



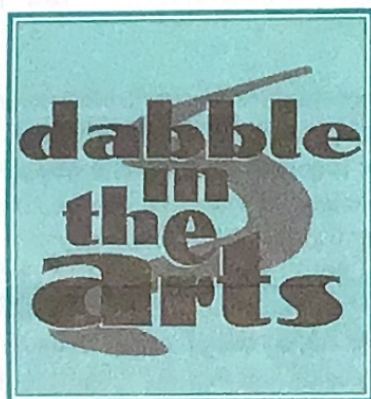
The Keystonian

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Key Women Educators

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Alpha Alpha State Presents...

The First Annual Women in the Arts Retreat



You are cordially invited to join us for a weekend of fellowship and relaxation at the first annual *Women in the Arts Retreat* to be held at The Woods Bed & Breakfast in Knoxville, Pennsylvania, April 23-25, 2004. The retreat will be a time of relaxation and creativity plus a wonderful opportunity for members to participate in the visual and performing arts. Every Delta Kappa Gamma member is welcome. No experience is necessary. In fact, non-artisans may get more from the retreat because they don't expect perfection and are happy with everything they accomplish. We guarantee at least one project that everyone can do. Each person will proudly leave for home with a feeling of accomplishment. The possibilities are many... crafts, fine arts, singing, dancing, drama, walking, talking, and meditation. Participants can be just as active or quiet as they wish. Won't you join us?
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ALL "COUNTRY ROADS" LEAD TO THE GREENBRIER

By Dr. Carol Heintzelman

"West Virginia-almost heaven; the Greenbrier-definitely heaven!"

August 6-9, 510 members and guests attended the 2003 Northeast Regional Conference held at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Prior to the opening on August 6, the Leadership Development Conference for 2003-2005 State Organization Presidents and Executive Secretaries was held August 4-6.



Part of the 51 Pennsylvania delegates to the 2003 NE Regional Conference

The Conference began officially on Wednesday evening, August 6, with West Virginia Night and Reception. Activities included the recognition of Jean Gray, International President, a musical presentation by "Imagine That" consisting of Maria Busick and Patti Greenelch on guitar and dulcimer, and the keynote speaker, Homer H. Hickam, Jr., author of *Rocket Boys*, which later became the movie, "October Sky." He spoke about the continuing influence and impact of his elementary school teachers in the Coalwood, West Virginia area. An enjoyable evening was had by all. The first general session was held on Thursday morning. Two highlights included hearing Dr. Belle Wheelan, Virginia Secretary of Education speak, and learning "The Rhododendron Song", West Virginia's "unofficial" state song. Workshop sessions were held later in the morning, followed by a panel discussion, "Education Now and in the Future" as well as meetings of the Canadian and United States Forums. (Continued on page 3)
Conference photos courtesy of Suzanne Long

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by Carol Ulrich

Alpha Alpha State President's Message



"You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best you have to give."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Our Marriott "tent" convention is now part of our history. How resourceful and ingenious were our convention personnel and especially Lyn Schmid in getting us "out of the rain drenched tent" and into the ballroom for our banquet. This demonstrated our dynamic Delta Kappa Gamma women in action. They succeeded at making our banquet a great success. Bravo and thanks to these ladies for making this convention so memorable.

Kudos are also extended to the Leadership Development committee with Terri Stetler, chairman, and the chapter presidents from the newly created areas in organizing and implementing area meetings. This was quite a challenge with no previous outline to guide each of the groups in their planning. Meetings have been held and others are being planned in true Delta Kappa Gamma style. Be sure to take the opportunity to attend one of these meetings in your area.

In this Keystonean issue you will find the committees and officers for this biennium. I am grateful to all of them for taking the opportunity to share their talent and expertise on the state level. Please save this insert for future reference.

Fall has now arrived and chapter meetings have been organized for another

year. Continue to keep the Mission and Purposes of the Society an integral part of these meetings. Encourage all your members to recite the Mission at each meeting as we do the song. This helps to make it "real" for all of us.

