



The Keystoneian

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On the Road to Excellence...

By Louann Shrader



Pennsylvania was represented by 30 delegates to the Northeast Regional Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

With the theme Moving Forward, Excellence in Action, the Northeast Regional was held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 3-6, 2005. Cleveland, home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, shook with excitement as over 500 plus members of the Northeast descended upon the city ready to travel the "Road to Excellence." Alpha Delta State, Ohio, opened the Regional's Ohio Night with a nostalgic trip down memory lane that included the music, styles, and events of the decades from 1920, the formation of the Society, through 1990. For everyone, it proved to be pleasant, fun, and familiarly reminiscent of younger years and past memories.

Traveling the Road to Excellence and Moving Forward continued with the keynote address by Dr. Sherene McHenry. Dr. McHenry, an expert in the field of human relations and behavior, identified traits to be cultivated as we strive for professional success. She reminded the members of the Northeast that being authentic, setting boundaries, cultivating connectedness and spirituality are keys to moving forward and striving for Excellence in Action. She encouraged all to seize the day and pursue the passions and dreams we each have for teaching, the profession, and the Society. She reminded those present, "When dreams and passions collide, an unstoppable force is created."

The theme Excellence in Action was enhanced additionally by the many pertinent workshops available to attendees and the recognition given to many members of the Society for their work and scholarship during the biennium.

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Please note:

**This supplement replaces
yearbook pages and should be
retained for future reference.**

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"We Are a Lively Group, You See, The Program of Work Are We"

By Carolyn Sutton,
Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Chairman

Greetings from your new state Program of Work Chairman! I am excited to switch gears and work with you as you plan programs for your local chapter. While in Cleveland for the Northeast Regional Conference, I had an opportunity to meet with and share ideas with POW Chairmen from other states. The title for this article came from a song the International POW members sang at General Session.

As you provide programs for your local chapter meetings, remember to have representation from each of these committees--Professional Affairs, Personal Growth and Services, Projects, Research, and Visual and Performing Arts. The Program Resource Guide said it best--"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward common vision...the ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organization objectives...the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. Simply stated, it is less me and more we."

I urge you to utilize the resources that the Society has to offer.

1. Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Chairmen are printed in the directory (Pages 9-12). They are ready to help you in any way. Read their articles in this issue of *The Keystonean*.
2. "Passion for Learning: the Essence of Growth"-2006-2010 Resource Guide is scheduled for publication January 2006. Watch for it! Order it from International Headquarters! Use it with your chapter!
3. Checkout ideas at the International Website at www.deltakappagamma.org under Committees. 75 Sparkling Programs and 75 Project Pearls offer great ideas. Both of these can be downloaded and shared with your POW team.
4. Include new music at your chapter meetings from the Alpha Alpha State Song Booklet, 2004.

Personal Growth and Services

By Patricia Shedlock, Personal Growth and Services Chairman

Summer Greetings, Alpha Alpha State Sisters,

I am pleased to tell you I will be chairing the Personal Growth and Services Committee for the next biennium.

I look forward to working with my committee to improve our quality of living by enriching the lives of our members.

We will look at programs that will improve our individual growth and develop leadership. We

will look at concerning ourselves with social, economic, and educational issues.

We will look at how we can extend ourselves in developing a spiritual fellowship with women educators all over the world. Maximizing our individual potential to serve others and to serve our community will be our goal.

The Personal Growth and Services Committee looks forward to this challenge.

PROJECTS

By Karen Tinstman, Projects Chairman

Not long ago, during a conversation with a couple whose daughter was married recently, they told of their year long project to plan a beautiful wedding. Once the wedding was over however, they recalled plopping down completely exhausted asking themselves, "What do we do now?" They had spent the last 12 to 18 months totally consumed with this wedding and now had no purpose or goal.

"Everybody needs a project," one of my friends recently told me. Having just remodeled my house and currently planning my own daughter's wedding, I've come to see that this statement is true.

Projects are the life blood of any healthy relationship. Without one we have no purpose. It is the thread that binds all of us together. We cannot be just a social organization. We need to be **Servant Leaders** as expressed by Dr. Schmid's vision for her upcoming biennium.

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Although all the projects for this biennium are not yet complete, we will continue to work on the **Afghanistan Project** as our international goal. We are very excited that Pennsylvania was the 5th ranked state in giving to this project last biennium. We are hoping for even more contributions in the coming years. For more information about the Afghanistan Project, go to the deltakappagama.org website and click on **WHAT WE DO**, then **AFGHANISTAN PROJECT**.

