



# The Keystonian

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## Alpha Alpha State Convention Celebrates 70 Years of **SERVANT LEADERSHIP...FORWARD MOVING EVER!**

### Historical Records and Projects Committees Shine at State Convention

By Carol Goodman and Karen Tinstman, Chairmen

The second annual Friday Night Fling was held this year at convention. Not only did participants dance this year, but President Lyn provided a karaoke machine. A wonderful time was had singing songs like "Leader of the Pack" and "My Boyfriend's Back," and dancing the Macarena, Charleston, and the Limbo, to name a few.

Because it was Alpha Alpha State's seventieth birthday, Decade Posters were displayed in the fireplace room, depicting historical events of the last seven decades of Alpha Alpha State's existence.

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### ALPHA ALPHA STATE AWARDS TWELVE SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

By Janet Lee Hay, Scholarship Chairman

Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee is  
**FORWARD MOVING EVER!**

The Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee awarded five scholarships and seven enrichment grants at the 70th state convention in University Park, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, June 10, 2007. All twelve scholarship recipients attended the Sunday morning Honors Breakfast to accept their monetary award, certificate, and red rose. Alpha Alpha State is very proud of all of our recipients as they pursue their professional and personal goals.

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### Louise Garverick State Achievement Award Recipient

By Barbara Clark, Communications Chairman

Louise Garverick is the Alpha Alpha State 2007 Achievement Award recipient. A member since 1981, she has served Delta Kappa Gamma at the local and state levels, through chapter chairmanships and offices, state committee membership, chairmanship, convention coordinator, co-chair of state leadership seminar and through the state offices of corresponding secretary, second vice president, first vice president, and in 2001-2003 Alpha Alpha State president.

Her love and dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma was evident as she attended four regional conferences and

four international conventions. Her zeal to continue to develop her leadership skills led her to apply for and be accepted to the prestigious Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Texas.

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**Alpha Alpha State President's Message**

By Carolyn Sutton

What a grand 70th birthday celebration our state convention was! Coming together in "genuine spiritual fellowship" to do the work of the Society is always a fulfilling experience for me. Congratulations to Dr. Lyn and her officers and committee

members for a wonderful convention and inspiring biennium. Her theme of servant leadership permeated the environment of Alpha Alpha State and provided a firm foundation for the work we have ahead, "forward moving ever."

It has been said that each endeavor starts with a single idea, vision or objective. With the vision of keeping our membership vital and committed to the mission statement and seven purposes of our society, I have selected as my theme, "Tapestry - Weaving Positive Change within the Heritage of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International." Our International Founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton said, "Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value." Our Heritage-Volume II: 3. Ours is a professional organization-an honorary, educational Society. Our heritage is strong.

"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something."

Sandra Day O'Connor

Already interwoven in my life's tapestry are threads of wisdom from the treasures and shape-makers of Alpha Alpha State, our past state presidents. As I take the office of state president in the year of our seventieth birthday, I thank them for their influence in my personal and professional development.

I learned from Becky Place that membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is a gift to be opened and cherished and shared.

I learned from Esther Grander to "think out of the box."

I learned from Shirley Walters to be a "kinder, more enthusiastic, you."

I learned from Shirley Lotz, who did my chapter president's training with Esther, to be prepared.

I learned from Marion Miller to look to the Constitution and Handbook for answers.

I learned from E. Margaret Gable the importance of reflection.

I learned from Polly Delaney to be enthusiastic - it's contagious.

I learned from Terri Stetler to accept challenges. (Did you know that I had never even done any web designing, when she appointed me as your State Webmaster?)

I learned from Dr. Irene Murphy to stand tall and walk gracefully in the knowledge that I am an important part of an International Society - a member.

I learned from Martha Kuhn and Nancy Grove that it is important to remember my roots - mine are firmly planted in Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

I learned from Louise Garverick to take notice of the women around me for they are women of distinction, key women educators.

I learned from Carol Ulrich that it is important to be organized and involve all my committees for, "Together we can do so much." (Anne Frank)

I learned from Dr. Lyn Schmid to follow the tenets of servant leadership, for only in serving will I be able to lead.

I am encouraged by the support of dynamic women from across our commonwealth who have agreed to serve as officers, committee chairmen and committee members during the next biennium. As we plan together this summer, I assure you that the 2007-2009 officers and committee chairmen look forward to working in concert with you, the membership, so that we may create success stories for Alpha Alpha State.



# MEMBERSHIP

By Louann Shrader, Membership Chairman

*"The most successful organizations and environments are the ones with their fingers on the pulse of the newest generation."*  
Author Unknown

This quote is so pertinent to the future of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Along with the need of an increase in membership, this quote also supports the International Program of "Mentoring Matters." Have you caught the membership epidemic yet? Are you spreading a contagious message concerning the value of membership and are you nurturing the results?

During this past year we have been challenged to increase membership throughout the state by the International initiative, *Membership Explosion*. Not only have we been challenged to bring in 4 new members each year of the biennium, but we have also been challenged to bring in members, 1/2 of which, have between 3-10 years of experience. These ideas will help create an environment that insures the future of the Society and the leadership within. But besides an epidemic in membership we also need to consider the benefits of mentoring those new members. We need to create a *membership implosion*, i.e., a way to insure continued and active involvement in the Society.

In the past we have bought into the need to orient new initiates. Now we need to mentor them into fruition in order to create a membership implosion. An environment of broken windows, if not fixed, will result in more broken windows. We can't be content to bring in members without insuring their continued activity within the Society. We can't let our new initiates hang. In education we give support to new teachers and hope to insure their lasting success and involvement in the profession through each district's induction program. We, likewise, need to do this within the Society. New initiates need to not only be introduced to the chapter but also the state organization and International Society. New initiates need to be encouraged to apply for scholarships, and/or professional development activities

## President's Schedule

**July 23-28, 2007** - Northeast Regional Conference in Traverse City, Michigan

**August 3-4, 2007** - State Officers' Meeting and Committee Chairmen Orientation, State College, PA

**September 21, 2007** - Pi Chapter's 60th Birthday Party, Wellsboro, PA

through the Society. New initiates need to be familiar with the perks of the Society. New initiates need to know how the Seven Purposes can become an essential part of their professional and personal life. The solution---**IMplode!**

International President Dr. Barbara Day used the term collaborative connections to support and help new teachers as they enter the profession in hopes that they, too, would eventually become members. We also need to think about collaborative connections within our own chapters. Could we set up a strategic team of 2 or 3 members for each new initiate who would bring her to meetings and keep her actively involved? Can we set up a strategic team for each new initiate that keeps her informed of opportunities, professionally and personally, within the Society? Can we set up a strategic team of 2 or 3 members for each new initiate who helps her develop Society ownership?

Mentoring is essential to the future of the Society. We need to not only bring in the members to carry on the legacy handed to us, but we also need to mentor those future leaders of the Society. Is your *membership implosion* on course? As we work towards the initiative of a *Membership Explosion*, remember, too, to keep your fingers on the pulse of that newest generation and create, as well, a *membership implosion!*

## Will You Be A Spark?

By Eileen Little, Membership Committee

The International Membership Committee for 2006-2008 is having a "Membership Explosion!" Each chapter in Alpha Alpha State is encouraged to initiate at least four members each year of this biennium with at least one half of these initiates having three to ten years of educational experience.

Who lights up your school or community? With whom do you share teaching ideas? Are these outstanding women educators? There are two wonderful brochures that are available to help you with this decision. They are *Why Belong?*, *Why Do I Wear the Key?* and *The Honor of Membership*. When looking for new members for your chapter, think about diversity. Diversity in levels of educational employment, years of service and cultural background are areas to consider.

Summertime is a great time to rekindle our energy level. It is also a time when we reflect on the past school year and plan for the future school year. As these ideas and sparks fly that will enhance your position, who do you know that would sparkle as a Delta Kappa Gamma woman? Let's invite them to membership and have Pennsylvania be a leader in this "Membership Explosion!"





