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Dr. Daria Brezinski

Keynote Speaker

As Executive Director, Daria Brezinski, PhD took an overarching, circuitous and unconventional path towards business, health, education and parenting as:



- * Soft Skills Trainer and Professor
- * Private Practice Psychologist
- * International Speaker
- * International Mentor for Young Women
- * National Consultant
- * TV/Radio Show Host
- * Published Author
- * Socially Responsible Serial Entrepreneur of:
 - a holistic health center (Life Creations™)
 - the first environmentally friendly whole-sale/retail store (Earthwise: A Green Store™)
 - women's promotional/educational enterprise (What Wize Women Want™)
 - host of TV Show- What Wize Women Want™
 - host radio program- Children Come First™
 - president of Integrated Learning Systems™
 - designed INTERDISCIPLINARY educational infrastructure for Holma College, Höör, Sweden.

For thirty+ years, she researched best business practices, holistic health modalities, ecological

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Cathy P. Daugherty DKG International First Vice President



Cathy P. Daugherty, 2014-2016 International First Vice President, currently serves the Society as a member of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees, a DKG/NGO representative to the United Nations and chair of the Administrative Board's Strategic Plan Committee. She has been member of Alpha Alpha Chapter in Virginia since her initiation in 1989 and is a graduate of the 1997 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. Daugherty has held leadership positions at the chapter and state organization levels serving as Virginia state organization editor (1997-2003), president (2003-2005), and

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Encouragement and Support

Kay Stuart
State President

By the time you read this, we should be looking forward to the promise of springtime. That promise from Mother Nature is exciting! I am equally excited by the promise of the work that your chapter will be doing this year! As I visited chapters this past year, I witnessed many outstanding projects and programs. Chapters are really making differences in the lives of women and children in their communities. I am sure that work will continue and grow!

The promise of continued growth in your chapter depends on mutual encouragement and support. **Chapter Presidents**, I want you to know how proud I am of the work you are doing. Your leadership is vital! Can you believe how much you have accomplished in the last year? **Chapter Members, you are the Society. Your president and other officers can accomplish nothing without YOU.** Are you proud of the work your chapter is doing? If you are, then I congratulate you on your part in that success. Your participation is making a difference! The following are some ideas of how encouragement and support might happen in your chapter.

Chapter Presidents:

~**Encourage** members to attend state convention – information in this issue.

~**Encourage** members to register for NERC in Baltimore – see www.dkg.org

~**Encourage** members to let Louann Shrader or Tracey Dusch know if they would like to serve on an appointed state committee.

~**Encourage** your chapter's Nomination Committee to start looking for members to serve in leadership capacities for the next biennium, clearly defining expectations of officers and committee chairs.

~**Encourage** officers and committee chairs to consider programming, projects, and budget needs for 2015-2016.

~**Encourage** applications for Album of Distinction for members who have earned an award or have been recognized for service performed outside the Society.

~**Encourage** your chapter to nominate a deserving member within our state for the State Achievement Award.

~**Encourage** members who are actively teaching to apply for the Lucile Cornet Award for Professional Development.

~**Encourage** chapter leaders to plan a spring orientation and initiation for new members.

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Convention Hints for First-time 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 of the Nittany Lion Inn also offers a full breakfast menu for a very reasonable price. Please note, however, Alpha Alpha State has no control over the amount of wait staff the Inn chooses to employ for Saturday morning to get all guests who choose to dine there in and out in a timely manner.)

>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. (The Dining Room opens at 5:30 and takes reservations...if you do not have a reservation prior to convention you probably will not get seated so please call the hotel dining room in advance or as soon as you know how many may be in your party. This hint applies to all establishments in the State College Area. Friday evenings are busy. Please make reservations!)

>Don't miss the Friday night fling! It will prove to be a fun way to kick off convention and develop new friendships.

>**Chapter Presidents make up the Executive Board of Alpha Alpha State.**

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~**Encourage** chapter leaders to purge files of out-of-date forms and organize files for the upcoming year.

~**Encourage** members to update their contact information at the chapter, state and international levels.

Chapter Members:

~**Support** your president by offering to take on a leadership role within your chapter (or state).

~**Support** your chapter by attending State Convention, and see the accomplishments of DKG chapters and members statewide. Attendance will help you understand DKG and the importance of your work, revitalizing your chapter and yourself.

~**Support** yourself by enjoying the new friendships and networking DKG offers at State Convention or the state personal growth event – The Creative Arts Retreat – information was in the Winter **Keystoneian**. Act fast.

~**Support** your chapter by attending NERC in Baltimore, gaining insight into the work of DKG at the International level.

~**Support** your chapter and our Society by inviting key women educators to join DKG, a professional organization that acts locally and impacts globally.

~**Support** your chapter by calling or sending a card to members who have been absent from meetings.

~**Support** your president, officers and committee chairs with a handwritten note thanking them for their excellent work during the first year of the biennium.

~**Support** your chapter leaders by offering to plan a Founders Day Program.

I wish for all of you a chapter full of encouragement and support.

Alpha Alpha State Nominations for Officers: 2015-2017

Nominee for President:

Tracey Dusch, Psi Chapter

Tracey Dusch is a seventh grade English teacher in the Brockway Area School District where she also serves as Theatre director, yearbook advisor, and member of the Student Assistance Program.



Tracey was initiated into Psi chapter in 1999. She is currently serving as Alpha Alpha State First Vice-President and chair of the Educational Excellence Committee. Additionally, Tracey has held numerous positions at the State level including State Second Vice-President and State Corresponding Secretary. She has also chaired and has served on the Projects Committee, the 75th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee, and has been a regular attendee at Fall Area Conferences, Creative Arts Retreat, Purposeful Seminars and attended the newly created Alpha Alpha State Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar. She is also a regular attendee at International Conventions and Regional Conferences where she was chosen to serve on the steering committee for the NERC in Hershey. Tracey was also honored at the state level in the Album of Distinction.

At the Chapter level Tracey has held officer positions including President, Second Vice-President, and Recording Secretary. She has served on her chapter's Finance Committee, Initiation Committee, and Historical Records Committee as well as chaired Historical Records and Initiation.

Knowing that effective leaders do not lead alone, when asked of her vision as President for Alpha Alpha State, Tracey replied, "We must question what we have done in the past, what we are doing today, and what we will do in the future if we are to continue towards our 100th anniversary and beyond. The journey toward that end will continue to be filled with struggles and victories but it will be those highs and lows that will determine how we advance the Society. I would like to lead Alpha

Alpha State on that journey as together we work for a Society that will continue to thrive for its members now and in the future."

Nominee For First Vice-President:

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon Chapter

Barbara Gasperini is a retired elementary teacher from the Burrell School District. While employed by her school district Barbara was recognized and nominated for Teacher of the Year and for the Teacher Excellence Award. Today, she continues to substitute and take part in school activities when needed. When not involved in school related activities Barbara enjoys golfing and garden club.



