



The Keystoneian

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One Unique View of Portland NERC

Alpha Alpha State President (aka Fearless leader Kay) asked "two cub reporters," Heididog and Gingercat, to check into reports that over **600 DKG** members had descended upon Portland, Maine. Some traveled through torrential rainstorms to reach their destination while others stopped along the way to refuel. Heididog insisted on going to Foxwoods because she wanted to see if there really were foxes there, while Gingercat was more interested in eating jumbo shrimp!

At the end of the first day in Portland, everyone enjoyed the humor of Gary Crocker and the music of Dave Mallet at Maine Night! Heididog couldn't believe everyone received a tote/lunch bag filled with

goodies. She managed to confiscate all the homemade whoopee pies she could find while Gingercat enjoyed a late night snack of chips.

Birthday lunch, yummy! Heididog couldn't wait! Katie Snapp gave us 249 strategies to develop leadership skills! **"Oh yah,"** was the response and affirmation by all the attendees, but Gingercat especially identified with #119, *"Don't compromise your femininity by always wearing suits or dull colors."*



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DKG Sisters at NERC, Portland, Maine



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State President's Message

by Kay Stuart



**ENGAGE
EQUIP
EMPOWER**

It is with great excitement that I start the 2013-2015 biennium as your state organization president! I am humbled by the flood of support sent my way. Thank you. As I attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine, I was so proud to be representing our state - *to be representing you*. The conference was very helpful in preparing our officers to meet our responsibilities to the state, and to face the challenges and possibilities ahead.

The next two years bring us opportunities to make a difference in the lives of women and children in our communities and our state. My challenge to chapters and members is to be intentional in the work you do for the Society. Address our Seven Purposes at every meeting and in every project. Be sure your members are taking advantage of available scholarships, training opportunities, and fellowship with our sisters across the state. Attend as many state and international events as you can.

Let's work together to make our Society more visible in our communities. Make your chapter members known to your school administrators as "*key women educators*" who will be available to enhance the educational experience for students. What do you do with *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin* when you no longer need it? Consider placing it in the faculty room. Do local colleges have a presence in your chapter, especially if they have a teacher education program?

Think of ways to **Engage** members and non-members in the work of the Society. **Equip** your members with the benefits of membership, the benefits of partnership with other organizations in your community, and the benefit of knowledge. **Empower** your members with the confidence needed to share their leadership skills. **Engage, Equip, Empower** are actions we need to "impact education worldwide."

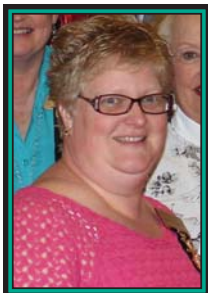
President's Schedule:

Date to be set: EEC and Membership Meeting
December 5 & 6: Convention Planning Meeting
December 7: Delta Chapter visit - Hotel
Bethlehem



The Kaleidoscope of Educational Excellence

by Tracey Dusch, EEC Chair



At the training for new Educational Excellence Chairs at the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine, each participant was given a small kaleidoscope. The pattern or sequence of the objects inside a kaleidoscope will change each

time it is handled, but the objects inside remain the same. The presenters at the training wanted each of us to understand that many of us represented states that had changed over to the EEC format adopted by International at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane, Washington, and many of us represented states that were still working under the former POW (Program of Work) format. Regardless of which option our state organizations were functioning under, we are all completing the work of the Society: *the pieces inside the kaleidoscope had not changed, just the patterns and sequences of those pieces.*



The work of the EEC is to achieve 3 goals:

- 1) To advance excellence in education by focusing on educational excellence and by impacting law and policy.
- 2) To empower women by increasing members' personal and professional pride and by focusing on arts, leadership, and life-long learning.
- 3) To increase global awareness by promoting the DKG/U.N. relationship and by improving global awareness.

The EEC also endorses the 2 International Projects: Schools for Africa and SEE (Support for Early-Career Educators).

Your chapter can choose to follow the EEC format or you may continue to work under the POW format, as long as your chapter is doing the work of the Society.

Information about EEC can be accessed on the International website under committees.

2013 State Convention Minutes

The Minutes of the 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention can be found on the state website.
alphaalphapa.com

Legislative Link

by Regina Campbell



New Initiates and Reinstated Members

Beta Mu

Paula Dugan
Jennifer Huxta
Natalie Sadofsky
Debbie Wallingford



Hello, I am Regina Campbell from Phi Chapter, which includes Pike, Wayne and Monroe Counties. I am the US Forum/UN Liaison-Representative for this upcoming biennium and a member of the EEC Committee. It will be my goal to inform you, in a non-partisan manner, of issues and current legislation relevant to education.

We hope to see our members contact their legislators, consistently. With our educational expertise, experience and concern, we must actively engage with our representatives to advocate for women, children and education.

