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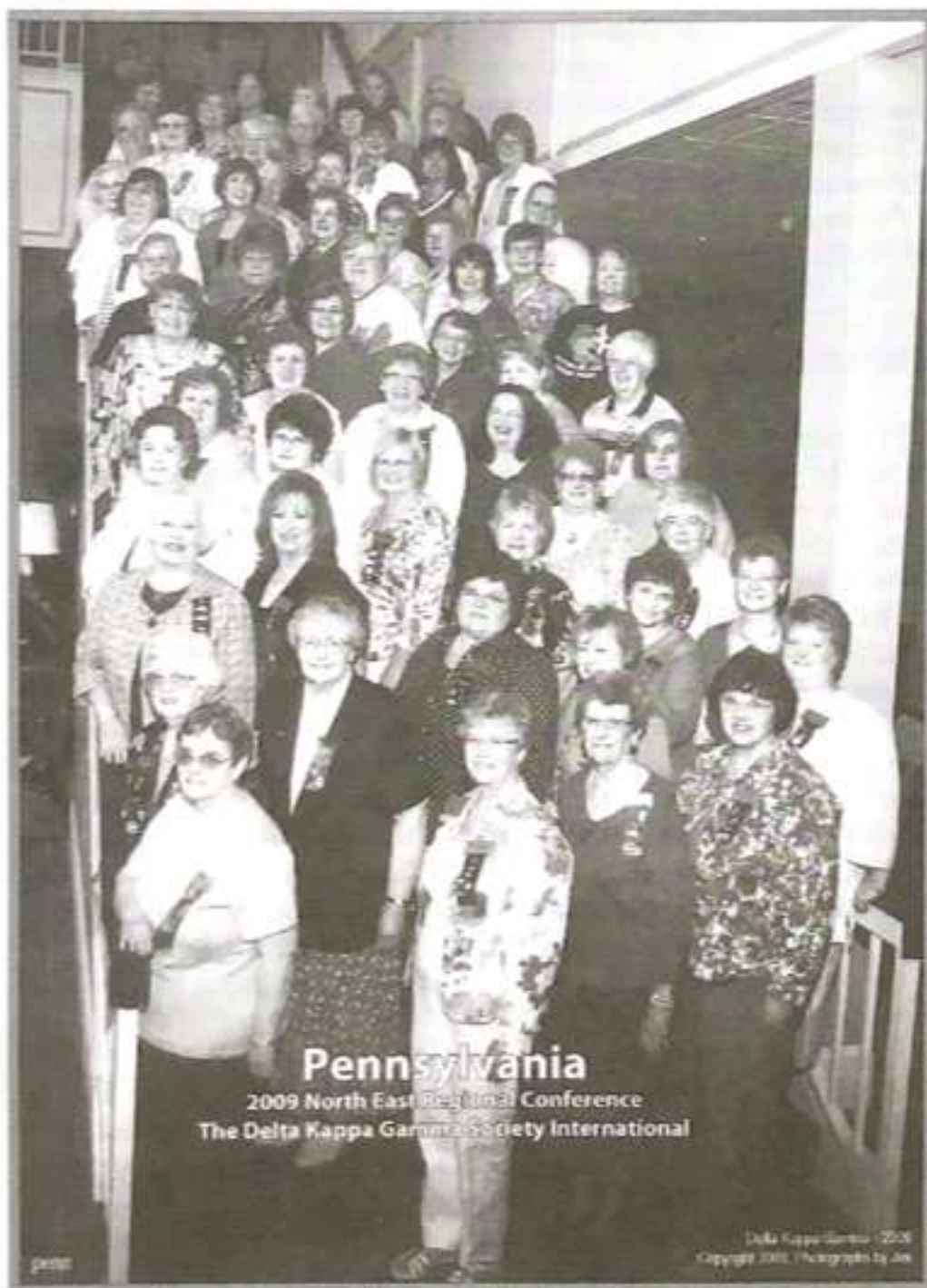
By Suzanne Long, Beta Theta

The green hills of Vermont were alive with the sounds of Delta Kappa Gamma as 64 Pennsylvanians trekked northward, crossed Lake Champlain and immersed themselves in the cultures, food, crafts and hospitality of the 14th state. Pennsylvania's registration was exceeded only by that of our hosts, Vermont.

While state president, Susan Stamm, spent two days in leadership training, the rest of the Pennsylvania delegation enjoyed tours of the lush countryside,



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2009 North East Regional Conference
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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Dr. Carolyn Rants (L.), International President, chats with Sue Stamm

Whiting, Leadership Development Committee Chairman; Dr. Carolyn Rants, International President; Jean Gray, International Parliamentarian; and Corlea Plowman and Phyllis Hickey, International Staff. Our vice presidents and Keystonean editor also participated in training to better serve you as state leaders.