Barbara was initiated into Alpha Upsilon Chapter in 2000. She is currently serving as State Second Vice-President and Membership Chair. Barbara has also served as State Corresponding Secretary and member of the Visual and Performing Arts Committee. Additionally, she has been a regular attendee and participant at Fall Area Conferences, Creative Arts Retreat, and Purposeful Seminars. She also attended the first Alpha Alpha State Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar. Barbara is also a regular attendee at International Conventions and Regionals. Internationally and through the Golden Gift fund, she was chosen as a member of the 2014 Leadership Management Seminar Class.

At the chapter level, Barbara has served as Chapter President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Recording Secretary. She has chaired her Chapter Nominations, Scholarship, Program, Ceremonies, Yearbook, and Projects Committees. She has presented and participated in numerous programs at the chapter level. In addition, and upon graduation from high school, Barbara was the recipient of Alpha Upsilon's Grant in Aid.

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When asked to share her vision as Alpha Alpha State's First Vice-President and Educational Excellence Chair, Barbara reiterated the following: "Educational Excellence is the heart of a thriving and strong Society. As first Vice-President I would invite members to recognize their potential in all aspects of our society, such as project development, presenting quality workshops, legislative aspects and how it affects quality education, and music. Inspiring members to promote themselves strengthens our society through each individual's service. Maintaining this passion and pride that has kept DKG a leader of women and a promoter of education would be extremely fulfilling to me as Alpha Alpha State's First Vice-President."

Nominee for Second Vice-President:

Eileen Little, Chi Chapter

Eileen Little is employed by the Hempfield School District as the K-12 Gifted Coordinator and as an adjunct professor at Millersville University. As Gifted Coordinator for her district Eileen is active in PAGE (Pennsylvania Association of Gifted Education) presenting workshops within the district and helping to plan PAGE conferences.



Eileen was initiated into Chi Chapter in 2003. In her chapter she has held the office of President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. Eileen has chaired her chapter's Social Committee, Initiation Committee, and Nominations Committee.

At the State level she has served on the Membership Committee, the Projects Committee, and most recently as an elected member of the Nominations Committee. Eileen has attended Fall Area Conferences, Seminars of Purpose including the most recent one in Lancaster where she was on the committee that planned the seminar, and the Leadership Development Seminar for Chapter Presidents in 2010. In 2011 she was named the Tours Committee Chair for the NERC in Hershey.

As Alpha Alpha State Second Vice-President and Membership Chair Eileen spoke of her vi-

sion and said, "Our Society is only as strong as its members are strong. My vision includes an emphasis on new membership, especially the younger generation. We also need to support all our members and provide meaningful opportunities for growth and leadership skills. A focus on member involvement at the chapter level and at the state level needs to be realized. I will work with chapters to support them as they strive to grow their chapter with active members and to help them provide relevant meetings to address what members are looking for while carrying out the purposes and mission of Delta Kappa Gamma."

Nominee for Recording Secretary:

Linda Konczal-Evans, Theta Chapter

Linda Konczal-Evans is a Kindergarten Teacher in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. She is a past recipient of the Teacher of Excellence Award (Elementary) through the Teacher Excellence Center and is a National Board Certified Teacher, Early Childhood Generalist.



Linda was initiated into Theta Chapter in 1996. She has served as Chapter President, First Vice-President, and Corresponding Secretary and has served on her chapter's Nominations Committee and various fundraising committees within Theta Chapter. At the State level Linda is currently serving on the Scholarship Committee. She has attended most state conventions since her initiation and has been a workshop presenter. She has attended regionals as well as International conventions and in her words, 'grown to understand the breadth and depth of this wonderful society and its members.'

When asked of her vision for Alpha Alpha State and her vision as recording secretary Linda said, "It has been my mission to bring new people to convention. I firmly believe that seeing the bigger picture brings about clarity, connectedness, and a feeling of closeness. I am organized, listen intently, possess the needed typing and computer skills, but most of all, a learner, who wants to continue to learn from others and serve the Society. It

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would be my honor to serve as Recording Secretary.”

Nominee for Corresponding Secretary:

Heather Lilienthal, Beta Pi Chapter

Heather Lilienthal is a retired elementary teacher from the Upper Merion School District outside of Philadelphia. As a teacher she served on many district curriculum and building committees. She piloted several programs in Science and Language Arts and was instrumental in bringing Alpha Alpha State honorary member author Jane Kurtz to her district for the Artist in Residence Program.



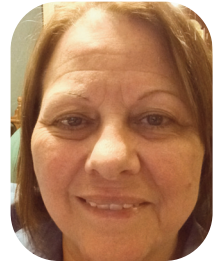
Heather was initiated into Beta Pi in 1998. She has served as her chapter’s President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. She has served on the Chapter’s Finance, Scholarship, and Community Outreach committees and currently chairs their fundraising event. At the State level she is a regular attendee at State Conventions and is currently on the State Rules Committee. She has attended Fall Area Conferences, Purposeful Seminar, and has attended and presented at the Creative Arts Retreat. Heather attended Alpha Alpha State’s first Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar. Heather has attended an International Convention and the Hershey 2011 Regional.

In sharing her vision, Heather said, “My vision for Alpha Alpha State is that we will continue to enthusiastically work to reach our goals and to grow our chapters. I would like to serve in the role of Corresponding Secretary not only as a way to learn more about our state organization, but to more actively aid and help promote the purposes of DKG and the theme and goals of our President. It would be an honor to serve in this capacity.”

Alpha Alpha State Nominees for Elected Committee Positions 2015-2019

Nominees for Finance Committee:

Sally Coyne, Alpha Upsilon Chapter



Sally Coyne is a retired classroom teacher who before retirement served as President of the Freeport Education Association, served on three negotiations teams, and was on the data team for her school district. Additionally, Sally has served on the Advisory Board of the Pittsburgh District Library, has been president of the board of directors of Community Library of Allegheny for over twenty years and has worked with the director to develop budgets for the library (annual \$400K). In her association with the Library she has served on a special formula committee to develop a formula for distribution of funds to 44 libraries from the Allegheny Regional Asset District allocation.

Sally was initiated into Alpha Upsilon in 2009 and has been to most state conventions since her initiation. At the chapter level she is First Vice-President and Yearbook and Program Committees’ Chair and is a committee member of Membership and Communications. Sally enjoys working with technology and has helped her chapter reformat and print their yearbook and work on web design.

As to her vision as a member of Alpha Alpha State’s Finance Committee, Sally said. “Finances are key to our future. As Board President of a non-profit, I am always working to obtain sustainable funding. Alpha Alpha State’s Finance Committee must help budget the available funding from member dues to best serve the members and the strategic plan. I have spent many hours with Income and Expenses spreadsheets and I firmly believe in using data to justify expenditures (ROI), but am also a risk taker who is not afraid to think outside the box. If elected to this position I will be a learner and a listener.”

