



The Keystonian

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Nominees for Alpha Alpha State Offices Announced

The Nominations Committee of Alpha Alpha State presents the following candidates for office in our state organization.



Nominee for President

**Carolyn Sutton,
Alpha Upsilon**

As candidate for Alpha Alpha State President, Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon Chapter, demonstrates experience, skill and commitment to this Society. In her commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma, Carolyn has successfully woven a tapestry of her leadership skills, knowledge of our Society, heritage, and commitment to the ideals of the membership. Carolyn's leadership skills have garnered her recognition as a key woman educator.



Nominee for First Vice President

**Susan Stamm,
Lambda**

Susan is presently the Second Vice President of Alpha Alpha State. She is a member of Lambda Chapter and is a retired elementary teacher and a Title I reading supervisor.

Susan has been actively involved in her chapter as a two term president, first vice president and parliamentarian. She is now parliamentarian for the 2006-2007 biennium. She has chaired many other chapter committees.

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Nominee for Second Vice President

**Louann Shrader,
Omega**

Louann Shrader, Omega, has served her chapter as president, first and second vice president, and chairperson of many committees. Currently Membership chair, Louann has planned all orientation, initiation, and necrology ceremonies. Most recently she is chairing the committee for the Omega Chapter Achievement Award and developing the guidelines for the award.

Lucinda Yates to Keynote Saturday Night Banquet



Just 20 years ago, Lucinda Yates, founder and visionary behind Portland, Maine-based Designs By Lucinda, found herself and her young daughter homeless. Facing divorce and severe financial setback, each day brought unique challenges. Still, with determination of spirit, hard work and the help of family and friends, Yates turned things around.

In 1983, she used her creativity and drive to create a line of fashion jewelry. It became a hit in area boutiques and gave her the opportunity to get back on her feet. Then, while working in

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Alpha Alpha State President's Message

By Lyn B. Schmid, Ed. D.

I wish to take the opportunity of my last *Keystonian* message to write about the women of the Alpha Alpha State organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

I have been fortunate to serve at the state level under five presidents – the late Dr. Shirley Walters, Terri Stetler, M. Polly Delaney, Louise Garverick, and Carol Ulrich. I want to thank them for that opportunity, and their patience with me as I moved from youthful chattiness and spunk to more mature idealism and service orientation.

Most of all, I would like to thank the 2005 State Nominating Committee members for entrusting me with the best job in the organization. It has been an honor and privilege to serve.

When I became President in July 2005, I could never have imagined what was in store for me. I first got to work with a small group of amazing women on the executive committee – the state officers and committee chairmen – who were committed to servant leadership and changing the focus of our organization. Then I was lucky enough to be invited to many chapter gatherings where I met no less amazing women doing incredible things throughout the state. Finally, I was humbled by the opportunity to become part of the leadership that instituted focused training for the incoming chapter presidents.

I talk all the time about how great the women of Alpha Alpha State are. But who are they? Who are you? Let me tell you what I see.

You are women who do good in every corner of this state and even in places around the world.

You volunteer to leave your families and go work with other's children or for other's causes.

You are up late at night working on professional and personal growth programs, organizing agendas, and struggling to find enough folders and boxes in which to haul your stuff to meetings.

You are passionate about education and think that you can make a difference in the profession by being a role model for younger women.

You are thousands of women who never get thanked enough, but who are the bedrock of this organization as you realize its seven purposes.

Three hundred years ago, the great British preacher, John Wesley, captured the essence of Alpha Alpha State when he urged that people:

“ Do all the good that you can
By all the means that you can
In all the ways that you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can. ”

That is who you are. This is what I see from here.

I have had the opportunity to work on a vast array of matters and issues as a state officer for the past ten years. Some were public; others were not. In all of these, I worked side by side with remarkable women who, in matters great and small, private or public, in times of relative calm or time of crushing pressure, displayed traits of character that are the best of this organization. They are women who gave me rock-solid advice, women who made me laugh when crying was the only other option.

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women who called me late at night to help me make things right. They did this because they are loyal to Delta Kappa Gamma with a level of dedication that would shock most cynics.

My expectations for all members as we move forward into the next biennium are five:

First, I expect that you will work hard. You get to do good in the name of education through Delta Kappa Gamma. If that doesn't motivate you to work hard, nothing will.

Second, have fun! We don't serve this organization for money, so we ought to look to have fun. Commit to making our gatherings motivational and friendly.

Third, I expect that you will keep a life that offers an outlet for the great stress in our work. Love the people in your lives called "loved ones."

Fourth, treat all members with the exact same amount of human dignity and respect. Dr. Shirley Walters always reminded us that, "There's room for everyone in Delta Kappa Gamma."

Fifth, and last, I expect that you will appreciate the amazing honor you have received as members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

That honor – the honor that makes possible so much of the good we accomplish – is a reservoir of trust and credibility, a reservoir built for us, and filled for us, by those who went before – many of whom we never knew. Our obligation, as recipients of this honor, is to protect that reservoir, to pass it to those who follow – those who may never know us – as full as we got it.

The problem with reservoirs is that it takes tremendous time and effort to fill them, but one hole in the dam can drain them. The protection of that reservoir requires vigilance, an unerring commitment to service, and recognition that the actions of one may affect the honor that benefits us all.

I have tried my best, in matters big and small, to protect that reservoir and inspire others to protect it. I have tried to make a contribution, but it doesn't make me worry about leaving. Alpha Alpha State was in great shape when I got here, and will be in great shape when I am gone. Why? Because my list of five expectations is nothing more than a description of what you already are; nothing more than a description of the culture that you have created.

I have been blessed to serve Alpha Alpha State in many positions, and blessed to serve with remarkable people. Thank you for that opportunity. Thank you for making it fun and rewarding beyond belief. Thank you most of all for:

all that good,
by all those means,
in all those ways,
in all those places,
in all those times,
for all those people.

Do that good as long as ever you can.

MEMBERSHIP

By Haddie Weber, Membership Committee

Hear Ye ! Hear Ye!

The 2006-2008 International Membership Committee has plans for a "Membership Explosion."

What does this mean ? Each chapter in Alpha Alpha State is encouraged to initiate at least 4 members each year of this biennium with at least one half of these initiates having 3-10 years of educational experience.

Each chapter that initiates two out of four members with 3-10 years of educational experience will be recognized at the Northeast Regional Conference to be held in Traverse, Michigan from July 25-28, 2007.

In seeking new members remember that "diversity in levels of educational employment and in cultural backgrounds" are factors to be considered. Look for members that are involved in education outside the school system in which you are involved. Other areas that teaching is accomplished are many. Health care, hospitals, wellness centers, rehabilitation centers, to name a few, have women who are teaching people everyday. Also remember universities, colleges, community colleges and private instructors are a wonderful source of educators who would benefit by belonging to our Society.

