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At Alpha Alpha State Convention, June 9-11:

Linda A. McGreevy to Deliver Keynote Address on "The New 3 R's: Respect, Responsibility, Resiliency-the Difference One Woman Can Make"

by Louann Shrader

State Representative Katie True to be Installed as State Honorary Member

by Carol Ulrich, State Membership Chairman



Katie True, 37th Legislative District, Lancaster County, has accepted Alpha Alpha State's invitation to be an honorary member. She will be installed at our June convention.

No stranger to public service and community involvement, Katie True was first elected as State Representative for the 37th Legislative District in 1992.

Although involved with many issues, True's most notable legislative accomplishments have involved her efforts to curb drug and alcohol use among Pennsylvania's youth. True's interest in drug and alcohol prevention began long before her legislative career. An outspoken child advocate, True founded Kids Saving Kids, a nationally recognized program which trains high school students to present drug education programs in elementary schools. Prior to her election, True served as youth director for Pennsylvanians AWARE, a statewide drug and alcohol prevention coalition, and authored the organization's training and education manual.

Her dedication to this issue has brought her national recognition. Calling her "one of the pioneering members of the parental anti-drug movement," the Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education (PRIDE) presented Katie True with the "1994 Parent Award" at the World Drug Conference.

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Alpha Alpha State is pleased to welcome Linda A. McGreevy as this year's keynote speaker to the Alpha Alpha State Convention. Linda's keynote address, "The New 3 R's: Respect, Responsibility, Resiliency—The Difference One Woman Can Make" will leave you motivated and energized. Her

quick wit, energy, and enthusiasm will stir in you a commitment to continue to be women who make a difference in the lives of others, in our profession, and in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

With a wide range of professional involvement that includes instructing, directing, and consulting, Linda has engaged and energized audiences at conferences and symposiums across the state. Her advocacy for children and health care have made her a requested speaker by Smithkline Beecham, McDonald's Restaurants, the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit, and Penn State University Health Education Conferences. Among others, she has keynoted PASSAP conferences and Keystone Health Promotion Conferences, and has given the keynote for the North Allegheny School District Health Services Symposium. Most recently, Linda has developed and chaired the "Safe School Summit" conference which focused on making schools, communities and families safe for children. This summit, which engaged professional staff during the day and involved the community and senior citizens in the evening, received media coverage and kudos for Linda's efforts.

Linda's accolades include being named Central Pennsylvania's School Nurse of the Year, serving as a

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Pleasantries from Planet Polly

*When the moon is in the seventh house
And Jupiter aligns with Mars
Then peace will guide the planets
And love will steer the stars.
--The 5th Dimension*

Dear Alpha Alpha State Sisters,

I get letters! I get cards, notes, calls and e-mails! They all ask, "Why come to convention? I'm not an officer, not a committee chair; plus, what about my family?" My answer is always the same: "You deserve a weekend with other key women educators!"

The Alpha Alpha State Officers and State Committee Chairmen invite ALL members to convention. This issue contains information for members. Below is information to encourage you to bring the family. Here is what State College has to offer: campus museums, golf, tennis, fitness, downtown shopping, and special area attractions. There is a shuttle that will take guests to the University Creamery and to the Nittany Lion Inn. Campus museums are a short walk from the inn.

CAMPUS ATTRACTIONS

Museums

Penn State has museums open to the public free of charge. The Matson Museum of Anthropology (814-865-3853) presents a worldwide ethnographic and archaeological collection. Frost Entomological Museum (814-865-2865) houses approximately 1/4 million insects. Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum (814-865-6427) features a variety of minerals and a collection of paintings. Palmer Museum of Art (814-865-7672) presents selections from its permanent collection.

Golf

Play the two 18-hole regulation courses or putter around the Nittany six-hole golf course. Call 814-865-1833 for starting times; reservations are required.

Tennis

Lion Country offers six clay outdoor courts, six Deco Turf II outdoor courts, and four indoor hard courts. To arrange playing times, call 814-865-1381.

Fitness

The McCoy Natatorium boasts one of the finest swimming facilities in the nation, including three indoor pools plus a large heated outdoor pool. The Fitness Loft contains 35 exercise machines and overlooks the pools. Plenty of lap swimming time is available for adults and children. Call 814-863-1311 for times and rates. The Penn Stater Conference

Center Hotel features an indoor swimming pool with whirlpool, a fitness center, and saunas.