Sharon Herzog, Phi Chapter

Sharon Herzog is a retired math teacher from Phi Chapter. Sharon was initiated into Phi in 1990 and is currently their Ceremonies Chair. She has also served her chapter as President, serving 2

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terms, and as First Vice-President. She has served on her chapter's Finance Committee and for 14 years was the chapter treasurer. Since retirement Sharon has served on the Board for Wayne County Community Foundation and



its scholarship committee and is a volunteer for bloodmobiles. In addition, she is also president of the Honesdale Emergency Pantry.

Sharon is a regular attendee at State Convention since her initiation and has gone to several Regionals and an International. At the State Level she has served on the Professional Affairs Committee and Educational Excellence Committee. She is currently serving as a member of the Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee.

Sharon shared her vision for Finance and said, "Personally, I am a 'numbers' person and have been fortunate to see math as a logical system that is so necessary. I feel my background and talent for math can be helpful to the state finance committee and its purpose. My experience as chapter treasurer and member of Chapter Finance for 14 years, I believe, will be an asset to the Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee."

Nominees for Nominations Committee:

Clare Flynn, Alpha Kappa Chapter

Clare Flynn is a retired Elementary teacher from the Mifflin County School District. Clare was initiated into Alpha Kappa in 1992 and has served on and chaired many chapter committees since that time. She has been Chapter President for 3 non-consecutive terms and has worked to bring more members into Alpha Kappa Chapter.



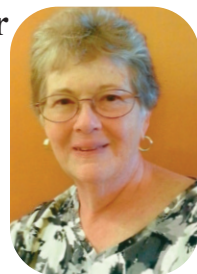
On the state level Clare is a regular attendee at State Convention and involves herself in many state functions. She has participated in the Creative Arts Retreat, Purposeful Seminar, Fall Area Conferences, the Alpha Alpha State Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar, and the CTAUN Conference. Currently she is serving on

the State Nominations Committee appointed to fill the term of an elected member who moved to another state.

As to her vision and reason for seeking a position on the Nominations Committee Clare replied, "I want to engage creative women to hold offices in Delta Kappa Gamma."

Kathy Kuzmiak, Chi Chapter

Kathy Kuzmiak is a retired High School Administrator. Her professional resume includes Jr. High School English Teacher, Jr. High and High School Guidance Counselor, High School Assistant Principal, Jr. High/Middle school Principal, and High School Campus Pupil Services Coordinator. Following retirement Kathy was asked to be a consultant for High School Scheduling Training for Principals and a consultant for Principal Mentoring. She also worked as an associate professor at Millersville University monitoring internships for graduate students pursuing Principal Certification.



Kathy was initiated into Chi Chapter in 2002 and has served her chapter as Chapter Treasurer from 2004 to the present and as Recording Secretary. She has also served on the Chapter Scholarship, Projects, and Program Committees. A regular attendee at State Convention Kathy is currently Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee Chair. Besides serving on the Finance Committee she served one year on Historical Records. She has also attended Northeast Regionals and International Conventions.

Kathy shared her vision and reason for seeking a position on Nominations and said, "Delta Kappa Gamma will only thrive with qualified leadership. The goal of the Nominations Committee should be to encourage the skills of our membership to seek leadership positions. Through workshops and committee involvement I have had interactions with women attending conventions from all over the state and have become familiar with members with leadership potential. I would be honored to serve on the Nominations Committee to help seek and select the best candidates to continue our growth as an organization and to lead

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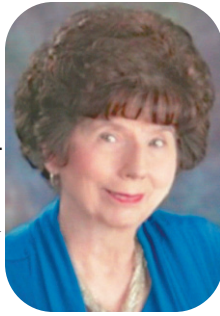
us into the next generation of Delta Kappa Gamma sisters.”

Haddie Weber, Alpha Phi Chapter

Haddie Weber, a music educator who taught in the Public School System for 34 years and in private school for 4 years, is now retired and is a private music instructor. Haddie continues to share her music talents with her community. She has worked with the Steel Valley Rotary and the Carnegie Library of Homestead in organizing a Community choir and in incorporating other local talent for a benefit concert. She is the elected Historian to the Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association, is a church organist and choir director, is musical director of the Valley Voices and is an accompanist for the Yankee Doodle Dandies.

Haddie was initiated into Alpha Phi Chapter in 1984. She is currently Chapter Parliamentarian. She has held the office of Chapter President for 3 non-consecutive terms and as Co-President for one term. She has served as Chapter First Vice-President and as Recording Secretary. She has served as Visual and Performing Arts Chair for 28 years, has served on the Program of Work Committee, and chaired fund-raising programs for her chapter.

At the State Level Haddie has served as Music Chair, Communications Chair, Projects



Chair, and World Fellowships Chair. She has served as Alpha Alpha State Recording Secretary and has been on the Historical Records, Membership, and World Fellowship Committees. Haddie is in the Alpha Alpha State Album of Distinction and is the 2011 recipient of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award. Other achievements include nominee for “Best Teacher of the Year” in the Mon Valley Area and a recipient of the Vira Heinz Grant for special training. Haddie continues to be involved in Garden Club on the local, state, and national levels.

Beyond the State Level Haddie has attended regional conferences and International Conventions since 1991, sings in the choruses when attending the conference or convention and accompanies when needed.

Of her vision for Alpha Alpha State and reason for seeking a position on Nominations, Haddie says, “Our leaders are the future in Alpha Alpha State and they must be aware of the global challenges and how these challenges can benefit the growth of Alpha Alpha State. Chapter membership is the lifeblood of our Society. It is crucial that our leaders look to expand the awareness of our Society, encourage membership attendance beyond the chapter meeting, and provide opportunities to participate and grow in DKG. It would be an honor to serve in identifying and encouraging potential leaders for the future of Alpha Alpha State and Delta Kappa Gamma.”

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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. This year the Educational Excellence Committee has planned workshops for you that address

some of the comments and wishes you voiced.

>As a gentle reminder: 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 Celebration of Life

Ceremony. It will be inspiring as we join together and remember those who had the vision to build the Society for each of us.

>Lastly, evaluations are important. Before you leave on Sunday, please turn in your evaluations or go to the State Website and fill out an online evaluation. Thank you in advance!

FINANCE ISSUES

by Kathleen Kuzmiak

I want to begin by thanking the members who have chosen to receive their newsletter online. This definitely saves the organization money and helps to ensure we will not need to increase dues. Secondly, I want to remind First Vice Presidents to send their evaluation forms to me as soon as possible. This format is to help us award the stipends so deserved by our *Keystonian* editor, the treasurer and the webmaster. Next, it is time to begin preparing the budget for next year.

