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Flames of Passion

Alpha Alpha State Convention and Executive Board Meetings June 10-12, 2011, State College, Pennsylvania

Alpha Alpha State Welcomes International Second Vice President, Dr. Beverly Helms and Dr. Hanna Fowler, Psi State Executive Secretary



Dr. Beverly Helms

Alpha Alpha State members attending the 2011 State Convention in State College will have the opportunity to meet our International Guest, Dr. Beverly Helms, who is serving the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as Second Vice President for the 2010-2012 biennium. Beverly hails from sunny Florida where she is currently serving as editor of the Florida Rays.

Professionally she is a speech pathologist and consultant. Until her retirement in 2003, Beverly was Director of Administrative Services for Washington County School Board. She has

served as adjunct professor at both the Baptist College of Florida and the University of West Florida.

Beverly has been involved with the Holmes County Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Development Committee. In 2004 she received the Volunteer of the Year award from the Holmes County Development Commission/Chamber of Commerce. She also has served her church as a Sunday School teacher since 1966 as well as serving on many committees. See HELMS, 22

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Hanna Fowler, comes to us from Georgia where she currently serves as Psi State Executive Secretary. In 1985, she was initiated into



Dr. Hanna Fowler

Alpha Theta Chapter and has served as president of two chapters, currently of Gamma Omega. She was a charter member of two chapters - Gamma Tau and Gamma Omega. At the state level, she was Psi State President in 2005-2007 and served her state organization

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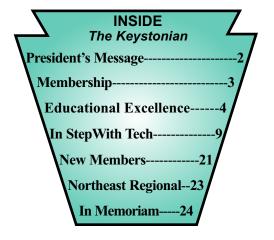
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(L-R) State President Susan Stamm visits with Alpha Beta Chapter President, Kristen Hall

State President's Message

By Susan Stamm

"Flames of Passion"

"Man is only truly great when he acts from the passions."

Benjamin Disraeli

Have you been beyond Jack's Creek? Now you may think that this is a strange way to open this message; however, if you read Dr. Jensi Souder's column in the

Jan/Feb issue of DKG NEWS, you will understand. Have you ever done anything in Delta Kappa Gamma beyond the chapter level? If not, then you have not been beyond Jack's Creek! I challenge you this year to go beyond Jack's Creek and attend our state convention in June. If you want to rekindle your passion for our Society, you owe it to yourself to take this opportunity. You won't really understand our organization until you network with other members across our great state. I know chapter finances are tight, and it's hard to come up with resources to send members to state convention. Try being creative about earning funds to help members with registration and/or room accommodations. Come for just one day-Saturday; you will just have the one-day registration fee and meal(s). Here's an ingenious thought. If you are passionate about Delta Kappa Gamma, you could just cover the cost vourself to attend state convention.

We have a wonderful and exciting weekend planned for you beginning with our two International guests. Both are Southern belles. Dr. Beverly Helms, our International representative, hails from Florida. She will bring us news from International, speak at the banquet and install our 2011-2013 Alpha Alpha State officers. Dr. Hanna Fowler serves as Psi State Executive Secretary in Georgia. She will deliver the keynote address at the first general session on Saturday morning and will conduct a workshop in the afternoon.

Your state committees have been hard at work preparing a wonderful weekend from the Hot Topic workshop, Album of Distinction ceremony and the "Twisted Bingo" game on Friday to informative executive board sessions and workshops, chapter birthday celebration luncheon and honoring our state officers and chapter presidents at our banquet on Saturday to ending with the Spiritual Unity Service, Celebration of Life Service and the awarding of scholarships and enrichment grants on Sunday morning. And don't forget the raffle baskets. We hope your chapter will participate and contribute a basket. The raffling off of the baskets on Saturday afternoon has become one of the weekend highlights.

At convention, we will have the culmination of our state project, "Feeding America - Body, Mind and Soul." In November, chapter presidents received a letter from the Projects Committee asking that you measure your passion by donating to local food banks. Please report that information to the Projects Chairman, Sharon O'Connell, so we can celebrate your successes.

Please remember that the project supported by International is "Schools for Africa." This will be an ongoing project and one that chapters should consider supporting. Check out the DKG website for lots more information on this worthwhile endeavor.

Recently, a friend presented me with a delightful book *Chocolate for a Woman's Soul* by Kay Allenbaugh. Some things just naturally go together, like women and chocolate. Immediately, I thought about our Northeast Regional Conference being

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MBERS

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

Dear Annie,

I know that membership in DKG is an honor, and all members are outstanding educators. Are there members that you would say are Delta Kappa Gamma Super Stars? Hope I. M. Won

Dear Hope,

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts on the Delta Kappa Gamma Super Stars. "I hope" you take a look at my diagram and recognize the potential for each of us to be that Super

Delta Kappa Gamma Super Stars

Planning to attend state convention June 10-12, 2011

Open to communication

Ready to listen

Always lends a helping hand with projects or leadership role

> Good for bending over backwards to help

Will go the extra mile for the Society

Has an eye on the future of DKG

Makes time to attend meetings regularly

A shoulder to lean on - is compassionate

Ready when Knee-ded

In step with the times

Planning to attend NERC July 20-23, 2011

When you read the captions, did you say, "That's Me!" to a majority of them or only 1 or 2? The Super Stars are those sisters who are actively involved in the work of the Society. That may be at any of the 3 levels of our organization - chapter, state, or international. Their "Flames of Passion" for our work shows. They are attending meetings, carrying out projects, providing leadership, enriching our lives through the arts, or tending to our finances. What we do in our Society makes a difference. Making a difference makes you a Super Star. Hope, "I hope" you are

To all my Delta Kappa Gamma sisters, please make an effort to attend state convention in State College to fan your "Flames of Passion" and/or Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey to "Design Your Future."



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

By Dr. Helen Popovich, Chairman International Educational Excellence Committee

The room buzzed with excitement as the 15 members of the new Educational Excellence Committee met for the first time to build on the wisdom of the past as it charted its new course.

Focusing on the Society's mission and vision statements, the committee adopted a self-definition, which will be equally appropriate for state organization and chapter committees: "The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide."

For the Society to have the greatest impact on education, chapters and state organizations need to focus on no more than two Society-wide initiatives. In addition, chapters and state organizations will benefit from resources for programs and activities that encourage educational excellence by addressing the professional and personal growth of women educators and the diverse interests of members.

To embrace our vision, "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide," the Educational Excellence Committee urges every chapter and state organization throughout the Society to focus on two major initiatives:

- Support for the Society's official Schools for Africa project, and
- Support for early-career educators

Information on these initiatives is readily available on the DKG website and in its publications. UNICEF will maintain records of DKG's support for the Schools for Africa project. Chapters, on the other hand, should maintain a record of the money and the number of hours members spend in support for early-career educators. Recognition for support of both initiatives will be showcased at the 2012 convention

To assist chapters, the Educational Excellence Committee will use the DKG web site library, the DKG Network and Society publications to offer ideas for programs and activities that focus on educational excellence, promote the DKG/UN relationship, increase members' global awareness, impact educational law and policy, and increase members' personal and professional pride.

Join the excitement! Unite with other Delta Kappa Gamma members as we become a global force in achieving educational excellence.

By Louann Shrader, Alpha Alpha State First Vice President and Educational Excellence Chair

Teaming for Excellence... "I" Is Out; "We" Is In

As the old year ends and a new one begins, a common practice is to broadcast the predictions of what will be the 'ins' and 'outs.' We hear of fads, celebrities, foods, and even words that will be out and will be replaced, and hear of the alternatives that will replace them. Within DKG the word "we" continues to be 'in' as it denotes the ideals Dr. Blanton had when she envisioned a Society of Key Women Educators - one in which each was supported and helped by another, through networking and collaboration,...the need for a "we."

