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VISION TO ACTION: ADVANCING THE SOCIETY

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

By Patricia Crouse, Kappa Chapter



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Pennsylvanians Assume International Positions



Dr. Lynda B. Schmid

Elected Northeast Regional Director



Elizabeth A. Brewer

Elected Northeast Representative to the US Forum



Suzanne M. Long

Appointed to the Non-Dues Revenue Committee

The theme advanced by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International President Dr. Carolyn Rants was threaded throughout the convention held July 20-24 in Spokane, Washington.

The convention opened with an outdoor reception and jazz music as members and their guests strolled along the park and greeted DKG friends and sisters. Among these were thirty-six members from twenty Pennsylvania chapters. Six members experienced an international convention for the first time. All participants could be distinguished by the bright blue polypropylene bags made from recycled materials and by their name badges with attached ribbons listing First Convention, I Hug, DKG Family, Chapter Officer, Chapter President, I Blog and I Twitter on them.

The first keynote address was delivered by John Brock, CEO of the Coca-Cola Company and son/nephew of DKG members. His talk, *Leadership in a Global Society*, emphasized the importance of having a vision and distinguished the differences between leaders and managers. His remarks, based on his business background, were shaped by values passed down in his family. Mr. Brock challenged members to live with faith, optimism, integrity, and empathy in order to build a better world.

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State President's Message

By Susan Stamm

Having just returned from our International Convention in Spokane, Washington, I want to share with you what a privilege it was for me to be your representative at the International Executive Board. And what a learning experience it was, too! Our state was well represented, and I know that you will be hearing about what a great convention it was from many of your sisters in the weeks and months to come. We heard from top-notch speakers, among them Amanda Gore.

Many of you enjoyed her video "Leading out Loud" at fall area conferences two years ago. What a treat it was to see her in person! Please be sure to read Pat Crouse's article on the whole convention in this issue.

I also had the distinct honor of casting our state's votes for Dr. Lyn Schmid to serve as the Northeast Regional Director for the 2010-2012 biennium and for nominating Elizabeth Brewer, Pennsylvania's US Forum liaison, to serve as our Northeast representative on the International US Forum Committee for the next two years. Suzanne Long has just informed us that she has been invited to serve on the International Non-Dues Revenue Committee for this biennium. As you can see, our state will be represented at the International level for the next two years.

Many hours were spent sitting in sessions listening to the reading of the new Constitution, proposing amendments and voting on those motions. Finally on Friday afternoon the delegates voted to accept the new Constitution as amended. Carol Herbert's article gives you the highlights and the effect it will have on your chapters. Take time to read what Carol has written. Since the new Constitution goes into effect immediately, copies should be available by the time you read this.

Other important highlights of the convention were:

The unveiling of Our Heritage III, a DVD that records the 1970-2008 accomplishments, activities, and contributions the Society has made to education and educators around the

world. Copies were sold for the first time and now are available for ordering from headquarters.

Upon recommendation from the Administrative Board, the Executive Board voted to accept a new International project-Schools for Africa. Once again we will be partnering with UNICEF to give our support. You will be hearing more about this project later. At our state level, we will continue to work on "Feeding America: Body, Mind and Soul" through next June.

Dr. Virginia P. (Jensi) Souders, Tennessee, was installed as the 2010-2012 International President. Her biennial theme will be "Embracing our Vision; Designing our Future." Look for her articles in future DKG News issues as she shares her plans for the next two years.

In order to embrace our vision of Delta Kappa Gamma and design our future, we need to be passionate about what we are doing. Discover what your passion is for DKG. Can you imagine what we could accomplish if all our small flames of passion were combined? We could create a bonfire that would ignite the mission and vision of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society! As this new biennium starts in your chapters, I encourage you to take an active role. Get passionate, attend your meetings, invite a colleague to join you, make a contribution to your chapter and just watch what can be accomplished.

During this second year of my biennium, I look forward to connecting with you via your newsletters and visits to your chapter meetings. If your

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MEMBERSHIP

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



**Dear Annie,
I didn't attend the International Convention in Spokane, but I heard there were changes made in the Constitution. Were there changes in who can become a member?**

May B. Joining

Dear May,

There were nearly 40 PA members who attended the convention and voted on the many changes made to the Constitution and By-Laws. I want to say a big thank you to those women who sat

through that very long process.

A major change is Article III, Section B, 1. It now states that "an active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society." This reduces the number of years as "professional educator" for membership eligibility from 3 years to 0 years, and makes no limit to the number of years "after retirement" for membership eligibility. So you can invite that young, key woman educator or that retired educator who now has time to work for the Society to join your chapter. I know that some chapters feel strongly about the old membership requirements. Remember the chapter can still maintain those old requirements. The International Constitution was amended to allow for flexibility.

Other changes of note are the addition of Article III, Section A, 2. "An individual becomes a member of the Society when she is initiated. She is initiated only once." Article III, Section B, 2b deleted the requirement that a chapter vote to restore a reserve member to active membership. Article III, Section B, 3 deleted the requirement that prospective chapter honorary members live within the chapter area. Article III, Section F deleted the requirement that a chapter vote to reinstate a former member.