You, the member, need to share with others the fact that you are a member and involved in Delta Kappa Gamma. There are two wonderful brochures that will aid in this matter. One is "Why Belong? Why Do I Wear the Key?" and "The Honor of Membership." These free brochures are available from International.

Remember at the Northeast Regional Conference each chapter that has 2 of the 4 initiates with 3 to 10 years experience will be recognized.

Let's have Pennsylvania be the leader in this "Membership Explosion."



Reminder: Chapter Presidents

Chapter President's Reports and Chapter Necrology Reports were due February 1, 2007. Please send your information to Dr. Lyn Schmid.

PROGRAM OF WORK

Alpha Alpha State Seminar of Purpose



The Gettysburg Experience: A Woman's Perspective

By Carolyn Sutton, Program Chairman



The Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Committee looks forward to greeting you at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA on April 13-15, 2007. A stimulating agenda awaits you.

Friday

3:00 p.m. Hotel Check-in

Dinner on your own anytime, anywhere (those traveling will want to stop along the way)

7-9 p.m. Seminar Registration

Those arriving Friday evening have the option to meet poolside or in the hotel lounge. (The Eisenhower has a lovely indoor pool-bring your swimsuit.)

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Seminar Registration

8-9:15 a.m. Breakfast & Speaker "Reflections on Influential Women of the Period" by Abraham Lincoln.

9:25-11:30 a.m.

Workshop Sessions

"Quilts - The Signals of the Underground Railroad"
"Women, Children, and Literature of the Civil War Era"

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch

1-3 p.m.

Afternoon tour sessions

Shriver House Museum, Majestic Theatre,
Gettysburg Square

3:30-6:30 p.m.

Time on your own to explore
(we'll have suggestions)

6:30 p.m.

Dinner

7:30 p.m.

Evening session:

"Understanding Period Garments of the 1860's"

8:30 p.m.

Evening session: "Stories

from Gettysburg"

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Session: "Songs and Stories
from the Civil War Period"

The ΔΚΓ Dixies are Warming Up!

They are warming up for Convention 2007. Who are they? What are they up to? They are musicians you have heard at other Delta Kappa Gamma events and they are looking for more musicians. If you have an instrument that is begging to be heard again, well, here is your chance. You have 6 months to tune up, stretch your fingers and wet those reeds. Let's group together to make this year's Birthday Luncheon an extra special event. Give me an email (schauer@quik.com) or call (814-628-2125). I know you are out there!



*Sing a song of Birthdays
Full of fun and cheer
And may you keep on having them
For many a happy year.*

- Anonymous

Alpha Alpha State is celebrating seventy years of promoting personal and professional growth for Pennsylvania women educators. This June, at our State

Convention Celebration Luncheon, we will sing a song of birthdays to twenty-four chapters: Gamma, Delta, Eta, Theta, Iota, Kappa, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Rho, Sigma, Tau, Upsilon, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Pi, Alpha Rho, Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, and Beta Epsilon. Plan to join in the festivities.

Alpha Alpha State Chorus has new rehearsal time!

Make plans ahead of time to join the Alpha Alpha State Chorus for convention 2007. With so much to do and people to meet we are changing the first chorus rehearsal to Friday night at 5:00. All those past members and new members are welcome to sing for the convention activities and ceremonies.

PROGRAM OF WORK

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OFFERS A VARIETY OF WORKSHOPS AND SEEKS NOMINEES FOR THE ALBUM OF DISTINCTION

By Cindy G. Reynolds, Committee Chairman

In the December, 2006, issue of *The Keystonean*, the Professional Affairs Committee made two requests of members for activities related to the State Convention being held at the Nittany Lion Inn on the campus of Penn State University June 8-10, 2007. You were asked to nominate chapter members who have been recognized for something beyond Delta Kappa Gamma to be included in the **Album of Distinction**. Twenty-five Alpha Alpha State sisters will be recognized for their outstanding achievements in an inspiring ceremony on Friday night during the convention. The criteria for and the nomination forms are available on the state website or from your chapter president. The deadline for nominations is **May 1, 2007**.

In addition, members were asked to consider offering a workshop or to encourage other members to do so. As a result of the wonderful response, there are a variety of fourteen workshops being offered which provide professional, Society, personal/enrichment or "just for fun" activities. There will be two time slots for workshops this year. Some will be offered in the morning, some will be in the afternoon, and some will be presented twice. The titles of the workshops being offered and the presenters include:

PROFESSIONAL

- **Integrating Health and Wellness Programs into your Curriculum: "Stepping" into New Programs** by Dr. Patricia Kardombikis and Dr. Randall and Mindy Nicholas will provide programs and activities that can be integrated into your school's wellness policy that includes students, staff and the community without any funding.
- **Classroom Management with Learnball** by Lindy Marwood will offer a motivational system which guarantees improvement in student behavior, work quality and attendance. Learnball creates an exciting and happy-about-learning classroom atmosphere utilizing consensus and decision making tools.
- **Summer School in China** by Dee Craig will offer highlights of her teaching experiences in the village of Donying as well as tourist attractions in and around Beijing.

- **Exploring Differences** by Sallye Jean Speight will examine differences that make a difference, examining issues of power, privilege and race, through active participation and discussion.
- **You Can Write, Too!** by Lindsay Barrett George, author and illustrator of *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse* will be an enthusiastic and inspiring presentation about her books. Participants will receive autographed copies of the illustrated calendar of activities, **KINDERGARTEN, HERE I COME**. She will autograph any copies of her books which you bring with you to the workshop.

SOCIETY

- **Passion and Poise: Shona Women Sculpting Shona Women** by Carol Hartley will be a photo review of an unbelievable experience made possible by a Delta Kappa Gamma opportunity.
- **Painless Projects for Service and Chapter Fundraising** by Kathy Lauer will offer a display and directions for fourteen simple yet meaningful projects which benefit the community without utilizing commercial companies.

PERSONAL

- **Take Back Your Time** by the Personal Growth and Services Committee will focus on a different approach to living a fuller, more balanced, simplified lifestyle which provides more quality time for important tasks and activities.
- **Red Cross Volunteering-Past and Present! Is It for You?** by Judith Schaffer will compare the experience of a 1916 Red Cross volunteer to a current day personal experience in Texas for Hurricane Katrina relief.
- **How to Tell Stories** by Barbara Rankin will offer techniques on how to tell stories effectively.

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Author and Illustrator, Lindsay Barrett George, Will Tap Your Talents in a Convention Workshop

Lindsay Barrett George, author and illustrator of *Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse*, will present a workshop during the state convention in June. Just being in her presence and hearing her talk about her love of books is contagious. She says that her first memory of the power and magic of books still haunts her. When she was very young, she believed that animals pictured in books were alive in those books. A photograph of a "sea monster" in her parents' copy of the *Wonder Book of Knowledge* looked so real that she wouldn't walk in front of the book, for fear of being bitten. Oh, the power of make-believe!

