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Alpha Alpha State Welcomes International Second Vice President, Dr. Sigrún Klara Hannesdóttir and Dr. Muriel O'Tuel, Keynote Speaker and Author of *Footprints on the Heart*



Sigrún Klara Hannesdóttir

Sigrún Klara Hannesdóttir was born in Iceland and has lived there most of her life. After earning a B.A. degree at the University of Iceland in 1967 she graduated from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan with a Master's degree in Library Science in 1968. There she studied on a World Fellowship from Delta Kappa Gamma. After graduation she worked at the Kresge Library in Michigan.

Later she worked in Peru, South America. Upon her return to Iceland in 1971 she was appointed School Library Director for Reykjavik and started a systematic development of school libraries in Iceland. In 1975 she became the first full time teacher of library science at the University of Iceland, was promoted to associate professor in 1984 and to full professor in 1992. During her service at the University of Iceland she commuted to Chicago and got her doctoral degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Chicago in 1987. She left the university in 1998 and worked for four years in Finland as director of NORDINFO, Nordic Council of Scientific Information. After a four-year appointment there, she returned to Iceland in 2002 to accept the position of National Librarian, the Director of the National and University of Iceland, the first woman to hold that position. She retired in April of 2007. She is an avid traveller and has set as her goal to visit 100 countries around the world.

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For more than a decade Dr. Muriel O'Tuel has motivated a variety of audiences including business, college, school, church and civic organizations. She is a highly acclaimed keynote speaker who inspires her listeners to leave positive footprints on the hearts of others. Dr. O'Tuel strikes chords in hearts and stirs memories as she leads audiences to feel she has walked in their shoes. She promotes high ethical standards from a caring heart and a long tradition of family values.

Dr. O'Tuel has been a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International since 1981. She has served as chapter president and served on various state committees. Through the years, she has presented at many state, regional and international conventions and was selected as an International Fund Speaker to Costa Rica.

Muriel O'Tuel

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(L-R) State President Susan Stamm, Dr. Maravene Loeschke, President of Mansfield University and Susan Ransom, Pi Chapter President, visit during a recent Pi Chapter meeting.

Then be prepared to get more in tune with your passions at state convention.

Passionate people are committed. They follow through. They are not indifferent. Look at the word PASSION. When you break it apart, you have PASS, I, ON. Passion is about passing something of yourself on to the world. It's your legacy. It's your way of making a difference, your unique calling, your opportunity to bless the world with your gifts. We key women educators have the capacity to be passionate; we just need to be open to it. Those who have passion are heart starters. To be a heart starter, we first must learn to live in the present. We need to tear down those barriers to letting out the passion in our hearts. We need to rid ourselves of fear of the unknown or fear of taking a risk. We need to rid ourselves of self doubt. We need to banish the paralysis that prevents us from making changes. We must banish the numbness that results from becoming too accustomed to the demands of life. When we rely on ourselves and our passions, we turn our hopes into reality.

In visiting across the state, I hear chapter leaders express their concern about the lack of members' passion for the Society. There is also a genuine concern about the hesitation from members to step into leadership positions. The upcoming new chapter biennium will be a terrific time for rekindling passion. Living with passion is about living on the edge - it's about pushing yourself to grow outside your comfort zone. So if you have been approached about serving as a chapter leader, determine to be a passionate woman and say "Yes."

ALPHA ALPHA STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Stamm

Start from the Heart - Rekindle Your Passion is what this biennium is all about. We need to get back to the core of our Society to understand this organization and why we became members. Reacquaint yourself with the seven Purposes to get back to the core. Be sure to read the Program of Work article in this issue to learn how this year's convention ties into the Purposes.

Alpha Alpha State leaders are here to help you. In March the State Leadership Development committee will provide training for new incoming chapter presidents. A mailing with information for this training has already been sent to all chapters. This training can give the confidence to new presidents to lift chapters to new heights. Be sure to support your new incoming president and urge her to attend either the training in Lancaster, March 19-20 or the session in Cranberry Township near Pittsburgh, March 26-27.

There will also be plenty of opportunities at state convention to rekindle your passion with our keynote speaker, Dr. Muriel O'Tuel, our International guest Dr. Sigrún Klara Hannesdóttir, workshops, info fair, Friday night fun activities, birthday celebrations and the banquet on Saturday night when we pay special tribute to our outgoing and incoming chapter presidents.

In June I will be looking forward to greeting you at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. Our founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton had a simple vision and used her passion to create our wonderful organization. Will you join me and rekindle your passion for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International?

For convention information and registration see pages 10-15 in this issue.

MEMBERSHIP



By "Annie" (aka Kay Stuart, Membership Chairman)

Dear Annie,

Our superintendent is retiring at the end of the school year. We are all very nervous about the change, since she was with us for many years. We want to do something to assure a smooth transition to the new administration, but what?

Stormy Thymes

Dear Stormy,

Let's shed some "light" on your situation. New administrators appreciate knowing the employees who promote personal and professional growth of educators and value excellence in education.

(Does that sound a little like our mission statement?) Invite your new superintendent to a Welcome Tea, giving them a chance to talk about him/herself, and to get to know your chapter members and what you do! Take this opportunity to become more visible and as educators willing to work for positive changes. There will be changes. Education is not stagnant. Embrace the change and be a part of it. DKG ladies should be readily known as the people that the administrator can go to when something needs to be done in our schools. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a new administrator came into a district asking to meet with all DKG members, knowing that they are key women educators? Be proud of your membership in our organization and let others know about the good things you do.

building, career enhancing, or money saving activities. Retention is easy to talk about, but hard to do. It takes effort and time on the part of experienced educators. We need to Listen and Mentor - both professionally and within the Society. As Jen X feels the affirmation of her ideas and methods, she will value her membership in our Society. Your willingness to learn about her needs falls into the DKG purposes: To unite, honor and inform, promoting women in education, to elevate, educate, and personally grow. Betty, thanks for being open to the needs of our newer members.

Dear Annie,

Last fall I asked you about the Shoe-In Challenge being promoted by International. I have misplaced my Keystonian, and I don't remember the requirements that will need to be reported. Can you refresh my memory?

Mary Janes

Dear Mary,

I am glad to refresh your memory. We all need that once in awhile. There are 3 ways you can meet the challenge.

1. Maintain the number of members in your chapter from January 2009 - May 2010.
2. Increase the number of members in your chapter from January 2009 - May 2010.
3. Add a member from an educational environment that is not currently represented in your chapter.

You will be asked to report this by the end of May, so that your chapter can be recognized at the International Convention in Spokane next July. You still have time to invite outstanding educators from areas in which you do not currently have members or where you are under-represented. Don't be afraid to ask school administrators about their brightest and best. Then meet them in their classrooms to tell them about DKG. "Start From The Heart" when you tell them about the projects we do and the support we give. Let them feel your passion for the profession and our Society. We need to reach out, invite, and mentor the many excellent women teachers in our state. It will take some effort on your part, but it will be a "Shoe-In."

Dear Annie,

You may have answered this question before, but I need help! As a baby boomer, I am struggling to understand these younger teachers, in particular our newest member Jen X. She seems to approach our meetings very differently from me. Help me to understand what she values, and how do I recruit others of her age group and retain them in our chapter?

Betty Boomer

Dear Betty,

I'm always happy to revisit a topic, particularly the need to understand the values and interests of members of different age groups. Those members born from 1961-1981 are known as Generation X, and tend to be pragmatic and non-affiliated. They value independence and self reliance. They are multi-taskers, with little patience for delay and bureaucracy. Older members may see this as unfocused, but try giving them a job to do, and let them do it their way on their own timeframe. You will be amazed at the result. They are adept at using technology. Give them the chance to update how your chapter does business - web sites, blogs, emails, and more. They are committed to spending time with their children, so they ask, "What's in it for me?" Recruitment information should be concise, to-the-point. Let them know that your programs include skill-

PROGRAM OF WORK

Program of Work – Getting In Sync with the Society’s Mission

by Louann Shrader, Alpha Alpha State First Vice-President and Program of Work Chair

“While a delightful part of our Society is found in our social gatherings, how many of our members keep in mind that we are organized for certain serious and worthy professional purposes?”

-Annie Webb Blanton

With these words our founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, reminded us that we need to keep in mind the purposes that give us the “why” of existence and reasons for the formation of the Society. Putting it all together and keeping our purposes in sync is the job of the program of work at all levels – chapter, state, and international. A brief look at State Convention 2010 may help to promote and understand the vision of our founders and get the message across that we are not just a social organization but also one of specific purposes.

