Garverick, our 2001-2003 Past State President from Beta Kappa Chapter in the Gettysburg area, will be taking a 3 day visit to Barcelona, Spain, and a 12 day cruise in the Mediterranean which will include 7 ports of call. (see photo 6, page 15)

Barbara Giuffrida, a member of Beta Pi, lives in Wayne. She will be doing a Homestay travel program in Spain and Italy in September. This is through the Center for Cultural Interchange. (see photo 7, page 16)

Elizabeth Johnson is from Strasburg and Chi Chapter. She is taking an architectural research tour of the Palatine area of Germany in late July. This will aid in her retirement project of restoring her 1787 Catherine Barge House museum in Strasburg. (see photo 8, page 16)

Margo A. Keefer and **Amy L. Miehl** both live in the Erie area and are members of Gamma Chapter. They will attend the Costa Rica Natural Paradise Tour from July 8-18. This experience will enrich their teaching of the Rainforest to their third graders. (see photos 9 and 10, page 16)

Jane L. Long and **Marion Young** will be taking a trip to the People's Republic of China from October 7-21. They will be completing 2 travel sites on their "Bucket List" - the Great Wall of China and the Terra Cotta Warriors. Jane and Marion are members of the Beta Delta Chapter in York. (see photos 11 and 12, page 16)

See **HISTORY** page 16

Upsilon

Cheryl Walter and her Norwin Show Choir were recently recognized with a picture and article in the Greensburg, PA Tribune Review for singing for a group of high ranking American and Iraqi Army Generals.

Frances Frye celebrated her ninetieth birthday in March. She has been a member of DKG since 1963.

Ruth Speer has been a member since 1959 and is another nonagenarian.

Alpha Iota

The members of Alpha Iota chapter filled fifty cosmetic bags with personal care items for the young ladies in the Erie School District's Parenting Program.



Pictured are Charlotte Shultz, Projects; Sharon Ferring, Chapter President; Mary Ann Tempestini, Historical Records; and Carol Crockett, 2nd Vice President.

Beta Iota

Beta Iota Chapter 2010 Initiation of Daryl Richards (on right) sponsored by Louise Hesse (on left).



Beta Iota recognizes 25 years or more with Delta Kappa Gamma: Carol Schleg (on left),

Kathy Gottlieb (center), and Nancy Musmanno (on right).

Barbara Leonard (on left) was named Beta Iota's 2010 "Outstanding Woman Educator." She received her award from Lorraine Beshore (on right). Barbara has been instrumental in implementing several initiatives in her East Pennsboro School District and received recognition for Best Inclusive Practices such as RTII (Response to Instruction and Intervention) and LIPS, a new speech program that teaches students to recognize speech patterns and sounds, how and where sounds are made, and how sounds will help with reading and writing activities. She is a dedicated professional working diligently for the benefit of her students.



SCHOLARSHIP AND ENRICHMENT GRANT AWARDEES (from page 14)



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Please send chapter news/member accomplishments and photos to *The Keystonean* Editor by August 1, 2011 for the Fall issue. Please include clear identification of the subject of the photo and of all persons in it. Thank you!

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Sandra K. Millin resides in Confluence, PA, which is in America's County - Somerset County - and is a member of **Alpha Delta**. Dr. Millin has traveled to 49 states - now with the help of enrichment grant money, she will travel to her 50th state, Alaska, in late June/early July. (see photo 13)

Ann Elizabeth Nowaskie, **Sigma** Chapter, lives in Coal Township. In mid/late July, she will complete a travel/study of Vietnam and Cambodia. (see photo 14)

Janet R. O'Banion was a former group leader of the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Italy. Now in late September, she plans her first autumn adventure to Italy. Janet is a member of **Alpha Mu** Chapter and lives in New Hope. (see photo 15)

Linda E. Raschiatore, a member of **Upsilon** Chapter in Vandergrift, plans to travel to the Galapagos during the winter of 2011-2012. She is a former Pearl Buck scholarship recipient which allowed her to tour Kenya, Africa. (see photo 16)