One of the most important things that program planners can do is to create a climate of collaboration in planning interesting, relevant and timely programs. When a number of members work together, each with a clearly defined role, the results can be phenomenal! The synergy of the team experience adds to the richness of the program as excitement is generated and more members buy into it. A productive team shares common goals and works towards these goals to experience success. To foster a spirit of teamwork within your chapters: 1) Empower your chapter members to participate in the planning process of a particular program and exchange ideas freely and clearly; 2) Encourage your committee members to make decisions cooperatively; and 3) Challenge each committee member to contribute to the success of the particular program. Working towards Educational Excellence requires teamwork as each member pulls together to bring their expertise into the planning and executing of a particular program.

Working Towards Educational Excellence... Accept the International's Challenge!

The International Educational Excellence Committee has outlined the goals and challenges for this biennium. We, on the State level, are encouraging chapters to accept the challenge. The International Educational Excellence Committee outlined three goals for the 2010-2012 biennium:

- To promote the International project "Schools for Africa"
- 2) To support early-career educators
- 3) To encourage programs and activities that further Educational Excellence worldwide

To have the greatest impact on education and to meet the challenge and be recognized at the 2012 International in New York City, the International

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Committee is urging chapters and states to focus on two major initiatives, supporting the Society's official Schools for Africa project and supporting early-career educators. Chapters will need to maintain a record of the money collected for the International project as well as keep a record of the number of hours members spent in support of early-career educators. Ideas for the latter may include adopting a new educator and offering emotional and professional support, giving a first year teacher needed funds for the classroom, sponsoring a classroom management seminar and offering a dinner with it, etc. (Examples are only limited by your imagination.)

In order to help chapters achieve this International challenge and be recognized in 2012, the Educational Excellence Committee will offer on the International DKG website library and DKGNetwork, ideas for programs and activities that focus on educational excellence, promote the DKG/UN relationship, increase the global awareness of members, impact educational law and policy, and increase members' personal and professional pride.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE! Embrace the vision as we design our future. Empower your Teams. Remember "I" is out, "We" is in and "we" is much more powerful in achieving a challenge when we all work towards a common vision.

THIS IS IT!

Cindy G. Reynolds, Alpha Alpha State Research Chairman

Although this will be the last article which the Alpha Alpha State Research Committee will be including in *The Keystonian*, the committee's work continues. In this article the committee will utilize the opportunity to summarize the committee's biennial goals and accomplishments with respect to membership and chapter input. So, here goes:

- To date, 26% of the chapters have submitted their Chapter Demographics Forms. These forms will be used to compile a report for the State Membership Committee and the Expansion Committee. Because so few of the demographic forms have been submitted, the report will provide very limited information. If your chapter has yet to submit its form, please take the time to do it now.
- Another goal was to assist the other state committees in transitioning to doing their own research to serve their purposes and goals. Articles in each issue of *The Keystonian*, information on the Alpha Alpha State web site, workshops at state convention and the fall area conferences.

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Nominate For The Album of Distinction Today!

By Katherine Chronister

It's that time of year again to nominate the women educators in your chapter that you feel deserve the honor of receiving a place in the Album of Distinction. Nominating someone is an easy process as long as you remember the following components.

- 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, 2010, and April 15, 2011.
- 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 (Karen Tintsman) by April 15, 2011 in order to be recognized at the 2011 convention. Nominations for candidates receiving awards after the stated deadline may be re-submitted for recognition during the following year's convention.
- 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.
- A color photo (preferably a jpeg electronic file) 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 applications to the Album of Distinction that have been received in a timely manner will be reviewed and evaluated by the Professional Affairs Committee using a rubric and point system based on the guidelines on the application and the recognition they have received.

All awardees will be notified of their selection in time to register for the convention. Please complete the nomination form found online at deltakappa gamma.org /PA, or check with your chapter president and submit it no later than April 15, 2011. All awardees will be honored at the Friday Night Reception on June 10, 2011, at the state convention. Award winners and their chapter presidents (or a designee) should attend the ceremony on Friday evening to receive the recognition.

Please join us at the state convention to acknowledge, celebrate, meet and greet the recipients to the 2011 Album of Distinction.

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS



WORLD FELLOWSHIPS

By Nikki McWilliams

The International World Fellowships Committee has now published a list of the 2010-2011 recipients. To find the list

you will need to go to the International site, click on Committees at the top, then on Society Mission and Purposes at the side, then World Fellowships. When the page appears, you will see a link in the first sentence marked World Fellowships. Clicking on this will download a list of recipients. Our support is very much appreciated by these young women. Not only do your donations enable them to continue their education in the US, but your cards provide a great deal of moral support.

PA has no recipients this year. Although Barby Badayos-Jover is not on the current list of recipients, we would like to continue encouraging and supporting Barby this year. All her coursework is complete and she is preparing for her Comprehensive exam in February. After that she will be doing research for her dissertation. Her goal is to graduate by 2013. If any of you would like to contact Barby her mailing address is 332 Homan Ave., State College, PA 16801.

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distribution of committee brochures, circulation of the Decision-Making Process business cards, and personal contacts to chapters were utilized to accomplish this goal.

- The Program of Work Committees are helping to compile a database of workshop and program presenters. It will be an on-going resource for all levels of the Society and will be easily accessible on the state website.
- Another program resource being compiled will be modeled after the Visionary Ideas and Projects booklet from International (directions to easily access this publication were in this column in the fall issue of The Keystonian). This is an excellent resource and having one specific to Alpha Alpha State would be beneficial to chapters. Chapters should mail a list of their programs to Cindy G.

included in the publication.

And finally a sincere thank you is extended to the Research Committee members for their work: Linda Fisher, Alpha Beta; Constance Roupp, Alpha Zeta; Gwendolyn Singer, Alpha Alpha; and Molly Spinney, Lambda. The other state committees are wished the best as they move on with the new committee structure.

COME ONE, COME ALL

By Sharon O'Connell, Projects Chairman

The Projects Committee is inviting sisters to join in the fun and merriment on Friday night at the State Convention in June. At that time another round of "Poor Man's Bingo", with a twist, will be played. (You could think of this as Twisted Bingo.) There is nowhere else on earth where you can see sisters leaping tall piles of presents in a single bound in their quest for a gift bag plus walking away with some pretty neat gifts! The Projects Committee is asking if you plan to participate in this event to please bring along any gift items you wish to contribute. We would appreciate it if the items were either wrapped or in a gift bag. It adds to the fun!!

The Projects Committee would like to remind all chapters of President Susan Stamm's vision to Feed America: Mind, Body and Soul. A letter was sent to all Alpha Alpha State chapters requesting them to contribute food items to local food banks. Chapters were asked to think of fun ways to develop their goal of how much food to contribute. Some recommendations included: donating an amount of food (in pounds) equal to the average age of your chapter. Donate the number of years (in pounds) that your chapter has been in existence. Donate the amount of food (in pounds) based upon the year your chapter was established. Chapters will be recognized during convention for their contributions.

Just a reminder to chapter presidents to please return the MEASURE YOUR PASSION form you received in the fall to Sharon O'Connell by May 13, 2011.



...to the following members of the Communications Committee for their dedication in proofreading The Keystonian during the 2009-2011 biennium:

Chairman Barbara Clark, Loretta Baran, Judy Karavlan, Lisa Kiss, Barbara Wall, and to state webmaster, Tammy Miller, for posting The Keystonian on our Alpha Alpha State web site.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely, Terri Stetler, Editor

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

FINANCE ISSUES

By Kathleen Kuzmiak, Finance Chairman

It is time to begin looking at the budget for next year. To ensure a budget that meets the needs of our organization, we request that all Committee Chairs and Officers of Alpha Alpha State submit budget requests by April 8, 2011.

It is also not too late for chapter vice presidents to send your evaluation forms related to the stipends for the Treasurer, *Keystonian* Editor and Webmaster. Again this year, the percentage of returns has been disappointing. These were due in January.

To all the finance chairs throughout the state, please refer to the Guidelines document for record keeping. If you do not have one, please send for one from the International Society. Since it is that time of the year to review all records, please be aware that chapter bank statements should be maintained for four years as well as all receipts and budget reports. Copies of Membership Form 18 should be maintained for seven years. Thanks to all Chapter Finance Chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in keeping your chapter on firm financial footing.



