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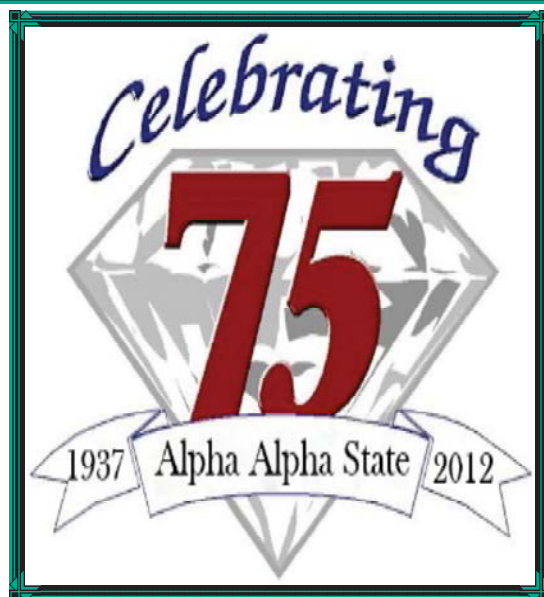
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Key Women Educators

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*Embracing the Vision.... through....
The Power of the Dream*

Alpha Alpha State welcomes to our grand 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION three outstanding guests who will inspire, educate, and challenge us as we continue to be *'forward moving ever'*. Joining us, as Alpha Alpha State's 75th Convention guests, will be **Carolyn Pittman**, International member-at-large, **Kate Campbell Stevenson**, professional actress, singer, and producer, and our own **Dr. Lyn Schmid**, 2010-2012 Northeast Regional Director. (see ANNIVERSARY page 6)



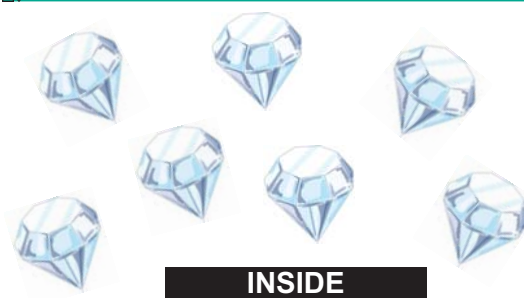
Carolyn Pittman



Kate Campbell Stevenson



Dr. Lyn Schmid



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You Are Cordially Invited...

Didn't get invited to the royal wedding last April? The Oscar's red carpet didn't include your footfall? Feeling left out of important events? Don't despair; you still have a chance to be "with it"! (see INVITATION page 8)

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State President's Message

by Louann Shrader



"I was lucky. I began teaching the same year Annie Webb Blanton in Texas founded DKG to promote the professional interests and position of women in education. When I began teaching, a woman teacher who married could lose her job. My friend Isabel was called before the school board because they suspected she had secretly married. At the board meeting, she protested and said, 'I don't know how to prove to you I'm, not married. A married woman could prove she was married by producing a wedding certificate. But there's no certificate to prove I'm not married.'

My friend Dolly, another teacher was Catholic. The school district would not employ Catholic teachers so Dolly joined another church.

Later when I taught high school, men teachers who coached were paid. We, women, who advised the yearbook, directed plays etc. after school were not paid. At the same school, the salary committee could always formulate salary policies that benefited husbands and fathers rather than us single women. I feel lucky that Annie Webb Blanton founded DKG to support desirable legislation in the interest of women teachers. Thank you, Annie Webb Blanton."

The following written excerpts came from a member who passed away in 2004 at the age of 95. Marjorie May of Alpha Alpha Chapter wrote the essay on the occasion of her chapter's 50th anniversary and Founders Day. Marjorie, a retired teacher with an extensive resume, understood...**she got it!** She embraced the vision and realized the 'power of the dream' of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, a small Texas woman whose vision was enormous yet simple—to **enhance the opportunities for women and unite them to accomplish worthy endeavors.**

Our vision, as has our Society, grew over the years, 'leading women educators impacting education world wide.' The simple vision has become a global initiative encompassing a worldwide community. During this past year my hope and challenge to each member has been to find the vision within, the vision that lives in your heart, and can drive you and your chapter forward as members of a flour-

ishing and growing Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. There is power in the dreams and imagination of each individual member that has brought us to our 75th year. And, our individual strengths to create change and our collective commitments to the mission of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will continue to move us forward.

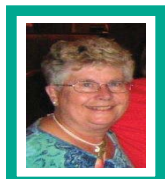
What needs to be done now to turn each chapter's vision and our State's vision into action? Our next step? **Come to State Convention.** Begin your steps into finding the answers and ideas to realize your personal vision as a member and your chapter's future vision. Change happens whether we want it or not. A familiar quote is a reminder of the individualities and personalities of humankind. ***"When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened."*** Key

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MEMBERSHIP

--The Power of TNT

by Grace Schauer, Pi



Chapter membership chairmen have a greater challenge than finding ways to interest new members. It is in retaining members that meets the challenge. How do we create a bond where new members feel nurtured and empowered with a sense of professionalism and fellowship?

In the winter Keystoneian Gisele Siebold suggested that DKG members have the power of TNT. WOW! That is a dynamite challenge for us to think about. We joined *an international society that promotes professional and personal growth in women educators and excellence in education.* That is POWER! However, this power comes with a price: time, dedication, enthusiasm, mentoring and pride!