Several opportunities are available to members as we approach the 75th anniversary year of the founding of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Please consider applying for the 75th Anniversary Stipend(\$1,000) for projects involving learners in an educational environment. Additional information can be found on the Delta Kappa Gamma website. Another opportunity is an International scholarship as well as an Alpha Alpha State scholarship. Procedures and applications are available on line.

Finally, I ask that you make a commitment to your chapter to attend at least one more meeting this year than you did last year. My chapter president made that challenge last year and many members increased their attendance. At each meeting you have the opportunity to fellowship with women educators, to become informed of Society business and to learn from the program presented.

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Thomas Edison

My best wishes for a productive fall for all of you.

The International Membership Committee has determined six goals for this biennium and those goals are listed in the March/April issue of the $\Delta K \Gamma$ NEWS. I encourage the chapters of Alpha Alpha State to begin with two of those goals:

- *Make all members aware of and responsible for membership.

- *Maintain regular direct communication with the state organization membership chairman and respond to questions from general membership promptly.

As each of the local chapters makes plans for a new year, be certain to include orientation and reorientation activities on your agendas.

Communication with state officers as well as

international headquarters is essential to a healthy and well-informed chapter.

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the members of the 2003-2005 Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee. They are: **Patricia Harrison, Alpha Beta, Sylvia Martinelli, Alpha Chi, Joan Peters, Beta Rho, Connie Roupp, Alpha Zeta, Deb Seng, Alpha Omega, and Patricia Crouse, Kappa.**

Our contact information is published in this issue.

You will notice that the committee members represent various parts of the state and will be more than willing to help you with any membership concerns. The members of this committee know that the chapter members are at the heart of the Society. We stand ready to assist in all membership initiatives.

Northeast Regional Conference

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Friday contained a variety of activities including workshops in the morning and the Celebration Luncheon. Jackie Cuppy was announced as the recipient of the 2003 International Achievement Award and Mary Ellen Withrow, former U.S. Treasurer under President Clinton, was initiated as an International Honorary Member. The Educators Award went to *DEBUNKING THE MIDDLE CLASS MYTH: WHY DIVERSE SCHOOLS ARE GOOD FOR ALL KIDS* by Eileen Gale Kugler (Scarecrow Press). The afternoon featured the Info-Fair and more workshops.

The Second General Session was held Saturday morning followed by more workshop sessions. The day concluded with the Presidents and Founders Banquet. Sandra Whitney, International Second Vice President, was the featured speaker.

Alpha Alpha members were visible in a variety of capacities at the Conference. **Dr. Lyn Schmid**, 1st Vice-President, led two workshops: "How Cross-Generationally Friendly is your Chapter?" and "World Fellowships for Global Understanding" in her role as Chairman of the international World Fellowships Committee. **Carol Ulrich**, 2003-2005 State President, served as recorder for the Second General Session and Dr. Lyn Schmid gave a presentation on World Fellowships.



Louise Garverick, Past President, (left) and Carol Ulrich, President, relax at the Greenbrier between sessions

Saturday evening, **Louise Garverick** was introduced as the 2001-2003 State President and **Carol Ulrich** was introduced as the 2003-2005 State President as part of the Procession of State Organization Presidents. **Dr. Irene Murphy**, Past International President paid tribute to the state presidents. **Susan Stamm** and **Carol Heintzelman** sang in the chorus.

It was not all work. An all day tour went to Pearl S. Buck's Birthplace in Hillsboro, W. Va, Snowshoe for lunch, a driveby of Droop Mountain Civil War State Park and a stop at Beartown State Park. Other tours included Lewisburg, a tea at the General Lewis Inn and the Greenbrier Bunker. Other members took advantage of over 50 activities at the Greenbrier, including an introduction to falconry. The next Northeast Regional Conference will be held in 2005 in Cleveland, OH. "You'all come, you hear?"