I hope I have explained these to your satisfaction. We will all wait for International to make the full document available to us. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

**Dear Annie,
Since joining DKG, I've served our chapter in various leadership roles. I know it is an honor to be asked to part of the organization and there are so many great ways to help students in our community. But, I'm honestly not feeling fulfilled through my membership at this point. We're definitely caught in the 10% of the people do 90% of the work. Do you have any thoughts that can help?**

Hadda Nuff

Dear Hadda,

You sound like someone who is indeed a key woman educator. You have supported the Society in the many projects and activities, and understand the impact that your chapter can have on women and children in your community.

First, it is important that you revitalize yourself. Have you had the opportunity to attend any state or international events? Fall area conferences, state convention, Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey are all coming up. These combined with the Purposeful Living Seminar and the Arts Retreat are events that revitalize and refresh me.

Secondly, we need to empower the other members to take on the leadership roles. We all benefit from other ideas and methods of doing the work of the Society. Many of our women don't understand this. Examine your chapter's "personality" and leadership needs. Research needs to be done to determine why your chapter members are unwilling to take on the leadership roles. Perhaps they have not recognized their own talents and how those talents can be used. Is the chapter open to new ways of doing things? Perhaps they feel stifled by regimen and tradition. Do they feel that they cannot devote the time to a particular project or office? Your state officers can help with the research and leadership training. We need to encourage your sisters to use their gifts for the benefit of our Society, for women, and for children. Please keep in touch. ■

State President's Message

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chapter has not yet invited me, please do so soon.

"Remember that real change is the reward for leaders who accept risk and take action to bring about their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"Where Do Butterflies Go When it Rains?"

By Louann Shrader, Program of Work Chairman

Years ago I remember reading a story to my Kindergarten classes that asked the most important and poignant question, "Where do butterflies go when it rains?" The answer escapes me, but the question continues to be a haunting one...continuing in a DKG Program of Work mentality mode a follow-up question may be, "What does the program committee do after the planning is done?" As with the fate of butterflies the answer lies with a need that propels them in another direction. With a Program Committee, the need is to follow through to ignite interest and passion in the Purposes of the Society.

The course is set; chapters have planned and are beginning a new biennium. Programs have been planned that fit with a chapter's mission and goals. What is your chapter's mission or goals-increase visibility, promote a 'green' culture, increase membership, increase involvement, etc? Whatever the goal, the Chapter Program Committee remains the MVP to achieve the direction your chapter takes. With planning completed and imagination and innovation tapped, the hope is that involvement of every member can take place. For a Program Committee it's time to ignite the passion within. Passion is the key to achieving the mission and vision of each chapter as it is within the State Organization and International Society. It may sound like an overwhelming and unobtainable task, but it is one that teachers are particularly good at since they spend their lives trying to motivate those individuals that others have given up on. The Program Committee now needs to become the MVPs of Program ignition. The *key* is to get excited! Excitement breeds excitement, and through motivation, involvement can take place. Create the steps, no matter how minor, that will start passion within your chapter. Try this to stir the embers and increase the passion in your chapter.

- ❖ Point out the purposes achieved with each program.
- ❖ Always expect positive results, follow-up, and Ask for member input on how a program can be used by individuals whether actively teaching or retired.
- ❖ Send notes of appreciation to those who have contributed and Shared expertise via program presentation.
- ❖ Spotlight and Seek out the expertise of all members and Search for ways to connect, especially with members not in attendance.

- ❖ Imagination is fun. Innovation and Instruction continue to Involve all members regardless of professional tenure.
- ❖ Offer Outstanding Opportunities for all members via a followup on a particular program format. (freebies or coupons related to a program usually spark a positive note)
- ❖ Never let the excitement wane. Note ideas that can lead a vision in another direction.

What does the Program of Work do when the planning is over? Nothing can be achieved without passion. The MVPs (most valuable persons) need to continue to strive and help each member realize the MVP* (Mission, Vision, & Passion) within.

*Blackwell, M.C., *Upside Down Leadership: a Dozen Big Ideas to Turn Your Nonprofit Organization Right Side Up* (MVP acronym)

Personal Growth

By Carol Goodman, Chairman

Did you know that our very own Annie Webb Blanton has an organization named for her? Annie's List of Texas is an organization whose goal is to support women in Texas politics. The women of Texas recognize Dr. Annie as "a trailblazer and the first woman elected to statewide office in Texas in 1918."

The purposes of Annie's List are to:

- ❖ Target legislative and down-ballot statewide races
- ❖ Recruit, train and support progressive women to run for office
- ❖ Train and place professional campaign staff on targeted races
- ❖ Raise early money so that women become viable contenders
- ❖ Engage and activate women voters on behalf of endorsed candidates

I discovered this fact when I was researching a quote from Dr. Annie to include in the Spiritual Unity Service for convention 2010. Annie said, "Everything that helps wear away age-old prejudices contributes to the advancement of women and of humanity." I think Dr. Annie would be very proud to know that women in her state think enough of her to keep her spirit alive.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE TO BE DISCONTINUED

By Cindy Reynolds, Chairman

In an article in the fall issue of the DKG News, it was stated that "the Task Forces concurred that each international committee should do the research pertaining to its work, and other research should be handled by ad hoc committees appointed only when such research is needed. Therefore, the Research Committee should be discontinued." This proposal was adopted at the International Convention in Spokane, Washington and may as a result, affect the committee structure at both the state and chapter levels. The Constitutional revision does state that "state organizations and chapters may fulfill their constitutional responsibilities by establishing committees as needed."