University Creamery

University Creamery, owned and operated by Penn State, makes and sells the world's greatest ice cream and other fresh dairy products. Call 814-865-7535 for hours.

SIGHT-SEEING ATTRACTIONS

Bellefonte Historical Railroad

Enjoy an excursion with a choice of routes on more than 60 miles of track. (814-355-0311)

Penns Cave

Water caverns feature an underground stream, limestone formations, and the North American Wildlife Sanctuary. (814-364-1664)

Woodward Cave

Guided tours cover five large rooms with limestone formations, cave coral, and rare helicitites. (814-349-9800)

Happy Valley Friendly Farm

A petting zoo and an agricultural learning center. (814-365-1902)

Mt. Nittany Vineyard and Winery

Grape-growing farm winery features a tasting room overlooking the valley. (814-466-6373)

Shavers Creek

See live eagles, hawks, and owls in the Raptor Center. The exhibit has quiz boards, displays, and interactive puzzles. Visit butterfly, bee, and hummingbird gardens. Hike a trail using an illustrated booklet. Open daily 10-5; call 814-863-2000 for directions.

There are many fun, interesting things for your family to do during convention weekend. There will be many fun, interesting things for *you* to do during convention weekend. Plan to join other key women educators, hear our keynote speaker, meet an author and purchase one or more of her books and have them signed! Workshops, birthday luncheon, initiates' recognition, presidents' procession, and a very special treat, Esther Grander and her "Grander Portfolio," a workshop offering fun, surprises and prizes!

Come to convention! Don't miss the fun, the informative workshops and the ceremonies. The moon is in the 7th house and key women educators will steer the stars (I hope they steer them to the Creamery!). *Sincerely, Polly Delaney, State President*

Alpha Alpha State Convention and Executive Board Meetings Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11, 2000, State College, Pennsylvania *"The World of Delta Kappa Gamma - Women Who Make a Difference"*

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

(Locations will be announced in the convention program booklet)

Friday Evening

- 6-9 p.m. REGISTRATION
6:30-9 SCHOLARSHIP SHOP
7-8 FIRST-TIMERS
7-8 **KADES-MARGOLIS:**
This workshop will offer a wide variety of detailed investment and retirement information. The representative will be available to answer individual questions/concerns. This workshop will be repeated Saturday afternoon.
7-9 QUILTING BEE
(See Projects Update, page 6)
8-9 **LADY BEWARE WORKSHOP**
This session, offering safety tips for women, will be presented by a Pennsylvania State Trooper. It will be repeated Saturday afternoon.
8-9:30 MEET THE AUTHOR/BOOK SIGNING
(Catherine Gourley—see page 4)
8-10 INCOMING PRESIDENTS WORKSHOP
9-11 STATE CHORUS REHEARSAL

Saturday

- 7-11 a.m. CONTINUOUS CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
7:30- REGISTRATION
7:30- SCHOLARSHIP SHOP
7:30-8:30 STATE CHORUS REHEARSAL
8:45 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**
Linda A. McGreevy
9:30-9:45 BREAK
10-12 NOON EXECUTIVE BOARD/GENERAL SESSION
12-2 P.M. BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
2:15-2:45 PRESIDENTS' REHEARSAL
2:15-3:15 **WRITING NONFICTION BOOKS FOR CHILDREN: THE AUTHOR AND EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Author Catherine Gourley will conduct this workshop which will include information from her American Girl research. She will provide a behind-the-scenes look at how narrative nonfiction books come to be . . . from concept through research to final product.

- 2:15-4:30 **WORKSHOPS**
(two sessions, 2:15-3:15, 3:30-4:30. Times of each workshop will be announced in program booklet.)
PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS
➤ **Kades-Margolis** (repeat)
➤ **Lady Beware** (repeat)
➤ **SLOVAKIA: THE FORGOTTEN COUNTRY IN EUROPE**

This session will feature a photographic tour of Slovakia, accompanied by a video of traditional Slavic entertainment. On display for browsing will

be amber jewelry, pysanky eggs, ethnic dolls, crystal, and pottery from Slovakia and neighboring countries.

➤ ACT 48—IT'S HERE . . . NOW WHAT?

This session is a must for all professional educators in the state of Pennsylvania! A look at the requirements and provisions of the Continuing Professional Education Act as it affects those currently teaching or retired.

➤ QUILT BLOCKS

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Quilt block designs are used to create activities of review in many different subject areas. Participants will be led through the process of how to create classroom examples in their own areas. Each participant will leave with a packet of materials ready to use in the classroom.