Outside of Vermont, the host state, Pennsylvania had the greatest number of attendees. This says much about the involvement and commitment of our state members. I was so proud of the members who attended our Pennsylvania night dinner when they opened their hearts and wallets to Carolyn Sutton's request to support our World Fellowships recipient. At the fourth and final General Session on Saturday morning, Alpha Alpha State members wowed the audience with an invitation to the Northeast Regional Conference in 2011. Members are excited to be coming to Chocolate Town in two years. Get ready to be a part of this exciting event! Read the article written by Suzanne Long for more details about the Northeast Regional Conference.

You will also find in this issue a section which lists the state officers and committees for this biennium. A big "Thank-you" to all those women who have agreed to share their gifts and talents as we embark on a very busy two years.

The theme for my Leadership Development was "Ignite the Vision-Guide the Action." The symbol accompanying it was a lantern. We state presidents were asked the question, "Do

Alpha Alpha State President's Message

By Susan Stamm

What an honor it is for me to serve as your Alpha Alpha State president for the 2009-2011 biennium! In July, I attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Burlington, Vermont and received leadership training for this role. Thank you for that opportunity! The training for Northeast Regional presidents was excellent. Our own Dr. Lyn Schmid assisted along with Barbara

you believe all Delta Kappa Gamma members can lead?" When we responded, "Yes," we heard *The Lesson of the Lantern*. It's the story of a farm boy who was sent to the barn to retrieve something but was afraid to go because it was too dark. The father gave him a lantern and told him to hold it up and walk as far as he could see. By doing this, the boy was able to see to go to the tree, then the chicken pen and finally he could see to go to the barn. The young boy had learned that he could walk to the barn in the dark by holding up the lantern. You are that light. In many situations you are the lantern holder that lights the way for others to see the path. If we see each other as lantern holders then we will surely be able to help others on their own paths to leadership. Do you remember when you lit the little red candle of membership at your initiation? You assumed the role of leader in your profession and our Society.

And do you remember your passion at that time? My theme for this biennium is *Start from the Heart - Rekindle the Passion*. Let's get back to the basics of our organization and get passionate once again about our membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. In his book, *The Passion Plan*, Richard Chang wrote, "When you understand your passion and what inspires it, you can commit to keeping it a vital part of your life. You can make passion a central force in your life." Will you rekindle your passion for Delta Kappa Gamma?

In her article in the most recent

MEMBERSHIP



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

Dear Annie,

Our chapter is struggling with attendance at meetings. It is a challenge to attract key women educators with so many demands on their time. What can we do?

Jenner Lee Alone

Dear Alone,

Haven't we all been in the situation where we needed to be in 3 places at the same time? Perhaps your chapter meeting, your child's soccer games, and the church rummage sale are all on the same Saturday morning. For your chapter to be able to compete with all of these things, your chapter meetings must be worth the time and effort.

How can we do this? We do this with State President Susan Stamm's theme - *Start From The Heart - Rekindle the Passion*. Provide a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere at your meetings. Be sure there is laughter. Recognize accomplishments and events in members' lives. Provide good and varied programs. Some suggestions would include an arts and craft auction near the holidays, book reviews, women's health issues, chapter projects, or "Go Green" with a program from an environmentalist and bring your kids along to the meeting. (This last one is an inspiration from the Erie sisters and the work they did for the Purposeful Seminar last April.) You know in your heart how to make others feel good about being a part of your chapter.

But the Passion! What? How? Use your leadership skills to encourage ACTIVE participation. Getting involved with meaningful programs and activities will rekindle the passion. As educators we are doers! We want to be part of something good, and something important. So give your members responsibility for some aspect of the meeting, keeping in mind their talents and their time constraints. Remember that kindling starts with a small spark, and you must be that spark.

Dear Annie,

I've been hearing about a Shoe-In Challenge. What is it, and what does our chapter need to do?

Mary Janes

Dear Mary,

You can earn recognition for your chapter at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane! (I hope to see you

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issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma News*, Carolyn Rants writes that we are in the midst of change, and we don't always like it. It's our choice. However, I am excited about what is happening. Here in Pennsylvania, we will be planning and preparing to host Northeast Regional members in two years. At the International level, there will be a revision of the Constitution and a restructuring of committees. This will affect us at the state level.

there.) There are 3 ways you can meet the challenge.

