



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL



# ALPHA ALPHA STATE, PENNSYLVANIA ETA'S GAMMA RAYS

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## Mark Your Calendars

### Four Chapter Brunch

April 5, 2014  
8:30 AM to Noon  
Normandie Ridge

### Eta Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 28, 2014  
6 to 8 PM

The Cottage Place at Normandie Ridge

### Alpha Alpha State Convention

June 13-15, 2014  
Nittany Lion Inn  
State College, PA

### DKG International Convention

July 28-August 1, 2014  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### 2015 Northeast Regional Conference

July 8-11, 2015



Welcome Spring! Winter weather was challenging this year. The weather had its effect on our meeting plans for December. However, we persevered and were able to reschedule the visit to the Montessori Children's House for February 25. The group gained an understanding of the Montessori philosophy and strategy that is developed within the children to learn responsibility and accept the challenges to learn and gain knowledge. The snow blanketed the area for much of January and February. The snow did not deter our members who traversed the snow piles for our visit to the York Academy Regional Charter School on February 6. It was interesting to learn about the philosophy of this charter school. We are engaging in conversation with Dr. Baughman to develop a chapter service project that will support the schools purpose and mission. Now we have sprung forward and can see glimpses of grass and spring flowers popping up. We will gather with the of the other York County chapters' sisters for the Four Chapter Brunch on April 5. We encourage everyone to attend. The deadline for registration is March 28. In addition to the Chapter meeting, the focal point of the gathering is the installation of the four chapter officers for the 2014-2016 biennium.

The Leadership and Professional Development Conference was held in State College on Saturday, March 1. Polly and Lynn joined Barb and me as we learned about the art of possibility. Barb's new president's training began Friday evening. We left the conference with the realization and understanding that we can lead form any chair. Most importantly we, as leaders, must be passionate while making others powerful and renewing their sense of possibility. We were encouraged to think positively with spiraling upward possibilities, rather than the negative approach that spirals downward and thwarts forward movement. Each of us needs to be a contribution to the group, creating relationships and working together as a symphony. The conductor stands back and is silent allowing the passion to be expressed. Most importantly all attendees walked away with the philosophy of Rule #6 – Don't take yourself too seriously.

We have yet other challenges for the Chapter. We approved at the February 25 meeting to hold two fundraisers yearly to support the Anna Mary Melhorn Grant to student entering the field of education. The committee has been actively sharing and gathering ideas for fundraisers. The committee will share the findings at the April meeting. Another challenge is that of meeting our strategic planning goal of increasing our membership through initiation of new and reinstatement of former members. The Chapter will again hold an informal gathering to greet prospective members and provide them with an understanding of the purpose, mission and vision of the Society and the Chapter.

Our Chapter will be taking part in the State project of One Chair, Two Chars, Red Chairs, Blue Chairs to support the Pennsylvania Head Start Association. Polly has donated a chair that will be decorated with an educational theme of children's book characters. The chair will be taken to the State convention in June where all the chairs will be lined as a focal point of the missing funds as a result of government shut-downs and economic struggles. We will bring the chair back to be our focal point to raise funds over the next year for the project.

We still are collecting items for the SEE – Support Early Career Educators. You are encouraged to bring these items to each meeting. During the summer we will have a committee organize the materials and discuss how we will present the items in the fall.

*Susan*



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA  
YORK COUNTY FOUR CHAPTER MEETING**

April 5, 2014  
8:30 AM to Noon  
CONGRESSIONAL DINING ROOM  
NORMANDIE RIDGE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY  
1700 NORMANDIE DRIVE  
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17408

**BRUNCH MENU**

Scrambled Eggs  
Hash Brown Potatoes  
Bacon  
Fruit Cocktail  
Danish & Muffins  
Tea, Coffee & Juice