If you are searching for a project that your chapter can embrace, the deltakappagama.org website can be of service to you as well. If you look under **COMMITTEES**, then select **PROGRAMS**, you will find a pdf file titled **75 PROGRAM PEARLS**. This is information gathered from "project pearls" from your reports. They are in no particular order and grouped together because many chapters have similar projects. These ideas may be similar to something you have done, or it may have a unique twist that you could use.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve on this committee. As always, I welcome any ideas or suggestions that you may have for the Project Committee. I hope you will join with me in keeping Alpha Alpha State strong and healthy through making Dr. Schmid's vision of Service Leadership a reality.

Professional Affairs

By Cindy G. Reynolds, Professional Affairs Chairman

What a delight it was to attend the Southeast Regional Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, July 20-24, along with almost 800 other Delta Kappa Gamma members! The theme of the conference was Moving Forward: Excellence in Action. Attending a different region's conference afforded me several opportunities which included hearing inspiring keynote speakers at each general session, witnessing professional leadership activities, participating in an impressive array of workshops and focus group sessions, and socializing with old and new friends.

As the new state Professional Affairs Committee chairman for the 2005-07 biennium, I specifically selected workshops in order to obtain information for me to use in this capacity to best serve members. Displays at the Info Fair also provided much information for my committee work. To summarize the wealth of information from the conference, I have selected three topics to focus on in this article: **professionalism, mentoring, and professional development**. The information comes directly from brochures distributed by the International Professional Affairs Committee.

PROFESSIONALISM: Purpose Six of the Society states that the personal and professional growth of our members is to be stimulated. David H. Maister states that *"true professionalism may be more about attitude and character than status and educational attainments. Regardless of its size or perceived importance, every job can be performed in a professional manner. When that happens, the individual doing the task can take pride in knowing that the work was done as well as it could be done."* The true professional can then look in the mirror and say, "I like who I see; I like what I am; I am proud of what I stand for," says James Ball.

A professional encourages others to act professionally and creates an environment that allows and encourages those around them to flourish. How can you do this? The action plan from the International Professional Affairs Committee suggests that you

- cultivate poise and confidence by improving vocabulary, studying positive role models and engaging in self appraisal;
- make eye contact, smile, learn and remember names, and shake hands;
- network with others;
- seek out and welcome new responsibilities;
- include a professional quotation in your e-mails;
- read professional journals to update knowledge and skills.

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PROGRAM OF WORK

Professional Affairs (Continued from page 5.)

Because it is easier to find the discipline and motivation to behave professionally if everyone nearby is doing the same, utilizing the above recommendations will help you positively influence the teachers in your teaching realm.

MENTORING: A disturbing statistic reveals that 25 percent of new teachers leave the profession within the first three years of teaching and 30 percent leave within their first five years nationally. What can you as a Delta Kappa Gamma member do to help support teachers who are new to the profession in your area? A wonderfully practical publication is available from international entitled, **MENTORING MATTERS**. The introduction to this resource states that "building a caring one-on-one relationship with another adult encourages self-motivation, competency, flexibility and independence. When a new professional partners with a caring mentor, such qualities are built and enhanced; plus, these are the very same factors which promote resiliency-the ability to rebound and successfully adapt to adverse situations." As co-chairman of my school district's New Teacher Induction Committee, I found *Mentoring Matters* to be a most helpful resource and as a result, implemented parts of the publication throughout the past school year. In the evaluation at the end of the year, the teachers indicated that the suggestions were the most helpful in getting them through their first year. You can download the 43-page packet available on the Society's website.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The wealth of educational research and results available can be overwhelming. In order for teachers to do the best job for their students, it is vital that they constantly update their professional skills and knowledge. However, because of cuts in state and federal funding, it is sometimes difficult for districts to provide stimulating on-going professional development for their teachers. Delta Kappa Gamma

can provide support in this area, not only to its members but also to those professionals affiliated with Society members. Individual and seminar awards for professional development, and a website to provide assistance in finding professional development opportunities is offered through the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. These are made possible through a generous bequest from Lucile Cornet, a Society member from the state of Ohio. Individual awards to Society members are provided four times a year and seminar awards are granted once a year to regions, areas and state organizations to assist educators in their locales.

As you can see, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society provides many personal and professional opportunities. Take a few minutes right now to access and investigate the Society's website www.deltakappagamma.org. Then make plans to utilize the opportunities the Society provides.

Looking ahead, consider nominating one of your chapter members for the 2006 "Women of Distinction" album. This is an opportunity to recognize members who have distinguished themselves in professional, civic and religious organizations beyond Delta Kappa Gamma. Chapter presidents and their Professional Affairs Committee chairmen will receive a letter with details, guidelines and a nomination form early in 2006. Watch for it and plan to take action.