1. Maintain the number of members in your chapter from January 2009 - May 2010.
2. Increase the number of members in your chapter from January 2009 - May 2010.
3. Add a member from an educational environment that is not currently represented in your chapter.

What your members need to do is to focus on Alpha Alpha State's HOPE project. "O"ffer the gift of membership and "P"romote the passion. Be a cheerleader for your chapter projects and programs. Let them know that we are a philanthropic organization. Tell them the organization has raised more than \$185,000 for the Afghanistan teacher project in collaboration with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. Alpha Alpha State has raised over \$12,000 for our Ethiopia Reads Project. Let them know about the personal and professional growth opportunities. You've heard it before. Develop your elevator speech, and use it.

Dear Annie,

Where can I get more information about DKG?

Needa I. Diaz

Dear Needa,

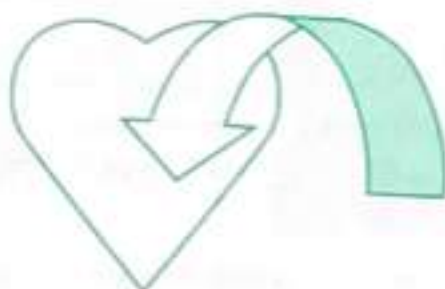
Be sure to check out the DKG website, www.deltakapagamma.net. There is a wealth of information about successful chapter practices, elevator speeches, and more. Scroll down to view the July issue of Create a Buzz. Past monthly tips are also useful in providing tips to increase membership and to provide programming ideas. Try a few, and let me know how it worked. ■

There is a new logo that was displayed at the conference. Have you visited the website to see it? There is so much in the area of technology that controls our lives. Everyone else is using its devices so we must also learn or be left behind. I will have to leave my comfort zone in order to learn about Facebook, blogs, twitter, Go to Meeting.com and all of the other terms. I am willing to step out in faith; will you come with me?

PROGRAM OF WORK

By Louann Shrader, Program of Work Chairman

The gateway to the "Heart" lies within the soul...



Just as members are the "heart" of the Society, programs and opportunities for personal and professional growth comprise the soul that drives The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. And of course, the fuel that drives both programs and opportunities for growth and advancement are the seven Purposes that we all adhere to.

Making sure that the heart and soul of the Society are open and accessible to each member means deliberate planning and evaluating to meet all generational needs. As you begin a new year of chapter meetings consider some of the following in your evaluation of the elements of your chapter programs and your efforts to meet member needs:

- ♥ Was there a central theme or subject that promoted the International program theme, the Society Mission Statement and/or the Society Purposes?
- ♥ Was the program subject/title pre-announced to the members so member expectations to increase knowledge or gain new experiences were met?
- ♥ Was there a coordinated program flow, that is, did it (the inspirational thought, music, and other arts, etc.) all connect?
- ♥ Was the presenter(s) knowledgeable in the presentation of the program material?
- ♥ Was the program effectively delivered through appropriate presentation methods?
- ♥ Was the program of an appropriate length (a big consideration since time is fragile) with other segments of the meeting, such as membership activities, business session, and meal/refreshments, etc.?
- ♥ Were all members able to connect to or be involved with the program either through the relating of personal experiences, preferences, remembrances, hobbies, career anecdotes, or travel (this covers a lot of meeting generational needs)?
- ♥ Was there potential for extension of the

program's thoughts/activities into lifelong learning situations?

- ♥ Was there closure or summarization of the program, such as a memento, recognition, a closing thought, a responsive reading, a poem, a picture, a handout or singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song?

Celebrating the 80th year of the founding of our Society is a time of nostalgia and reflection. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society has been able to flourish and grow through some of the bleakest times in history while other organizations have floundered or dissolved. The reasons can be easily identified—committed members, certainly; outstanding programs, more than likely; capable leaders, no doubt; but probably the key reason that has kept us on the path to prosperity has been an adherence to the Seven Purposes—the fuel that drives the soul of the Society. These purposes are identifiable in our programs, workshops, and seminars. These purposes ignite the fuel of opportunities for members and like a compass can show us the way to the heart of the Society and keep us on track in fulfilling the vision and mission.

Advancing the Society Through Personal Growth and Services

By Louann Shrader, Program of Work Chairman

Through Personal Growth and Services, programs are offered that enrich the personal lives of members. At the state level, the Purposeful Seminar, Arts Retreat, and different workshops at convention strive to meet the goals of Personal Growth and Services. Chapters, too, have many opportunities to enrich members' lives. Program suggestions include the promotion of the arts, healthy lifestyle practices, effective communication, projects of the United Nations, and lifelong learning.