No one comes to a meeting to sit and listen to what could happen.... what they could do if.... or might do. When time is a precious commodity these days, women join a group that is moving toward its purposes and goals with strength and enthusiasm. Pride sustains members! Focus on the pride in the bigger picture of our society. Women teachers will look for activities that enrich and stimulate, as well as activities that create genuine fellowship with their peers.

TNT: Training Members about our Founders, Nurturing Members, and Touching the Hearts of Members.

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women educators fit into the second category—they make things happen.

I listed excerpts from the writing of our deceased sister, Marjorie May, a Key Woman Educator. Marjorie realized early through models such as Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, that women had to make things happen for themselves and she, herself, is a model to us for the dreams that propelled her visions forward back then. Her resume is extensive but a few dreams realized need to be noted, as they should inspire each of us to commit to our dreams. Marjorie started the Lehigh-Northampton Association of Teachers of English. She authored historical booklets about her area and about her church. She served in the Peace Corps and raised

How can you ignite your members and give the chapter the power that will be recognized in the schools and community? What challenges have you given members? Have you asked early-career educators to present a program about their experiences and new teaching techniques? Has the scholarship committee met with members who are looking for grants and scholarships? Have you planned a project meeting where everyone can help or organize your own mini-creative arts retreat? Invite members of neighboring chapters to visit or share a project event. Begin your meetings with a surprise guest or activity that creates movement and conversation. Don't ever follow the same boring pattern of business. Recognize and reward members for their accomplishments great and small. Get out and take a bus trip. Do you have a plan to Support Early-Career Educators (SECE)? Have you volunteered or promoted a school program in some way?

The igniters in your chapter are the ones who think out of the box, who go the extra mile, who everyone looks to with pride and accomplishment. Your nominating committee needs to look for those members who can be the TNT for your chapter as you look ahead to another biennium. The challenge of supporting new members lies with the entire membership and extends beyond mentoring. Working together, DKG members can be dynamite in your chapter, schools and community.

funds to build Peace Corps Partnership Schools in Africa, which now total more than 150 schools in her name. Marjorie received numerous awards, including the Sargent Shriver Award in Washington DC for her service to the Peace Corps and was a guest in the White House Rose Garden with former president George Bush. These are just a few of her accolades but certainly show that when members believe in themselves as Key Women Educators, use the purposes to shape performance to our mission, and display the excitement that sparks imagination and passion, we have the ingredients to continue the vision of our founders and take the steps into designing a future.



New Initiates, Transfer, and Reinstated Members



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Mrs. Dorothy Krize
Ms Claudia Mahon

Delta

Julienne Bryant

Epsilon

Miss Emily Jones
Kristy Manning
Mrs. Kelly Shoop

Zeta

Tamara Kessler
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Eta

Pauline Bucklen
Lynn Karlitskie

Theta

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Ms Theresa Magnotta
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Rosalie Dibert
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Janine Kopko
Irene Pagonis
Rosemary Schmitt

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Mrs. Denise
Eschenmann
Ms Debra Reese

Nu

Mrs. Linda Hower
Mrs. Lisa Jannetta

Xi

Mrs. Beth Williams

Pi

Mrs. Linda Cunningham
Mrs. Stephanie Kaufman

Upsilon

Mrs. Deborah Salvatore

Chi

Mrs. Stephanie Crush
Mrs. Charlotte Glover
Mrs. Melissa Ostrowski
Mrs. Angela Tilghman

Psi

Erin Barlett
Mrs. Stacey Fox
Mrs. Nicole Werwie
Susan Whitlind

Omega

Mrs. Natalie Hasenfuss
Mrs. Tina Soullaird
Tracey Willet
Sue Williamson

Alpha Beta

Mrs. Jennifer Diandreth
Mrs. Janelle Lowe
Mrs. Britt Savage
Miss Tina Smith

Alpha Gamma

Danielle Frantz
Jennifer Simpson

Alpha Delta

Miss Carrie Long
Mrs. Julianne Shetler
Mrs. Lana Vena

Alpha Epsilon

Mrs. Nancy Dryden

Alpha Zeta

Mrs. Denise Amer
Mrs. V. Nichole Bradley
Mrs. Lynn Eberlin
Miss Deb Fitzwater
Mrs. Ginger Lathrop
Mrs. Alison Polly
Mrs. Sherry Spencer

Alpha Theta

Barbara Meleason
Angela Shup
Kerrienne Walters

Alpha Iota

Mrs. Sandra Balkovic
Ms Diane King
Mrs. Heather Mitchell
Mrs. Amy Rodriguez

Alpha Lambda

Ms. Donna Fosbrink

Alpha Mu

Mrs. Leslie Colopy
Sarah Connolly
Mrs. Debra Jannotti
Mrs. Amanda McBriar
Dolores Tucker

