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Pennsylvania's delegation to the International Convention in San Diego included six First Timers.

"Feet First, First Time!"

By Karen Ball

As a Physical Education and Health teacher I have instructed my students to enter all uncharted waters. "Feet first, first time!" to prevent possible life threatening injuries. When I flew out to San Diego I decided I could benefit from my own advice. I would enter the uncharted water of an international convention, feet first and explore the convention as a newcomer.

What a fabulous experience! California is known as "Chi State" and they were our fantastic hostesses for the week. The friendly gals in their black aprons with the orange poppies on the front could be seen everywhere, handing out flyers and providing any information that you requested. There were

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Dr. Lyn Schmid explains the voting procedure to the Pennsylvania delegation.

Alpha Alpha State President's Message

By Lyn B. Schmid, Ed. D.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you on the Executive Board at the 2006 International Convention in San Diego this past July. It was an incredibly interesting experience that gave me a chance to think more deeply about our Society.

During the Nominations Committee's presentation of the slate of international officers, an additional nomination was brought forth from the floor for the office of international president. This had not happened in recent experience, so states had the challenge of holding a caucus and directing their state presidents how to vote their individual voting strength for the two individuals who were justly nominated.

The Pennsylvania delegation caucused outside the general assembly hall, and I gave each delegate in attendance the opportunity to cast a private vote with me sometime during the following 24 hours. I developed a ratio formula to issue our state votes accordingly for each candidate and cast our ballot. Obviously, one candidate won and one candidate lost, but that was not the most important outcome of this exercise. I look forward to seeing what our Society learns from this experience.

Many organizations are now trying to walk under the banner of "A Learning Organization," realizing that knowledge is a most important product and that gives them an edge over other groups. But the only organization in which I have really seen this happen is the United States Army! Several years ago, Claudia J. Kennedy, Lt. General Retired, spoke to us in convention and related to us that the Army learned a long time ago that it was better to learn than be dead! So their leadership has a deep imperative for learning that frees them to want to learn from experience and see what they might not want to see.

The Army has a wonderful process of learning from direct experience called "After Action Review," in which everyone who was involved sits down and discusses three questions: What happened? Why do you think it happened? What can we learn from it?

If you are in a chapter that could get those three questions as part of your leadership processes, you could become a dynamic learning organization. What I observe and hear as I visit chapters across the state is that after a crisis, or after something works really well, they don't get together and ask, "Okay, what do we each think happened, and what can we learn from it?" If what happened was great, people take credit for it, or, if it was chaotic, people try to ignore it and move on.

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We are surrounded by a culture that does not support learning; we are in a culture that gives us the message consistently: "Don't mess up, don't make mistakes." I encourage you to move away from a culture of status and protection in your chapter and toward a culture of learning and teamwork to examine what is great and what needs to be improved in order to learn how to serve your members creatively and supportively. If you are successful in this process, your chapter will thrive and grow.

MEMBERSHIP

Extending the Hand of Membership

By Melody Hannegan, Membership Committee

How do your colleagues in education learn about the honor of membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International? Do you talk over lunch about the stimulating programs you attend with your chapter? Do you share teaching ideas you obtained from members from other schools? When you socialize, do you invite your colleagues and fellow members to mingle in a relaxed setting? Do you offer colleagues a chance to attend one of your chapter's meetings? Do you simply extend an invitation to join your chapter and fill out a nomination form?

Probably each of us has had more than one opportunity to extend the hand of membership to a qualified colleague. Did you know that our international membership committee has created some wonderful tools to help us in that endeavor? Two great publications are available to us: *"The Honor of Membership"* and *"Why Belong? Why do I Wear the Key?"* Both tri-fold brochures are informative, succinct, and inviting. Although they have slightly different formats, they state our purposes, define our International programs, and list the opportunities that our membership gives us. Your chapter can order these folders from the Society order form #1 - the first 25 of each are free. Also, on the international website is an excellent PowerPoint presentation entitled *Delta Kappa Gamma 101*. The colorful slides simply present various aspects of our Society from the purposes and history, to the responsibilities and benefits of membership, to the Society symbols and Greek naming system. It's really easy to find: go to www.deltakappagamma.org; click on downloads; in the left hand column, click on other downloads and you'll find the PowerPoint link at the top of the page. Pull it up on your school computer and read through it with a friend.

Finally, your chapter may want to design a brochure of its own. If you are familiar with Microsoft Publisher, it's a breeze. You can use the international brochures as examples, but tailor-make yours to suit your needs. Include facts such as your number of members, the learning institutions you represent, the nature of your meetings and programs, and the good work you do.

As the new school year has begun, consider extending the hand of membership to the outstanding women educators you know. You already know the benefits and you have the tools. You'll enrich their lives and the life of your chapter.

Members of the Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee will be available at the fall area conferences. Joyce Kerrick (Alpha Zeta) and Eileen Little (Chi) will present a session at the Eastern Area Conference on September 23rd. Susan Stamm (membership chairman and member of Lambda), Haddie Weber (Alpha Phi), and Melody Hannegan (Alpha Xi) will present a session at the Western Area Conference on October 7th. We encourage all new chapter membership chairmen to join us at one of these conferences.

LETTERS TO THE KEYSTONIAN

Greetings!