Through Personal Growth and Services programs that peak the interest of diverse generations of membership can be met. For example, in encouraging lifelong learning, consider involving chapter members in adult literacy; consider offering a program related to women's self-defense; book discussions within a chapter are always popular and go across generations; technology experts can share ways to protect privacy in the ever-changing tech world; historical areas are a big draw for multi generations; and programs such as gardening, floral arrangement, and cooking are also able to cross generations. These are just a few ideas of many that chapters may use to promote lifelong learning and meet the purposes of the Society.

PROGRAM OF WORK

Professional Affairs

By Karen Tinstman, Chairman

While vacationing this summer, I was impressed by an article in the local newspaper about a 16-year-old boy who was an "A" student, but driving race cars was his passion. He raced each weekend, worked on the car during the week, participated in promotional activities and searched for financial backing for this expensive sport. Needless to say, his passion infected his entire family who focused on supporting him. The article went on to say that through difficult times he had managed to stay focused and persevere.

Think now about our founder Annie Webb Blanton. This remarkable woman had a passion as well. Her passion was to further higher educational advancement of women as well as to develop leadership among the female teachers of the entire nation. She too needed to persevere to accomplish her goal. Consider how her passion has infected generations of "key women educators."

We the members of Alpha Alpha State need to have that type of passion and stay focused on our goal "...to provide professional and personal growth for women educators and excellence in education." The best way I know to make that a reality is to stay focused on our seven Purposes.

As members of this Society we are charged to uphold all 7 of these Purposes. This biennium, the Professional Affairs Committee will focus on two of the seven:

- II. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
- VI. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

We will accomplish these tasks through our Women of Distinction Award and providing professional workshops for our members.

Just like the race car driver and Annie Webb Blanton, let's renew our passion and stay focused on our goals. As President Sue Stamm's biennial theme suggests, let's "Start from the Heart; Rekindle the Passion." Then our passion will infect our entire "family" as well.

RESEARCH

Drives Chapter Decision-Making

By Cindy Reynolds, Research Chairman

Research too often is looked at as a weighty, time-consuming task which interests only a few. However, putting research into the proper perspective, research is a systematic investigation used to collect information on a subject for a specific purpose. Research at the chapter level can be utilized to compile a membership profile, to plan programs that interest every member, and to create program ideas based on members' needs.

Members are the heart of the chapter. It is critical to continually reevaluate ways to rekindle the members' passion for the Society. Addressing purpose six, "to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action," is one of the primary ways to retain members and to increase attendance at chapter meetings.

The key words in purpose six are "appropriate programs." Appropriate and relevant programs are the best vehicle to regularly ignite the member's passion for DKG. How does a chapter accomplish this purpose specific to its members? The International Research Committee recommends an efficient process to use to take a snapshot of the needs of its members and then to plan programs to meet those needs. The process, *How to Use the Tools to Drive Chapter Decision-Making*, involves the following steps:

- Determine research area
- Gather data
- Analyze the data (What does it tell you?)
- Develop an action plan to achieve the goals
- Implement the plan
- Evaluate the action plan and continue this process

Therefore, utilize research to drive chapter decisions in program planning and as a way of addressing membership needs. The Society's International website www.deltakappagamma.net is a wonderful resource for sample surveys as well as a listing of over fifty programs. The Alpha Alpha State Research Committee is available to assist chapters. Committee Chairman Cindy G. Reynolds can be contacted at hodel84@nep.net for assistance. The Research Committee's column in the next issue of *The Keystone* will focus on the proposed committee restructuring within the Society.



THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Elizabeth Brewer

LEGISLATIVE HEARTBEATS

From Vision to Action: Advancing the Society Through The US Forum

Mission of The US Forum

The United States Forum seeks to serve the interests of members and reflects the purposes and mission of the Society. Emphasis is on sharing information and ideas that explore solutions to common problems.

NATIONAL HEARTBEATS:

REDUCING THE STUDENT TO SCHOOL NURSE RATIO

H.R.2730 seeks to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to eligible states for the purpose of reducing the student-to-school nurse ratio in public secondary schools, elementary schools, and kindergarten. This bill has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

DOUGHNUT HOLE ANNOUNCEMENT

Watch for news on cutting the prescription drug expenses for medicare beneficiaries who fall into the Part D coverage gap, universally known as the doughnut hole. They would only pay 50 percent of the cost of brand-name medications in the gap instead of the 100 percent they must pay now. The new benefit is expected to be part of health care reform legislation that Congress will consider later this fall. If passed, it will likely go into effect in July 2010.

For specific information about various Medicare Part D prescription drug plans go to www.PlanPrescriber.com

FDIC INSURANCE ALERT

Remember that if you have over \$100,000 invested in an FDIC insured institution, the amount over \$100,000 is not covered by FDIC insurance after 12/31/2009.