To ensure a budget meets the needs of Alpha Alpha, we request that all Committee Chairs

and Officers submit budget requests **by April 1, 2015**. These requests should be sent to **Kathleen**

Finally, I want to remind all Finance Chairs throughout the state please to refer to the Finance Guidelines document for record keeping. If you do not have one, the booklet can be requested from the International Society office. Please be aware all 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. Thank you to all chapter Finance Chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in keeping the chapter on a firm financial foundation.

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and laws around the world, authored publications on a variety of topics published internationally. Testifying as an Expert Witness before courts, Congress, the UN and governmental agencies, she championed for legislation to

establish a more humane, relevant 21st century educational system.

Her professional memberships include: World Academy for the Future of Women, Dynamic Leadership Academy, Pro-

fessional Women's Business Network, American Alternative Medical Association, Association of Transpersonal Psychology, and National Association for Drugless Medical Practitioner.

Don't miss hearing these two outstanding women educators. Plan now to attend this year's State Convention. Complete the registration forms on pages 11 and 13 and read about the many workshop sessions offered on pages 10 and 12.

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executive secretary (2005-2008). She is currently chair of the state's nominations committee.

At the International level, Daugherty has served as Southeast Regional Director (2008-2010). She has chaired the Educational Excellence and Professional Affairs Committees and served as a member of the Program of Work Committee. Daugherty chaired the Administrative Board sub-committee charged with proposing the Society's first international project.

She was point-person for the Schools for Africa project from its official adoption at the 2010 International Convention through July 2014, authoring all issues of the SFA Newsette. She is a frequent presenter, trainer, and Society representative to state organizations.

Daugherty, a part-time Latin instructor and supervisor of Latin student teachers at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, retired from Hanover County Public Schools

in 2007 where she served as both teacher and supervisor for World Languages. She maintains a presence in the public school setting as mentor to beginning teachers at a local middle school and reader for the Scholarship Committee of the National Latin Exam (NLE). Daugherty has written articles and made numerous presentations on classical subjects, especially those relating to pedagogy and teacher training.

Convention Workshop Descriptions

Morning Workshops

LEADERSHIP: The Courageous Choice

What comes to mind when you hear the words “courageous leadership”? Learn what this term involves and become familiar with the traits that mark the courageous leader. Leave this session with the tools to embrace courageous leadership in your daily life, your professional life, and your Society life.

Cathy P. Daugherty, International First Vice President

Building a Chapter Website using Weebly

Basic information and guidelines will be provided to help the participants to create and/or enhance their chapter website. Handouts with specific directions will be provided. This is a “hands on” workshop. Participants should bring their own computer that they are comfortable using.

Cynthia Devonshire, Alpha Zeta

Yay! We're Irish again!

2014 Alpha Alpha State enrichment grant recipients, Roe and Stef Fulena learn about their ancestry using the internet and travelling in their countries of origin. Emotional first hand discoveries, beautiful travelogue of Scotland and Ireland and tips on computer genealogy searches.

Stephanie Fulena and Rose Ann Fulena, Alpha Sigma

Online Job Opportunities for Teachers, Educators or Anyone with a Teaching Certificate

Are you looking for a way to make a little extra money? Do you have some free time you want to fill? Are you looking for a way to slow down but still keep up with your chosen discipline? Then, perhaps, online job opportunities will fit perfectly into your lifestyle. Online test scoring, online teaching, online tutoring, and online test development are just a few of the many online job opportunities for educators, teachers, or anyone with a teaching certificate.

Kathy Varano, Alpha Upsilon

Got talent? The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts is looking for you!

Are you thinking about submitting your work to the online arts and literary gallery located on the DKG website? Come and find out about the procedures, application process and the rubrics used by the jury.

Cindy G. Reynolds, Beta Rho

Living Small

This workshop will re-visit recycling as well as explore upcycling and re-purposing. The presenter will describe how her experience in buying and selling vintage items might help you as you deal with dispensing of personal possessions or those of a relative. The presentation will also examine what suggestions minimalists have for leaving a

smaller footprint in our classrooms and our homes.

Millie Pipman, Ph.D., Alpha Upsilon

Afternoon Workshops

Can We Really Have It All?

As TV/Radio Host, international speaker, and published author, has experience in the impact that women can and do make on their families, communities, work places, and country. Join our keynote speaker as she shares her insight on balancing work and family, and still making time to make a contribution to DKG.

Dr. Daria M. Brezinski, PhD

The Veiled Student: Working with Children from Poverty

Working with children from poverty requires an understanding of many areas of their educational capacity as well as their way of life. It includes considering their manner of speaking, their vocabulary level upon school entry, academic techniques, the way their family interacts, as well as their own means of interacting with authority figures. As educators, there are ways we can help this population of students that are easy to understand/implement and will be of a great benefit to the learner. Join me in learning how to reach this incredibly tough subgroup of our students.

Dr. Bettie Bertram, Omega

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ALPHA ALPHA STATE CONVENTION

Friday, June 12 –Sunday, June 14, 2015

The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

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

BARBARA TOBIAS, CONVENTION TREASURER



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Please check ALL pertinent categories:

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| _____ Current Chapter President | _____ Sat. Workshop Presenter * (<i>Complimentary Saturday luncheon</i>) |
| _____ State Chorus participant | _____ Member under 40-ish years of age** (<i>Complimentary Sat. breakfast</i>) |
| _____ First Timer to Convention | _____ Member initiated in 1975 or earlier |
| _____ Honorary Member or Guest | _____ Interested in Friday p.m. guided walking tour |
| _____ Doctorate degree in 2014-15 | _____ Chapter Focus Table (include \$60 or \$85 if needing electric) |

Registration (non-refundable, postmarked on or before May 12, 2015.) Late registrations between May 13 - May 31. No reservations or cancellations may be made after May 31, 2015. 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 12 10.00

Saturday, June 13 20.00

Sunday, June 14 10.00

Late Registrations (Postmarked between May 13-May 31)..... Double above _____

Please note: Menus will be posted on our web site. For special dietary needs, contact Barb Tobias directly by May 13, 2015.

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Continental Breakfast** 13.50

Celebration Luncheon* 25.00

Presidents' Banquet 45.00

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Breakfast Buffet..... 18.50

TOTAL \$ _____

WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY

Please check one of the following for Saturday morning:

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| _____ Leadership | _____ Building a Chapter Website using Weebly |
| _____ Yay! We're Irish Again | _____ Online Job Opportunities for Educators |
| _____ DKG Gallery of Fine Arts | _____ Living Small |

Please check one of the following for Saturday afternoon:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| _____ Can We Really Have It All? | _____ Working with Children from Poverty |
| _____ Strategies to Manage Stress | _____ Beginner iPhone and iPad Users |
| _____ My Encounters in Africa | _____ Advanced Geocaching |

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Tips and Tricks for Beginner iPhone and iPad Users

You have your new iPhone and or iPad.....now what? Bring them to this workshop and let's explore some Mac basic tips and tricks that will help you understand your new device better. You will receive a handout to take home with you too!

Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta

Working Toward a Calmer You: Strategies to Manage Stress

Ever wish a stress superhero could save you from traffic jams, chaotic meetings or a toddler's tantrums? Well, you can be your own stress-busting superhero. You have more control than you

might think. In fact, the simple realization that *you're in control of your life* is the foundation of stress management. Managing stress is all about taking charge of your thoughts, emotions, schedule, and the way you deal with problems. This workshop will engage you with exercises and activities and is designed to help you understand what stress is, how to recognize when you are on "stress overload," and how to unwind and relax.

Becky Johnen, Alpha Phi

Pens and Pencils for Pupils: My Encounters in Africa

DKG has been involved successfully with the Schools for Africa Project. My trip to Africa was not only to learn about the culture and see the animals on

safari, but it was to learn about school systems in South Africa and Zimbabwe. It was thrilling to meet teachers, parents, and students in a variety of situations. I learned that something as common as pens and pencils, is in dire need.

Linda M. McElroy, Alpha Beta

Advanced Geocaching- "The game is afoot!"

As a follow-up to last year's workshop *Great Geocache!* "I've found it. I've found it," participants will learn more about the advanced aspects of geocaching such as pocket queries, G-SAK, puzzle, challenge, lab and Wherigo caches, geo-art and geocaching organizations.

Marcia Erickson, Beta Epsilon

Wanted: Names

The Educational Excellence Committee is preparing for the 2015 State Convention and is asking all chapters to submit names for the **2015 Album of Distinction**.

Candidates for this recognition must be active members of Delta Kappa Gamma and have received an honor and/or award for service outside the Society. The honor and/or award must have occurred between April 1, 2014, and April 1, 2015. Applications can be found on the Alpha Alpha State website. Click on the Awards/Applications tab at the top of the page to find the form, the evaluation criteria, and the scoring rubric. All applicants must tie their honor and/or award to one of the Seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Applications are due by April 1, 2015.
Please forward the application to Karen

News from Rules

by Patricia Crouse, Chair

The Revised 2014 International Constitution and Standing Rules are available on DKG's International website. Members may download it to have a copy, or your chapter treasurer can contact Headquarters for a hard copy. Each chapter should have a copy of the new revised edition. Please access the documents and share them with members who do not use computers.

The Rules Committee and I want to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to the 24 chapters who have sent in their revised chapter rules so far. We know it takes a lot of work, but is well worth it in the end. I personally know there are more chapters working on updating their rules. Please send them to me before State Convention. Thank you!

International Standing Rules - Under Finance - General 4.2 Fees

4.23 Honorary Fee

The honorary membership fee shall be U.S. Forty-Nine and 50/100 Dollars (49.50).

Lodging Reservation Form
Alpha Alpha State Convention
June 12-14, 2015

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

This form should be sent directly to
Penn State Hospitality Services.
For phone reservations, be sure to mention
our DKG Society ID: #DELF15A

(Please Print)

Check-in time: 3:00 p.m.

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Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

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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.**

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Notify hotel if there is a substitute person taking that room.***

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 13, 2015 – There are a limited number of rooms
in our block, so please reserve early. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.**



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New Initiates

Beta – Linda D. McCormick

Zeta – Leah J. Lindemann

Theta – Tessa M. Karel, Corie Mann-Allen

Lambda – Valarie C. Phillips

Nu – Tiffany L. Bare, Anna D. Citko, Ruth Krebs

Omicron – Tonya Knittle, Lisa Novotny

Tau – Deborah A. Milford, Alyce Zura

Upsilon – Sandra S. Rubright, Linda J. Smith

Phi – Bonnie J. Price

Chi – Kim Kluxen Meredith, Sandra A. Deemer, Brenda L. Hanthorn

Psi – Christina E. Myers

Omega – Lisa Teal, Carolyn Rhodes, Jody Bering, Leslie M. Boon, Jennifer L. Ferry

Alpha Gamma – Sandra S. Holland, Mary C. Menanno, Kathleen P. Obert, Elaine K. Rudy, Denise W. Williams

Alpha Delta – Beth Ann Shaffer

Alpha Epsilon – Barbara Delacour, Jennifer Lindquist

Alpha Theta – Trisha Dilick, Rebecca Frazier, Sheryl Mantini, Rhonda Reed

Alpha Iota – Angela M. Kownacki

Alpha Kappa – Kathleen Durst, Ann Shambaugh, Molly S. Kinney

Alpha Mu – Stephanie C. W. Scutella, Carrie A. Pearson, Stacey L. Ludwig, Louise M. Tharp, Tanya M. Swanson, Marcia A. Madigan, Janet Peterson

Alpha Nu – Jolene A. Martin, Peggy D. Rowlett, Ellen M. Short

Alpha Omicron – Nicole E. Henline

Alpha Sigma – Lillian A. Betts

Alpha Phi – Florence Whetsel, C. Elaine Harmon

Beta Kappa – Kelly Williams

Beta Mu – Janice Stoms, Robin Fetter

Beta Omicron – Marie A. Lentz

Beta Pi – Valarie Hagopian, Catherine Y. Kovac, Heidi Regent, Staci W. Schettone, Marilyn B. Rogers

Beta Rho – Barbara Kelly (honorary), April Jones, Ann Marie Leber, Megan Beny, Donna Porter, Gretchen Warner, Allison Wilson, Judith Ambrose, Heather Dunn, Meghan Gilleran

Alpha Lambda - Lori Richter

Alpha Rho - Laura Gover, Bonnie R. Gregory, Karen A. Heltzel, Jennifer Luksa, Erin Murray, Paula Scott, Colleen M. Williams, Terry Marie Dravage



Did you know . . . these outstanding women educators reside in 32 of the 67 counties found in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Legislative Heartbeat

by Regina Campbell, U.S. Forum/U.N. Liaison

We are set with a new Congress who needs to update our education policy and make it right. Strengthening public schools, promoting civil rights and closing the achievement gap are priorities. We need to get our thoughts out to our senators about current education. We must remember, we are the education experts. We are on the frontlines daily with schools and students. We need to make our knowledge of [\(see Legislation on page 15\)](#)

Chapter News

Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for key women educators, recently toured York Academy Regional Charter School at 32 West North Street, York. In appreciation for their visit, chapter members donated children's reading books to the school library.

Eta Chapter member Lonna Ashton is pictured here, delivering the books to Dr. Dennis Baughman of the York Academy Regional Charter School.



Sigma Chapter held its December meeting at the Wynding Brook Golf Club in Milton. Co-Presidents Dawn McManus and Linda Shupp presided. During the business meeting following brunch, the committee chairs reported on current projects and collected funds for World Fellowship. Alpha Alpha State President Kay Stuart was the special guest. She presented a program on identifying your leadership style and using that knowledge to work with others who may have a different style. She was recognized with a gift and a red rose. Susan Tonzetich also received a red rose for her service as Communication Chairperson. Members were reminded of application deadlines for various scholarship and enrichment grant opportunities and they also enjoyed a holiday gift exchange game.