I'm editor of the Wisconsin newsletter, Sigma State News. I received your state newsletter a few days ago and just want to let you know how much I enjoyed this issue.

The president's message and theme of servant leadership is a wonderful one to develop in so many ways.

As I read the Ten Top Ways to Attract New Members, I tried to compare what Wisconsin is doing with your list. I may re-borrow the Ten Top Ways to Energize Your Chapter for our state newsletter, just to keep chapters thinking. I'll credit Alpha Alpha State, and hope that's okay.

I really like the 2006 Women of Distinction recognition page. I'd like to see us do something like that.

Wisconsin has a Creative Arts Retreat, but yours is on a bit grander scale than ours. How many women attended? I've never attended ours, but those who do have a lot of fun. There are some similarities between the two. I'm wondering when yours is held. Ours is the first weekend in October.

Thanks again for a good read. Keep up the good work!

Erma Mowbray
Sigma State Editor

I just finished reading the summer issue of *The Keystonean*. Congratulations to Nancy Grove for being the recipient of the State Achievement Award and to the 2006 Women of Distinction. The convention pictures highlight the events. The committee articles were informative. I was touched reading about Expect a Miracle, your newest state project. The High Tea and Fashions of the Era Show sounds like it was a fun time for the area meeting. Enjoyed reading A First Timer's Impressions of Women in Retreat and seeing the pictures. Good luck with the Area Conferences planned for September and October. Thank you for sharing the Pennsylvania State newsletter with me.

Irene Thornburg
President, 2005-2007
Virginia, IOTA State Organization

PROGRAM OF WORK

From My Convention Notebook...

By Carolyn Sutton, State Program Chairman

International Convention at San Diego was filled with happenings, information, and fellowship. I had an opportunity to attend five enlightening workshop sessions and I want to share some important information with you:

- The 2006-2010 Program Manual, *Passion for Learning: The Essence of Growth*, is packed with ideas for chapter programs. More than ever before it is important to plan programs to accommodate your members' interests and needs.
- The Lucile Cornet Award for Professional Development is in full swing. It is an individual award granted to educators for the

purpose of participating in professional seminars, workshops, lecture series, national certification, on-line courses, and other non-degree program opportunities that relate specifically to an applicant's professional aspirations and/or current educational assignment. Applications are received three times a year: February 1, May 1, and September 1. More information is available from your chapter's Professional Affairs Chairman or the International website.

- Educator Edge: Professional Development Website for Educators was unveiled at convention. Log on to www.EducatorEdge.org for information about the Lucile Cornet Awards and professional development opportunities. What a great resource for educators seeking professional development activities!

Personal Growth and Services *By Nikki McWilliams, Committee Member*

California, there we went! What a wonderful international convention! What a wonderful opportunity for personal growth! There was such a variety of workshops and programs ranging from the fine arts to the sciences. Pamela Chappell who sets her life experiences to music inspired us with her songs at both a general session and her workshop. Dr. Philip Boudjouk spoke to the importance of encouraging educational pursuits in the different fields of technology. Dr. Boudjouk stressed that our students need flexibility in their thinking, have a sense of wonder in order to explore, and to understand that what they find may not be what they originally were looking for, but more important than what they are seeking.

The International Personal Growth and Services Committee provided a workshop with helpful information and ideas. The new 2006-2010 Program Manual is an excellent source for any Personal Growth and Services committee member as well as anyone involved with Delta Kappa Gamma. It contains information, ideas, and forms for our use. A CD comes with the manual or is available separately. It permits any user to access and print the specific information desired or to

cut and paste as needed.

The I's of Inspiration, Intellect, Insight, International, Intergenerational, and Involvement were once again stressed. As members of Delta Kappa Gamma International, we are a Society which is global and connected. We are women who are life long learners who look for insight into others and ourselves. Our inspiration comes from many places, the beauty of the sunrise, our children and our students. We draw on the perspective and enrichment each generation brings.

Dr. Lyn Schmid, a member of the International Personal Growth and Services Committee tells us that we need to tap into all our generations, especially generation X. Their personal growth is of primary importance to our Society. The Program Manual has activities and ideas for tapping into their strengths.

We are encouraged to work together to mentor those just entering the profession. We need to find ways to help them develop their hidden talents.

There were so many workshops, sessions, and tours that opportunity for personal growth abounded. The amity and closeness of everyone were rich opportunities to get to know others.



The International Personal Growth & Services Committee emphasized inspiration, intellect, insight, international, intergenerational and involvement in program planning. Dr. Lyn Schmid (far right) serves on the committee.

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

How to Impact "PROFESSIONALISM"

By Cindy G. Reynolds, Chairman

Hopefully you have had a refreshing and relaxing summer with some time to reflect and plan both personally and professionally. Congratulations to each of you who has accepted the responsibilities as your chapter's Professional Affairs Committee Chairman. Think of this as a wonderful opportunity to not only impact professionalism in your chapter but also in your school. Some of you may be saying, "Okay, how can I do that?" In this article, I will review the committee's goals, responsibilities, opportunities and resources available to help to make an impact.

GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following were the goals of the International Professional Affairs Committee and will be updated soon by the 2006-08 committee. Look for the goals and focus for the next biennium in my article in the Winter, 2007, issue of *The Keystonean*.