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE TAX CREDIT ACT

H.R.1646, S.1019 Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a nonrefundable income tax credit of up to \$500 for the purchase of a qualified hearing aid for an individual who is either: (1) age 55 or older; or (2) is claimed as a dependent of the taxpayer if the modified adjusted gross income does not exceed \$200,000.

Comment: Since digital hearing aids cost \$1500-\$2000, a \$500 tax credit is a help, but will not cover it all.

For on-line information on specific bills go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

You can contact your Congressman and Senator through the number 1-866-327-8670 without paying long distance charges or online at:

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

COMMONWEALTH HEARTBEATS:

KEYSTONE EXAMS COMPROMISE

A compromise between stakeholders has been reached that will give school districts the option to use the Keystone Exam or an approved district exam for all juniors, replacing the eleventh grade PSSA tests. Through discussions, it is agreed that the test will not count for more than 33% of a student's course grade. Most significantly, the Keystone Exams, if selected by a school district, will be graded on a continuum that reflects differences in performance, rather than an all-or-nothing, pass-fail basis. For more information visit www.psea.org/KeystoneExams

PROTECTING YOUR PENSION

A combination of factors is resulting in a showdown of what will become of the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) in 2012-13. With the economic downturn, the projected increase in state and school district contributions to the pension system, some legislators want to eliminate the defined benefit system with a 401 (k) plan and include a rate hike. Stay informed at www.PSEA.org/pension and be ready to call your legislators to defend the PSERS pension system.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

can be obtained through

<http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/> Information available at this site allows contact with the governor, members of the state legislature, state supreme court, congressional delegation and state agencies such as the Education Department.

**FIVE CONSTITUENT
CONTACTS WILL CAUSE
A LEGISLATOR TO PAY
SERIOUS ATTENTION
TO A GIVEN ISSUE!**



STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

DKG HAS A NEW LOOK

By Barb Clark, Communications Chair

Yes, DKG, it's not an error. International has a new logo and it uses the letters DKG. If you read or printed the *ΔKT NEWS* dated July/August 2009 you saw the article "New Society Logos Unveiled." It will be difficult for some of our members to adjust to the new use of the letters we say and use in emails, but it will keep us "...moving forward ever..." for our Society.

The new logos will be on Society publications and electronic systems. There will be downloadable files on



the International headquarter page. They also have been used on the new Membership Retention Brochure and the Golden Gift Brochure. Check them out!

The Alpha Alpha State Communication Committee will be formulating new guidelines for newsletters and websites in the near future. Look for them soon. Please keep sending your newsletters to Barb Clark either by snail mail or email.

(See directory on pages 7-10 in this issue for address.)

Visual and Performing Arts Committee

By Donna J. Houser, Chairman

The 2009-2011 Alpha Alpha State Visual and Performing Arts Committee will continue to be chaired by Donna Houser, Kappa, and Barbara Rankin, Alpha Xi, will continue as our state chorus director. The music at state convention this year was outstanding thanks to Barb and all the volunteer singers who were willing to get up early and stay up late for rehearsals.

Both the Artists' Alley and the "Meet the Artists Workshop" at convention received very positive evaluations from the participating artists as well as those who strolled through the Artists' Alley and attended the workshop. The primary suggestion for a future Artists' Alley is to allow more time for visiting the exhibits and talking to the artists.

Every chapter in Alpha Alpha State should integrate the arts at every meeting even if you only open and/or close your meetings with one of our Delta Kappa Gamma songs. Promote, visit, or hold one of your meetings at a local art gallery, or have some of your members display and talk about their art work for five minutes. Some of your member musicians can give a five minute performance at your meetings. The arts inspire us, unify us, center us, calm us and make us more human.

The Challenge!

I challenge each chapter to incorporate the visual and performing arts around president, Susan Stamm's theme, "Start from the Heart; Rekindle the Passion." Use the Purposes to get to the heart of the Society. Here are a few ideas to get your creative juices flowing:

1. Have members create and then display their art work based on the theme of a "heart," the color "red" or one of the seven Purposes of our Society.
2. Research songs with the word "heart" in the title

and then sing the songs at a meeting.

3. Write a "passion play" based on the seven Purposes of our Society; then stage your play.
4. Compose an original song or instrumental composition based on the biennium theme or the seven Purposes.
5. Make a quilt based on the biennium theme.