Purpose #1 To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

This year take advantage of all the social opportunities at convention, both formal and informal. Ticketed meal events include Saturday’s Celebration Luncheon, the Saturday Evening Presidents’ Banquet, and the Sunday Scholarship Brunch. Take advantage, too, of the many informal opportunities that promote spiritual fellowship—the Friday night fling, reception for the Women of Distinction, trips to the creamery and, of course, the brief encounters and casual joys in “Whiskers” (the Nittany Lion Inn’s resident pub).

Purpose #2 To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

This year help us honor outstanding women by (1) attending the induction of the Women of Distinction; (2) by attending the introduction of our new chapter presidents at the banquet; (3) by honoring our chapters that will be celebrating milestone birthdays; and (4) by celebrating with those who have earned Doctorates or National Board Certification Certificates.

Purpose #3 To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

The 2010 State Convention will offer various workshops for both personal and professional growth. Our colleagues within the Society will present many of the workshops as they share their personal interests or educational experiences. This is a great time to connect and network. Plan also to connect with the keynote speaker and international guest and get an educative perspective outside of Pennsylvania. There will be many opportunities for networking and making collaborative connections.

Purpose #4 To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.

This year at convention plan to attend workshops for Act 48 credit that will share information on innovative education, impending legislation, or policy. The Projects Committee will again hold the Friday night fling to draw attention to the needs of our state project. Games, fun, and surprises will abound. Be there!

Purpose #5 To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.

This year at convention plan to join us at the Celebration Luncheon on Saturday as we recognize the women of Alpha Alpha State who have earned National Board Certification or Doctorates during the year.

The World Fellowship committee in their report passes along information about those individuals from other countries not represented in Delta Kappa Gamma who are studying in Pennsylvania universities. This enables some chapters to connect with these ladies and invite them to chapter meetings. The information is also pertinent for other chapters to share with their members, increasing the awareness of the extent of the work of the Society.

Celebrate, too, the scholarships and enrichment grants awarded to our Alpha Alpha State sisters in pursuit of their professional and personal development. This will take place on Sunday morning and is always interesting as the recipient of each award shares her plans and dreams with the assembly.

Purpose #6 To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

Plan this year on visiting the info fair to learn about the happenings in each committee as they share goals and ideas. Visit, too, the vendors that are promoting their chapters’ projects through sale of many diverse items. And don’t forget the fun the Friday night fling will bring!

Friday night at convention also holds a first-timers’ session, but the format this year will be one that even convention veterans will want to attend. It will be creative, innovative, and even futuristic. Don’t miss it!

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Our keynote speaker, too, will entertain you and get you moving to “start from the heart” and find your “passion.”

Purpose #7 To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Our International guest will keep you informed. Committee reports will update you on the state of the Society and give you information to share with your home chapter. Representatives from PDE and PSEA will update you through workshops offered.

We do have a purpose and a mission...join us at the 2010 State Convention and Live the Purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



Visual & Performing Arts Committee

By Donna J. Houser, Co-Chairman

There will be “music in the air” at the state convention in June. Co-chairs, Donna Houser and Barb Rankin along with committee members are “fine tuning” music selections for the state chorus, banquets, ceremonies and services. Much of the music will be “songs of the heart” in conjunction with President Sue Stamm’s theme, “Start from the Heart . . . Rekindle the Passion.” We hope to have a large number of members participate in the state chorus. We had a very respectable number of singers last year, but we’d like to have even more members join us to help uplift and energize our DKG sisters. Hopefully our music will generate inspiration, power and passion to “start from the heart.”

The first chorus rehearsals will be held on Friday from 5-6:30 PM and again from 8:30-9 PM. Additional rehearsal times will be listed in your convention booklet. If you are planning to sing in the chorus please e-mail Barb Rankin at BMRMUSIC@aol.com. This will help Barb know how many music folders to prepare. If you decide that you would like to join the chorus after your arrival at the convention, we will gladly welcome you.

Personal Growth and Services Committee Alpha Alpha State 2009-2011

By Carol Goodman, Chairman

Mission Statement:

The Personal Growth and Services Committee (PG&S) is charged with developing and implementing a program designed to enrich the personal lives of members in the following areas: growth and understanding of self and others, growth in personal and professional leadership, study of economic, social, political, educational issues and service to meet local, state organization, national and world needs.

Personal Growth and Services Committee 2009-2011 Goals

Goal 1: To promote United Nations (UN), UNICEF (US Fund for the Afghan Project), and Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN)

What your chapter can do: Explain what the UN, UNICEF and CTAUN are and how they promote education at a meeting.

Goal 2: To promote the Arts

What your chapter can do: Do something relating to the Arts-promote members talents in music, painting, poetry, crafts. Encourage your members to attend the Arts Retreat.

Goal 3: To promote Healthy Lifestyle Practices

What your chapter can do: Provide Green Living information at meetings. Promote healthy living and “going green” in everyday life.

Goal 4: To promote Lifelong Learning

What your chapter can do: Encourage members to attend classes, lectures, art shows, etc. to promote life-long learning.

Goal 5: To promote Effective Communication, particularly with local chapters.

What your chapter can do: Find ways to relate your committee to others in your chapter-work together on a program.

The Personal Growth and Services Committee hopes these ideas will help all chapters with programming related to this committee.

Carol Goodman, Beta Rho, Chairman

PROGRAM OF WORK

Professional Affairs

By Rini Wolfgarth, Committee Member

The Professional Affairs Committee has put the finishing touches on convention 2010. Included in this newsletter you will find more specific information pertaining to the state convention.

Please read the "Criteria for Woman of Distinction," 2010. In an effort to maintain the distinction of the award, the committee has revised the criteria. Two new criteria have been added and these are underlined. Hopefully you have been considering someone who has distinguished herself beyond the activities of Delta Kappa Gamma and are ready to submit the form. The criteria and nomination form have also been mailed to each chapter president and are on the state website: deltakappagamma.org/PA. We look forward to honoring the selected women at Friday night's reception.

Included in this newsletter are the workshops that will be offered from 2:15 - 3:15 on Saturday afternoon. Most of the workshops provide Act 48 credit. Perhaps the variety and enrichment offered will make your selection a hard decision!

Please take special note when registering that a Pre-convention Friday workshop will take place. The Pre-convention workshop will present information, ideas, and discussion on a hot issue in education. The topic this year is "Pensions." This workshop will be held from 4:00 - 5:00 Friday afternoon and is for everyone, whether teaching or retired. We encourage all registrants to attend this informative and timely session.

Something new and exciting for the Professional Affairs Committee this year is our participation in the Saturday Celebration Luncheon. We will be honoring those women who have received their Doctorate or National Board Certification. A copy of the recognition form has been sent to each chapter president and is also posted on the website. Please let us know of anyone in your chapter that has achieved this honor.

Yes, we have been busy! But, we know our efforts will be appreciated as we strive to not only honor our sisters in various ways, but to also provide everyone with valuable workshop experiences. See you June 11th - 13th in State College!

Criteria for Woman of Distinction Candidate, 2010

The following criteria have been established to create a consistent recognition for Alpha Alpha State members. Consider the following criteria in order to complete the nomination form to nominate one of your chapter members for the 2010 "Woman of Distinction" Award: Recognition must be for an honor or distinction received or service performed beyond The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Recognition will be given on an annual basis during the state convention. This year's candidates shall have received their honors between May 15, 2009, and April 15, 2010.

The nominee must be a contributing/participating member in good standing with her chapter (including Active, Reserve, Honorary members).

A complete nomination form will be filed with the chairman of The Professional Affairs Committee by April 20, 2010, in order to be recognized at the 2010 convention. Nominations for candidates receiving awards after the stated deadline may be resubmitted for recognition during the following year's convention.

All applications to Woman of Distinction, received in a timely manner will be reviewed and evaluated by the Professional Affairs Committee to determine those applicants with the highest distinction as only a limited number of applicants will be honored.

Included in the application form must be a description of the nominee's distinction and how this distinction has fulfilled one or more of the seven purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Please support your recommendation with specific examples.

All Album of Distinction awardees will be honored at the Friday Night Reception on June 11, 2010, at the state convention. Award winners and their chapter presidents (or a designee) are expected to attend.

A wallet-size color photo (jpeg preferable) of the nominee must be included with the nomination form. Please do not send newspaper photographs.

Any member can file a nomination form on behalf of another member.

All awardees will be notified of their selection by May 15, 2010, in time to register for the convention. Please complete the nomination form found in *The Keystonian*, or online at deltakappagamma.org/PA, or check with your chapter president and submit it no later than April 20, 2010. Award winners will be notified of their acceptance as a Woman of Distinction. Please join us at state convention to acknowledge, celebrate, meet, and greet the recipients of the 2010 "Woman of Distinction" Award.