She became a fine arts major in college and then moved to New York City. She spent all of her free time in her studio making little handmade books, telling stories with only pictures, no words. However, it wasn't until she moved into a log cabin in the woods of Pennsylvania that she realized that she had something to say to children in books.

She loves mysteries and feels as though she has a mystery to solve each time she starts to create one of her books. Writing the story and designing the book is her way of solving the mystery. She says she loves the "aha" moment when the ideas come together and pop, which can be anywhere but usually happens when driving her car, walking her dogs, or the moments just before waking in the early morning. She looks for happy accidents or patterns.

Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse came out of a personal challenge: to see what she could do with her daughter's

third-grade homework assignment-writing about a mouse in one's house. The concept of an inside mouse meeting an outside mouse became intriguing for Lindsay and using the graphic idea of two lines meeting in the middle felt right. It took six years for her to work it all out and as a result, she says that her new middle name is "revision."

Her other books include *Around the World: Who's Been Here?* and *In the Woods: Who's Been Here?* She has also illustrated *Secret Places, Beaver at Long Pond, Christmas at Long Pond* and *Box Turtle at Long Pond*. She most recently produced the artwork for the activity book, *Kindergarten, Here I Come*. Participants will receive an autographed copy of this publication at the workshop.

Quoting her friend, Vera B. Williams, Lindsay explains the magic of the idea for a book. "Ideas are like fairies. They're in the air everywhere. They could be sitting on your shoulder. They could be sitting on your knee. They could be whispering into your ear. You simply have to hear them." In her workshop, Lindsay will inspire you to keep your ears open...and to have a pencil and paper nearby.

Convention Workshops (Continued from page 5.)

- ☐ **Storytelling: A Selection of Stories to Tell** by Barbara Rankin will offer a variety of stories to tell for enjoyment.

Three of the workshops are hands-on activities (one of the scrapbooking sessions will be in the morning and the other will be in the afternoon):

- ☐ **A Short Story in Pictures** by Suzanne Long will be a basic scrapbooking overview which will allow participants to practice and complete a hands-on project to share with family and friends. There will be a \$5.00 charge for materials and participants will need to bring 3-5 photos with a common theme for the project.

- ☐ **A Scrapbooking Project** will be presented by Libby McGuire.

- ☐ **Making Boxes for Lucinda Pins** will be presented by Lucinda herself. There will be a \$7.00 fee for materials.

As you can see, we have taken great care in securing a variety of workshops which will be of interest to all members who take advantage of the opportunity by attending the state convention in June. I hope to see you there. If you have questions or suggestions, please feel



PROJECTS

By Karen Ball, Chairman

"Pssst, Hey, over here! Do you wanna buy some pins?" Yes, beware the Delta Kappa Gamma gals, especially from Psi Chapter! If you see a car slowly cruising your neighborhood with a Delta Kappa Gamma decal or license plate holder on it... **DO NOT PANIC!!! Do NOT be**

ALARMED and *puhleease*, do not call the police! It is only Lucy and Ethel (also known as Tracey Dusch and Karen Ball) and we are just innocently patrolling your neighborhood and scouting out poor unsuspecting citizens that don't know about Lucinda Pins.

Dr. Lyn tossed down the gauntlet! She said that the chapter that sells the most "pins" could have dinner with Lucinda at the convention. Psi Chapter immediately



Psi members (L-R back) Barb Emmer, Barb Clark, Lyn Uhl and Kathy Keister encourage new member Molly DeSantis to help make Psi's "Dinner with Lucinda" dream come true.

answered the charge...with **"Bring it on, Chi!"** I know for a fact that Psi chapter is already saving a seat for Lucinda at **OUR TABLE** for dinner! The race is on and the Projects Committee would love to thank all of those members that are out there selling their little hearts out!

Speaking of hearts, have you seen the beautiful heart shaped pins? The angels are so gorgeous and the windows with the words of hope and peace and joy that mean so much to so many are inspiring. Do you have any idea what I am talking about? NO?

Are you in the loop? If not, ask yourself these questions? "Have I attended my local chapter meetings and any conventions or workshops?" "Have I supported Alpha Alpha State by being involved and helping to bring Lucinda to convention?" "Have I scouted out a single parent that I can recommend for the **Expect A**

Miracle Foundation?" During the state convention last June you might have heard that Psi Chapter had alerted someone about this wonderful foundation. As soon as we learned what the foundation could do for single parents (pay for prom tickets/camp fees/and other extras that a working mom just doesn't have the money to address) we started looking for someone in need. Unfortunately, we didn't have to look very far! We discovered a lovely young woman who is raising 3 children by herself and she teaches math in our building. Robin got on her computer and contacted the Expect A Miracle Foundation right away. The foundation awarded Robin \$600 that enabled all three of her children to attend church camp this past summer.

"Are you doing all you can do to promote Delta Kappa Gamma by being enthusiastic and supporting our state projects?"

I know how to answer that question. I have my whole planner laid out around **my family activities first** and then my **Delta Kappa Gamma activities**.

When I was young and would whine to my mom that I was **"bored"** or complain...**"Why do I bother with this activity? I am not getting anything out of it."** She would always reply, **"Then you probably haven't invested anything of yourself into it!"** And you know I found out that she was right! To me Delta Kappa Gamma is like a giant multiplier. The more I put into this Society, the more I get back in return.

If you have purchased pins and haven't sent your money in yet, please do so right away. Remember all **"profits"** from the Lucinda pin sales should be sent to Linda O'Connor, state treasurer. Please label the check **"Lucinda pin profits"** and be certain your chapter name is on the check. As indicated in our original proposal, profits are to be used for the Afghan teacher-training project, not individual chapter projects. Any chapter that has been unable to sell all of their pins should arrange to have all unsold pins taken or sent to the convention where the Projects Committee will sell them at our table. Please place them in a box or bag, which is labeled with your chapter name, number of pins, and a contact person with name, address and phone number of that individual.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Alpha Alpha State Convention in June and until then... **SERIOUSLY**... if anyone wants to buy a pin and help us beat **"Chi Chapter"** you can reach Tracey or me with a quick email or phone call. We're in the book! Look out Dr. Lyn, here we come!



Lucinda Yates (Continued from page 1.)

her cramped attic studio five years later, Yates happened upon a simple graphic design for a pin in the shape of a house. Ironically, she found her inspiration — literally — in the garbage.



"I was working next to a frame shop, and one day while walking past the trash can, I saw several matte boards," she explains. "The owner let me have them and I started cutting them into elementary shapes. I put a rectangle over a square, and it looked just like a house to me".

"I sometimes wonder, if I hadn't been homeless, would I have been looking in the trash can," she adds. "Would I have found such profound inspiration somewhere else?" It was a "Eureka!" moment — the House Pin was the perfect fundraiser for a local homeless shelter.

