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ΔΚΓ - A Tapestry of Stories

Alpha Alpha State Convention and Executive Board Meetings June 12-14, 2009, State College, Pennsylvania

► Alpha Alpha State Welcomes International First Vice President, Dr. Jensi Souders, Distinguished Educator, Charles Youngs, and Award-winning Author, Jane Kurtz



International First Vice President Dr. Jensi Souders' story is interwoven with her work in the Society. She was inducted into Alpha Phi Chapter in Tennessee in 1974. Her 35-year service to the Society includes serving as second and first vice presidents and president of her chapter; at the state level, area workshop coordinator, Leadership Development Committee Chairman, recording and corresponding secretaries, first vice president, president, editor, and executive secretary; at the international level, Member-at-Large (2000-2004) and Southeast Regional Director (2006-2008) on the International Administrative Board. As first vice president,

Souders also is serving as a trustee of the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, and serves as that board's Public Relations Chair. She has served as chair and member of the International Research Committee (1992-1996), member of the International Program Committee (1994-1996), chair of the International Communications

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Charles Youngs is a teacher of English and Communication Arts and serves as the Curriculum Facilitator of the English Language Arts Department at Bethel Park High School near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Mr. Youngs, a 2009 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Finalist, brings a unique balance to his role as an English teacher. While his love of literature has

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Alpha Alpha State President's Message

By Carolyn Sutton

*"We talk and weave, and our grandmothers
sometimes join us to tell stories." - Juanita Tzul*

When I retired from my position as middle school librarian, a group of eighth grade students wrote me "farewell letters." Several students included suggestions for books that were "too good to miss"

and that I should read now that I would have the time. One of those books was the adolescent novel, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares. As the story goes, just before they have to spend their first summer apart, four best friends discover a pair of jeans. They are deemed magical because the jeans fit each of the girls perfectly despite their different shapes and sizes. Through passing the jeans along to one another over the course of the summer, they are able to keep in touch and share their adventures. The novel was so popular that it became a movie and the author continued to tell the girls' stories in three additional sequels. I found myself smiling throughout as I read this and the other three. I was drawn to the fact that the girls were committed to come together no matter where or how busy they were. Their reunions continued to be most important as they found themselves apart through work or study.

Recently, I finished another book with a similar theme - *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs. The Friday Night Knitting Club was improvised by the regulars who had strolled into a yarn shop looking for tips on knitting and ended up finding much more. They would gather once a week to work on their latest projects and share their stories of love, life and everyday survival. The women's lives gradually weave together stitch by stitch, and when the participants are confronted with life-altering circumstances, they realize that they have created not just a knitting club, but a sisterhood.

As a Delta Kappa Gamma member, I find the Alpha Alpha State Convention

the coming together of an important sisterhood. The symbol that connects each and every one of us is the "key," our membership in a society that promotes personal and professional growth and encourages coming together in genuine spiritual fellowship.

This year, the theme of our convention is *ΔΚΓ: A Tapestry of Stories*. Your state officers join me in inviting you to a "not-to-be-missed" state convention and executive board meetings. We will welcome three guests who will share their stories with us. **Educator Charles Youngs** will speak at the General Session on Saturday morning as we begin to weave our stories for a successful convention. Our **International Guest, Dr. Jensi Souders**, International First Vice President, will be with us throughout the entire weekend. She will address the chapter presidents at their workshop, participate in the Birthday Luncheon giving International updates, conduct the Installation Ceremony, and share her musical talents at the Presidents' Banquet. **Author Jane Kurtz**, member of the **board of Ethiopia Reads**, will share her story by presenting a writing workshop and also as keynote speaker at Saturday's banquet.

The state committees have worked to provide an amazing schedule of activities which will include tour of the archives at Paterno Library; recognition of 2009 Women of Distinction; Celebration of Life; salute to the birthday chapters; a wonderful list of workshops for which you will need to pre-register; installation of officers; and the initiation of an Honorary Member.

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Up Step↑ to the Challenge...It's a "SHOE-IN"

by Louann Shrader, Alpha Alpha State Membership Chair

After a successful Membership Explosion initiative the new International Membership Committee has issued a new challenge to states and chapters. Known as "Shoe-In," the new challenge is success-oriented and one if followed, will succeed (the "shoe-in" factor).

In July of 2010 at the International Convention in Spokane, Washington, all chapters that accomplish 1, 2 or 3 of the following will be recognized:

- ⇒ maintain the number of members in your chapter from January 2009 through May 2010; this means that the total number of members stays the same though the individual members themselves may change;
- ⇒ increase the overall members in your chapter in the same time frame as above;
- ⇒ add a member from an educational environment not currently represented in your chapter.

In addition to the chapter challenge, state organizations are also challenged to install at least one new chapter or reinstate a dissolved chapter.

In Alpha Alpha State with the focus on our H.O.P.E. Project, we have a jump on the challenge and many chapters have already begun their quest towards "shoe-in" recognition. International has given all chapters the framework; through H.O.P.E., Alpha Alpha State members have the vision and the action plan to follow through with the challenge.

Promote Passion - H.O. P.E.

Despite the storm, keep the doors open...

There exists within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International a feeling of support and caring that other organizations and associations may lack. This uniqueness about the Society is especially seen when one experiences a life trauma or illness. It is amazingly spiritual how others rush to the assistance of another member. Keep that in mind as you deal with membership within your chapters. Some chapters are experiencing resignations - some due to the dues increase at the International level, some due to family responsibilities, traumas, or illnesses, some due to a lack of priority when it comes to promoting the visions and dreams of our founders - whatever the reason, part of H.O.P.E. is to keep the doors open. Promoting passion is an intrinsic exercise, is difficult, and is measured in varying degrees. Life's journey and circumstances may bring us to face some difficult choices. By keeping the doors open a chapter supports a member who has resigned and lets them know that they are always welcomed back into the Society should their circumstances change. Continue to "Envision the Future" and keep focused on H.O.P.E.

Visions are based on dreams. Visions lead to action. Visions thrive on passion. Promote Passion and ... above all...believe...H.O.P.E. is found in the heart. ■

President's Message

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Again this year, the Projects Committee members have planned for fun and fellowship on Friday evening to benefit our Ethiopia Reads project.

I look forward to sharing our stories in June at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Carolyn

President's Schedule

April 4, 2009: Joint meeting:
Alpha Sigma, Lambda, Alpha Omicron, Zeta
April 24-26, 2009: Purposeful Seminar:
The Erie Experience
May 2, 2009: Tri-chapter meeting:
Beta Rho, Alpha Zeta, Phi
May 9, 2009: Joint meeting:
Alpha Alpha, Alpha Nu, Beta and Delta
May 15-16, 2009: Finance Committee Meeting, Bedford
June 12-14, 2009: Alpha Alpha State Convention

URGENT REMINDER - from Research Committee

Chapter demographics surveys are long overdue. If your chapter Research Chairman has not completed and returned the demographics survey form, please do so and mail it to:

Monique Lautenschlager
101 Maplewood Drive
Honesdale, PA 18431

In order for the Research Committee to accomplish its goals in providing demographics information for each chapter of Alpha Alpha State, it needs chapter Research Chairmen's cooperation in completing and mailing the chapter demographics survey forms, which were distributed at the 2008 convention and the two fall area conferences. Surveys were mailed to chapter Research Chairmen who did not have representatives at these functions.

Thank you to the 18 chapters who submitted their forms.

PROGRAM OF WORK

Alpha Alpha State Purposeful Seminar THE ERIE EXPERIENCE, Environment & More

By Susan Stamm, Program of Work Chairman

On April 24, 2009, the Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Committee looks forward to greeting you for a wonderfully stimulating weekend of activities at the Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Friday, April 24

3 p.m. Hotel check-in
Dinner and evening on your own at the hotel or a nearby restaurant. Travelers may want to stop along the way. Local chapter members will be available to guide you to Millcreek Mall or to Presque Isle Downs and Casino. You may want to enjoy fun and fellowship around the indoor pool or lounge area.
7-9 p.m. Seminar Registration

Saturday, April 25

6:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
Breakfast part of hotel package
7:30-8:30 a.m. Seminar Registration

Workshops at Tom Ridge Environmental Center starting at 9 a.m.