Introducing...Our NEW KEYSTONIAN EDITOR

By Barbara Clark, Ad Hoc Personnel Committee Chairman



Bonnie Lee Barnes

The Ad Hoc Personnel Committee and Executive Board would like to announce Bonnie Lee Barnes (Alpha Sigma) as the new *Keystonian* Editor. Bonnie became involved with Delta Kappa Gamma before she was a member by working with Carol Herbert on the Jeopardy Game to announce the State Achievement Award winner and also helped with the power point for State Achievement Award winner, Dr. Lyn Schmid. Since becoming a member of

Alpha Sigma three years ago, she served on her chapter's projects committee, made the Proud to be an American basket for state convention and currently writes the *In Touch With Tech* column for *The Keystonian*.

Barnes graduated from Waynesburg University, Waynesburg, PA with a BA in English, Teacher Certification and from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA with a Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences. She has been employed in many school districts as a librarian, instructor, and tutor at the elementary, junior and senior high school levels and in academic and public libraries. Working with core academic teachers, she utilized her abilities as a substitute teacher and homebound instructor. Barnes also developed and coordinated an after-school program for elementary students in need of additional academic enrichment. Her many and varied professional experiences have enabled her to develop excellent communication and rapport with senior management, coworkers and students. Her experience also includes budget development, control and adherence.

The Ad Hoc Personnel Committee and Executive Board welcome Bonnie Barnes as *The Keystonian* Editor and know she will uphold the level of excellence in our publication that Terri Stetler has demonstrated.

The entire Alpha Alpha State membership thanks Terri for all her hard work and dedication to *The Keystonian* for the past ten years. We wish her well in her future endeavors in Delta Kappa Gamma and beyond.

To my Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters,

It has been my privilege to serve as your Alpha Alpha State Editor for the past ten years. This has been a rewarding experience with many opportunities to learn new skills while bringing you the news of our Society. I've enjoyed the challenge of assembling the "puzzle" that each issue provided. Thank you for your support and encouragement. My life has been enriched through your friendships.

I know you will be in very capable hands with Bonnie Lee Barnes and wish her well in her new position as Alpha Alpha State Editor.



With appreciation,

Terri

THE **LEGISLATIVE**

HEARTBEAT

By Elizabeth Brewer, Liaison to the U.S. Forum & U.N. Forum

HEARTBEATS OF THE FORUMS

The heartbeats of both the U. S. Forum and the U. N. Forum continue and the pace is quickening. There are many opportunities and possibilities for all sisters in Alpha Alpha State to become involved.

U.S. Forum

The role of the U. S. Forum is to disseminate information in a non-partisan position. This service will enable members to easily obtain information pending federal legislation in order to contact legislators and thereby become advocates for women, children and education.

The U.S. Forum at NERC

I hope you have made your plans to be in Chocolatetown for the NERC in July. And I am hoping you are planning on attending the U. S. Forum session on Thursday morning, July 21. I am pleased to announce that Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, in Washington, D. C. will be the speaker. She will inform us of the latest issues "on the Hill" that are important to both DKG and AAUW and share insights on how to be a lobbyist with our government officials. Ms. Maatz spoke at the 2010 National Legislative Seminar where we found her to be both knowledgeable and approachable. (As the Northeast Region Representative on the U.S. Forum Committee for DKG International, I could use your support that morning!)

PENSIONS

We must continue to be vigilant of the talk and proposals of the lawmakers in Harrisburg as it relates to our pensions that we have in place. Bookmark the PSEA web site and their section on "Keep the Promise." Alert all new teachers that will be hired after July 1, 2011 to understand House Bill 2497 which necessitates them to make specific decisions regarding their pension funds.

GOVERNOR CORBETT'S AGENDA

Look on the web site or request a copy of Gov. Corbett's Agenda for Excellence: A Great K-12 Education for Every PA Child. See what is in store for the children, staffs and schools in the Commonwealth.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

We also need to keep proposed changes to our health care coverage on our radar screen. For those of us who find ourselves in schools where contract negotiations are going on, become involved, share your opinion and support your negotiating teams.

ADVOCATE FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Chapters are encouraged to recognize an elected official who has been a positive supporter in excellence of education. Nominees may be a school board member, local government leader, state legislator or any elected community leader who has consistently made a difference or shown support of education.

A certificate will be available on the U. S. Forum portion of the Alpha Alpha State web site. Please use it, place it in a frame and present it at the elected official's work site. Please have your chapter's U. S. Forum chair send information about the recipient, and news clippings, etc. of the chapter's presentation to Liz Brewer, U. S. Forum Liaison, P. O. Box 249, Riverside, PA 17868 by May 1, 2011 so it can be acknowledged at the annual state convention in June.

Newsletter: [Usforuminfo] Forum Connection Subscribe to this free monthly newsletter by sending request to Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu

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 U. N. Forum

The role of the U. N. Forum is to inform members of the work of the United Nations Department of Public Information and The Economic and Social Council as they work to advocate for women, children and education. CTAUN CONFERENCE

On January 14th, President Susan, First Vice President Louann and I attended the CTAUN (Committee for Teaching About the United Nations) at UN Headquarters in New York City. The overarching theme of the conference was "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): Teaching for Action."

It was a jam packed day of speakers representing many agencies and organizations that support one or more of the MDGs. Attendees had the opportunity to talk with the speakers at informational tables located in the conference center. One of the highlights of the day was to hear Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer prize-winning columnist for the New York Times, speak on Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women. Another highlight for the Alpha Alpha State trio was to network with the DKG members who are the official committee and work with CTAUN. A more detailed report of the conference can be found on our state website. See CTAUN, 9

IN TOUCH WITH TECH

by Bonnie Lee Barnes

Web 2.0 is a term much in use today. Exactly what is it? The term was introduced in 2004 and refers to the second generation of the "World Wide Web" that permits users to collaborate and share information online. It provides open communication of Web-based communities and opens sharing of information among users. A simple dictionary definition of Web 2.0 is an interactive experience for users to communicate with other users that goes beyond the previous role of simply accessing information. Content is user-generated allowing the community of users to interact with the site and each other by adding or updating content. It has become a web-based social-networking tool that focuses on building online communities of people who share interests and activities, or who are interested in exploring the interests and activities of others. It can be used to make connections with friends, family, classmates, customers and clients for social purposes and/or business purposes.

As educators, we need to be aware of this evolving Web 2.0 technology. We need to understand its strengths and weaknesses to determine if we can incorporate its varied uses into our classrooms. To do this you need to separate Web 2.0 into two parts: those sites focused on Social Networking and those sites focused on Educational Networking. Social Networks are used by all ages in society and are mainly commercial sites used for staying in touch with friends and family. Examples of these sites are MySpace, Facebook and Twitter. Educational Networks are primarily used by educators for both professional development and as teaching tools. For our purposes, we will focus on Educational Networking and how to incorporate these sites into our classrooms.

The beauty of Educational Networks is that it allows teachers to personalize education to meet the unique needs of each student. The problem, however, is

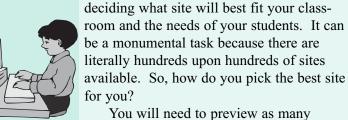
A **CTAUN** conference will be held in Austin, Texas on April 2, 2011.

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

This International project of DKG was adopted at the Spokane convention last year. The theme is "Transforming Lives through Education." I had lunch with Cathy Daugherty who spearheads this effort at the CTAUN conference. She shared that there will be regular "newsettes" coming out to inform chapters and states of how they may become involved. This may be found on the home page of the DKG website. (www.dkg.org)

ACADEMIC IMPACT INITIATIVE

This initiative was celebrated at the UN in November. Close to 200 colleges and universities from 40 countries



educational networking sites as possible and to determine what ones will fulfill your needs and those

of your students. Begin with http://newtoolswork-shop.wikispaces.com or go to

http://Symbaloo.com/edu/a-new-resource-for-teachers/ to see a listing for several educational networks that use a particular technology to improve instruction across all content areas and grade levels. Click on one and review the site to decide if this particular tool will be useful to your classroom or not.