➤ GENEALOGY

Become a "tree-climber"! Learn about one of America's fastest growing hobbies, genealogy. Workshop will provide suggestions for getting started tracing family roots in order to preserve history for future generations.

➤ THANKS A MILLION,

PRESIDENT POLLY

Those attending this session with facilitator Esther Grander will explore a multitude of golden opportunities and will be exposed to millions of pieces of valuable data. There will be prizes and surprises! Hearty laughter is guaranteed.

➤ PROJECTS WORKSHOP

This session will discuss the Alpha Alpha State projects. See the quilts and the Pennsylvania scarf; hear about the Wagon Pull!

➤ ARTISTS' ALLEY/RUBBER STAMPING

Make-and-take workshop: cards, memo pads, etc.

- 3:30-4:30 BOOK SIGNING: CATHERINE GOURLEY
5:30 INCOMING PRESIDENTS' PHOTO
6:00 BANQUET

Sunday

- 7 a.m. CHURCH SERVICES
8:15 CELEBRATION OF LIFE
9-11 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING/
GENERAL SESSION/ CONTINUOUS
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
10:30 STATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
11:15 STATE OFFICERS MEETING
12 noon HOTEL CHECKOUT

Katie True Accepts State Honorary Membership

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She also served the U. S. Department of Education, volunteering as a grant application reviewer and site selector for the Drug-Free School recognition program, and has made numerous national speaking appearances regarding youth drug and alcohol education prevention.

In addition to her interest in drug and alcohol prevention/education, she is also an advocate for breast cancer research. She drafted legislation which allows taxpayers to check off any or all of their refund on the State Income Tax form. In 1997 she was the recipient of the Pink Ribbon Award, presented by the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition.

She is also an advocate for the children of Pennsylvania. In 1998 she prime-sponsored legislation that creates CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) programs throughout the Commonwealth. This law will aid the courts in making informed decisions for the overall benefit of abused children under the court's jurisdiction.

Born in Baltimore, True's family moved to rural Lancaster when she was 12 years old. She is a 1958 graduate of J. P. McCaskey High School. She lives with her husband, Peter, in East Hempfield Township. She is the mother of three, stepmother to three, and grandmother to six children. ☐

Linda McGreevy to Keynote State Convention

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board member for the Pennsylvania School Nurses Association on nursing practice and President of the PSEA Southern Region's Department of Pupil Services. She is the Wellness Chairman for the Pennsylvania State Health Department's South Central Region and is involved in the State Safe Kids Coalition. Linda has recently given testimony before the State House Education's Subcommittee on Basic Education. In addition, Linda has written numerous articles relating to health and academics as well as book reviews.

Linda received her Bachelor of Science degree (BSN; RN) from Fairleigh Dickinson University and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Certification (PNP) from Rutgers University. She has taken postgraduate courses in community health services through Trenton State and received school nurse certification (CSN) through Millersville University. Currently she is working on both her Masters Degree in Curriculum and Education, and her Principal certification through Penn State University, Harrisburg. Linda serves the Bermudian Springs School District as a certified school nurse and works in the development, promotion, and management of model school health programs that involve not only the students in her care, but the staff and community as well.

"To win friends and influence people has always been my philosophy in my delivery of health services and therapeutics." Not only will Linda win you over and influence you in her own words, but she will leave you with the feeling that you are indeed a woman who makes a difference! ☐

Featured Author and Workshop Leader at Alpha Alpha State Convention: *American Girl* Catherine Gourley



"Well, I heard the news."

"And?"

"It's Felicity this year, and the author Catherine Gourley too!"

"Wow! I can't wait."

Catherine Gourley will lead a workshop on "Writing Nonfiction Books for Children: The Author and Editor's Perspective" on Saturday, June 10 at the Alpha Alpha State Convention. Gourley's books include three in the *American Girl* historical series: *Welcome to Felicity's World* (the American Revolution), *Welcome to Samantha's World* (turn-of-the-century America), and *Welcome to Molly's World* (World War II home front), as well as many other narrative nonfiction books and other works for both young adults and adults. She has received many awards for her books; most recently, the American Library Association named Gourley's *Good Girl Work*, which explores the work experiences of female children and women in factories and sweatshops, to its list of best nonfiction books for young adults published in 1999. Gourley is a contributing editor to *Writing!* magazine, which circulates to junior and senior high classrooms. At present she is consultant for Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, acting as director of that organization's national reading-writing project called Letters About Literature. Her teaching experience includes ten years as a public high school English teacher as well as positions in teaching writing for both the Pennsylvania State University and Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas. ☐



by Patricia A. Shedlock, U. S. Forum State Liaison

The Legislative Line

Dear Members:

The U. S. Forum Steering Committee continues to study the issue of a Legislative Advocate position in the Society. Because of the resolution passed at the Dallas Convention, the Steering Committee will bring the issue to membership at the Convention, 2000.