Tom Ridge Environmental Center

Each participant will attend all three workshops on a rotating basis.

Science Connections
Greatest of the Great Lakes-
Medley of Model Lessons
Watershed Moment

12 noon Lunch provided at TREC
1-4 p.m.

Participants will rotate between a guided tour of Presque Isle and time spent viewing "The Mysteries of the Great Lakes" and browsing around the center

4:30-6:30 p.m. Free time
6:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner
8-9 p.m. Speaker

Sunday, April 26

6:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
Breakfast as part of hotel package

9:30-10:30 a.m. Program
Charles Kennedy "Secrets of Spirituals"

See page 11 in the winter issue of
The Keystonean for registration
information.

Me - A Mentor?

By Rini Wolfgarth, Personal Growth & Services Member

Did you know that you are probably mentoring someone at this very moment? "But, how can that be?" you ask. "I am sitting here skimming through the internationally famous *Keystonean* newsletter and there is not one other person in the room."

I have discovered that mentoring does not always mean formally evaluating and coaching others at a given time and place. In education, of course, we think of mentoring new teachers as they enter the fascinating world of students, classes, grades, curriculum, goals, standards, etc. But perhaps many have never had the opportunity to be an official mentor and actually get paid for imparting years of wisdom and knowledge. This does not mean we are not mentors.

Since I have become a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, I have had many mentors guide me along not only the Delta Kappa Gamma highway, but also life's

highway. You have, too. How about the chapter member that went out of her way to bring others to the meeting - from her I learned kindness. How about the member who came early to the meeting just to help set things up or stayed late to help clean up - from her I learned generosity. And there is always that special member who greets everyone with a smile and hug - from her I learned sweetness.

Delta Kappa Gamma has a way of completing the mentor circle. I have learned from members who weren't even aware of the effect of their words and actions. But I take these moments with me when I leave Delta Kappa Gamma gatherings.

So even if you don't intentionally set out to mentor someone, remember we are all learning from each other and will take these lessons and put them into practice in our daily lives. Yes, President Carolyn, they will be woven into countless tapestries and passed onto the next generation, as all heirlooms are.

PROGRAM OF WORK

Exciting News Regarding the Alpha Alpha State Project, Ethiopia Reads!

By Tracey R. Dusch, Projects Committee Chairman

Jane Kurtz, board president of Ethiopia Reads, will be with us at state convention in June!

Jane moved to Ethiopia with her parents at the age of two and lived there until she left for college at 17. She began writing children's books in the early 1990's, many set in her childhood home of Ethiopia. Jane will present a workshop about her writing, will sign and sell copies of her books, and will be the keynote speaker at Saturday evening's banquet.

How amazing would it be if President Carolyn could present Jane with a check for \$6000.00 from Alpha Alpha State to grow our library in Ethiopia?! You and your chapter can make this happen!



To date, the total contributions to Ethiopia Reads total \$3101.15. The highest contributing chapters are Alpha Sigma with \$505.00; Psi with \$400.00; Eta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, and Beta Delta combined with \$384.00, Beta Epsilon with \$200.00, Alpha Zeta with \$186.00, Upsilon with \$118.00, Chi with \$100.00, and Beta Mu with \$100.00.

Is your chapter listed here? If not, we need your help! Support our state project through your financial contributions. Please send your contributions to state treasurer Linda O'Connor. Be sure to let Linda know your chapter and that the money is for Ethiopia Reads.

Don't miss the opportunity to meet Jane Kurtz at state convention!

Award-winning children's book author Jane Kurtz is a writer, international speaker, and president of the literacy nonprofit, Ethiopia Reads.

Eight years ago, her passion for reading and her love of Ethiopia came together when Yohannes Gebregeorgis, one of the top ten CNN Heroes of the Year, asked her to help figure out how to plant the first free libraries and publish the first color books for Ethiopian children. Around that time, she was also one of fourteen authors and illustrators invited to Washington, D.C. for Laura Bush Celebrates America's Authors Day, part of the inaugural ceremonies. Her recent speaking has also taken her to all but thirteen of the U.S. states, Europe, the Persian Gulf, Indonesia, Cambodia, and East and West Africa.

School Library Journal has called Jane Kurtz a "superb storyteller." Her 27 books have gathered accolades, starred reviews, and awards: nonfiction books, professional books for teachers, picture books, and novels that draw on her own childhood memories of growing up in Ethiopia, on living through the Red River flood of 1997, on her great-grandmother's adventures traveling the Oregon Trail, and on the minor crises of her children's lives - from friendship gone sour to the grouchiness of a rainy day.



Jane Kurtz

Jane has taught writing at the elementary, secondary, and university levels and served as director of the Red River Valley Writing Project, a branch of the National Writing Project. She is currently on the faculty of the Master of Fine Arts program in children's and young adult literature out of Vermont College and lives in Lawrence, Kansas.



Welcome, New Initiates and Reinstated Members!