Alpha Nu

Mrs. Darcy Golden
Mrs. Barbara Moffett

Alpha Rho

Mrs. Julie Schaub
Dr. Jill Yurko

Alpha Sigma

Mrs. Bridget Miller
Mrs. Bess Ondako

Alpha Upsilon

Mrs. Sandra Jones
Mrs. Ellen Rupert
Mrs. Colleen Sites
Mrs. Linda Sudnik

Alpha Phi

Mrs. Mary Ann Hartley
Mrs. Donna Watson

Alpha Chi

Miss Nora Connolly

Alpha Psi

Eugenia Griffith

Beta Alpha

Dr. Sara Kistler-Lamb

Beta Beta

Mrs. Donna Koval

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Mrs. Debra Jean Cromer
MaryRose Lawhead
Mrs. Claudia Simmons

Beta Epsilon

Mrs. Crystal Gearhart

Beta Kappa

Ms. Martha Gorman
Mrs. Sari Holt

Beta Mu

Meldine Brodar
Mrs. Lynne Henry
Ms Karen Lachenmayer
Mrs. Carol Mandik
Mrs. MarySue Manley
Ms Claire Sapanaro
Ms Barbara Shaffer

Beta Pi

Michelle Ambrosio





Come to the Party!



If you are already registered for state convention on June 8-10, 2012,
you can stop reading now.

This article is for those of you who haven't made that decision yet. Your state leadership team wants you to know that **YOU** are the reason for this event. Look over the information in this issue of the *Keystonian* to see the many opportunities offered to you.

President Louann Shrader and her team have spent a great deal of time and energy to create an event that:

- ~ Unites women educators across Pennsylvania in a genuine spiritual fellowship. State convention is like a family reunion with sisters you know, and also getting to know your larger family. Try to attend our Friday Night Fling. There will be laughter, joy, and celebrations for all!

- ~ Honors women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education. Check out the Album of Distinction; join us for *Meet the Founders* as we celebrate our state's 75th birthday and numerous chapter birthdays, and don't miss the Presidents' Banquet as we honor the outgoing and incoming chapter presidents.

- ~ Advances the professional interest and position of women in education. A variety of workshops will be offered. Learn more about our Society, ethics issues, women in history, or how to create a rainforest in your classroom. Our international speaker, Carolyn Pittman and our Keynoter, Kate Campbell Stevenson will bring some interesting ideas for you to consider. Our very own Dr. Lyn Schmid will also share her thoughts. She is bound to make you feel

proud of your membership in DKG, and inspire you to do more of our valuable work.

- ~ Initiates, endorses, and supports desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators. Find out about the current issues facing women and our profession.

- ~ Endows scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators. Women who will be receiving 2012 State Scholarships or Enrichment Grants will be honored on Sunday morning.

- ~ Stimulates the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action. There will be opportunities to discover programming ideas for your chapter, learn about ways to support the early career educator, or to try a little yoga.

- ~ Informs members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society. You will be able to find out more about the International and State Project, *Schools for Africa*, and how our sister project, *The Patricia Project*, connects with global awareness.

Isn't it an honor to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma? If you believe that it is, then you will do what you can to "Come to the Party".

Join your sisters at State College for our 75th birthday. And while you are making those plans, consider joining us in New York City for the International Convention, July 24-28, 2012. Check out the www.dkg.org for more information on that.

Our International guest, Carolyn



Pittman, is from the state of Arkansas where she has been state organization president; state organization editor; international convention steering committee co-chair; regional conference steering committee member; Golden Gift Fund Committee chair and Leadership/Management Seminar director; and Southeast Regional Director. Carolyn is currently serving as our International Administrative Board Member-at-Large and chairs the Administrative Board's Human Resources Committee.

An English and journalism teacher, Carolyn, a familiar and always visible face at the International level, is widely known as a dynamic speaker, workshop presenter, and trainer at all levels. Carolyn, a 2012-2014 nominee for International First Vice-President, will deliver the International update as well as present a workshop entitled "Designing Women."

Kate Campbell Stevenson combines over 25 years of professional experience in music, theatre and education to create ***Women: Back to the Future***. She has starred in over 30 Broadway musicals produced in regional theaters across the United States, including Camelot, Carousel, My Fair Lady, The King and I, Show Boat, Music Man and I Do! I Do!, as well as performing in radio and TV commercials. In her one-woman show Kate brings to life historical women with "can do"



attitudes who have inspired audiences from the poorest rural schools in South Carolina to the fanciest prep schools in LA; from small county fairs to the National Theatre and The Office of the President in Washington, D.C.; from state and national convention halls to renowned college and civic auditoriums. During our First General Session Kate will perform a reflective keynote presenting characters that followed their dreams and made a difference. She will also present a workshop, "Women's History: It's Real, Relevant, and Revolutionary".

Our own Dr. Lyn Schmid is our cur-



rent Northeast Regional Director and the 2012-2014 International nominee for Second Vice-President. Dr. Lyn's leadership is well known in Alpha Alpha State having served as various committee chairs, as different state officers through the years, and as State Organization President during the 2005-2007 biennium. Through Dr. Lyn's vision the leadership training for chapter presidents was initiated and as busy as she is, Dr. Lyn continues to serve as Leadership Development Chair and leads the training for our new incoming chapter presidents. Dr. Lyn's charisma and reputation as a change agent and futurist is known throughout Alpha Alpha State and will be realized at the banquet when she presents the Banquet Keynote and leads us into the next 25 years, as we identify pathways and design ideas that will steer us into a future of growth in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