Empowerment for Excellence: Developing Successful Programs

By Dr. Lyn B. Schmid
Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Chairman

Empowerment for Excellence is the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Program Theme for 2002-2006. The Program Resource Guide details that the original concept defining this theme is "providing knowledge, skills, experiences, expertise, preparation and confidence both for us and for other educators." Underlying all empowerment is a basic belief in chapter members and making possible the utilization of the knowledge, experience, strength and capability that these Key Women Educators already possess. Planning meaningful and successful Chapter Programs takes more than just individual effort - it takes empowerment and teamwork! While successful empowerment of Committee Chairmen within the Program of Work structure and working together as a team to plan programs can be rewarding in itself, teamwork should focus on meeting the professional and social needs of all chapter members. The Program Theme, Empowerment for Excellence, allows Program of Work teams to choose almost any topic that will meet the needs and interests of their chapter members. At the 2001 Regional Conferences, suggestions from members were given to the International Program Committee for topics for programs. These are:

Continuing Education	Partnerships in Education
Curriculum Issues	Technology
Health/Fitness/Safety	Women's Issues

Professional Affairs

By Carol Hartley, Professional Affairs Chairman

Among those aspects of our careers which we consider "professional" is our responsibility to and for each other. Annie Webb Blanton and our other international society Founders well knew this responsibility and took steps to meet it. Delta Kappa Gamma's very existence is the result!

Today we talk about mentoring, networking, recruiting, nurturing. Many of you have participated in induction programs either as mentor or new teacher. Others have served as advisers to future teacher organizations. Or, perhaps you have been an inspiration for a student who is considering a career in education.

Chapters are encouraged to choose from these topics to create a balance of programs that fit one or more of the following categories: Professional, Personal, Societal, and Fellowship. Some examples from the Program Resource Guide that illustrate this coordination are as follows:

1. Program Category: Professional
Program Topic: Technology
Program Title: Using Websites for Class Research Topics
Program Presentation Method: Member-Centered Activity and Field Trip
2. Program Category: Personal
Program Topic: Health/Fitness/Safety
Program Title: You--the Sun--Summer Activities--Skin Cancer
Program Presentation Method: Report by Members with Expertise/Experience
3. Program Category: Societal
Program Topic: Continuing Education
Program Title: "And the Winner Is. . .," Reviews of the Educator's Award Book
Program Presentation Method: Panel Discussion
4. Program Category: Fellowship
Program Topic: Continuing Education
Program Title: Scrapbooks: Capturing Hours That Shine
Program Presentation Method: Demonstration

These and many more ideas are available in the Program Resource Guide, available from Headquarters for only \$11.50. Happy planning to your Chapter Program of Work Team!

Has your chapter taken an active professional role in encouraging, mentoring or otherwise helping new teachers? Have you promoted educational careers as a worthy vocation? How have you let your community know you as professionals worthy of its esteem?

It may be as simple (sure!!) as being daily examples of professionalism. It may be as complex as your imagination will allow. In any event, have a discussion in your chapter about this important aspect of your careers. There are certainly ways you can assume this responsibility. Ask your Society to be a mentor to you as you explore ways to show your professionalism.... We can grow as individuals and as a Society when we share our pride in what we do and in what we are.

WORK COMMITTEE

Personal Growth and Services

By Susan Stamm
Committee Chairman

Fall is approaching, school is back in session; and chapter members are planning meetings for the second year of their biennium. The Personal Growth and Services Committee is part of the program of work team and should play a part in the planning of interesting and worthwhile programs.

The work of the Personal Growth and Services Committee is concerned mainly with three of the Society's purposes:

- *To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- *To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- *To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

It is the aim of the Personal Growth and Services Committee to improve the quality of living through enriching the personal lives of members, to encourage participation in community service and to assist members in preparing for leadership opportunities.

A goal for the committee is to channel the members into activities and projects that will develop a genuine spiritual fellowship among women educators and to create a public climate in which women's capabilities are recognized and rewarded.

This committee should see that programs are developed so that members have an opportunity to study economic, social, political and educational issues. Work with the other members of the Program Committee; plan meetings that are stimulating so that your chapter members are excited about coming to meetings and eager to get involved.