Beta

Mrs. Gretta Young

Delta

Patrice Blaszkowski

Ms. Julianne Bryant

Barbara Heisler

Louise Howard

Ms. Linda Minarik

Zeta

Mrs. Gretchen Clinger

Mrs. Joan Gochring

Mrs. Barbara Speerhas

Theta

Mrs. Robin Kanselbaum

Mrs. Michaileen Vilsak

Gina Robinson

Ms. Mary Grace Prata

Miss Nancy Lutz

Mrs. Patricia Donahoe

Mrs. Elie Demkee

Dorothy Jones

Marjorie Shutterly

Antionette McGrath

Ms. Kate Baker

Mrs. Valerie Merlo

Mrs. Bernice Ballinger

Mrs. Rebecca Frieler

Mrs. Darlene DeFilippo

Mrs. Kathleen Polley

Mrs. Shanie Lininger

Iota

Mrs. Deborah Youchak

Lambda

Mrs. Tammy Bright

Mrs. Laura Mihalik

Nu

Mrs. JoAnn Brewer

Mrs. Marae Clauser

Mrs. RuthAnn Fenton

Mrs. Shirley Folmer

Mrs. Colleen Kline

Mrs. Eugenie Potters

Mrs. Michelle Whitmoyer

Xi

Mrs. Michelle Cinicola

Ms. Louise Dietrich

Rhonda Johnson

Laura Blackwell

Pi

Mrs. Jennifer Butler

Mrs. Karen Butler

Ms. Carolyn Cowburn

Mrs. Margaret Gerhart

Tau

Mary Ann Conahan

Joan Bloss

Kim Januzzi

Phi

Mrs. Jane Finlon

Mrs. Julie Gallo

Mrs. Jane LaBar

Ms. Brenda Queipo

Chi

Mrs. Stacey Marten

Mrs. Kathleen Swantner

Mrs. Melissa Zipser

Psi

Ms. Roberta Brinkley

Mrs. Karen Fuller

Mrs. Jennifer Fye

Mrs. Helen Newman

Omega

Dr. Bettie Bertram

Mrs. Sarah Caplan

Katherine Chronister

Mrs. Sara Lawyer

Mrs. Stacy Miller

Alpha Gamma

Mrs. Debra Biernacki

Mrs. Amber Digiacomo

Miss Jennifer Pilewski

Alpha Delta

Mrs. Darlene Beachley

Mrs. Sheri Lynne Miller

Alpha Epsilon

Mrs. Kimberly Ball

Mrs. Jovanna Porter

Alpha Zeta

Ms. Mary AttardoKrench

Mrs. Joyce Decker

Ms. Grace Grego

Mrs. Theresa Sparrow

Mrs. Gail Steiner

Alpha Iota

Mrs. Karen Brennan

Mrs. Carol Crockett

Mrs. Jill Nolan

Ms. Frances Ann Piazza

Ms. Candyce Sandusky

Miss Lisa Trapp

Ms. Pamela Wiley

Alpha Mu

Mrs. Sara Nickerson

Mrs. Patti Seth

Alpha Nu

Mrs. Sally Baldino

Catherine Downing

Mrs. Barbara Fikaris

Mrs. Lisa Hoffman

Mrs. Eileen Koch

Mrs. Lisa Swider

Mrs. Deborah Weston

Ms. Arlene Williams

Alpha Sigma

Mrs. Bonnie Barnes

Mrs. Sandy Giordano

Ms. Amy Howells

Mrs. Karen Matis

Dr. Kathleen Roppa

Miss Natalee Schmolly

Alpha Upsilon

Mrs. Janice Fiorina

Jacqueline Quagliotti

Ms. Patricia Tigano

Alpha Phi

Mrs. Sharon Filo

Alpha Omega

Miss Jean Smith

Beta Alpha

Mrs. Claire Hagerty

Beta Gamma

Rebecca Love

Beta Delta

Miss Kathy Bortner

Beta Epsilon

Mrs. Mari Grace Covert

Miss Marcia Erickson

Kimberly Hostetler

Mrs. Ann Pastovic

Beta Zeta

Earlene Finley

Mrs. Sharon Baxter

Beta Theta

Dr. Norma Mateer

Mrs. Cindy Walker

Beta Iota

Mrs. Rita Aciri

Beta Kappa

Miss Laura Bosak

Mrs. Jennifer Kane

Ms. Sharon Vakiener

Beta Mu

Mrs. Juanita Place

Ms. Carole Turk

Mrs. Suzanne Spollen

Beta Nu

Mrs. Eileen Bertenzetti

Mrs. Lisa Jo Grieb

Mrs. Diane Miller

Beta Xi

Nancy Anderson

Ruth Bell

Sonja Brobeck

Judy Catherman

Mrs. Claudia Anderson

Beta Omicron

Mrs. Amy Buddock

Ms. Dina DiSantis

Beta Pi

Sheryl Atlee

Sharon Kuznick

Marilyn Peters

Karen Cedrone

Thank You

Chapter Treasurers

for all your dedicated work!

With appreciation,

Linda O'Connor

State Treasurer

IMPORTANT CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS !

Visual & Performing Arts Committee

By Donna Houser, Chairman

ARTISTS' ALLEY

Call for Participants in Alpha Alpha State Artists' Alley

The Visual & Performing Arts Committee will feature the visual arts at the 2009 state convention. This is an opportunity for our sisters across the state to exhibit their artistic talents as well as to sell their items if they desire to do so. A "Meet the Artists" workshop will take place on Saturday at 2:45 PM in the Faculty Staff Club Room. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to share information about their medium and answer questions from workshop attendees. Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own easels or other display equipment, business cards, sales and information about their medium. The art exhibit will not be juried but rather an occasion to share our sisters' talents from across the state.

The following is a list of acceptable mediums for exhibition: paintings (watercolor, oil, acrylic); pencil sketches, silhouettes, and folk art; ceramics and pottery; glass; mixed media (basket, sculpture, 3D, paper arts, and calligraphy); wood cuts; photography; jewelry; quilts; stamping arts; scrapbooking (traditional and digital); textile prints and designs. There are probably other mediums that are acceptable. If you are unsure or have questions, please e-mail me at dojehouser@comcast.net. Space is limited so send in your registration early. Set-up will begin at 6:30 PM on Friday, June 12, 2009.

THE ALPHA ALPHA STATE CHORUS WANTS YOU!!!



Come join with us as we sing for the
State Convention.

We had an excellent group last year and are
hoping to enlarge upon it this year.
Selections will be easy enough to learn in a
few rehearsals.

Please let me know if you will join us.

Barbara Rankin, Chorus Director
235 Summit Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Artists' Alley Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Chapter: _____

Medium: _____

Space needed for your exhibit: _____

I am willing to share information about my display
during the workshop: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Return to:

Donna Houser, VAPA Chairman
1314 Georgetown Circle
Carlisle, PA 17013-7401

E-mail: dojehouser@comcast.net

Telephone: 717-243-8414

Deadline for registration is April 18, 2009

SPECIAL COLLECTION "BEADS FOR EDUCATION"

The Professional Affairs Committee will be collecting packages of beads (can be purchased at craft stores) or old string jewelry to be sent to the "Mamas" on the island of Tanna.

Each convention participant is asked to bring beads with her! Let's help with this children's educational project started by Lu Page, Enrichment Grant awardee.

Convention REMINDER

PLEASE NOTE: Women of Distinction
nomination form is available on the state website:
deltakappagamma.org/PA

Deadline for submission of form: May 1, 2009

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Alpha Alpha State Convention Schedule

The Nittany Lion Inn
State College, PA



June 12-14, 2009

ΔΚΓ - Tapestry of Stories

Friday, June 12 Casual Dress

- Noon-3** Check in to the Nittany Lion Inn
Registration opens and Raffle Ticket Sales begin in Rotunda
Chapter Presidents sign in and collect convention materials
- 5:30** Women of Distinction Dinner - Penn State Room
- 5-6:30** Entertainment rehearsal in Mt. Nittany
- 6-6:30** Artists' Alley setup in Faculty Staff Club Room
- 6-8** Chapter Focus Tables open in Atrium
- 7-7:30** First Timers' Meeting in Mt. Nittany
- 7:30-8** Presentation of Women of Distinction by their presidents in Assembly
- 8:30-9** Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany
- 8:30-9** Executive Board Meeting in Board Room 2
- 9** Friday Fun and Fellowship in Alumni Lounge and Lobby

Saturday, June 13 Business Dress

- 7:15-7:45** Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany
- 6:45-8:00** Ticketed Continental Breakfast in Alumni Lobby
- 7:45-11:15** Registration and Raffle Ticket Sales in the Rotunda
- 8:00** Presentation of the Flags and Procession of Officers in Alumni Ballroom
First General Session and guest speaker
- 10:30-11:30** Workshop Sessions I
- 11:30-12:00** Chapter Focus Tables open
- 12:00** Ticketed 72nd Birthday Luncheon in Alumni Ballroom
Recognition of Birthday Chapters:
Dr. Jensi Souders and Program of Work Committee
- 2:15-3:15** Workshop Sessions II
- 3:20** Chapter Presidents' Procession Practice in Alumni Ballroom
- 3:30-4:30** Raffle, Focus Tables
- 4** Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

4:45

All Raffles and Chapter Focus Table prizes drawn and posted in Rotunda

Saturday Evening, June 13 Best Dress

- 5:15-5:45** Membership Reception for the "Under 40" members in Alumni Lounge
- 5:30** Entertainment Rehearsal in Alumni Ballroom
- 6:00** 2008-2010 Chapter Presidents' Photo in Alumni Lobby
General seating for banquet in Alumni Ballroom
- 6:15** Introduction and Procession of Past Presidents and Head Table Guests
Presentation of Chapter Presidents
Ticketed Banquet
Speaker: Jane Kurtz
Installation of 2009-2011 Alpha Alpha State Officers
Musical Interlude
State Achievement Award
Singing of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*
Receiving line for International Guest, Keynote Speaker, State Officers

Sunday, June 15 Traveling Clothes!

- 7:30** Morning Meditation Service
- 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/Awards
Passing of the Gavel
Retiring of the Flags
- 11-Noon** Executive Committee Meeting of Officers and Committee Chairmen in Alumni Lounge
- Noon** Check out of hotel

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

By Judith Schaffer, Professional Affairs Chairman

► **Registration Required** Please check your choices on the registration form on page 10.

Friday - additional workshop opportunity - 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Tour Archives at the Paterno Library

Take a tour of the archives at the Paterno Library. See where 70+ years of Alpha Alpha State historical records are kept.