As educators, we can no longer rely on the use of pen, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, construction paper, typewriters and watercolors for our students to produce reports and to share what they are learning. Today's students are challenged to use technology to accomplish these tasks and the integration of educational networking tools into our classrooms is inevitable. Wikis, Blogs, Digital Storytelling, Avatar Making, Wordle, and Podcasting are just a few of the many we need to learn about and begin to use.

To help you in this process, be sure to register and attend our DKG Alpha Alpha State Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA, June 10-12, 2011 and NERC (Northeast Regional Conference) to be held in Hershey, PA, July 20-23, 2011. There will be many opportunities for you to attend the technology workshops offered during both of these upcoming DKG activities. It will be a fun way to learn more about using educational Web 2.0 tools in the classroom and it will also give you an opportunity to "network" with other DKG sisters who are interested in using the many tools and apps that are available to make your classroom a 21st Century learning experience.

were in attendance to discuss the issues of global importance. For more information go to www.academic-impact.org or to www.Facebook.com/ImpactUN
MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs)

The UN has created 5 MDGs that DKG and many other groups have joined in to achieve by 2015. They are to eradicate hunger and poverty; achieve universal education; promote gender equity and empower women; reduce infant mortality; combat HIV/AIDS; ensure environmental stability; and develop a global partnership for development.

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CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

By Katherine Chronister, Professional Affairs Committee Member

Registration Required Please list your choices on the registration form on page 12.

The yearly convention wouldn't be nearly as beneficial without the knowledge and new skills acquired through attending one of the many workshops. Also, Act 48 certificates will be available for all workshops. Here are snippets of each workshop offered to help make your workshop selection a little easier!

Friday, June 10, 2011

Pre-Convention Workshop HOT TOPIC ISSUE:

Gangs in Our Communities

Gangs are not just a big city issue anymore. The members of gangs and their drug and gun dealings are in our local communities and towns. Members of gangs are not scary-looking people. They are educated regular people in the mainstream of our daily lives. In this Hot Topic Issue session, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from a state trooper who weaves in and out of the culture of gangs. The presenter will give us an eye-opening look at gang attire, signs and symbols.

Workshop participants will become more aware of the dangers in our streets and the possible situations one could find themselves in as an educator today.

Participants will also be advised about signs to look for when students are moving into a life involving gang activity. Make plans to come and hear this riveting session!

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Morning Workshops (pick one to attend)

Artists' Alley - "Meet the Artist"

Artists' Alley - Meet the Artist is an opportunity for artists in our midst to showcase their work, explain what they do, and answer any questions from workshop participants.

Chocolate & Poverty

Presented by Judy Smith

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.

For Teachers Who Want to Be Writers, Too

Presented by Toni Albert

Toni Albert, M.Ed., award-winning author of fortyone books, will present a workshop, "For Teachers Who
Want to Be Writers, Too." Drawing from her experience
as a teacher, writer, editor, and publisher, she'll give
practical advice on how to combine teaching and
writing, how to present a manuscript to a publisher,
how to explore new avenues for getting published, how
to self-publish, and how to promote your published
work. This is a fast-paced hour that invites you to
"follow your bliss."

Portando l'Italia a voi

Presented by Stephanie & Rose Ann Fulena

Travel with the Fulenas from Milan to Venice - viewing some of the most beautiful architecture and art in the world and suggestions on ways to use your travel experiences across any curriculum.

Promoting Active Lifestyles

Presented by Deborah Yargar-Reed

Get out of your seat for this workshop! Activities planned are a combination of teamwork, problemsolving and hand/eye coordination. Participants will want to be dressed comfortably for easy participation. Weebly is not Wobbly! - Web site building tool for

non-techies Progented by Linda Nielserson

Presented by Linda Nickerson

Learn how to build a Web site using a free online service. All who have basic word processing skills can successfully build a professional looking site. Included in the workshop will be a checklist/rubric to make sure your site meets the Society certification requirements.

Afternoon Workshops (pick one to attend)

Artists' Alley - "Meet the Artist" Round 2

Artists' Alley - Meet the Artist Round 2 is an opportunity for artists in our midst to showcase their work, explain what they do, and answer any questions from workshop participants.

Color Your World

Presented by Sharon O'Connell

Each and every one of us has a distinct personality - a specific color which describes us. Have you ever wondered why you get along with some people and not others? This workshop will show the four different

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"color" personalities. By the end of this workshop you will discover your color, the colors of those around you and how to work and/or live with those whose color is different than yours.

Getting to Know Slovakia - Her Culture, Literature and Vignettes of History

Presented by Anne Visoky & Jean Olexy

This workshop weaves together a tapestry of culture, literature, and people of Slovakia. It focuses on the role which literature has played in forging Slovakia's national identity, pride, and cultural foundations. Emphasis will be placed on folktales and stories, which throughout its history, have been catalysts in forging Slovakia's emergence as a nation and presently as a democratic republic. Representative artifacts, visuals and folktales will be part of this interactive presentation.

Making Book Characters Come Alive

Presented by Cindy Reynolds

Are you looking for a fun way to bring the joy of reading and language to children? This workshop will give workshop participants ideas of using poems, songs and activities to enhance books. Some "characters" will undoubtedly appear!

Soul Searching Leadership

Presented by Dr. Hanna Fowler.

Knowing who you truly are! Becoming all you can be!

Develop strategies to design the rest of your life regardless of age.

Polish up your enthusiasm for a purposeful life.



THE ALPHA ALPHA STATE CHORUS WANTS

Come join with us as we sing for the 2011 State Convention. We have had excellent groups these last years and are hoping to continue the tradition.

Selections will be easy enough to learn in a few rehearsals. Please let me know if you will join us.

Barbara Rankin, Chorus Director

From Visual and Performing Arts . . .

By Donna J. Houser, Co-Chairman

Artists' Alley is returning to the 2011 Alpha Alpha State convention!

The Artists' Alley will be held in the Alumni Lounge. Convention sisters and other guests will have the opportunity to walk through and browse the exhibit on Friday from 7:00-9:00 PM and Saturday from 10:30-11:45 AM and again from 2:30-5:00 PM. In addition, a workshop titled, "Meet the Artists," will be presented twice on Saturday from 10:30-11:30 AM and again from 2:15-3:15 PM. The artists will discuss their medium, the development of their passion, and answer questions from the workshop attendees. The procedure for purchasing items will be discussed for those who wish to make a purchase.

Alpha Alpha sisters who have a special talent in the visual and creative arts either professionally or as a leisure pursuit are invited to showcase their items and share their expertise and knowledge in this area. Encourage members in your local chapters to attend the convention and participate in the Artists' Alley. Guidelines and more detailed information were in the previous Keystonian, Winter 2011, Vol.66, No.3. In case you misplaced the registration form, please use the one at the end of this article. After registering you will receive more details about set-up, equipment, etc.

Artists' Alley Registration Form Deadline for registration May 7, 2011

Name:
Address:
E-mail Address:
Phone Number:
Chapter:
Medium:
Space needed for your exhibit:
I am willing to share information about my display during the workshop:No

The Keystonian Spring 2011

ALPHA ALPHA STATE CONVENTION



Friday, June 10 – Sunday, June 12, 2011 at The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
Please print or type ONE NAME per form. Send this entire form to:
BARBARA TOBIAS, CONVENTION TREASURER.