At the request of the U. S. Forum Steering Committee Chairman, Dr. Jacqueline Abbott, a second part has been added to the original position paper prepared by Rita G. Koman, S. E. Region Alternate, U. S. Forum. It outlines the pros and cons of the Society having sole ownership of a legislative advocate or sharing a legislative advocate with a similar minded organization. The committee would like to know how each state feels about this position. Each state is asked to submit a ballot by May 30, 2000, supporting one of the following:

1. Supporting a legislative advocate for Delta Kappa Gamma
2. Supporting a shared legislative advocate position.
3. Not supporting a legislative advocate position at this time.

If you want a copy of the position paper, please e-mail me at the above address.

Pennsylvania Hotline

The House was out of session until March 13 for budget hearings. House Bill 966, one of the "30 and out" bills, is currently in the House Appropriations Committee. The legislation, as amended, provides for two windows. The first would begin March 1, 2000 and close June 30, 2000. The second would open January 1, 2001 and close on June 30, 2001. It still will have to pass the full House, go through the Senate process, and be signed by the Governor before it could become law.

The Senate returned to session Monday, March 6. They are focusing on budget hearings before the Appropriations Committee. The House Education Committee held an informational meeting on House Bill 2189, which is the rewrite of the law relating to the Professional Standards and Practice Commission. One of the changes would give the Commission authority to discipline employees employed by charter schools who do not hold state certification.

The National Education Association (NEA) has released preliminary results of the School Modernization Needs Assessment. The report indicates that overall, states' unmet school modernization funding needs approach \$308 billion, almost three times the earlier assessment by the U. S. Government Accounting Office. Unmet funding needs vary substantially across states, from a high of \$50.7 billion in New York to a low of \$333 million in Vermont. Unmet funding needs for school infrastructure versus technology also vary a great deal.

Pennsylvania is ranked 7th nationally with a total modernization need of \$10.4 billion (\$8.4 billion for infrastructure and \$2 billion for technology). A full report will be available in the near future.

House Moves More ESEA Bills

The House Education and the Workforce Committee returned to legislative action February 20th with consideration of a pair of bills that would reauthorize portions of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Recall that the House chose to consider ESEA in various pieces, while the Senate still plans to move one all-encompassing bill.

One measure, HR 3222, is intended to improve literacy programs for adults and children. The bill, entitled the Literacy Involves Families Together (LIFT) Act, would build on the current national literacy program, Even Start, which provides grants to states for family literacy classes and training.

The legislation would allow states to use a portion of their Even Start grants to help train family literacy instructors, as long as states do not reduce the services for literacy programs themselves. In addition, the bill would increase authorizations for Even Start to \$500 million for the first year, and would increase the percentage of funds reserved to serve migrants and native Americans from 5 percent to 6 percent once funding reaches \$250 million.

Vouchers—In Bankruptcy Bills?

Hidden in the Bankruptcy Reform Act passed by the Senate is a voucher position to provide federal funds to send certain students to private schools. This amendment, by Senator Hatch of Utah, was presented under the guise of school safety. The bankruptcy bill has nothing to do with school safety. Rather, this is an attempt to provide federal funding for private school vouchers.

Under this provision, if a child attends a Title I school and becomes a victim (the provision does not define the term "victim") of a violent criminal offense on school grounds, the school district may use any federal education funds it receives (including Title I, IDEA, and other monies) to provide a voucher for the student. This voucher can be used to attend any other public, private, or religious school chosen by the student's parents. Federal funds could also be used to pay the transportation costs for the child to attend any school, public or private, which is outside of their current school district.

Final note: There is much information that is coming my way regarding educational legislation. I try to select timely and interesting topics to go into this article for The Keystoneian. While I choose the most current updates to be presented, the issue is published about one month after my deadline date.



Using TEAMWORK to Collaborate, Communicate, Commit

by Pat Arnold, Personal Growth and Services

The Program of Work Committees have committed themselves all winter by e-mailing, snail-mailing, and phone-calling to plan for coming attractions. So be on the lookout for places, dates, and times. Input from all committee chairmen and committee members will assure you, as members, of enjoyable and worthwhile programs.