I am looking forward to addressing educational legislative issues during the biennium.

Let's Get "R.E.A.L" about Delta Kappa Gamma

by Barbara Gasperini, Membership Chair



When you think about members in DKG you think about all kinds of women, but do you think about former members and where are they today? We need to "**R**" *Reinstate* these members who are no longer with us for various reasons.

Each chapter should have someone who will call or visit them and ask if they would like to come back. Talk with them and find out why they left. Maybe the problem can be changed or already has been changed in their chapter. Some just want to be asked again. They were asked to join because they were key women educators and still are.

It is time to "**E**" *Educate* them. Kay has asked us to **Engage, Equip and Empower** all our members to find those women who are key women for the society, for their districts, and for their communities. They are out there but often they don't know *we are out there*. You became a member of an organization because you understood its mission. We have seven principles that tell women what we are all about. Some have never even heard of us. Let them know who we are and ask them to a meeting that you feel they would enjoy.

Be "**A**" *aggressive*. Don't say I will ask her later.

Later maybe too late. We have lost 20% of our membership these past 5 years. This cannot go on. Think of 2 women who you know in some manner and ask them both to become members. Friends choose friends like themselves. It will be easier to come with a friend until they make new ones.

"**L**" *Learn* to use current members to the best of their ability. Just because they are already there they still need to be developed and their talents used. Their abilities and talents are exceptional. Get them involved. Their opinion and participation are very important. Everybody likes to go where everybody knows their name. Tell them how much they are appreciated and useful because they are.

Get "**R.E.A.L. Sisters!**" The time has come. We will not go quietly for we have much to do. Imagine how you would feel if Anne Web Blanton gave you a call!!!!



R.
E.
A.
L.

Rosebud Replaces Torch Bearer

Something old; something new; something borrowed; something blue. Let's skip "old and blue" and concentrate on "new and borrowed!"

A *new* recognition called the **Rosebud Recognition**, with ideas *borrowed* from the **Torch Bearer Award** given at Alpha Alpha State's 75th year celebration, will be made at our 2014 State Convention banquet.

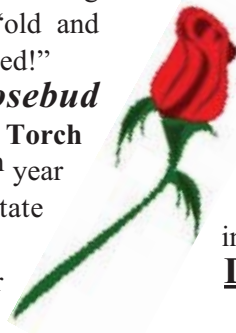
This recognition will be for a newer member (3-5 years in Alpha Alpha State), as well as being a younger member (40 or fewer years of age). It will highlight participation in her chapter and

growing involvement in Alpha Alpha State events and activities.

The State Achievement Award Committee encourages you to be thinking of who in your chapter would be a good nominee. Each chapter may nominate **one** person. The guidelines and nomination form will appear on the State website in early fall.

Deadline for nominee applications will be March 15, 2014.

Carol Hartley
Achievement Award Chairman



(Portland NERC from page 1)

"Don't tell me it is 7am!" Heididog said. After a lot of prodding, Gingercat dragged Heididog to the general session! A woman named Ida LeClair (alter-ego of Susan Poulin) explained how humans and moose are alike! Heididog definitely associated herself with having a sharp sense of smell and hearing, and the independence of the moose, while Gingercat liked the idea of taking a nap.

At another general session, Sherene McHenry outlined ways to avoid burnout and be more effective. She emphasized the importance of dreams. Now Heididog and Gingercat are both prepared to make a list of their dreams - 100 dreams - are you kidding me!

PA Night was at Sebago Brewing Company, a great place to talk about the convention and to renew



and make new friendships. The Executive Board provided the entertainment while we waited for our food. Heididog enjoyed scallops, and Gingercat ordered a steak.

"Money, money, who is giving away money?" Gingercat heard there was a workshop on "getting money!" The good news is that both DKG members and non-members can apply for an Education Foundation grant for professional development or projects. Since applications are accepted until Jan. 3, Gingercat decided to download the application from www.dkgef.org! Gingercat's proposed project is to teach others, like Heididog, technology, specifically on how to use apps.

Vendors displayed their goods on Thursday and Friday. Gingercat found a trail to the popcorn



machine, passing by the clown. After a snack, the alpaca booth was the 'purrrrrfect' place to find a cuddly friend made of the fur from "Ted," the critter who gave up his wool! Heidicat bought some sugar free candy and a lovely picture created from real daisies.

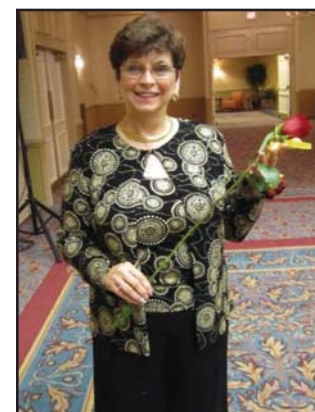
Workshops throughout the week ranged from strategic planning to marketing chapters. Tips for gaining and maintaining membership were also presented at several workshops. Gingercat plans to put her nose to the grindstone and sniff out currently employed early career educators to join her chapter!