Each of the articles which has appeared in this column throughout this past year has focused on working toward a smooth transition if the recommendations at International for the committee restructuring were passed at the convention in July. It is now official and the Research Committee has been discontinued effective July 1, 2010.

To assist the other committees to transition to utilizing research for their own committee work, the state research committee designed and distributed a business card as an easy reference with the 7 Steps to the Decision-Making Process for All Committees listed. It is the premise that "research is the heart of committee work." The business cards were distributed at the state convention, are available on the state website, and will also be available at the fall area conferences.

To be "forward moving ever," it is recommended that chapters update their strategic plans and include specific needed research objectives in them as it applies to all committees. Some possible examples of what would be in the revision could include the following: the data should be revisited at the beginning of each

biennium; program ideas and presentations could be written and saved in the chapter archives; and specific purposes of the archives could be listed.

Two goals of the State Research Committee over this past year were to acquire the following information and have it available to chapters and at the state level:

❖ CHAPTER DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE:

Since loss of membership in the Society is a major concern, maintaining this information is critical to each chapter as well as the state membership and expansion committees. It is a goal of the Alpha Alpha State Research Committee to secure the demographic profile from each chapter in the state prior to March 1, 2011. The information will then be compiled and distributed for the other state committees.

❖ DATA BASE OF WORKSHOP AND

PROGRAM PRESENTERS: Once compiled, this on-going listing of information will be available to chapters as well as committees at the state level. Utilization of this tool will make the work of committees much easier to plan presentations, programs, and workshops at the chapter, state, regional, and international levels.

In order to accomplish these two goals by the end of the biennium, a member of the state research committee will be making a personal contact to secure the form from the chapters who have not yet compiled and submitted their chapter demographics form. They will also encourage chapters to submit the names of individuals who present workshops and programs to become a part of the listing in the state database.

Professional Affairs News

By Bonnie Lee Barnes
Professional Affairs Committee Member

Your Professional Affairs committee is in the process of selecting workshops for the Alpha Alpha State Convention in June, 2011. We need your suggestions and while you are thinking of interesting programs, also consider submitting a "Workshop Presenters" form that will be available at all fall area conferences or online. DKG's Research Committee has been diligently establishing a library of program presenters that can be con-

tacted to schedule programs to meet future needs. Having this library of presenters will enable your chapter to select programs of interest as well as aid the Professional Affairs Committee in considering relevant workshop programs for state convention. We will need at least 10 workshops for our upcoming state convention addressing personal and professional growth. So, if you know of someone, please submit a "Workshop Presenters" form and share your information. Professional Affairs needs all workshop applications by **December 1, 2010** so that we can select the best and most interesting workshops for you.

In reference to our new International theme of

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Music and dance filled the auditorium as Scottish bagpipers, Highland dancers, Celtic dancers, and youth choirs entertained and spotlighted local talent. A dessert reception and a gift of pressed rosebud note cards were the final gifts of the evening.

The Vision to Action theme continued in the second keynote speech. Amanda Gore from Australia provided a living example of “Spirited Leadership from Vision to Action.” Her lively, humorous presentation based on Emotional Intelligence, neuroscience, and epigenetics had the entire audience participating joyfully. Don’t be surprised if convention delegates can’t wait to share her joy-filled “sparkly bits” techniques with all their DKG sisters and school staffs. To use Amanda’s words, her presentation challenges us to have the vision to move to action and to celebrate the “Ta-Da!” moments in life.

Liz Brewer was chosen to be the Northeast Representative to the U.S. Forum. The U.S. Forum is the DKG liaison which works to represent the interest of children, schools, women, and DKG members before the United States Congress. Liz has been a member of DKG since 1982.

State President Sue Stamm represented the state on the International Executive Board.

Forty-one members of the Pennsylvania delegation and their guests gathered at Luigi’s Restaurant to celebrate Pennsylvania Night on July 22.

Anne Marie Rhodes was the third keynote speaker. Her topic, “Culture Waves: Trends for the Future,” blended visions of the trends for the future which will impact our lives. She used Anticipation, Adoption, and Acceptance to distinguish three major group/waves of users of new technologies and trends.

Thursday evening was highlighted by a reception at the Davenport Hotel to honor **Dr. Lyn Schmid**’s confirmation as Northeast Regional Director. To underscore her leadership of the Northeast Regional Conference July 19-23, 2011 in Hershey, PA, the refreshments included a chocolate fountain and favors of Hershey’s Kisses and miniature Hershey candy bars.

The final keynote speaker was Christopher Rants, son of DKG President Dr. Carolyn Rants and Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives. Mr. Rants helped the members to understand effective methods of working with state and federal legislators as we move from vision to action to influence educational policies.

Mary Furlong, from Omega Chapter, presented a workshop on Zambia on Friday.

Delegates enjoyed tours (ask the “survivors” about the Grand Coulee Dam tour) of historic homes, tours for high tea, a dinner cruise, a tour of Coeur D’Alene, Idaho, as well as informal walking tours, shopping, and

dining opportunities in the beautiful Northwest.