- To develop an action program to define and encourage professionalism for women in education
- To provide financial aid to prospective women educators
- Work closely with the US Forum Committee chairman:
 - To initiate and support legislation or other suitable endeavors relating to education and the status of women
 - To communicate about professional and legislative issues with the members through e-mail, mail, convention, area conferences, and workshops

OPPORTUNITIES

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has always been a source of both personal and professional opportunities. The following are some examples available to members:

- Attend one of the fall area meetings to meet the Alpha Alpha State executive board, the members of the state Professional Affairs Committee, and the committee chairmen from other chapters. Details for the area meetings are on page 18 of the Summer, 2006, issue of *The Keystonean*. The Professional Affairs Committee will present a workshop and will be available to answer any of your questions.

- Nominate chapter members to be recognized in the Album of Distinction in June, 2007, at state convention (criteria and forms will be available at the area conferences and in the Spring, 2007, issue of *The Keystonean*).
- Present a workshop at state convention in June, 2007, or encourage individuals or teams of members from your chapter to share their expertise in a workshop (proposal forms will be available at the area conference and in the Winter, 2007, issue of *The Keystonean*).
- Attend the Seminar of Purpose in Gettysburg, April 13-15, 2007, with activities specific to that area. What a wonderful opportunity for spring break!
- Support "Expect a Miracle," the newest Alpha Alpha State Project.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

The following listing provides sources of information available to you for planning great programs which focus on professionalism:

- Society's Website: www.deltakappagamma.org
- Program Resource Guide, *Passion for Learning: The Essence of Growth*, available for purchase from International Headquarters in CD or printed formats
- Professional Affairs Publications which can be downloaded from the website:
 - *The Picture of Professionalism*
 - *Mentoring-"Caring is the Key"*
- *The Keystonean* and *ΔKΓ News*
- State Professional Affairs Committee Members and Chairman

Plan to utilize any of the items listed above and feel free to contact any of your state Professional Affairs Committee members to help you. We are here to assist you in any way both personally and professionally.

State President's Itinerary

Sept.	9	Chapter visit to Alpha Mu Lewisburg, PA
	14-15	PA Governor's Conference for Women Pittsburgh, PA
	16	Chapter visit to Pi Tioga, PA
	23	Eastern Fall Area Conference Mill Hall, PA
Oct.	7	Western Fall Area Conference Pittsburgh, PA
Nov.	11	Chapter visit to Alpha Upsilon Pittsburgh, PA

PROGRAM OF WORK

Alpha Alpha State Projects By Karen Tinstman, Projects Chairman

We're # 1!!!

Alpha Alpha State was recently recognized at the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in San Diego, CA as the top donating state to the Afghanistan Education Teacher-Training Fundraising Campaign for the 2005-2006 year! (See photo on page 8) Alpha Alpha State also moved from fifth to third top donating state for the past 3 years!!!! Congratulations to all chapters who participated in this effort.

In response to this incredible achievement, Dr. Schmid has challenged the Project Committee to invite Lucinda Yates, the founder and inspiration behind the Lucinda Pins that we've sold to support the Afghanistan project, to join us at Convention in June, 2007. Lucinda has penciled us in her schedule with two stipulations: (1) There must be at least 250 people present at convention. (2) We must sell 1000 Lucinda pins in the 9 months preceding the convention.

As a result, the Projects Committee is launching a major statewide effort to obtain and sell the 1000 pins to accomplish the following:

- Bring Lucinda to convention where she will speak at the Birthday Celebration Luncheon and present an hour-long workshop
- Retain our #1 rating in the International organization in support of the Afghanistan Education Teacher-Training project.

Here's how your chapter can help. Alpha Alpha State will initially purchase the 1000 pins from Designs by Lucinda. Your chapter may order pins to sell using the attached order blank. Pins are available in bundles of 20. An assortment of styles, tentatively including angels, hearts, inspirational windows, snowmen, and patriotic red-white and blue pins, will be in each bundle. Minimum order is 20 pins, and the cost of each pin is \$7.50 or \$150.00 per bundle. Payment must accompany your order. Checks are to be made payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Alpha State. You must sell the pins at \$15.00 each so that each pin sold will net \$7.50 for the Afghanistan Project.

You may elect to pick up your chapter's pin order at either Fall Area Conference (September 23 at Mill Hall or October 7 at West Mifflin) or have them mailed to you at an additional cost of \$5.00. Please indicate your preference on the order form.

The Projects Committee is very excited about this effort and hopes that your chapter is excited, too. As an added incentive, the chapter that sells the most Lucinda pins will have the honor of dining with Lucinda at the Convention Banquet.

**Will your chapter help bring Lucinda to convention, 2007?
How many pins can your chapter sell?**

Your Projects Committee

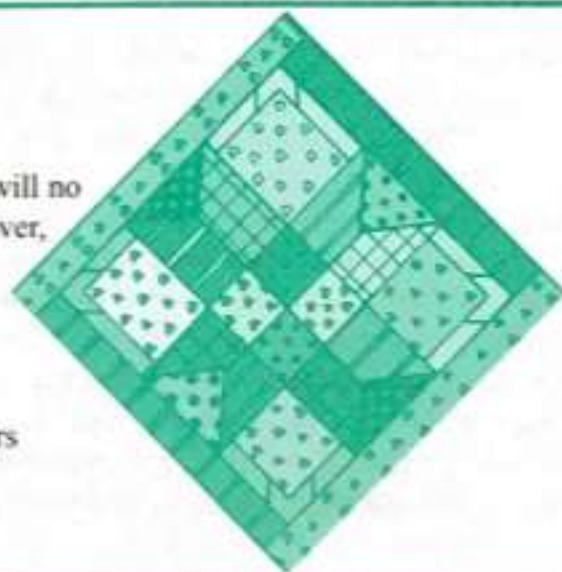
ABC Quilt Update

Since the ABC Quilt organization has disbanded, Alpha Alpha State will no longer support the distribution of quilts as a statewide project. However, chapters are encouraged to continue making quilts as a local project.

