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Imagine taking a photo of the Grand Canyon, showing it to your friends, and trying to explain the grandeur that you experienced while there. You know those travel photos never really capture the reality. This article will similarly never capture the experience of 2 weeks in Austin, TX at the Leadership Management Seminar sponsored by the Golden Gift Fund.

This intense educational training was taught by world-renown experts in the field of leadership and management and included course work in interpersonal communication, leading across generations, conflict resolution, effective decision-making, advocacy, negotiation skills, grant writing and fundraising, thinking on your feet, and wellness. Most of the instructors were from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas. They were top notch, and found a way to teach me something new in each session, even though I had previously studied in some of these areas as I had worked toward my administrative certification. They cut through all the unimportant material, and got directly to the meat of their topic. The instructors knew the material that the others were covering, and wove points from other sessions into their own. Talk about

carry over from class to class! Each of them also helped us to consider how we could use this information in our personal and professional lives, and also how we can apply what we learned to benefit the Society.

I was joined by 30 other women from across the US, Mexico, Canada, and Norway, all of them smart, well-accomplished, and passionate about Delta Kappa Gamma. My roommate (We stayed in the dorm.) was Debbie Johnston from Calgary, and she is Alberta's state president. We hit it off quite well, and joined with Pat Bennett-Forman from Washington State on a few "adventures". Pat actually grew up in Hornell! Another gal, Stacy Potter from Louisiana attended Mansfield University in the early 80's. I really enjoyed sharing stories with her about our MU experiences. Another member of our class from Bowling Green, KY, has traveled along RT 15 as she worked on her thesis, which involved some diaries of a female relative in the Syracuse area. I felt very connected to these women in a very short period of time. The 2 weeks allowed time for a few outings. We spent one Friday evening visiting Sixth Street, Austin's version of Bourbon St. We visited the Alamo and the Riverwalk in San Antonio, and did some



shopping while there. We visited the grave site of Annie Webb Blanton, and placed a rose. It felt like we were giving something back to a woman who had given so much to us. We toured International Headquarters and at the end of the 2 weeks it was the site of our graduation. All of these have stories and emotions that added such impact to the entire experience!

So now I have painted a picture of my LMS 2012 experience. But as I indicated before, I have not really captured the reality. It was Enlightening, Empowering, Informational, Emotional, Valuable, Uplifting, Motivational, and the best leadership training I have ever received.

P R E S I D E N T ' S L E T T E R

Dear Sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma, Pi

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over! I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful weather, a vacation, and some great times with your family.

An exec board meeting was held at my home in July. Meeting plans for the upcoming year were discussed, as well as working on this year's budget (included). Thanks to all who gave their time to help plan and make my first year as president run much smoother.

Pi chapter had its first fundraiser of the year on August 18th – a chicken BBQ and bake sale held at the Walmart parking lot in Mansfield. Grace planned and organized the event and will give us a brief report at our September meeting. Thanks to all that came out to work. A fun time was had by everyone . . . I even remember seeing a couple do the “chicken dance”! Thanks also to those sisters that donated their time to make posters and/or provide baked goods.

The cooler nights that we have recently had are just a reminder that fall is moving in, and that means that our first meeting for the year will soon be here. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this meeting. Not only is it being held at one of our favorite places (Brookland Church), but we will be celebrating Pi chapter's 65th birthday! Along with the normal business meeting, there will be some special activities to help us celebrate. Remember to bring items for our re-gifting auction that day.

The new international project is Support for Early-career Educators or S.E.E. It is my hopes that we continue to make our survival kits for new teachers in the upcoming year. Another suggestion brought up at the exec board meeting was “Adopt-a-teacher”, where those of you that are retired could help a first year teacher in a variety of ways. Please bring any ideas for other local projects to the September meeting. On a global note, a possible project would be making dresses from pillow cases for little girls in Africa.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer! Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,
Daphne Cowburn



C H I C K E N B B Q

The chicken BBQ on August 18 was a huge success. A very big thank you for all who donated salads, beans and all those cookies, brownies, breads and Krispy treats. For those who worked, thank you for an enjoyable day of fellow-

ship. All of the salads and beans were sold out. The last 20 dinners went out with Bush's canned beans from Walmart. Our profit from the BBQ was \$805.65. Thank you for all you did to make it a success!

D U E S T I M E

It's time to pay our annual dues. Active member dues are \$80 and reserve member dues are \$45. Please bring them to the September meeting or send them directly to Rosalie. Checks need to be made out to DKG Pi Chapter.

Rosalie Bates
372 Seely Hill Rd.
Osceola, PA 16942

“Don't forget to talk to fellow teachers about becoming members of DKG!”