Saturday - Session One: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS (restricted to chapter presidents)

International 1st Vice President, Dr. Jensi Souders, Alpha Alpha State President, Carolyn Sutton

FOR ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS: Important updates, information from International Headquarters, program and project ideas shared and questions answered

POPULAR POETRY - Rita Tamalavage, Xi Chapter

Poetry Outloud is a national program for high schoolers that promotes memorizing poetry. The concept - becoming the speaker of the poem - can be extended for the personal enrichment of everyone. Learn about the program and Rita's school's participation, plus receive educational materials on assuming a "new identity" through "tone" in selected poetry.

SPIRITUALITY - Dr. Bettie Bertram, Omega Chapter

Education is the coming together of values and core beliefs, which can widen to include spirituality. There is a strong correlation between spirituality and the ability to cope with stress while experiencing higher life satisfaction. Learn how to maintain health of both internal as well as external leadership qualities!

IDEAS AND DETAILS: THE HEART OF

EXCELLENT WRITING - Jane Kurtz, author

Award-winning author, Jane Kurtz, will use handouts and examples to illustrate the three main ways young writers can learn to choose ideas that are fresh and focused and support their ideas with vivid details.

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM - Shanie Daneen

Lininger, Theta Chapter

Autism disorders affect a child's ability to communicate and interact with others and therefore

presents a real challenge for classroom teachers. Shanie will share her insights and experiences as an autism support teacher for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3.

Saturday - Session Two: 2:15-3:15 p.m.

21ST CENTURY LEARNING - CAN AMERICA COMPETE? - Marianne T. Bartley, Ed.D, Nu Chapter

Much has changed in the world over the past 15-20 years. America needs to change our K-12 education standing. Be brought up-to-date with important information by examining Thomas Friedman's *Hot, Flat, and Crowded* and a DVD titled "2 Million Minutes."

MEET THE ARTISTS

Learn from ΔΚΓ's talented artists directly as they relate how they created their visual arts! Each artist will speak about methods and mediums as well as entertain questions.

MIND-BODY CONNECTION

Nikki McWilliams and Mira Winder, Lambda Chapter

The mind and body interact intimately in creating health whether good or bad. Expect to decrease stress, improve flexibility, and increase function and your energy with powerful, simple techniques. Participants are to wear loose clothing as they will learn physical exercises that they can fit into their daily routine.

FROM THE HYATT TO THE HUT - Lu Page, Beta

Making a global connection takes on a whole new meaning as we journey together to Tanna, an island in the South Pacific and part of the country of Vanuatu. We'll visit "The Mama Center" where women meet daily to talk of village life; we'll discuss what it's like to teach in a school where education is valued above all else; we'll "sneak a peek" at custom ceremonies; and we'll discover what it's like to sleep in a hut and cook without a stove.

DOES GENDER REALLY MATTER? - Linda

Koncal-Evans, Theta Chapter, presenter

Based on Leonard Sax's book, *Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know about the Emerging Science of Sex Differences*, participants will explore the differences between young males and females as they relate to teachers, parents, and grandparents. Linda will share the way she uses the book to facilitate a professional monthly study group at her school.

ALPHA ALPHA STATE NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Alpha Alpha State Nominations Committee is pleased to present the following candidates for state organization positions during the 2009-2011 biennium.

President

Susan Stamm is currently Alpha Alpha State's first vice president. She has served many years as a state officer, a committee chairman, and will bring that expertise and commitment to this next Alpha Alpha State challenge.

Involved in her local chapter as president for two bienniums, first vice president, corresponding secretary and chairman of several committees, Susan also was parliamentarian for the 2004-2008 biennium.

Following a successful 32-year career as an elementary teacher and Title I Reading Supervisor, Susan has retired from Grove City School District. Her love for her church is evident through her involvement on the Board of Trustees, the Lay Leadership Committee, and as a Sunday School teacher for more than 30 years. Susan has been very active in the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church Women and is currently on the Lay Ministry Team for the Conference. She was named Woman of the Year at Grace U. M. Church in 2005, and 2006 Volunteer for the Year by the Mercer County PASR.



Susan Stamm

First Vice President

Louann Shrader is currently the second vice president of Alpha Alpha State and State Membership Chairman.

Previously at the state level, Louann has served as recording secretary, corresponding secretary and parliamentarian. She has been an active participant on various state committees, chairing the Rules Committee and serving on Personal Growth and

Services and Communications. She has been a faithful attendee at state conventions since 1992, fall area conferences, Women in the Arts retreats and seminars of leadership management. She has presented workshops at state conventions, conferences and local chapter meetings.

Louann has attended either a regional or international convention every year since 1995. She even traveled to Anchorage, Alaska to present a workshop on *The Art of*



Louann Shrader

Communication in 1999. At these conventions, Louann has attended business meetings and moderated workshops.

Louann has been a dedicated member at the local chapter level. She has served Omega Chapter as first vice president, president, and been the chairman of various committees. Most recently Louann chaired the committee to write the guidelines for Omega Chapter's first Achievement Award, which she presented at Omega's 60th birthday brunch in April 2008.

Louann also finds time to be a hospital volunteer, taking children on tours to educate them about the facility. Even though she retired after teaching 35 years in Littlestown Area School District, she still loves to return as a substitute.

Second Vice President

Kay Stuart is currently serving Alpha Alpha State as a member of the Leadership Development Committee, which is charged with the training of incoming chapter presidents. She has remained a member of the Visual and Performing Arts Committee since 2005. She has previously worked at the state level of the World Fellowships, Membership, and Communications

Committees. Kay has been awarded an Alpha Alpha State Enrichment Grant and an Alpha Alpha State Scholarship.

Pi Chapter has benefited from Kay's contributions since 1992. From Finance Committee member, she rose through the offices of the chapter to be president in 1998-2000 and then continued to serve as Scholarship Chairman, parliamentarian, and Co-Chairman of the Visual and Performing Arts Committee.

Kay recently retired from her educational career as principal in the Galeton Area School District. She has had many professional experiences and earned many honors. Among these are: President of the NTL Principals Association, Director of the District 7 PA Association of Student Councils, Advisor of the Year for the PA Association of Student Councils and the District 7 PA Association of Student Councils, and was the recipient of an Excellence in Teaching Grant from Northern Tioga School District. Additionally, she was choreographer for her school's show choir and she directed many school musicals.



Kay Stuart

Recording Secretary

Pat Shedlock is currently serving as Alpha Alpha State corresponding secretary. Since 1997, she has been active chairing Personal Growth and Services, US Forum, Professional Affairs and serving on Program of Work, Seminar of Purpose and Leadership Seminar Committees. While Alpha Alpha States's liaison for the US Forum, Pat was a member of the planning committee for the 2002 and 2004 National Legislative Seminars in Washington, DC, coordinating the agenda for nine guest speakers from across the country. She regularly attends regional and international conventions, area conferences and state seminars.



Patricia Shedlock

At Nu Chapter, Pat has held the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, corresponding secretary and parliamentarian. She continues to chair or serve on various committees as assigned.

Pat is a retired elementary teacher from the Lebanon School District. She continues to be involved with her local church activities.

Corresponding Secretary

Tracey Dusch has been a member of Phi Chapter since 1999. In her chapter, Tracey recently finished a biennium as president. Prior to that she had served as each of her chapter's officers and chaired various committees.



Tracey Dusch

Tracey has been an active participant in Alpha Alpha State as a member and then chairman of the Projects Committee. She was an Album of Distinction honoree in 2004 for being named Walmart Teacher of the Year.

Tracey has attended our recent state Purposeful Seminar, Women in the Arts retreats and fall area conferences. A regular convention attendee since 2002, Tracey keeps up with Delta Kappa Gamma information at all levels.

As an English teacher of grade seven students in Brockway School District for 22 years, Tracey's involvement with extra curricular activities and director of yearly school plays occupies much of her time.