Woman of Distinction 2010 nomination form

is available on the state website:

deltakappagamma.org/PA

PROGRAM OF WORK

Yes, Research is the HEART of Committee Work

By Cindy Reynolds, Chairman

The goal of the articles in this column since the summer issue has been to help all committee chairmen and Society members to realize that research is the HEART of all committee work. Research is defined as the systematic investigation to establish facts or collect information on a subject. Reporting that information in an organized, easily accessible format is the basis for the decision-making process for all committee work within the Society. When committees at all levels do this, we will keep the Society "forward moving ever" as a phrase in our song indicates.

So what are some examples of how each committee can utilize research efficiently in order to make decisions? And how can committees work together to share their research?

One of the goals of the State Research Committee has been to assist chapters in keeping chapter profiles and demographics up-to-date in an easily accessible format. Included in the profile should be each chapter member's name, home and e-mail addresses, phone number, year inducted into the Society, current or last position held, name of school district(s) where member works or worked, and membership status-active, retired, honorary, or reserve. This information makes up the demographics of a chapter.

Chapter profiles and demographics are not only valuable information for the chapter but also for the State Membership and Expansion Committees. For example, utilizing the information, chapters as well as the state can determine gaps in membership in terms of age, area

of expertise, educational environment, and school districts represented. The information should then be used to develop a plan and take action.

To update and maintain membership information, **the chapter research committee chairman is asked to complete the CHAPTER DEMOGRAPHICS FORM which is available on the state website. The completed form can be mailed or e-mailed to the state research chairman which is also on the website and a copy should be filed with the chapter's records.**

A request to the State Research Committee from the Program of Work Committee is to compile an on-going data base of members who are willing to present personal and professional workshops. Such a data base could be utilized by the Professional Affairs Committee, the Program Committee, as well as the Ad Hoc Committee for the Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey in 2011. (Yes, it is next year already!) Chapter presidents or individual members are encouraged to submit the information to be a part of the data base of workshop presenters. The form is available on the state website.

To access the Alpha Alpha State website for the forms listed above, log on to www.deltakappagamma.net. In the left column, select Society Websites. Scroll past the information at the top of the page and select State Website links. Scroll down the list of states and select Pennsylvania. In the left column, click on forms.

Feeding America:

By Amy Buddock,



You may have asked yourself this very question upon hearing President Susan Stamm announce her project Feeding America: Mind, Body, and Soul. Well, you are in luck because I have the answer. The truth is your chapter is probably already contributing in many ways! Therefore, Susan and the Projects Committee would like to encourage each chapter to evaluate what you already do to "feed" America. Sample activities that already support Feeding America: Mind, Body, and Soul include collecting backpacks filled with school supplies, gathering and delivering food to a food bank, collecting clothing items for a local shelter, and even volunteering for a community center. The Projects Committee is

...How Can My Chapter Help?

Projects Committee Member

collecting data through a survey completed by each chapter to discover the types of activities that support Feeding America: Mind, Body, and Soul and the estimated time that Delta Kappa Gamma is providing. Chapter presidents please complete and return the survey as the data from the surveys will be used to track all of the wonderful projects and contributions Delta Kappa Gamma makes to Feeding America and will be displayed at the state convention in June. Once your chapter discovers how you are already supporting Feeding America: Mind, Body, and Soul, the challenge is to have each chapter increase their involvement and

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STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

dkg.org - WHAT IS THIS?

By Barbara Clark, Communications Chairman

The new URL for Delta Kappa Gamma International will be dkg.org. The new URL will go along with the new appearance and navigation to make it easier for members to use. Included in this new website format will be Social Networking. One of the many benefits will be a secure place for exchanging ideas between committee members, state to state officers, webmasters, editors, as well as members with common interests. More details are available in the December *Tip of the Month* under the Communications Committee.

Also the International Ad Hoc Online Leadership Committee has a Tech Talk site for members who want to learn more about technology. Check it out!!

Please visit the new International website. Check the International committees section that you are a member of in your chapter, information on the International Convention in Spokane, WA this July, and updates from International.

Feeding America

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contributions by 25%. For example, if your chapter collected 50 books last year for children then your goal would be to increase the collection to 55 books or if your chapter donated \$100 to a local shelter then your challenge would be to raise \$125 this year. Please take a few moments to visit <http://feedingamerica.org/> to find more information about *Feeding America*.

Are you coming to the state convention in June? Do you plan to arrive Friday night? If you answered no to either question then please reconsider. The Projects Committee would like to invite you to join in the fun during the Friday Night Fling! This is your chance to be a part of the stories that you have heard about the Friday Night Flings, to join in sisterhood with fellow Delta Kappa Gamma members, and to leave the night with a souvenir. If you do plan to attend the Friday Night festivities, we are asking that you bring canned goods or other nonperishable food items as well as the artist in you for participation in a creative and entertaining activity. The Projects Committee would also like to ask everyone attending state convention in June to bring either nonperishable food items or toiletry items with them. All food and toiletry items collected at convention will be donated to the state project *Feeding America: Mind, Body, and Soul!* We look forward to seeing you at the state convention in June!

From the Finance Committee

By Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chairman

We want to thank the 37 chapters who returned their [evaluation forms for the positions of Webmaster, Treasurer and Keystonian Editor](#). The comments included on the forms will be shared with the appropriate staff members. These ladies fulfill responsibilities that benefit our organization and we want to ensure they know we appreciate all their efforts. Only 28 percent of the chapters have mailed their Chapter Finance Committee report for the 2008-2010 biennium. The deadline was February 1. If you still have this in your possession, please send it to:



All state committee chairs and officers are reminded to submit your [budget request by April 1](#) to the address above or kkuzmiak@aol.com

WORLD FELLOWSHIPS



By Nikki McWilliams

Alpha Alpha State has a World Fellowship recipient for 2009-2010! Mary Barby P. Badayos-Jover (she likes to be called Barby), who attends Penn State, has received an extension of her fellowship. Barby is from the Philippines. She is working towards her Ph.D. in the field of Rural Sociology and Women's Studies.

The World Fellowships International Committee awards grant fellowships to women who are not members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and who live in countries other than the United States and Canada. Since February 1960, 761 Grants have been given to women representing 111 countries: \$3,376,835 have been awarded to deserving candidates.

Our state World Fellowships Committee is proud of the commitment and donations each chapter has made to help these young women who make such a unique difference through their global interaction and in their home countries. On their behalf, we thank you!

IN TOUCH WITH TECH

by Bonnie Barnes

In the recent January/February issue of the *Delta Kappa Gamma News* an article appeared on leadership that is very appropriate for this column on technology. It included a quote that stated, "We all possess the capacity for leadership, but only those who cultivate it will ever become truly effective leaders." This idea of cultivation caught my eye because the analogy is so appropriate for technology usage.

The "seeds" of technology are everywhere. They were placed here to be nourished, cultivated and ultimately harvested. Those of us resistant to using technology should consider looking at these "seeds" as an opportunity to nurture "leadership" within ourselves.

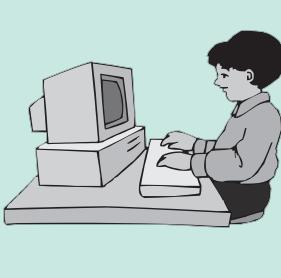
A great way to begin is to log onto the Internet and type in the address bar key words about the "seed" you want to nourish and click ENTER. Key words are single words or phrases that describe the subject (seed) that you are interested in. This type of search strategy is called "PHRASE SEARCHING" and is most often used when actual web sites are not known. You do not need an official internet address in order to use the search capabilities of your Internet server. Keep your entries short and avoid using sentences in the address bar.

All of our activities concerning Delta Kappa Gamma are on our own personal Society's website. You can access this regularly to keep abreast of up and coming events. Type in the key words delta kappa gamma and a listing of sites containing these key words in the title, in the URL, or in the link will appear. Granted, not all of the listings will be pertinent to your search but through practice you will automatically eliminate those sites and be able to click on the one you seek.

Once you've located our Delta Kappa Gamma website, you can add it to your FAVORITES, a special file that will store web sites that you want to return to again and again. On AOL, it is a little heart icon located at the top of the page. This time-saving feature is found on most Internet servers and will automatically store your favorite URLs for future use.