Please contact me with any questions or recommendations you might have. I can be reached at 570.222.4665 or hodel84@nep.net. Look for my article in the next issue of *The Keystonean* where I will introduce you to my committee members. Also, read your International News for additional information and opportunities. We are here to support you, the member, and our profession.

2006 BIRTHDAY CHAPTERS

55 YEARS - Alpha Epsilon May 12, 1951

50 YEARS - Alpha Mu January 4, 1956 **Alpha Nu** April 21, 1956 **Alpha Xi** December 8, 1956

45 YEARS - Alpha Sigma January 14, 1961 **Alpha Tau** March 25, 1961

Alpha Upsilon April 29, 1961 **Alpha Phi** April 29, 1961

Alpha Chi April 29, 1961 **Alpha Psi** May 13, 1961 **Alpha Omega** May 20, 1961



STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS



THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Carol Herbert, US Forum
State Liaison

The Pennsylvania House Education Committee has unanimously approved a bill introduced by Rep. Larry Curry, D-Montgomery/Philadelphia, which would require more complete background checks for potential teachers and other school employees in Pennsylvania. The legislation H.B. 1291 would require that beginning April 1, 2006, all school employees and independent contractors who have contact with students to undergo a federal background check in addition to the state police background check currently required. The federal check would require applicants to submit a set of fingerprints to the FBI for a review of criminal convictions in other states. The bill now moves to the full House for consideration.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ruled that Act 72, the slot machine gaming law, is constitutional in most respects. Although the court did strike down several provisions of the law, the ruling does not affect the generation or transfer of gaming funds to support property tax relief. The Supreme Court's ruling eliminates some of the uncertainty that has clouded Act 72 since its inception. However, significant clarification and improvement of Act 72 is still necessary before it can be a workable tax relief vehicle for most school districts. Only 111 out of 501 school districts across Pennsylvania have voted to participate in the property tax relief plan established under Act 72 of 2004.

Pennsylvania lawmakers approved a pay-raise for

themselves at 2 a.m. on July 7 without public hearing or floor debate. House Bill 1521 increases their annual salaries by 16 to 34 percent depending on their positions in the General Assembly. Base pay will increase from \$69,647 to \$81,050. Top-ranking leaders can make up to \$145,553 a year. Subcommittee chairs and committee vice chairs, who previously received the same pay as rank-and-file members, gained an additional \$4,050. State judges and the governor's Cabinet members also received pay raises under the new legislation.

Shortly after passage of the bill, 15 Democrats were removed from their committee posts by House Democratic leader H. William DeWeese. All 15 lawmakers had voted against the pay-raise bill. Gov. Ed Rendell, who signed the pay-raise bill, said it appeared that those who voted no were being punished for voting their conscience.

Statewide, 62 percent of the House and Senate members decided to take their self-granted raises beginning August 1 rather than waiting until after the next election. A provision of the new legislation enables lawmakers to circumvent the Pennsylvania Constitution's prohibition on lawmakers collecting raises during their term of office by calling the raises "unvouchered expenses", rather than salary. All lawmakers will receive the raises as salary in January 2007.

Although some lawmakers have stated they will donate their raises to charity, a lawsuit aimed at blocking the raises has been filed in Commonwealth Court by Harrisburg activist Gene Stilp. A citizens' lobby called Common Cause/Pennsylvania is considering a wide range of options, including a lawsuit and two pieces of legislation, to fight the pay raise.

EXPANSION COMMITTEE

By Alice Hudak, Expansion Chairman

The Expansion Committee is charged with two major responsibilities: to initiate and sponsor chapters of the Society in areas of Alpha Alpha State where no organization of the Society currently exists, and to support and strengthen state organizations who may need assistance in growth.

You may ask, WHY EXPAND?

The answer is that you increase awareness of Delta Kappa Gamma in all areas of the state. There cannot be growth without expansion whether it be within your chapter or by sponsoring a new chapter. Chapters with more than 80 members should seriously consider sponsoring a new chapter. For information on how to sponsor a new chapter, please email me at aih1112@cs.com and I will mail you the information necessary.

Congratulations to Alpha Alpha State's newest chapter..BETA SIGMA...who celebrated its first birthday on August 28, 2005.

Moving Towards Excellence- Professional Development Through ΔKT

By Louann Shrader

Do we truly know the benefits of membership?

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. How often have we heard this mission statement of our Society? We have even put it to music!