Name (Please Print)		
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Please check ALL pertinent categories:		
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State Committee Chair (non-con	nmittee)	of age
	Chapter Member	First Timer to Convention
Chapter PresidentHonorary	y Member or Guest	Chapter Focus Table (Include \$25.00 fee)
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No reservations or cancellations may be made after May		
functions. Checks payable to The Delta Kappa Gamma Weekend		ust cancel, please call 717-273-0585 \$
OR One Day		
Friday, June 10		\$
Saturday, June 11		\$
Sunday, June 12		\$
Late Registration (Postmarked after May 14)	Double above	
MEALS: Saturday, June 11, 2011		
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Breakfast is provided only for your co		*
Continental Breakfast	•	\$
Celebration Luncheon		\$
Presidents' and Founders' Banquet	40.00	\$
Sunday, June 12, 2011 Breakfast Buffet	19.00	C
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Please note: Menus are posted on our web site: www.del		
For special dietary needs, please contact Barb Tobias dire	ectly by May 14, 2	2011
WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS REO	UIRED FOR FR	RIDAY & SATURDAY
Please check the workshop selections on pages 10 &	11 and indicate	your choices below:
Friday afternoon		
Saturday morning		
Saturday afternoon		

Lodging Reservation Form

Alpha Alpha State Convention June 10-12, 2011

This form should be sent directly to Penn State Hospitality Services. For phone reservations, be sure to mention our DKG Society ID: #DEL 0610

Penn State Hospitality Services

Central Reservations Dept.			
215 Innovation Boulevard State College, PA 16803			
800.233.7505 FAX: 814.863.5004			
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Check in time: 3:00 PM		Check-out time	: 12:00 Noon
Arrival Date		Departure Date	
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Rooming with		one bed	two beds
Special Requests			
All reservations are held until 6:00 PM guarantee of either major credit card and tax. Forty-eight (48) hour advan	number or advance dep	osit in the amount of	-
Guarantee: Deposit Amount			
Or Credit Card Name/Number		Expiration Date	
Room Rates (add 8.5% occupancy tax):	Single: \$ 116.00 per ni Double: \$ 126.00 per ni		

Rooms must be occupied by persons making the reservation under DKG Society ID #DEL 0610. Notify hotel if there is a substitute person taking that room.

Triple:

Quad:

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 14, 2011 - There are a limited number of rooms in our block, so please reserve early. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

\$ 136.00 per night

\$ 146.00 per night

Some Hints for First Time State Convention Attendees:

- 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.
- Plan to go to the First Timers session Friday evening as we give you a birdseye view of what to expect at convention and the role you play in the state organization. This is also a good time to meet and greet other first timers.
- Be sure to sign up for all planned convention meals, Saturday's luncheon, Saturday's banquet, and Sunday's brunch. (Note: Saturday morning's continental breakfast is for your convenience only; the dining room offers a full breakfast menu for about the same price or less if you would rather dine there.)
- 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

Do you want to help early career educators?

Are you concerned about bullying?

Do you support literacy efforts?



Make A Miracle Campaign - \$500

Make A Miracle II - Additional \$500

Donations are 100% tax deductible for U.S. citizens

"Contributing to the Foundation took on new meaning for me when I was able to obtain some funding for a state project that would honor new teachers and give them deserved recognition as they began their careers in education. I have come to appreciate the diversity of funded projects when I see in each year's award listing that funds will be used literally all over the world."

Jane D. Williams, Iota state organization, Virginia, executive secretary and past state president

The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

www.educatoredge.org www.dkg.org

room opens at 5:30 and takes reservations, too)

- Don't miss the Friday night fling! It will prove to be a fun way to kick off convention and raise money for a project.
- Chapter Presidents are part of the Executive Board of Alpha Alpha State. All members, though, may attend the executive board 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 workshops in the morning and afternoon. Based on last year's evaluations the Professional Affairs Committee has planned workshops for you that address some of the comments and wishes you voiced. Most of the workshops will offer Act 48 credit
- Please note that it is not the job of the state photographer to take chapter pictures. She has her own schedule she needs to follow. 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

State President's Schedule Spring 2011

March 12	Multi-chapter visit to Theta and Alpha Xi Amici Restaurant in Pittsburgh
March 25-26	Alpha Alpha State Scholarship
	Committee meeting Somerset
April 9	Multi-chapter visit to Epsilon, Upsilon,
	and Alpha Theta chapters
	Country Junction in Smicksburg
April 16	Multi-chapter visit to Zeta, Lambda,
	Alpha Sigma and Alpha Omicron
	New Castle
April 30	Multi-chapter visit to Phi, Alpha Zeta and
	Beta Rho Pink Apple Restaurant
	Tunkhannock
May 5	Chapter visit to Sigma
May 13-14	Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee
	Meeting - Bedford
May 14	Multi-chapter visit to Alpha Beta and
	Alpha Delta - Somerset Country Club
June 10-12	Alpha Alpha State Convention
	Nittany Lion Inn, State College

Alpha Alpha State Convention Schedule

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Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

June 10-12, 2011

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Noon 3-7	Check into the Nittany Lion Inn Registration Opens and Raffle Ticket	2:15-3:15	Workshop Sessions II (Act 48, Enrichment and NERC Steering Committee)
	Sales Begin in Rotunda Chapter Presidents sign in and collect	3:20	Chapter Presidents' Procession Practice in Alumni Ballroom
	convention materials	3:30-4:30	Raffle in Rotunda, Focus Tables in
	Chapter Focus Tables, Atrium		Atrium, Artists' Alley in Alumni
3-4	NERC Chocolate Town Singers		Lounge
	Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany	4:00	Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual
4-5	Pre-Convention Hot Topic Issue:		Center
	"Gangs in Our Communities"	4:45	All Raffles and Chapter Focus Table
.	in Assembly		prizes drawn and posted in Rotunda
5-6:30	Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany	•	ening, June 11 Best Dress
6-6:30	Artists' Alley set-up in Alumni Lounge	5:15-5:45	Membership Reception for the "Under
6:45-7:15	"First Timers, 101" in Mt. Nittany		40" members
7-9	Browse through Artists' Alley in Alumni Lounge	5:30	Entertainment Rehearsal in Alumni Ballroom
7:30-8	Presentation of Women of Distinction by their presidents in Assembly	6:00	General seating for Banquet in Alumni Ballroom
8-8:30	Reception for Women of Distinction in Staff Club	6:15	Introduction and Procession of Past Presidents and Head Table Guests
8:30-9:15	Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany		Presentation of Chapter Presidents,
8:30-9:30	Executive Board Meeting in Board		incoming and outgoing
	Room 2		Ticketed Banquet
8:30-9:15	Zumba class in Alumni Lobby		Heart Song by Dr. Beverly Helms
9:00	Friday Fun and Fellowship - another		Installation of 2011-2013 Alpha Alpha
	Bingo Game sponsored by Projects		State Officers
	Committee in Assembly		Musical Interlude
Saturday, June 11 Business Dress			State Achievement Award
7:15-7:45	Entertainment Rehearsal in Mt. Nittany		Singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma
6:45-8:00	Ticketed Continental Breakfast in		Song
	Alumni Lobby		Receiving line for International Guest,
7:45-11:15	Registration and Raffle Ticket Sales in		Keynote Speaker, State Officers and
	the Rotunda		State Achievement Award Recipient
8:00	Presentation of the Flags and Procession	Sunday, June	e 12 Traveling Clothes!
	of Officers in Alumni Ballroom	7:15-7:45	Spiritual Unity Service - Board Room 2
	First General Session and keynote		Entertainment Rehearsal-Assembly
	speaker	8:00	Celebration of Life in Assembly
10:30-11:30	Workshop Sessions I - (Act 48,	9:00	Ticketed Honors Breakfast - Ballroom
	Enrichment and Chapter Presidents' reunion)	9:45-10:45	Second General Session in Alumni Ballroom
11:30-12:00	Chapter Focus Tables		Presentation of Scholarships and Awards
12:00	Ticketed 74th Birthday Luncheon in		Retiring of the Flags
	Alumni Ballroom	11-Noon	Administrative Board Meeting of
	Recognition of Birthday Chapters		Officers and Committee Chairmen in
	Recognition of women earning		Alumni Lounge
	doctorates or National Board	Noon	Check out of hotel
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Proposed Amendments To Alpha Alpha State Bylaws and Standing Rules

By Suzanne Long, Rules Committee Chairman

The following proposed amendments to the Alpha Alpha State Byaws and Standing Rules have been submitted by the Finance Committee, the Communications Committee and the State First Vice President/Program of Work Chairman. Finance and Communications Committees' proposals are bringing current practice from the committees' policies to the State documents in order to provide a better understanding of the work of these committees. The proposal to combine the Membership and Expansion Committees is an amendment which will change current practice and committee structure beyond the new International Constitution and Standing Rules.