This got Yates thinking about other ways she could use her talents to help her community. Her next project was a fund-raiser pin for a community breakfast program.

And the rest, as they say, is history. Since its inception, Designs By Lucinda has sold more than 3.5 million pins to help raise in excess of \$18 million for nearly 7,500 organizations across the world. Yates' company offers a line of 11 theme-based fund-raising pins and is blessed with a staff of 50 and growing.

Alpha Alpha State has been selling Lucinda's pins to raise funds for the Teacher Training Program in Afghanistan International Project. Our efforts have placed us first in all states for 2005-2006 and fifth overall for the past three years. Chapters are responsible for bringing Lucinda to our State Convention due to their selling over 1,000 of her pins this year to contribute to the project!

In her spare time, Yates has served on the board of trustees for a transitional housing program for women and children in crisis and as the former executive board member of the Maine Coalition for the Homeless. Now she travels the country addressing audiences and giving inspirational talks and small-group presentations to a diverse range of audiences.

Not only will Lucinda be our keynote speaker on Saturday night during the state convention, but she will also be presenting a hands-on workshop during the day on Saturday. Join us as we welcome this extraordinary woman to our gathering.

See page 7 for more information on our state projects and how you can help these worthy causes.

Attention All Chapter Presidents

Evaluation forms for

Keystonian Editor
Treasurer
Webmaster

were due by December 1, 2006

(If you did not receive your evaluation form, please contact Wanda.)

Send to:

Wanda D. Keller

Finance Committee Chairperson



Historical Records Committee Sponsors

"FRIDAY NIGHT FLING"

By Carol Goodman, Chairman

The Historical Records Committee will be sponsoring the second annual "Friday Night Fling" at State Convention June 8, 2007. This was such a success last year, and everyone had so much fun, that you won't want to miss it. We will also be honoring the Alpha Alpha State's living past presidents as part of the 70th Birthday Celebration at the Saturday night banquet. We are looking for a few easels to be used by the committee throughout the weekend. If you have one that we could borrow, please contact Carol Goodman at

The Historical Records Committee continues with plans to house our records at the Paterno Library at Penn State University. More information will be shared as plans continue to develop.

Members of this committee are Kathy Kuzmiack, Yolonda Hutchison, Shirley Newhart, Barbara Emmer, and Carol Goodman.

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS



THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Carol Herbert, U.S. Forum Liaison

U.S. Government contact information can be obtained through:

- ☐ Congressional Switchboard-toll free-1.866.327.8670
- ☐ <http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives
- ☐ <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate
- ☐ White House Switchboard-202.546.1414

Information on how your Congressman voted on key bills:

- ☐ <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/109/bills/>

Bill status can be checked at

- ☐ <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

State Government contact information, including state legislature, state Supreme Court, and state agencies (Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department, Voter Registration, etc.) can be obtained through:

- ☐ <http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/>

Did you know that five constituent contacts will cause a legislator to pay serious attention to an issue?

Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is putting the spotlight on female education by opening the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for girls in South Africa. The \$40 million dollar school, which opened on January 2, is located just south of Johannesburg on 52 acres. The school boasts state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, a 600-seat theater, a library, beauty salon, yoga studio, and Oprah-decorated dorm rooms. This year 152 seventh and eighth graders, chosen from 3500 low-income applicants, will attend the school. Next year it will hold 450 students in grades 7-12. Studies have shown that when girls in third world nations get a strong education, it helps their countries in many different ways such as lower infant mortality, improved crop yields, lower HIV infection rates, and per capita income

increases. Less than half of southern Africa's girls complete primary school, while only 26 percent enroll in secondary school.

The PA Department of Education is expanding a "dual enrollment" program that lets high school students take classes for high school and college credit. Students who meet the academic requirements can take the college classes for free as long as they keep their grades up. The department launched the program last school year with \$5 million serving 6,736 students. This year the state is spending \$8 million, boosting the number of college slots to 30,000. 313 school districts are currently participating. Interested students may begin by contacting their high school guidance counselor.

As a result of the No Child Left Behind law which requires states to have "highly qualified" teachers for all core academic classes, school systems are continually seeking to raise teacher quality by offering financial incentives. Accordingly, an increasing number of educators are seeking certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the highest credential in the teaching profession. The number of board-certified teachers has tripled in the past five years to more than 55,000 nationwide. Applications can take up to 400 hours to complete. Applicants must finish in-depth projects, assemble a portfolio that includes a video of themselves teaching, and take an on-line test. Fewer than half of applicants earn certification the first year they apply. The process aims to push teachers to adapt lessons for each child, analyze why certain methods work, reflect on their profession, and share ideas. There is conflicting research on whether students score better on standardized tests when they have a board-certified teacher.

The new Democrat-controlled Congress is proposing to overhaul current education policy by cutting loan interest rates, revising sections of the No Child Left Behind law, and increasing the government's monetary contribution toward education. These plans are in response to local and national educators calling the five-year-old law flawed. The educators cite unclear interpretations, an overemphasis on testing, and broad demands without providing for the financial resources needed for successful implementation. The No Child Left Behind law is up for reauthorization this year. An informal poll of Washington insiders by the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation found that none believed the law would be reauthorized this year, but rather taken up after the 2008 presidential election.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Alpha State Convention Schedule

The Nittany Lion Inn

State College, PA

June 8-10, 2007



Servant Leadership - Forward Moving Ever!

Friday, June 8 Casual Dress

Noon-3

Check in to the Nittany Lion Inn
Set up Registration in the Rotunda
Deliver Raffle Baskets to Chi Members in the Rotunda
Set up Women of Distinction Reception in Alumni Lobby

3-7

Registration Opens and Raffle Ticket Sales Begin in Rotunda
Chapter Presidents sign in and collect Convention Materials

5-6:30

Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany

6-8

Chapter Focus Tables and Info Fair Display Open in Atrium (This is dependent upon availability of the space. More information to come.)