**Dr. Lyn, International
Second Vice President**

The 4th General Session had our own Kay Stuart applying the theme, noting that our members are DNA for DKG! The flags were retired with newly elected US Forum Chairperson, Carmella Demarco, carrying the US flag.

Alpha Alpha State President, Kay



**Alpha Alpha State
President, Kay Stuart**

bedazzled everyone with her beautiful bling outfit for the President's Banquet on Saturday night! The menu was amazing, beginning with seafood chowder and featuring mouthwatering steak. Heididog was in her glory!

Now the beautiful town of Portland, Maine has returned to normal as the DKG sisters tearfully said their goodbyes. What's next? **Indianapolis in July, 2014!** Start making your plans today to gather there for the next International Convention!



Heididog VanLieu



Gingercat Lubben

(This article was translated by pet owners Mary VanLieu and Linda Lubben, both of Delta Chapter.)

World Fellowship Focus

by Grace Schauer



The World Fellowship Program began in 1964 to aid women in war-torn countries. It has evolved over the years as a program supporting women's education and their studies in the United States. Contributions and bequests determine the number of World Fellowship Awards given each year. Currently, Alpha Alpha State is helping support two students: one from Argentina and one from Guinea. Maria Pia Gomez Laich is a student at Penn State University for another semester working toward her masters in TESL and she is grateful for the letters she has received from Chapter

members. Aissatou Diallo is studying at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. She is working toward a masters degree in Management Information Systems.

Has your chapter decided how they can help these students and others around the country? A budget item designating an amount each year to the World Fellowship Fund is a great way to begin. Personal letters at holidays and birthdays goes a long way in extending your hospitality and caring. Next year the students may change. Your state World Fellowship Committee, Joan Peters, Nancy Nardo, and Grace Schauer will do their best to keep you informed. Information is also on the international and state website. Feel free to contact me with questions at [REDACTED]

Update: State Rules

by Pat Crouse
Rules Committee Chair

The Rules Committee of the last two biennium's 2009-2011, 2011-2013, worked very hard to listen to their sisters in adapting the Alpha Alpha State By-Laws and Standing Rules to the 2010 DKG International Constitution and Standing Rules. They achieved their goals when the State By-Laws and Standing Rules were given to Chapter presidents so they could talk to their chapter members.



At the 1st General Session, the State By-Laws and Standing Rules were voted on after President Louann explained reasons for some of the changes at the Executive Board Meeting. Presidents taking this information back to their chapters voted and passed the State By-Laws and Standing Rules. Chapters cannot be in violation of the International Constitution and Standing Rules. But, each chapter **does not** have to follow the exact structure. The

chapters need to follow what works for them.

My goal as State Rules Chairman is to have all chapters submit their chapter rules to me and my committee to make sure that chapters are in compliance with the International Constitution and Standing Rules. If you have questions, please contact me at [REDACTED] and use DKG in the subject line.

Copies of the 2010 DKG International Constitution can be purchased from Amazon. com and transmitted to your Kindle. A royalty will be paid to DKG for each copy of the Constitution/ Standing Rules sold.

Finally, please remember **October 15, 2013** is the deadline for submitting proposed amendments or changes to the State By-Laws and Standing Rules. All proposals must contain the Proposal, the Rationale and the Fiscal Impact. Proposals can be mailed to me or e-mailed to me by the deadline. These proposals will be considered at the 2014 State Convention in State College.

Raw Oysters

by Norma Mateer

We had just arrived in Portland and were looking forward to several days at the Delta Kappa Gamma NERC. The hotel room wasn't ready yet so we went to lunch at a little place called Eventide. Upon reading the menu I saw raw oysters and decided to put our DKG philosophy to work. *We should always be ready to step outside our comfort zone, be willing to change, and to risk something new.* So, I ordered raw oysters! Life is about continuing to grow and stretch as a person and to try new things.



The Northeast Regional Convention programming gave me many opportunities to expand on that theme. The general session speakers were especially powerful this year. Katie Snapp talked about "Managing Change During Change: Leading Others with Simple Femininity". What a clear affirmation that our softer leadership styles are needed in all aspects of business and education. She reminded us that risk is uncomfortable but to change anything we must do things differently, though there will be anxiety. She urged us to analyze our own story and define our focus to enable action. She ended with a formula to solve problem.

- 1) Show empathy to communicate understanding.
- 2) Give everyone the data available so they can all contribute their best.
Remember, knowledge is power.
Share the power.
- 3) Put ideas on the table to create options.
- 4) Choose one option and move forward together with confidence.