Nominations Committee

Susan Tonzetich has served Sigma Chapter as president and first vice president and currently advises the Executive Board as the immediate past president.



Susan Tonzetich

Professionally, she is a retired high school Spanish teacher and adjunct professor at Susquehanna University. As a Spanish teacher, Susan developed the Teaching of Spanish in the Elementary Schools, which was taught by high school students. She developed and taught the first Advanced Placement Spanish classes ever offered at her high school. She established the Los Bravos Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica and sponsored the Shikellamy High School Spanish Club. Susan has been awarded a Link to Learn Fellowship, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Commonwealth Partnership Fellowship and NEH Spanish Institute Fellowship.

Susan earned her BA, (cum laude) in Spanish from Elizabethtown College and an MA in Spanish from Middlebury College, School of Spanish in Middlebury, VT and Madrid, Spain.

Nominations Committee

Patricia Crouse is currently the co-president of Kappa Chapter and a member of the Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee.



Patricia Crouse

An avid traveler, Patricia has attended many international conventions and regional conferences, including two in Europe. She has received a State Enrichment Grant and was honored with Alpha Alpha State's Woman of Distinction Award.

Patricia is a retired fifth grade teacher who received many awards and leadership opportunities during her career.

Nominations Committee

Patricia Zinger is an actively involved member of Theta Chapter and has served her sisters in the positions of president, first vice president, chapter benefit chairman, historian, tri-meeting chairman, and many other committee chairmanships. Continued on page 16.



Patricia Zinger



THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Patricia Kardambikis, Ph.D.



"From Vision to Action: Advancing the Society"

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

This publication will be dedicated to an overview of the major issues impacting US Forum members in the coming year and will also present the priority areas for the 111th Congress according to the NEA and will conclude with legislative contact information.

The 4 Major Issues Impacting US Forum Members in 2009-2010:

1. **Education:** No Child Left Behind and funding for education
2. **Health:** Benefits, prescription availability and cost
3. **Social Security Fairness Act:** Elimination of penalties to fifteen states and repeal of the WEP-GPO (Windfall Elimination Provision-Government Pension Offset)
4. **Equity for Women:** Equity in the workforce, colleges, military, etc.

NEA Priority Areas - 111th Congress

21st Century Skills - Ensuring that public schools have the resources necessary to prepare students to succeed in work, school, and life. 21st Century skills include

Core subjects with 21st century content such as global awareness; financial, economic, business and entrepreneurial literacy; civic literacy; and health and wellness awareness

Learning and thinking skills such as critical thinking and problem solving, communications, creativity and innovation, collaboration, contextual learning and information and media literacy

Information and communications technology literacy

Life skills such as leadership, ethics, accountability, adaptability, personal productivity, personal responsibility, people skills, self-direction, and social responsibility.

Economic Relief/Stimulus Package - Providing relief

to states facing budget deficits, including temporarily increasing the Federal Medicaid match and providing funding through existing state education formulas, in order to help stave off devastating cuts to education and other priorities. Helping families struggling to make ends meet by extending unemployment benefits and expanding nutrition assistance.

Education Funding/Appropriations - Pushing for increases in funding for key education programs to ensure that all students, educators, and schools have the resources necessary to succeed. Advocacy will be necessary in finalizing appropriations for the current (FY09) fiscal year as well as in development of budgets and appropriations bills for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

ESEA Reauthorization/Education Transformation - Ensuring passage of ESEA reauthorization legislation that reflects NEA's Transforming America's Public Schools Initiative, including

- Supporting the teaching profession as a desired and complex field of study and practice;
- Guaranteeing sustained funding for Title I and IDEA for special needs populations;
- Ensuring equal access to educational services and supports;
- Supporting state-led public school transformation through authentic accountability that is publicly transparent;
- Establishing high-quality educational research and development as essential to educational improvement;
- Supporting innovation and best practices to accelerate state-based improvement efforts and improve student learning based on proven teaching strategies and programs grounded in sound teaching and learning research.

Health Care Reform - Promoting the Health Care for America Now! Coalition principles for health care reform, which call for reform rooted in and built on our current health care system but guaranteeing quality, affordable health care for everyone in America.

Specifically, the principles support a choice of a private insurance plan, including keeping one's current insurance or choosing a public insurance plan; government setting and enforcing rules so coverage will actually be there when needed; assistance with purchasing coverage based upon a family's ability to pay; and support to small businesses to help them insure their workers.

Social Security Offsets (GPO/WEP) - Securing passage of incremental steps toward full repeal of the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision, which unfairly cut or eliminated Social Security benefits for many public employees.

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Alpha Alpha Members Capture the Spirit of CTAUN Conference

By Patricia Shedlock

Arriving by bus and train, Alpha Alpha leaders and members attended the eleventh Annual CTAUN Conference held at United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) held its annual conference with the theme of **"PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS - THE UNITED NATIONS - OUR SCHOOLS."** The conference is held for interested educators and administrators at all levels and for concerned citizens. This year the conference also commemorated the **60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

Each year members of CTAUN choose a theme that takes a look at a world problem and ways the United Nations and other agencies can develop possible solutions.

The following are conference highlights:

- Listening to speaker and panel moderator, William Pace, Executive Director of World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policy who said, "Human rights are the way to save people on this planet."
- Hearing, panel member, Shula Koenig, founding President of the People's Movement for Human Rights Learning, who stated, "There is no other action than human rights. Human rights are only in community. Humanity is at the center of the world - not man."



Representing Alpha Alpha State at the CTAUN conference were (L-R) Pat Shedlock, Carolyn Sutton, Betsy Berger, Louann Shrader, Anita Pence, and Tracey Dusch. missing from the photo are Lu Page, and Mary Furlong.

- Being part of Video Conferencing with participation by teachers from Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, students from Yaounde, Cameroon and participants from Karachi High School, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Presentation of Best Practices Awards to attendees of previous conferences who developed lesson plans, workshops, or curricula.
- Meeting, talking, and enjoying lunch with fellow educators in the Delegates' Dining Room.
- Being awe-inspired by keynote speaker, Greg Mortenson, co-author of the NY Times best seller, *Three Cups of Tea...One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time* and co-founder of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute. Mortenson's vision is to achieve

universal literacy and education for all children, especially girls. He states, "The real enemy is ignorance."

Attendees at the conference were Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon, Lucretia Page, Beta, Louann Shrader and Mary Furlong, Fulbright Scholar, Omega, Patricia Shedlock, Betsy Berger and Anita Pence, Nu Chapter. For more information visit:

www.teachun.org

www.threecupsoftea.com

www.penniesforpeace.org

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The Legislative Link

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More information can be obtained at:

<http://www.nea.org:80/home/LegislativeActionCenter.html>

Legislative Contact Information:

For on-line information on specific bills go to

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

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State Nominees Announced

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Pat has also attended numerous state and international conventions. She volunteered to assist at the Alpha Alpha State convention last year.

Pat is currently teaching second grade at the Beechwood Elementary School. She has already distinguished herself professionally as an instructional teacher leader for over 20 years and was nominated as one of the final 100 for the Teacher Excellence Award.

Finance Committee

Royce Ann Boyd is currently the Superintendent of Everett Area School District where she previously served as Assistant Superintendent. Her career experiences are quite varied. She taught kindergarten through secondary science, and was both an elementary and secondary principal.



Royce Boyd

Initiated into Alpha Beta Chapter in 1995, Royce has served as chapter president and held many important chairmanships. She has received two Alpha Alpha State scholarships, and has been on the State Leadership Development Committee for two bienniums.

Currently, Royce is the 2011 Northeast Regional Conference Coordinator in Hershey, PA.

Since 1995, Royce has attended state convention regularly along with three regional conferences and two international conventions.

Finance Committee

Joyce has served Alpha Zeta Chapter as president, first vice president, second vice president and has been chairman of various committees.