Linda M. Seifried will be taking an archaeological walking tour of Hadrian's Wall in England to pursue Roman Army studies. She is from Doylestown and **Alpha Nu** Chapter. (see photo 17)

Karen Snyder is a member of **Beta Gamma** Chapter in the Red Lion/York area. She will be taking an educational opportunity to tour Ecuador with her students in August. (see photo 18)

Diane Whitaker from Beech Creek in Clinton County and **Omicron** Chapter will visit 2 Indian tribes and study the flora and fauna in the state of Alaska. (see photo 19)

Barbara Andrews, **Chi** Chapter, received the *M. Margaret Strob International Scholarship*. She was unable to accept the International money because she completed all her doctoral work sooner than expected... Congratulations Dr. Barbara Andrews! (see photo 20)

Congratulations to all the recipients for following their passion to travel the world and set their minds and passion for education on fire!

THANKS to President Sue Stamm, State Treasurer Linda O'Connor, Keystonean Editor Terri Stetler, Protocol Dee Stout and Kate Sillman, Convention Treasurer Barbara Tobias - all helped to make my job much smoother!

MUCHO THANKS to my conscientious committee - Lois Brown, Gayle Goltra, Carole Hostetter, and my dear friend, Marlene Buljat, - all went beyond the call of duty!

SPECIAL THANKS to Peggy Critchfield, Alpha Delta, for making the beautiful scholarship certificates and donating the certificate disc to the state.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Chairman the last 8 years. I served with Margee Wolf for 4 years in the 70's/80's... Margee was truly my mentor... V. Gwynne Fetsko and I served as co-chairs for 4 years and then I chaired for 2 more years, so I have lived DKG Alpha Alpha State Scholarship for 18 years of my wonderful life. I have enjoyed every challenging minute!!! Best of Luck to Lois Brown and the 2011-2013 State Scholarship Committee!



Thank You Notes

Karen Matis, Alpha Sigma: The theme of the 2010 Alpha Alpha State Convention has not faded. In fact, a new melody has been under construction since I received the **Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** this past June. This generous scholarship assisted me financially during my fall sabbatical leave. My plan was to take three college classes as I continued working towards my doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction. What I didn't originally plan for was the opportunity to also begin a 360 hour administrative internship that became the opening verse for a new heart song in my life. Thank you, Alpha Alpha State, for supporting my collegial endeavors. You have not only impacted my life, but through the internship opportunity, many students' lives have also been affected.

Louise Garverick, Beta Kappa: From the beginning of my teaching career, it had been my hope to, some day, see "Mona" for real! Could this be a possibility for me? With the help of an Alpha Alpha State **Enrichment Grant**, this dream came true. My husband and I booked an eight-day Viking river boat cruise on the Seine River from Paris to the Normandy Beaches and decided to spend several pre-cruise days in Paris for sightseeing. In those initial three days, we visited Notre Dame, St. Chapelle, Versailles, and the Louvre, stopping throughout each day to enjoy the marvelous French cuisine. Of particular interest was the Musee' D'Orangerie... specifically, the Monet Galleries. On the fourth day in Paris, we joined our river boat tour. The boat was docked a few blocks from the Eiffel Tower and the French Statue of Liberty. After several stops along the way we sailed from Rouen to the Normandy region of France for an informative stop in Aramanches where we toured the D-Day Museum. This tour set the stage for our visit to the Normandy beaches of WWII. A small bag of sand collected from Omaha Beach is my precious souvenir, reminding me of the devastation from the war and the moving experience of my visit to the American Cemetery. I am so grateful for the Alpha Alpha State Enrichment Grant. I learned so much about

that region of France, and I felt a new connection to the arts and history I have studied for so long. "Mona" is beautiful, and now I have a new appreciation for her. My dream became a reality!