Chapter Presidents will soon be receiving a letter introducing our Alpha Alpha State Album of Distinction. This album is designed to recognize members who have received honors for their contributions outside of Delta Kappa Gamma. Charter entries will be made during the Birthday Luncheon at Convention in June.

If you are a program chairman, you should be getting your files in order so they can be passed on to your successor. You should also make plans to talk to that person. It will make her job much easier.

It's not too early to start making your plans for the fall. I know you're probably saying, "What does she mean? It's just barely spring!" But we feel that our Leadership Seminar will be so exciting, you will not want to miss it. Keep November 3, 4 & 5 marked on your calendar. Come to the Harrisburg Marriott and enjoy our "Leadership RE-treat." Our themes will be Rest, Relax, Revive, Restore, and Remember Your Spirit. Oh, and we don't want to forget our Renaissance Faire on Saturday night. Don't miss the chance of a lifetime to do something for yourself. You need it and you deserve it. Hope to see you there.

We hope that our committees have followed the CARE acronym presented in our program manual:

Create an action plan for Personal Growth and Services.

Apply information to Professional Affairs.

Realize the ramifications through Research.

Emphasize important aspects with Music and other Arts.

If you have any suggestions for the Personal Growth and Services Committee, please contact Pat

committee.

Projects Update



by Haddie Weber, Projects Chairman

The Great American Wagon Pull will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2000, at Schenley Park in Pittsburgh. Delta Kappa Gamma is on its way to being a Champion Sponsor for this great event. A few weeks ago I asked each chapter to donate \$40.00. With this donation a needy child would receive a wagon, and a child and an adult would have admissions to this event with all the other goodies that will be given that day.

Your response has been tremendous. Thank you for your donations, but also, thank you for your notes of encouragement. It was great to hear and read how some chapters obtained funds for this donation. Some donations were matched by another member; one chapter raffled a special prize; some made special collections. I have listed below all chapters from whom donations were received by March 1.

Gamma	Omega	Alpha Sigma
Delta	Alpha Delta	Alpha Tau
Zeta	Alpha Epsilon	Alpha Phi
Eta	Alpha Kappa	Alpha Psi
Theta	Alpha Lambda	Beta Delta
Kappa	Alpha Mu	Beta Iota
Lambda	Alpha Nu	Beta Kappa
Chi	Alpha Pi	Beta Xi
Psi	Alpha Rho	Beta Pi

If your chapter is not listed and has not donated, please contact Haddie Weber [redacted]

BLUE RIBBON CAMPAIGN: Thank you, chapters, for all your Blue Ribbon orders. Remember, April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Wear your Blue Pin during the month of April.

ABC QUILT PROJECT: Thank you to the chapters that are quilting. Many of you have asked for the video. Your response has been great. At the State Convention on Friday night, June 9, there will be an ABC Quilt "Quilting Bee." Supplies you might bring include needles, thimble, thread snippers, quilting thread, cotton cro-sheen thread, and a portable sewing machine if you are able to bring one.

If your chapter has a quilt or quilts to finish, bring it/them along. Maybe you would like to make a quilt? Check with your projects chairman or with me, and a list of materials and cost will be provided.

Don't miss an evening of fun! If your chapters have finished quilts and need labels, let me know. If you have not distributed them to an ABC QUILT zone coordinator, bring them to convention and I will get them to the zone coordinator in Pittsburgh. Thank you again for your support.

Haddie Weber, Projects Chairman
[redacted] PA 15236.

Power Surge . . .

Clarification on Classification

by Carol Ulrich, State Membership Chairman

Most recently I received some inquiries about the different classifications of membership in our Society. There are three classifications of membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society: Active, Reserve, and Honorary. To help each member and each chapter look for qualified individuals for membership, I have listed below an explanation of each classification, as taken from "Guidelines for Chapter Membership Chairmen, 1998."

ACTIVE: Active members shall be women who are employed in educational work at the time of their election and have had three or more years of experience as professional educators.

A member who has retired from educational work retains the rights and privileges of active membership as long as the responsibilities of active membership are met. An active member shares in financing chapter activities, participates in chapter programs and projects, contributes to committee work, votes, and may hold office.

An active member who is retired from educational work and who is unable to meet the requirements of active membership because of physical disability and/or geographical location may request reserve status. The status of an active member cannot be changed to honorary.