Now, your assignment for this article is to go to our official website using the "PHRASE SEARCH" strategy. Across the top of the Delta Kappa Gamma home page you will see a red bar with the headings Home, About Us, Contact Us, etc. This bar is similar to the table of contents in a book, giving a brief overview of what is contained within the site. Click on "For Members." A scroll down menu will appear listing areas of interest to our members. Move your cursor down to DKG Tech Talk and click. You will see the Mission Statement: "The goal of this site is to provide members of DKG with resources to enhance their understanding of technology tools for leadership - in the classroom, the community, and our Society."

Spend some time on this site and begin by taking the "TQ" self assessment survey. You will be surprised at how much you already know about technology that you didn't know you already knew! Our Ad Hoc Online Leadership Committee has provided an excellent tool for you to learn how to "nurture and cultivate" your "seeds of leadership" in technology. Step into Tech and let's nurture the "seeds" of leadership together!



Keynote Speaker

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Muriel earned her BA degree in English from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina; a master's degree in counseling from the University of Alabama; and a Ph.D. in counselor education and psychology from the University of South Carolina.

She has taught at all levels from elementary school through university. In various school districts, she served as director of guidance, director of staff development and director of psychological services where she also worked as a school psychologist. Her most recent assignment was assistant superintendent in the Myrtle Beach Area Schools, one of South Carolina's largest and fastest-growing school districts.

Dr. O'Tuel now devotes most of her time to her professional speaking career that has taken her to cities throughout the world. Her book *Footprints on the Heart* was nominated for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Educator's Award. In 2009 Dr. O'Tuel was selected to present at three DKG regional conferences (Southwest, Northwest and European). Her topic was entitled "Activating Our Greatest Resource - RELATIONSHIPS."

Alpha Alpha State is very excited to have Dr. Muriel O'Tuel present our keynote address at the first general session on Saturday morning at state convention. Her topic will be "Uncover Your Heartprints." She will also present an afternoon workshop that same day.

Editor's Note: For those who attended state convention in June, 1998, you will remember Dr. O'Tuel as our keynote speaker for that event. She shared numerous insights about charting our own paths and opening windows to both achievement and fulfillment.

ALPHA ALPHA STATE CONVENTION

HEART



SONGS

Friday, June 11 – Sunday, June 13, 2010 at The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

Please print or type ONE NAME per form. Send this entire form to:

BARBARA TOBIAS, [REDACTED]

Name (Please Print) _____
Title _____ Last _____ First _____ Initial _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Local Chapter _____ Phone Number _____ (This is Important)

E-Mail Address _____

Please check ALL pertinent categories:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Workshop Presenter	<input type="checkbox"/> Member for 40 years or more
<input type="checkbox"/> State Committee Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> (non-committee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Member – under 40 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Past State President	<input type="checkbox"/> Birthday Chapter Member	<input type="checkbox"/> of age
<input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing Chapter President	<input type="checkbox"/> First Timer to Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Focus Table
<input type="checkbox"/> Incoming Chapter President	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member or Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> (Include \$25.00 fee)

No reservations or cancellations may be made after May 31, 2010. Tickets will be collected for all meal functions. Checks payable to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. (If you must cancel, please call 717-273-0585)
Registration (non-refundable, postmarked on or before May 11, 2010)

Weekend.....\$30.00 \$ _____
OR One Day

Friday, June 11.....	10.00	\$ _____
Saturday, June 12	20.00	\$ _____
Sunday, June 13.....	10.00	\$ _____

Late Registration (Postmarked after May 11).....Double above

MEALS: Saturday, June 12, 2010

(The Luncheon and Banquet are Society functions; however, the Breakfast is provided only for your convenience if interested.)

Continental Breakfast.....	\$13.00	\$ _____
Celebration Luncheon.....	25.00	\$ _____
Presidents' and Founders' Banquet.....	40.00	\$ _____
Sunday, June 13, 2010		
Breakfast Buffet	18.00	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please note: Menus are posted on our web site: www.deltakappagamma.org/PA

For special dietary needs, please contact Barb Tobias directly by May 11, 2010

WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Pension Update on Friday 4-5 p.m. Please circle if planning to attend this Pre-Convention Workshop

These workshops will be presented Saturday afternoon—please circle one:

Chocolate & Poverty Enrichment Grant Recipients Heartprints Are Forever Innovative Chapter Programs
NCTA Seminars The Regular Education Teacher's Role in the IEP Meeting

Lodging Reservation Form

Alpha Alpha State Convention June 11-13, 2010

**This form should be sent directly to Penn State Hospitality Services.
For phone reservations, be sure to mention our DKG Society ID: #DEL 0611**

Penn State Hospitality Services
Central Reservations Dept.
215 Innovation Boulevard
State College, PA 16803
800.233.7505 FAX: 814.863.5004

Please Print

Check in time: 3:00 PM

Check-out time: 12:00 Noon

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Name _____

E-Mail: _____

Address _____

Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Rooming with _____ one bed _____ two beds

Special Requests _____

All reservations are held until 6:00 PM. If you will be arriving after 6:00 PM, we will require a guarantee of either major credit card number or advance deposit in the amount of one night's room and tax. Forty-eight (48) hour advance notice is required for cancellations.

Guarantee: Deposit Amount _____

Or Credit Card Name/Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Room Rates (add 8.5% occupancy tax): Single: \$ 113.00 per night
 Double: \$ 123.00 per night
 Triple: \$ 133.00 per night
 Quad: \$ 143.00 per night

*Rooms must be occupied by persons making the reservation under DKG Society ID #DEL 0611.
Notify hotel if there is a substitute person taking that room.*

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 11, 2010 - There are a limited number of rooms in our block, so please reserve early. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Alpha Alpha State Convention Schedule

**The Nittany Lion Inn
State College, PA
June 11-13, 2010**



Friday, June 11 Casual Dress

Noon-3	Check in to the Nittany Lion Inn
3-7	Registration Opens and Raffle Ticket Sales Begin in Rotunda
	Chapter Presidents sign in and collect convention materials
	Info Fair, Atrium
	Chapter Focus Tables, Atrium
4-5	Pre-Convention Hot Education Topic: "Pension Update" (how this affects your future) in Assembly
5-6:30	Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany
6:45-7:15	"First Timers, 101" in Mt. Nittany
7:30-8	Presentation of Women of Distinction by their Presidents in Assembly
8-8:30	Reception for Women of Distinction in Staff Club
8:30-9	Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany
8:30-9	Executive Board Meeting in Board Room 2
9:00	Friday Fun and Fellowship - Projects Committee

Saturday, June 12 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 keynote speaker
10:30-11:30	Workshop Sessions I (Society business)
11:30-12:00	Chapter Focus Tables and Info Fair open
12:00	Ticketed 73th Birthday Luncheon in Alumni Ballroom
	Recognition of Birthday Chapters: Program of Work Committee
	Recognition of women earning doctorates or National Board Certification
2:15-3:15	Workshop Sessions II (Act 48 and Enrichment)

3:20

Chapter Presidents' Procession

Practice in Alumni Ballroom

3:30-4:30 Raffle, Focus Tables and Info Fair open

Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

4:00

All Raffles and Chapter Focus Table

prizes drawn and posted in Rotunda

4:45

Chapter Presidents' Procession

Practice in Alumni Ballroom

Raffle, Focus Tables and Info Fair open

Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

All Raffles and Chapter Focus Table

prizes drawn and posted in Rotunda

5:15-5:45 Chapter Presidents' Procession

Practice in Alumni Ballroom

Raffle, Focus Tables and Info Fair open

Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

All Raffles and Chapter Focus Table

prizes drawn and posted in Rotunda

5:30

Chapter Presidents' Procession

Practice in Alumni Ballroom

Raffle, Focus Tables and Info Fair open

Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

All Raffles and Chapter Focus Table

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6:00

Chapter Presidents' Procession

Practice in Alumni Ballroom

Raffle, Focus Tables and Info Fair open

Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

All Raffles and Chapter Focus Table

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6:15

Chapter Presidents' Procession

Practice in Alumni Ballroom

Raffle, Focus Tables and Info Fair open

Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

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7:15-7:45

Chapter Presidents' Procession

Practice in Alumni Ballroom

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Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

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8:00

Chapter Presidents' Procession

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9:00

Chapter Presidents' Procession

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Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

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9:45-10:45

Chapter Presidents' Procession

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Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

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11-Noon

Chapter Presidents' Procession

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Noon

Chapter Presidents' Procession

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Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center

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CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

By Rini Wolfgarth, Professional Affairs Committee Member

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

Friday 4-5 p.m.

Pre-Convention Workshop Hot Education Topic:

Pension Update This affects your future!