Your state committee members are ready to help you at the chapter level and are waiting for you to be in touch with your questions and concerns. Committee members are:

- *Ruth Glotfelty, Kappa
- *Karen Lindbergh, Beta Epsilon
- *Linda Lubben, Delta
- *Barbara Rankin, Alpha Xi
- *Rini Wolgarth, Lambda
- *Susan Stamm, Chairman, Lambda

You may reach me by phone at 814 786-7080 or by e-mail at wlsastamm@hotmail.com. I can put you in touch with any of the other members, also.

Let Me Introduce...the members of the Research Committee for the 2003-2005 biennium

By Dr. Carol Heintzelman, Research Chairman

First is Joan Beggs, Theta, [REDACTED]. She is retired and formerly served as a reading specialist and elementary school teacher in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. In addition, she was named as the Alpha Alpha State recipient of the 2000 Achievement Award.

Next is Paula Fish, Chi, [REDACTED]. Net, who is currently retired and previously served as the principal at St. Peter's Catholic School in Elizabethtown.

Third, is Jane Fogle, Alpha Upsilon, [REDACTED]. recently retired as guidance counselor for Bonair & Stewart Schools in the Borough School District, Westmoreland Township.

The fourth member of the committee is Judith Morgitan, [REDACTED]

The chair of the committee, Dr. Carol A. Heintzelman, Chi, is a Professor of Social Work at Millersville [REDACTED]

WE have an exciting and challenging year ahead of us, and look forward to working more closely with each and every one of you.

THE WORLD of ART



NEW VISIONS . . . FOR VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

by Grace Schauer, Chairman

It is an honor to serve Alpha Alpha State as the Visual and Performing Arts Chairperson for the upcoming biennium. As a newly retired elementary/middle school music teacher I am looking forward to generating new ways of keeping in touch with my sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma.

I've always been impressed by the way visual and performing art forms have embellished the ideals and purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma in our chapter meetings and especially at convention. The Alpha Alpha State Chorus has supported programs and added toe-tapping energy to meetings and banquets. Those of you who attended the past two conventions will share my congratulations to Shirley Newhart for an excellent job of directing the state chorus. As 2001-2003 chairperson, Shirley brought a new dimension and definition to the Visual and Performing Arts Committee.

I am excited to introduce a new committee of six enthusiastic teachers with a diverse range of backgrounds and interest in music. With this new mix of ideas I will challenge them to add zest to the 2004 convention.

Barbara Gasperini, Upsilon
Gisele Rinaldi, Chi
Tamlyn Ebert, Phi
Donna Houser, Kappa
Florence Sherwood, Alpha Rho
Cheryl Huber, Beta Gamma

During the upcoming biennium I hope that each chapter will find new ways to inspire their members through the expression in music. If there is only time in your meeting for the Delta Kappa Gamma song, try some different approaches: change the tempo, add a rhythm instrument or make the verses into a choral reading - Be Creative! Has anyone tried "signing" the refrain?

Most of all, share your successes with other chapters. Give me a call (814-628-2125). Great ideas are to be celebrated!

"One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see fine pictures, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German poet

Why a Women in the Arts Retreat???

by Terri Stetler

Several years ago, at the invitation of Pat Ostewig, my artistic Golden Gift sister and former Chairman of the Lambda State Women in the Arts Retreat, my friend, Carolyn Sutton, and I were able to make the journey to Illinois to attend our first Women in the Arts Retreat. What a wonderful opportunity this was to connect with other Delta Kappa Gamma women who had similar interests and who recognized the value the arts play in our lives! Needless to say, we came home refreshed, energized and inspired to some day organize a similar retreat for the members of Alpha Alpha State. With the approval of the State Executive Committee and the use of seed monies from the Visionary Fund, our dream will become a reality in the spring of 2004.

We've also all read and heard much about the role of the arts in education and what the arts can do for developing cognitive skills, for students at risk, for school reform, for building self-esteem in students.

But what about teachers and the arts? The arts can feed the inner lives of teachers, both active educators as well as retirees. The Women in the Arts Retreat will give you a chance to develop this inner life in a noncompetitive atmosphere with an emphasis on the fact that one doesn't have to be especially gifted in order to participate in the arts. The arts are for all of us and are accessible to all. The arts exist on many levels, for many purposes, for all people.