Most recently, through the benevolence of Lucile Cornetet, a member of Alpha Delta State (Ohio), the Society received a bequest from her estate of nearly a million dollars to be used by International with virtually no restrictions. An International ad hoc committee had the task of determining where and how the funds would be used. The Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society is now the vehicle whereby awards of thousands of dollars are available to educators to fund or partially fund participation in professional development opportunities.

These awards are available to both state organizations of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and to individual educators. States are now able to sponsor professional development seminars, open to all educators, in their locale. Does your chapter have an idea that the state can support? Individuals may also apply to further their excellence in education through participation in workshops and other non-degree programs that hone professional skills. **Donna Erisman**, a member of Alpha Pi Chapter and a librarian in the Churchhill Valley School District, recently received an individual award that funded her attendance at a children's literature seminar in New England. Other specific examples as to what may be funded and applications are available on the International website - www.deltakappagamma.org.

Recently, at the Northeast Regional, a full day seminar on student motivation was held to officially kickoff the Lucile Cornetet legacy. This seminar, presented by Pam and Pat Terry, educational consultants, was open to members and both male and female nonmembers, a stipulation of the Educational Foundation guidelines. The seminar was highly interactive and filled with ideas and strategies to motivate students. It also honed core skills in teaching reading and writing in order to meet the needs of struggling learners. The materials and handouts were enough to make each teacher's professional mouth water with ideas on how to implement strategies within the classroom. It was truly an experience that made going to Cleveland a day earlier well worth the trip.

The benefits of membership in our Society continue to grow. As you identify potential members in the educational ranks or extol the strengths of membership to your male colleagues (for the formation of the Society was also in response to early control of education and the formation of associations being in the hands of the 'good ole boys') know and be proud that you are a Key Woman Educator, a member of a Society that continues to give back to education and leaves a legacy of the past on which the future can build.

IMPORTANT DATES

*Mark your calendar for
these opportunities...*



October 15, 2005
Chapter Area Meeting
Stress Management
Northwestern PA
(See page 19 for details)

November 5, 2005
Area Meeting
"Escape to Tara"
Western PA
(See page 18 for details)

April 29-31, 2006
Women in the Arts Retreat
State College

May 5-6, 2006
Finance Committee Meeting
Bedford

June 9-11, 2006
Alpha Alpha State
Convention
State College

July 19-23, 2006
International Convention
San Diego, CA

August 4-5, 2006
Executive Committee
Meeting
State College

Spotlight on Scholarship

Kate Sillman, an Alpha Alpha State Enrichment Grant Recipient, Travels Down Under!

The highlight of my professional development during the summer of 2004 was my participation in a Science Education Delegation of the People to People Ambassador Program in August. Many thanks to Alpha Alpha State for funding part of this experience!

Along with 27 other K-university level science educators from across the United States, I traveled to New Zealand and Australia to learn more about their educational systems for helping children learn science and for preparing teachers. Since their school year is February to December, schools were in session!

We began in Auckland, New Zealand, where we toured the Auckland Grammar School, a school for boys who qualify by meeting certain criteria including a certain performance level on an academic test. At this school they track, but call it "streaming." The method of teaching is largely didactic (lecture) which the principal claimed works well with gifted boys.

Next, we visited the Auckland College of Education. Those interested in becoming teachers attend university for three years (to obtain a Bachelor's degree) then go to the College of Education for one year of methods training. When we visited Macquarie University in New South Wales, Australia, we learned it was the same there, too. In both countries, prospective teachers do less field experience (5-10 days) than we typically do here at Penn State (25 days plus 15 weeks) before entering their first year of teaching where they are mentored.

In both Australia and New Zealand, there are about 70% government or public schools and the rest are private. One difference is that the private schools also get

government funding. Science is compulsory in both public and private schools up to Year 10 (our grade 9), at which time students may leave school with a certificate. If they continue on to the end of Year 13 (our grade 12), science is optional. In New Zealand, the science curriculum or syllabi is developed by the Ministry of Education. In Australia, which is larger and divided into states or commonwealths, the control over the science curriculum is left to the states with some common guidance from the Board of Studies.

There is a difference between the United States and their systems in the preparation for administrative roles. There is no formal coursework or tests for certification;

rather, one interested in entering an administrative role has experience and applies for promotion. The principal typically continues to teach some classes. This was reminiscent of the system that our visitors from United Kingdom shared.