The pre-convention workshop will present information, ideas, and discussion on a hot issue in education. The topic this year is "Pensions." This workshop is for everyone. No matter whether you are retired or still working, you need to be aware of the funding for our pensions. We encourage all registrants to attend this informative and timely session.

Saturday afternoon

Chocolate and Poverty Act 48 credit

Utilizing poverty statistics and the research of people like Dr. Ruby Payne, Dr. Donna Beagle, and Jonathan Kozol, this workshop addresses the characteristics and traits of students/families in poverty. Topics include the "hidden rules" among the classes, the behavior patterns of many in poverty, assessing resources available to families, and how economic realities affect daily living. The workshop will include video clips from the PBS documentary "People Like Us," group discussion and exercises, and lecture. Participants will receive handouts including the training outline, a listing of recommended resources and a poverty fact sheet.

Enrichment Grant Recipients

Bicycling or a weekend in Williamsburg . . . What are the commonalities? Recipients will share their enrichment grant award experiences. Presenters include Carole Smith, Patti Rial, Karen Stazer, and members of the Scholarship Committee.

Heartprints Are Forever Act 48 credit

Dr. Muriel O'Tuel will help you understand and identify your heartprint, what has affected your heartprint, and how you can be a change agent for the heartprints of not only yourself but a catalyst of change for others.

Innovative Chapter Programs

Dr. Sigrún Klara Hannesdóttir will present information on creative chapter programs that emphasize using member's talents. Is your chapter looking for ways to keep costs down and still present vibrant, interesting programs? Come and learn what you can do.

NCTA Seminars: An Opportunity for Educators to Learn about East Asia Act 48 credit

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), funded by the Freeman Foundation and launched in 1998, is a nationwide initiative to encourage and facilitate teaching and learning about East Asia in the K-12 curriculum. NCTA's seminar format encourages a community of inquiry among educators who have a responsibility to teach about Asia. Over 10,000 teachers have participated in NCTA seminars around the country since the start of the program. Teacher alumni are also eligible to apply to NCTA study tours to East Asia each summer.

During this workshop we will introduce information about NCTA seminars and will offer presentations by seminar alumni who are committed to fostering a sustained presence for Asia in their schools and classrooms.

The Regular Education Teacher's Role in the IEP Meeting Act 48 credit

Learn how to be an active participant and move the student's outcome agenda successfully. Strategies and procedural issues will be addressed to help make the meetings procedurally correct. Suggested facilitation techniques will be offered to use the meeting effectively.

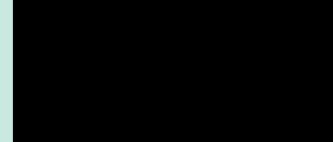
THE ALPHA ALPHA STATE CHORUS WANTS YOU!



Come join with us as we sing for the 2010 State Convention. We have had an excellent group the last two years and are hoping to build upon it this year. Selections will be easy enough to learn in a few rehearsals.

Please let me know if you will join us, so I can have plenty of music, although walk-ins are ALWAYS welcome.

Barbara Rankin, Chorus Director



Some Hints for First Time State Convention Attendees

By Louann Shrader, First Vice President

- ❖ Guidelines for dress are easy and comfortable—Friday, casual; Saturday, school clothes or dressy casual; Saturday evening, your best dressy; Sunday, traveling clothes.
 - ❖ Register and unpack at the Nittany Lion Inn where you'll get a car tag to put on your vehicle and then park free at the adjacent garage.
 - ❖ Make sure to buy chances for all the raffle baskets - baskets donated by chapters are outstanding and the proceeds from the raffle help defray convention costs. There are appropriate times to put your tickets in the basket when meetings are not going on. Make sure you see the schedule within the convention booklet.
 - ❖ Make sure you visit the info fair and chapter vendors.
 - ❖ Plan to go to the DKG 101 Friday evening as we give you a glance at the past, a look at the present, and a peek at the future and let you know why we do what we do. It's also a good time to meet and greet other first timers.
 - ❖ The Friday night meal is not planned but Whiskers (pub within the hotel) has a menu and the dining room has a full menu and seafood buffet. (dining room opens at 5:30 and takes reservations, too)
 - ❖ **Chapter Presidents make up the Executive Board of Alpha Alpha State.**
- All members, though, may attend the executive board

PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

- March 6** Visit to Beta Pi, Beta Omicron, Beta Alpha, Beta Mu in Frazier
- March 12-13** Scholarship Committee Meeting in Somerset
- March 14-17** National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, VA
- March 19-20** Training for Incoming Chapter Presidents in Lancaster
- March 26-27** Training for Incoming Chapter Presidents in Cranberry Township (Pittsburgh)
- April 10** Visit to Eta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, and Beta Delta in York
- April 17** Visit to Kappa, Alpha Kappa, Beta Theta, and Beta Iota in Swatara
- April 23-25** Creative Arts Retreat at The Country Place in White Haven
- May 8** Visit to Gamma, Alpha Iota, and Alpha Omega in Erie
- May 14-15** Finance Committee Meeting in Bedford
- June 11-13** Alpha Alpha State Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College

meeting on Friday and all members should attend the first general session on Saturday and the second general session on Sunday. All members can speak and do have a vote.

- ❖ Plan on attending Society workshops in the morning. You don't need to be a chapter officer to take advantage of the different workshops on Society business.
- ❖ Plan on attending the workshops in the afternoon. Some will be for Act 48 credit.
- ❖ There will be a schedule for the new chapter presidents' rehearsal and a schedule for chapter presidents' pictures in the convention booklet. A "photo stop" place within the hotel will also be set aside for individual chapter photos if chapters would like to take pictures of their chapter members in attendance. Please note, though, that this is not the job of the state photographer. If you would like your own pictures please bring your own cameras, etc.
- ❖ Though Sunday morning comes early, plan on getting up to attend the Spiritual Unity service and then the Celebration of Life Ceremony. Both will be inspiring as we join together around the theme and remember those who had the vision to build the Society for each of us.
- ❖ Lastly, evaluations are important as we try to meet the needs of members. Before you leave on Sunday please turn in your evaluations.

International Guest

Continued from page 1

Sigrún Klara was founder of Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Iceland in 1975 and served on the first board. She was president of Alpha Chapter 1992-1994 and on the board many times, state president 1995-1997, chair of the World Fellowships Committee 1998-2000 and member of the Leadership Development Committee 2000-2002. She was a keynote speaker at the International Convention in Toronto in 2000 and has given workshops at several other conferences. She was Europe Regional Director 2002-2004 and on the steering committee for the Regional Conference in Reykjavik 2003. She is now 2nd vice president and serves as such on the Administrative Board. She is also a member of the Ad hoc committee revising the Constitution of the DKG Society.

At the 2009 Europe Regional Conference in Oslo she was given the European Achievement Award for contributions to the Society. In 2009 she was also given the Distinguished Alumna recognition from Wayne State University.

Proposed Revision to Alpha Alpha State Bylaws

Current:

Article IV - Finances

Section 4. Serendipity Fund

A minimum of \$1000.00 will be maintained in this account to be used for floods, tornadoes, dues relief, and other emergencies.

Voluntary contributions will be used to replenish this fund. The deadline for dues relief will be October 1st.

Revise to:

Article IV - Finances

Section 4. Serendipity Fund

The Serendipity Fund will be used to assist members impacted by natural disasters and other emergencies.

- a. A minimum of \$1000.00 will be maintained in this account.
- Voluntary contributions will be used to replenish this fund.
- b. The applicant must complete a request form available from the State President, State Treasurer or on the State Web Site.
- c. Stipends, not to exceed \$250 each, will be issued by the State Treasurer at the direction of the State President **in conjunction with the Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee**, to the extent of the funds available.

Rationale: Recent confusion over "dues relief" prompted this change in wording to clarify the intent of this fund.

Fiscal Impact: None. The Serendipity Fund is maintained by members' voluntary contributions.

PLEASE NOTE:

The minutes from the First and Second General Sessions and the Executive Meeting of the June 2009 Alpha Alpha State Convention will be posted on our state web site by May 1, 2010. If you are planning to attend convention, please print a copy and bring it to the 2010 state convention in State College.



5th Annual Creative Arts Retreat

April 23-25, 2010



The Country Place Retreat
White Haven, PA

What Makes the Arts Retreat So Special?