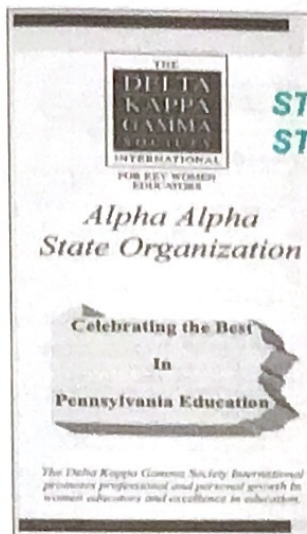
On teachers rests all that we want education to be and the arts feed the inner lives of teachers. So come join the feast. Who knows what may be cooking?

Look for the registration form in the Winter issue of The Keystonean! Questions? Contact: Terri Stetler or Carolyn Sutton

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

by Michelle Sama, Chairman



STATE BROCHURE STILL AVAILABLE

Each chapter received fifty copies of our new state brochure. They are a very effective way to inform others about our organization. Give them to prospective members, administrators, librarians, local businessmen--the list is endless. They

are an easy way to advertise our vision and purposes. Remember to use the blank space on the back for local chapter contact information. How has your chapter used your copies? The state communications committee would like to know.

More brochures are still available. The only cost is the postage. Contact Michelle Sama, State Communications Chairman, for additional copies.

REMINDER... \$ ARE DUE!

Dues for 2003-2004 should be paid by October 31, 2003.

ACTIVE		RESERVE	
International	\$20.00	International	\$10.00
State Dues	8.00	State Dues	5.00
Scholarship	1.00	Scholarship	1.00
Chapter Dues	?	Chapter Dues	?

Chapter treasurers, send the State Treasurer \$28 for each active member and \$15 for each reserve member by November 15, 2002.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

"Rekindle The Vision"

by Rebecca Place, Chairman

*Care more than others think wise
Risk more than others think safe
Dream more than others think practical
Expect more than others think possible.*

We strive for active participation by each ΔΚΓ member, the expansion of our membership and to focus on the purposes and work of our Society. To do this we must listen to our members needs and concerns, go beyond discussion to the implementation of plans and accept the responsibilities and opportunities offered. Our responsibilities are for the individual member, our chapter and Alpha Alpha State. We need to be mentors and encouragers for each other. There is a great expanse of expertise afforded through our Society. Our responsibility is to access the networks available and be involved beyond the chapter level. Communication is vital, chapter newsletters, The Keystonean, and International publications are valuable tools. If we believe our Society has a future and we can make a difference for women in our profession then we need to accept the responsibilities and seize the opportunities offered in Delta Kappa Gamma. Let it not be said of us--

*I held a moment in my hand
Brilliant as a star
Fragile as a flower
A shiny sliver out of one hour
I dropped it carelessly
O God! I knew not, I held opportunity.*
by Hazel Lee

We challenge you, grasp each opportunity!
Care, Risk, Dream, Expect
"Rekindle Your Vision" for Delta Kappa Gamma.

Members of the 2003-2005 Leadership Development Committee:

Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho
Judith Schaffer, Alpha Upsilon
Dr. Karen Weaver Coleman, Beta
Rebecca Place, Chairman

A TIME TO GROW

by Maryann Tustin
Expansion Committee Chairman

The Expansion Committee will work toward birth and growth during the 2003-2005 biennium. Alpha Alpha State Chapters are encouraged to volunteer their time and energy to sponsor new chapters. To assist chapters in planning and discussing how to organize a new chapter, I have included the following guidelines:

GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZING A NEW CHAPTER

1. WAYS TO ORGANIZE A NEW CHAPTER

- In every chapter there are members who know women teachers who should be invited to become Delta Kappa Gamma members. Try to get a list of seven or eight people or more.
- You can find prospective members by meeting with superintendents or principals. Tell them about Delta Kappa Gamma and ask them to recommend their best teachers (top 10%).
- Prospective members can be found in Vo-Tech Schools, Parochial Schools, Academies, Private Schools, Pre-Schools and Intermediate Units.
- Ask your retired members to help by volunteering as aides in adjoining school districts. As they get to know the teachers, they can recruit new members.