E. Margaret Gabel, Shirley Newhart, and Marcy Sharpe were members of the International choir which provided moving and beautiful music for the Celebration of Life ceremony and for the Presidents’ Banquet.

With learning, fun, fellowship, food, and shopping, the 2010 International Convention was a wonderful experience for all.

Don’t miss the next N.E.R.C. in Hershey, July 19-23, or the next International convention in New York City!



Ready, willing and able to help you (Back L-R) Wanda Keller, Judy Britten, E. Margaret Gabel, Kris Olsen (Front L-R) Marcy Sharpe and Shirley Newhart



Dr. Irene Murphy (center L) congratulates Dr. Lyn Schmid (center R) on her election as 2010-2012 Northeast Regional Director



Grace Schauer, (R) adorns First Timer, Joyce Roof with a piece of blue fabric from the banquet table.

Convention photos courtesy of State Photographer Karen Ball, Tracey Dusch and Wanda Keller

" Constitution Passes! "

By Carol Herbert, Alpha Alpha State Parliamentarian

heralded the headline of the final issue of "Lilacs and Roses," the official newsletter of the DKG International Convention held in Spokane, WA. The parliamentary wrangling and discussion, which preceded the passage of this complete revision of DKG's Constitution and International Standing Rules, moved along smoothly despite the large volume of material considered. Dr. Carolyn Rants, 2008-2010 International President, believes that this Constitutional revision will bring clarity, streamline structure, and enable the Society to move forward.

What's new in the governing documents of our Society? Here are a few highlights:

- ❖ A new vision statement-Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide
- ❖ Reduced number of years as a "professional educator" for membership eligibility from 3 years to 0 years and set no limit on number of years "after retirement" for membership eligibility (This was the most hotly debated issue and the only one to be decided by a counted rising vote-756 in favor, 451 against)
- ❖ Deleted requirement that a prospective chapter honorary member live within the chapter area
- ❖ Deleted requirements that a chapter vote to restore a reserve member to active membership or that a chapter vote to reinstate a former member
- ❖ The parliamentarian at any level (international, state, chapter) is not required to be a Society member, though it is preferred that she is.
- ❖ International Committees were restructured, eliminating 6 standing committees and organizing 2 new ones. However, the revised Constitution confirms the autonomy of state or chapter to establish its own committee structure.
- ❖ The Society at all levels is authorized to use electronic communications to facilitate meetings and to communicate with members.
- ❖ Regular chapter meetings (where business is transacted) shall be held at least four (4) times per year.
- ❖ The Society may now be known by the Latin letters DKG, in addition to the Greek letters, and each individual member is to make the decision as to how to wear Society jewelry.

- ❖ International active dues were set at \$40 and International reserve dues at \$20. Beginning in 2012, International dues (active and reserve) may be adjusted each biennium based on the USA Social Security Administration's Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) average for the previous two (2) years, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.

Tacoma: Where Art and Nature Meet!

By Carolyn Sutton

Alpha Upsilon Chapter members, Judy Schaffer and Carolyn Sutton attended the 23rd Biennial International Seminar of Purposeful Living from July 15-18, 2010. This year the seminar, sponsored by the DKG Educational Foundation, was held at the Hotel Murano



Carolyn Sutton and Judy Schaffer admire a glass sculpture in the Hotel Murano lobby

in Tacoma, Washington. The hotel was an additional treat because it features works of glass artists on each floor. In addition, we had a view of Mt. Rainier.

The seminar included trips to three world class museums: Museum of Glass, where we watched glass-blowing demonstrations in the Hot Shop, Tacoma Art Museum and the Washington History Museum. We walked on the Chihuly Bridge

of Glass (Dale Chihuly was from Tacoma). On Friday evening, we traveled to the Tacoma Musical Theater for the performance of "All Shook Up" which featured the songs of Elvis. On Saturday, we had our choice of tours. We went for lunch in Port Orchard at the Victorian Rose Tea Room owned by local author, Debbie Macomber. We then traveled to Poulsbo, a charming town located on Puget Sound. We enjoyed the Norwegian motif of this village as we explored the shops. Sunday morning session included a slide show of a nature photographer as he discussed the elements of art.

We arrived a day early so we would have time for a boat ride on Puget Sound and stayed an additional day to attend our own glass-blowing sessions at the Tacoma Glass Studio. Just wait 'til you see our artistic creations!! The next Seminar of Purposeful Living will be in Washington, D.C. in July, 2012.



THE LEGISLATIVE HEARTBEAT

By Elizabeth Brewer, U.S. Forum Liaison

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

Mission of the US Forum

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

Opportunities:

Internationally- The Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) of the United Nations will be announcing a new global initiative on November 20, 2010 at the United Nations. Known as *Academic Impact*, this program will align institutions of higher education with the UN actively supporting ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, literacy, sustainability and conflict resolution. This is an opportunity for colleges and universities worldwide to become aligned with the UN in a collaborative venture.

(See <http://academicimpact.org>)

The Committee for Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) will be having a day-long meeting in Indianapolis on Saturday, November 6th.

At the international convention in July, "Schools for Africa," a UNICEF program was endorsed by our Society. (www.unicefusa.org)

Sign up for the DKG@UN Newsletter. Volume 18 is currently available.