Even though this was a "working" trip, we still made time to see the beautiful farmland of New Zealand (rolling green hills with cows, sheep, and horses), some of the cultural aspects of the Maoris (the indigenous people of New Zealand), hear a concert at the Sydney

Opera House, climb the Sydney Harbor Bridge, visit a Wildlife Park to see kangaroos and koalas, and look up at night to see the Southern Cross and Orion in a different orientation-upside down!



Kate Sillman by a New Zealand geyser

*Submitted with photo by Kathleen Sillman, Ph.D.
Beta Xi Chapter (State College)
Science Education
The Pennsylvania State University*

Alpha Alpha State Scholarship/Enrichment Grants

Scholarships and enrichment grants are available to members in good standing who have held membership for at least three years.

Scholarships are offered for graduate study leading to an advanced degree or certification, or toward job/self improvement.

Enrichment Grants are awarded for enrollment in an Elderhostel program, continuing education for personal or professional growth, a travel/study tour, to develop an approved independent study project or to present a paper to a professional organization.

Look for further information in the Winter issue of *The Keystonean* or on the [state website: deltakappagamma.org/PA](http://statewebsite:deltakappagamma.org/PA).

The Road to Excellence (Continued from page 1.)

Alpha Alpha State is proud of its members' achievements. Participating in leadership development sessions for state organization presidents was **Dr. Lyn Schmid**; for state program chairmen, **Carolyn Sutton**; for state membership chairmen, **Susan Stamm**; and continued training for state editors, **Terri Stetler**.



President Lyn Schmid (L) was kept busy attending and presenting workshops at the NE Regional Conference. Here she joins Dr. Beth Ann Richey (Center)

and Dr. Judith Merz (R) from New Jersey in a Focus Group presentation titled "Changing Roles: Moving Forward from Teacher to Administrator."

President Lyn Schmid, Judy Schaffer, and Yolonda Hutchinson, presented workshop sessions, and through their efforts brought information to others traveling this Road to Excellence. Likewise, three of our members



Lights!

Places!

Curtain!

Yolonda Hutchison (L) and Judy Schaffer (R) guide workshop participants in "giving their regards to Broadway."

were recognized at the Excellence-In-Action Awards Breakfast. **Alice Hudak** was recognized with an Excellence in Action Award for her tireless work in organizing Alpha Alpha State's newest chapter, Beta Sigma. **Cindy Reynolds** received a Certificate of Excellence for the many leadership development sessions she presented within the State and at International meetings as our own Miss Annie, and our Past President **Carol Ulrich** was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her thoughtful and timely response to the Northeast Regional Director's call for input in planning the program for the Regional Conference.

Alpha Alpha State members, **Susan Stamm** and **Haddie Weber**, also shared their musical talents and time as part of the Northeast Regional Chorus. As

always the chorus was outstanding.

On display during the Info-Fair were the 75th Anniversary Stipend recipients' projects. **Beth Acric-Bowen**, Beta Iota, shared her *Story Time for Little Guys and Gals*. In conjunction with Head Start, chapter members facilitated positive interaction among 24 children and their incarcerated parents, through a program of reading and taping of books.

Louise Garverick, Beta Kappa, organized a week-long residency for her elementary students, grades K-4, at Fairfield Elementary School. Working with Dr. Elaine Eff, Founding Director of the Maryland Historical Trust, Louise invited artist Dee Herget of the Painted



Louise Garverick (L) admires Dee Herget's screen painting talent.

Screen Society of Baltimore to Fairfield Elementary. We are proud of our Alpha Alpha State sisters!

Culminating with the Presidents and Founders Banquet, the new State Presidents of the Northeast were recognized. With the theme Moving Forward, Excellence in Action, **President Lyn Schmid** officially accepted the reins of the state organization and the challenges of leadership.

Connecting the visions of the past to the dreams of the future, Past International President and Alpha Alpha State's own, **Dr. Irene Murphy**, and Immediate Past International President, Jean Gray, presented a tribute to our Founders as a reminder to the members of the roots



(L-R) Past International Presidents Dr. Irene Murphy and Jean Gray join Diane Robinson, NE Regional Director, in enjoying the festivities of the Presidents and Founders Banquet.

that we share within our Society. Our Founders created a vision. We, too, were encouraged to create a vision for the future when arriving in Cleveland to travel the Road to Excellence. We, like the Founders, must choose to not only dream our

Northeast Regional Conference

vision but to also take action to make the dreams reality. "How closest to the heart is the ideal of service to humanity." These timeless words of Annie Webb Blanton have laid the challenge before us.

International First Vice President, Sandy Whitney, reiterated the idea that Excellence doesn't mean anything unless it is an action. She encouraged us to work at Excellence, and to teach it to others. It is hoped that the exhilaration and the spirit of the Regional will burn in all members as we continue to Move Forward and strive for

Excellence in Action. For the more driven we are in pursuing the vision of our dreams, the stronger the heart.