By Grace Schauer

There's still time to consider coming to The Country Place in White Haven to have a reunion with your DKG sisters on April 23, 24, and 25. There is so much conversation, laughing, reflecting, discovering your hidden talents, meeting new members, more laughing, and finally a sincere gratification in what you accomplish. Friday night is a time to relax with a few workshops to get the weekend started followed by a good pajama party and story telling time. After your scheduled workshops on Saturday and a great meal in the evening, it's time for more fun and frolic. Kay Stuart, Linda Nickerson and Grace Schauer have planned another gala event: Casino Night. You will be given gold and green coins to play with and an opportunity to spend your winnings at the first ever Retreat Auction with our auctioneer, Barbara Gasparini. Barbara has come highly recommended by her chapter sisters. So that nothing gets out of hand we have two strong, in charge members on hand to keep order. Can you guess who they might be?

Sunday morning's schedule allows us to sleep in a bit, take a final walk with Carol Lane, then proudly show the products of your workshops and meet for Reflections with Stephanie Olver, Ruth Althouse and Terri Stetler. A fantastic brunch will be served and we should all be on our way home by 11:00 AM.

What makes us all Women in the Arts? What makes this event so special? It's having you there to share the experience!

Check your winter *Keystonian* pages 8 and 9 for details and registration forms. **Deadline: April 1, 2010**

Congratulations to Iota Chapter who has received a website link from the International website. Notice was received from International Representative, Dr. Beverly Helms, who commends the chapter webmaster for increasing the chapter's visibility on the web. Contact Iota webmaster:

Barbara Zaborowski

Email: [REDACTED]

Website URL: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/PA-iota>



Welcome, New Initiates and Reinstated Members!

Beta

Mrs. Linda Hudson
Mrs. Stephanie Palerino

Gamma

Ms. Barbara Hammill
Carolyn Maloney
Mrs. Jennifer McCarthy
Sarah Moser
Jessica Nunez
Mrs. Susan Schmitt

Delta

Maureen Cort
Elizabeth Lorenz
Mary Van Lieu

Epsilon

Barbara Homa
Sandra Monsilovich
Anne Simmons
Donna Sybert

Zeta

Claire Grotevant
Mrs. Rebecca Pilarski
Mrs. Gretchen Zorich

Eta

Judith Sabaka
Mrs. Barbara Heilman

Theta

Mrs. Rose Ann Colosimo
Ms. Jennifer Dresmich
Mrs. Janice Smith

Iota

Mrs. Lois Richards
Kappa

Miss Ann Alandar
Mrs. Paula Heckman

Nu

Mrs. Jane Forney
Mrs. Debra Fuhrman
Mrs. Patricia Gadberry
Mrs. Cynthia Geesey
Mrs. Alma Hughes
Mrs. Colleen Marks

Xi

Jean L Bickel
Mrs. Ann Marie Keyes
Mrs. Gwen Wehr -
Honorary Member

Pi

Mrs. Wanda Shirk
Mrs. Angela Rohrbaugh
Janet Metallo

Rho

Janet Pennington
Maria Ziegler

Sigma

Dr. Carol Saylor

Tau

Mary Egan

Phi

Mrs. Patricia Kandrory
Mrs. Kathy Martin

Chi

Mrs. Patricia Jacobs
Dr. Ollie Jones
Mrs. Barbara Mitchell
Mrs. Linda Young

Psi

Mrs. Julie Aaron
Ms. Valerie DePope
Miss Jessica Girts
Mrs. Pamela Hartzfeld
Mrs. Judy Perrin
Mrs. Stacey Sherwood
Mrs. Caryn Stoll
Mrs. Susan Wolfe
Mary Bigney

Omega

Mrs. Holly Culp
Michelle Ludwig
Mrs. Carol Myers
Mrs. Dana Nelson
Karen Peterson
Janet Wagner
Ms. Barbara Chronister

Alpha Beta

Mrs. Cynthia Baker
Mrs. Staci Black
Mrs. Laurie Criswell
Mrs. Angela Husick
Ms. Carolyn Shipley
Mrs. Jamie Villa
Mrs. Kristine Walters

Alpha Gamma

Mrs. Leslie Jensen
Ms. Nancy Smith

Alpha Delta

Mrs. Kimberly Berkley

Mrs. Jessica Deakins

Mrs. Beth Ann Mapes
Ms. Kim McKenzie
Mrs. Kimberly Raygor

Alpha Epsilon

Mrs. Karen Givan

Alpha Zeta

Mrs. Megan Bahensky
Mrs. Joy Harnish
Mrs. Sue Reichard
Miss Claire Waldmeyer

Alpha Theta

Mrs. Jeanne Dawson
Mrs. Brenda Lucas
Ms. Harriet Skedel
Mrs. Carla Slanicka
Mrs. Arlene Patcyk
Mrs. Debra Zellefrow

Alpha Iota

Mrs. Lisa Burkholder
Mrs. Mary Jo Pittock

Alpha Kappa

Mrs. Teresa Sculley

Alpha Lambda

Mrs. Beverly Berich
Veronica Ent
Linda Shearer
Christine Wallander

Alpha Mu

Amy Stewart
Lisa Franklin
Susan Howe
Barb McAvoy
Mary Pat Shattuck
Jeannette Walter

Alpha Nu

Mrs. Isabel Latch
Mrs. Carolyn Wert

Alpha Omicron

Mrs. Paula Haehnel
Mrs. Deborah Harold
Ms. Ann Peay

Alpha Rho

Ms. Lisa Baker
Mrs. Ann Marie Francis
Miss Heather Pitcavage

Alpha Sigma

Ms. Michelle Ault
Ms. Diana Borowski
Kathy Coll

Mrs. Heather Eagleton

Mrs. Patricia English
Pauline Grant
Mrs. Kristen Murphy
Beth Pollio

Alpha Upsilon

Mrs. Teresa Beebe
Ms. Sally Coyne
Linda Koharchik
Mrs. Lyndsay Lattus
Miss Amy Lenart

Beta Alpha

Carolyn Brenda Cosby
Marion Hessenaver

Beta Beta

Mrs. Michelle Johns

Beta Epsilon

Mrs. Melanie Dudak
Mrs. Leslie Rupp

Beta Iota

Mrs. Carol Young Hess

Beta Kappa

Kristine Reynolds
Jennifer Sauble

Beta Xi

Mrs. Janice Engelder
Mrs. Pamala Meister
Daneece Jones

Beta Omicron

Celeste Alfieri
Lena McKim
Jane Randler

Beta Pi

Maureen Loncar
Patricia Ryan
Nicole Wolset

Beta Rho

Mrs. Aileen Kerr
Mrs. Cheryl Kerr
Marilyn Prehm

Please note:
New members' names will appear in this column only if they've come to the editor from the state treasurer.

DKG Funds Donkey Library and Book for Ethiopia Reads

By Jane Kurtz, author and board president of Ethiopia Reads

Thanks to you and your 2009 donation, my dear DKG adopted sisters, two wonderful Ethiopia Reads projects are a reality: A bright, new donkey mobile library brings books to Ethiopian children who've never held a book. And the book *Trouble* was printed as a bilingual book in Amharic and English and has many important uses in Ethiopia and the U.S.

"YOUR" DONKEY LIBRARY

"Your" donkey mobile library is surrounded by swarms of delighted children in the rural areas where it serves as the community library. Your donation helped fund two sturdy donkeys named Delta Rose and

Shamrock, a colorful cart with lots of bookshelves, donkey care



LIBRARY ON WHEELS:
DKG's 2009 donation helped fund an Ethiopia Reads donkey library. Most schools in Ethiopia have no or few books.

takers and the guides who lead the donkeys on their route. The books on the shelves have been funded or donated by many other friends. Children can check out books from the five donkey libraries and share with their families; our other libraries are non-lending libraries.

"Before the donkey library came, children had no chance to have an access for story books. No way to see the other world," writes Masresha Kibret, the Ethiopia Reads manager in Ethiopia. "No one knows the pleasure that comes from reading. Thank you, our supporters."

"YOUR" BOOK

Your donation also helped fund the printing of my Ethiopian tale *Trouble* as a bilingual book in Amharic and English. (I donated use of the text, of course, and the illustrator of the Harcourt edition gave us permission to use her illustrations at no cost.) Bilingual books such as this do three important things in Ethiopia and the U.S.: They provide more bilingual resources for our 43 libraries in Ethiopia. They help Ethiopian-American families and Ethiopian adoptees here in the U.S. celebrate their heritage - and even help keep Amharic strong in some homes. And the sale of books such as *Trouble* helps support the planting of more libraries and strengthen existing libraries. For example, we're researching starting girls' clubs in some of the libraries in Ethiopia, something that I think could be a thrilling new program (and I know you agree).

FUNDING NO TROUBLE:
DKG's 2009 donation to Ethiopia Reads helped fund the printing of the bilingual edition of Jane Kurtz's Ethiopian tale, *Trouble*. Here Jane reads to her Ethiopian-American grandchildren, Noh and Ellemae Enku.