Dorothy O'Neill, Phi: I would like to thank Alpha Alpha State for the **Enrichment Grant** that enabled me to travel to Japan. It was a trip of a lifetime, full of learning and inspiration. I visited Kanda University of International Studies, Tsukiji (the largest fish market in the world), the Emperors' Gardens, Tokyo City, and the entrance to the Emperors' Palace. Visitors are only allowed to enter the palace two days of the year; the Emperor's birthday and New Year's Day. I saw many varieties of flowers including orchids, bamboo forests, and fountains that were works of art. I also visited Makuhari, a city that did not exist 30 years ago. The Japanese constructed the city from land it reclaimed from the sea. It was an engineering feat that was hard to grasp even though I was there. As I said in the beginning, this was truly a trip of a lifetime and I thank Alpha Alpha State for the opportunity to fulfill my dream.



Japanese Temple



Emperor's Bridge and Moat



Announcement from International

Kethleen R. Varano,
Alpha Upsilon,
has been awarded the
**Cornetet Professional
Development Award**
from The Delta Kappa Gamma
Educaional Foundation. Kathy will use
her award to attend ISSI (Intensive
Spanish Summer Institute) to enhance her
expertise of the language.

Congratulations!

IN MEMORIAM

LaRene T. Ayres

December 5, 2010

After her initiation in 1968, LaRene was an active member of Alpha Zeta serving on numerous committees. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association of PA, mentored many educators, and was a supporter of Mansfield University. Her generosity included giving a scholarship each year to a Canton HS student entering the field of education.

Helen C. Bishop

January 20, 2011

Helen was an elementary teacher and reading specialist at the Shenango Area SD for 41 years before retiring in 1980. She served Alpha Omicron as Treasurer, 1st Vice President, and President. She had also served as President of the International Reading Association and Secretary and President of Lawrence County PASR.

Janet M. Brubaker

February 19, 2011

As an active member for 31 years, Janet served on numerous committees for Alpha Delta. She was a Kindergarten teacher for 29 years in the Somerset SD. Active in her community, she provided children's sermons for Trinity Lutheran and volunteered at the Somerset Historical Society, where she gave presentations to elementary students.

Ferndetta L. Caldwell

February 21, 2011

After her initiation in 1958, Ferndetta served Zeta Chapter as chair of many committees, and had served as chapter president. She had taught for 35 years in the elementary schools of the Beaver Falls SD.

Anita Cunningham

December 24, 2010

Anita was initiated into Alpha Sigma in 1964, and has remained a long time reserve member. She had taught third grade, providing an excellent education to her students.

Susan B. Davis

January 19, 2011

Susan was a faithful member of Tau Chapter, serving as 2nd Vice President and on numerous committees, and she participated in the annual fundraiser. She was a happy and effective primary teacher throughout her career for the Hanover Area SD.

Sally M. Everhart

March 7, 2011

Sally was a 1989 initiate of Beta Kappa, working with various handmade projects of the chapter. She attended many Alpha

Alpha State Conventions. Active in her community, she was the Central Region Advisor of the Year for 1986 for PA Future Homemakers of Am., and served on the PA State Board of FCCLA, Franklin County Tech in Chambersburg.

Esther R. Hawkins

January 22, 2011

A beloved music educator in the Dubois Area SD for 37 years, Esther inaugurated the HS show choir (Dynamics) and directed musicals. She had received numerous awards throughout her career. She was initiated in 1965 and provided piano accompaniment at Psi Chapter meetings.

Joyce D. Herr

August 2, 2010

Joyce was a retired music educator for the Eastern York SD, and gave private instrumental lessons. She was a charter member of Beta Gamma Chapter (1962), and served on numerous committees as well as serving as President, and First and Second Vice President. She served Alpha Alpha State on both Research and Membership committees.

Dorothy Holt

January 30, 2010

Having taught for 44 years, Dorothy was recognized by PSEA as a "great grand teacher", for having taught three generations of students. She was active in her church and community as well as being an active member of Alpha Theta since 1970.

Muriel Hostetler

May 15, 2010

Muriel had served on many committees and held various positions since her initiation into Beta Epsilon in 1970. She taught for 33 years in Scalp Level School and Richland Township School. She also served as a part-time instructor at the Penn State Altoona Campus.

Mary Lou Kyle-Bittner

March 8, 2011

Mary Lou served the Lock Haven area as a third grade teacher for 28 years. She was very active in Beta Nu Chapter after her initiation in 1990, serving as chair of various committees. She provided leadership to the chapter in her capacity of Recording Secretary, Vice President, and President.