As we left Cleveland to return to our responsibilities at home, the theme of the week had come full circle. "When dreams and passions collide, they create an unstoppable force." We are on our way. We can create visions and initiate actions. We continue to travel

the Road to Excellence.

Conference photos submitted by Carolyn Sutton, Judith Schaffer and Terri Stetler

Excellence doesn't mean anything unless it is an action.

More Candid Scenes from the Cleveland Conference



Ferrante's Winery-Vintage Wine Festival was the tour of choice for (L-R) Ruth Glotfelty, Susan Stamm, Sandy Ross and Carolyn Sutton.



State officers (L-R) Row 1-Carol Ulrich, Judith Schaffer Row 2 - Carol Hartley, Louann Shrader, Susan Stamm, Dr. Lyn Schmid, and Carolyn Sutton gather for the Presidents and Founders Banquet.



Friday Night on the Town, PA members participated in a variety of activities. Here, President Schmid is joined by Carol Hartley and Muriel O'Tuel (R) from NC for dinner at Castaldi's.



Carol Ulrich (L) and Lyn Schmid enjoy some light-hearted moments during the conference.



Taking in the sights of Cleveland during an evening carriage ride are (L-R) Terri Stetler, Betty Raymond and Ruth Althouse.

CHAPTER NEWS

THETA

Diana Lininger and Sarah Carson with 50-year member Dorothy Jones



Theta Chapter (Pittsburgh area) held its annual benefit luncheon on April 10, 2005 at the Churchill Valley Country Club. The theme was "A Fabulous Fifties Fling!" and over 160 members and guests were on hand to keep the joint jumping. Black and white saddle shoes and pink poodle skirts recreated the "happy days" we all so fondly remember. D.J. Zip was on hand to spin the hot wax and prod our memories with a "Name That Fifties Tune" contest. Co-presidents Sarah Carson and Diana Lininger presented a special pin and certificate to Dorothy Jones, a 50-year member who joined Theta in 1954. Recruitment grants were awarded to six education majors and, we hope, future Theta members! Until next year - stay hip to the beat, all you cool cats and kits!



Theta Recruitment Grant Recipients pictured are Daniell DeFrancisca, Sarah Francis-Aguilar, Amanda Bombassarro, Carianne McCaulsky, Mary Ellen Phillips and Amy Young.

Submitted with photos by Janice Ballinger, Communications

ALPHA SIGMA

Congratulations to Alpha Sigma Chapter on its Certification as an official Delta Kappa Gamma Website. We are proud of your efforts toward serving members and increasing awareness of the Society locally, regionally and globally.

(Notification received from Jane Posten, Communications Services Administrator)

ETA



Fran Reinhard, Immediate Past President of Eta, shares a story with families attending Eta's Literacy Night.

Eta Chapter (York) held their second annual Literacy Night for York City School students and their families on April 27 and May 19, 2005. This year's project, under the direction of Cathy Bair, Eta Projects Chairman, included a light dinner, reading of a story and modeling follow-up activities for parents that they could do at home with their children. Every child attending received a wipe-off board, dry erase markers, eraser and a

book of their own choosing to take home.

Many parents expressed their gratitude for the interactive ideas shared during the evening.

Submitted with photo by Terri Stetler

YORK AREA CHAPTERS

ETA, BETA BETA, BETA GAMMA, BETA DELTA



York Area Chapter Presidents welcomed State President Carol Ulrich, their guest of honor, to the joint chapter meeting at the Holiday Inn, Holidome and Conference Center on April 16, 2005.

Pictured (L-R) are Bonnie Thompson and Kathy Lauer, Co-Presidents of Beta Beta; Terri Stetler, Eta President; State President Carol Ulrich; Michal Buchanan, Beta Gamma President; and Marion Young, Beta Delta President.

Submitted with photo by Sue Waltemyer

Across the Commonwealth

Kim Young, Eta Chapter (York) has been published in the *Chester County Town & Country Living* magazine. Read her feature article "The Hounds and the Huntsman" in the Fall 2005 issue.

Shannon Harvey, Omega (Gettysburg), garnered pledges of \$7000 to benefit the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society. She ran in the San Diego marathon this summer.

Betsy Ness, Eta (York), coordinated a volunteer opportunity for her students at Ferguson Elementary School. The children assembled 100 School Kits that were sent to Tsunami victims in May.