Nationally- Sisters in several states are being affected by the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and/or Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). DKG sisters are being asked by NEA to share their stories on how not being able to collect Social Security along with pensions would impact them. Please think good thoughts for them, as they struggle through this high hurdle.

Continue to stay current with the movement on the ESEA revisions. This will affect our students and all of us.

Commonwealth- The PA Department of Education website has a wealth of information for all of us. To find the latest on the new Standards Aligned Standards (SAS), plus so much more go to www.pde.state.pa.us.

National Heartbeats:

LEGISLATIVE BILLS- The Paycheck Fairness Act

continues to be stalled in the Senate. This is of utmost importance to women all around the nation.

The House approved the support of a National Black Women's History Museum to be built in Washington, D.C. Contact our Senators to support SB21

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

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 (this is a toll free number). You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives

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

Commonwealth Heartbeats:

PENSIONS

There will be only 10 days for the Senate to pass the House Bill 2497 on protecting our pensions between September and October. If it does not pass, without amendment during this time, a new group of legislators in January could completely change our lives after retirement. Consult various websites to keep current on the status of this hot button educational issue. Three to watch are www.pennlive.com; www.psea.org; and www.psba.org.

ELECTIONS in NOVEMBER

Remember to read, listen and know what the candidates stand for. We are the advocates for women, children and education. These elections are critical to all 3!

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through

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

INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED ON KEY BILLS

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/110/bills/>

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

IN TOUCH WITH TECH

by Bonnie Barnes

Having just returned from our International Convention held in Spokane, Washington, I am excited to report that the use of technology made it easier and more efficient for our attending members. Our main job during this convention was to review the International Constitution, line-by-line, consider amendments, and vote on the final proposed constitutional revisions. A portion of each session was set aside for the Constitution to be read and proposed amendments made, seconded, and discussed. The membership then voted to include or reject the amendment before moving on to the next revision. To make this process more efficient, the proposal was displayed on two large screens so that the 1,400 plus attendees could read the proposal and make informed decisions, yes or no. As a first-timer to an International Convention, this line-by-line process instilled in me the magnitude of our Society and the far reaching influence we have as a Society, "Embracing the Vision; Designing the Future."



At convention there were over 20 workshops and 1 forum covering all levels of technology and how our Society uses the various forms to benefit our members personally or in the classroom. Wikis, Blogs, Facebook, Go-to-Meeting, Leadership Tools-on-the-Net, Tip-of-the-Month, Weebly, 4 Square, and Social Networking were discussed, just to mention a few. The instant availability of information via technology is phenomenal and our DKG website incorporates all. If you have questions, go to our website and click on 'contact us' where you can direct your questions, concerns, or ideas with the guarantee that headquarters will answer.

I also want to encourage you to go to our Society website and register for our Facebook page. This tool is strictly for DKG members to interface with other DKG members and is a safe way to connect and share with our sisters. If you are unsure of how Facebook, Blogging, Texting, Wikis, etc. work, get on the Internet and type in the search area the phrase *in plain English* to locate online tutorials on a variety of subjects. Make your selection from the numerous listings and teach yourself. It's free and non-threatening. This exclusive DKG Facebook page will enable you to locate and socialize with other Key Women iberry lady-Educators in our DKG family.

Professional Affairs

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"Embracing our Vision; Designing our Future," it is also time to begin considering a woman or women within your chapter for Album of Distinction recognition. Refer to the criterion established by the Professional Affairs Committee that has been published in *The Keystonean* or found online at <<http://www.dkg.org/PA>>.

Applications are due April 20, 2011.

Your nominee(s) shall have received an honor or distinction beyond The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International between May, 2010, and April, 2011 (exact deadline dates will be provided later). Your nominee(s) can be considered from active, reserve, and honorary members in good standing with your chapter. Your application must be received by the April 20, 2011 deadline date and must contain a detailed description of the distinction and how this distinction fulfills one or more of the Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. You must also include a wallet size color photo (jpeg preferable), not a newspaper photo. After this deadline date, applications will be evaluated and awardees will be notified of their selection in time to register for the state convention, where all awardees will be honored at the Friday Night Reception on June 10, 2011. Awardees and their chapter presidents (or a designee) are expected to attend to receive their award.

Please complete the nomination form found online or check with your chapter president and submit it no later than **April 20, 2011**. We will acknowledge, celebrate, meet, and greet the distinctive recipients who will be listed in the 2011 *Album of Distinction* at the 2011 Alpha Alpha State Convention.

Additionally, we also want to recognize those members who have earned their Doctorate or who have achieved National Board Certification between May, 2010 and May, 2011. We will honor these key women educators at state convention. Check with your chapter president for a recognition form or go online and complete the necessary information. Please encourage recipients of these achievements to attend state convention where we will celebrate and honor their achievements and efforts in obtaining their Doctorates or National Board Certification.

Please note:

Omission in summer issue of *The Keystonean*

Lorraine Hoffman, Upsilon Chapter, was inadvertently omitted in the list of awardees for the Woman of Distinction at state convention in June. We regret this error and congratulate Lorraine on her recognition.

CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA DELTA



Mrs. E. Marie Wentz was honored as Alpha Delta Chapter's 50-year member at a recent meeting. She was presented a 50-year pin and roses. Marie is a past president of Alpha Delta Chapter and is still active as our chapter treasurer. Shown in the photo are Marie's nieces and members of our chapter, **Diane Wagner** and **Malinda Forry**.

Submitted with photo by Jan Burkett

ALPHA NU



Alpha Nu Awards Annual \$1000 Scholarships

At the May 2010 meeting, Alpha Nu chapter awarded two \$1000 scholarships to women who graduated from Bucks County Community College and will attend four year institutions to complete their degrees in education. Pictured from left are: **Kristal Karl**, representative from Bucks County Community College; **Samantha Serrano**, who will attend West Chester University; **Linda Peters**, Alpha Nu scholarship committee; and **Megan Long**, who is enrolling at Penn State University. The chapter award has been given for many years. In 1999, Ms. Mae Light, a former member, left a bequest to the chapter for an annual scholarship, which has been awarded each year since then. Periodically the chapter hears from the recipients and one current member is a prior award winner.

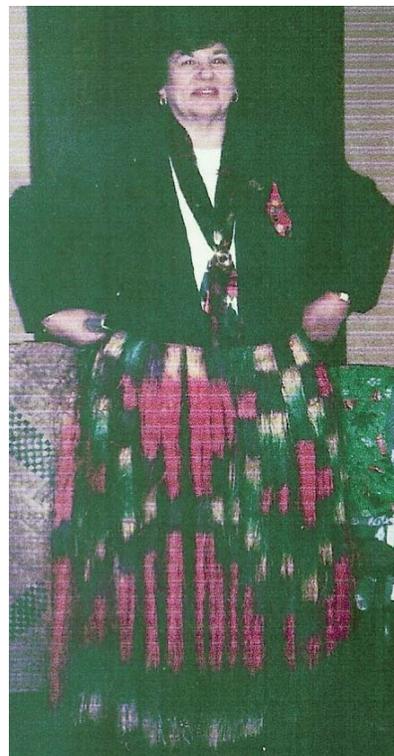
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ALPHA PHI



Elizabeth Takach (L), accepts the Alpha Phi Scholarship from chapter president, Simone Miller.

Alpha Phi Chapter is proud to announce their 2010 scholarship recipient, a West Mifflin Area School District graduate, Elizabeth Takach. Elizabeth participated in many community activities, was a member of the National Honor Society and student council, volunteered as a tutor, and won numerous academic awards. She will be attending Clarion University in the fall majoring in education.



Lu Page displays a native skirt.

Alpha Phi Chapter hosted a multi-chapter meeting in conjunction with Theta, Alpha Chi, and Alpha Upsilon Chapters on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Edgewood Country Club near Pittsburgh. Everyone had a wonderful lunch followed by Lu Page's presentation of "From the Hyatt to the Hut."

There were six chapters represented at the meeting. Glass beads were collected for Lu's Beads for Education project and basket raffle tickets were sold in order to give her a cash

contribution to help defray the cost of mailing the beads to the women on the island.

Submitted with photos by Simone Miller

CHAPTER NEWS

THETA

Theta Chapter welcomes a new slate of officers for the 2010-2012 biennium. Janice Ballinger will take on the role of president with Linda Konczal Evans as vice president. Second co-vice-presidents are Sharon Schurman and Norma Ratti. Patti Illig is the new recording secretary and Francie Duttine will assume the office of corresponding secretary. Susan Simmers serves as treasurer and Joann Binek will be the parliamentarian.



Left to right: Patti Illig, Norma Ratti, Sharon Schurman, Janice Ballinger, Linda Konczal-Evans, Francie Duttine

Submitted with photo by Janice Ballinger

ALPHA UPSILON



Alpha Upsilon's Past Presidents' Project

This past biennium Roseann Currence and Marsha Ewing from Alpha Upsilon gathered much support for their project to benefit Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc. Each meeting members donated items for that themed meeting. School supplies, children's clothing, bath and personal products and household goods were donated to the children and women currently using transitional or permanent housing. The members were extremely kind and generous in their donations. The lives of nearly twenty thousand, women, men and children in the local community are touched by the work of the HOPE Center.

Submitted with photo by Marsha Ewing and Roseann Currence

SIGMA



Viola Stadler

Spotlight on a Special Sigma Chapter Member

Teaching is good for your health or so it would seem for **Viola Stadler**, a member of Sigma Chapter and a 40-year veteran of teaching. **Viola celebrated her 105th birthday**, a celebration which was also attended by her Sigma sisters from the Bloomsburg area.

A native of Catawissa, Viola graduated from Bloomsburg Normal School (now Bloomsburg University). Born in 1904, she was not faced with the opportunities available to today's women educators. According to the Press Enterprise, which did a spotlight on Viola to highlight her special day, when Viola taught women educators were not allowed to marry. Teachers weren't allowed to write left-handed either, which meant that anyone, like Viola who had grown up writing left-

handed had to retrain themselves.

In spite of the challenges, Viola spent 40 years as an educator in New Jersey, even counting among her students Bruce Willis of *Die Hard* fame. Near the end of her career in elementary education, she served as a principal.

Chapter Idea . . .