7-7:30

First Timers' Meeting in Mt. Nittany

7:30-8

Reception for Women of Distinction in Alumni Lobby

8-8:30

Presentation of Women of Distinction by their Presidents in Alumni Lounge

8:30-9

Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany

8:30-9

Chapter Presidents' Meeting in Alumni Lounge

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Friday Night Fling - I Hope You Dance! in Assembly w/ Cash Bar

Saturday, June 9 Business Dress

7:15-8

Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany

6:45-8:30

Ticketed Continental Breakfast in Alumni Lobby

7:45-11:15

Registration and Raffle Ticket Sales in the Rotunda

8

Executive Board Meeting in Alumni Ballroom

8:40

Presentation of the Flags and Procession of Officers in Alumni Ballroom by Alpha Zeta and Psi Chapters

8:45-10

First General Session in Alumni Ballroom

10:15-11:15

Workshop Sessions I

10:15-11:45

Chapter Focus Tables Open

11:45

Ticketed 70th Birthday Luncheon in Alumni Ballroom Recognition of Birthday Chapters

1:45-2:45

3-4:30

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4:45

Saturday Evening, June 9 Best Dress

5:30

Workshop Sessions II
Raffle, Focus Tables and Info Fair
Display Open

6

Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center
All Raffles and Chapter Focus Table Prizes Drawn and Posted in Rotunda
Chapter Presidents' Procession Practice in Alumni Ballroom

6:15

Entertainment Rehearsal in Alumni Ballroom

2006-2008 Chapter Presidents' Photo in Alumni Lobby

General seating for Banquet in Alumni Ballroom

Introduction and Procession of Past Presidents and Head Table Guests
Presentation of Chapter Presidents
Ticketed Banquet

70th Celebration Honoring Living State Presidents

Keynote Address by Lucinda Yates of Designs By Lucinda

Installation of New Officers

State Achievement Award

Singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Sunday, June 10 Traveling Clothes!

7:30

Morning Meditation in Board Room II

8

Celebration of Life in Assembly

9

Ticketed Honors Breakfast in Alumni Ballroom

9:45-10:45

Second General Session in Alumni Ballroom

Presentation of Scholarships and Awards
Passing of the Gavel

Retiring of the Flags by Alpha Zeta and Psi Chapters

11-Noon

Executive Committee Meeting of Officers and Committee Chairmen in Board Room I

Noon

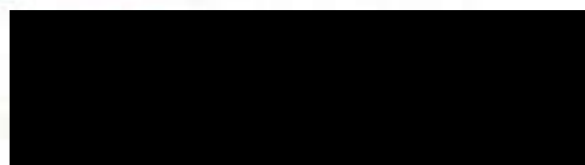
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RESEARCH: International Survey

By Cynthia Kramer, Chairman

The International Research Committee is conducting a research-based project, "What Do Delta Kappa Gamma Women Want And Need To Remain In The Education Profession?" Committee members ask your assistance in collecting data that will be analyzed and shared with the Society for the purpose of developing, recognizing or supporting action plans that address educators' concerns and that will keep educators in the profession.

Surveys have been mailed to chosen chapters throughout Pennsylvania. **Chapter facilitators will compile and send the tally sheet to:**



The deadline for chapter surveys was March 1, 2007.

Contact the Research Chairman, KramerCL@aol.com if deadline problems occur. Regional representative Dr. Beth Ann Richey must have state summary by April 15.

* **Special Note:** If any questions should arise from the review of your individual chapter report from the State Research Committee, please contact Research Chairman,



State President's Schedule

2007

March 24	State Scholarship Committee meeting, Somerset, PA
March 30	Joint meeting with Chi, Nu, and Xi Chapters, Lebanon, PA
March 31	Combined Chapters' Visit-Eta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, York, PA
April 13-15	Seminar of Purpose, Gettysburg, PA
April 21	Chi Chapter Scholarship Fundraiser, Ephrata, PA
May 5	Joint meeting with Alpha Beta and Alpha Delta Chapters, Somerset, PA
May 19	State Finance Committee meeting, Bedford, PA
May 21	Beta Theta Chapter meeting, Hershey, PA
June 8-10	State Convention, State College, PA
July 24-28	Northeast Regional Conference Traverse City, Michigan



From The Keystoneian Editor

A special word of thanks to all officers, committee chairmen, chapter presidents and chapter members who submitted news for the past biennium. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please continue to submit your news and help keep the lines of communication open!

Initiates names are submitted to the **State**

Treasurer. The editor then receives these names from her for publication. If a chapter sends a notice and/or photos of new initiates and transferred or reinstated members, they may be included in Chapter News, but the names will appear in the list of New Members only if they've come to the editor from the Treasurer.

Deaths of members are reported by the chapter president on **Form 6--Report of the Death of a Member.** These forms are sent to the **State Treasurer** and the **State Second Vice President/Membership Chairman.** The names are then submitted to *The Keystoneian* editor for the *In Memoriam* column.

Address changes should be sent to the **State Treasurer**, who will forward them to International, where they will be incorporated into the file of Alpha Alpha State address labels. The labels are sent by electronic file directly from International to the printing company.

Chapter news and photos are to be sent to the State Editor by the published newsletter deadline.

Chapter newsletters are to be sent to *The Keystoneian* Editor, State Communications Chair and State President.

Email changes (state officers, chairman and chapter presidents) are to be forwarded immediately to the **State President** and the **Corresponding Secretary.**

Nominees for Alpha Alpha State Offices (Continued from page 1.)

Carolyn Sutton

Her honors and awards include the 2004 Alpha Upsilon Chapter Achievement Award, 1992 New Kensington Chamber of Commerce Key Person Award, and Burrell School District Nominee for 1990 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year.

Within Delta Kappa Gamma, Carolyn has served Alpha Upsilon Chapter in many offices and chairmanships, including Chapter President. Alpha Alpha State has benefited from Carolyn's skills in both Program of Work and Membership while she served as first and second vice presidents. She is the co-founder of the Alpha Alpha State Women in the Arts Retreat and served as the co-chairman of the first two retreats (2004 & 2005). Carolyn has served as the State Webmaster (1998-2007), and chaired the Ad Hoc Technology Committee, Personal Growth and Services Committee, 1998 Leadership Seminar and served on the State Finance Committee (1993-97). She has attended northeast regional conferences and international conventions with regularity since 1995.

A retired school library media specialist, Carolyn has held positions of responsibility in many professional and community organizations. She holds a B.S. from Clarion University and has done graduate work at Edinboro University, Penn State University and the University of Pittsburgh. Carolyn is also an involved grandmother and a dedicated scrapbooker.

Susan Stamm

On the state level besides her position of second vice president, she has been recording secretary. She has been chairman of the Personal Growth and Services committee and a member of the Professional Affairs and Membership committees.

Susan is very active in her church as treasurer of the Board of Trustees and was chairman of the nominations committee for the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist women.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Grove City University and a Master of Education and Reading Supervisor certification from Slippery Rock University.

Louann Shrader

Louann is currently the recording secretary for Alpha Alpha State. Her other executive positions have included corresponding secretary (2003-2005), State Membership committee, parliamentarian, Rules Committee Chairperson, Personal Growth and Services, and the Communications committee. Frequently Louann has been a workshop presenter not only at state convention, the Leadership Management Seminar, fall area confer-

ences, and at other chapters throughout the state. Louann has written several articles for *The Keystonean*.

Internationally, Louann has attended most northeast regionals and all international conventions since 1995 in addition to attending regionals in the southeast and northwest. In 2002 Louann presented a workshop on Character Education at the international convention in Little Rock, AR.