Dawn McManus, Co-President, Kay Stuart, Alpha Alpha State President, Linda Shupp, Co- President

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(Legislation from page 14)

today's schools known so our legislators can support policy that will work to truly educate our students, nationwide. A quick note to your senator is easy and fast, but potent in delivering your message about education. Remember, **five** contacts about the same issue causes your senators to look and listen.

Contact your senators today. <<http://salsa4.sal-salabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=Cp2Qia9QR-NatIS2MJ3FHLwnoEV2uP%2F%2BH>> and urge them to support an education bill that:

- 1) Spends public funds on public education only - not private school vouchers or "portability" schemes that would pave the way for vouchers in the future;
- 2) Holds schools accountable for demonstrating that they are meeting educational goals;
- 3) Requires annual, statewide assessments that measure each student's progress toward meet-

ing the state's college and career-ready standards;

4) Requires schools to collect and break-down data on students' performance by subgroups so they can identify and close achievement gaps;

5) Reauthorizes and fully funds the Women's Educational Equity Act to provide resources to fully implement Title IX.

CTAUN (Committee that Teaches About the United Nations)

At press time we are on our way to attend the 2015 (CTAUN) at the UN in New York. *The UN at 70* is the theme of this year's conference as the UN marks its 70th birthday. More about this in the next Newsletter.

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through the Congressional Switchboard as this is a toll free number, 1-866-327-8670, or thru email. <http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives; <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate; White House 1-202-456-1111.

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Beta Theta Chapter

One of DKG's goals is to encourage and support young teachers. With this end in mind, several members of the Beta Theta Chapter visited classrooms of all first year teachers in the Susquehanna Township School District. They delivered a sur-



Kathy Dunn, Stephany Davidson, STSD Staff, Donna Winch, STSD Staff, Connie Stackhouse, Rosemary Ruhl

prise package of classroom supplies, chocolate and other goodies to each new educator.

As the DKG members entered one classroom, Stephany Davidson asked the students, "You know you have the best teacher in the world, right?"

"Ye-es," they responded in chorus.

"You work hard for your teacher and she works hard for you. We'd like to reward her for



STSD New Teacher, Rosemary Ruhl

that." Then one of the other visitors surprised the teacher with a gift bag. In all, the ladies distributed 26 bags this year to staff from the kindergarten to high school levels, including two guidance counselors.

One counselor told them she tries to teach students that teachers care about them and are here to support them and their families. That is exactly the message Beta Theta was carrying to the teachers. "We care about you and are here to support you." Now that's a wonderfully regenerative cycle.

Later, someone who knew Beta Theta's reputation as the singing chapter, asked the ladies to sing the theme song, and then queried, "What does that all mean?" Kathy Dunn responded, "We strive to be leaders and follow in the footsteps of people who have done heroic things for education ... And you know, we've helped make he-

roes. Through our teaching and our caring, we have students who have gone far beyond anything we've done as teachers. Those former students are our heroes, too." That is our wish for each of these young people – that they will inspire a whole new generation of heroes.

It was an abundantly pleasant experience for everyone involved. A report of the event was published in the *Harrisburg's Patriot News*, bringing nice PR to the district as well as to the Beta Theta chapter. As Superintendent Jeffrey Miller put it in a letter of thanks, "I heard that most of the presentations were in classrooms in front of young people who were excited to see their teachers being honored. Your Society is to be congratulated for organizing such worthwhile service projects."



Stephany Davidson, Rosemary Ruhl, Connie Stackhouse, STSD Staff, Donna Winch, Kathy Dunn, STSD Staff

Pi Chapter

Norma Howland was visited by several members of Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma recently. The visit was to celebrate her upcoming 100th birthday. Norma was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1967 and was Chapter President from 1974 -1976. Norma started

her career in a small school district in Forrest County and retired from Mansfield State College.

Kay Stuart, State President and Pi Chapter Historian, brought several scrapbooks and memorabilia from Norma's initiation and her presidency. Norma shared many stories about her early teaching career

and received several gifts and a bouquet of roses from her chapter sisters.

Sylvia Wood, Maureen Socha, Kay Stuart, Greta Marie Taft, June Rudy, Grace Schauer, (center) Norma Howland



Enrichment Grant Excursions

Reuniting With Friends in Germany/Family in

France

Monique Lautenschlager, Phi

Guten Tag! On September 18 (our 43rd wedding anniversary), my husband (Paul) and I landed in Munich. We were met by Mieke, one of my former students, with whom we spent the next four days in Landshut, 35 miles northeast of Munich. Some of the highlights of our visit included tasting a variety of delicious Bavarian food, celebrating our anniversary in an exquisite restaurant in Landshut, touring the Day Care facility that Laura, Mieke's two-year-old daughter, attended, and taking a four-hour

walking tour of Munich, Germany's third largest city and the capital of Bavaria. Our tour began at Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés at the heart of the Old Town. We watched the mechanical characters of the *Glockenspiel*, a 43 bell clock which comes to life every day at 11:00 AM. We stopped to eat lunch at the ever-popular *Viktualienmarkt*, the only permanent farmer's market in Germany. Other highlights of the tour included the Odeonsplatz, location of the former royal palace, the giant National Theatre, and the *Hofbräuhaus*, the oldest brewery house in the world. We met Mieke's husband, Martin, for dinner at Englischer Garten, a beautifully-landscaped park,

where people can enjoy the music of an orchestra in the Chinese Tower and beer garden. On the third day of our visit, Martin drove us all to the city of Regensburg, the only city to remain completely unscathed by WW II bombings. Its most famous attraction is St. Peter's Cathedral, home to the world's oldest existing boys' choir (1,000 years old). The most exciting highlight of our visit was taking a German train to Munich's Oktoberfest. It is the world's greatest beer festival, where different beers are sold in fourteen different tents.

The next day my native French cousin, Hélène, and her husband, Alain, drove from their home in Sète, a city in southwestern France, to pick us up at Mieke's
(see Germany page 18)

Scenery, Education and Music of Norway

Donna Houser, Kappa



SCENERY: I traveled by freight/passenger ship up the coast of Norway. The voyage

took an 11-day tour in the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, stopping at 34 ports-of-call both day and night. During my voyage, I concentrated on the magnificent coastline scenery, Norway's education system, and the life and music of Edvard Grieg.

The mountainous western coast provides the most spectacular fjord and mountain scenery in Norway. During the Great Ice Age, the scouring, pushing and rubbing of the glaciers' movement down into the V-shaped valleys created the U-shaped fjords that meander in and out among the mountains, islands and skerries along the coast. A fjord is a deep, narrow elongated sea with steep land on three sides. The mouth of the fjord is usually shallow making the fjord calmer and quieter than the open sea. This results in fjords becoming natural harbors as they provide protection from storms and the sea climate.