# PROGRAM OF WORK

## It's Program Planning Time

By Susan Stamm, Program Chairman

Summertime and the livin' is easy! Now when everyone is relaxed, this is a grand time to get the Program of Work team together to plan programs for next year's meetings. Everyone needs to be included in this process. How can Visual and Performing Arts lend creativity to meetings? What projects can your chapter support? How can Personal Growth and Services promote growth in your members? What can Research tell you about your chapter and its members? What can Professional Affairs do to enlighten members about the profession and keep them informed on current legislation? All these questions should be addressed in your planning sessions.

There is a very valuable resource available from International; it is the 2006-2010 Program Manual, *Passion for Learning: the Essence of Growth*. It is chock full of ideas you can use. Also available from the Delta Kappa Gamma website are program ideas you can use. These can be used for any chapter meeting,



however, some are themed for certain times of the year. A few titles are: "Passionate about Membership," "Bring Musical Life to Your Meetings," "Poetry Sharing," "Founders Day Birthday Program," and "Orientation and Reorientation." Go to [www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net), click on *Committees* and then click on *Program*.

At planning time, why not network with nearby chapters to bring in speakers? Use each other as resources. You will be sharing ideas and expenses among more members.

Your new Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Committee will be working this biennium to provide support for program planning and integrating the Visual and Performing Arts into chapter activities. The committee is ready and waiting to help you in any way they can.

When you think of the word TEAM, think of it in this way:

**T** together  
**E** everyone  
**A** achieves  
**M** more

## PERSONAL GROWTH AND SERVICES

**V**olunteering is an American tradition that has made an immeasurable contribution to communities, organizations, and individuals throughout the country. Today's volunteers are active, dynamic, creative individuals who possess the skills, desire, patience, resources, and time to accomplish a wide variety of tasks. A volunteer is someone who serves in a community or for the benefit of natural environment primarily because they choose to do so. Many serve through a non-profit organization, but a significant number also serve less formally, either individually or as part of a group. A volunteer worker does not get paid or receive compensation for services rendered. People volunteer for a host of reasons. Many feel compassion for others in need, some want to "give back" and others are passionate about the issues facing our communities. Whatever the reason, each person's motivations will be unique. Some volunteer for the benefit of others. Most people argue that there are no purely altruistic volunteers. Altruism is a common motivation but never the only motivation for sustained commitment to serve. There is always some aspect of personal gain or satisfaction. Some serve the community because doing service makes one's own life better. This is perhaps the

most significant motivation for volunteering. It is often mixed with a good dose of altruism. Volunteers benefit from being with other people, staying active, and above all having a sense of the value of ourselves in society that may not be as clear in other areas of life. Many people have in some way benefited from the work of an organization, or more generally, and volunteer to give back. A great number of people see participation in community as a responsibility that comes with citizenship. Many faiths hold that service to others or the community is a spiritual duty or a means of reaching higher spiritual states. Lastly, volunteering is a good way to meet a lot of different people from other walks of life and it is often easy to make new friends. There are countless opportunities for women educators to become involved in worthwhile volunteering endeavors. The following are a few examples.

[www.worldteach.org](http://www.worldteach.org)

WorldTeach is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides opportunities for individuals to make a meaningful contribution to international education by living and working as volunteer teachers in developing countries.



## Projects Committee Update

By Karen Tinstman, Chairman

I come to you today from an "Attitude of Gratitude." First of all, to Dr. Lyn in gratitude for her energy, vision and her willingness to extend her hand to me with confidence to chair the Projects Committee for the 2005-2007 biennium.

Then, there is my extreme gratitude to my committee, Karen Ball, Lois Brown, Tracey Dusch, Billie Stone and Valerie Ripple who worked tirelessly as a team to accomplish the many tasks required. A particular thank you to Valerie who nearly solely coordinated the Lucinda pin sales. A special thank you to my friend Carol Herbert. Carol chaired the US Forum committee but helped the Projects Committee in many ways.

Also, a huge thank you to ALL the chapters of Alpha Alpha State who supported our outreach endeavors with quilts for the ABC Quilts Project and later for the Linus Project. Thank you as well for your support for the Expect A Miracle Project. Some of the chapters contributed monetarily. Other chapters submitted names of single parent families who could benefit from this project. Finally, we are all grateful for your tireless efforts to sell Lucinda Pins in support of the Afghanistan Teacher Project. You might remember that

**Pennsylvania is #1 in our contributions to the Afghanistan Teacher Training Project. Thanks to all chapters for their untiring efforts in selling 1500 Lucinda Pins in order to raise these funds!**

we challenged the members to sell 1000 this past year. We are happy to announce that we sold over 1500 Lucinda Pins!!! Half of those sales are designated to this Teacher Training Project.

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed!! Because of your efforts for this UNICEF project we have received additional recognition. You may remember when it was announced last fall that we were awarded 2 certificates at the International Convention last year in San Diego in

recognition for our contributions to this project. These certificates were in recognition of the fact that we placed third of the top 5 donating states for a 3 year period from July 1, 2003-June 30, 2006 and FIRST of the top 3 donating states for contributions from July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006.

We have additional great news!

Dr. Lyn Schmid announced at this year's Alpha Alpha State Convention we have done it again!! WE ARE # 1 in our contributions to the Afghanistan Project this past year AND the #1 STATE in contributions OVER-ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is all a direct result of your efforts!

As you can see this has been a busy biennium for the Projects Committee. And on behalf of the children who will benefit from your gracious giving we thank you. As we reflect on the past 2 years, we can find no better example of Dr. Lyn's biennium theme of "Servant Leadership" than right here in Alpha Alpha State.

## VOLUNTEERING

[www.learnandservice.gov](http://www.learnandservice.gov)

America's young people – from kindergartners to university students – have the desire, energy and ability to make a real difference in their communities. Service-learning offers a unique opportunity for them to get involved in a tangible way by integrating community service projects with classroom learning. Service-learning engages students in the educational process, using what they learn in the classroom to solve real-life problems. Students not only learn about democracy and citizenship, they become actively contributing citizens and community members through the service they perform. Learn and Serve America supports and encourages service-learning throughout the United States, and enables over one million students to make meaningful contributions to their community while building their academic and civic skills. By engaging our nation's young people in service-learning, Learn and Serve America instills an ethic of lifelong community

By Fran Reinhard, Personal Growth Committee

service.

[www.universalgiving.org](http://www.universalgiving.org)

UniversalGiving is a social entrepreneurship non-profit dedicated to making giving and volunteering a natural part of everyday life.

[www.ieceusa.org](http://www.ieceusa.org)

This is a directory of education-related programs that seek to improve math, science, and technology education at the pre-college level. Its purpose is to provide information on programs that rely on volunteer help and encourage individual participation.

Volunteering is an exciting and rewarding endeavor! It enables us to benefit ourselves and to benefit others in countless ways. When we become volunteers, we are able to GIVE AND REJOICE!