For Alpha Alpha State, Joyce has served on the Membership Committee and is currently a member of the Professional Affairs Committee.

As a professional educator, Joyce's experience includes the teaching of mathematics and adult education. She currently serves as Director of Lackawana College of Pennsylvania.



Joyce Kerrick

You Are Invited...

The chapters of Adams, Lancaster and York Counties are holding a **Luncheon and Fashion Show** at the Outdoor Country Club of York, 1157 Detwiler Drive York, PA 17404 on Wednesday, August 12, 2009. For directions you can go to their web site: www.odcc.com. Registration is at 11:30 a.m., lunch from 11:45-12:45, and the fashion show begins at 1:00 p.m. Christopher & Banks and CJ Banks are the stores doing the show.

The cost is \$12.00, which includes the lunch.

Registration deadline is August 1, 2009.

Make checks payable to Beta Delta and mail to:

Jane Long
1690 Rainbow Circle
York, PA 17408

We hope that you will be able to join us at the ODCC on August 12, so mark your calendar now. This would be a lovely event for you to invite a friend, especially a prospective member!



First Vice Presidents

Did you complete and return your evaluation form for *The Keystonean* editor, the Treasurer, or the Webmaster for your chapter by December 1st? If you did not, please complete the form and mail it to:

Wanda D. Keller
830 Fernwood Place
Johnstown, PA 15905

It is very important that these forms are completed and submitted. These evaluations are used to authorize the payments of the stipends to the above-mentioned people. If you have any questions, please call Wanda or e-mail her at WKeller879@atlanticbb.net with a subject line of Delta Kappa Gamma forms.



Attention Committee Chairs and Officers

BUDGET REQUESTS

Due by
April 1, 2009

To:
Wanda D. Keller
Finance Committee Chair
830 Fernwood Place
Johnstown, PA 15905

CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA NU



Alpha Nu Chapter members display the book gifts they have provided for 2nd graders in the Pennridge school system.

The Alpha Nu Chapter has had a busy and successful fall and winter. At our October meeting, held in Lahaska, PA, mystery writer Sandra Carey Cody spoke on writing and publishing. She brought two of her published mysteries, the first of which was the choice for the brand new chapter book club.

A successful project is Write/Read/Write. Selected students at elementary and middle levels write a letter about their reading interests. In the fall members select letters and purchase appropriate books for the children.

They are returned, wrapped for the holidays with a letter from the member, then distributed in December. At the spring meeting, students send written responses about their books.

Our December, 2008, speaker was member, Sallie Kingham, who lived and taught in Singapore. She told of her experiences there with visuals and comparisons of then and now.

Submitted with photo by Linda Seifried

XI



Pictured with **Jackie Murphy** (standing in the middle) are new members **Louise Dietrich** (L) and **Michelle Cincola** (R). Seated is **Nancy Jones**, president of Xi Chapter, who presented the award.

The fall meeting of the Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was held at Oak Hill Inn in Orwigsburg. **Jackie Murphy**, an LCCC student at the Morgan Center in Tamaqua, PA, was awarded a \$500 Xi Chapter scholarship during the meeting. The scholarship is awarded to a female applicant of Schuylkill County who has completed at least one year of college and is studying in an education major.



The program for the fall meeting was a "Show and Share" session. Xi Chapter members brought a talent or collection to show to the group. **Roseann Klees** brought her pysanky eggs and explained the process of creating the masterpieces. The meeting was a perfect way for the women to become acquainted. *Submitted with photos by Nancy Jones*

Note from the editor: Due to the volume of convention news, the chapter news section had to be abbreviated. Please look for your news in the summer issue of *The Keystonean*!

Proposed Changes from Rules Committee after Review of Bylaws

1. **ARTICLE VII**, Section 3 **Seminar of Purpose**

Now reads:

Seminar of Purpose

Change to read:

Purposeful Seminar

Rationale: To name the seminar with the correct title

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

2. **ARTICLE IX**, Section 1. A.

Delete the words *Ways and Means*

Rationale: Alpha Alpha no longer has a Ways and Means Committee

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

ARTICLE IX, Section 1. B.

Now reads:

Visual Arts

Change to read:

Visual and Performing Arts

Rationale: To name this committee with the correct title

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

3. **ARTICLE IX**, Section 1. C.

Delete the words *State Achievement Award*

4. **ARTICLE IX**, Section 1. Add new letter D.

New addition to read:

**D. Special Committees and Positions:
Historical Records, State Achievement
Award, Convention Coordinator,
Convention Treasurer, Convention
Protocol, and Convention Photographer.**

Rationale: To be in compliance with present practice

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

5. **ARTICLE IX**, Section 3, C. **Finance**

Last sentence now reads:

Provide for an annual audit

Change to read:

Provide for an annual financial review

Rationale: To be in compliance with International Constitution

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

6. **ARTICLE IX**, Section 3. G. **Program of Work**

End of first sentence now reads:

... and a projects coordinator

Change to read:

...and a Chairman of Projects

Rationale: To be in compliance with present practice

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

7. **ARTICLE IX**, Section 3. G

Change the wording and add numbering and lettering under G

Now reads:

The Program of Work Committee shall:

Promote within the state an appropriate Program of Work that covers a wide spectrum of activities that follow the yearly theme adopted by the International Society. The Program of Work shall consist of the following committees:

Change to:

1. The Program of Work Committee shall promote a wide spectrum of activities that follow the yearly theme adopted by the International Society.

8. **ARTICLE IX**, Section 3. G. **Program of Work**

Change to read:

2. The Program of Work shall consist of the following committees:

- a. Personal Growth and Services
- b. Professional Affairs
- c. Research

Add the following committees:

- d. Visual and Performing Arts
The Alpha Alpha State Visual and Performing Arts Committee coordinates the arts in the planning of the state programs.
- e. Projects

The Alpha Alpha State Projects Committee is a special committee appointed by the state president to carry on the state projects selected during each biennium.

9. **Article IX**, Section 3

Change the lettering to read:

- H. Communications
- I. Scholarships
- J. World Fellowships
- K. Historical Records
- L. State Achievement Award

Rationale: To be in compliance with present practice

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

10. **Article IX**, Section 4

Now reads:

Section 4. Special Committees

- A. Special Committees shall be appointed by the president.
- B. After submitting the final report to the body that authorized them, the special committees shall be dissolved.

Change to read:

Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees

- A. Ad Hoc Committees shall be appointed by the president.
- B. After submitting the final report to the body that authorized them, the ad hoc committees shall be dissolved.

Rationale: To be in compliance with present practice

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

11. **ARTICLE X, Section 3. Serendipity Fund**

Delete from this section as it is identified in the NEW Article IV. Finances Section 1.

12. **ARTICLE XII Amendments**

Section 1 Now reads:

Any individual member, committee, board, or chapter of Alpha Alpha State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International may submit proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules in writing to the Rules Committee no later than September 30.

Change to read:

Any individual member, committee, board, or chapter of Alpha Alpha State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International may submit proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules in writing to the Rules Committee and be postmarked by October 15.

Rationale: To be in compliance with other due dates of Alpha Alpha State

13. **Article XIII, Section 2 Dissolution of Chapters**

Now reads:

- A. A chapter may request that a chapter advisor from the state attend meetings and advise in problem solving.
- B. A chapter considering dissolution shall notify the state president and leadership development chair.

Change to read:

- A. A chapter considering dissolution shall notify the state president and the membership committee chairman.
- B. A chapter may request that a chapter advisor from the state attend meetings and advise in problem solving.

Rationale: The order change is more reasonable and the Membership Chairman is the person in communication with chapters in the area of membership

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

14. **Article XIII, Section 2. G.**

Now reads:

- G. Following action by the State Executive Board, all outstanding debts of the chapter must be paid. Any remaining funds in the chapter treasury shall be sent to the State Treasurer. Chapter records and initiation paraphernalia must be sent to Alpha Alpha State.