Interested chapters may contact

Project Linus at www.projectlinus.org

for distribution options or contact local foster homes, women's shelters or hospitals that could benefit from these quilts.



Lucinda Pin Order Form

Yes, our chapter will help bring Lucinda to convention in support of the Afghanistan Education Teacher-Training Project.

Chapter Name _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Address _____

Contact phone/E-mail _____

Number of bundles (20 pins per bundle) _____ @ \$150.00 per bundle

Choose one:

_____ I will pick up pins at Fall Area Conference-East (September 23)

_____ I will pick up pins at Fall Area Conference--West (October 7)

_____ Please mail my pins to address shown above (\$5.00 additional for postage/handling)

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma-Alpha Alpha State

Send your order and payment to
Valerie Ripple



RESEARCH: Part I Completed

By Cynthia Kramer, Research Chairman

August 5th, the work for the first year of the research committee was presented to the Alpha Alpha State Executive Board. Spreadsheets were prepared for various sorts: chapters, counties, intermediate units, teaching members versus retired members. Summaries enlightened us to facts such as: no chapters in 2 counties, no chapters in 2 intermediate units, and 131 school districts without members. Individual chapter profiles will be handed out at the fall area conferences.

Part II, or the second year of our work will include information on location of postsecondary and higher

education institutions in relationship to our existing chapters. Tables are being developed to aid each chapter in identifying institutions within their locale.

International Convention - Research Committee Meeting:

Materials were presented on how, what, and when to keep chapter records accurate. A hand-out will be given at the fall area conferences listing ideas. Several members spoke of meeting the needs of your particular chapter; first through discussion of what is needed, then the completion of a specially designed worksheet to summarize the conclusion. Worksheets and techniques will also be demonstrated at the fall meetings.

so many workshops it was hard to select which ones I wanted to attend. Some of the titles listed were: *Give Women the Vote: The Suffragette Challenge*, *The Graying of Delta Kappa Gamma*, *Delta Kappa Gamma's Impact on Education in Afghanistan*. There were over 86 workshops offered and included titles that dealt with classroom procedure, yoga, music, communications, history of San Diego's Gaslight Quarter, retiring, insurance, travel and I could go on listing them forever.



First Timers (L-R) Tracey Dusch, Karen Kuzmiak, Alice Hudak, Nikki McWilliams, Karen Ball and Royce Boyd enjoyed participating in a variety of activities at the International Convention.

The opening ceremonies are quite awe inspiring as you watch the flags from all the foreign countries take their place on the podium only to be retired at the closing session.

During the week you have sessions called



PA officers (Front) Louann Shrader, Susan Stamm, (Rear) Carol Hartley, Carolyn Sutton, Dr. Lyn Schmid on convention floor (and chair)

"General Sessions" wherein all International Officers and committee chairmen give their reports for what has been happening in the last biennium. There are sessions that review changes to be made in the organization and votes are taken from the over 1600+ women that are seated on the convention floor, each state's delegation seated together under their state/country's banner.

Not only did I get to see this unfolding but actually got to be a part of "history in the making" when from the floor

of the convention the state of Mexico decided not to accept the slate of officers as presented for our vote and in return challenged the process by putting up another person for International President. What a buzz 1600+

women created when that happened!

I was a part of the voting process because I was there! How exciting to watch our Society in action as we acted upon changes to the constitution that will affect all of us.

I was thrilled once more when an announcement was made that in the Afghanistan teacher project, "Pennsylvania was number ONE in funds presented for this effort!" How proud I was to stand under the Pennsylvania state banner and receive applause for all of Alpha Alpha State's efforts on this behalf. Alpha Alpha State ROCKS!!! Keep up the good work, girls.

I was present at the initiation of our newest Honorary Member, Dr. Bonnie Dunbar from Washington state, a former NASA engineer and astronaut and let me say that her speech was inspirational to teachers everywhere.

The gals from Pennsylvania got together at a really cool restaurant called the "Fish Market" and had a glorious meal and I got to know my fellow sisters from all over the state a little better.



Tracey R. Dusch, Psi Chapter President, receives 1st Place certificate from Unicef Representative, Meg Gardiner in San Diego, CA at the International Convention on behalf of Alpha Alpha State for contributions made by PA to the Afghanistan teacher project.



Alpha Alpha State sisters enjoyed Pennsylvania Night dinner at the Fish Market. The entertainment for the evening was revising the Standing Rules for Pennsylvania's night out at convention. Carolyn Sutton shares her amendment to the Standing Rules.

I had time to throw in a little sightseeing in the Gaslight Quarter and of course a lot of shopping at the vendor's tables.