Sherene McHenry continued the improvement theme. She told us not just to dream, but to dream purposefully. For instance, write down one hundred dreams, then read them routinely and make them happen one at a time. What a simple idea, but how easy that is to bring focus on the good things I want for my life and for my chapter. I can do that!

Individual workshops also give me a chance to grow. Here our sisters share projects and techniques that have worked for them and their chapters. They celebrate the successes that have come from their risk-taking and outline how we can do it too. That reduces my anxiety as I think of leading our own chapter's newest projects.

Another benefit of the convention is meeting wonderful people who give me encouragement toward reaching those new dreams. Our sisters are so inspiring. I was so moved by three sisters from PA who arrived in Portland twelve hours later than planned. An earlier flight had overbooked and three 12 year old campers were stranded in Baltimore. They needed to get to Portland by noon to meet their counselors and board the bus taking them to camp. The next available flight for them was not until 11:00 that night. The airline needed three seats immediately so the campers could make their connections. Without hesitation, the DKG sisters gave up their plane seats and took the late flight. Sue Stamm, Carol Herbert and Bonnie Barnes make me proud to be DKG.

Rooming with a dear friend strengthened our friendship and added to that sense of belonging and support from strong, caring women. Shirley and I went to dinner with two other sisters from Beta Theta, Marlene and Rosemary, ladies I met at Alpha Alpha State who now seem like old friends. And, I get to interact with all these sisters over and over at chapter meetings, at Alpha Alpha State Conventions, Regional and International Conventions. They are a continuous reminder that there are many of us working toward what is good and right in education. We are not alone. DKG is a positive presence in 18 countries.



Shirley Newhart and Norma

A side benefit of convention is getting to explore a city I might never visit otherwise. Portland has wonderful restaurants, magnificent botanical gardens, LLBean and so much more. We took a morning and toured the bay and waterfront by boat. What beautiful coastal scenery. Seeing those storied lighthouses was worth the price of admission, not to mention summer cottages on little islands,

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WWII fortresses and lookouts, and soaring birds.

And those oysters? They were delicious. The risk was definitely worth it!



Portland's Botanical Garden



Scenic Lighthouse



Fortress Ruins



Ferry Boat Transportation to Islands

Famous Maine Shorelines



Harbor Lighthouse



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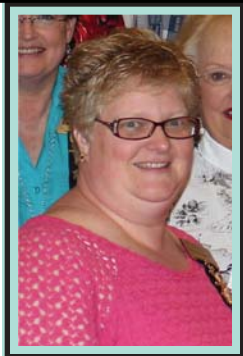
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Important Announcement from the Treasurer

2013-2014 Dues & Fees

Active - \$58

(or \$57.40 for designated chapters)

This includes \$40 International, \$17 state,
\$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.

Chapter dues are added to this amount.

Reserve - \$28

(or \$27.40 for designated chapters)

This includes \$20 International, \$7 State,
\$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.

Chapter dues are added to this amount.

IRS Reporting

**All chapters must complete a
990N e-postcard for the IRS.**

Reporting deadline: **November 15, 2013**
A copy of the acceptance e-mail should be
forwarded to Wanda Keller at:

Please make sure that the dates for your year
are **July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.**

If dates are wrong or you experience
problems with the process,
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Alpha Alpha State Treasurer.

Scholarships and Grants from Alpha Alpha State

by Lois Brown

SCHOLARSHIPS for EDUCATION

**For Active Members
of 3 years or more
pursuing Graduate Study***

Must be used within one year of award
Member may apply more than one year
Member's 2012-16 maximum is \$7,000

Application must be postmarked
by **February 1, 2014.**

Post Office will return postage
due applications to sender.

ENRICHMENT GRANTS for GROWTH

**For Active Members
of 3 years or more
for personal, professional or
educational growth***

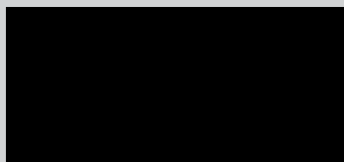
Must be used within one year of award
Member may apply more than one year
Member's 2012-16 maximum is \$5,000

MARIAN SPITZER ROBLING SCHOLARSHIP for NEW MEMBERS

**For Active Members
in 1st, 2nd or 3rd year membership
pursuing Graduate Study***

Must be used within one year of award
Approximate amount will be \$1,000

Contact:
Lois Brown



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DKG Forms.

Enrichment Grant Reports

An Alaskan Adventure

by Deborah Kern

My husband and I have traveled through 47 of the 50 states, and each place has its own special features. But I must admit the grandeur of Alaska's mountains and scenery is hard to beat. June of 2013, we spent fourteen days in the south central part of Alaska. It was a trip I had the luxury of planning along with some help from the Alaska Tour and Travel Group.