After teaching 35 years for the Littlestown Area School District from kindergarten to sixth grade and serving two terms as president for the Littlestown Education Association, Louann is officially retired but still finds time to occasionally substitute!



Cindy G. Reynolds Nominee for Recording Secretary

Cindy is a member of the Beta Rho chapter. She has served her chapter on numerous committees and was the president when the chapter was chartered in 1984. She was originally

initiated into Alpha Zeta chapter in 1977. She has presented a variety of professional and personal programs for chapter meetings and visitations to other chapters.

On the state level Cindy has served on the Professional Affairs Committee, Leadership Development Committee, Achievement Award Committee, Personal Growth and Services Chairman, Communications chairman and Protocol Co-chairman.

Internationally she has presented a Jubilee Moment as Annie Webb Blanton at the Minneapolis Convention, Delta Kappa Gamma Opportunities-Leadership Workshop at the Minneapolis Convention and she was the Information Fair Coordinator at the International Convention in Columbus.

Honors Cindy has received include the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award in 2005, Certificate of Excellence presented at the NE Regional Convention in 2005, Album of Distinction recognition in 2004 and a Golden Gift Study Stipend to write a diabetes teaching program called "A Shot in the Arm" in 1984.

Cindy is an Instructional Support teacher and Balanced Literacy coach. She has served on state validation teams for the Instructional Support Team program and in her district's new teacher induction program. She is a part-time teacher at Marywood University.

She holds a Master's Degree in Reading Education and Reading Specialist certification from Marywood University. Her Bachelor of Arts Degree with a concentration in math is from Marywood University.



Patricia Shedlock
Nominee for Corresponding Secretary

Patricia Shedlock, candidate for Alpha Alpha State corresponding secretary, has been a member of Nu Chapter for almost 27 years. She has served on both state and local committees, often

as the chair, and has held chapter offices including Nu Chapter President (1994-96). She attends northeast regional conferences and international conventions, area conferences and state seminars. Pat has presented programs and helped to organize meetings across the state. She has co-chaired the state Leadership Seminar and Seminar of Purpose. As the state liaison for the US Forum, Pat served on the planning committee for both the 2002 and 2004 National Legislative Seminars in Washington, DC. She is also a frequent contributor of articles to *The Keystonean*. A retired elementary teacher, Pat is a graduate of Elizabethtown College (B.S.) and Millersville University (M.Ed.). In 1997 she received the Dr. Irene Murphy Scholarship Award and has been recognized for leadership skills in Delta Kappa Gamma.



Dr. Katherine (Kay) Thomas
Nominee for Finance Committee

Dr. Thomas is a member of Alpha Chi chapter. She is a retired administrator.

Kay has been very active in her chapter as first vice president, president, chairman of the Finance and Nominations committees,

parliamentarian and is currently the treasurer.

On the state level Kay has been a workshop presenter, served on the Nominations committee for eight years and currently is serving on the Finance committee.

Kay was awarded the Women of Distinction recognition from Alpha Alpha State and was president of local and national Administrative Women in Education.



Kathleen Kuzmiak
Nominee for Finance Committee

Kathleen Kuzmiak is a member of the Chi Chapter. She has served Chi as the recording secretary and is currently serving as the treasurer.

Actively involved in Alpha Alpha State, Kathleen is currently serving on

the Historical Records Committee (05-07), attends state conventions regularly, and had helped with the Album of Distinction presentation in 2005.

Kathleen attended the San Diego International Convention in 2006.

Very recently retired from school administration and guidance, Kathleen has been a former history teacher, guidance counselor, principal, and special administrator for the School District of Lancaster.



Carol Hartley
Nominee for Nominations Committee

Carol Hartley, Chi, has held all the Executive Board offices in the chapter. She has also belonged to the Projects Committee, Newsletter/Yearbook Committee, and has served as the

newsletter editor.

Alpha Alpha State has benefited from Carol's involvement as both a member and chairperson of the Professional Affairs Committee. Carol has also been state parliamentarian. Regularly attending state convention, Carol participates in the Protestant worship service as the pianist.

Professionally retired as a speech-language pathologist for the School District of Lancaster, Carol also taught French and Mathematics for a total of 27 years in education.



Deanna Stegeman
Nominee for

Nominations Committee

Deanna Stegeman, Omega Chapter, has faithfully served her chapter for eighteen years. Serving in the offices of president, first and second vice president, and parliamentarian, she has

also served as the chairperson of the Projects Committee, Program of Work Committee, and co-chaired the Welfare Committee.

Regularly attending Alpha Alpha state conventions, Deanna has also been a workshop presenter of Reading with Strategies published by Celebration Press of which she is a co-author. Other state involvement includes attending leadership seminars and area conferences.

After 33 years of professional teaching, Deanna retired in 2003 from Littlestown Area School District where she had been a certified Reading Recovery® Teacher and Title I Reading Specialist.



Barbara Giuffrida
Nominee for Nominations Committee

Barbara is a member of Beta Pi chapter where she has been president, vice president and projects chairman. She

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Barbara Guiffida (Continued from page 15.) is also her chapter's representative on the Southeastern Coordinating Council. On the state level she has served on the Projects Committee and the Professional Affairs Committee. She has received the state's Women of Distinction award.

Professionally Barbara is a mathematics teacher and computer teacher. She is chair of her school's math department. Along with teaching she has also coached tennis, hockey, lacrosse, and basketball. She is the Interact Club advisor and has run two successful blood drives.

Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Shippensburg University, Master of Arts degree from Villanova University in Human Relations and Guidance and a Master of Science degree in Library Science from Villanova University.

Save These Dates

2007

April 13-15 Seminar of Purpose
Gettysburg, PA

June 8-10 State Convention
State College, PA

July 23-28 Northeast Regional Conference
Traverse City, Michigan

2008

July 22-27 International Convention
Chicago, Illinois

2011

Northeast Regional Conference
HERSHEY, PA



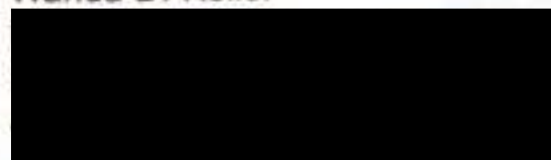
Attention
All Committee Chairpersons
and Officers

BUDGET REQUESTS

Due by April 1, 2007

To:

Wanda D. Keller



The Mentoring Circle

By Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chi

Mentoring in education is as natural as breathing air. Experienced educators view mentoring as part of their duty to spread the wealth of knowledge accumulated over their education career to those who are just starting on the road in the teaching profession.

Mentors feel a deep satisfaction and privileged when approached to assist a beginner in the education field. Being a mentor to a mentoree can be done at both the teacher level and the administrative level. Mentors have the sense of satisfaction at seeing tried and true methods they have employed being passed on to the younger generation. Perhaps some of these same methods had been shared with them as they started their career. There is a sense of privilege by those asked to be mentors that they have so much knowledge to pass on. In a sense, mentoring is education's oral history.