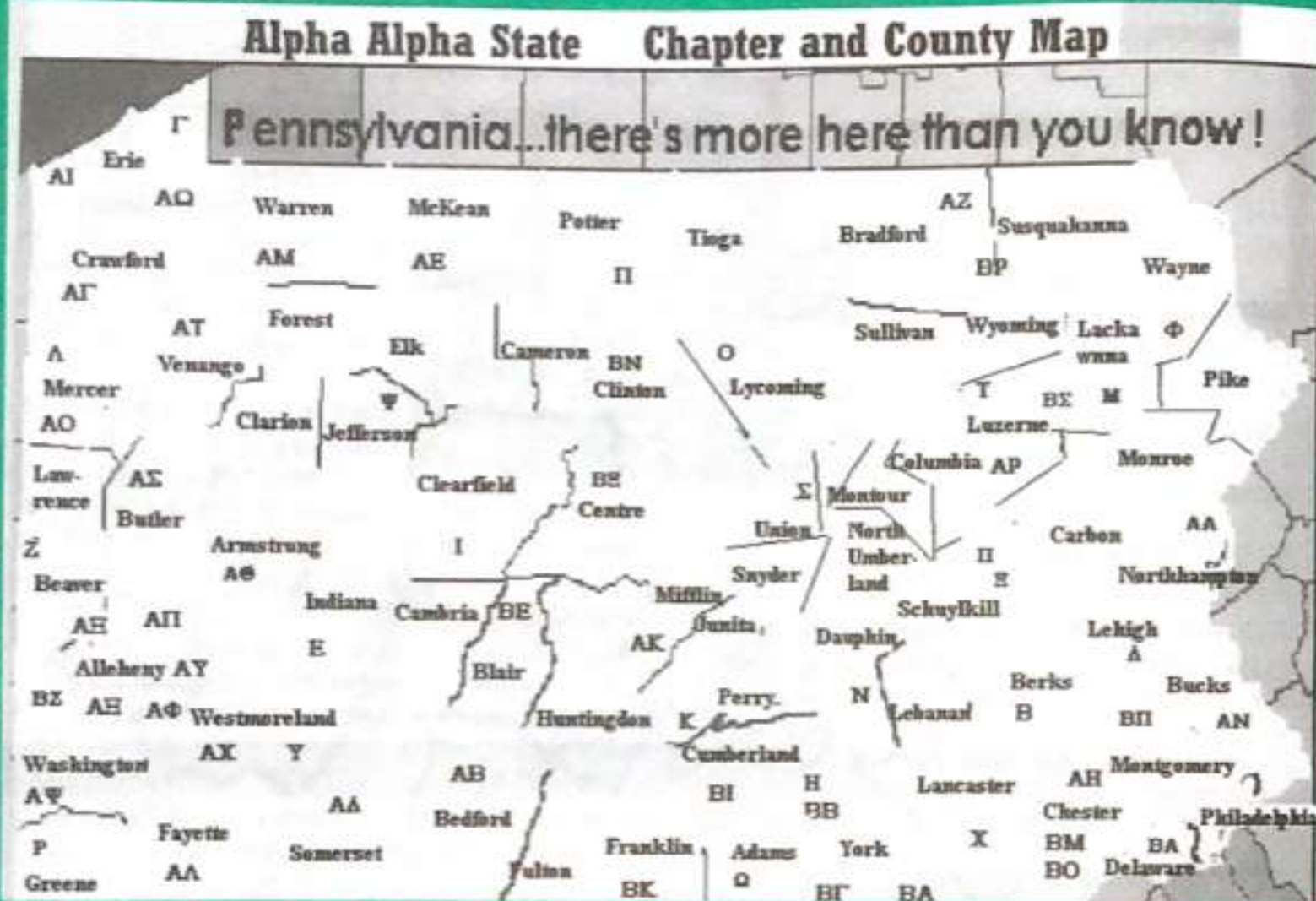
You can contact your 2007-2009 Personal Growth Chairman, Nikki McWilliams, at [shushu@myepath.com](mailto:shushu@myepath.com)



# STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

## Alpha Alpha State Has a New Brochure!

By Barbara Clark, Communications Chairman



The new brochure is here! The 2006 Communications Committee worked to provide a new brochure for Alpha Alpha State. After receiving copies of other state brochures, the committee made many rough drafts incorporating information and layouts from those brochures. One new element added was the map of chapter locations.

www.pavisitnet.com granted permission for use of their map as a basis for our chapter map. When you receive your map, keep in mind the following:

1. The yellow lines define the main AREAS where members reside for the chapters. Some areas overlap county lines.
2. The black lines are county lines. If there are black county lines within a yellow area, that means the chapter(s) cross county lines.
3. The location of the Greek symbol is only a general location fitted around the county name. The chapter is within the yellow area.

4. I apologize to Beta Theta for the omission of their Greek symbol on the map. It will be on the web page. For other chapters' information, Beta Theta is in the Cumberland County area.

5. For members who do not know the Greek symbols, a key is located below the map.

The Communications Committee hopes you find the brochure useful and informative. **On the back of the brochure is an area for each chapter to put their contact information.** If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please email Barb Clark at [clarksu@hotmail.com](mailto:clarksu@hotmail.com).

Each chapter president received five copies of the brochure. We are hoping to have the brochure on our state website in the near future. I would like to thank my committee members for their help and input in preparing the brochure. They are Polly Delaney, Joan Roy, Florence Sherwood, Terri Stetler, Carolyn Sutton and Denise Williams.



## STATE SCHOLARSHIPS / ENRICHMENT GRANTS

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Scholarships were presented to five outstanding Alpha Alpha State women educators who are pursuing higher educational study in order to become more professionally enriched...



**Royce Ann Boyd**, Alpha Beta, Assistant Superintendent in the Everett Area School District, will complete her Doctorate degree at the Penn State University. Royce received the Golden Anniversary and Laura Braun Award for Doctoral study.



**Gayle Goltra**, Nu, enrichment gifted facilitator in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, was presented an Alpha Alpha State Founders' Award for working beyond her Master's Plus from Penn State University. Gayle will pursue a study tour of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Oahu.



**Carol Hostetter**, Nu, an enrichment gifted facilitator in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, was awarded the Past State President Memorial Award for working on her Master's Plus from Penn State University. Carol will pursue a study tour of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Oahu.



**Joyce Kerrick**, Alpha Zeta, a math professor at Lackawanna College, was given the Carolyn A. Davis Award. She is working on-line for a Doctorate degree through Capella University.



**Vanessa A. Sral**, Beta Epsilon, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in the Forest Hills School District near Johnstown, received the Dr. Irene M. Murphy Award. Vanessa is working on her Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility at Gannon University.

Dr. Irene was present to see her "named" award given to Vanessa.

THANKS to all state Scholarship Committee members who worked so conscientiously this biennium. Special thanks to Marlene Buljat and Peggy Critchfield for being such good helpers and friends.

Enrichment Grants were presented to seven women educators who are broadening their horizons in a variety of ways...



**Carol H. Goodman**, Beta Rho, is retired, but is also a supervisor of student teachers at Keystone College. Carol will be exploring Scotland to set up a Pen Pal Exchange Program.

**Joy Knepp**, Alpha Delta, is an Art Teacher in the Shanksville-Stonycreek School District. Joy will be taking glass and metal working classes at Touchstone Center for Crafts.



**Bridget Mayak**, is an art teacher in the Somerset Area School District. Bridget will be taking hot metal/hot clay, garden sculpture, and alternative raku classes at Touchstone Center for Crafts.

**Judith L. Schaffer**, Alpha Upsilon, is a retired librarian from the New Kensington-Arnold School District. Judith is taking an Introductory to Ireland Elderhostel.



**Grace Schauer**, Pi, is a retired music teacher from the Wayne-Highlands School District. Grace has planned a "dream" trip to study and tour Alaska.

**Karen Snyder**, Beta Gamma, is a Spanish teacher in the South Eastern School District. Karen is pursuing an educational opportunity in Guatemala.



**Kay Stuart**, Pi, is a principal (K-12) in the Galeton School District. Kay will be using her grant money to study and tour Alaska.





## STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

### From the Treasurer

#### Celebrating Alpha Alpha State's 70 Years

##### Historical Moment

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, the Pennsylvania State Organization was formed by Delta Kappa Gamma's founder, Miss Annie Webb Blanton. A luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia was followed by initiation. Much credit for the formation of Alpha Alpha State was given to Miss Jessie Gray of Philadelphia, former President of the NEA. Miss Vesta Watson, formerly a member of Iota Chapter from Texas, became Alpha Alpha State's first president.

Alpha Alpha State grew slowly with only six new chapters between 1937 and 1946. Then during the presidency of Miss Blanch Foster, 22 new chapters were formed. *The Keystonean* first became a printed publication during Miss Foster's biennium. By the time our 25th birthday had rolled around in 1962, our membership had grown to 48 chapters. Nine new chapters were welcomed in 1962 and 1963, and eight more by our 50th birthday in 1987. Beta Rho Chapter remained the baby chapter for 20 years until 2004 when Beta Sigma was created.