2. SPONSORING A NEW CHAPTER

- Invite three or four members to become charter members of the new chapter.
- If chapter members do not want to leave their chapter, ask them to meet with the new chapter for at least a year and then return.
- It is very important to have mentors for the new chapter members!
- Some of the costs of organizing a new chapter will be paid by Alpha Alpha State. Please keep a record of all expenses.

3. INVITATIONS

- Invite prospective members to a meeting or a tea.
- Introduce Delta Kappa Gamma by giving each prospective member an Alpha Alpha State Brochure. Point out the advantages of being a member: professional growth, personal growth, scholarships, enrichment grants and Act 48 credits.
- KEEP YOUR PRESENTATION POSITIVE AND SIMPLE.
- Invite them to become part of ΔΚΓ, explain the fees that are involved, discuss the initiation date which will be scheduled according to the availability of the state president.

4. INITIATION

- The state president will conduct the initiation ceremony for the new chapter.
- The sponsoring chapter will host the initiation.
- The Expansion Committee will assist the group in making plans.

SCHOLARSHIPS

by Janet Lee Hay, Chairman

Scholarships
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About
Rewards--
Scholarships
Handily
Improve
Personal
Satisfaction

Serving on the Scholarship Committee for the 2003-2005 biennium are the following:

Dr. June Baskin, Omicron
Marlene Buljat, Alpha Delta
Karen Light, Nu
Shirley Lotz, Alpha Sigma
Nancy Sprenkle, Kappa

Contact information is found in this issue of *The Keystonean*.

The following members of the **2003-2005 Expansion Committee** will be happy to answer questions or discuss issues concerning expansion:

Dr. Irene Murphy, Beta Delta
Cynthia Kramer, Alpha Phi
Alice Hudak, Tau
Cyndi Austin, Beta Omicron
Maryann Tustin, Beta Omicron

See the enclosed Alpha Alpha State Directory for contact information.

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

WORLD FELLOWSHIPS



by Carol Goodman, Chairman

What exactly is World Fellowships, anyway, you may ask, and why should I care about it? As a matter of fact, I asked those questions myself, not all that long ago. And I can answer both of them.

Question #1: What is WF? The World Fellowships Committee is a unique committee in several ways. This committee relates directly to # five of The Seven Purposes of the Society: **To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.** The World Fellowships committee, which began in 1949, has given over two million dollars in scholarships to 555 women from 101 countries so they can pursue graduate studies in the United States and Canada. The recipients then go back to their home countries to improve their lives and the lives of their countrymen and women.

Another way that the World Fellowships Committee is unique is that the funds for the scholarships are collected only from donations. There is no money allotted by Delta Kappa Gamma International for this committee. That means it is up to all of us, as chapters and individuals, to give as much as we can to this worthy cause. How can this be done? Many chapters budget an amount to donate to World Fellowships. Many chapters hold auctions or raffles to raise money. Some just take monthly donations from members. And, sadly, some don't do anything. If your chapter doesn't have a World Fellowships chairman, I challenge someone to step up and volunteer to do something to help these amazing women, and then encourage your chapter to budget an amount for next year.

Question # 2: Why should I care? You would only have to meet one of these women to understand why we should all care. In order to qualify for a Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship, first the women must be Fulbright Scholars. They are the cream of their countries' women, who have beaten the odds just to get where they are now. They have left their husbands and children far away to pursue a dream to make a better world for all of us. And, if the world is a better place for us, think what it will be for our children and theirs.

At the present time we are fortunate to have four women studying at Penn State University and one at Pitt. You will find their names at the end of this article. What can you do to make their lives better? Send cards, care packages, phone cards, stationery, or stamps. Let these women know how proud we are of them and that we support their efforts.

We, in Alpha Alpha State, are especially blessed to have the Delta Kappa Gamma **International World Fellowships Committee Chairman, Dr. Lyn Schmid**, as one of our very own sisters. Dr. Schmid has served on the International WF Committee,

NOMINATIONS

by Louise Garverick, Chairman

Recommendations for International Administrative Board and elected committee members are being accepted now until October 15 by the International Nominations Committee.

