



# Pi Publisher

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

## PI MEMBERS AT ALPHA ALPHA STATE CREATIVE ARTS RETREAT

Pi Chapter has one group of interesting women who love wacky, whimsical fun activities any time of the year. Yes, that describes the group of members who are going to Olmsted Manor in Ludlow, Pa at the end of winter, March 27, 28, 29<sup>th</sup>. What are we doing there? Along with basket weavers, pottery, pocket scrapbooks, Mahjonn, doodle therapy and exploding boxes, our members are presenting the following workshops:

Vonda Reed: Toothbrush rugs

Jen Wolbert: Landscape painting

Greta Taft: Quicky crafts

Judy Castano: Oils and scents demonstrations at Spa Night

Grace Schauer: Keeping the beat with her drums

Kay Stuart: Dancing with her DKG sisters

A few other members are going along to enjoy the workshops and support us all. They are Linda Cunningham, Bonnie Huzey, Mary Kay Torrey, Deborah Johnson, and Bonnie Miller.

There are relaxing activities and great food as well. We will tell you all about it at the meeting in April. Be proud of your DKG sisters who dare to jump into the world of the creative unknown.

### FUTURE EVENTS

Creative Arts Retreat Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA	March 27-29, 2015
Choral Retreat (contact Shirley Newhart for details)	May 1 & 2, 2015
Alpha Alpha State Convention Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA	June 12-14, 2015
NERC/Baltimore Hyatt Regency Baltimore, MD	July 8-11, 2015
International Convention Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN	July 5-9, 2016



## President's Letter

Dear Sisters,

Greetings. I keep checking the calendar. *Spring* is supposed to be around the corner? Hopefully by our meeting it will feel more like Spring and it *will* be Spring at least by the calendar.

Members of the Executive Board met at the end of January and the remaining meetings have been planned and are going to be informative and fun. We hope you will take advantage of one or all of them.

As we are gearing up for testing and end of the year activities or making vacation plans, I hope you will look at the dates for the upcoming State events. Why not make this year the year you attend the State Convention at State College? Several members are planning on attending the North East Regional Conference in Baltimore. Why not join us? Participating in these events gives you a chance to network with other DKG sisters, learn new things, and have loads of fun.

Please note the change in the meeting date for March. It will be on Sunday instead of Saturday. Why not call a Sister and come to the meeting? Susan and Carolyn will have yummy treats for us to enjoy.

Dreaming of green grass and warmer temperatures,

Greta Marie



## NEW MEMBERS

It is time to think about all the wonderful women out there who should be a member of DKG. If each member asks 2 teachers to join, we will be working toward increasing our chapter membership. I have enclosed new member applications and information on becoming a member of DKG. We would also like to encourage former members to return to DKG. Let prospective members know all the benefits of being a member: meetings and conferences that offer professional development and self-improvement, community service projects, travel grants, and a network of teachers who encourage each other to be their best!

Deb Johnson, 2nd Vice President

2014 - 2015

## Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting Dates

March 22, 2015  
(Sunday, 2:00 pm)

Pi's Got Talent  
Northern Potter Children's School  
Amy Adams and Kathy Crowell  
Luncheon: Catered by Susan Ransom,  
Carolyn Cowburn & Beth Rowland  
Hostess: Susan Ransom  
Meditation: Mary Kay Torrey

April 11, 2015  
(Saturday, 9:30 am)

Founders Day Program, Initiation  
Silent Auction, Grant in Aid Recipients  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Westfield, PA  
Luncheon: Gail Bollinger & Church Ladies  
Hostess: Bev Perry  
Meditation: Sally Lewis

June 24, 2015  
(Wednesday, 11:30 am)

Boating on Keuka Lake  
Hammondsport, NY  
Luncheon: Snug Harbor, Hammondsport, NY  
Hostess: Jennifer Wolbert & Kay Stuart



## PI SISTERS SPOTLIGHT

### Beth Rowland

I grew up in Westfield and attended IUP. Graduating with a BS in art education from Penn State. I taught elementary art for the Williamsport City School District before receiving a MS in Special Education from Mansfield University. Before retiring in 2012, I taught Special Education for LSW BOCES and IU9. Since retiring, I keep busy with gardening, reading, volunteer work, ballroom dancing with my husband, Doug, and helping out with his seven grandchildren. I have one son, Dan, living in Portland, Oregon.