All members will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on these proposals at the annual Alpha Alpha State Convention in June.

From The Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee:

Standing Rules Proposals

New Proposal: The following Standing Rules be amended to discontinue the payment for (meals en route) in the following articles:

III. State Officers

A. Finances

1. Expenses for state officers and state committee chairmen and/or members shall be paid when the state president specifically requires attendance. Allowable expenses shall be mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, lodging, meals and gratuities at 15% (percent) for an individual and the current rate for a group check.

VII. Area Conferences

C. Finances for Area Conferences

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

C. Finances for Area Conferences

2. The expenses of state chairmen whose presence is required by the state president to participate in Area Conferences shall be paid by the state organization. Allowable expenses are mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, lodging at one-half (1/2) the rate of a double room if applicable, meals,

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

Rationale: To help manage and benefit the state budget

Fiscal Impact: Save money

Recommended by: Finance Committee

Bylaws Changes

ARTICLES IV and VI new additions to read:

ARTICLE IV, Section 1. Finances

- 3. The Scholarship Fund
- 4) The Scholarship Fund shall be selfsustaining with all expenses for the Scholarship Committee to be paid from the existing fund rather than having a budget line item in the state budget.

Rationale: Scholarship Fund has more funds than the state budget

Fiscal Impact: Delete the expenses of one committee from the state budget

Recommended by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE VI, Section 2. Officers and Related Personnel

F. Treasurer

- 2) The treasurer will annually pay for the insurance policy maintained by the organization for liability coverage.
- 3) The treasurer will maintain the Visa debit card attached to the checking account to cover group expenses at state meetings and/or convention.

Rationale: Compliance with current practice Fiscal Impact: Line item already established Recommended by: Rules Committee

Amend Article IX Committees to read:

ARTICLE IX Committees

Article IX Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees shall be:

A. Society Business

Membership/Expansion

Rationale: Expansion will become a subcommittee of Membership consisting of 4 members from each of the four areas of the state and chaired by the second vice

president who also chairs the membership committee.

Fiscal Impact: This will save money in eliminating a committee chair and will give more focus to areas of possible expansion when working with membership as a committee of the whole.

Recommended by: Louann Shrader, Omega Chapter

Amend Section 3 A. and D. **Duties of Committees** Section 3. Duties of Committees

- C. Membership/Expansion
 - (1) The Membership Committee shall:
- a. Send to chapter chairmen all instructions and pertinent information pertaining to membership
- b. Screen candidates for the selection of state honorary members
- c. Perform other duties determined by the Executive Board
- (2) The Expansion Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Membership Committee and consist of 4 members from each of the four areas of the State (north, south, east, west) appointed by the President. The Expansion Committee will be under the chairmanship of the Membership Chair and may:
- a. Be responsible for continued expansion within the state
- b. Work with membership to determine the areas within the state where new chapter(s) need to be organized
- c. Obtain authorization to organize a new chapter from the State Executive Board through the State President
- d. Encourage, support, and direct the formation of new chapters in areas not represented by existing chapters and/or large chapters that may have limitations on the number of key women educators invited annually to join the chapter
- e. Through the Membership Chair direct the local organizer and/or chapter in the process of establishing a new chapter. (At least six (6) weeks prior to the founding of a new chapter, International Form 21 shall be completed by the local organizer/chapter and mailed to International headquarters.)

Rationale: This puts any expansion under the direction of membership and maintains a common focus for both entities.

Fiscal Impact: It will save money with the elimination of a committee chair while maintaining the representation needed to explore the potential areas of the state.

Recommended by: Louann Shrader, Omega Chapter

Amendments Proposed by the Communications Committee

Bylaws

ARTICLE IX Section 3. H.

As stated now:

1. Promote the use of the publications of the Society and be responsible for publications authorized by the Executive Board.

Amendment:

1. Promote the use of the web sites and publications of the Society. Be responsible for publications authorized by the Executive Board.

As stated now:

- 2. Cooperate with *The Keystonian* editor Amendment:
 - 2. Assist *The Keystonian* editor with the proofreading of each issue.

Add:

3. Support the work of the state webmaster.

Rationale: To comply with current practice Fiscal Impact: None Recommended by: Communications Committee

Standing Rules

IX. Personnel Policies A. 5.

As stated now:

The Keystonian shall be mailed to all Alpha Alpha State members, the International Editor, the International Executive Director, the Northeast Regional Director, all state presidents, and all state editors.

Amendment:

The Keystonian shall be mailed to all Alpha Alpha State members. The newsletter shall also be made available electronically to all Society members on the Alpha Alpha State web site.

Rationale: To comply with current practice

Fiscal Impact: Save money

Recommended by: Communications Committee

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to time-sensitive and extensive state convention and Northeast Regional Conference coverage, Chapter News and Enrichment Grant articles will appear in the summer issue of *The Keystonian*.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Alpha Alpha State Nominations Committee Announces the

Nominee for president: Louann Shrader, Omega Chapter

Louann is currently first vice president of Alpha Alpha State and Program of Work chairman. Louann has also served as Alpha Alpha State second vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and parliamentarian. She has demonstrated her commitment to our Society by chairing or participating in the Personal Growth and Services, Communications, Membership and Rules committees. Louann has been involved in the state convention workshops, birthday celebrations, purposeful seminars, and creative arts retreats. She also attended and presented at

She has served Omega Chapter as president, first vice president, parliamentarian and chairman of various committees.

multiple seminars, workshops and conferences at the

local, state and international levels. She has attended either a state, regional or International convention since

Louann retired after 35 years as an elementary teacher in the Littlestown Area School District where she occasionally still substitutes. As an educational leader, she was a workshop presenter and served on various district committees.

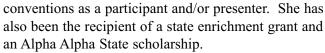
In her spare time, she works as a hospital volunteer taking children on tours to educate them about the facility.

Nominee's Statement: "Passion, that spark of excitement, is contagious and passion with a purpose fuels performance. Using the leadership skills I possess, I believe that by modeling excitement and passion for the vision of our founders, by using communication skills to communicate that vision to members, by using persusive skills to encourage the individual strengths of each member, and by utilizing listening skills, I can bring out the best in each member as we continue the mission of the Society and realize the vision of our founders."

Nominee for first vice president: Kay Stuart, Pi Chapter

Kay Stuart is currently serving as second vice president of Alpha Alpha State. At the state level, Kay has worked on several committees including World Fellowship, Membership, Communications and Leadership Development. She has been a member

Development. She has been a member of the Visual and Performing Arts Committee since 2005. Kay has attended numerous state, regional and International retreats, seminars, conferences, and



As a member of Pi Chapter, Kay has served on or chaired various committees. She has also been president, first vice president, second vice president and parliamentarian.

Kay retired from her position as principal in the Galeton Area School District. In her many professional roles, she has earned numerous honors and awards. *Nominee's Statement:* "One of my favorite quotes is from Henry Van Dyke. 'Use the talents you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang the very best.' "

What "talent" do I possess that Mr. Van Dyke would encourage me to use? I am not artistic, don't play an instrument or sing, but have served on the Alpha Alpha State Creative Arts committee. I don't dance, but I used to be the choreographer for our school show choir. I am not an actor, but I organize and direct plays for my church, my community, and the school. I hate writing, but have penned many newsletter articles for DKG and Student Council.

Van Dyke assures me that I don't have to be the best at these things. I just need to be involved, using my talent to do the work of the Society. Looking back, perhaps my "talent" is that of an encourager, a supporter, and a teacher inspiring others to use their talent. It has been an honor to use my talent to do the work of second vice president for Alpha Alpha State and to be nominated for first vice president. I pledge to continue to "sing along" using my talent to benefit my many sisters."