Nomination and endorsement forms can be downloaded from the International website, or mailed by request from International Headquarters or from :

Louise Garverick, State Nominations Chairman

The name of a member may be submitted, with their permission, by an individual member, a chapter or a state organization of Delta Kappa Gamma.

and was appointed chairman for the current bien-nium. As a tribute to her, I hope that Alpha Alpha State will surpass any donations made in the past. Please do your part as an individual or as a chapter to ensure that outstanding women from around the world can continue their educations, reach their dreams, and better the world for us all.

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Honoratha Mushi (Tanzania)

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Elinami Swai (Tanzania)

Khadidiatou Gueye (Senegal)

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Conchitina Cruz



THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Pat Shedlock, U.S. Forum
State Liaison

News From NE Regional-Greenbrier, WV August 7, 2003

The US Forum session was led by Georgia Hoskins, NE Regional Representative to the US Forum (IL). The speaker for the event was Kay Goodwin, who serves on the Governor's Policy Board of West Virginia and is the Secretary of Education and the Arts. She presented her perspective on the following important issues in education:

1. No Child Left Behind

This is a complex law that needs to be fully funded to have it be successful. Ms. Goodwin sees the law as a major path to vouchers and charter schools. We need to remember that success stories happen every day in education as the result of dedicated, committed teachers.

2. Teacher Preparation

We need to build a bridge between teacher education schools and provide more clinical experience for the college student. Improvement will come by using data to improve teaching methods. Teaching is a profession and teachers are professionals.

3. Arts in Education

The arts are an integral part of a child's education and valuable in the growth of an individual. The arts should be interrelated and provide the student with the joy and creativity of self expression.

SISTERS ASK FOR SUPPORT

Testimonies were given by members of states (14 states are affected) with the GPO WEP (Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision) legislation. This law prevents teachers from collecting their deceased spouses social security without drastic reductions. Please contact your legislators and ask them to repeal provisions of this law.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Greetings to All from the Projects Committee

By Lu Page, Chairman

As we look ahead and prepare for the 2003-2005 biennium, the Projects Committee is very excited about continuing with some of the projects that are a vital part of Alpha Alpha State's role in fulfilling the purposes of our Society. In addition, new projects will be included so that all chapters have the opportunity to respond to the needs of others as we work together to "empower others through literacy and numeracy."

The ABC Quilt Project (At-Risk Babies Crib Quilts) has been a success story since its inception as a state project, but one whose need is a priority, now more than ever. Each of the chapters will again be provided with guidelines for making these quilts which are distributed to hospitals throughout the state. In addition, the Blue Ribbon Campaign through Parents Anonymous, as well as the book collections for the Literacy Project, will be continued during the next two years.

Look for the "Women Pins" as you attend the Area Conferences! These pins feature women in a variety of fashions and styles...fun to wear and to give as gifts! The purely magical part of this project is that ALL profits from the sales of this delightful accessory directly helps Alpha Alpha State fulfill the Seven Purposes of the Society while promoting the International theme of Literacy and Numeracy! Packets of information on these projects as well as ways for your chapter to join with others to provide meaningful, educational and caring contributions of talents and time are being assembled and will be distributed to Chapter Presidents.

These next two years will be an exciting time for all members as we reach out to one another, and to our communities in order to provide opportunities for educational growth through our state's projects. Please do not hesitate to contact a Projects Committee member with any questions or ideas! We welcome your suggestions and would love to hear from you!

Lucretia Page, Chairman
Sallye J. Speight
Sylvia Wood

Karen Braucher
Barbara Guiffreda
Susan Waltemyer

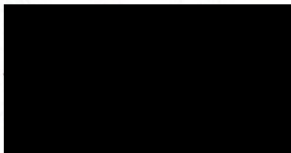
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ALPHA ALPHA STATE AREA MEETING

Extended Pittsburgh Area Meeting

"Leadership, Technology, & Environment"

The Woodland - Spinabifida Foundation of Wexford, PA



Saturday, November 15, 2003

Lead Chapter: Lambda

Please join us in Wexford, PA on November 15, 2003 for the "Leadership, Technology, & Environment" Extended Pittsburgh Area Meeting. Registration will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Continental breakfast will be served during that time. General Session will be from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM lead by the Lambda Chapter.