These are just a few ideas to get your chapters started. Be creative! Send me or e-mail me the manner in which you incorporated the visual and performing arts to promote our president's theme. Your chapter will be recognized at the 2010 or 2011 state convention.
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SEE YOU AT THE CREATIVE ARTS RETREAT

NOTES

From the State Treasurer:



Active Dues: \$51

\$10 State Dues,
\$40 International Dues,
\$1 State Scholarship

Chapter dues are added to this amount

Reserve Dues: \$26

\$5 State Dues, \$20 International Dues,
\$1 State Scholarship

Chapter dues are added to this amount.

The IRS 990N epostcard must be filed electronically before November 15, 2009. Every chapter must file every year. Questions and/or problems should be forwarded to Linda O'Connor.

The Northeast Regional Conference:



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the amazing vistas of Lake Champlain, mountain valleys, wildflower fields, farms and vineyards. Stops including the Trapp Family Lodge, Ben & Jerry's Creamery, and the Vermont Teddy Bear Company punctuated a wide variety of tours.



Vermont claimed Wednesday as their own, beginning with a craft fair of Vermont's most unique artisans, a buffet dinner and Vermont Night's down home entertainment * and reception.

With the theme "Activate Your Vision," Northeast Regional Director, Dr. Beth Ann Richey (NJ) highlighted several Pennsylvanians throughout the conference. At the Celebration Luncheon,



Ann Mount (R) escorted Doris



Goerlitz (L) while Sharon Herzog* recognized her 50 years of Society membership. Doris spoke of her wishes for the future of our Society.

The Emergency Fund collection was taken during the luncheon and more than \$6,700 was raised.

The third general session saw many Pennsylvanians in the spotlight. The prelude and postlude were provided by Shirley Newhart. Her skillful rendition of a jazz arrangement brought a request for her to accompany the Conference Chorus during one number at Saturday night's banquet.



Past International President, Dr. Irene Murphy, was to speak of her journey to health

through six kinds of cancer. However, Dr. Irene was in York recovering from a broken hip. Susan Stamm, flanked by Betty Raymond(L) and Ruth Althouse (R), * shared Dr. Irene's vision. Regina Campbell attended the First Timers' Orientation and won a raffle - an invitation to sit at the head table during the third general session. After her photo op with International President Carolyn Rants, Regina commented the opportunity gave her a "new perspective" on the conference. By this time, conference registration had swelled to 700!



Past State President and *Keystonian* Editor, Terri Stetler * recognized Delta Kappa Gamma's 80th Birthday during the fourth general session on Saturday morning.



Dr. Lyn Schmid,* member of the International Leadership Development committee, participated in the state presidents' training early in the week

and introduced them and their predecessors, through their visions at the Presidents' and Founders' Banquet on

Saturday evening. Immediate Past State President Carolyn Sutton (L) escorted State President Susan Stamm (R) * in this procession.



Workshop presenters included Mary Furlong (L) and Stephanie Olver (R). Mary spoke about Zambia: The Girl and Her World. Diana Leppo presided. Stephanie presented two workshops, Simple Shoulder Massage and Stress



Management Tips and

Working with the Body's Energy Field: Reiki. Carol Lane (L) presided at both workshops. Stephanie donated a free shoulder massage to the cache of door prizes awarded during the general sessions.

Tradition dictates a meeting of the Pennsylvania delegation for dinner. This conference was no exception. Sweetwater's on the Church Street Pedestrian Mall in Burlington, was the site. Singing

filled the air as we celebrated a waiter's birthday, sang "Good Night, Irene" over the phone to Dr. Irene in her hospital room, and practiced our 2011 theme song with Lyn Schmid and Royce Boyd - "Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to Hershey we go."



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Burlington, Vermont

in two thousand eleven to Hershey we will go!" Dressed in our "Sisters in the House Tour" shirts, we met a lady from Mountain Top, PA who



Kristine Olsen, Elaine Dutko, Wanda Keller, Connie McClain

wanted to know what in the world we do in White Haven!

Carolyn Sutton passed a basket for donations to help World Fellowship scholar at Penn State, Mary P. Badayos-Jover of the Philippines, defray expenses to a conference where she was to present a paper. University funding for such things has been curtailed due to the budget crunch in Pennsylvania. The collection netted \$570, completely covering her expenses!



An afternoon tea for long time members honored those with more than 40 years in the Society. Attendees included (L-R) E. Margaret Gabel, Marion Thorpe, VT, President Rants, Doris Goerlitz, Joan Peters * and Betty Raymond (not pictured).

On Friday afternoon, the state photo put us on the grand staircase with a cathedral ceiling, the perfect opportunity for one last rehearsal of "Hi ho, hi ho" before Saturday's invitation time. As our voices rose in song, we sounded almost angelic!