How can you get chapter members interested in attending the Alpha Alpha State Convention or the Fall Area Conference? What about offering a scholarship? Thanks to funds earned through a Silpada Party organized by a Sigma member and designated for use by the chapter, Sigma Chapter has been able to offer scholarships. The scholarship money is specifically designated for "first-timers" to help defray fall area conference or convention costs.



Submitted by Deborah Bernhisel

CHAPTER NEWS

DELTA



Delta Chapter celebrated with an end-of-year picnic on June 18 at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA. Members relaxed as they enjoyed their supper and joined in good conversation.

Participants shown include:
Row 1: Doris Brunner (new biennium president), Dorothy Filer, Mary Van Lieu
Row 2: Nancy Ruhmel, Mary Ann Tremba (immediate past co-president), Carol Corso (newly initiated member), Joan Glass, Marge Richter, Janie Hecker (immediate past co-president).

Submitted with photo by
Linda Heindel

State President's Schedule

Fall 2010

August

- 13-14 State Officers' and Committee Chairs' Meeting
Comfort Suites, State College
- 24 NU Chapter meeting, Meyerstown

September

- 16 Lambda Chapter meeting, Grove City
- 25 Fall Area Conference, West
New Castle at Union High School

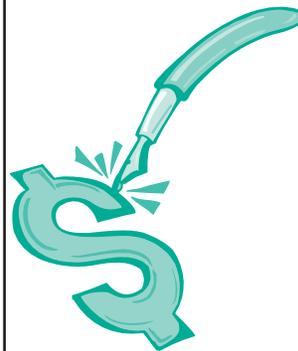
October

- 16 Fall Area Conference, East
Camp Hill at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel
and Convention Center

December

- 2-3 2011 Convention Planning Meeting at
the Nittany Lion Inn, State College
- 3-4 Professional Affairs Committee meeting
(tentative)
- 11 Alpha Beta Chapter meeting, Bedford

NOTES From the State Treasurer:



Active Dues: \$51
\$10 State Dues
\$40 International Dues
\$ 1 State Scholarship

Chapter dues are added to this amount.

Reserve Dues: \$26

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

Chapter dues are added to this amount.

Dues are to be paid to the Chapter Treasurer by October 31. The Chapter Treasurers are to send the Form 18 along with the Dues and Fees to the State Treasurer by November 30.

**Thank you,
Linda O'Connor**

Alpha Alpha State Enrichment Grant Recipients' Experiences



Donna Winch poses with another well-known musical performer at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

"Cleveland Rocks!" - That's what Drew Carey sings, and I have to agree with him. Thanks to Alpha Alpha State, I had the experience of my lifetime when I attended the Rock Hall of Fame annual **Summer Teacher Institute** - an intensive workshop for educators where the museum becomes the classroom and rock and roll becomes the teacher. I was fortunate to share this experience with 50 teachers from 17 states and Canada in the house that rock built to learn how I can use popular music in my curriculum at the Infinity Charter School in Harrisburg. The energy was palpable and contagious!

Part of what makes the Summer Teacher Institute so exciting is the diversity of experience that each participant brings. From kindergarten teachers to college professors, music teachers to science teachers, STI brings educators from all sides together to find ways to make learning come alive for their students through the power

of rock and roll. No matter where we stood in our careers, everyone was passionate about what they do and they were equally enthusiastic about learning more.

We were joined by singer-songwriter Joe Grushecky, a special education teacher himself in Pittsburgh, who discussed his experiences on stage and in the classroom (and even performed a few songs). Also welcomed was Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductee, Bobby Massey, founding member of the O'Jays, who discussed his own career and his outreach work in K-12 schools. Blues musician, Fernando Jones (a professor at Columbia College), the Roots of American Music Quartet, and students from School of Rock added inspiring live performances to the mix.

The mission of STI revolves around the premise that teaching can be a difficult profession and that the challenges are many. No matter where, or what, you teach, STI works to take these challenges head-on, giving educators resources and strategies to reach their students in powerful ways. Rock Hall educators work through our own curriculum models and teachers from across the country (most are STI alums) lead small-group breakout sessions so that participants can learn classroom-tested strategies from those who have seen success with their own students. Each day began with the Rock 101 lecture series - a look at more than 80 years of rock and roll (from its roots to its branches). Once teachers build a solid foundation in rock history, they can begin to make their own classroom connections. And the results can be powerful. I am much energized to take this amazing experience and the knowledge gained to use in my own classroom. I'd like to conclude with these words from a Billy Joel classic: "It's still rock and roll to me!"

Submitted with photo by Donna Winch



Linda Clapper displays a lending library book collection that will benefit children of rural Bedford and Huntingdon Counties. The collection was made possible by an Alpha Alpha State Enrichment Grant.

During the 2009-2010 school year, my Preschool students benefited from the Enrichment Grant that I received in June 2009. Having been an educator in the Tussey Mountain School District (in a rural area of Bedford and Huntingdon Counties) for over 30 years, I knew there was a need for the circulation of books in the children's homes. For several years, I created lending library bags using my own collection of books which were 95% paperbacks and these were sent home in book bags. The Enrichment Grant made it possible for me to include hardcover books for their "aesthetic beauty" and the durability they would have. I was able to purchase several collections of books that included rhyme and repetition, families, math, friendship, wordless, and multi-cultural stories. This grant was very appreciated and will continue to be enjoyed in this next school year.