Our bilingual books are distributed free to schools and individuals in Ethiopia and are sold in the U.S. and elsewhere as fundraisers. "Connecting to books in a language you love is so important to educational growth and breaking the cycle of poverty," Charlotte Min-Harris, our new executive director, notes.

BACKGROUND

There were no free children's libraries in Ethiopia before Ethiopia Reads established 43. There were no children's books in Ethiopian languages before we published seven bilingual children's books using donations like yours. Hard to imagine, isn't it? Children in Ethiopia learn to read through rote learning in schools with few or no books.

Ethiopia Reads founder Yohannes Gebregeorgis strongly believes that donations like yours are helping develop future leaders and problem solvers for Ethiopia. He asked me to convey his heartfelt thanks to all of you. Your donation was especially important in this economy.

The connection between DKG and Ethiopia Reads began when a DKG sister saw a feature about Ethiopia Reads in the October 2007 *Good Housekeeping*. It deepened when you invited me to speak at your 2009 conference, made me an honorary member and gave Ethiopia Reads a check for \$12,000 (with more to come). I treasure my memories of your fabulous conference and look forward to seeing you again. What an amazing, generous group you are! Aren't you proud that you are giving Ethiopian children a chance to read and opening the world to them?

FOR MORE INFO

To read the *Good Housekeeping* article, visit Jane's website, janekurtz.com. To order *Trouble* online: On Amazon.com, find "Trouble by Kurtz"; click "new"; then choose seller DOWNHOMEBOOKS, which sells the bilingual edition and donates profits to us. To order *Trouble* otherwise, sign up for the Ethiopia Reads newsletter. To learn more or make donations, go to ethiopiareads.org.



THE LEGISLATIVE HEARTBEAT

By Elizabeth Brewer, U.S. Forum Liaison

From Vision to Action: Advancing the Society Through the US Forum

Mission of the US Forum

The United States Forum seeks to serve the interests of members and reflects the purposes and mission of the Society. Emphasis is on sharing information and ideas that explore solutions to common problems.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Internationally- Sisters of Delta Kappa Gamma can continue to support the relief and rebuilding efforts for the people of Haiti. Donations may be made through the United Nations' UNICEF program at www.supportunicef.org or The American Red Cross at www.redcross.org or other reputable group.

Nationally-Sisters from across the Nation are gathering this month for The US Forum's National Legislative Seminar to hear speakers discuss relevant issues in education, health care and equity for women. DKG members will then travel to Capitol Hill to visit the offices of their Senators and Congress members to share their concerns.

Commonwealth- If you are doing a cultural exchange program in the United States or internationally in your classroom or other educational arena, please consider sharing it at the June conference. Complete the International Cultural Exchange Activity sheet found on the state's website and send it to me by April 15th, 2010. Ideas will be shared at the conference in June.

NATIONAL HEARTBEATS:

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Bills moving through the Congress and Senate were referred back to committees and have been deferred pending health care reform. Watch for movement on the following:

Paycheck Fairness Act
Heart for Women Act
Medicare Mental Health Equity
Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit
Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act
Teacher Tax Relief Act

For on-line information on specific bills go to

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

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 (this is a toll free number). You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives

<http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

COMMONWEALTH HEARTBEATS:

PENSIONS

There is a lot of talk and finger pointing going on regarding the future of the PSERS system. Consult various websites to keep current on the status of this hot button educational issue. Three to watch are www.pennlive.com ; www.psea.org; and www.psba.org.

"RACE TO THE TOP"

120 schools and 59 charter schools in Pennsylvania have signed on for competitive school improvement grants in the RTTT program.

SENATE BILL 1137

Legislation has been introduced that would require mandated reporters employed by schools to undergo training on how to recognize and report child abuse. It states that at least 3 hours of training would be required every five years.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT

INFORMATION can be obtained through <http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/> Information available at this site allows contact with governors, members of the state legislature, state supreme court, congressional delegation and state agencies such as the Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department and Voter Registration.

INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED ON KEY BILLS

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/110/bills>

CATUN CONFERENCE REPORT

"Developing Globally Literate Students: 21st Century Skills, Emerging Technology and the United Nations"

The conference held at Rutgers University in January was a dynamic day filled with expert speakers who shared evolving programs of preparing our youth to be skilled and literate in this 21st global society. For a list of websites, programs and books presented, check out the U. S. Forum Liaison column at www.deltakappagamma.org/pa

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FROM: THE STATE SECRETARIES
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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Patricia Shedlock

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TO ALL MEMBERS
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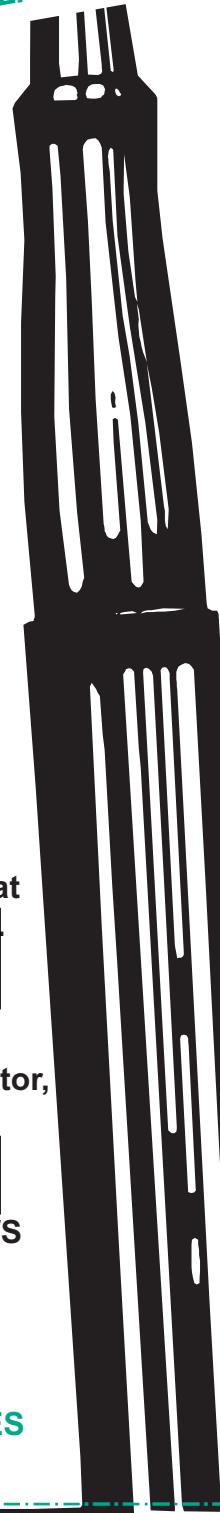
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DEADLINE FOR ALL NEWS AND PHOTOS:

August 1, 2010

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CHAPTER NEWS

KAPPA

This Will Knock Your Socks Off!

Most of us moan and groan about getting socks for our birthday or for Christmas; but, the right socks can be a fantastic gift bringing pleasure to both the giver and the receiver. So, what exactly are the right socks? The right socks are men's white tube socks. Who is the receiver? The homeless men and women spending the cold winter nights of January in a church shelter. Who is the giver?

- Kappa Chapter.



The Kappa Chapter of DKG, following a suggestion made by member, Donna Houser, collected brand-new tube socks for the homeless people in the Carlisle area. Churches in Carlisle provide shelter for the homeless during the winter months under the auspices of Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. for the Homeless Organization. Donna's church, Allison United Methodist, provided shelter for the homeless during the month of January. During that time, Donna asked her Kappa Chapter for sock donations; and, as a result, 125 pairs of new tube socks have been gifted from Kappa Chapter to C.A.R.E.S. for the Homeless. Now, doesn't that just knock your socks off?

Submitted with photo by Donna Houser

Pi



Pi Chapter members (L-R) Bonnie Morgan, Brenda Matis and Ellen Moon enjoy the festivities at Mansfield

On Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2009, Pi Chapter held a Harvest Tea as invited guests of Mansfield's University President, Dr. Maravene Loeschke. We were honored by the attendance of President Susan Stamm. (See photo-page 2) She was able to travel to Mansfield to attend this meeting and talk to us about her vision for this biennium. She spoke to us about rekindling the passion we felt as new members, and she also shared with us her theme and plans for the next two years.

Dr. Loeschke's home was already decorated for Christmas, which was lovely. The university's catering service provided an impressive array of food. Members toured the house with particular interest in the Eleanor Roosevelt Room, which included the original furniture and photos from her visit to MU in 1959. Guitarist Houston "Hootie" Baker, son of 2nd Vice President Daphne Cowburn provided the musical backdrop to this beautiful setting. We could "rekindle our passion" at this wonderful and very well-attended meeting!

In Society business, we voted to award 2 recipients with our \$500 grant-in-aid. They both were very worthy applicants, with their applications demonstrating their passion for education. It was a delightful Sunday afternoon, and we were very appreciative that Dr. Loeschke opened her home to us, and that President Stamm was able to share the day with us.

Submitted with photo by Kay Stuart



BETA RHO

Beta Rho members from left to right are **Margaret Stone** and **Sue Kipar** who received their 25-year membership pins at the December Chapter meeting in Montrose. First vice-president, Bonnie Gregory, organized a lovely presentation ceremony. She eloquently honored the two by reflecting on their contributions to the chapter and to education after which she presented them with their 25 year pins and an angel.