We flew into Fairbanks and toured the city. We saw the Alaskan Pipeline, University of Alaska's Museum of the North, where they play the Midnight Sun Baseball Game on June 21, and Susan Butcher's Trailbreaker Kennels. We had an introduction to the Athabascan Native Alaskans, and learned more about permafrost. We also had our first, but not last meal of halibut! We then traveled by train to



Eielson Visitor's Center
Denali National Park
Mt. McKinley in background

Denali National Park where we were picked up by Kantishna Air Taxi and flown deep into Denali for a three-day stay at Skyline Lodge in the Kantishna Area. On our flight in we were able to break through the

clouds and see the top of Mt. McKinley (Denali). It was a breathtaking experience and a dream flight for us. While there, we hiked, learned more about glaciers, and were able to take another flight around Denali when the weather was clear. While in Denali National Park we saw grizzly bears, caribou, a snowshoe hare, mountain goats, Dall

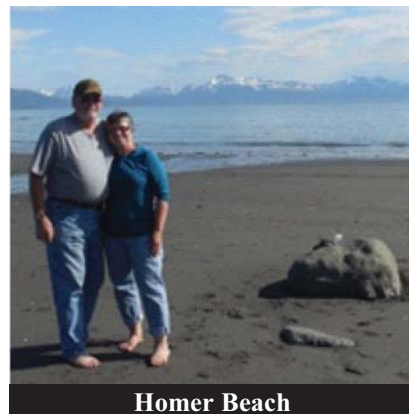


Glacier Ice

sheep, fox, and moose. We traveled by the Alaska Railroad from Denali to Anchorage and enjoyed the sights along the way; including more peeks within Denali and the wildlife.

In Anchorage we rented a car and toured the next nine days. We visited the Alaska Native Heritage Center, and the Alaska Zoo. We saw Exit Glacier near Seward, and took the eight hour Kenai Fjords and Fox Island Tour. We were able to see Harbor seals, Humpback and Orca whales, horned and tufted puffins, sea otters, Stellar sea lions, porpoise, the Common murre, cormorant, black oystercatcher, and several kinds of gulls.

We stayed one night in Coopers Landing, an area known for its salmon fishing, on our way to Homer (The "End of the World"). Homer is the Halibut Fishing Capital of the World, and the residence of many Bald eagles. We saw volcanoes across the Cook Inlet, experienced extreme tides, toured the Pratt Museum, and saw a magnificent sunset.



Homer Beach

Girdwood was our next stop where we stayed at the beautiful Hotel Ayleska. While in Girdwood we took a helicopter flight to Punch Bowl Glacier and rode on a dog sled. We talked to the mushers who summer on the glacier with forty dogs. The twenty-six Glacier Tour of Prince William Sound was another wildlife adventure where we saw calving glaciers and myriad water animals and birds.

Thank you, Alpha Alpha State, for providing me the opportunity to travel to Alaska.



Dog Sledding on Punch Bowl Glacier

Haiti Mission Trip

by Crystal Header

In June, I had the opportunity to travel to Haiti on a mission trip. This was an amazing experience and I had the good fortune to receive an Enrichment Grant to supplement the cost of the trip. Our mission team of thirteen women spent a week visiting different orphanages in the Port au Prince area and doing a Vacation Bible School in the town of Canaan.



Freedom House Bethesda

Over half of our trip was spent at an all girls orphanage in Port au Prince, Freedom House Bethesda. Some of the team members sponsor girls at this orphanage. Here, I got to visit my girl for the first time. Her name is Michelene and her smile is contagious! When you sponsor a child at this orphanage, you make a monetary commitment to support this child. The orphanage is not supported in any other way. Funds are used for the two meals they receive daily, shelter at the facility and all bills associated with it. In addition, it pays for the girls to attend school. There is no public education in Haiti, so education is truly a blessing.



My girl, Michelene

We visited two other orphanages. Both were equally powerful visits. The first was Petionville. This orphanage is supposed to be a temporary stay for children, much like our foster care system. Unfortunately, many of the children have been there far longer than expected. What was particularly powerful about this visit were the children. As soon as we arrived, the children swarmed us for attention. Many of us had 2-3 small children in our arms and laps instantly. They were sponges for our love and attention. None of us were ready to end our visit with them.

Another orphanage we visited was Hope Orphanage. It is for special needs children who are mentally or severely handicapped. It was an incredibly moving experience. While most could not speak, their smiles and nonverbal reactions to our visit and

attention spoke volumes.