Alpha Alpha State has been ...forward moving ever... to its current number of 64 chapters with over 4,000 key women educators whose goal it is to improve the lives of women world wide.

You might be interested to know that for the 1961 State Convention held at the Cocoa Inn in Hershey, the cost of a single room with a double bed and a bath was \$7.00. Convention registration was \$2.00, the Anniversary Luncheon was \$3.00 and the Rose Banquet cost \$3.75.

As the old saying goes..."We've Come a Long Way, Baby."

The 2007-2008 Dues and Fees remain at:  
**Active - \$31**  
(\$30 Active dues + \$1.00 Scholarship Fund) or  
**Reserve - \$16**  
(\$15 Reserve dues+ \$1.00 Scholarship Fund)

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##### Achievement Award

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While she served Alpha Alpha State as first vice president and chair of the state Program of Work Committee, she was instrumental in establishing the "Women of Distinction" award. Her inspiration for this award came from the Indianapolis Northeast Regional Conference in 1999. As Suzanne Long stated in her recommendation letter, "She met a teacher who had recently received a national teacher of the year award and was astonished to learn that the award was never recognized by Society leadership during the conference. As we traveled home, the plan for 'The Women of Distinction Award' began to take shape...the continued success of this unique program is a source of pride for her."

She continued to be innovative during her biennium by expanding the music committee to the Visual and Performing Arts Committee. Alpha Alpha State members have greatly benefitted from this broadening of the scope of the committee.

Louise has been an inspiration, model, and mentor to many of her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters throughout the state. In her Beta Kappa Chapter, she encourages members to apply for scholarships, to be recognized in the Album of Distinction and to attend the state workshops and conventions. On the state level she continues to volunteer in any capacity at workshops and conventions, opens her home to visiting sisters attending Delta Kappa Gamma functions in the area and listens to and encourages each member she meets.

As stated in her nomination, "Leading by example, she has set high standards for us to follow..." The members of Delta Kappa Gamma will continue to look to her as a role model in the future.

Alpha Alpha State congratulates Louise L. Garverick as the recipient of the 2007 State Achievement Award!



## STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS



### THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Carol Herbert, U.S. Forum Liaison

U.S. Government contact information can be obtained through:

- ◆ Congressional Switchboard-toll free-1-866-327-8670
- ◆ <http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives
- ◆ <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate
- ◆ White House Switchboard-202-546-1414

Information on how your Congressman voted on key bills:

- ◆ <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/109/bills/>

Bill status can be checked at

- ◆ <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

State Government contact information, including state legislature, state Supreme Court, and state agencies (Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department, Voter Registration, etc.) can be obtained through:

- ◆ <http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/>

**Did you know that five constituent contacts will cause a legislator to pay serious attention to an issue?**

This April I attended a Success For All Foundation Conference in Orlando, FL. Dr. John Batchelor, one of the Foundation's most respected consultants, presented a breakout session entitled NCLB: Planning to Make Adequate Yearly Progress. His opening comments grabbed my attention—"No Child Left Behind is undoubtedly the most important piece of legislation in the history of education-if you can overlook its obvious flaws." His rationale behind this statement was that prior to NCLB, many low-performing students were ignored, simply "swept under the rug." Only in the last five years has the performance of every child mattered to the system. Dr. Batchelor went on to say that if you look to the end of the NCLB process-the year 2014-a reasonable educator probably has some doubts about how realistic it is to mandate that every child will be proficient by that deadline. However the key to success-

making AYP-is meeting the requirements one year at a time. Instead of considering AYP in retrospect-looking backwards after it's too late to change the results-convert the requirements into a forward-looking planning process.

As I have reported previously in this column, NCLB is slated for reauthorization this year. Congress is expected to begin consideration of ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act commonly known as No Child Left Behind) as early as June. We as educators have an opportunity to work with a new Congress for a renewed national discussion about public education. More than 1000 Pennsylvania community members to date have participated in recent "Virtual Town Hall" forums to discuss the law's effect. Legislators involved in these forums include Rep. Jason Altmire (D-4th District), Rep. Joe Sestak (D-7th District), Rep. Patrick Murphy (D-8th District), and Rep. Christopher Carney (D-10th District).

The bottom line is you can sit around and complain about NCLB or you can get out and get involved to change those obvious flaws. The new NCLB requirements should create guidelines to improve student achievement and allocate resources to accomplish this task. Here are some ways in which you can become involved in making positive changes to NCLB:

- ◆ Sign up for the ESEA/NCLB Update, a biweekly e-mail newsletter to stay on top of the latest news on NCLB. Send e-mail to [ESEAinfo@nea.org](mailto:ESEAinfo@nea.org).
- ◆ Become a cyber-lobbyist. Go to [www.psea.org](http://www.psea.org) and click on the Let's Fix NCLB box on the right side of the home page. Send a pre-formatted message to your members of Congress or enter your own text.
- ◆ Write a letter to or phone your member of Congress to explain how NCLB is affecting you, your students and your school. Personal observations and stories are critical. Form letters are not very persuasive. Be courteous and reasonable. Make your point in one page or less. Write legibly or type if possible. Write to say "thank you" for their support when your issue is resolved.
- ◆ Write a letter to the editor of your local paper about a specific concern you have about NCLB. Be sure to include your proposal for change.

Please note new website address for  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
[deltakappagamma.net](http://deltakappagamma.net)





# Alpha Alpha State Welcomes New Initiates!



## Pi

Mrs. Alanna Huck  
Mrs. Sharon O'Shea

## Sigma

Mrs. Melissa Brouse  
Mrs. Diana Cheunes  
Aimee Diehl  
Mrs. Jennifer Fornwald  
Mrs. Jennifer Vovakes  
Ms. Diane Wittig  
Miss Melissa Yankowski

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Ms. Linda Dahl  
Mrs. Sandra Hueston  
Mrs. Melisa Kelly  
Carol Scott  
Mrs. Darlene Thurner  
Mrs. Paulette Hemmings  
Mrs. Mary Janice Milarski  
Mrs. Molly Wetmore  
Mrs. Sara Strzempek

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Mrs. Jennifer Blasko  
Mrs. Mary Campbell  
Mrs. Patricia Ann Loutzenhiser  
Ms. Lynanne Stodolak  
Ms. Andrea L. Virastick

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Dr. Pamela Dye  
Miss Bethany Slautterback  
Lou Shearer

## Alpha Phi

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Mrs. Felicia Capan  
Ms. Donna Grzyb  
Mrs. Kim Jarsulic  
Mrs. Charlotte Steimer  
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Mrs. MaryLee Colflesh  
Mrs. Monica Dwyer  
Mrs. Jillian Dwyer  
Miss Lauren Gerlach  
Mrs. Kathleen Massey  
Ms. Maggie Reed-Brooke  
Mrs. Catherine Tereniak  
Mrs. Christine Wray

## Beta Rho

Mrs. Barbara Davis

## Beta Sigma

Mrs. Corrine Anderson  
Mrs. Maryann Blessner  
Mrs. Lorraine Cortegerone  
Mrs. Gail Long

*The Women of Distinction Award recognizes members for their outstanding contributions to community service programs and/or affiliations beyond The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Nominees are also contributing/participating members in good standing with their chapters.*

## NAME

Bernhisel, Deborah  
Boback, Karen

Brewer, Elizabeth  
Burnaford, Tammie  
Cowan, Cynthia D.  
Dent, Jane

Deremer, Emily M.

Dietz, Carolyn

Frantz, Dr. Susan

Garverick, Louise

Hudak, Alice  
Jaros, Jacqueline

Long, Suzanne  
McDonald, Melissa

Montgomery, Barbara  
Mundy, Honorable Phyllis B.

Radcliffe, Lynn

Ratay, Ann  
Rechsteiner, Doris  
Schooley, Toni  
Simmers, Susan

Smith, Patrice

Ulrich, Karen

Whitaker, Diane

Zanke, Anita





## WOMEN OF DISTINCTION 2007 RECOGNITION

Among the 25 Women of Distinction Award recipients were ( seated L-R ) Elizabeth Brewer, Ann Ratay, Louise Garverick; (standing L-R) Alice Hudak, Diane Whitaker and Suzanne Long.