There were no formal mentoring programs when I started teaching. If it hadn't been for my wonderful grade partner, my first year would not have been as smooth or positive. My grade partner shared all the little pieces of running a room, such as collecting and recording milk money, to larger issues such as how to run a reading class. My grade partner exhibited typical characteristics of mentors, a willingness to be generous of their time and an unselfish spirit to share all!

Let's look at mentoring from another perspective. As I approach my twenty-seventh year in education it has dawned on me that, "This is not the army I joined all those years ago." Education has changed dramatically. From "No Child Left Behind" to PSSA assessments and progress monitoring, all have changed the face of education. Younger teachers are immersed in this "new field of education." The younger generation have become mentors and the older teachers the mentorees. Even though there is nothing "new under the sun" in education, the younger teachers are now taking center stage in sharing new ways of looking at old methods. Their knowledge of technology is unsurpassed. Their enthusiasm for this thing we call education can be a ray of sunshine on a dark day.

Mentoring is a circle. The sharing of ideas, strategies, and knowledge of curriculum between those beginning and those who are experienced has no beginning or end. The ones that truly benefit from such generosity and unselfishness of spirit are the students. Just as it should be!

CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA SIGMA



Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts on October 14, 2006 to initiate ten new members: Jacqueline Jaros, guidance counselor of Deer Lakes School District; Toni Schooley, gifted coordinator of Laurel Area School District; Kathy Kwolek, Curriculum Director and Assistant Superintendent, and Laurie Seminara, secondary special education teacher from Mohawk Area School District; Dr. Mary Todora, Superintendent

of Schools, Dr. Patricia Kardambikis, school nurse, and Malynda Nichols, physical education teacher from Neshannock Township School District; and Lynda O'Neill, Elementary Principal, Loretta Jaworski, Title I and gifted teacher, and Elizabeth Sylvester, first grade teacher from Union Area School District. Joyce Holzhauser, guidance counselor from Butler Vocational-Technical School was welcomed as a transfer member from Alpha Omicron Chapter. Initiation chairs were Cara Florie and Debi Allebach. Following the formal initiation, a power point orientation program, "Delta Kappa Gamma 101" was presented by Alpha Sigma President Stephanie Fulena and First Vice President Rose Ann Fulena. Special guests attended from several western Pennsylvania chapters and one Alpha Sigma grant-in-aid recipient attended from Slippery Rock University. Sandy Sager and Sandy Graham were the hosts of the event.

Submitted with photo by Stephanie Fulena, Alpha Sigma President

CHI



Lyn Radcliffe and Kathy Kuzmiak on a holiday shopping spree

This chapter chose to support a local shelter for women and children as one of their projects for this year. Clare House provides temporary shelter while encouraging

women to seek their education or employment with the goal of having their own home. As with any shelter, many items are needed for the families who reside within their protection. The director of Clare House shared a list of needed items as well as a family for Chi Chapter to treat for the holidays.

Members donated \$467.00 and two weeks before Christmas the chairperson, Lyn Radcliffe and another member, Kathy Kuzmiak enjoyed a day of shopping. It was exhilarating to check off the items needed to set up a kitchen, linens for the bathroom and bedrooms and still have enough money to purchase some clothes for both mother and daughter. Lyn's students in her Youth Peace Council at Hempfield High School wrapped all the presents before they were delivered to Clare House. The final result was an awesome sight.

Submitted with photo by Kathy Kuzmiak

ALPHA LAMBDA

Alpha Lambda Chapter welcomed 5 new members at their November meeting. Those initiated were: Jamie Bielecki, Lisa Evans, Deborah Krivus, Melissa Monyok and Kristy Rouse.

Submitted by Elizabeth Sember, Communications Chair

ETA

Eta members (L-R) Leslie Parish, Marge Dean and Joannie Peters concentrate on their baby quilt project



Eta Chapter celebrated the holiday season with a quilting project at their December meeting. Members constructed 6 colorful baby quilts which were donated to the Lehman Center, a family support group, located in York. The project was coordinated by Marge Dean, newly transferred member from Alpha Beta. Marge also shared a beautiful handmade quilt she had fashioned out of vintage handkerchiefs.

Submitted with photo by Terri Stetler, Eta Program Chair

Welcome to our New Initiates and Reinstated

Beta

Mrs. Sharon L. Muntz

Epsilon

Dr. Kathy Barton
Mrs. Marlene Ann Buchner
Mrs. Cathy L. Devers
Ms. Brenda S. Miller
Mrs. Diane Paulina
Mrs. Mary C. Roberto
Linda Lee Shoop,
Mrs. Andrea Ruth Wicks

Zeta

Ms. Leslie A. Kunkel
Mrs. Denise J. Zachewicz

Eta

Mrs. Mary L. Goodwillie

Theta

Ms. Traci Lynne Castro
Mrs. Sally Anne Rifugiato
Mrs. Renee M. Sunder

Iota

Mrs. Diane L. Buck
Mrs. Barbara I. Farra
Mrs. Jean M. Thompson

Lambda

Mrs. Jane P. Buckley
Mrs. Sherry Lynne Hart
Mrs. Roberta M. Hensel
Mrs. Karen A. Howell
Mrs. Mary Kathryn Mattocks
Mrs. Melanie S. Ritenour

Nu

Mrs. Deborah A. Barone
Mrs. Holly J. Hartman
Ms. Marie R. Hibshman,
Mrs. Cynthia J. Jenkins
Ms. Signa M. Strom
Mrs. Joyce K. Wherley

Xi

Mrs. Sandra L. Kokinda
Ms. Joan M. Koslosky
Barbara M. Sipler
Mrs. Cynthia L. Sklar

Omicron

Mrs. Dayne Watkins

Upsilon

Miss Candace S. Aikins
Mrs. Debra L. Maszgay
Ms. Darlene C. Pabis
Dr. Georgia R. Teppert

Phi

Linda Fedor
Rita L. Lang
Dorothy J. O'Neill

Chi

Dr. Alice M. Meckley
Mrs. Marjorie J. Paradise

Psi

Mrs. Brenda G. Brinker
Mrs. Harriet A. DeSantis
Ms. Nancy G. Inman
Mrs. Margaret L. Thomas

Alpha Alpha

Maureen Scanlon
Dorothy Ruggiero



Alpha Gamma

Mrs. Rebecca J. Kelly
Rebecca I. Matczak
Ms. Marie C. Rosset

Alpha Delta

Mrs. Ann M. Cochran
Miss Connie E. Hay
Mrs. Sally J. Zeigler

Alpha Epsilon

Mrs. Cynthia Marie Matteson
Gail E. Murphy

Alpha Zeta

Mrs. Shirley A. Allis
Mrs. Christine L. Bedford
Mrs. Marianne D. Hennip
Mrs. Sharon M. Hildebrandt