Our last place to visit was the town of Canaan. It is about 45 minutes from Port au Prince. This town was obliterated when the earthquake occurred. Three years



Peter from Hope Orphanage

later, these people are slowly trying to rebuild. Life is extremely difficult for them. Many families do not have enough food and their shelter consists of some scrap metal, various pieces of wood and tarps. Here we did a VBS for 175 children. The most striking event during VBS was lunchtime. We provided students a lunch because food is extremely scarce to them. Rather than eat their peanut butter and jelly sandwich there, they wrapped it up to take home and share with their family! Tears formed watching them savor this simple gesture that would mean nothing to us to receive. Before leaving the town of Canaan, we visited some of the families' homes. These families had so little and homes the size of our sheds but their faith was stronger than anyone I have ever met.

Our week ended at our girls' orphanage where we had a fun day. We had a dance party, and boy, can they move! We also did piñatas with the girls. There was no language barrier there. They understood what was in them and enjoyed collecting the candy when it was broken. It was a great way to end our week.

Prior to this trip, I was unaware of the extreme poverty that exists in Haiti. There are armed guards outside grocery stores because people are starving for food and money. Water is a limited and cherished resource. No one travels at night because it is not safe. But despite all these things, Haiti is rich. The people are rich in love and the relationships they have. I went to Haiti to help those in need. I left feeling they had given me far more than I had given them. I fell in love with these kind people and their culture. I will return to Haiti. This trip made my commitment to this great mission even stronger. It is with great gratitude that I thank Alpha Alpha State for my Enrichment Grant. The things I learned on my trip will always be cherished. It was by far one of the best things I have ever done!



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Hawaii

by Phyllis Jenny

The dream of a lifetime was realized on June 21, when I arrived in Honolulu and was greeted with "Aloha" and a beautiful lei. I was fulfilling a desire to visit Hawaii that I had inherited from my mother who never had the opportunity to travel to these islands. Making the trip even more wonderful was the fact that I was traveling with my daughter and two grandchildren.



My daughter and grandchildren

A French and history major in college, I have always had a strong interest in World War II and have visited many parts of Europe such as Berlin and Normandy. I wanted to know more about the place where the attack that brought the U.S. into the war had occurred. I also wanted to experience the beauty of Hawaii and its history and culture. The two most visited tourist spots - Pearl Harbor and Volcanoes National Park were at the top of my bucket list.

Our tour of Pearl Harbor on Oahu was the most moving experience of my trip. After viewing the introductory film of the attack by Japan in 1941, we took a boat to the USS Arizona Memorial. To read the names of those who perished in the attack and to see the remains of the sunken ship which is still seeping oil 70 years later brought history to life. We ended our trip to Pearl Harbor with a guided tour aboard the "Mighty Mo," the USS Missouri.

On the Big Island of Hawaii, we visited Volcanoes National Park. What a thrill to see Mauna Loa, the world's largest volcano and Kilauea, the most active volcano! The first stop was the Kilauea Visitor Center where I toured the Jaggar Museum to learn about volcanology and to see the seismographs. Next, we stopped at the Thurston Lava Tube. It was very interesting to walk through the tube where hot lava flowed several hundreds of years ago.

Sightseeing in Honolulu included The Iolani Palace (the only royal palace on U.S. soil), a 162-year-old church built from coral blocks, the Aloha Tower, and Punch Bowl Cemetery, which is the

National Cemetery of the Pacific. A stop at Nu'uanu Pali Lookout in Hawaii State Park gave us a spectacular view of the island. I could not leave Oahu without a stop at the Dole Pineapple Plantation where a walk in the "World's Largest Maze", a train ride through the plantation fields, and a tasty pineapple Dole Whip cone completed the visit.



Nu'uanu Pali Lookout

A few other tours which are not always part of the typical tourist spots were also very enjoyable and educational. A visit to a small chocolate factory was first on the list. Madre Chocolate is "crafted from bean to bar" by two charming and educated young men with a passion for making the best chocolate. We viewed the process of making chocolate and even had the chance to grind the beans, sample the different varieties of chocolate, and dip a frozen banana in melted chocolate to be enjoyed as the tour ended.

On day four of our trip, we flew to Maui. In the Waipoli Forest in the up-country, we visited O'o Farm. Following a tour of this natural farm during which we learned about organic farming, we enjoyed a gourmet alfresco lunch prepared by the chefs of two local restaurants, Pacific 'O and i'O. Meanwhile, the kids made their own pizzas in the outdoor brick oven. This amazing farm supplies 300 to 400 pounds of fresh produce to their restaurants in Lahaina. Another unique and educational experience on Maui was a visit to the Surfing Goat Dairy. This dairy produces about thirty varieties of gourmet goat cheese on a forty-two-acre farm with about 200 goats. The tour gave us the opportunity to feed and milk the goats, watch the cheese-making process, and sample several types of the goat cheese.



Feeding the Goats

I was amazed by these passionate people who make chocolate, farm organic fruits and vegetables, and produce goat cheese. They possess such a vast

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amount of knowledge and dedication for what they do. These visits were a few of the unexpected highlights of my trip.