Submitted with photo by Cindy Reynolds

CHAPTER INVITATIONS

Multi Chapter Meeting Churchill, Pa. - Alpha Phi, Host Chapter

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 11:30 A.M.
Where: Edgewood Country Club

100 Churchill Road
Penn Hills, Pa. 15235-5151
412-823-2220

Directions: I-376 /US-22 toward MONROEVILLE.
Take CHURCHILL EXIT toward PA-130.
Turn left onto Churchill Road.
Arrive at Edgewood Country Club.

Registration: \$25.00

Program: "Beads for Education"
Presented by Lu Page

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. Lu received a grant from Delta Kappa Gamma to go to Vanuatu while her son was there in the Peace Corps to teach the children. She presented a workshop on her stay at the 2009 State Convention. This will be a chance for all of us to hear about her time in Vanuatu.

Please bring beads to donate. Lu plans to send them to the women of Vanuatu. The women sell their creations to the tourists to make money for the education of their children.

Menu: Choice of one:

Asiago & Spinach Stuffed Chicken Breast
Dijon Pork Medallions
Eggplant Roulade

Reservations: Please send your reservation form and a \$25.00 check made out to Alpha Phi by **March 31, 2010** to:



Name: _____

Address: _____

Menu Choice: _____

Telephone: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Multi Chapter Meeting Harrisburg, Pa. Beta Theta, Host Chapter



Beta Theta along with Alpha Kappa, Beta Iota and Kappa Chapters invite you to attend a four chapter meeting of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 765 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17111. The meeting, beginning at 10:00 am, will feature an address by our Alpha Alpha State President, Susan Stamm. Entertainment will be provided by the Milton Hershey Singers (MS Hershey High School Show Choir) under the direction of Cristal Sheaffer. A delicious luncheon will be served by the Wyndham Garden Hotel and cake by Dingledine's Bakery will help to celebrate the birthdays of Alpha Kappa and Kappa Chapters. All this and MORE for the low price of \$20.00 per person! Why not invite a guest?

Please complete the form below by April 1, 2010 and mail to:



Make your check payable to: "Beta Theta Chapter"
Make sure that you indicate your luncheon preference.

Name _____

Chapter _____

Address _____

HomePhone _____ Cell _____

Guest _____

Amount included _____

Luncheon Choice (please circle one per person):

Cobb Salad or Turkey & Cheese Croissant

Special dietary needs? (Check & indicate here)

Attending meeting but not eating (please check) ____ (\$5)

Find directions online at:

<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/MDTWY/mapanddirections/main.wnt?param=1>

2010 International Convention THE Place to Be!

Spokane, Washington
July 20-24, 2010

Dr. Carolyn Rants, International President of Delta Kappa Gamma invites all members to attend the 2010 International Convention in Spokane.

Need reasons???

- Challenge - you by voting on the revised *Constitution and Standing Rules*
- Empower - you with learning and vision
- Enrich - your life through speakers and the arts
- Enjoy - our genuine spiritual fellowship and hugs all around

Activate your vision for the future. Make this convention a priority and reserve the date (July 20-24, 2010). Discover Spokane's parks, unique history, nature preserves, and shopping. Take pre-conference tours or cruise to Alaska after the convention. Be there! 2010 International Convention!

Dr. Lynda B. Schmid Nominated for Northeast Regional Director



Dr. Lynda B. Schmid

The International Nominations Committee has named Dr. Lyn Schmid as the nominee for Northeast Regional Director for the 2010-2012 biennium.

Elections will take place in Spokane, Washington at the 2010 International Convention.

Dr. Schmid is currently a member of the International Leadership Development Committee. She has also served on the Personal Growth and Services Committee and chaired the World Fellowships Committee at the international level. Lyn has attended seven international conventions and eight regional conferences, participating in the Info Fair and as a presenter.

Her service to Alpha Alpha State includes state president, first and second vice president, corresponding secretary and parliamentarian. She currently chairs the Alpha Alpha State Leadership Development Committee.

Schmid received the Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship for doctoral study and was awarded the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award in 2009.



TACOMA, WASHINGTON, BECKONS YOU FOR THE 2010 SEMINAR IN PURPOSEFUL LIVING!

Highlighting an “**Arts with Nature**” theme couldn’t be easier in beautiful Tacoma, Washington, an upscale city that’s a nature wonderland. Take in the city’s creative culture with fellow members and guests July 15-18, 2010, prior to the international convention in Spokane. Stay at the lovely Hotel Murano for a seminar in the heart of the Puget Sounds, in a city known world-wide for the glass arts.

A musical evening is planned, as well as speakers and time for shopping for treasures.

The Educational Foundation Trustees hope to see you in Tacoma: Where Art and Nature Meet!



Tacoma Sights:

Visit the Glass Museum, History museum, and the Tacoma Art Museum. Walk across the Chihuly Bridge of Glass and see artists in action. Enjoy local natural beauty while Mount Rainier watches over you!



Coming Soon to Alpha Alpha State!

North East Regional Conference 2011

Less than 500 days 'til Hershey!

The Ways and Means committee for NERC 2011 will provide you with many opportunities to help raise the money needed for Pennsylvania Night and all the great events to come.

Lucinda Rose Pins \$15.00

Magnetic Ribbons \$12.00

Pennsylvania Pins price to be announced

Basket Opportunities

If your chapter wants to raise money with a basket or some other idea, just forward the money to Barbara Tobias at 2165 Long Lane, Lebanon, PA 17046-1850. Don't forget to send Barbara your \$1/member assessment.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 14-17** National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, VA
- March 19-20** Training for Incoming Chapter Presidents in Lancaster
- March 26-27** Training for Incoming Chapter Presidents in Cranberry Township (Pittsburgh)
- April 23-25** Creative Arts Retreat at The Country Place in White Haven
- May 1, 2010** Cornetet Professional Development Award application deadline
- June 11-13** Alpha Alpha State Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College
- July 15-18** Seminar in Purposeful Living Tacoma, Washington
- July 20-24** International Convention Spokane, Washington
- September 25** Alpha Alpha State Fall Conference Union High School, New Castle
- October 16** Alpha Alpha State Fall Conference Raddison Hotel, Camp Hill

In Memoriam

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Lynne Migliorato

December 3, 2009

A vital member of Alpha Phi since 1991, Lynne was always bringing new ideas to chapter meetings. While working, she earned two Great Idea grants, held offices in the Allegheny County Kindergarten Association, and volunteered as a guest reader in kindergarten classrooms.

Doris Rechsteiner

December 24, 2009

Doris was an early childhood educator. She was initiated into DKG in 1976, serving Sigma Chapter as president during the 1982-84 biennium. She was very active in chapter activities and committees.

Lois M. Reed

September 22, 2009

Lois was very active in the business of Alpha Kappa chapter after her initiation in 1966. She was very dedicated to her students and her community.

Rita M. Roegge

December 6, 2009

Having been initiated in 1953, Rita was a long time member of Theta Chapter. She was a valued educator in the Mount Lebanon School District where she taught Spanish.

Joyce B. Wichert

October 24, 2009

Joyce was initiated into Pi Chapter in April of 1972. A 34 year veteran educator, she was loved by her many first grade students.

Janet C. Yon

December 24, 2009

As a new member of Iota Chapter (initiated in November 2007), Janet was just becoming involved in DKG, serving on the membership committee. She was teaching in the Altoona School District where she was very involved in such things as developing a magnet school and continuing education programs. She was also involved as an EMT and with the Boy Scouts in her community.

REMINDER

Send all Form 6/Memoriam information to:

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In Memoriam

Mary E. Baldwin

August 20, 2009

Mary taught in the Red Lion School District at Mazie Gable Elementary. She was initiated into Beta Beta Chapter in April of 1965, having served as president during the 1984-86 biennium, as well as chairing many committees over the years.

Sandra Capone

November 21, 2009

Initiated into Alpha Alpha Chapter in September 1993, Sandra had served on the Scholarship and World Fellowships Committee and held the office of president. She was a highly regarded English teacher at Bangor High School.

Frances L. Cullen

October 17, 2009

Recognized in 1999 as one of 100 persons who made outstanding contributions to the Everett Area School District during the 20th

*No one truly dies;
they live on
in the hearts
of those
who love them.*

Marolane Stevenson

Century, Frances was a 35 year career teacher. She was active on many committees of Alpha Beta Chapter and served as chapter president.

Martha Ely

September 22, 2009

Martha chaired many committees for Alpha Psi Chapter, having been initiated in September 1962. She was a valued educator in the Washington School District for 42 years.

Jean O. Huffman

December 1, 2009

Jean was an Honorary Member of Alpha Phi Chapter. She was a past board member of the McKeesport Area School District, and involved with many community groups. These included the Business and Professional Women, the Dravosburg United Methodist Church, and the Richland Cemetery.

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