A highlight of Terri Stetler's convention trip was sightseeing in Mexico, escorted by Delta Kappa Gamma members, Joan McCollom from CA and Leticia from Mexico. Pictured are Leticia (L) and Joan at a restaurant in Rosarito, Mexico, where we all had lunch.





The President's Banquet on Saturday night was truly something to behold as we gathered for entertainment, presentations, speeches and yet another opportunity to meet and greet sisters from all over the world.

Adding an elegant touch to the Presidents' and Founders' Banquet, the State Presidents

were escorted to the stage by Marines in full dress uniform from the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar.

I could go on forever but I guess I could summarize my first trip to an International Convention like this: Rooms at the Marriott Hotel on the Marina in San Diego: Approx: \$214.00 per night + tax, Taxi Rides/Hysterical Rickshaw Rides at night: \$7.00 per person; Watching the political process in action, meeting women from every state and many foreign countries, having great conversations, exchanging ideas, email addresses and making new friendships . . . ABSOLUTELY PRICELESS!!!! I wish you could have been there with me!

(In 2008 the International Convention will be in Chicago I hope to see you there!!) ■



Taking advantage of a rickshaw ride back to the hotel after Pennsylvania's night out are Royce Boyd (L) and Dr. Lyn.

See page 14 for further convention coverage.



A Funny Thing Happened On Our Way To The Pennsylvania Night Dinner!

We were walking along minding our own business when out of the clear blue sky, our state editor asked us to climb in a nearby tree for an unofficial Pennsylvania photograph. While Chuck Downs, Mary Jane's husband, was snapping the photo, along came a member of Comic-Con International (comic book aficionados) with a microphone in his hand. Uninvited, he crashed our photo session and gave us all a good laugh...what else would you expect?

Meanwhile his friend was videotaping the action...so don't blame us if we end up on some unintended TV programming. We're innocent of all charges. And that's the truth!

Editor's Note: The nation's largest comic book convention (Comic-Con) was being held the same week as our International Convention in San Diego. Over 100,000 fans were drawn to the area by the lure of any product that appeals to young people. Besides comic books, movie studios and television networks descended on the gathering offering their wares.

Much to our surprise, Star Wars character, Boba Fett, entered our convention floor amidst flashing lights and *Star Wars* music. He proceeded to escort our startled International President, Jackie Cuppy, from the podium following one of the general sessions.

Who says our conventions are not an out-of-this-world experience????

Convention photos submitted by Karen Ball, Terri Stetler, and Jim Miller, convention photographer

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

RULES COMMITTEE SEEKS INPUT

By Leora Rager, Committee Chairman

During this year, the Rules Committee will seek your chapter's help in two ways.

On the state level, we will be looking at the Alpha Alpha State Standing Rules to see if any revisions need to be made. On the chapter level we will be collecting and reviewing Chapter Standing Rules.

At state level, we have received suggested changes to Alpha Alpha State's Standing Rules from International. Most are simply cosmetic changes that make choice of vocabulary and intention more precise. State committees have been asked for any revisions that their committees might wish to suggest. Chapters or individual members may also submit proposed changes. All these proposed changes must reach our committee no later than November 1st so that they may be reviewed and submitted to *The Keystonean* in December.

The deadline for Chapter standing rules submission will be March 31st. Presidents and Parliamentarians who attended workshops conducted by State Parliamentarian Carol Hartley prior to and at convention received copies of the model for Chapter Standing Rules that are provided by International. If your chapter did not receive these models, please e-mail me at lrager@floodcity.net; and I will send you a copy. A copy is also available on the Alpha Alpha State website. In addition a member of the Rules Committee will be available at both Fall Area Conferences. International instructs all states to maintain a file of all Chapter Standing Rules, and Alpha Alpha State files need to be updated. How long has it been since you examined your chapter's policies?

Some may think rules to be tiresome and not of much use; however, they can be immensely helpful to new members and especially to new officers. They provide the answer for the question "Why do we...?" If you think of the business of your chapter as a well-run machine, the Standing Rules provide the oil to keep it running smoothly. Is it time for an oil change? Our committee stands ready to help you with any questions you may have.

Send questions or updated copies of your Standing Rules to:

Leora G. Rager, Chairman, Rules Committee



Are your dues paid?

**Dues for 2006-2007
should be paid by
October 31, 2006.**

Active Members	Reserve Members
\$20 International Dues	\$10 International Dues
\$10 State Dues	\$ 5 State Dues
\$ 1 Scholarship Fund	\$ 1 Scholarship Fund
?? Chapter Dues	?? Chapter Dues

Please contact Linda O'Connor, Treasurer, with any questions or problems.

Fees paid to Scholarship will continue to be placed in the Scholarship Fund.

Gifts designated for the State Organization using Form 43, Contribution Form, may be designated to the Scholarship Fund, Visionary Fund, or Serendipity Fund.

Finance Committee Institutes Evaluation Procedure

Beginning this fall, the Finance committee will begin the evaluation procedure for *The Keystonean* Editor, Treasurer, and Webmaster. Each year your chapter will be asked to evaluate one of these three positions. **At the Fall Area Conferences you will receive an envelope containing a cover letter explaining what to do, an evaluation form, and a list of the duties expected of the individual you are to evaluate.** Please fill out the evaluation form to the best of your ability. We all receive *The Keystonean* and you can involve your newsletter editor in that evaluation. Involve your treasurer in evaluating the state treasurer. If you have a Webmaster, involve them in that evaluation or ask two or more members to check our website. Please have two or more evaluators. Return the form to me no later than December 1, 2006.