### Deb Johnson

I grew up on a farm in Knoxville, PA and attended a small K-12 school just over the border in Troupsburg, NY. I received my BS degree in mathematics education from Lock Haven University and earned my ITSC from Clarion University. I taught math and computer science at Cowanesque Valley HS for 14 years before taking a position in the same district as a technology mentor. Now I am back home at CV again teaching junior high. It's great being back in the classroom again! Outside of school I like to scrapbook, bake, and spend time with my family: husband, Brendo; daughter, Lauren (16); son, Brody (12).

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A PI CHAPTER MEMBER

by Kay Stuart, Pi Chapter Member, Alpha Alpha State President

I was recently asked this question. Actively teaching members and retired members have very different gifts to offer our chapter. The member with a young family and a demanding job can offer ideas and programs to keep our chapter current and fresh. The retired member has the history and knowledge of previous events and the outcomes of those events. I suggest that both groups will have limited time and resources, and must balance family and DKG membership. If she can only come for a part of a meeting, then she should do so. If she needs to bring the children or other family member, then she should do so. If she can only attend one day of the state convention, then she should do so. But she was recognized as a key woman educator! What an honor! If a member can offer more, then she should do so. So what is expected of YOU as a Pi Chapter member?

**A Pi sister is expected to be engaged.** This means that you should involve yourself with the programs and projects of our chapter. But how engaged you become depends on you. Do you have the skills and time to work at the annual Chicken Bar-B-Q? Perhaps you only have time to attend meetings (We only have 5 each year!) You can act as hostess or do the meditation. Perhaps you could present a program at one of those meetings. Some of my favorite programs have been ones that focus on what students are doing in their schools. (I would encourage you to attend state and international events when possible. That engagement is what helped me to see how our Society is really making a difference in the world.) All of our committees do important work, but some require less time than others. Do not hesitate to chair a committee or to serve on one. Offer to work on a committee or project that allows you to use your skills and time wisely.

**A Pi sister is expected to be equipped.** This means that as you have engaged in the work of our chapter you learn more about the benefits of membership. What are those benefits? Your DKG membership provides you with subscriptions to the *DKG NEWS*, the *Bulletin*, the *Keystonian*, and the *Pi Publisher*. You have access to the international, state and chapter websites. You can attend leadership seminars and attend conferences and conventions around the world. Professional development is available through workshops and seminars. You have opportunities to present, speak, or publish in a professional environment. You can apply for scholarships and grants at the state and international levels. There is funding available for educational projects and professional development. Emergency funds are available for disasters to your home. Tuition discounts are available at Capella University, and learning opportunities are available through The Pike Group and the National Association of Parliamentarians. Insurance discounts can be yours covering: liability, life, travel, identity theft, home, auto, and your pet! Equip yourself with the benefits that make sense for you.

**A Pi sister is expected to be empowered.** This means that you are not afraid to take on a new leadership position. By being engaged in the work of our Society and by equipping yourself with the benefits of membership, you will find yourself to be more confident, having the skills and the knowledge to accept opportunities that come your way. You also have a sisterhood to support you. Consider a candle. It loses nothing by sharing its light with another candle. In our chapter, your sisters can share the work with you, and you can share with them.

Make the most of your Pi Chapter membership. All of us will have times when our involvement will be limited and other times we will be able to take on a larger role. The key is to be involved. I, personally, am very proud of my Pi Chapter Sisters and the good work we do locally as we support global projects through state and international projects. I hope you are too!