Change to read:

- G. Following action by the State Executive Board, all outstanding debts of the chapter must be paid. No other monies

shall be dispersed. Any remaining funds in the chapter treasury shall be sent to the State Treasurer. Chapter records and initiation paraphernalia must be sent to Alpha Alpha State.

Rationale: To guarantee that other monies are not distributed elsewhere but returned to Alpha Alpha State

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

15. **ARTICLE XIII, Section 2. Add letters H. and I.**

To read:

- H. The charter must be returned to Alpha Alpha State to be forwarded to International Headquarters.
- I. Alpha Alpha State Executive Board is responsible for deciding whether to reuse the Greek name of the dissolved chapter.

Rationale: To be in compliance with International Constitution

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

Alpha Alpha State Standing Rules Proposals Continued from page 21

New Proposal: The following Standing Rules be amended to allow the State Treasurer to pay gratuities on a group check at the current rate by adding the following:

...gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check.

III. **State Officers**

A. **Finances**

1. ...and gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check.

VII. **Area Conferences**

C. **Finances for Area Conferences**

1. ...and gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check.
2. ...and gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check.

VIII. **Area Meetings**

B. **Finances for Area Meetings**

1. ...and gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check.
2. ...and gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check.

Rationale: To be in compliance with present practice.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

International Proposed Changes to Alpha Alpha State Bylaws

1. ARTICLE III Membership

New Section 3.

The chapters shall have the authority to act in matters of membership and membership records shall be kept at the chapter level.

Existing Section 3 becomes Section 4.

Existing Section 4 becomes Section 5.

Rationale: To be in compliance with the CONSTITUTION

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

2. ARTICLE IV Finances

New Section 1

The funds of Alpha Alpha State shall be known as:

1. The Available Fund

This fund shall be the operating fund and require a budget

2. The Permanent Fund

Alpha Alpha State shall set aside for its permanent fund one-fourth (1/4) of its initiation fees, reinstatement fees, and the annual dues until the total of the current assets in its permanent fund is not less than 30 percent of its available fund annual income, at which time the Executive Board may reduce or discontinue further allocations.

3. The Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund shall be derived from:

- 1) one-fifth (1/5) of the scholarship fee
- 2) an annual U.S. \$5.00 fee from each chapter which maintains a scholarship fund
- 3) moneys from such other sources as may be determined by the Executive Board.

4. Serendipity Fund

A minimum of \$1000 will be maintained in this account to be used for flood, tornado, dues relief and other emergencies. Voluntary contributions will be used to replenish this fund. The deadline for dues relief will be October 1st.

5. Visionary Fund

The Visionary Fund will be used for future development and needs of the state at the discretion of the state president. It will be funded with voluntary contributions from members, chapter projects and memorials.

Section 1 becomes Section 2

Section 2 becomes Section 3

Section 3 becomes Section 4

Rationale: To be in compliance with the CONSTITUTION

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

3. ARTICLE V Section 1. A. Chapters:

Now reads:

Each chapter shall govern the conduct of its business in a manner consistent with the CONSTITUTION and Alpha Alpha State Bylaws. Whenever a change in Chapter Rules is made, chapters shall send Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules to the state Parliamentarian to check for compliance with the CONSTITUTION and Alpha Alpha State Bylaws.

Change to read:

Each chapter shall govern the conduct of its business in a manner consistent with the CONSTITUTION and Alpha Alpha State Bylaws. Whenever a change in Chapter Rules is made, chapters shall send Chapter Standing Rules to the state Rules Chairman to check for compliance with the CONSTITUTION and Alpha Alpha State Bylaws.

Delete: Chapter Bylaws because chapters only have Standing Rules.

Change: State Parliamentarian to State Rules Chairman

Rationale: These changes put us in compliance with the CONSTITUTION and past practice with Alpha Alpha State.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

4. ARTICLE VI Section 1

Now reads:

The state officers, all of whom shall be members of the Society, shall be a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer selected by the Executive Board, and a parliamentarian appointed by the president.

Change to read:

The state officers, all of whom shall be members of the Society, shall be a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary (all elected), a treasurer, (selected by the Executive Board), and a parliamentarian (appointed by the president).

Rationale: To put us in compliance with the CONSTITUTION and past practice with Alpha Alpha State.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Rules Committee

Proposals for Additions and Changes to Bylaws and Standing Rules

BYLAWS:

ARTICLE IX, Section 2, E.

New Proposal:

Each biennium, the Alpha Alpha State President shall name a member of the Beta Xi (State College) chapter to the Historical Records Committee.

Rationale: Alpha Alpha State historical records are now housed in the Archives of the Paterno Library on the main campus of Penn State University. If the need arises for immediate access to an item in the records and the person(s) requesting the item lives a considerable distance from the campus, it would be convenient and practical for a member of Beta Xi to access the item.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Historical Records Committee

ARTICLE IX, Section 2, F.

New Proposal:

Each biennium, the President of Alpha Alpha State will provide to the Archives of the Paterno Library a list of those members of the Society who have permission to temporarily remove historical record items from the Archives.

Rationale: The historical records of Alpha Alpha State may be reviewed and studied with no restrictions. However, only those persons named by the state president may remove items from the Archives to display at Convention, or for any other reason requested by the state president or her designee. These should include, but not be limited to, the current officers, committee chairmen, members of the Historical Records Committee, and past presidents of Alpha Alpha State.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended by: Historical Records Committee.

ARTICLE VII, Section 4, A. B. and C. that reads as follows be eliminated:

VII. Meetings, Section 4

A. Area meetings are held anytime during the second year of the Chapter Presidents' biennium.

B. The purpose is to encourage a genuine spiritual fellowship (Purpose 1) among chapters in the same geographic area.

C. The immediate past and present presidents of the chapters involved will plan and coordinate the program. Coordinators may request the participation of a State Executive Committee member by contacting the State President.

BYLAWS ARTICLE IX, Section 3, B. - Leadership Development

The last sentence that reads as follows be eliminated:

IX. Committees

B. Leadership Committee

Assist chapters in area meeting planning and implementation.

STANDING RULES:

ARTICLE VIII, Area Meetings A. B. C. that reads as follows be eliminated:

A. Area Meetings shall be held during the second year of the Chapter Presidents' biennium.

B. Finances for Area Meetings:

1. Expenses including mileage (at the current rate), parking and turnpike fees, if applicable, meals (including meals en route), lodging at one-half (1/2) the rate of a double room if applicable, gratuities at 15% (per cent) and registration fees of the state officers shall be paid by the state organization.

2. The expenses of state chairman whose presence is required by the state president to participate in area meetings shall be paid by the state organization. Allowable expenses are mileage (at the current rate), parking and turnpike fees if applicable, lodging at one-half (1/2) the rate of a double room if applicable, meals (including meals en route), gratuities at 15% (per cent) and registration fees.

C. Program

The immediate past and present presidents of the chapters involved will plan and coordinate the program with the State Leadership Committee. Coordinators may request the participation of a State Executive Committee member by contacting the state president.

Rationale: Chapters meet within their areas of the state on an ongoing basis and will continue to do so with the encouragement of the state organization. Chapters have established their joint meetings based upon locale and tradition. Members have expressed frustration with the mandate of set regional areas as suggested by the state.

Fiscal Impact: As regularly scheduled joint chapter meetings do not require the attendance of state officers, eliminating these sections from the Alpha Alpha State Bylaws and Standing Rules will eliminate the cost of travel and housing for state officers. It is believed that the fiscal impact on the chapters will also be reduced as joint chapter meetings can be held more locally rather than regionally.

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Convention Guests

Jensi Souders

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Committee (1996-1998), and chair of the Ad Hoc Cornet Bequest Committee (2003-2006).

Souders retired from a 30-year career with the Catoosa County, GA, Public School System, where she served as a high school English teacher (ten years), high school library media specialist (ten years), and district-level administrator in curriculum and instruction (ten years). She is a frequent presenter/consultant in professional development/leadership seminars and staff development training, having presented across the United States since her retirement in 1999.