Nominee for second vice president: Tracey Dusch, Psi Chapter

Tracey Dusch was initiated into Psi Chapter in 1999. During the 2009-2011 biennium, Tracey is serving Alpha Alpha State as corresponding secretary. In previous bienniums, she has served as Projects Committee Chair, attended fall area conferences and purposeful



seminars. Tracey was honored as a Woman of Distinction for being named "Walmart Teacher of the Year" in 2004. She has annually attended regional and International conventions since 2006.

At the chapter level, Tracey has held numerous offices including president, second vice president and recording secretary. She has also served on or chaired several committees.

Tracey continues to teach 7th grade English in the Brockway Area School District. Her enthusiasm for school activities extends beyond the classroom.

Slate of Nominees for Alpha Alpha State Officers 2011-2013

Nominee's Statement: "Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is a gift...a gift that changes as its membership changes. For the young educator it is the gift of scholarship opportunities and networking possibilities. For the experienced educator it is the gift of genuine spiritual fellowship and personal and professional growth. For the retired educator it is the gift of honor for a career of distinctive service. As Alpha Alpha State membership chair, I want to encourage each sister across the state to remember why she unwrapped the gift of membership at her initiation, why she continues to take part in the gifts that membership affords, and how she can help other key women educators across our state accept the rewards that membership in our Society brings."

Nominee for recording secretary: Patricia Shedlock, Nu Chapter

For the past two years, Pat Shedlock has been recording secretary for Alpha Alpha State. Previous to that Pat has served as corresponding secretary, chaired Personal Growth and Services and Professional Affairs. While Alpha Alpha



State Liaison for US Forum, Pat was a member of the planning committee for the 2002 and 2004 National Legislative Seminars in Washington D.C., coordinating the agenda for the guest speakers from across the country.

Since her initiation in 1980, Pat has been very involved at the chapter level accepting the duties of president, first vice president and second vice president. Along with chairing numerous committees, Pat was honored in 1997 with the Dr. Irene M. Murphy Scholarship Award and as a "Woman of Distinction" in 2009. She retired as an elementary teacher from the Lebanon School District. She continues to be involved in community activities.

Nominee's Statement: "I take seriously my responsibility for keeping records and recording the minutes of the Alpha Alpha State organization."

Nominee for corresponding secretary: Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon Chapter

Barbara is the immediate past-president and nominations chairman of her chapter, having served on various committees and as recording secretary and both first and second vice president. She is a member of the Northeast



Regional Conference planning committee and the Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee. Previously she served on the state Visual and Performing Arts Committee.

A retired elementary teacher from the Burrell School District, Barbara currently is a substitute teacher in that district and in the Penn Trafford School District. During her active teaching years, she worked on the Burrell School District Act 48 Committee and the Curriculum and Instruction Committees.

At numerous state conventions, Barbara has been a leader of the Celebration of Life ceremony and has sung with the Alpha Alpha State chorus. In addition, she has attended International conventions and regional conferences, the creative arts retreat and fall area conferences. She is active in her community.

Nominee's Statement: "As Alpha Alpha State Corresponding Secretary, I will encourage and strive for a stronger exchange of thoughts, messages and ideas to one another. Communication is a key building block for an active and thriving membership."

Nominees for the Finance Committee, 2011-2015

Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chi Chapter

Kathy has served Chi Chapter as recording secretary and is currently the chapter treasurer. She has worked on chapter Program, Historical Records and Scholarship committees. Actively involved in Alpha Alpha State, Kathy was a member of the Historical Records



Committee, the Finance Committee and, most recently has been chairman of the Finance Committee.

A teacher, guidance counselor and principal, Kathy retired from the school district of Lancaster after 35 years of service. She is currently an adjunct professor in the Education Department at Millersville University. *Nominee's Statement*: "I have been treasurer of Chi Chapter since 2006 and serve in an advisory capacity to the Finance Committee for Chi. I have been on the Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee since 2007 and presently am chairman of the Finance Committee for Alpha Alpha State. It would be most expedient for me to continue to serve on the committee, if the members so approve."

Barbara Giuffrida, Beta Pi Chapter

For the past four years, Barb has served on Alpha Alpha State's Nominations Committee. Previously, she was a member of the World Fellowship, Professional Affairs, and Projects Committees. Barb was honored twice as



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a recipient of the state Woman of Distinction award.

At the chapter level Barb served as first vice president from 1996-2000 and president from 2000-2004. She recently retired after teaching math and computer science for 36 years in the Upper Merion Area School District. Along with teaching, she found time to coach tennis, hockey, lacrosse and basketball. Barb received the Rotary "Paul Vaughn" Service Award in June, 2010.

Nominee's Statement: "I am looking forward to serving our great Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, in the position of Finance Committee member. I am very excited to have another opportunity to be part of our wonderful state organization. It is always so inspiring to meet more outstanding and passionate sisters!"

Nominees for Nominations Committee, 2011-2015

Carol Herbert, Alpha Sigma Chapter

A 2010 Alpha Alpha State Woman of Distinction, Carol is presently serving both the state and her chapter as parliamentarian. As a member of the Leadership Development Committee, she presented at the chapter presidents' trainings and fall area conferences. She



is the Educators' Award chair for 2011 NERC in Hershey. Carol has also served on the State Achievement Award Committee and as the US Forum Liaison. This past summer, Carol attended her first International convention in Spokane, WA.

Carol served Alpha Sigma Chapter as president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary and chair of Professional Affairs and US Forum.

Professionally, she was a Reading Specialist at New Castle Area School District. She is presently the owner of Grand Book and Bible, a Christian bookstore in New Castle. Active in her community, she has been honored by the Athena PowerLink Award in 2009, Outstanding Layperson in Ministry Award from Epworth U.M. Church, Butler District of W. PA Conference, and the New Castle Area School District Pride and Promise Award in 2003, and Celebrate Literacy Award from the Lawrence county Reading Council in 1995. Nominee's Statement: "As a member of the Nominations Committee, my goal is to place in key leadership positions those who will most effectively, efficiently, and graciously promote the advancement of our Society."

Eileen Little, Chi Chapter

Currently serving as Chi Chapter president, Eileen is an active Alpha Alpha State committee member, having served first on the Membership Committee and then two terms on the Projects Committee. Eileen is also on the Northeast Regional Convention



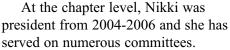
Steering Committee as coordinator of group tours. Eileen is employed by the Hempfield School District as a Gifted Support Teacher K-6 and the coordinator for the district's Gifted Support program. She is an Adjunct Professor in the Education Department of Millersville University.

Eileen volunteers in the community as a board member at Mountville Area Branch Library and a Star Chamber member of the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire.

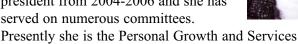
Nominee's Statement: "I would love to represent DKG sisters as a member of the Nominations Committee! As president of Chi Chapter for the 2010- 2012 biennium, I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the leadership development for chapter presidents. The slide show by Dewitt Jones, Celebrate What's Right With The World was very motivational! This was a big inspiration to me as a person, chapter president and possibly on the nominations committee. My goal would be to work with talented DKG sisters in Alpha Alpha State to continue to select key women to lead our state."

"Nikki" Floy F. McWilliams, Lambda Chapter

Nikki currently serves as the Alpha Alpha State World Fellowships Chairman. In 2006 she attended the International convention.

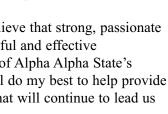


Chairman.



For 25 years, Nikki was an elementary teacher, primarily at the second grade level. In retirement she continues to serve her community in the Meals-on-Wheels program.

Nominee's Statement: "I believe that strong, passionate leadership leads to a successful and effective organization. As a member of Alpha Alpha State's nominating committee, I will do my best to help provide our state with a leadership that will continue to lead us towards a dynamic future."







Delta

Mrs. Carol Corso

Epsilon

Mrs. Tara Pangonis

Zeta

Mrs. Nancy Cermak Mrs. Vicki Cwynar

Eta

Mrs. Peggy Bange

Kappa

Mrs. Crystal Header

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Ruth Stolarick Margaret Valinsky

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Mrs. Thana Leibig

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Upsilon

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Phi

Grace Clauss
Mary Lisa Gilson
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Elaine Wells

Welcome, New Initiates and Reinstated Members!