Alpha Alpha State Convention Schedule

The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA June 8 - 10, 2012

EMBRACING THE VISION: THE POWER OF THE DREAM

Friday, June 8 Casual Dress		2:15-3:15	Workshop Session II
Noon	Check into the Nittany Lion Inn	3:20	Current Chapter Presidents and Incoming Chapter Presidents, all current state officers, special guests, and past State Presidents Procession Rehearsal, Alumni Ballroom
1-7	Registration Opens and Raffle Ticket Sales Begin in Rotunda		
	Chapter Presidents sign in and collect convention materials		
	Chapter Focus Tables and Info-Fair, Atrium	3:30-4:30	Raffle Ticket sales, focus tables, info-fair
2:45-3:30	Founders Tea, Faculty Staff Club Room	4:00	Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center
4-5	Pre - Convention Hot Topic Session "Protecting Your Certificate", Assembly	4:45	All Raffles and Chapter Focus Tables drawn and posted in Rotunda
5-6:30	Chorus Rehearsal, Mt Nittany		
6:45-7:15	"First Timers, 101", Mt Nittany		
7:30-8	Album of Distinction", Presentation of the 2012 candidates for the Album of Distinction by their Chapter Presidents, Assembly	Saturday Evening, June 9 Best Dress	
8-8:30	Reception for the new recipients of the 2012 Album of Distinction, Faculty Staff Club Room	5:15-5:45	"Under 40 years of age" reception, room 1018
8:30-9:15	Chorus Rehearsal, Mt. Nittany	5:30 -6:00	Chorus Rehearsal, Alumni Ballroom
8:30-9:30	Executive Board Meeting, Board Room 2	5:45	Officers and guests photos
8:45-9:15	"Gentle Flow Yoga", Alumni Lounge	6:00	Ticketed Banquet. General Seating for Anniversary Banquet, Alumni Ballroom (convention booklet not needed; a program will be provided)
9:30	Friday Night Fling, "Fun and Fellowship", and Birthday Chapters' Presentations, Assembly	6:15	Introduction and Procession of Past State Presidents and Head Table Guests
Saturday, June 9 Business Dress			Presentation of Incoming and Outgoing Chapter Presidents
7:15-7:45	Chorus Rehearsal, Mt. Nittany		Ticketed Banquet
6:45-7:45	Ticketed Continental Breakfast, Alumni Lobby		Keynote by Dr. Lyn Schmid
7:30-11:45	Registration and Raffle Ticket Sales, Rotunda		Musical Presentation
8:00	Presentation of Flags and Procession of Officers, First General Session and Reflective Keynote, Alumni Ballroom		Torch-Bearer Recognition
10:30-11:30	Workshop Sessions I Society Workshops State Photographer will take photos of incoming chapter presidents at Presidents' Session		Singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song
11:30-12:00	Focus Tables, Info-Fair, Atrium		Receiving Line for International Guest, Keynote Speakers, State Officers in Alumni Lobby
11:45	Doors open for celebration luncheon	Sunday, June 10 Traveling Clothes	
12:00	Ticketed 75th Celebration Luncheon, Alumni Ballroom	7:30-7:50	Spiritual Unity Ceremony, Board Room 2
	A Salute to Alpha Alpha State	8:00	Celebration of Life, Assembly
	Recognition of Birthday Chapters,	9:00	Ticketed Honors Breakfast, Ballroom
	Recognition of women earning Doctorate or National Board Certification	9:45-10:45	Second General Session, Alumni Ballroom
			Presentation of Scholarships and Enrichment Grants, Communication Awards
			Retiring of the Flags
		11:00-12:00	Check out of Hotel
		11:00-12:00	Administrative Board Meeting of Officers and Committee Chairmen in Alumni Lounge

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Alpha Alpha State is celebrating its 75th anniversary at this year's convention in June. It will be *the event* of the year and you will want to be there for the fun.

There will be a kick-off celebration, “**Our Founders’ Tea.**” This tea reception will be held from 2:45 until 3:30 in the Faculty Staff Room. Annie Webb Blanton and her specially selected Pennsylvania founders will be present. It’s a perfect time to socialize with these amazing women who established our state organization, to have a tasty, afternoon treat, and to share in the fellowship with current members.



Memorabilia such as scrapbooks and pastel portraits of past presidents will be on display in the atrium. In addition, those submitting artwork commemorating our past history will be featured there too. *There is still time to create a poem, a play, a short story, a musical tribute, a needlepoint, a quilt, a mosaic, a painting, a drawing, or some other artful format that depicts our rich heritage.* Let us know what anniversary present you are bringing.

In the Fall each chapter was asked to nominate a member who is forty years old or younger who has been actively involved in Delta Kappa Gamma, making contributions to the vitality of the Society. (Nomination form available online at deltakappagamma.org/PA; deadline April 1). Nominees must be present at convention where they will be honored and the winner will be presented with the **Torch Bearer Award**. This unique recognition will occur at the banquet. (Go to page 13 for more information on this new award opportunity.)



The banquet promises to be a spectacular part of the celebration. Like any celebration we will have decorations befitting the event. Psi chapter's Ellen Rose is creating dazzling centerpieces for the tables. The table favors mark this 75th anniversary with appropriate homage to the women who figured in that history. There will be joyful noise at the banquet as Shirley Newhart and the State Chorus treat attendees to music that entertains as well as inspires.