The women were honored at a reception and presentation Friday evening at state convention.

### CHAPTER

### RECOGNITION

Sigma  
Alpha Rho

Russell Galt Award for Outstanding Secondary Teaching from Susquehanna University  
"Citizen of the Year" by Harvey's Lake Homecoming and "2006 Excellence in Education Award" by College Misericordia; PA State Representative 2007

Sigma  
Beta Xi  
Beta Xi  
Beta Nu

President of the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association  
"Leadership Recognition" for Book Drive (1,000) for Craddock Schools in South Africa  
"Teacher of the Year" by State College Magazine

Alpha Beta

Lycoming County Outstanding Educator Award (one of nine) for extraordinary contributions to the education profession

Eta

"Volunteers of the Year Award" with her husband by the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce

Alpha Xi

Outstanding Volunteer York County Chapter of PASR and "A Dozen More of You" Award from St. James Lutheran Church for volunteer work at the church

Beta Kappa

"Citizen of the Year" by Pine Creek Journal and "Teacher of Excellence" from The Teacher Excellence Center

Beta Sigma  
Alpha Sigma

Lauretta Woodson Award from Adams County Chapter of PASR to counter negative publicity for PA schools recognizes a dedicated and innovative education professional in the classroom  
PASR Outstanding Volunteer Award

Beta Theta  
Alpha Beta

"Paul Harris Fellowship Award" by Rotary International-award for the "highest ideal of service above self"

Beta Kappa  
Alpha Rho

"Cambridge Who's Who Registry for executives and professionals 2007-08

"Leavy Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education" by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

Volunteer of the Year by Pennsylvania Association Of School Retirees

Act 23 "Ounce of Prevention" legislation bill signed into law; PA House Representatives

Chi

Lancaster Mediation Center Peacemaker Award which recognizes members who help others resolve disputes without violence

Beta Kappa  
Sigma  
Alpha Sigma  
Theta

"2007 Strathmore's Who's Who Registry and Global Network for Outstanding Professionals  
Rechsteiner Family Fund

PASC District 2 Advisor of the Year Award (only 12 out of 500 selected)

Carnegie Science Center Excellence Award; only elementary school science teacher to receive the award

Omega

"APPLAUSE" Award from the Adams County Arts Council for outstanding volunteer work in promoting ACAC activities in area schools

Alpha Xi

Yearbook Awards for Shaler Area High School: Gold Award from PA School Press Association, Gold Award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association and a First Class Award from National Scholastic Press Association

Omicron

Lock Haven's President's Award for Community Service; Volunteer of the Year PSU  
Cooperative Extension of Clinton County

Upsilon

"Secondary Teacher of the Year" for Kiski Area School District



## THE GETTYSBURG EXPERIENCE:

When 100 Alpha Alpha State members and guests convened in mid-April at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Gettysburg, the 2007 Seminar of Purpose was indeed enjoyable, educational, and enriching for all attendees. Participants, who were from 28 chapters and included a chapter president from Maryland, were eager and willing for the wonder and enlightenment that lay ahead.

At the Saturday morning breakfast President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by **Cindy Reynolds**, offered important reflections and quotes to accent character, honesty, wisdom, and faithful service. Among them were these: "Everyone must receive at least a moderate education." "Whatever you choose to be, be a good one." "What tests a man's character is power."

As the morning seminars began, we immediately became cognizant of the tremendous value and prominent roles of women during the Civil War. All the women in Gettysburg contributed in some way to the cause of the Union. As nurses, soldiers, spies, etc., they turned houses, barns, and other such structures into hospital areas to care for the wounded. In fact, when the Battle of Gettysburg was over, there were 22,000 wounded soldiers left behind, with 2,400 Gettysburg residents to care for them. The "fires of patriotism" burned in the women's hearts, and these "angels of mercy" did not distinguish between soldiers in blue and those in gray.

The power point presentation given by well-informed **Linda Clark** of Beta Delta Chapter featured a multitude of facts about "Women, Children, and Literature of the Civil War Era." It was a "nation of readers" in the 1860's, and many books of diverse backgrounds were available. Books for adults included *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, *Pilgrim's Progress*, dime novels, tea table books, beauty books, poetry selections, and works by Hawthorne, Irving, Cooper, Poe, Melville, Franklin, and Paine. Children's attention was focused on Mother Goose tales, McGuffey readers, action books, transformation and pop-up books, paper dolls, and counting books. Union schools for co-ed instruction began in the 1860's, and home schooling today uses literature from this era.

**Barbara Clark** of Psi Chapter, dressed in 1860's period attire, presented "Quilts --- The Signals of the Underground Railroad." She referred to *Hidden in Plain View* by Jacqueline Tobin and Raymond Dobard as one woman's family story of how quilt patterns were designed to help slaves in Civil War times escape. Her quilts, made from reproductions of Civil War fabrics,

were significantly displayed so that we could see examples from authentic contacts, e.g. the wagon wheel, monkey wrench, bear's paw, log cabin, flying geese, drunkard's path, and Ohio star, all of which had imagery and poetic descriptions, but, beneath the language, was a deeper, more intense story. The quilt code illustrates a very strong African culture, which was accustomed to secret societies and signals. Slaves' minds were directed to an escape and freedom in the North, their "concept of heaven," and when the quilts were hung out on fences to air or dry, signals gave runaway slaves ideas about safe routes and houses. The quilts were in plain view; their messages were hidden.

Informative afternoon tours included visits to the Majestic Theater and the Shriver House Museum. The Majestic, wonderfully restored and renovated, is a beautiful showplace with an abundant schedule of aesthetic activities, plays and musical productions, ballet performances, children's programs, concerts, and movies. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Gettysburg College, and the Greater Adams County community collaborated to renovate this elegant landmark theater in time to celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2005. The mission: "to operate the theater year-round to enliven the cultural life of the whole community..."

The Shriver House Museum was full of memories and memorabilia. When the master of the house left to fight in the battle, Mrs. Shriver took their children and tried to escape to safety. Her attempt being unsuccessful, they returned home, where they hid in the basement because Confederate soldiers were firing from a position in the attic. As a side note... NECCO wafers like the ones on our dinner tables that night were also found in the Shriver House! The wafers date back to 1847.

After dinner we shared in an amazing seminar. Dressed in an 1860's woolen bathing suit, **Sandra Fisher**, who travels extensively for Civil War





encampments, presented "Understanding Period Garments of the 1860's." She told us that clothing was not washed frequently but was recycled as long as it had any value. Along with her companion Donna, she showed numerous items from wardrobes of women of the 1860's, when their whole existence was based on society -economic, religious, and social. Out of her enormous collection came authentic bloomers, a chemise, a corset, a nightgown, petticoats, undersleeves, a wrapper, gloves, a bonnet, a hat, fans, et al.-all destined to produce an "hour-glass figure." Sandra related that women and children did not leave their neighborhoods. If a lady had five nice dresses, she could own a 500-acre farm. Mothers had a 6th grade education and were the teachers of their children. Books were important, and ladies kept diaries. The book, *How to Manage Your Household*, was almost a necessity. Thousands of soldiers died from childhood diseases, not from battle wounds, because of inadequate sanitation.

In a well-documented slide presentation, with outstanding historical facts and personal reflections, **Deb Novotny**, a member of Omega Chapter and a licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Park since 1975, superbly offered "Stories from Gettysburg." Deb was so committed and dedicated to relating anecdotes that her intense remarks made this era very realistic and credible almost a century and a half later. Deb said, "The Battle of Gettysburg was a man's battle and a woman's aftermath." Many women tried to get to Gettysburg to follow their men and to help the wounded. Several houses on Baltimore Street have bullet holes from the battle. Deb told stories about Jennie Wade (the only civilian killed in the Battle of Gettysburg -July 1, 2 and 3, 1863); Mary Tibby with the Pennsylvania Regiment; Salome Myers, a 21-year old schoolteacher who gave comfort to a dying soldier; and

Elizabeth Thorn, whose statue is a part of the National Civil War Women's Memorial. She spoke about Little Round Top and the 44th New York Monument, as well as the Pennsylvania Monument and its plaque dedicated to the loyal women who served as willing volunteers during the four years of the Civil War.