Judy R. Landis

March 4, 2011

Judy was an elementary teacher at Greencastle Antrim from 1961-1989. She served Beta Kappa on numerous committees over the years, including Recording Secretary in 1982.

Gloria J. Lynch

March 15, 2010

Gloria was a former professor and chair of the Office of Administration Department in the Medical Assistant Department of Mount Aloysius College. She had also taught at the Portage Area and Penn Cambria HS and South Hills School of Business. She had served Beta Epsilon in various officer positions since 1983.

Dorothy I. Manley

February 15, 2011

Serving Punxsutawney Area SD as an English teacher, Dorothy retired in 1980. She had 34 years of teaching experience. She was a faithful member of Psi Chapter since 1972.

Lillian G. Martin

March 17, 2011

After her initiation into Epsilon Chapter in 1962, Lillian served as President and Parliamentarian. In 1985 she transferred to Lambda Chapter remaining active on Research, Personal Growth, and Program committees. She had been an Elementary Librarian and Principal in the New Castle SD from 1946-1954. She worked for Indiana University of PA until 1984 when she retired Emeritus in Education.

Mary Lou Miller

June 25, 2010

Mary Lou was a retired school nurse at Northern Cambria Elementary with 28 years of service. She served in leadership roles with the Cambria County School Nurses Association, PASR, and PSEA. She served on many committees for Beta Epsilon, and had been their chapter president.

Norma Jean Neely

November 26, 2010

The Spirit of Alpha Sigma, Norma served as chapter treasurer for over 25 years, then chaired the Finance Committee until her death. She served on the Christmas Wreath Project for Scholarships until the day she died, by directing her family to continue from the hospital. Her professional position was that of Elementary Librarian, and she also contributed to 4-H and PSRA.

Louise M. Nicholson

April 27, 2011

Louise was a member of Beta Nu since 1978. She had been a beloved elementary teacher in the Williamsport area.

Helene M. Rouzer

January 29, 2010

Helene had served the Hanover Public School as a teacher and Principal at the Elementary level. She was very supportive and had faithful attendance to the Beta Delta chapter. She had been a member for 47 ½ years, serving as President of the chapter and serving on various committees.

Viola M. Stadler

January 15, 2011

At the age of 106 years, Viola participated in Sigma Chapter activities as she was able. She became a member of DKG in 1948. She had been a beloved public school teacher and principal in Penns Grove, NJ.

Jacquelin Tschiegg

October 13, 2010

After her initiation in 1989, Jacquelin served Alpha Chi as Membership Chair, Program Chair, and President. She served the Penn Hills SD as a Kindergarten teacher.

Eunice B. White

February 24, 2011

Eunice served as chair of many committees and was involved in many fund raising activities of Zeta Chapter after her initiation in 1976. She served the Beaver Valley IU as a Special Education teacher. She was also involved with Special Olympics.

Betty Wolcott

February 5, 2010

Betty was initiated into DKG in 1964, supporting Alpha Epsilon's projects and activities. She was a beloved elementary teacher in the Bradford Area SD before her retirement.

Krista Zeigler

April 19, 2011

A beloved teacher, Krista served for 32 years in the Big Spring SD. She taught in various grade levels K-5, Title I Reading, Reading Supervisor, and was the Plainfield Principal for 6 years. She had been a member of Kappa for less than a year.

*Every good life
leaves behind the
fiber of it inter -
woven forever in
the work of the
world.*

John Ruskin

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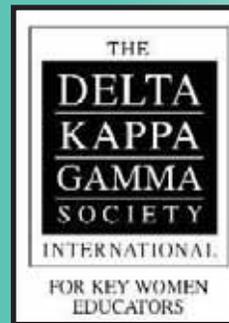
Creative Arts Retreat
 White Haven, PA April 27-29, 2012

Alpha Alpha State Convention
 June 8-10, 2012

International Seminar in Purposeful Living
 Washington, D.C. July 19-22, 2012

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 New York City, 7th Avenue
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