Western Norway is one of the wettest regions in Europe with 247 days of rain per year. And rain it did! We never had a day without a shower or a soft falling

mist. On Day 3, we crossed the Arctic Circle. We were baptized with a ladle full of cold North Atlantic Ocean water poured down our backs. On the return southbound trip we marked the crossing of the Circle with a spoonful of cod liver oil. To make up for the offensive taste, we were allowed to keep the spoon!

Halfway through the trip we crossed the North Cape, Europe's northernmost point, just 1292 miles from the North Pole. We continued east to the Russian border where we walked up to the border gate guarded by 10,000 Russian soldiers and 400 Norwegian soldiers. On the return southbound voyage we continued to enjoy the coastal landscape, attended lectures on Norway's history, culture, education, economy, the shipping life, WWII involvement, the fishing industry, oil and gas production, religion, and of course, trolls.

EDUCATION: Norway has free universal compulsory education for the first 10 years of study and is considered one of the best systems in the world. Norway spends more money per capita on education than any other country. Because Norway has a very scattered population, 40% of primary and lower secondary school children are taught in the same classroom. Kindergarten is preschool. "People school" or "class zero" begins at age 6 and continues from 7 to 16 years

old. English is started at age 7. Gymnasium is for students who follow the academic track, ages 16 to 19. Other options are business school, vocational school, or college. Core subjects include math, social studies, arts and crafts, science and environment, English (compulsory), music, home economics, and physical education. Students must also choose another option in addition to the required subjects: a second foreign language, supplementary foreign language, or practical project work. Band, chorus, orchestra and sports are after-school activities. Curriculums for special needs students and deaf students are in place in all schools. The school day is 8:00 to 2:30. Before and after day care facilities are provided for the youngest students.

Norway has 7 state-run universities. It takes 5 to 6 years to earn a degree. University concentration is primarily on research and the education of researchers. Colleges offer 3 year professional bachelor degrees. Professions such as engineering, nursing, teacher training, business administration and social work are 1 to 5 year programs that result in master's and doctorate degrees.

MUSIC: A highlight was visiting Troldehaugen, the home of Norway's national composer, Edvard Grieg (1843-1907). Touching the piano keys on which he played was an awesome experience.
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Tea Time in Northern England

Sharon O'Connell, Omega

When planning a trip to England you would be remiss if you didn't spend some time in the Lake District and on the Yorkshire Dales. It is a beautiful part of the country. When driving through Yorkshire, there are wonderful vistas of green hills with stone walls and green fields dotted with sheep. My favorite places and recommendations are: **Woburn Abbey** has an amazing number of deer on the grounds! The High Tea was comprised of scrumptious sandwiches, scones, and sweets. The huge rooms were colorful, and filled with priceless objects.

The Queen and her family celebrate Christmas at **Sandringham Estate**. This home was used by Queen Alexandra in the latter part of the 19th century and the early 20th. It is now a museum and a home. We found the television hidden in one of the rooms! The china was amazing and many of the chairs were covered in needlework done by Queen Mary. If you are an antique car fanatic you must go through the Stables Museum which houses a large collection of cars still used by the British royalty.

Burghley House was built by Sir William Cecil who was council to both Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. He designed and built this residence to enter-

tain Elizabeth. The kitchen had a high ceiling and big windows that let in the light. What really impressed me was the number and size of the copper cook ware. There were serving plates that were so big it would take at least four men to help lift and carry one of them!! Modern sculptures were placed throughout the gardens. After a walk to view the sculptures and the beautiful lake, we went through the Surprise Garden. It really lived up to its name! Either visit this garden yourself or ask Pat Walker, Peggy Bange, or me why it is called the Surprise Garden.

Castle Howard is located a few miles outside the city of York and was used to film both series of "Brideshead Revisited" (one filmed in the 1980s and the other filmed more recently). The turquoise sitting room was absolutely beautiful with turquoise wallpaper and turquoise upholstery. The woodwork was white and outlined in gold leaf. The room also faced east, so it glowed as the sun shone through the huge windows.

Holker Hall is the home of Lord and Lady Cavendish and has two sections. One is dated from the late 1600s (where the family resides) and the other is from the Victorian era. The rooms were large with high ceilings and the furniture and curtains were made from gorgeous colors and patterns.

If you read literature, you should visit **Rydal Mount** and **Dove**

Cottage in Grasmere. These were the homes of William Wordsworth. A visit to Rydal Mount in the spring will find a field filled with daffodils planted by William Wordsworth and family in remembrance of his daughter.

Another place not to miss is Beatrix Potter's **Hilltop Farm**. It is as she left it at her death. She never had electricity or central heating installed because she liked things rustic. She lived in this house until she married, then used it as her studio. In the nearby town of **Hawkshead** there is a lovely museum on Beatrix Potter's life. The building was actually her husband's law office.

On the last day of the tour we visited the Bronte's Parsonage in the city of **Haworth**. I thought the Brontes lived all alone on the moors, so it was quite surprising to find the parsonage on the edge of town at the top of a very steep cobblestone street. The moors are actually behind the parsonage.

We had tea in a variety of venues. If you are in the Yorkshire area and see a tearoom named *Betty's* you need to go in and have tea. The cakes, scones, and sandwiches are wonderful! This is the type of tea room you think of when you read some of those English novels. My favorite tea was on a canal boat in **Skipton**. As we enjoyed our scones and tea, we passed gardens in people's backyards, cows in the field, and other canal boats.

(Germany from page 17)

home. Since my cousins had planned to vacation in Germany, they coordinated their plans with our trip. Alain offered to drive the rest of our six day journey through Germany. to:

- *visit the city of Oberammergau, a quaint village renowned for wood carvings and the production of the Passion Play.
- *visit Linderhof, a castle very similar to the Palace of Versailles in France and often referred to as the "small Palace of Versailles of Germany."
- *hike a steep half-mile roadway to reach Neuschwanstein, a castle commissioned by King Ludwig II of Bavaria in the mid-1800's; its Gothic architecture and majestic setting is most famous as the inspiration for Disney's Sleeping Beauty Castle.
- *climb 101 steps to see the top of the Rheinfalls.
- *traveling through the Black Forest to the city of Triberg, famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks.
- *buy several cuckoo clocks at the "House of 1,000 Clocks" in Triberg.
- *tour the city of Baden-Baden, a glamorous spa resort at

the edge of the Black Forest, where the Romans came to soak their arthritic bones in the thermal pools.

- *observe the production of Germany's finest wines at a winery in the city of Rüdesheim.
- *collect information concerning Paul's family heritage and learning that the name "Lautenschlager" is a very common name in Rüdesheim.
- *cruise the Rhine River for one day, passing by many castles, fortresses and vineyards spilling down the hillsides to the river and observing the rock of Lorelei, the most over-rated rock formation in the world.