**AGENDA**

8:30 Registration  
8:50 Welcome  
9:00 Chapter Meetings and Book Exchange  
10:00 Brunch  
11:00 Installation of Officers of the Four Chapters  
Kay Stuart President  
Alpha Alpha State

Cost of the Brunch \$13.50 per person  
Reservation Deadline – March 28, 2014

**Directions to Normandie Ridge Senior Living Community**

From the East take Route 30 to Roosevelt Avenue. Turn right onto Roosevelt Avenue at Denny’s Restaurant and travel 1.2 miles to Kenneth Road. Turn left onto Kenneth Road and make the first left turn into Normandie Ridge. Follow the signs to Manchester Court. Parking is available in the front of the building.

From the West take Route 30 to Roosevelt Avenue. Turn left onto Roosevelt Avenue at Denny’s Restaurant and travel 1.2 miles to Kenneth Road. Turn left onto Kenneth Road and make the first left turn into Normandie Ridge. Follow the signs to Manchester Court. Parking is available in the front of the building.

(Please detach and include with your reservation payment)

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**Four Chapter Brunch**

Return reservation form to Jane L. Long, 1690 Rainbow Circle, York, PA 17408 by **March 28, 2014.**

Make checks payable to **Beta Delta**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Announcing the Alpha Alpha State  
Fundraising Project*

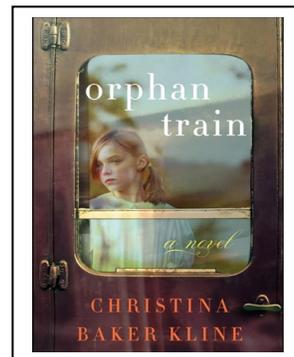
*One Chair, Two Chairs, Red  
Chair, Blue Chair*

*Benefit for the Pennsylvania Head  
Start Association*



Each Chapter has been asked to acquire a preschool size chair and decorate it with school or child related pictures. The Chapters are asked to bring the chair to Convention where the chairs will be set up to signify a Head Start classroom of empty seats which the State project wants to help fill through this fundraiser project. The Chapters return their chairs and plan how they will use the chair to raise funds.

At the Convention, the Educational Excellence Committee Workshop will help the chapter representatives to learn more about the project and share ideas. Eta will have a chapter representative attend this workshop.



**Eta Book Club News**

The Book Club chose Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline, “a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of second chances, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.” Goodreads.com Meet us at the Lyndon Diner on Wednesday, April 9 at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome. (Even if you don’t read the book!)



**What’s the Big Idea?**

Come find out at the Eta chapter meeting on May 28 from 6:00-8:00PM at The Cottage Place at Normandie Ridge. This is an open planning forum for the 2014-2015 year. Bring your wonderful self and your fresh ideas to make next year our best one yet! Can’t wait to see you there!

## *Did you know....?*

Two purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma International are

1. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women
2. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

With these purposes in mind, the following information is being shared:

### **U.S. Forum News**

Oppose private school vouchers. Contact your US senators and representative—  
Legislative Action Center

<http://capwiz.com/nea/utr/2/?a=62747986&i=122048260&c>

From the National Women's Law Center – Take Action against unacceptable tax plan. Tell you representative to oppose House Ways and Means Committee Chair Dave Camp's plan for tax reform that will lower rates for large corporations and millionaires while raising taxes on poor working families. Tell your Representative we can't afford tax breaks for those who need them least.

[http://action.nwlc.org/site/R?i=DWujVqofh1zBMtCDI\\_myiA](http://action.nwlc.org/site/R?i=DWujVqofh1zBMtCDI_myiA)

Read the enlightening story of two 16 year old sisters in Texas who received the AAUW's Title IX Champions Award for their project about sex discrimination in school.