After Sunday breakfast **Grace Schauer** and members of the Visual and Performing Arts Committee treated us to "Songs and Stories from the Civil War Period." We heard and sang such nostalgic selections as "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Tenting Tonight," "Dixie," and "Bonnie Blue Flag." Out of the tragedy of the Civil War came beautiful, very sentimental, and deeply emotional music, a real source of strength for the soldiers and an authentic rally for the cause. Prominent were accordions, guitars, mandolins, keyboxes, banjos, and bass drums for rhythmic accompaniment.

**Carol Herbert** (U. S. Forum) presented a dramatic and reflective story about Joshua Chamberlain of the 20th Maine Regiment, who took the challenging initiative to move his limited troops into an ostensibly impossible conflict and took command of two Southern regiments as the direct result of bravery and courage, determination and faith. What patriotism!

Probably the most significant features of the Seminar of Purpose were the interesting and informative anecdotes which all presenters had in a marvelous collection from which to share enlightening and entertaining facts and stories from the "glory days of Gettysburg."

The Seminar of Purpose was funded in part by a **Lucile Cornet Seminar Award** from The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. The money gleaned from the raffle baskets was donated to the Majestic Theater to help in their purpose of bringing cultural events to Gettysburg and also to the Evergreen Cemetery for the preservation of the Gettysburg Civil War Women's Memorial.

Prodigious gratitude is extended to **Carolyn Sutton** and members of the Program of Work Committee of Alpha Alpha State for their dedicated commitment in planning such a fulfilling and rewarding weekend!

Pictured L-R (top to bottom) Barb Clark, Cindy Reynolds, Deb Novotny, Carolyn Sutton with Liz Eisenhart, Harry (Shriver House guide), Carol Herbert, Linda Clark, Grace Schauer and Sylvia Wood

Seminar photos courtesy of Carolyn Sutton



# Convention Highlights

Continued from page 1.

Pictures of the past state presidents were on the posters, as well as historical and cultural events. A Decade Quiz was provided, which was won by Jill Funk of Alpha Kappa Chapter.

Throughout the convention, four historical moments were read by our two most senior past presidents, Marion Miller and Shirley Lotz, and our two most junior past presidents, Louise Garverick and Carol Ulrich. These moments related to the early years of Alpha Alpha State, Pioneer Women, Changes, and Scholarships. They will be printed in future *Keystonians*. (See page 8 for Historical Moment #1)



Marion Miller, past state president, delivered the first Historical Moment reflection.

The highlight of the Saturday Night Banquet was honoring nine past presidents of Alpha Alpha State. As each past president was escorted to the front of the room, a brief biography of their biennium was read. Each was presented a bouquet of silk red roses. The past presidents honored were Marion Miller, Shirley Lotz, Dr. Irene Murphy, E. Margaret Gable, Becky Place, Nancy Grove, Terri Stetler, Louise Garverick, and Carol Ulrich.

Alpha Alpha State was honored to play host to Lucinda Yates at this year's convention. She is the creator of the Lucinda Pins that we have sold for several years as a fundraiser for the Afghanistan Teacher Training Project. Lucinda was kept very busy at convention serving as the banquet's keynote speaker, presenting 2 workshops, signing pins that were sold on the premises, and dining with Chi and Psi Chapters, winners of the pin sale challenge.

In Lucinda's keynote address, she focused on the story of her life, sharing how she overcame many obstacles with determination and perseverance to become a successful businesswoman. She became a witness for many to the fact that no matter how difficult the situation, you can succeed.

Lucinda's hands-on workshops entitled "Imagine Your Best Self" gave participants an opportunity to be introspective. Using meditation, Lucinda challenged each woman to think both "inside" and "outside" the box and imagine the woman she wished to become. Guided with this new information, the participants then assembled a unique box with a new Lucinda product called "Paper Pals." These Pals resemble the paper dolls of old. Each came with clothes and accessories that the women decorated to reflect the persona that the participants envisioned themselves to be. As a result, each participant left the workshop carrying away a tangible new perspective of herself.



Lucinda Yates (R) with first-timer Molly DeSantis, who along with other Psi Chapter members, won the chance to dine with Lucinda at the Founders' Banquet.

Lucinda was so generous with her time at this year's convention. She made herself available on 3 different occasions to personally autograph pins. As a result of her accessibility, she was able to interact with many women individually. Those who attended convention were truly blessed and inspired by Lucinda's message. If you were not able to attend, check out Lucinda's website at [www.designsbylucinda.com](http://www.designsbylucinda.com) to get a glimpse of this remarkable woman.



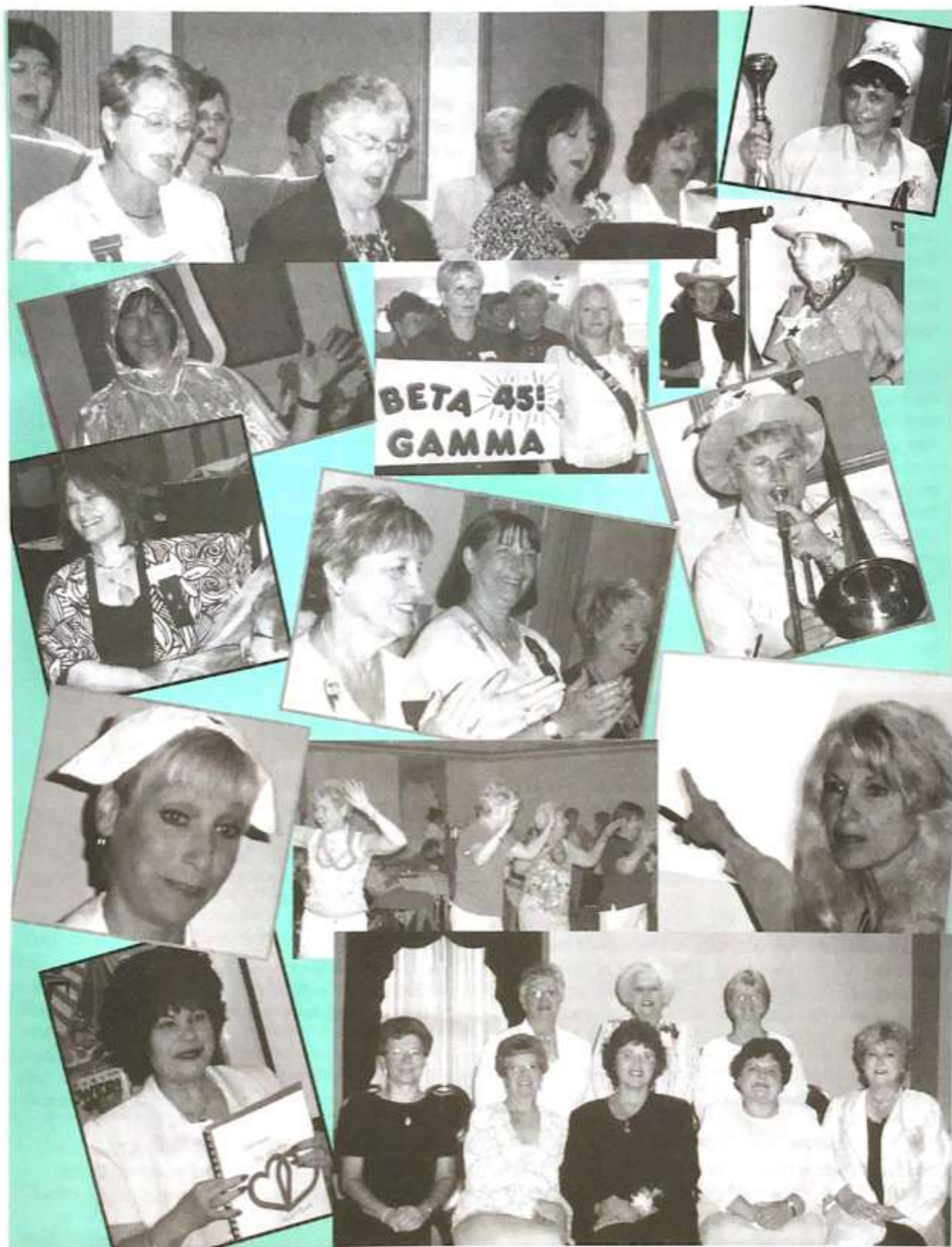
Vanessa Sral (L), Dr. Irene Murphy Scholarship recipient, shown with Dr. Murphy after the presentation at the Honors Breakfast Sunday morning.