Our own Dr. Lyn Schmid will keynote the banquet celebration. It is fitting that she, as one of our own, addresses the assembly to celebrate our heritage and show what the future can unfold for us. As we transition from the current chapter presidents to the incoming ones, we can appreciate the momentum and the legacy of the Society.

The Nittany Lion Inn is celebrating with us, marking this golden milestone by creating an exclusive drink. Here's to Alpha Alpha State and the **Diamond Dazzler Martini!**

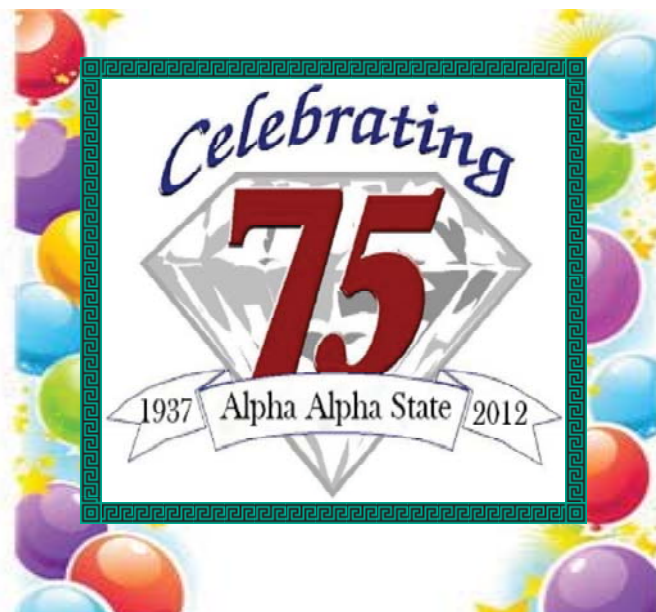


Of course, there will be official business to take care of. Our responsibilities remain a paramount concern, but we *will* have fun at convention. Kay Stuart's article about Diamond Mic Night, the Friday Night Fling, suggests a great time to showcase one's talents and to let one's hair down. Don't forget to bring a package of white cotton panties to this event for “Project Patricia”. As Karen Ball reminds members, “**Hey Sister, can you Spare a Pair?**” for the young women of Africa.



Alpha Alpha State has been blessed with strong leaders, dedicated service, and remarkable achievements. Let's go to convention in June and celebrate this heritage.

See you there!



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.

~ Do you like to sing? Everyone is welcomed to join the chorus. See the schedule for chorus rehearsals.

~ 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 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, draw attention to the state project, and develop new friendships.

~ Chapter Presidents make up 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. During even number years, morning workshops present workshops on Society business. Afternoon workshops provide opportunities to pickup Act 48 credit. Based on last year's evaluations the Educational Excellence Committee has planned afternoon workshops for you that address some of the comments and wishes you voiced. Most of the afternoon workshops 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.



Friday, June 8 – Sunday, June 10, 2012 The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
Please print or type **ONE NAME** per form. Send this entire form to:
BARBARA TOBIAS, CONVENTION TREASURER.



(Please Print) _____

Title	Last	First	Initial
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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Local Chapter	Phone Number
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E-Mail Address

_____ State Officer	_____ Birthday Chapter Member	_____ Member – Under 40 years of age
_____ State Committee Chair	_____ Outgoing Chapter President	_____ First Timer to Convention
_____ Past State President	_____ Incoming Chapter President	_____ Honorary Member or Guest
_____ State Chorus participant	_____ Workshop Presenter—Sat p.m.	_____ Chapter Focus Table (include \$25)

Registration (non-refundable, postmarked on or before May 8, 2012.) Late registrations between May 9-31. No reservations or cancellations may be made after May 31, 2012. 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.)

Weekend	\$30.00	\$ _____
OR One Day: Friday, June 8	10.00	
Saturday, June 9	20.00	
Sunday, June 10	10.00	_____
Late Registrations (Postmarked after May 8).....	Double above	_____
MEALS: Friday, June 8, 2012, Founders' Tea	10.00	_____
Saturday, June 9, 2012		
Continental Breakfast	13.00	_____
Celebration Luncheon.....	25.00	_____
Presidents' Banquet	40.00	_____
Sunday, June 10, 2012		
Breakfast Buffet.....	18.00	

Please note: Menus will be posted on our web site. For special dietary needs, contact Barb Tobias directly by May 8, 2012.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY p.m.

Please indicate by circling below if you are planning to attend:

Friday afternoon workshop **YES** or **NO**

Please select one Saturday afternoon workshop from the list below:

Women's History As the SAP Rises

Designing Women Welcome to the Jungle

Non-Dues Revenue

Communicating with Your Baby

(see page 11 for workshop descriptions)

Alpha Alpha State Convention Workshops

Workshop Title: “Women’s History: It’s Real, Relevant, and Revolutionary”

Presenter: Kate Campbell Stevenson, Keynote Speaker

Attendees will learn how to bring interactive women’s history projects into the classroom throughout all curricula using drama, poetry, music, and original documents.

Workshop Title: Designing Women

Presenter: Carolyn Pittman, Arizona, International Member At Large

Through this interactive workshop, participants will explore the power of chapters “designing” the impact of leading women educators. Participants will explore their personal membership and role play how they can embrace their visions.