Friday night's dinner cruise of Lake Champlain was aboard the



(L-R) Back row - Pat Harrison, Tracey Dusch, Judy Britton, Joan McGreevey. Front - Nancy Hills, Lois Stoner, Barb Clark, Vicki Rinehart, Kay Stuart. Spirit of Ethan Allen III. More than four hundred conference attendees enjoyed delicious food, breathtaking scenery, and wonderful company. We watched as a rain storm chased us across the lake until

it caught us about 20 minutes from port. Pennsylvanians led a sing-a-long on the Sky Deck before everyone was soaked while running for busses waiting to return us to the hotels.



Stephane Oliver (L) won the Hershey Raffle Basket.

2011 Steering Committee Chairman, Royce Boyd (Center) and Dr. Lyn Schmid introduced Pennsylvania's invitation to Hershey at Saturday's general session. Costumed characters, Hershey chocolate and a video of Hershey provided the perfect accent to the musical invitation.



During the week, five Pennsylvanians disappeared for lengthy chorus rehearsals. "The Burlingtones" included E. Margaret Gabel, Shirley Newhart, Donna Winch, Barbara Rankin, and Susan Stamm. * Their music at the close of Saturday's Banquet was exceptional and brought a standing ovation. A week filled with visions of hope, philosophies of life, and challenges to the future, produced many memorable quotes. Perhaps the best came from Marion Thorpe of Vermont, a 61 year member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She challenged us to leap for the moon, saying, that even if we fail, at least we will fall among the stars!

NOTES from the Rules Committee

By Suzanne Long, Rules Committee Chairman

The Alpha Alpha State Rules Committee is seeking proposals for amendments to Pennsylvania's By-Laws and Standing Rules from state committees, chapters, or individuals. Please submit proposed amendments, including a rational and fiscal impact, to: Suzanne Long, Chairman, 4029 Concord Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109. **Proposals must be postmarked by October 15, 2009.**

The focus of the Rules Committee in 2009-2010 is to conclude the process of bringing consistency to the document's format. The International Constitution and Standing Rules are being revised by an ad hoc committee with representation from each state in the Society. Pennsylvania's member is Dr. Lyn Schmid. The revised documents will be discussed and voted on at the Spokane International Convention in 2010. Afterwards, the Alpha Alpha State Rules Committee will direct its attention to bringing Pennsylvania's By-Laws and Standing Rules into compliance with International's new governing documents.

Jeannette Thomas, Nu
Louise Garverick, Beta Kappa
Nancy Hills, Psi
Carol Herbert, State Parliamentarian, ex officio
Suzanne Long, Beta Theta, Chairman

Excitement Builds!

By Dr. Lyn Schmid



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Over 60 Alpha Alpha State members took lots of notes at the NE Regional Conference in Burlington, VT. Pennsylvania conference attendees in Burlington were buzzing about how to welcome over 700 Society members and their families to Hershey in 2011. Chairman, Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta Chapter, spent time with her Vermont counterpart, Alice Carrier, and worked in the Properties Room to see how it was organized. Royce transported the ceremonial flags back to Pennsylvania for safekeeping until their unfurling during the first General Session at the Hershey Conference.

Funding Needed

One hundred Lucinda Rose pins were sold in Burlington, VT due to the diligent work of PA volunteers. This leaves 400 pins for us to sell to realize the profits that will be applied to our "Pennsylvania Night" activities and favors to be given to attendees at the Hershey Conference in 2011. Most chapters have contributed their 2009 assessment of \$1 per member and are budgeting the same amount for the upcoming 2010 contribution.

*Welcome, New Initiates
and Reinstated Members!*



Alpha Alpha State
Mrs. Jane Kurtz

Sigma
Ms. Kathryn Makatche

Beta Rho
Mrs. Rachael Gilleran

PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

October 19, 2009	Visit to Alpha Epsilon, Kane area
October 23-24, 2009	Program of Work and Membership Committee meetings Carlisle, PA
November 7, 2009	Chapter visit to Omicron and Beta Nu Chapters Lock Haven area
December 3-4, 2009	Alpha Alpha State Convention planning meeting State College
December 5, 2009	Chapter visit to Beta Xi State College
January 22-23, 2010	Leadership Development Committee meeting Lewisburg

Ways and Means Chairman, Wanda Keller, Iota Chapter, met with organizational leaders in Burlington. She is developing the concept of a Pennsylvania State Pin as an additional sales item for our state members and for attendees at the International Convention in Spokane. A special thank you to the women of Alpha Sigma Chapter who donated proceeds from a recent basket raffle to the Hershey 2011 fund raising effort! This type of support will assure that Hershey is a NE Regional Conference to remember! If your chapter would like to contribute with its own fund raising idea, it would be greatly appreciated. Monies collected and all 2010 assessments should be sent to the NERC Conference Treasurer, Barbara Tobias, Nu Chapter at: 2165 Long Lane, Lebanon, PA 17046-1850.