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Omega

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Alpha Gamma

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Mrs. Kelly Ann Edwards Mrs. Vanessa Gardner

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Mrs. Julie Ann Overly
Mrs. Danielle Wolski
Mrs. Lisa Zakarevicz
Dolores Toews
Patricia Ward
Milena Trosini
Elaine DeWan

Beta Rho

Hillary Stubeda

Beta Sigma

Mrs. Linda Martin Dr. Caroline Maurer

Please note:

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

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Beverly was initiated into Phi Chapter, Mu State, in 1972 where she served as chapter president as well as filling other offices and committee chairs. In 1994 she became a charter member of Delta Theta where she also served in many leadership roles. She was president of Mu State organization in 1999-2001 and currently serves as parliamentarian as well as editor. In 2002-2004 she was Southeast Regional Director. Altogether, she has attended nineteen regional conferences and has conducted workshops at many of them. At the International level she chaired the International Communications Committee during the 2008-2010 biennium. If you attended the International Convention last summer in Spokane and remember seeing bees buzzing around, I will tell you that Beverly was one of them! A highlight for Beverly at the 2010 convention was when she received the International Achievement Award.

Beverly is a true Delta Kappa Gamma lady! She said, "I eagerly anticipate meeting and getting to know the members from Pennsylvania. I want to celebrate with you, your many accomplishments and bask in your smiles and friendships. I am so excited!"

PRESIDENT From Page 2

held in Hershey, the Chocolate Capital of the World. What better place could women congregate than a location with such an abundance of chocolate? We will all go away feeling satisfied body, mind and soul after being in Hershey and attending this conference. Be sure to read the article here about this event and check out the website for more information. Will you go beyond Jack's Creek to attend and network with hundreds of women from all over the northeastern United States? More importantly, will you go beyond Jack's Creek because your help is needed by Alpha Alpha State to host the conference on July 20-23? It will take all of us working together to make this the exciting event that Dr. Lyn Schmid wants it to be.

As I am reading through the seventy-seven stories in this book, I am also reminded of you the members of our state. As I have become acquainted with more and more of you through my travel and visits, I have found you to be like the women in the stories. You are wise, witty, courageous, powerful, soft, intuitive, nurturing and passionate. But there are many more women that I would like to meet. Won't you consider venturing beyond Jack's Creek this summer and attend our Alpha Alpha State Convention in June and the Northeast Regional Conference in July?

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in several other capacities. In 2009 Hanna received the Psi State Achievement Award. At the International level most recently Hanna served on the International Membership Committee and led the pre-conference training for 2009-2011 Southeast states' membership chairs. She chaired the Rules Committee at the 2008 International Convention. Since 2005, Hanna has presented workshops at conventions and conferences.

Hanna's education includes a doctorate in Educational Leadership, a Specialist and Master of Education degree in Administration and Supervision, a Specialist and Master of Education degree in Early Childhood and a Bachelor of Science in Art Education.

Presently Hanna is employed by the Georgia Department of Education, Division of Turnaround Schools, Office of Education Support and Improvement. In 2004 she retired from McDuffie County Schools having served as a classroom teacher, special education teacher, Title I resource teacher, assistant principal and principal. Under her leadership as principal, the school received the Georgia School of Excellence in 2000, the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2001, the International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Award in 2003 and nine teachers were recognized as National Board Certified.

Hanna lives in Thomson, Georgia with her husband of 32 years ("her knight in shining armor") along with four grand dogs and her crazy black cat named Res-Q. She and Sammy have three great children and three wonderful grandchildren. She likes to shop, fluff the house and play with Res-Q and loves God, family, country, and DKG!



The Information, Sales and First Aid Committee for the NERC to be held July 20-23 in Hershey

recently held a

planning meeting at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. The committee is made up of Nu Chapter members. Back row: L-R Cherrie Boeshore, Anita Pence, Joyce Whorley, Priscilla Swanger, Gayle Goltra Front row: Alma Hughes, Betsy Berger, Ellen Burke and Patricia Shedlock, Committee Chairman. Other committee members are Carole Hostetter and Shirley Folmer.

Submitted with photo by Pat Shedlock



NE Regional Conference Takes Shape

By Dr. Lyn Schmid

We're On the Web!

As soon as you finish reading this *Keystonian*, log on to dkg.org, find the Northeast Regional Conference block at the bottom of the home page in purple, and click to discover all of the information that has been posted for the upcoming conference in Hershey, July 20-23, 2011. As I write this article,

- Keynote Speakers
- Pre-Conference Tours
- Schedule-At-A-Glance
- Workshop Proposals
- Vendor Applications
- Info Fair Requests

are all online and accessible. Additional information is being added daily, so check the web site often for updates.

Registration

Feel free to telephone the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center directly at 800-533-3131 before June 16th and identify yourself as part of the Delta Kappa Gamma Group in order to reserve rooms within the block price of \$243. This rate is per night for Single, Double, or Quad plus 6% PA State occupancy tax and 3% local tax. Reservations received after June 16th will be accepted on a space available basis. There will be "Make the Block" door prizes for those who are registered at the Lodge!

Seriously Seeking.....

Items for the Conference Bags - Contact Carol Goodman

Food/Beverage for Pennsylvania Night - Contact Tracey Dusch at

Table Hostesses for Celebration Luncheon and Presidents' Banquet - Contact Kay Stuart at

Presiders for Breakout Sessions - Contact Dee Stegeman at

"Wherever Needed" Volunteers - Contact Royce Boyd at

Workshop Presenters - Contact Dr. Lyn Schmid at

Vendors - Contact Wanda Keller at

Thanks!

Pennsylvania cannot mount this Northeast Regional Conference without YOU! Steering committee members and committee chairmen are working hard to make this a wonderful, successful conference. Please do your part by pitching in wherever you can with the considerable talents that you have. The women listed above will be delighted to receive your contact.

Needed: Vendors and Exhibitors for NERC 2011

Where: Hershey Motor Lodge

When: Thursday, July 21, 2011 and

Friday, July 22, 2011

Cost for DKG Affiliate Vendor or Exhibitor: \$100.00 for one draped table with 2 chairs \$50 extra for electricity

Cost for Non-Affiliate Vendor or Exhibitor:

\$250.00 for one draped table with 2 chairs for vendor

\$200 for one draped table with 2 chairs for exhibitor

\$50 extra for electricity

Contact Wanda Keller for more information and an application.



Deadline: April 30, 2011



Needed: 2011 NERC Chocolatetown Singers!

July 20 - 23, 2011 Hershey, PA

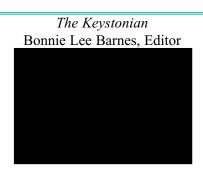
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In Memoriam

Barbara C. Breon

June 23, 2010

Barbara was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma December 8, 1975. As a valued member of Beta Nu, she served as their president during the 1980-82 biennium.

Jane Fogle

June 24, 2010

After her initiation in 1995, Jane served Alpha Upsilon as parliamentarian, corresponding secretary, first and second vice president, and as president. She served Alpha Alpha State on the Finance and Research Committees. She transferred to Theta Chapter in 2004. She had been a guidance counselor with the Lower Burrell School District.

No one truly dies;

they live on

in the hearts

of those

who love them.

Marolane Stevenson

Louise Harris

February 7, 2010

A founding member of Beta Theta, Louise served as first vice president from 1963-65. Since that time she had served on numerous committees and as well as being recording secretary and parliamentarian. She taught French and Latin at Hummelstown High School and Susquehanna Township School District.

Darla M. Yanachik

September 15, 2010

During her 37 years of teaching Spanish, Darla sponsored many tours to Spain and Mexico. She was an excellent RECREO chairperson for PASR (PA School Retirees) and GCASR (Greene County). She served Rho Chapter in various chairman positions after her initiation in 1984.