Submitted with photo by Linda Clapper

Coming Soon - NERC 2011!!!!

By Wanda Keller

Chapter Officers - Your help is needed!!

We need your help to make our Pennsylvania night the *very best* ever. Please send your final chapter assessment of \$1.00 per person no later than **November 15, 2010**. Make out the check to Delta Kappa Gamma and send it to Barbara Tobias at 2165 Long Lane, Lebanon, PA 17046-1850. If you have questions, contact Barbara or Wanda Keller at WKeller879@atlanticbb.net. (Put NERC 2011 in the subject line) or at (814) 288-6521.



Royce Ann Boyd, 2011 Northeast Regional Conference Coordinator for Pennsylvania, issues the invitation to Hershey at the Northeast Regional Breakfast held during the international convention in Spokane.

NERC 2011

The NERC 2011 sales at the International Convention in Spokane went very well. Look for the following items on sale at your Fall Area Conferences:

<i>NERC 2011 Pennsylvania Pins</i>	\$ 5.00
<i>Lucinda Rose Pins</i>	\$10.00
<i>Magnetic Ribbons</i>	\$12.00

Chances on a Hershey special edition Longaberger basket for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00!

If your chapter wishes to do any extra fund-raising for NERC, the committee will greatly appreciate it. Send the proceeds to:

Barbara Tobias
2165 Long Lane
Lebanon, PA 17046-1850.



Fund-Raising Sale
Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010

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"Hershey Kiss" Longaberger Basket

Thanks to Florence Sherwood and Denise Williams for donating the "Hershey Kiss" Longaberger Basket to chance off at International!!! It was a great success and a great conversation piece. The winner was J-Jay Pechta, a sister from the Northeast Region. Two more baskets will be chanced off at the Fall Area Conferences. Be sure to get your tickets for this limited edition item.

Photo (L) Wanda Keller and Kris Olsen fundraising for the Northeast Regional in Hershey.



IMPORTANT DATES

2010

- September 25** Alpha Alpha State Fall Conference
Union High School, New Castle
- October 20** Nominations for State Officers/
Elected Committee Positions due
- October 15** Bylaws/Standing Rules Proposed
Amendments due
- October 16** Alpha Alpha State Fall Conference
Raddison Hotel, Camp Hill
- November 1** *The Keystonean* winter issue deadline
- November 6** CTAUN Conference - Shortridge
Magnet High School for Law and
Public Policy, Indianapolis IN

2011

- January 1** State Editor position application
deadline
- January __** CTAUN Conference, New York
- February 1** *The Keystonean* spring issue deadline
- February 1** Alpha Alpha State Scholarship/
Enrichment Grant Applications due
- June 1** *The Keystonean* summer issue
deadline
- June 10-12** Alpha Alpha State Convention
- July 19-23** Northeast Regional Conference

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or
in remembrance of
beloved
chapter and state
Society members



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In Memoriam

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Pauline L. Smith

June 6, 2010

Pauline retired in 1975 after teaching American History and Latin for 39 years, and encouraging high school students to become teachers. She had been a past president of the Kittanning Education Association and Student Council Advisor. She was a founding member of Alpha Theta and had served as the chapter's third president.

Marjorie A. Walker

June 6, 2010

Marjorie was honored as a PA Woman of Distinction. She served Lambda Chapter on numerous committees after her initiation in 1965. During her 31 year tenure at Westminster College, she had been a professor of Physical Education, chairing the department, and was an Assistant Director of Athletics. She coached women's tennis, basketball, and volleyball, and was honored by Westminster with the creation of the Marjorie A. Walker Recreation Center.

Joan S. Welliver

May 23, 2010

Joan was initiated in 1989, and was an active member of Sigma Chapter. She had served her school district as a reading specialist.

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In Memoriam

Prudence V. Clark

February 18, 2010

Prudence was the oldest member of the Beta Rho Chapter having been initiated into DKG in 1958. She had served the Mountain View School District for 41 years. Her church and community activities included Sunday School teacher and singer at the First Congregational Church of Hartford, the Hartford Historical Society, and correspondent for the Montrose Independent.

Helen Dunton Dietrich

May 25, 2010

As a 45 year member, Helen was a valued member of Alpha Iota. She had taught in Edinboro, Fairview, Harborcreek and Iroquois School Districts, as well as serving Lawrence Park Primary as their principal from 1966 to 1980.



*No one truly dies;
they live on
in the hearts
of those
who love them.*

Marolane Stevenson

Ruth M. Mark

May 25, 2010

Ruth was a past president of Alpha Psi Chapter, and had been initiated into DKG in 1962. She served the students of Trinity High School as an English teacher and as an advisor to Future Teachers of America, May Day festivities, the school newspaper, and the class advisor.

Gertrude Marshall

April 19, 2010

Serving Indianola, Cheswick, and New Kensington-Arnold School Districts as a reading teacher and administrator, Gertrude was initiated into Alpha Upsilon in 1974. She served her chapter on many committees, including Professional Affairs, Nominations, Social, Initiation, Historical Records, as well as having served as Corresponding Secretary.