Please have someone from your chapter pick up the envelope at a Fall Area Conference in order to defray mailing costs. **If you have any questions, contact me.**

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS



THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Carol Herbert, U.S. Forum Liaison

There are currently two bills dealing with the Internet in the U.S. House of Representatives. One bill, H.R. 5273, advocates net neutrality: Internet and would have the Internet governed, financed, and continue to operate as it does now. A similar bill in the Senate is S. 2917. The other bill, H.R. 5252, allows governance and financing of the Internet to be possibly transferred to "for profit" companies. Contact your representative and urge him/her to support H.R. 5273. Contact your senator and urge him/her to support S. 2917.

- Congressional Switchboard-toll free-1-866-327-8670
- <http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives
- <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

As you all know, one of Alpha Alpha State's international projects is the Afghanistan project funded through the sale of Lucinda pins. Over the past 18 months, Landmine victims across southern Afghanistan have burned schools and terrorized students and teachers in their war on education. In one province, only three of 47 schools are open, and, of those three, only one teaches girls. Our support is desperately needed to provide equitable education for the children of this third world country.

School districts around the country are retooling their nutrition and exercise policies in response to a new federal law that took effect July 1. The law's primary objective is to combat rising childhood obesity rates. Overweight children miss more school than their average weight counterparts according to the National School Boards Association. Supporters of the law also argue that reducing sugar in students' diets leads to greater focus in the classroom and that recess is valuable exercise time that should not be withheld as punishment. While school leaders and health advocates generally applaud the law's intent, there are some concerns.

Congress did not give schools money to implement health-related policies or offer compensation for the potential loss of vending machine proceeds. Schools may also have difficulty setting aside time from the federal No Child Left Behind law, which carries consequences if students don't show progress in core subjects.

The U.S. Education Department announced that 34 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have such significant problems with their state testing systems that they risk losing federal funding for administering NCLB if they do not correct the problems this coming school year. Pennsylvania is listed in this category. Ten states have won full approval for their testing systems while four others are expected to be approved shortly. Maine and Nebraska have had their testing systems rejected by the government.

As Congress gears up to renew NCLB next year, the National Education Association is urging better funding of the law's mandates and adoption of a fairer accountability approach that does not penalize schools on the basis of one day of testing each year. Union President Reg Weaver says his group is willing to work with the Bush administration, which he feels has ignored its suggestions in recent years. In his final column, New York Times education reporter Michael Winerip contends that NCLB reflects politicians' distrust of teachers through its overemphasis on state testing. Winerip asks lawmakers preparing to reauthorize NCLB to consider fixing the law, including rewarding states and districts that mandate small class sizes.

Kudos to the electorate in the May primary election for ousting PA state legislators who supported the infamous "pay raise". Unfortunately, some of the pay raise supporters survived the primaries. Voters should keep in mind that these legislators, as well as the governor who signed the pay raise into law, knew that it was unconstitutional to provide the raise immediately rather than at the beginning of the next legislative session.

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!!
REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER
GENERAL ELECTION!!**

Delta Kappa Gamma Jewelry News

The George Iliasi Jewelry for Delta Kappa Gamma went to the International Convention representing Alpha Alpha State. Many new attendees were amazed that such beautiful 14k jewelry was available. The western part of the country had never seen the charms. The most popular items were Greek chapter pins, and the Delta Kappa Gamma gold charm. The chapter achievement pin proved interesting as a new item. Credit cards are now accepted for all orders. Gift certificates will be available in the near future. Look for the Delta Kappa Gamma Jewelry on our website: www.GeorgeIliasi.com

World Fellowships

Happy Fall Y'all to my Alpha Alpha State Sisters!
From Peggy Critchfield, World Fellowships Chairman

WOW, ELINAMI MADE IT! This was the title of the e-mail that I had sent to me from President Lyn this past May from Jennie McCardle of Alpha Kappa Chapter. I felt the good news was worthy to share at convention, but also wonderful enough to share with everyone from across the state through this article in *The Keystonean*. What better way to show how we make a difference in the lives of these women through the support of World Fellowships in chapters from across the state of Pennsylvania. Elinami is another success story of the difference that the sisters of Delta Kappa Gamma make in the lives of these women who return home and make a difference in the lives of women and children that they reach with their education.



Elinami Swai, PhD graduated in August, 2006, from Penn State University.

Jennie's e-mail said,
I just want to share the news with those of you who helped so much. She made it! I am so proud of her! It is such a thrill to me to know she has persevered to completion! Please note her glowing happiness and pride, yet humbleness. She will officially go through graduation in August, but she successfully defended her dissertation in March-06.

Her future plans are to go home to work with women in the rural areas of Tanzania.

Delta Kappa Gamma has been such a support for her through the years. Many of our (YOU) women have personally stepped up and supported her when her PSU funding was cut. Without their (YOUR) personal caring, as well as Delta Kappa Gamma International

funding through the Fulbright Scholarship, she would not have been able to be where she is today, Dr. Elinami Veraeli Swai. We all deserve to share the pride in her success. I, personally, am proud and grateful to be associated with you all as world fellowship sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma. Thank you all for your help and interest.