RESERVE: Reserve members shall be formerly active members who are retired from educational work and are unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of physical disability and/or geographical location. Reserve status shall be granted by a majority vote of the chapter.

A member is considered retired from educational work only if she qualifies as retired in her own educational situation. One who leaves the profession to raise a family or to engage in some other activity is not eligible for reserve membership.

Reserve members have all the privileges of membership except that of holding office and have no obligations except payment of dues and the scholarship fee. When a retired member requests reserve status, her request should be considered carefully. She may retain her active status by being granted valid excuse for being unable to participate at the regularly scheduled meetings. Reserve classification should be granted if merited. Reserve status once granted is permanent as long as the annual dues and scholarship fee are paid or unless changed by vote of the chapter.

HONORARY: Honorary members shall be women not eligible for active membership who have rendered notable service to education or to women and are elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service. They shall be privileged to participate in all activities except that of holding office.

Active members may not be granted honorary membership. A retired educator is eligible for invitation to honorary membership only if she is currently giving distinguished service to education or to women. An honorary member may not be initiated in absentia. An honorary member is privileged to participate in all activities of the Society except that of holding office, but she may serve as parliamentarian. A lifetime fee of U. S. \$35.00 for International publications is paid at the time of initiation for each honorary member by the highest initiating unit of the Society.

Additional information about each of these classifications can be found in the Constitution, 1998; International Standing Rules, 1998, and the Handbook, 1998.

Carol Ulrich



News from the Chapters

Teas and Celebrations for Iota, Tau, Beta Pi

Iota

Iota's October meeting was cause for a dual celebration: Dorothy McGregor's and Helen Louise Sellers' 50th Anniversary in Delta Kappa Gamma, and the awarding of our chapter's first achievement awards.

Almost 50 years from the day of their initiation, October 22, 1949, Iota Chapter held a surprise celebration for Dorothy and Helen Louise, who also became co-recipients of the chapter's first achievement awards.

In presenting each woman with the Achievement Award, President Edna Neely gave her a lovely, engraved trinket box with roses on the lid. Edna also assembled a pictorial booklet for Dorothy and Helen Louise, depicting their many years of dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma. Chapter members marked the occasion by showering them with cards and gifts, as well as a red rose for each honoree. For Helen Louise, receiving a rose was especially meaningful, because she never received her rose at initiation due to a mix-up.

Dorothy McGregor, a former music teacher, has served as chairman of the Music Committee for many years. Helen Louise Sellers served as President and is known for imparting wisdom. Congratulations, Dorothy and Louise!

Submitted by Connie McClain and Wanda Keller



Seated, left, Helen Louise Sellers; right, Dorothy McGregor; standing, Nancy Musselman

Tau

Tau Chapter recently held their second annual Valentine Treat at Genetti's Hotel in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Because the chapter doesn't schedule regular meetings during the winter, the Valentine Treat was devised to give Tau sisters an opportunity for fellowship and a break from those mid-winter doldrums. This year's Treat was planned as a Valentine Tea with some sinfully delicious desserts, but Chairman Cathy Cortegerone, with help from Betsy Balonis and Alice Hudak, decided to take our special day one step further. They enlisted the assistance of Alice's son John, Executive Chef at the Huntsville Golf Club. Chef Hudak presented a cooking demonstration on "Italian Cuisine for the New Millennium." Not only did he give us the recipes and show us step-by-step preparation, but our members and guests shared the wonderful dishes that he prepared. An interesting sidelight to was hearing Chef Hudak relate stories of his experiences when he taught food preparation at a local vocational-technical school.

Submitted by Janet Smith, Communications Chairman



L-R: Tau President Ann Tinner, Alice Hudak, Cathy Cortegerone, Chef John Hudak, Alpha Alpha State President Polly Delaney, and Betsy Balonis.

Beta Pi

Beta Pi hosted an Elegant Tea at the Neiman Marcus Zodiac Restaurant in the King of Prussia Store, February 24, 2000. Among the guests who attended were two Fulbright scholars from Slovakia.

Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Edita Kominarecova, teaching at Penn State University; Past Beta Pi President Jean Olexy; Dr. Marianna Prcikova, teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, and Billie Cressy, President.

The ladies were entertained throughout the tea by Rebecca Barkley, who played the violin. Ms. Barkley is a Strings Teacher at the Upper Merion School District.