Dr. Lyn Schmid (L) hands over the reigns to Carolyn Sutton, 2007-2009 Alpha Alpha State President.

Convention photos courtesy Beth Johnson, State Photographer and Barbara Clark, Communications Chair







## A Visit with Zimbabwe's Celebrated Sculptor

By Carol Hartley, Enrichment Grant Recipient

Walking through Agnes Nyanhongo's private gallery (her three-acre manicured yard, actually, adapted as sculpture garden and workshop), I wondered where her sculptures exist before she chisels and polishes them into their final form. Do they hide in stone, counting on her to spy and tease them out? Do they pop into her imagination, requiring just the right boulder to realize them? Or perhaps a Shona\* spirit, external to and independent of both stone and artist, turns raw rock into art, Agnes being merely the spirit's talented tool of choice.

All three views are common among Zimbabwe's 1,000 or so stone carvers, but because I found Agnes' carvings especially stirring, I wanted her personal take on this age-old question. On her journey toward the peak of her profession and international acclaim-extraordinary achievements, given prevailing Zimbabwean views about suitable women's roles - Agnes must have given much thought to the matter of where a sculpture originates. She is one of only two Shona women carvers to ever have become so highly accomplished, and she exhibits regularly in Europe and America. Agnes' art speaks many languages.

Situated near Harare, Zimbabwe's capital,\*\* the gallery displays some 100 finished sculptures along with many unfinished stones, large and small, awaiting what might become of them. The finished are mostly her own work, but other artists are represented, too, including her father, brothers and sister. Carving is sometimes a family enterprise; Agnes' father was her first instructor.

Initially reluctant to talk about her art, almost shy, Agnes warmed to my questions as she learned more about my reasons for asking. I had come to Zimbabwe, I explained, on a Delta Kappa Gamma grant expressly to talk with women stone carvers about their work, and I hoped to tell women in the USA about their struggles

and triumphs. At the end of our walk around the gallery, she invited me to return to see her newest sculpture get its final polishing.

Agnes exuded soft-spoken happiness and smiled broadly when I saw her next. "You're doing a project about women for women," she reflected. "I like that." Then she offered a rare privilege. "You may take all the pictures you want." Shona artists, not protected by copyright laws, fear being pirated.

"I'm often surprised when I look at a piece and realize what it is that I have created," she said. "I don't know what it will be when I get the rock. We (she and the rock) have to talk a while." "I play hide and seek with my stones," she continued. "Sometimes I hide; sometimes what's in the stone hides. Then, (it's) like a camera flash - you must see it quickly before it's gone and store it somewhere in your mind. Sometimes it just comes right there! And then I work with the stone because it's all very clear; the vision becomes reality. Other times, I may need to step away for a while until the stone and I can talk some more. A rock may snap in two when I'm working on it; I have to look again to see what it might become...maybe lay it

aside. Then it will say, 'This is what I am,' and I say, 'Yes, I can do that.'"

Partly carved stones stand dormant in her yard for months, even years, before coming to terms with Agnes. My wait, happily, was shorter. I learned that her sculpture, long before the final polishing, flows from playful conversations - sometimes chancy negotiations - between rock and artist.

\* A large cluster Bantu-speaking peoples whose members lead Zimbabwe's current ruling party.

\*\* Formerly Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.



Agnes Nyanhongo and her artwork, still in conversation!

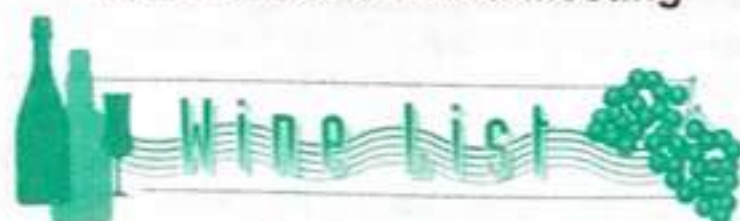
**NOTE:** See page 7 for the most recent scholarship and enrichment grant awards presented at state convention in June, 2007.

**For our newest members - please consider applying for the Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship which is awarded to one active member in her 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of Delta Kappa Gamma membership and who is working in graduate study. The approximate amount of \$1000 will be awarded each fiscal year.**



# Area Meetings Announced

## York/Lancaster Area Meeting



**August 3, 2007**

**Naylor Wine Cellars  
4069 Vineyard Road  
Stewartstown, PA 17363**

Beta Beta, Eta, Chi, Omega, Beta Delta and Beta Gamma invite you to a relaxing day of fellowship at the Naylor Vineyards. We will meet at **1:00 pm** for a tour of the facilities, wine/cheese tasting of 6-8 wines and other fun-filled activities. See you at the vineyards!

**\$10** per person includes: tour, wine/cheese, tasting of 6-8 wines, souvenir glass, sweets and confections afterward in a scenic pavillion overlooking the vineyards

**Deadline for reservations: July 25, 2007**

**Please send \$10 payment for reservation to:**  
**Kathy Lauer**  
**1343 Wellington Drive**  
**York, PA 17408-4494**

*Checks payable to Beta Beta Chapter DKG*

### Driving Directions:

Take Route 30 to Route 83 South  
Take Route 83 South 17.6 miles  
Take the PA-851W exit 4 towards Shrewsbury/New Freedom 0.1 mi.  
Turn slight right onto East Forrest Ave./PA-851 (0.1) mi.  
Turn slight right onto Mt. Airy Road 1.1 mi.  
Turn right onto Plank Road 1.8 mi.  
Stay straight to go onto Rinley Road 1.0 mi.  
Turn right onto Vineyard Road 0.4 mi.  
End at Naylor Wine Cellars, 4069 Vineyard Road, Shrewsbury, PA 17363

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Western Pennsylvania Fall Area Meeting

### "FALL INTO FITNESS"

Do you need a boost to start exercising again? Could you use some inspiration to get you back on track? We have just what you need! The Western Pennsylvania Fall Area Meeting, "Fall into Fitness" will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007, at Club4Life in Monroeville.



The conference will include tai chi, aqua fitness, yoga, pilates, nutrition tips, functional fitness and many more activities. There is something for every body!

Alpha Upsilon will host this fun and exciting event. We welcome members from the other chapters included in this area: Alpha Chi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Pi, Alpha Xi and Theta. Put "Fall into Fitness" on your calendar and look for more details later.

Questions???

Contact **Roseann Currence**, Alpha Upsilon  
**ROSCUR@AOL.COM**

## Save These Dates

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|--------------------------|--|
| <b>July 25-28, 2007</b>  | Northeast Regional Conference<br>Traverse City, Michigan       |
| <b>April 25-27, 2008</b> | Alpha Alpha State<br>Creative Arts Retreat                     |
| <b>June 13-15, 2008</b>  | Alpha Alpha State Convention<br>State College, Pennsylvania    |
| <b>July 22-27, 2008</b>  | International Convention<br>Chicago, Illinois                  |
| <b>July 20-25, 2009</b>  | Northeast Regional Convention<br>Burlington, Vermont           |
| <b>2010</b>              | International Convention<br>Seattle, Washington                |
| <b>July 17-25, 2011</b>  | Northeast Regional Conference<br><b>HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA!</b> |



## ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



**Leslie A. Kunkel**, member of Zeta Chapter, was recognized as the Arts Educator of the Year 2006 at the middle school level by the Pennsylvania Art Education Association (PAEA). Ms. Kunkel teaches art in the Blackhawk School

District and is a Content Area Partner (CAP) at the Governor's Institute for Arts Educators.