Workshop Title: Non-Dues Revenue: Balancing the Bottom Line

Presenter: Suzanne Long, Beta Theta, International Non-Dues Revenue Committee 2010-2012

Does your chapter use fund raising to avoid increasing dues and fees? Join this “round table” discussion and share your chapter’s best practices while learning the tactics of the other chapters across Pennsylvania to subsidize dues and fund chapter projects.

Workshop Title: As the SAP Rises

Presenter: Sue Stamm, Lambda

Do you know what a strategic action plan is? Would you like to learn to develop a plan to improve your chapter? Attend this session to gain the knowledge to accomplish this.

Workshop Title: Welcome to the Jungle

Presenter: Amy Miehl and Margo Keefer, Gamma

Welcome to the Jungle...or at least the rainforest of Costa Rica! Join Amy and Margo as they share adventures from their DKG Enrichment Grant opportunity in the rainforest. See how they applied their knowledge to help their third graders create a “real live” rainforest at their school. Researched, created, and “staffed” by students, the rainforest experience is one not to be missed!

Workshop Title: Communicating with Your Baby

Presenter: Barb Clark, Psi, Amy Buddock, Beta Omicron with Isabelle (age 4 years) & Alexander (age 14 months) Buddock

Sign language is for EVERYONE!! Sign language can be taught to babies before they can speak! It helps them communicate their needs and wants before spoken language develops, thus minimizing the “terrible twos”. Come see 14 month Alexander sign! Teachers can also use sign language with students, especially, autistic students. So Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, & Teachers come see how you can use sign language to enrich your life and those of the children in your life!!

Lodging Reservation Form
Alpha Alpha State Convention
June 8-10 2012

**This form should be sent directly to Penn State Hospitality Services.
For phone reservations, be sure to mention our DKG Society ID: #DELF12A**

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 p.m.

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 _____

Please guarantee your reservation by giving a major credit card number or advance deposit in the amount of one night's room and tax. Seventy-two (72) hours advance notice is required for cancellations.

Guarantee: Deposit Amount _____

Or Credit Card Name/Number _____ Expiration date _____

Room Rates (add 8.5% occupancy tax):	Single:	\$125.00 per night
	Double:	\$125.00 per night
	Triple:	\$125.00 per night
	Quad:	\$125.00 per night

Rooms must be occupied by persons making the reservation under **DKG Society ID #DELF12A**.
Notify hotel if there is a substitute person taking that room.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 8, 2012

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

Diamond Mic Night At Friday Night Fun and Fellowship



Please join us at **Diamond Mic Night** on Friday night of state convention at 9:30 pm. We will be celebrating 75 years of DKG experiences, (Do you have a funny story to tell?), fun music, (We have many talented singers and instrumentalists among our ranks.), and a variety of other talent (I know we have a *yodeler* and a *yo-yo artist* in our midst. Will they show us their talents?). We are looking for people who would like to join us at the microphone sharing their talents

and stories. We need you to volunteer to be one of our entertainers.

Birthday Chapters will be providing commercial breaks, and door prizes will be given out throughout the evening.



The Nittany Lion Inn has prepared a signature drink for our evening - the **Diamond Dazzler Martini** (We believe it will be available in alcoholic and non-alcoholic form.) Contact Karen Ball at [REDACTED] for more information or to reserve a spot in this wild and crazy line-up of talent!

Our Founders' Tea

Join Annie Webb Blanton
as we honor our
PA Founders
Faculty Staff Room
June 8th - 2:45 pm - \$10.00



Torch Bearer Award



The ad hoc 75th Anniversary Committee is seeking nominations from chapters for the new **Torch Bearer Award**. **This award recognizes Alpha Alpha State's younger members who are making contributions to the Society by being active through their participation in various ways. This is an opportunity for local chapters to acknowledge a member that is 40 years of age or younger who is making a difference in their organization.**

Those nominated must plan to attend this year's Alpha Alpha State Convention on June 8 -10. In addition to the actual torch award, there is a special prize for the winner.

The nomination form is available on-line at deltakappagamma.org/PA. Nominations should be completed by **April 1, 2012** and mailed or emailed to: Barb Emmer



LEGISLATIVE HEARTBEAT

By Elizabeth Brewer,
U.S. Forum Liaison



The Forums relate directly to Purposes 4 & 7

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 becoming advocates for women, children and education.

In Pennsylvania...

Tougher Budgets Cuts Face School Districts this Spring

Many of us are hearing from our school superintendents that district budgets are facing major deficits due to all of the reasons that we are well aware of. This will necessitate further cuts in programming and staff in order to make it work. It is so important that we attend, listen, ask questions and share ideas that perhaps they have not thought of. It is also important to stay abreast of the latest news from AFT and PSEA.

It is also important to carefully monitor what school board members are thinking and doing. Good board members who are willing to “think out of the box” and to entertain ideas from their constituents are what the children in their schools need and have a right to!

“Partners in Education”

Parents, community leaders, and elected officials now have an opportunity to work with educators as partners through a new program called, “Partners in Education.” The mission is to provide information about the public education policy in PA and to create connections with public schools in communities where “partners” live. For more information, go to www.partnersforpubliceducation.org.