Responsibilities

Beta Theta Chapter has taken on the assignment of providing music for the Hershey Conference. This is a big responsibility, and the women of Beta Theta will do a wonderful job! Chi Chapter has volunteered to coordinate the popular tours in the area. Alpha Beta Chapter will be handling the registration activities. While in Burlington, Royce Boyd, Wanda Keller, Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi Chapter, and Shirley Newhart, Beta Theta Chapter met with Corlea Plowman, our International Executive Director. Corlea cautioned the group to not rush to make decisions about conference details until the election of the Northeast Regional Director. This person must approve everything that is planned and executed before and during the Hershey Conference. That election will take place at the International Convention in Spokane next summer.

Keep your ideas, support, and funding coming for the 2011 NE Regional Conference in Hershey! Contact Royce Boyd at: rboyd@everett.k12.pa.us

BETA SIGMA News



Anne Visoky, of Beta Sigma Chapter (Luzerne County), was recognized for her 25 years of being a devoted member of DKG. She was originally a member of the Tau chapter. Anne is a retiree of the Wilkes-Barre School District where she taught 1st Grade. Pictured L-R is Barb Wall, President and Anne Visoky.

Submitted with photo by Bonnie Turchin

News from the Executive Committee

by Tracey R. Dusch, Corresponding Secretary

On August 7 and 8, the Alpha Alpha State officers and committee chairs for the 2009-2011 biennium met in State College. President Susan Stamm welcomed those present and commended them on their generosity in giving their time and talents to plan for this biennium.

Parliamentarian Carol Herbert gave the reflection by telling a story about a faith healer. Carol asked, "What is ailing our Society?" She reminded us that there are no quick fixes. We should look to our roots, our founding principles, to try to fix what ails Delta Kappa Gamma.

Those who had attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Burlington, Vermont, recently were asked to share their visions of Vermont.

Evaluations for the state convention were discussed by Convention Coordinator Dee Stegeman.

President Susan unveiled her biennial theme: *Start from the Heart - Rekindle Your Passion*. She spoke about her biennial goals:

- Increase state membership to 5000
- Have 10% of our state membership come from non-traditional educational settings
- See state convention attendance top 300
- See attendance at the Women in the Arts Retreat and the Purposeful Seminar top 100

The 2009-2011 biennium is off to a good start; plans are being made for the upcoming Women in the Arts Retreat in April 2010, the 2010 Alpha Alpha State Convention, and, of course, the 2011 NERC in Hershey. There is much to do. Will you rekindle your passion for our Society and make a start from your heart? ♥

Educational Foundation Grant Application Deadlines

Don't miss out on money that will help improve education and educators!

Cornet Professional Development Awards:
September 1/February 1/May 1

Professional Development Seminar Awards:
November 1

Educational Project Grants:
Jan. 2

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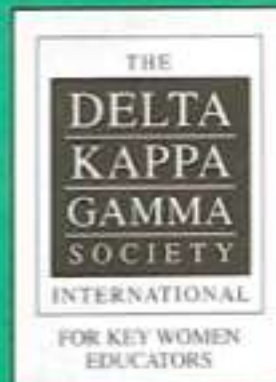
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In Memoriam

Ruth D. Hawkins

April 8, 2009

Ruth was initiated as a member of Theta Chapter in 1957. She served as the corresponding secretary and as a member of the state initiation committee. Ruth was a principal in the Pittsburgh School District and a founding member of Andrew's Alcove, a book re-sale center in the Carnegie Library.

Loretta J. Moore

May 21, 2009

Loretta was an active member of Alpha Epsilon. She had served in many capacities over the years including chapter president for the 1992-1994 biennium, and most recently as chaplain. Professionally, she was a librarian in the Bradford Area School District.

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

John Ruskin

Ila L. Coon

July 6, 2009

Ila was a charter member of Psi Chapter, and had served as recording secretary and area reporter. Miss Coon developed the kindergarten program for the Oil City School District, and taught kindergarten for 40 years.

Josephine Acciai

July 10, 2009

Josephine was a member of Alpha Upsilon, where she had held many leadership positions including corresponding secretary, recording secretary, second vice president, first vice president, and was president for the 1972-74 biennium. She contributed to the educational program of Deer Lakes School District as the Director of Elementary Education.

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