A guided visit to the Maui Ocean Center to see the live coral displays, the green sea turtles, the sharks and rays, and the open ocean exhibit was a great way to spend a morning. Later, a roof-top "Tour of the Stars" on the top of our hotel gave us the opportunity to view the constellations and stars in the night sky. We ended our stay in Maui with a Hawaiian Luau, which allowed us



Hawaiian Luau

to sample many native foods and to enjoy traditional Hawaiian story-telling, dance, and entertainment.

Unique experiences on the Big Island included stunning views of the undersea - fish, dolphins, coral reefs - during a ride aboard a glass bottom boat. There, I also enjoyed watching my grandchildren snorkel for the first time.

After enjoying afternoons on the beautiful beaches, seeing the tropical forests, learning about history at Pearl Harbor, experiencing the thrill of volcanoes, enjoying the people of the islands, visiting the islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii, and tasting delicious food, it was time to leave Hawaii and head home to Pittsburgh. I will be forever grateful for the Enrichment Grant which helped me fulfill the dream of a lifetime. Thank you, Alpha Alpha State, for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

Chapter News

Beta Iota Celebrates 50 Years

The women of Beta Iota Chapter celebrated the 50th birthday of the founding of their chapter. The event was held at Sweet Remembrances Tea Room

in Mechanicsburg, PA. Members dressed in the garb of the decade by donning lovely hats and kid gloves as our founding members surely wore in 1963. The story is best told in the words of one of those founding members, Kay Sale.



Dorothy Cressler, Beta Iota
Charter Member

"On May 3, 1963, about forty rather uninformed ladies gathered at a church in Lemoyne. As I remember we had a letter asking us to be there. The letters, asking us to attend, were upon the recommendation of our respective superintendents.

A brief explanation was made that we were to be a new chapter, Beta Iota, of Delta Kappa Gamma. We were then given the choice to become members. An elaborate ceremony then began to initiate us into the Society. I do recall that they (Delta Kappa Gamma members) were superbly organized.

After the formalities were completed, we were left to organize ourselves. You can imagine thirty-one women, only a few of whom even knew anyone else, stewing around to get organized. Dorothy Hoy, later Wasdovich, became the first president. Esther Herncane was the vice-president. I only know that I became the corresponding secretary for about ten years. You see. I had a secretary at work. No computers in those days.

We had a good time in those years. Like you all, we were dedicated teachers, counselors, and administrators. We were somewhat of a maverick outfit, at first. We had difficulty with the rituals, reports and other formalities. We have become adept as the years have gone by.

Today, I should dislike to lose the association that kept us young, informed and proud of our membership (four founding chapter members remain) in Delta Kappa Gamma." (by Kay Sale)

On this most memorable day it was our honor to have as our guest, Louann Schrader, President of Alpha Alpha State. Louann shared her personal thoughts on what it means to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. We presented Louann with a blanket and book to both honor and thank her for her service to DKG. The blanket and book gift is a symbol of the Beta Iota annual



Louann with Rita Acri

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Head Start Project. This is a time when the women of Beta Iota make blankets and procure books which are given to the children in the Capital Area Head Start Program during a special visit to their classroom.

Another very important part of our celebration was the presentation of the prestigious "Outstanding Woman Educator Award". Louise Hesse, our 2011 recipient and the current president of Beta Iota, presented the award for 2012 to Elizabeth (Libby) Shellenberger.

In 2000, Libby was initiated as a member in Beta Iota. She has served in many capacities including the role



Libby Shellenberger (left) given "Outstanding Woman Educator Award" by Louise Hesse

of Project Committee Chairperson in which she currently oversees the Head Start Blanket and Book Project. Libby's career in Education began when she was awarded her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and her Bachelors in Special Education from Lock Haven University in 1972. She completed her Masters in Special Education from Shippensburg University in 1974.

Libby's career included teaching for the Capital Area Intermediate Unit from 1973 - 1979 and for East Pennsboro Area School District from 1989 - 2012. During those years Libby taught mixed categorical, first grade, fourth grade and special education. She was awarded the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Best Inclusive Practices Award for adapting the fourth grade science program to special needs students. Libby is now retired, but continues to devote herself to children, family and Delta Kappa Gamma! Congratulations, Libby!

We are proud to be Beta Iota, Alpha Alpha State members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International!

Theta Chapter News

In keeping with International's second project, Supporting Early Career Educators, Theta Chapter invited seven early career teachers to a Holiday Tea in December, held in a beautifully decorated Victorian tea room. These special guests were treated to a relaxing afternoon spent networking with veteran colleagues, finding encouragement and support for this challenging, but rewarding, career choice. Several of the women were former recipients of Theta's Student Scholarship grant. Many of the new teachers expressed their interest in DKG and will be invited to participate in future meetings and to consider membership.