Update on Teacher Information Management System (TIMS)

The TIMS website is now open for applicants and certifying entities. The PA Department of Education has changed from the known Teacher Certification System (TCM) to the new TIMS. All new certifications, add-ons, Level II and emergency permit applications need to be made through this system. In addition, all certified individuals should also sign in to the TIMS website. This data processing website will provide educators with access to print out certificates

and check on Act 48 credits. Check out the website at www.PA-TIMS.com for more details.

Changes to the Instructional Certificates

Beginning January 1, 2013, the PA Department of Education will begin issuing Instructional Certificates in several new areas. They are Early Childhood-PreK-4; Elementary/Middle-Grades 4-8 with a focus area; Special Education-PreK-8 with dual certification in Early Childhood, E/M or Reading Specialist; Special Education-Grades 7-12 with dual certification in Secondary content area(s) or Reading Specialist.

Instructional certificates before January 1, 2013 will remain valid. If an educator is considering adding an instructional area to their certificate, it would be prudent to do so prior to the January deadline because getting a qualified score on the Praxis test is the requirement, but after that date, certain certificate additions will need the educator to enroll in a post-baccalaureate program or an accelerated preparation program.

It is important to note that educators with additional instructional areas provide themselves and their districts more options for their teaching assignments. Contact the Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality at PDE for more information.

Around the Nation...

Average Won't Cut It Anymore

Thomas Friedman's newest book once again has ramifications for educators, in fact for all of us! In his book, *The World is Flat*, he shared with us the importance of educating our students for a global society and that they need to be very aware of all the young people in China and India who are “hungry” for the way of life of Americans and they are working very hard to achieve it in their studies. Now he is stating that average in America is over. And that parents and educators need to instill in our youth that they need to take pride in their work

Fostering Relationships with Legislators

Legislators really do want to hear from their constituents! Here are several ways in which build relationships with them.

~Go into their office and introduce yourself to them. Don't wait for a crisis to do this.

~Be sure to give them your personal story on the issue you are concerned about.

~Always address them with their titles, i.e. Senator, even if you know them well.

~Be sure to site evidence and show data to support the issue.

(see **FORUMS page 15**)

(FORUMS cont. from page 14)

~Invite them into your classroom or school.

~"Skype" them into your elementary or civics classes.

~The best way to get their attention is face to face. The phone call ranks second and emails and letters are last. **STAY AWAY from form emails**, unless it has your story!

And remember to read the 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 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 it works on advocates for women, children and education.

The Schools for Africa

Did you see the "kudos" in Volume 9 of the Schools for Africa Newsette? If not, here it is:

KUDOS to Amy Miehl, Gamma Chapter in Alpha Alpha State (PA), for sharing multiple SFA fundraiser ideas in the Winter 2011 issue of *The Keystoneian*.

KUDOS to Alpha Alpha State (PA) President Louann Shrader for challenging every chapter in her state organization to raise \$100 over the biennium for the Schools for Africa project.

CTAUN CONFERENCE

"Education IS a Human Right" was the theme of the CTAUN Conference that was held at UN Headquarters on February 3, 2012. The day was a collection of keynote speakers and panel discussions which focused on the importance of developing partnerships with agencies and associations so they collectively become a force in motivating government officials to take action to provide all individuals an access to education, whether they are in the West as migrant workers or homeless or in the countries of Africa.

Peace and democracy come in different ways to different parts of the world, but education is common to



Finance Issues

by Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chair

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 submit budget requests by **April 6, 2012**.

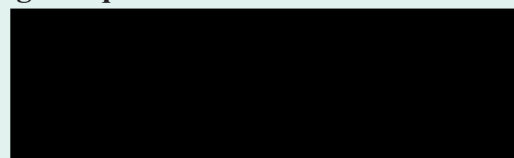
It is also not too late for Chapter Vice Presidents to send your evaluation forms related to the stipends for the Treasurer, *Keystoneian* Editor and Webmaster. These were due on March 1.

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.

Budget requests should be sent to Kathleen



all, for a means of coping with life so a community can sustain itself. Education during war or weather crises provides the sense of hope, control and makes productive use of time during reconstruction.

We need to encourage our Senators in Washington to ratify the Convention of Rights of the Child which has been adopted by 193 other countries since 1989. More to come on this issue in future articles.



In Memoriam

Nancy Beckett Desch

October 20, 2011

Nancy was Theta chapter president from 1988-1990 and also served on the by-laws and historical records committee in her chapter. She taught in the Pittsburgh Public Schools for 33 years, mostly teaching kindergarten.

Ann E. Hildebrand

August 15, 2011

Ann was a very active member of Omega chapter who served on many committees over the years. She faithfully attended meetings and supported all projects of the chapter. Ann was an elementary librarian for 25 years.

Sarah J. Hoffman

November 10, 2011

Sarah served Alpha Delta chapter as president from 1988-1990, and she was also chair and member of many committees. She taught in Somerset and the Rockwood Area School District as an elementary teacher. Sarah operated a pre-school for several years after her retirement.

Leona Kilmer

August 9, 2011

A member of Alpha Psi chapter, Leona taught in New York for 8 years and then taught 4th grade in the Peter's Township School District. She served as committee chairs several times and encouraged young women to become members.