STATE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

There was a lot of celebrating at this year's convention. The state organization celebrated its 75th year and our chapter celebrated 65 years. And the attendance was the highest ever 350 members were in attendance. Friday afternoon Kay and Grace participated in the Founder's Tea portraying two of the state founders.

Friday evening during the Birthday Chapter Celebration Daphne Cowburn presented a skit "Cooking up a Meaty Pi". The skit was fashioned after Rachel Ray's show. Our chapter donated 65 pair of panties one for each year. There were a total of

over 3,500 pair of panties collected making Karen Ball very happy her idea was a success.

Saturday morning's breakfast speaker was Kate Campbell Stevenson, an actor, singer and producer. The title of her presentation was "Women Back to the Future". During her performance she portrayed Bessie Coleman, Eleanor Roosevelt and Rachel Carson. Carolyn Pittman, International Member-at-Large gave the member an update on International proceedings.

Kay, the state First Vice President, presided over the celebration luncheon. She led us in a

recommitment to DKG and was honored for receiving the Golden Gift Award. Dr. Lyn Schmid was the speaker at the Saturday evening Banquet. She focused on identifying ways for continued growth of the organization.

One of the convention highlights is the Basket Raffle. There were over 45 gift baskets making difficult to decide which one you wanted to try to win. Our very own Susan Ransom won two baskets this year. A big thank you goes out to Janet Metallo for creating our basket.

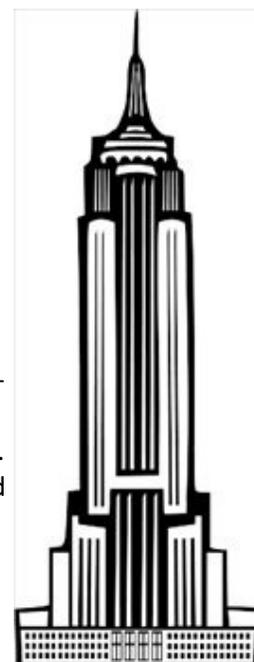


INTERNATIONAL IN NYC

New York was a supercalifragelisticexperience for Kay Stuart and Grace Schauer during the New York DKG International Convention July 24-28. General Sessions were full of information and fabulous speakers. It is always impressive to watch the parade of international flags open the first General Session. We are about to add one more country to our society from Japan. There were no significant changes to the international bylaws and best of all: no additional dues. Yeah! However, it is an amazing experience to see how an international meeting of 1,768 attendees can be efficiently executed. Our past President, Jensi Souders was amazingly

calm and on task at all times. Alpha Alpha State can be proud having Dr. Lyn Schmid become the new DKG International second Vice President. Do you remember when she attended our September meeting in 2006 and spoke praising our chapter for its member diversity. Kay was again recognized for her participation in Texas for the Leadership management Seminar and we met many of her class mates. It was difficult choosing from hundreds of very interesting workshop topics, but both of us attended breakout sessions that were informative to crafty. Once out on the town we found some great shops, stood

at the NBC studio's Today Show window (NO, you didn't miss us) and enjoyed a night at the theater to be marveled by Mary Poppins. Attending an international convention is the ultimate experience that promotes professional and personal growth in women educators and excellence in education. Every member should find the right time in their lives to experience it.



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Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting Dates

September 15, 2012
(Saturday, 10:30am)
Society Business Meeting
Pi Birthday Celebration
Regifting Auction
All St. Episcopal Church, Brookland, PA
Luncheon: Ruth Gamble and Church Ladies
Hostess: Carolyn Cowburn

November 11, 2012
(Sunday, 3:00 pm)
Member and Guest Tea
Holiday Shopping Ideas
Lambs Creek Inn, Mansfield, PA
Various Vendors
Hostess: June Rudy

March 16, 2013
(Saturday, 10:30am)
Being Perfect...Not!
Speaker: Kay Stuart, Alpha Alpha State VP
Northern Potter School
Pi Chapters Got Talent
Luncheon: Peggy Bebout and Daughters
Hostess: Susan Ransom

April 20, 2013
(Saturday, 9:30am)
Founders Day Program by Cindy Reynolds
Initiation, Grant in Aid Recipients
Chinese Auction
St. John Episcopal Church, Westfield
Hostess: Gail Bollinger and church ladies

June 26, 2013
(Wednesday, 10:00am)
Kaleidoscope Pictures by Karen Ball
Report on Convention
Luncheon: Dish to pass
Hostess: Greta Marie Taft
Taft Residence

September 22, 2012
September 29, 2012
Fall Area Conference Pottsville, PA
Cambridge Springs, PA

April 26-28, 2013
Purposeful Seminar Lewisburg, PA

June 14-16, 2013
Alpha Alpha State Convention State College, PA