<http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=WJCwtK28BKaEFLx5nFFbaJ%2F4iWiI3bGQ>

*“I can promise you that women working together, - linked, informed, and educated- can bring peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet”. -Isabel Allende*

# Eta Chapter, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

## Minutes of February 26, 2014, Chapter Meeting

The Eta Chapter met on Tuesday, February 26, 2014, at 6:00 PM at the Montessori Children's House of York with 16 members in attendance. Valarie Fisher and Deb Miller, a teacher, presented an excellent demonstrative overview of the school philosophy and program. It was very informative. Thank you, Val, for planning this meeting for us.

**Call to Order** – At 7:30 PM Susan Martin, president, called the business meeting to order.

**Acceptance of Minutes** - The minutes of the October 26, 2013, meeting (which were in the November, 2013, Newsletter) and the minutes of the February 6, 2014, meeting (which were read at this meeting) were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report** – Sue March reported a balance of \$4982.47 in the treasury as of today. We had no transactions since the last meeting. The report was filed.

**Membership** – No report.

### Old Business –

1. Amendment to the Eta Chapter Standing Rules as reported in the minutes of the June 26, 2013 meeting was read and acted upon. The motion was made by Pam Wible and seconded by Polly Bucklen to change the amount in Article IV G. from \$300 to \$500. The Amended Article IV G. now reads: The chapter will pay at least \$500 toward expenses for the chapter president to attend Area Regional Conferences, State and International Conventions. It passed unanimously.
2. Susan reported on the November 21, 2013, Executive Committee meeting concerning the Anna Mary Melhorn Recruitment Grant of \$500 we present annually to a college student. The decision from that meeting was that this grant needs to become self-supporting so that it does not continue to drain our treasury each year. A motion was made by Barb Hellman and seconded by Mary Goodwillie to have the chapter run 2 fundraisers each year to support the Anna Mary Melhorn Recruitment Grant. It passed unanimously. A committee was formed to discuss ideas and choose 2 events which will be presented at the April 5, 2014, meeting. This committee is made up of Laura Emerick, Mary Goodwillie, Sue March, and Terri Stetler, who graciously volunteered.
3. Susan reported that the ways we have referenced initiation practices in our chapter's Standing Rules is aligned with Alpha Alpha State's Standing Rules.

### New Business –

1. One Chair Project, State project for PA Headstart Association, has been presented as a challenge project assignment to each chapter. Polly Bucklen has donated the child's chair. We decided we would do our own chair which will be completed by the end of May. The theme will be Children's Books. and the decorating committee will be Pam and Polly
2. Prospective Member Contacts - We decided to hold another social event in the fall of 2014. We are to bring names of prospective persons to the June planning meeting.

3. Elections of officers - Carolyn Dietz presented the slate of officers for the 2014 - 2016 biennium. They are as follows:

President - Barb Heilman

First Vice-President - Pam Wible

Second Vice-President - Polly Bucklen and Lynn Karlitskie

Recording Secretary - Elizabeth (Betzie) O'Connor

Corresponding Secretary - Mary Goodwillie

Treasurer - Sue March

Parliamentarian - Susan Martin

Secretary, Elizabeth Eisenhart, cast the ballot. Welcome to all the new officers for the 2014 - 2016 biennium.

4. Polly announced she will have name tags for each member by the April 5th meeting.
5. Barb has not heard anything back from Dr. Baughman concerning a project for us to do for his charter school. Lonna will talk with him concerning this.
6. We are to continue bringing our items to the meetings which we are collecting for the Early Educators Project.
7. June Planning meeting - No date has been set .

**Adjournment** – The Eta Chapter meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**Future Dates**

March 1, 2014 - Leadership and Professional Development Conference, State College, PA.

March 12, 2014 - Book Club discussion of the book, The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd.

April 5, 2014 - Four Chapter Brunch at Normandie Ridge ( March 28 Reservation Deadline), Installation of Officers.

June 13-15, 2014 - State Convention at Nittany Lion Inn.

June, 2014 - Eta Planning meeting for 2014 - 2015.

July 28 - August 1, 2014 - International Conference at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis.

Elizabeth Eisenhart, recording secretary