DeDe Tersteeg, Beta Rho (Dalton - NE PA), art teacher at the Blue Ridge School District, plans to participate in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher program. She will travel to Tokyo, Japan in October 2005, spending three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

Mary Margaret Jacobs and **Paula Neyhart**, Omicron (Lock Haven), third grade teachers at Stevens Elementary School in WASD, attended a two-week study in New York City at Teachers College of Columbia University. They are part of the Reading and Writing Project there.

AND SO IT BEGAN

At the June, 2004 Alpha Alpha State Convention held at State College, PA, I was seated at a Birthday Luncheon table with Francene Imbrogno and members of Alpha Epsilon. When State President Carol Ulrich asked for chapters having no representation to the International Convention in Minneapolis to be adopted by others attending, I responded. I adopted Alpha Epsilon!

In July I sent the chapter a Minnesota postcard as my first contact. I then collected convention materials for their use. I was both Alpha Upsilon and Alpha Epsilon.

It was fun.

At our Fall Area Meeting on September 18 I delivered a packet to them with my compliments. It even included some special Minnesota souvenirs. And So It Began -- an Alpha Upsilon member (ME) from the Southwest area began mentoring Alpha Epsilon Chapter from the Northwest. Not only do our chapter names sound similar, but we also have common issues. Could we realistically help each other being 3 1/2 hours of travelling time apart? I needed to know more about this chapter, so made arrangements to attend their October 20 meeting held in Kane, PA. Their members were gracious hosts and the program on identity theft enlightening.

Francene and I are developing a friendship and hope to find ways for me to continue being their adopted member. 2005 could lead to an interesting experiment in mentoring!

Submitted with photo by Judith Schaffer



Judith Schaffer and Francene Imbrogno

Thank you to all members who have submitted articles and news for the 2004-2005 *Keystonian*. This has been a very productive year and I appreciate all you do to help make *The Keystonian* a great state newsletter!

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS/COMMUNICATION CHAIRS/ MEMBERS

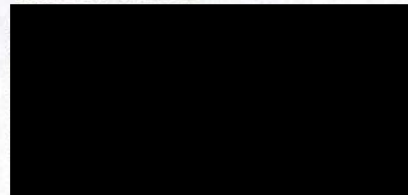
Please keep *The Keystonian* Editor informed of any noteworthy accomplishments of members for our "Across the Commonwealth" column. New positions attained, presentations members have made, recognitions received beyond our Society... all are possibilities for this column!

Please send information that might be of interest to Alpha Alpha State members and photos with identification to *The Keystonian* Editor. Include your name, address, phone number and chapter as the writer.

Next deadline - Nov. 1, 2005

SUBMIT TO:

Terri R. Stetler



ALPHA ALPHA STATE AREA MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2005

"AN ESCAPE TO TARA" - A DAY OF PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH

LEAD CHAPTER: Alpha Omicron, with Lambda, Zeta, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Theta

PLACE: Tara - A Country Inn

2844 Lake Road

Clark, PA 16113

TIME: 8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:15 - 10:00 Workshop Presentation I

10:30 - 11:15 Workshop Presentation II

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch

COST: \$20.00

We invite you to join us at Tara, a beautiful re-creation of an antebellum plantation, for an enjoyable day of professional and personal growth and fellowship with your DKG sisters. The first workshop presenter will be Dr. Eric Winder, a graduate of Cornell University with a practice in Slippery Rock. Dr. Winder will present research that points to exciting new possibilities in health care, including such alternative therapies as manual medicine, acupuncture, Reiki, healing touch, etc. Stories of specific cases from Dr. Winder's practice illustrate how subtle healing techniques can have dramatic and measurable results.

Our second workshop presenter, Mrs. Vicki Lingner, a member of Alpha Omicron, is celebrating her sixth year as a professional storyteller. Vicki believes that this folk art form not only promotes literacy among her listeners but also encourages them to creatively utilize their imaginations. Through various personae such as Aurora Night Rainbow (Native American legends), Maisha (West African myths), Auntie Shelbie (poems of Shel Silverstein), and Maeve Victoria (faerie folklore), Vicki will perform "snippets" of her storytelling/listening sessions.

In addition to the workshop presentations, there will be light musical entertainment and a basket raffle. Lunch will be in the Old South Armory room of the plantation. For those who may be interested in staying past our 1:00 adjournment, there are tours of the plantation available at additional cost (\$4.00) payable to the tour guide at the time of the tour.

DIRECTIONS:

From Kittanning area: Take Rt. 422 to I-79 North, then I-80 West to Exit 4-B, Hermitage, Sharon. Follow Rt. 18 north about 7 miles to Rt. 258. Tara is at the intersection of Routes 18 and 258. (You will pass the Shenango Valley Mall in Hermitage. Tara is 3.6 miles north of there.)