Souders and her retired band director husband, Jim, live with their cats, Opie and Lucy, outside of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Jim is now in group travel and conducts the MidSouth Concert Band, an adult group in which Jensi plays flute. Jensi also leads classes for Weight Watchers International in Chattanooga and sings in the church choir. ■

Charles Youngs

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a classic foundation strengthened through his graduate school experiences at NYU and Oxford University, where his concentration was on drama-in-education, his classroom dynamic also reflects a distinctly twenty-first century focus, with plenty of attention to instructional technology applications. With storytelling and writing at the heart of his teaching practice, Mr. Youngs defines storytelling with his students in myriad forms, mixing the oldest traditions with the latest trends. He values a mix of storytelling and spoken word performances with online audio podcasts, journal writing, blog discussions, drama enactments and video projects. He believes "we are stories told together."

His own story begins with a family of educators; his mother and all his siblings taught in public schools. Mr. Youngs is an enthusiastic advocate of public education, and he interprets his vocation in the broadest possible sense. Thus, he not only focuses on providing his ninth and twelfth graders with complex skills, but also believes in the teachers-teaching-teachers model. He contributes to professional development throughout his district and region, as well as through many presentations at National Council of Teachers of English annual conventions, and his website and blogs broaden his reach throughout the nation and beyond. Mr. Youngs is currently a candidate for National Board Certification.

Offering his expertise as a consultant to the education department of Carnegie Museum of Art for more than five years, Mr. Youngs served on the Carnegie

International Teacher Advisory Board in 2008 and promoted the use of Web technology to enrich and extend student experience of the renowned exhibition.

Mr. Youngs received his AB degree in Literature and Communication Arts from Grove City College in 1985. Prior to starting his full-time teaching career in 1991, he worked in advertising, public relations, the arts, and bookselling. In 1999, Mr. Youngs founded the Pennsylvania Drama Education Exchange. Two years later, he became a Program Advisor for Pearson Prentice-Hall, and he continues to serve as a consultant for its secondary school literature series and online programs. Since then he has served as writer and editor for a variety of textbooks on the topics of vocabulary, grammar, drama, and technology education.

For more than a decade, he has maintained a website for his students, www.charlesyoungs.com, and now administers a handful of blogs for students and one for teachers which can be found at

<http://ifbeesarefew.blogspot.com>. ■

See page 5 for information on **Jane Kurtz**, writer, international speaker and president of the literacy nonprofit, **Ethiopia Reads**.

Esther Grander

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led her to Alpha Alpha State and service on the state level. Prior to becoming Alpha Alpha State's 27th president, Esther served the state as Convention Coordinator, Protocol Chairman, Research Chairman, Leadership Development Chairman, corresponding secretary, second vice president and Membership Chairman, and first vice president and Program Chairman. Driven by an insatiable love for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Esther was chosen for a Golden Gift Leadership/Management Scholarship on the international level. Completing her service on all levels of the Society, Esther went on to serve as a member of the International Research Committee.

Besides the honor of being chosen for Golden Gift, Esther's other honors and awards included the Freedom Foundation Award for outstanding teaching and a National Defense Education Act Scholarship for study in Germany. A most prestigious award, though, was bestowed on Esther in 1999 when she was named the recipient of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award.

In Esther's words, "This is the time to grow and glow...by learning, absorbing, sharing, giving, and exchanging, we will make a difference." For those whose lives she touched, Esther made a difference and left a lasting impression. Esther C. Grander passed from this life on November 26, 2008. ■

In Memoriam

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Garnett Ann Schultz

July 7, 2008

Garnett, recognized for her outstanding abilities, talents, and dedication to children, was an honorary member of Alpha Phi Chapter. She served the profession as poet laureate of Jefferson Hills School District, taught countless piano lessons to children and adults, and served as a teacher aide volunteer.

Dianna L. Italia

August 21, 2008

Dianna, a member of Zeta Chapter, was a presenter of technology programs at the chapter level. She also served the chapter as chair of the Professional Affairs/Scholarship committee. Professionally, Dianna taught in the New Brighton School District. In addition, Dianna served education at the state level as part of the Pennsylvania Technology Innovator Program.

Gloria L. Erb

October 12, 2008

Gloria, a member of Beta Theta Chapter, served the chapter as corresponding secretary and as a member or chair on many different committees. Professionally, Gloria taught English in the Central Dauphin School District.

Jane B. Shattuck

October 2008

A teacher of 43 years and a dedicated member of Alpha Alpha Chapter, Jane taught Social Studies, Art, and Music. At the chapter level, Jane served on numerous committees through the years.

Mary Marguerite Wise

November 13, 2008

Peggy, a dedicated member of Alpha Omega Chapter, was actively involved in the chapter and served as a past chapter president. Professionally, Peggy retired from the General McLane School District in Edinboro, PA, where she taught Elementary and Middle School Language Arts.

Pearl Winifred McCullough

November 19, 2008

Pearl was a dedicated member of Theta Chapter. Professionally, she was a music supervisor in the Pittsburgh Public Schools for 25 years. Recognized for

her musical talents, Pearl served five years as the director of the Pittsburgh All-City Elementary chorus.

Mary Edna Stinedurf

November 29, 2008

Mary Edna was the last charter member of Alpha Sigma Chapter. Mary Edna's educational career was in Library Science, having given service to Farrell High School, Cleveland Heights Public Schools, Grove City College, and Lakeview High School. Because of her service to libraries, the chapter donated a memoriam in her name to the state project "Ethiopia Reads."

Isabelle M. Hammerstein

December 9, 2008

Isabelle, an active member of Alpha Xi Chapter, served the chapter over the years as chair of the research committee, on Personal Growth & Services, and Professional Affairs. Professionally and prior to her retirement, Isabelle served as a librarian in the North Hills School District.

Erma M. Hefferan

December 16, 2008

Erma, who was first initiated into Alpha Zeta Chapter, later became a charter member of Beta Rho Chapter. She served the Society on various committees in Beta Rho and also compiled a history of Alpha Zeta Chapter. Professionally, Erma was a 41-year teacher of Social Studies in the Montrose School District. She also was instrumental in setting up scholarships at Bloomsburg and Penn State Universities for history majors.

Mary Anne Catino

December 20, 2008

Mary Anne was a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter and served the chapter as president. Her awards included the Blanche Foster Scholarship award and recognition in the Alpha Alpha State Album of Distinction. Besides serving as a librarian for 31 years, Mary Anne was known for her active involvement in community affairs.

Bernice M. Lazar

December 25, 2008

A member of Beta Theta Chapter, Bernice served on Historical Records, Membership and Research Committees. Professionally, she was a mathematics teacher in the Halifax Area School District.

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In Memoriam

Every good life leaves behind the fiber of it interwoven forever in the work of the world. John Ruskin

Esther Grander, President of Alpha Alpha State during the 1991-1993 biennium, is remembered for her wit and warmth. With a consummate love and joy of teaching, so much a part of her persona, Esther challenged the members of Alpha Alpha State during her biennium to impact the educational structure, statewide and nationwide, to inspire the creation of lifelong learning experiences, and to involve all who share our goals for education and for the Society.

Esther's teaching career spanned 38 years. A teacher of gifted education in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, she first received her BS degree in Secondary English from Millersville University. Esther went on and received a ME degree from the Pennsylvania

ESTHER C. GRANDER



**Alpha Alpha State President
1991-1993**

Department of Education, a MS degree from Millersville University, and Gifted Education Certification from the University of Connecticut. Following work on her degrees, she continued and took additional work through Penn State, Stanford University (California), Temple University and Towson State University.

Recognized as a Key Woman Educator, Esther was invited to join Nu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, thus beginning an extensive service to the Society on all three levels. Her involvement in Nu Chapter in various committee chairmanships and officer positions was a stepping-stone that

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