Johnston, Kristina Alvarez, and Christy Neville.

Joan Beggs received her 50 year member pin this year. The pin was presented at a special ceremony attended by many of Joan's Thetan



sisters and colleagues. Joan was initiated in 1963, and served Theta in many capacities, including chapter president from 1978-1980.



In the photo, Joan is flanked by 40 year member Rosemary Hulsman and 47 year member Marcia Levaur. Thetan sisters having staying power!

Can You Present a Workshop?

by Linda Lubben
EEC/Professional Affairs

The Educational Excellence Committee is accepting workshop applications for the Alpha Alpha State Convention in June, 2014. Applications are available on the state website at alphaalphapa.com.



Prepare to **ENGAGE, EQUIP, and EMPOWER** your DKG sisters by addressing personal/professional growth, cultural/personal enrichment, or other educational issues you think your sisters would find interesting.

Since we will do Society Business workshops in the morning, we will only need 5 workshops for the afternoon. Don't delay! All applications must be postmarked by **January 15, 2014**.



Editor's Question

Are you having problems receiving the *Keystonian*?

Have you requested your newsletter to be sent online but are still receiving your issues in the mail?

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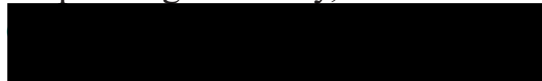
Address or Email Changes?

Please notify both Alpha Alpha State secretaries about address or email changes.

Recording Secretary, Vanessa Sral,



Corresponding Secretary, Candace Claar,



You must also notify International if the information on your new membership card is incorrect. This information is your record of membership at Society Headquarters and should be updated when your contact information changes.



Reporting the Death of a Member

Chapter Presidents are to report the death of a member immediately to International and Alpha Alpha State. Go to dkg.org under Forms, and complete the 'interactive' Death of a Member Report, Form 6.

A copy is sent to International and to Alpha Alpha State's Second Vice President, Barbara Gasperini at

Websites to Explore

With these free tools offered over the Web, creating content of all kinds is easier than ever. This information was published in the July/August 2013 *DKG Presidents' Page* and the July/August *DKG News* and it is worth printing again. Here are a few website ideas to explore.

www.LiveBinders.com is an online three ring notebook which allows you to create organized binders for specific topics or search for other binders that have been created and shared with the public. Users have complete control of binders created.

www.Slideshare.com provides an online space to share PowerPoint presentations. Upload a slide show and then provide an URL to members of an audience for later reference, making paper handouts a thing of the past.

www.Prezi.com an online presentation tool, completely changes how to create a visual presentation. Presentations can be shared online or downloaded to your computer and shared without connectivity.

www.Blogger.com is an easy to use blog site. Sign up through a Google account. Blogger lets you choose an attractive design template with a variety of layout options. One can easily begin a blog for work, school,

church, or home on any topic. Import images to support your blog writing. Publish and share blog postings.

www.Flickr.com is an online photo storage space. Share and organize your photos. Create a new account or log in with a Google, Yahoo or Facebook account. All photos uploaded are viewable by other Flickr members. Fees provide additional storage.

www.Animoto.com is an online space for building a video slideshow. Users can upload pictures, add visual elements and music to create a personal video show. You may choose to upload music you have purchased or add more options with additional fees. Sign up as an “educator” for a larger limit. For the educators' link go to:

<http://animoto.com/education>

[Picasa Web](http://www.PicasaWeb.com), another online photo storage space, provides similar features to Flickr. Users can log in with a Google account, share images, create tags and add more storage with inexpensive fees. Download the Picasa program to your computer for managing your digital images on your computer.

<http://picasa.google.com>

[Jing](http://www.Jing.com) allows users to create a quick video or picture of what is done on a computer screen. This program is available from Tech Smith at www.techsmith.com/jing.

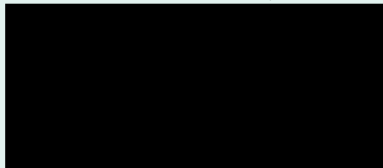
Note to Members:

If you use a favorite website that might benefit other “Key Women Educators,” please share with our DKG Sisters. Send a brief description and site address to our Communications Chair, Linda Nickerson at ljnic@ptd.net or to your Editor.

“Remember, knowledge is power. Share the power.”
(Katie Snapp, Portland NERC guest speaker.)

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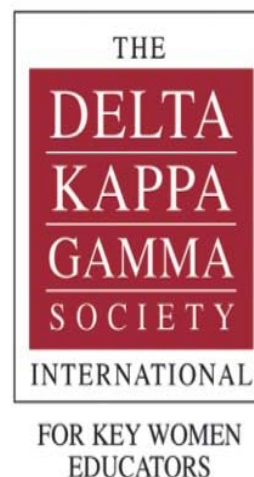
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