From Beaver Falls, New Castle, etc.: Take Rt. 60 North to the Rt. 18 exit in Hermitage (this is where the road splits; go to the right. Follow Rt. 18 north about 7 miles to Rt. 258. From this point follow the directions above.

From Grove City area: Take I-80 to Exit 4-B and follow directions as above, or take Rt. 58 to Mercer, Rt. 62 to Hermitage, and at the mall, turn right onto Rt. 18 North. Tara is 3.6 miles from the mall.

RESERVATIONS: Send a check for \$20.00 made out to Delta Kappa Gamma and the form below to Linda

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Email _____

Registration fee enclosed (\$20.00) _____

Deadline October 25, 2005

Act 48 hours are available.

Northwestern Area Chapter Meeting

Saturday, October 15, 2005

Stress Management

Great Lakes Institute of Technology
5100 Peach Street
Erie, PA



9:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 11:30 PROGRAM: Tour of Facilities

Manicure

Massage

11:30 Brunch (Provided)

Send reservations to:

Connie Ripley (Gamma)



Deadline: October 1, 2005

Registration Fee: \$2.00

Future Area Meetings

SAVE THESE DATES!

March 26, 2006 - York Area Meeting

Eta, Chi, Omega, Beta Beta, Beta Delta,
Beta Gamma

Outdoor Country Club of York

April 22, 2006 - Joint Chapter Meeting

Northeastern PA

Mu, Tau, Sigma, Beta Sigma, Alpha Rho

Best Western East Mountain Hotel

Route 115

Wilkes Barre

(More information on these meetings will be
printed in the Winter Issue of *The Keystonean*.)

In Memoriam

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Jane C. Hutt

June 1, 2005

Jane was initiated into Beta Chapter in 1975 and served the chapter for thirty years. She taught in public schools in Florida and Pennsylvania for thirty-nine years. In retirement, she volunteered at Muhlenburg Community Library for fifteen years.

Ruth Ann Pintchuck

June 7, 2005

Ruth was the newsletter editor and member of the 2004-2005 Tau Chapter Executive Board. She taught first grade for thirty three years.

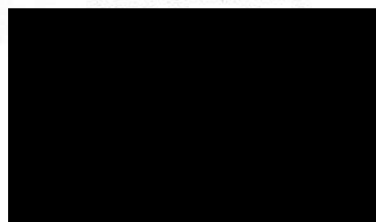
Doreen Weidman

June 9, 2005

Doreen was a member of Beta Iota Chapter since 1988, serving as yearbook chairperson and a member of the social committee. She was a retired learning support teacher in the Mechanicsburg Area School District and she dearly loved her job and her students. Family and friends were very important to her, as was being involved in community organizations. Doreen traveled widely, enjoyed dancing and loved life.

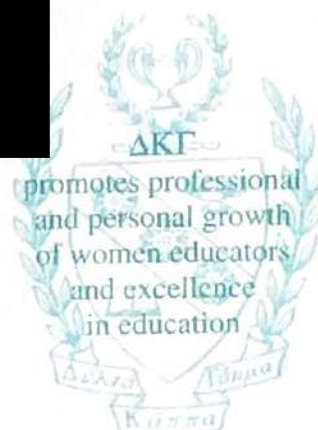
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In Memoriam

Angeline DeLuca

November 16, 2004

As a member of Zeta Chapter Angeline served as secretary and second vice-president. She had been a member of the chapter for over twenty-two years. She served as a reading teacher in the Ambridge Area School District.

Marian Starr

November 21, 2004

During her fifty years as a member of Zeta Chapter, Marian served on a variety of committees. She taught Latin and French.

Harriet Derry

March 2, 2005

Harriet was initiated into Zeta Chapter in 1973 and served on many committees. She also was a supporter of the Scholarship Fund. As an employee of Ambridge High School, she taught chemistry and served as head of the Science Department.

Louise Patterson Malkames

April 26, 2005

After being initiated into Tau Chapter, Louise was a founding member of Alpha Rho Chapter in 1957 and served as President, 1968-1970. She served the Society in many chapter offices and committees over the years. Louise retired from the Wyoming Valley West School District after a distinguished career as an elementary teacher and one of the first women to serve her district as an elementary principal.

Margaret Ripper

April 28, 2005

Margaret was a fifty-year member of Zeta Chapter. She taught French in the New Brighton School District and also at Geneva College in Beaver Falls.

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