Sincerely,
Jennie McCardle,
(Elinami's surrogate, professional Mom)
World Fellowship Chairman
Alpha Kappa Chapter

Alpha Alpha State members who wish to send cards of congratulations to Elinami can do so at this address:

Dr. Elinami Veraeli Swai,
1900 N. Brook Lane, # H4
Ellensburg, WA 98926-3489
Her e-mail address is
evs103@psu.edu.



Jennie McCardle (L) has served as a mentor to Elinami Swai, raising funds to support her education.

The sisters of Alpha Alpha State also wish to send a special thank you to Jennie McCardle for her extraordinary effort in helping to raise the funds to help Elinami achieve her goals.

WOW, is what I say about the Alpha Alpha State sisters of Delta Kappa Gamma. WOW, because in the last year the sisters of this state contributed a lot of monies to the International World Fellowships Fund. WOW, because the sisters of this state have continued to support the women from differing countries that come here to the U.S. to study. WOW, because of the unique ways in which World Fellowships committees from across the state continue to come up with innovative ways in which to raise the money that they send to the International Headquarters. Keep up the great work!

WOW, your chapter doesn't have a World Fellowships committee. Please contact me and I myself or a member of the state committee will personally visit your chapter to promote the importance of World Fellowships. You can contact me at jmcritch@shol.com. The World Fellowships Committee will also be presenting a workshop at each of the Fall Area Conferences.

Pennsylvania currently has these 2006 World Fellowship Extensions:

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Ana Carolina Garriga

Home Country: Argentina
Birthday: September 17th
Degree: PhD; Political Science
Carolina is in her 3rd year in the PhD program.
She'll be working as a TA while completing her last year of coursework.
Attending: University of Pittsburgh

Julieta Garcia Hamilton

Home Country: Argentina
Birthday: April 16
Degree: PhD in Comparative Education
In May Julieta finished her last required course and in the summer will finish a paper for her last course and thinking about possible dissertation topics. Her plan is to complete her proposal in the fall of 2006 and go on to do field work in 2007 so she can finish her studies by 2008.
Attending: Columbia University

Florence Tumasang MD, MPH, CHES
Obstetrician/Gynecologist

Birthday: January 3
Degree: Florence has completed her degree work and has returned to her home country. She said she remains grateful to the Delta Kappa Gamma sisters for their kindness during her studies in the U.S.

We recently received this message from Marcella Gammalo.

"I got my master's degree last May and I'm in Argentina now. I'll go back to Lehigh University to start the PhD program in a couple of weeks. I don't know where I'm going to live but I'll be sure to send you my mailing address as soon as I have one :)

The names and addresses of all the World Fellowships recipients are always listed on the Delta Kappa Gamma website at www.deltakappagamma.org under the World Fellowships committee.

Save These Dates

2006

September 23 Eastern Fall Area Conference
Mill Hall, PA

October 7 Western Fall Area Conference
Pittsburgh, PA

(See registration forms on page 18 - Summer issue of The Keystonian)

2007

April 13-15 Seminar of Purpose
Gettysburg, PA

July 23-28 Northeast Regional Conference
Traverse City, Michigan

2011 Northeast Regional Conference
HERSHEY, PA

Nominations

by Carol Ulrich, Chairman

Alpha Alpha State needs you !

Nominations are now being accepted for state officer positions and for membership on the finance and nominations committee. Forms are available on the state website and need to be postmarked by **October 15, 2006**. Chapter presidents also have these forms as well as endorsement forms and a form to submit a chapter member's name to serve on any state committee. When submitting nominations additional information may be sent.

All information must be sent to:
Carol Ulrich

Please consider the talent of your chapter members and nominate them to be considered by the state nominations committee. Thank you.

The Parliamentarian Reports

2006 International Convention Actions

By Carol Hartley, State Parliamentarian

The convention in San Diego was about fellowship, fun, food, friendship and hard work to complete discussion and voting on proposed Constitution amendments and changes to the International Standing Rules. Many of the actions have implications only for operations at the international level, but there are many changes that we, as state and chapter members, should be incorporating into our own documents and use.

There is a new membership guideline for the Constitution that will allow chapters to offer membership to "active members who are employed in educational work at the time of their election and have had three or more years of experience as professional educators or have been retired from an educational position no more than two years. They shall participate in the activities of the Society." An amendment to allow associate memberships was defeated.

For your finance committee and treasurer, the words "financial review" were added to offer an alternative to "annual audit" of accounts of the organization. The honorary membership fee was increased from US \$35 to \$50.

Kentucky was transferred from the Northeast Region state organization list to that of the Southeast Region. San Luis Potosi was added as the Southwest Region's newest state organization. The Travel and Study Committee's work was lauded, but the committee was removed from the International structure.

The actions that will probably most importantly affect our chapter level members are:

- The Delta Kappa Gamma News will be mailed 5 times per year, and provided on-line for the July/August issue.
- The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin will be mailed twice per year, and provided on-line twice per year.
- The Society shall provide examples of initiation and installation ceremonies. These may be adapted to meet needs at the chapter, state or international level. The ceremonies as written in Rituals and Ceremonies will continue to be those main resources.