Rose M. Lofstead

2009

Serving on many chapter committees, Rose was an active member of Alpha Psi chapter as her health allowed. She was the Director of Student Teachers at California University of Pennsylvania and also taught on campus.

Anne Elizabeth Neff

November 24, 2011

Anne was an active member of Iota chapter with meeting attendance and committee work until her health prevented participation. As an elementary teacher, she was a member of numerous societies and associations.

Elizabeth R. Nispel

October 20, 2011

Elizabeth was a social studies teacher and long-time member of Kappa chapter.

Mary Srock

December 24, 2011

Mary started teaching in 1938 in a one-room schoolhouse in Springfield Township. She continued teaching math until her retirement in 1981. Mary was the last surviving charter member of Alpha Nu chapter.

Alison D. Stright

November 28, 2011

Alison was an elementary teacher for 38 years in the West Mifflin School District.



**Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear.**

Thank you Delta Kappa Gamma

On August 26, 2011, Sharon Herzog and Gayle Akers Field **(sisters in life and in DKG)** began their exciting 2 week Scandinavia and Russia Cruise. It began with a flight to Amsterdam, then a tour of the city including a tour of the Ann Frank house.



Glass top boat tour of the canals, Copenhagen, Denmark

After an overnight stay in Amsterdam, we boarded the Celebrity Constellation for the duration of our trip throughout the Baltic region. Ports that were visited on this cruise included Warnemunde, Germany; Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland;



Monument to Jean Sibelius, Helsinki, Finland

St. Petersburg, Russia; Tallinn, Estonia and Copenhagen, Denmark. Various excursions were chosen at the ports so we could get a feel for the country. Tour guides spoke English which made it most comfortable for us to follow and understand everything they were telling us. The information was quite thorough and we got just a taste of each area. We have decided that there are many places we would enjoy returning to for a more in-depth visit.

Being from the Northeast corner of Pennsylvania, the landscape and rolling countryside of Sweden and Germany felt like home...no wonder we have so many people of that heritage live in our local area. Tallin, Estonia is a very medieval town in a country that has been under communist rule until 22 years ago. Our tour guide who lives in Estonia

welcomed us to our tour with the words, "Welcome to Estonia where we finally have a choice!" We were humbled many times when we realized how very fortunate we are to live in America.

In St. Petersburg, Russia, September 1st is always the first day of school and we saw the young children going to school carrying lovely bouquets of fresh flowers. It is tradition to give your teacher flowers on the first day of school and several other times throughout the course of the year.

We were on buses, canal boats, trains, and



The canals in Amsterdam, Netherlands

walked throughout the areas of Europe while enjoying the sights...the architecture, the culture, the people, the busyness of the cities or towns, the friend-

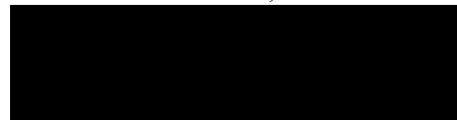
liness of most countries, the tasting their foods (yum), the perusing of museums, and generally just soaking it all in.

It was a whirlwind trip with many wonderful memories that we treasure and a much greater appreciation for all that we have and are.

**Thank you Delta Kappa Gamma sisters
for your help toward this wonderful once in a
lifetime trip!**

**Send all chapter news and photos for the
Summer issue of *The Keystone* by
June 1, 2012**

to: Bonnie Lee Barnes, State Editor



President's Schedule:



March 3	Philadelphia Chapters visits
March 10	Theta Chapter visit
March 16-17	New Chapter Presidents Leadership Training
March 24	Scholarship Committee Meeting
March 18-21	National Legislative Seminar
March 31	Tri-Chapter visit—Iota, Beta Xi, Beta Epsilon
April 3	Phi Chapter visit
April 14	Beta Kappa/Omega visit
April 21	Harrisburg Chapters visit—Kappa, Alpha, Kappa, Beta Iota, Beta Theta
April 26	Alpha Omicron Chapter visit
April 27-28	Creative Arts Retreat
May 4	Finance Committee Meeting
May 5	Tri-Chapter visit—Gamma, Alpha Iota, Alpha Omega
May 17	Beta Iota visit
May 19	York Chapters visit—Eta, Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma



**New York
invites us . . .**

**International Convention
July 24-28, 2012
Go to dkg.org for more information on
registration and room reservations.**



Dates To Remember:

March 18-21, 2012
National Legislative Seminar

April 27-28, 2012
Creative Arts Retreat

June 8-10, 2012
Alpha Alpha State Convention

July 19-22, 2012
Twenty-Fourth Seminar in Purposeful Living, Washington, DC

July 24-28, 2012
International Convention, New York City



Love to Sing?

Choir Members Needed for Alpha Alpha State Convention

June 8 - 10, 2012

Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

Choir responsibilities will be limited at 2012 convention ~ fewer rehearsals, one performance at Saturday Night Banquet so that you may participate more fully in the convention. Hope to see you there!

Contact Shirley Newhart,
Visual & Performing Arts Chair



Please include the following:
Name, voice part (S1, S2, A1, A2), home address
and email address.



Notice to all DKG Sisters

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Bonnie Lee Barnes, Editor



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Tracey Dusch, Alpha Alpha State
Second Vice President



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emailing articles and jpeg photos.