From here it was *Bonjour, la France* for the next eleven days. Leaving Germany, we first stopped in Strasbourg, the seat of the European Parliament. We spent time strolling its streets and visiting its Cathedral of Notre-Dame, a superb example of Gothic architecture. We saw its astronomical clock, which is a huge timepiece with a planetary dial constructed in the 1540's. Our next stop was Villefranche/Saône, a city outside of Lyon, where we stayed with other cousins. During that time, we

(see Cousins page 19)

In Memoriam

Maxine R. Bieber
March 8, 2014

Alpha Theta

Maxine was a member of DKG for 31 years. She taught for 28 years and was a member of Armstrong County Retired Teachers Association and the Public School Employees Retirement System.

Areta Kalogeras
January 18, 2015

Alpha Xi

Areta was the Music Chair for Alpha Xi and served on the Program Committee for twelve years. She was a music educator for 33 years in the North Hills School District, Pittsburgh, PA. She directed the marching band from 1989-2008 and will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association in March 2015.

Martha Halverson
January 8, 2015

Alpha Delta

Martha was chapter president from 1964-1966. She was the librarian at Somerset High School and a class sponsor.

Jeanette Harvey
August 5, 2014

Beta Beta

Jeanette was a member of DKG for 43 years. She made many contributions to Beta Beta. She taught in the primary grades in the Southern York County School District.

Dorothy E. Hutchison
January 1, 2015

Alpha Nu

Dottie was a 31 year member of DKG. She was a mentor to colleagues and a strong supporter of Alpha Nu's many philanthropic projects. She taught both elementary school and special education,

first in Glen Rock, NJ; then for more than 20 years in Central Bucks School District in Bucks County, PA.

Elizabeth H. Brown

January 2, 2015

Sigma

Elizabeth (Betty) was very active as chair of Sigma's Finance Committee and helped Sigma with very creative fund raisers. Betty had a wonderful sense of humor and was very active in the Society as long as her health allowed. She was a business teacher in the Milton High School, Milton, PA, and was district department head for several years.



Janice Logan
November 11, 2014

Alpha Mu

Janice was a contributing member in DKG throughout her career and retirement. She was a respected Latin teacher at Beatty Junior High School in Warren, PA.

Louise Guthrie
September 22, 2014

Beta Pi

Louise was an Honorary Member of Beta Pi. She was a long-time community relations administrator in the Upper Merion School District. She served as a Vice President of the PA School Public Relations Association and Vice President of the PA Community Education Association. She was a substitute teacher at the American School, Frankfurt, Germany.

We will always be grateful for our sisters who left us. They strengthened us for our future journey and will forever be a part of who we are as a Society.

(Cousins from page 18)

joined other family members at a restaurant in the area for a family reunion. I had not seen these relatives in twenty-two years. One was my mother's youngest sister at the age of 92, along with her husband at the age of 94. I was hoping I would get to see Hélène's mother, who celebrated her 100th birthday last February, but she passed last May.

Before leaving the area, we took a day to visit Lyon, France's second-largest city. From there, it was an eight-hour ride to Sète, which is a city built around a hill, with the sea on one side, a lagoon on the other and a network of canals joining them. It is the largest fishing port in the Mediterranean. While staying at Hélène and Alain's house, they drove us to visit various neighboring towns. We sampled fresh fish at the fish market, shopped at the farmer's market, swam in the Mediterranean and attended a musical show in tribute to the French singer Edith Piaf at the Molière Theatre.

Highlights of the last three days of our trip consisted of taking the TGV (the fast train) from Sète to Paris; visiting Sacre Coeur Basilica located in the Montmartre District on the highest hill of Paris; the Notre-Dame Cathedral; the Eiffel Tower, which has a new glass floor on its first level; seeing a musical performance at the Moulin Rouge and eating a delicious French dinner while cruising on the Seine River by night, gliding past the illuminated Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Statue of Liberty, famous museums and bridges.

Such a perfect ending to a 21 day sojourn full of adventurous experiences and vivid memories. *Merci Beaucoup* and *Danke* Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee for providing funds to research my husband's heritage, to gain an appreciation for the culture and civilization of Germany and to reunite with my French family, while enhancing my French speaking skills.

(Norway from page 17)

Grieg and his wife, Nina, were equally talented musicians, and they often performed together on stage. Grieg even had a double piano bench built so he and

Nina could play duets. Grieg had his Steinway grand piano customized by making the keys smaller so he could reach the octaves. Some of his most popular compositions are the Piano Concerto

in A Minor, Peer Gynt Suite, and the Wedding at Trolldhaugen. Grieg composed songs, instrumental and orchestral works, and concertos and sonatas for the piano, for which he is best known.

The Keystonian

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Important Dates Events:

~Creative Arts Retreat, Olmsted
 Manor, Ludlow, PA, March 27-29, 2015
 ~Choral Retreat (contact Shirley
 Newhart for details), May 1-2, 2015
 ~Alpha Alpha State Convention, Nit-
 tany Lion Inn, State College, PA,

June 12-14, 2015

~NERC/ Baltimore Hyatt Regency,
 Baltimore, MD, July 8-11, 2015

~International Convention, Gaylord
 Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN,
 July 5-9, 2016

Reports & Applications:

~State Achievement Award, March 15
 ~Album of Distinction Application,
 April 1
 ~Lucile Cornet Award for Profes-
 sional Development, May 1

President's Schedule

Theta & Alpha Xi Chapter Visit
 March 7, 2015

Beta Alpha Visit
 March 12 2015

Scholarship Committee Meeting
 March 14, 2015

Creative Arts Retreat
 March 27-29, 2015

**Alpha Omicron, Alpha Sigma, and Lambda
 Chapter Visit** April 11, 2015

Alpha Kappa Visit
 April 9, 2015

Beta Rho, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Chapter
 April 18, 2015

Finance Committee Meeting
 May 2, 2015

Alpha Delta Chapter Visit
 May 16, 2015

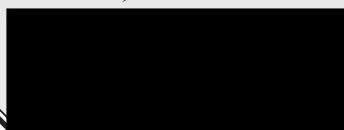


Looking for Alpha Alpha State Choir Singers

for State Convention,
 June 12-13, Nittany Lion Inn,
 State College.

*If you like to sing and want to
 meet other fun-loving singers,
 then State Choir is for YOU!*

Please contact Shirley Newhart,
 Visual and Performing Arts
 State Chair, for more informa-



Please note that there is also
 an opportunity to prepare the
 music at our state choir retreat
 in Middletown, PA on May 1st
 and 2nd. Check it out....

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xj7IFW-GFUn9RRd5UfOuvk-TMe1ZjzL0uWgvp45MEGRY/viewform>

You can even
 register online!
 (This retreat is **NOT** a
 requirement to participate
 in State Choir)