Alpha Iota

Ms. Adele L. Pardini-Hosu

Alpha Kappa

Mrs. A. Tiffany Reickart

Alpha Lambda

Ms. Jamie S. Bielecki
Ms. Lisa R. Evans
Mrs. Deborah A. Krivus

Mrs. Melissa A. Monyok
Ms. Kristy Beth Rouse

Alpha Nu

Mrs. Lynn J. Gordon

Alpha Xi

Mrs. Brenda L. Barner
Mrs. Karen Bordt
Miss Faith A. Jack

Alpha Rho

Mrs. Mary Lynn N. Hurst
Ms. Deborah A. Kapral
Mrs. Deborah A. Manahan
Mrs. Kim Socash
Ms. Inez S. Stefanko
Mrs. Diane Wojciechowski

Alpha Sigma

Miss Jacqueline Jean Jaras
Dr. Patricia A. Kardambikis
Kathy Kwolek
Mrs. Malynda Jolee Nichols
Mrs. Linda Jean O'Neill
Mrs. Toni A. Schooley
Mrs. Lauren Seminara
Miss Elizabeth A. Sylvester
Dr. Mary Sandra Todora

Alpha Phi

Mrs. Arlene S. Demauro
Mrs. Barbara J. Gregory
Mrs. Carol A. Nejman

Beta Alpha

Mrs. Helen Maenner-Clark

Beta Beta

Mrs. Beth Margaret Koontz
Mrs. Mary W. Messner

Beta Gamma

Ms. Molly Blankenstein
Carol Ann Frock
Heather Markel
Ms. Suzanne Peters

Beta Epsilon

Mrs. Amy M. Dobbins
Kathy Lynne Nagle
Sandra L. Stombaugh

Beta Zeta

Mrs. Karen E. Gavazzi
Mrs. Charlene M. Rinehart

Beta Iota

Mrs. Kelly O. Collingsworth
Ms. Kimberly C. Johnson
Mrs. Ami E. Preston

Members

Mrs. Tara C. Taylor

Beta Kappa

Mrs. M. Angela Eisenhart
Mrs. Kimberly A. Johnson
Mrs. Judy K. Pitzer

Beta Nu

Mrs. Mari Pat Dion
Mrs. Deborah Jones
Mrs. Robin Long

Beta Xi

Mrs. Kathryn McNall

Beta Omicron

Cynthia A. Ajemian
Mrs. Sharon L. Apichella
Mrs. Deborah T. Reif
Miss Susanna M. Varga

Beta Pi

Sue Castle
Carol Cohen
Jamie Lynne Fisher
Tracy Stoudt
Carol Cohen
Milena Trosini
Jenny Williams

Beta Rho

Mrs. Margaret J. Baker
Mrs. Natalie J. Hawley

In Memoriam Continued from page 20.

Rita Celestine Fox

November 25, 2006

In 1955 Rita was initiated into Kappa Chapter where she served as chairman of various committees and the chapter president. She taught in Dauphin County from 1931-1941 and in Paxtany Elementary School from 1941-1965.

Sally Kay Soppitt

December 10, 2006

April 6, 1956 was the date of Sally's initiation into Lambda Chapter. During her years as a member, she served two terms as second vice president. She also served as corresponding and recording secretary, publicity chairman, finance chairman and chairman of the Personal Growth and Services Committee. Sally taught English in the Grove City High School for years.

Thelma E. Morse

December 11, 2006

Initiated into Alpha Beta Chapter on April 7, 1949, Thelma was very active on all levels of the organization. At the chapter level, she served as president during the 1952-54 biennium. She was parliamentarian and ceremonies chairman for many years. During 1971-73, Thelma served as Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary; and during 1973-75, she was state parliamentarian. She served on many other state committees. She was the recipient of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award in 1989. In 1977, she was co-chairman for the reception honoring Anna Bell Hamilton at the Northeast Regional Conference in Indianapolis. She also was co-editor of a "Brief History of the Second Twenty-five Years," an international publication. Thelma taught for 45 years and was founding librarian of the Everett High School. She served on the Board of Directors of the Everett Library and was a volunteer for 15 years.

Alice Bair Albright

December 17, 2006

Alice belonged to Upsilon Chapter for 58 years! She taught in the Pittsburgh City Schools, Braddock Public Schools and in the Hempfield Area School District. She was named a Fulbright Scholar and studied at the University of Tehran.



Dear Alpha Alpha State Chapter Treasurers,

Thanks so much for all your hard work. The 2007 dues and fees for Pennsylvania are completed. Our experienced chapter treasurers did their usual superb job of reporting their membership information. Our new chapter treasurers may have needed a little help, but all came through in typical Delta Kappa Gamma style. I appreciate your dedication to the organization, and enjoy working with you.

Thanks for everything.

Linda O'Connor,
Alpha Alpha State Treasurer

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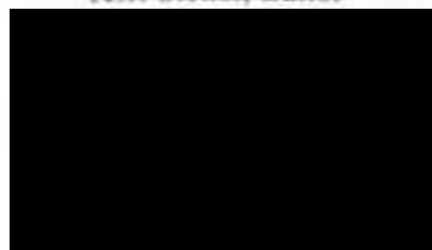
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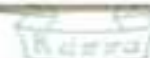
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In Memoriam

Rebecca R. Moore

July, 2006

Rebecca was named an Alpha Alpha State Honorary Member in 1963. She and her husband moved to Arizona shortly before her death.

Mary Ann Tustin

July 31, 2006

Mary Ann became a member of Beta Omicron Chapter in 1977 and served two terms as chapter president. She chaired the Alpha Alpha Expansion Committee and also served on the state Membership Committee. Recently, she received the Women of Distinction award. A graduate of West Chester University, Mary Ann was a music teacher for over 30 years. She began her career in Schuylkill Valley School District and then moved to Downingtown where she taught music at the junior high level. She served as choir director in her church and was a substitute organist at various churches. Mary Ann served on many volunteer committees in her community.

Eleanor E. Wetzel

September 28, 2006

Initiated in 1950, Eleanor was a member of Omega Chapter for 56 years. Serving as president in 1962-64, she led to the organization, chartering and initiation of Beta Kappa Chapter. She taught at the elementary level for 35 years and served as principal for four years in the Waynesboro Area Schools.

Genevieve Marie Bartholomew

October 11, 2006

Genevieve was initiated into Alpha Omicron Chapter in 1958. She served as president, 1962-64. She was active in her chapter serving on the Program Committee, Visual and Performing Arts, Ways and Means, Projects and the Scholarship Committees. Genevieve was a teacher for 42 years. While actively teaching, she was a member of the National Education Association. Upon her retirement, she was a member and past president of the Mercer County School Retirees and a member of the Pennsylvania School Retirees Association.