News from the Chapters

Alpha Rho

One of the recent goals of Delta Kappa Gamma is to expand public awareness and improve the Society's public image. This can happen when any of our members are being honored for a variety of reasons. Earlier this year, Alpha Alpha State Laura Braun Scholarship recipient Rita Mundy became Dr. Mundy and was honored for this accomplishment of furthering her education. Congratulations, Rita.



Another form of awareness is actually working with or helping in our communities, hence our Alpha Alpha State projects, such as the Red Wagon Pull, ABC Quilt, Gambia Girls, etc. Pictured above at the Alpha Rho President's Orientation Tea are Joyce Stocker (left) and Florence Sherwood, Alpha Rho members who are also members of the Luzerne/Wyoming counties Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR). Each year the PASR selects a "Volunteer of the Year" based on hours of community service. Last year, Stocker was selected for the tribute, followed this year by Sherwood. This is quite an honor for Alpha Rho to be represented by two of its members. Past President of Tau Chapter Alice Hudak (who was also a recipient prior to Stocker) presented each with this special award. Both women were invited to the Region 3 Meeting (consisting of 12 Northeast PA counties), where they were introduced as award recipients.

Being active in the community can include, among other things, helping with the Catherine McAuley House and the Domestic Violence Resource Center, and volunteering in the library, at the schools and at church. Delta Kappa Gamma can be recognized publicly by the works of its members.

Submitted by Florence Sherwood

Alpha Upsilon

SHAPE UP YOUR CHAPTER

There is a saying that goes . . .
 "People come in all shapes and sizes!"
 How does your chapter shape up?

At the 1998 Leadership Conference held in Hershey, PA, Louann Shrader presented a session entitled "Psycho-Geometrics, the Science of Understanding People." Yolonda Hutchison and Judith Schaffer of Alpha Upsilon reshaped her ideas into a chapter program called Passport to Leadership, presented in February, 2000.

The current officers in an Executive Council training session tested themselves using the basic five shapes—Box, Triangle, Rectangle, Circle, and Squiggle. Each then took a basic shape to present to the membership in a three-minute talk. Those at the meeting were challenged to detect which officers were actually portraying themselves or which were playing a role. All in attendance took the test and had fun learning about each other.



L-R: Carolyn Sutton, Judith Schaffer, Gertrude Marshall, Josephine Acciai, Yolonda Hutchison

Alpha Upsilon Chapter is made up of key women educators blending all shapes and sizes, who through commitment have made our group into a successful team.

We combine:

the Box's grasp of a common goal
 with the Circle's spirit of cooperation.

We add:

a blending of the curiosity of the Rectangles
 with the creativity of the Squiggles.

and then include:

the courage to change inspired by Triangles.

By understanding each other better, our chapter (or yours) will continue to progress in future years.

Submitted by Judith Schaffer, Alpha Upsilon President

News from the Chapters

Phi—In Memoriam, Miss Ella Gilpin



It was not until Miss Ella Gilpin passed away on December 12, 1999, that Phi Chapter realized what a "key woman educator" Ella really was. Even though many of the present members (myself included) never met her, Doris Goerlitz, Ella's lifelong friend, has shared with the chapter many memorable moments of Ella's active participation in Delta Kappa Gamma. In memory of Ella Gilpin, I want to share these moments with Alpha Alpha State.

My personal interest in Miss Gilpin was aroused when a recently initiated member mentioned that she had Ella Gilpin as her French and English teacher—the subjects I teach at Honesdale High School. Ella proudly became a member of Phi Chapter in 1952. Between 1958 and 1967 she served as chairman of various committees, as well as several terms as first and second vice-presidents. After teaching for 35 years, Ella retired and spent her winters in Mesa, Arizona. Living there enabled her to learn about the culture, art, and skills of different Native American tribes. After attending several conferences with staff members at the Salt River Reservation Day School, she returned to Phi Chapter to share with its membership the numerous needs of the youth in these tribes.

At Christmas in 1970, Phi Chapter sent gifts of tablets and pencils, which assisted the youth in developing their writing skills; at Easter, coloring books, boxes of crayons, and storybooks were sent. In 1971 money was sent to another Native American school to pay for the library fee and to provide books for one student for one semester in that school.

The interest in these Native American children which Phi Chapter developed, together with the advantage of having Ella Gilpin physically present to visit, mingle, and personally give Phi Chapter's donations, was instrumental in the decision to adopt an ongoing Native American Project of their own. Since then the project has expanded. Now, not only are the students' school supplies addressed, but the yearly donation which Phi Chapter sends also pays for medical and insurance bills for several families. Phi Chapter members proudly donate yearly to provide the substantial gift sent.