Workshops: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

"Thriving, Surviving" - Presentation from Carol Ulrich, Alpha Alpha State President.

"The Woodlands" - Lead by a representative TBN from The Woodlands on volunteering with disabled children and the history of The Woodlands.

"Wellness" - Lead by a representative TBN from The Woodlands on water aerobics and general physical fitness.

Additional Information:

Dress: Wear comfortable clothing.

ACT 48 certificates available.

Silent Auction - Each chapter to bring one bag filled with items at a limited value of \$20.00, for the State Scholarship Fund.

Each member is to bring one used book to sell.

Please come join us!

Who - Absolutely everyone who enjoys ΔΚΓ

What - Area Conference (Alpha Beta, Alpha Delta, Beta Epsilon, Beta Xi, Iota Chapters)

When - Saturday, April 17, 2004

Where - Imperial Room, Ebensburg

Why - Hear our Keynote speaker - Dr. Corinne Eisenhart - The PA Leader of "Put Reading First" (a great opportunity to understand the vision of PA -RE)

How - Stay tuned for more information.

Directions:

FROM PITTSBURGH: Option A: Follow 279 N to 79 N. Take Cranberry exit. At first red light, make a U-turn onto route 19 S. Follow route 19 S approximately 0.5 mile. Make a right onto Shenot Road at the Jaguar dealership. Follow Shenot Road approximately 0.5 mile. Make a left into The Woodlands. Option B: Follow 279 N to McKnight Road. Follow McKnight Road out to 19 N. Follow 19 N approximately 9 miles. Make a left onto Shenot Road at the Jaguar dealership. Follow Shenot Road approximately 0.5 mile. Make a left into The Woodlands.

FROM CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP: Follow route 19 S approximately 0.5 mile. Make a right onto Shenot Road at the Jaguar dealership. Follow Shenot Road approximately 0.5 mile. Make a left into The Woodlands.

Registration is limited to the first 100 people (First to sign-up basis). Meeting fee (\$20.00) includes Continental breakfast, lunch, and \$5.00 state registration fee.

Send this form and remittance to registrar

Shirley Lotz, Alpha Sigma Chapter

Please contact Shirley at [redacted] with questions concerning registration. Checks should be made payable to "Delta Kappa Gamma." Memo line should be labeled "Pittsburgh Area Meeting."

Deadline: November 5, 2003.

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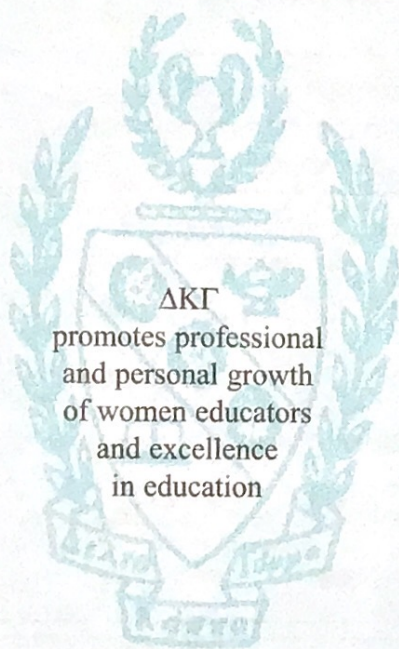
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In Memoriam
Isabelle Oglevee
May 23, 2003

Mrs. Oglevee served as Alpha Lambda Chapter President 1970-1972. She taught French, P.O.D., History and was the Student Council Sponsor at Junior High West, Connellsville Area School District.

Marie Anne Viola
May 30, 2003

Mrs. Viola was a member of the Alpha Omicron Professional Affairs Committee. An elementary teacher, she presented science workshops.

Dr. Mary Swartz
May 31, 2003

Dr. Swartz transferred to Beta Xi from Alpha Epsilon in 1986. She was instrumental in the establishment of University of Pittsburgh, Bradford campus.