*Submitted with photo by Gerri Wood*

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Denmark Joins Society as 15th Member Country

Delta Kappa Gamma has now expanded into Denmark. The International Expansion Committee has announced the formation of a new chapter and members in Hjørring, Denmark. This historic event took place on March 23 with the initiation of nineteen founders of the Denmark state and the installation of Elsebeth Gabel Austin as the first president of Denmark.

Notes of welcome and congratulation may be sent to Elsebeth Gabel Austin

Rector of Hjørring Gymnasium and Hf-kursus  
Skolevangen 23, 9800 Hjørring

DENMARK

or e-mail her at [au@hj-gym.dk](mailto:au@hj-gym.dk)

## OOPS! From the Editor... Corrections & Clarifications

The Projects article on page 7 of the Spring 2007 issue of *The Keystone* was written by Karen Ball, Projects Committee member.

Sharon O'Connell wrote "The Mentoring Circle" for Personal Growth and Services on page sixteen of the Spring 2007 issue.

Due to my computer's crash and space restrictions in this issue, all chapter news will be published in the next issue... deadline date of August 1, 2007.

## In Memoriam *Continued from page 20.*

bachelor's degree in 1931 from Lock Haven State Teachers' College and her master's degree in 1933 from Columbia University. She taught in New Jersey, Virginia and Connecticut and for the last 31 years of her career was a Supervisor of Education at Lock Haven University retiring in 1967 after 42 years of teaching. In 1987 Ruth received the Roll of Service Award from Lock Haven University. Ruth was a member of Clinton County and Pennsylvania State Retired Teachers' Association and past member of the American Association of University Professors. She was active in church activities until her declining health.

**Eva T. McGuire**

January 15, 2007

On November 23, 1957, Eva was initiated into Tau Chapter and immediately transferred to Alpha Rho chapter as a charter member. She served on various committees during her membership. During her first year of teaching, Eva taught in a combined fifth/sixth grade classroom. She went on to be a substitute teacher at the secondary level for several years and retired after many years as a second grade teacher.

**Sara K. Wagner**

February 6, 2007

After her initiation into Nu Chapter in 1954, Sara went on to serve the chapter as president 1960-62 and act as Treasurer 1980-88. She was a Business Education Teacher at Lebanon High School for thirty-five years, retiring in 1978.

**Freda B. Channing**

February 13, 2007

On May 12, 1962, Freda was initiated into Alpha Lambda Chapter and was a very dedicated sister to the chapter. She served as president and on many committees. She was an elementary teacher (mostly first grade) for 37 years in the Connellsville Area School District.

**Helen L. Hopkins**

February 15, 2007

After her initiation into Delta Chapter in 1974, Helen served as chairperson of the Research Committee. She was head of the Occupational Therapy Department at Temple University.

**Mary Jane Hubbard**

March 7, 2007

Mary Jane was a member of Alpha Mu Chapter since



1965. During her forty-two years as a member, she served on numerous committees. Last September she was able to attend Alpha Mu's fiftieth anniversary celebration. Mary Jane graduated from Lock Haven State Teachers' College and taught in Rockdale Township Schools in Crawford County for three years. Then she became a math teacher at Beaty Junior High School in Warren County School District for twenty-three years. Mary Jane retired from teaching in 1977.

*Margaret M. Stambaugh*

March 12, 2007

Margaret was a very active member of Eta Chapter after her initiation in 1963. She served on many committees and acted as Treasurer for a number of years. She was a regular attendee of Alpha Alpha State conventions. After moving to Massachusetts, she kept her membership in Eta Chapter as a reserve member. Margaret taught at the elementary level in Spring Grove School District for twenty-two years and retired from there in 1980.

*Rosella Schwenebraten*

March 22, 2007

Since her initiation in 1976, Rosella was faithful to attend Beta Epsilon chapter meetings. She served as Recording Secretary for her chapter also. She retired from the Richland School District after twenty-five years of service and was named Richland Teacher of the Year 1975-76. Rosella was a contributor to her community; she was vice president of Oakland Garden Club, member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and church historian.

*Jane Cameron*

March 26, 2007

In 1961, Jane became a charter member of Alpha Tau Chapter. She treasured the many friendships she had in the Society. She taught in the Oil City School District teaching kindergarten for many years. Jane was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Oil City and was proud to have served as the first woman elder. She was involved with teaching Sunday School and serving in Christian education.

*Mary Kathryn Heintzelman*

March 28, 2007

Mary was initiated into Sigma Chapter in 1956; this made her a fifty-year member of the Society. She taught at the elementary level in Sunbury Schools for thirty-eight years. Mary served her church by teaching Sunday School for over fifty years. She shared her love

of travel and her collections from many worldwide trips, and she kept active by teaching square dancing at the Senior Action Center.

*Beryl Thomas*

March 29, 2007

November 8, 1969 was the date of Beryl's initiation into Alpha Rho Chapter. There she served as president. She was principal in several schools and taught education and mathematics at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre. Beryl co-authored education articles and served as executive officer for AAUW and PSEA.

*Maxine Hartlaub*

April 2, 2007

After her initiation into Beta Kappa Chapter on September 9, 2005, Maxine served on the Research Committee. Maxine taught in the Upper Adams School District for twenty-six years where she was a reading and fourth grade teacher. She supervised numerous student teachers and was a facilitator for TESA. Yearly, she involved her classes in NIE.

*Evelyn Armstrong*

April 22, 2007

Evelyn became a member of Alpha Xi Chapter in 1965 and served as an active member. She chaired the Finance and Yearbook Committees and was chapter President during the 1970-72 biennium. Evelyn was a dedicated teacher in the North Hills School District where she served as Coordinator of the Business Education Department.

*Virginia Mea Bennison McCanna*

May 7, 2007

In April, 1992, Virginia became a member of Omicron Chapter. She taught elementary education for 25 years; and along with her daughter, established the Noah's Ark Nursery School in Jersey Shore. In addition to her role as a mother and professional educator, Virginia was active in numerous civic affairs as well as serving in the United Methodist Church in Jersey Shore.

*Wilma Stewart Mitchell*

May 8, 2007

On April 20, 1963, Wilma became a charter member of Beta Zeta Chapter where she was actively involved with many projects and committees. She taught for thirty-eight years. While teaching she was a member of NEA; and after retiring, she was a member of the Washington County School Retirees and the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.



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## *In Memoriam*

### *Martha B. Averill*

September 8, 2006

Martha was a charter member of Alpha Tau and served her chapter as an active member until her death. She was a graduate of Edinboro State College and a lifetime member of Pleasantville Presbyterian Church. The love of her life was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### *Helen E. Page*

September 13, 2006

After her initiation into Gamma Chapter on April 29, 1972, Helen served her chapter in many ways. She chaired the Scholarship Committee for many years, served as first vice president and Program chairman, chaired the Historical Records Committee and served two terms as president, 1980-1984. She was an elementary teacher in the Millcreek School District. Helen served as an adjunct professor for Millersville State College; she was an alumni board member at Edinboro College. In 1975 she received the Educator of

the Year Award at Mercyhurst College. While teaching, she was a life member of PSEA/NEA and served as the local PSEA president. In retirement, Helen served as president of the Erie County PASR.

### *Natalie A. Crago*

October 21, 2006

Natalie was a twenty-year member of Gamma Chapter. She was a program participant with BOOKS ALIVE PROGRAM. Natalie received the Friends of Education Award in 1987. She was a member of the International Reading Association and the PTA where she was involved with local and national conventions and activities. She served as Brownie and Girl Scout leader and at church was involved with the Booster Club.

### *Ruth M. Holmes*

December 22, 2006

Ruth was initiated into Omicron Chapter as a charter member in September, 1947. She went on to earn her

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