When Phi Chapter learned that Ella's health was failing, certain members who knew her well decided that it was time to acknowledge the success of all her accomplishments by honoring her. The Native American fund that Phi Chapter was supporting deserved a true name. Thus, the Ella Gilpin Native American Project was established. Little did the membership of Phi Chapter know that they would be receiving memorial contributions to this newly named project two months after its inception.

Even though this project is still ongoing, Ella Gilpin's Phi Chapter sisters, as well as her Native American friends, dearly miss Ella's personal touch in speaking with the administrators and in visiting the schools of the Native American Indian tribes in Mesa, Arizona.

Submitted by Monique Lautenschlager, President, Phi Chapter

Xi

At their December meeting, Xi Chapter met to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Delta Kappa Gamma. We were excited to install eight new members and two honorary members to our chapter. We welcomed Laura Blackwell and Sandra Ciccozzi as Honorary Members. We also welcomed the following new active members: Judith Dudley, Marilyn Evans, LaRue Forwood, Stephanie Kaye, Susan Schenck, Doris Lusch, Elizabeth Tomsho, and Roseann Weinrich. As part of our celebration we had a group picture taken by a local photographer. We also had collected written memories of how members, through their own experiences, had seen changes in education and in the roles of women through the years. These were compiled into a memory book which each member took home with her along with the group photo.

Our chapter has incorporated the international theme "A Safe and Caring Environment" into our spring meeting and project. Our featured speaker at our March meeting was Sue Paul, a home economics teacher, who presented her students' class project, which was caring for a baby by using mechanical babies. This project teaches students about child care, responsibility, and the amount of work involved in caring for an infant. Our project, which tied in with the baby theme, was assembling baby bags to be given, in cooperation with a local doctor's office, to mothers and their babies at the six-week postpartum checkup. Items in the bags included outlet covers, medicine spoons, security "blankies," stuffed toys, Mr. Yuk stickers, and a Delta Kappa Gamma magnet with 101 ways to praise a child.

Submitted by Linda Smith

Spotlight on Scholarship

Nancy R. Kodman

At the Alpha Alpha State Convention in June, 1999, I was the proud recipient of the Margaret J. Wolf Award. This generous scholarship award aided me in the pursuit of my K-12 Principal's Certification at the University of Pittsburgh. I was on a rather ambitious route to completing a dual certification in one year. I began my studies in August of 1998 and am very happy to have completed this certification in July of 1999.

I began to interview for Vice Principal and Dean positions before the end of the summer. Fortunately, I was promoted to the position of Dean of Students at Allegheny Traditional Academy in the Pittsburgh Public Schools System for the 1999-2000 school year. August was the start of my new role in education. It is both challenging and rewarding.

My involvement in Delta Kappa Gamma continues to support, encourage, and challenge me as well. I look forward to serving in the role of Co-President of Theta Chapter for the 2000-2002 biennium.

I am ever grateful and appreciative of the award that I have received. I thank you all.

Nancy R. Kodman

Travel Directions

From I-80 take Exit 24; follow PA 26 South to State College. Turn right onto Porter Road, then right again onto Park Avenue at Beaver Stadium and follow Park to the Center.



Some Notes for You



*from Florence Sherwood
Alpha Alpha State Music Chairman*

"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing (in Perfect Harmony)" was one of the songs President Polly Delaney requested for our Fall Area Conferences, to go with her global theme, "The World of Delta Kappa Gamma . . ."

She also wanted to use Songbook VI. So we all "practiced" page 61, "Enter Our Company"; page 16, "Aim High"; page 45, "Top of the Mountain"; page 73, "The Blessing," and of course, page 6, "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song." These songs are listed here as a reminder for your chapters to use in preparation for the music breaks at the State Convention in June. If you don't yet have a book, they will be available at the Scholarship Shop. Songbook VI contains music to cover a variety of circumstances from the Welcome song, "Enter Our Company," to "One White Rose" (page 67) for your Memorial service.

Thomas Carlyle is quoted as saying, "Music is well said to be the speech of Angels." So all of you "angels" please spread you wings, fly on down to State Convention, and add your voices to Alpha Alpha State Chorus. Our first rehearsal will be Friday night, June 9, at 9 p.m.

Please fill in the Registration Form below and return it to me ASAP.

ALPHA ALPHA STATE CHORUS REGISTRATION

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Florence H. Sherwood, State Music Chairman