More detailed information about other actions is available from your state Rules Committee chairman, Leora Rager [REDACTED] the state Parliamentarian, Carol Hartley [REDACTED]

SEMINAR IN PURPOSEFUL LIVING



ONCE UPON A TIME

By Judith Schaffer

"Once Upon a Time" in 2006 the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation issued an invitation to two hundred and fifty women to COME LIVE THE STORY by attending their 21st Seminar in Purposeful Living held at Solvang, CA. Two Pennsylvania ladies - Yolonda Hutchison and myself were participants from July 13-16, 2006. This was our third biennial seminar!

Merlene Carlisle, Chairman, welcomed us (VELKOMMEN) to her three day party held at the Royal Scandinavian Inn. Solvang and the Santa Ynez Valley attractions were highlighted throughout the planned workshops and tours. We learned about the Danish culture's influence in 1911 establishing "sunny fields," the translated name for this special town. It is still seen and felt when touring the shops and streets today.

I attended sessions on local wine making, Hans Christian Andersen, and the Santa Ines mission. We were entertained by live Danish folk dancers at the opening gathering and went to Solvang's Outdoor Festival Theater to see *Beauty and the Beast*.

Special afternoon tours were offered to either Hearst Castle or the city of Santa Barbara, CA. We chose to visit the splendid storybook castle built by a boy with a dream and lots of money, high on a secluded hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Selected seminar participants from each tour bus evaluated their trip with both humor and creativity.

A giant storybook was created as a labor of love by Wanda Roe, artist in attendance, telling the tale of our three day party. Did you see it displayed in San Diego at the International Convention?

I enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of learning that permeates each seminar. Each is an event that supports and encourages intercultural understanding and educational excellence for the individual. You absorb the atmosphere of each site at your own pace with no responsibilities or duties unless one is on the Educational Foundation Committee.

July 17-20, 2008 will be the next Seminar in Purposeful Living at Dubuque, Iowa. Will I see you there?



Members present enjoy a delicious dish-to-pass luncheon at the Northeast Area Meeting.



Betsy Seeley and Sonja Haflett explain the ALPS Program at the Northeast Area Meeting.



Pat Arnold (L) and Cindy Reynolds work with their partners on an ALPS Communication Skill task.

NORTHEAST AREA MEETING

The Northeast Area Meeting was held June 19 at Lazy Brook Park in Tunkhannock, PA with 26 members present from the Alpha Rho, Alpha Zeta, Beta Rho, Beta Sigma and Phi Chapters.

Carol Lane, President of the Alpha Zeta Chapter and chairman of the event along with Beta Rho President Philippa Follert, and Phi President, Ann Mount, planned a day of fun and fellowship.



Kathleen Reiss displays the red rose cake she made for the picnic meeting.

All present shared a dish-to-pass picnic lunch and then Linda Nickerson of the Alpha Zeta Chapter led the group in a sing-a-long including several teacher-related songs.

Betsy Seeley and Sonja Haflett of the Alpha Zeta

Chapter gave a brief explanation of the ALPS program (Adventure Learning and Programming for Success) that they have developed and then presented several fun intergenerational activities to promote trust, teambuilding and problem solving skills. The theme of fun and fellowship was evidenced with the sounds of laughter and the buzz of chatter as the group was challenged to accomplish these skills.

A Chinese Auction was held with the group generating \$91 that will be donated to the Expect a Miracle Foundation. The afternoon concluded with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Submitted with photos by Carol Lane, President Alpha Zeta

**Due to space limitations, look for Chapter News in the Winter issue of *The Keystonean*.
Deadline for news and photos from your chapter is November 1, 2006**



*Welcome
to our
New Initiates*

Alpha Nu

Mrs. Anne Dresser
Mrs. Theresa Keck
Mrs. Mary Loikits

Alpha Alpha

Ms. Maureen Scanlan



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In Memoriam

Dorothy Parnell

December, 2005

Dorothy was initiated into Delta Chapter in 1954. She was a dedicated member of her chapter and of the educational profession.

Peggy Ann Madden

May 18, 2006

After her initiation into Alpha Xi chapter in 1965, Peggy served her chapter in many capacities. She was recording secretary, first vice president, president and parliamentarian as well as a member of various committees. Before retiring, Peggy taught in the North Hills School District and served as coach of the Speech and Debate team there. She was a Former National Chairman of National Forensic League and a member of National Forensic League Hall of Fame.

Margaret Carper

June 16, 2006

Ever since her initiation on November 7, 1959, Margaret was a dedicated member of IOTA Chapter. She was a former chapter treasurer; she also served on and chaired

many committees during the forty plus years she was a member. It was her pleasure to serve as a hostess for many chapter meetings. Margaret was a dedicated elementary school teacher in the Roaring Spring School District for 35 years.

Jacqueline Secosky Bercini

June 18, 2006

Jackie was initiated into Alpha Lambda Chapter on September 10, 1988 and was a loyal member who chaired and served on several committees. She taught Junior High English for over thirty-six years in the Connellsville Area School District.

Imogene V. White

July 7, 2006

Imogene became a charter member of Alpha Gamma Chapter on May 28, 1948 and was a dedicated member during her life. She taught for forty-seven years beginning in a one-room school in Woodcock Township. From there, she moved to Bethesda and taught. Finally Imogene returned to Meadville and taught in East End School and then the Meadville Junior High School.