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"WEAVING CONNECTIONS" at Alpha Alpha State Convention

by Joan Peters, Beta Rho

As 278 members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International gathered at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College from June 13 to 15 for the 71st meeting of Alpha Alpha State, the powerful and poignant theme of "Weaving Connections" permeated every meeting, activity, service, and shared encounter with dignity, inspiration, and a very prominent connectedness.



Dr. Annie Webb Blanton aka Cindy Reynolds and Cora Martin aka Rebecca Place presented a First Timers' Orientation.

Friday evening activities included a First - Timers' Orientation, the Album of Distinction Recognition for 34 recipients, Executive Board meeting, and a fun time of games, competitions, and refreshments.

At the general session on Saturday morning, with Carolyn Sutton presiding, the roll call indicated that 50 chapters were represented to conduct the business of the Society.

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Thirteen Scholarships/ Enrichment Grants Awarded

By Janet Lee Hay, Scholarship Chairman



Candace Clout
Past Presidents'
Memorial Award



Christine Lindgren
Dr. Irene Murphy
Award

Alpha Alpha State Scholarship is WEAVING EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIONS!

The Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee awarded two scholarships, two Marian Spitzer Roebling Scholarships, and nine enrichment grants at the 71st State

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Suzanne Long Named Achievement Award Recipient

By Louise Garverick, Achievement Award Chair



Suzanne Long, Beta Theta Chapter, became the twentieth recipient of the esteemed State Achievement Award during Saturday evening convention festivities, June 14, at the Nittany Lion Inn. Using the popular game show "Jeopardy" format, the Award Committee designed a series of clue questions that eventually led to revealing Suzanne's identity as this year's awardee. The categories for the Jeopardy were the Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma, and the data from Suzanne's vita were used for the clues.

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**ALPHA ALPHA STATE
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Carolyn Sutton

"Friendship is the golden thread that ties the heart of all the world."

-John Evelyn

Summertime is a time to slow down one's schedule a bit and take some time for reflection, relaxation, and rejuvenation. As I reflect on my first year as your state president, the very first thing that comes to my mind is what phenomenal women you all are. Throughout this past year, as I visited chapters, I was treated like royalty. I thank you for the warm and wonderful hospitality. I so enjoyed weaving connections of leadership, membership, and fellowship. Pennsylvania is a majestic state with so much to see; each visit was unique and special. Among my travels have been visits to Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, Woolrich Company Store, Coal Country, Hickory Bridge Farm of Adams County, historic Carlisle, York Galleria Mall, and a return to my roots in Erie County. I look forward to more visits during the coming year. Please contact me soon to schedule a date.

The members participating in our state convention at the Nittany Lion Inn continued weaving connections as they welcomed our International guest, Drs. Trijny Schmitz du Moulin, attended to Society business, and enjoyed the activities of the weekend. This issue of our newsletter has reports on all the convention happenings. Be certain to read Beta Rho member Joan Peters' review of the convention. Also, take note of the articles recognizing our 2008 Achievement Award recipient, Women of Distinction, and Scholarship and Enrichment Grant Awardees.

I join the other officers of Alpha Alpha State in offering heartfelt thanks to the out-going chapter presidents, officers,

and committee chairmen. You have performed with positive attitudes and worked with dedication and commitment to the mission of the Society during the 2006-2008 biennium.

We welcome and congratulate the newly elected officers for accepting the challenge of leading the local chapters with enthusiasm and energy throughout the 2008-2010 biennium. As you organize and plan for the next two years, I encourage you to consider the image of a lattice as opposed to a scaffold. Our lattice model is woven in such a way as to include the process of mentoring from past chapter presidents and officers and utilizing new chapter committee chairmen in the biennial planning.

My own plans for a relaxing summer include the Seminar of Purpose at Dubuque, Iowa. Judy Schaffer and I will explore the "Big Muddy" with 250 sisters from all over the world.

Attendance at the International Convention in Chicago will provide an impetus for rejuvenation. It will be thrilling to view the flags of Denmark and Estonia presented for the very first time. I am excited about leading the Pennsylvania delegation this summer and am honored to represent you on the International Executive Board. It is an extremely important convention. A vote will be taken on the proposed increase in international dues. The task force on committee restructuring will present a report. New international officers will be elected and installed. I look forward to hearing the goals and initiatives of the incoming international president.

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CHALLENGES OF MEMBERSHIP

By Louann Shrader, Alpha Alpha State Membership Chairman

Widening the Membership Box

As each chapter begins a new biennium and new chapter membership chairs take over the reins, think of ways to redefine your membership base. "If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got" and so went the buzzwords from the concept of change agent of the 90's mentality. Some may remember when we were asked to consider alternative ways to accomplish and achieve educational endeavors using the "change agent" thinking.

As a new year for a chapter and, in most cases, a new chapter membership chair gets underway, it may be well to challenge ourselves with these "buzz" words. How can we build up our membership base and continue to experience a chapter of membership explosion? How do we achieve diversity, i.e., how can we get new members besides looking at colleagues teaching within our same districts, buildings, or grade levels? How do we find members once we're retired and have left the realms of easy access to Key Women Educators? The strength of our Society hasn't changed over the years. Guided by the seven purposes as a means to promoting professional and personal development of women educators and excellence in education, if anything, the box has been widened! An educational environment and those employed in it stretches well beyond the four walls of the classroom that limited the search used by our early leaders and members. Consider some of the following possibilities:

- ☐ Look at schools or work places for regular and part-time teaching staff, specialists, substitutes, support personnel, and administrators
- ☐ Look at district, county, or state service centers such as mental health, migrant education, day care, or other social agencies
- ☐ Look at adult or community education courses
- ☐ Look at organized community park, recreation, sport, and leisure time programs
- ☐ Look at senior citizen centers and those who provide the activities there
- ☐ Look at hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, and care centers
- ☐ Look at libraries, museums, zoos, institutes, and service organizations
- ☐ Look at health, wellness, personal growth, travel, enrichment, hobby, parenting, human growth and development speakers and events
- ☐ Look at private teachers or tutors for instruments, drama, painting, etc.
- ☐ Look at those employed in technology and training
- ☐ Look at social and community events

The possibilities are endless.

Membership is everyone's business whether retired or actively teaching as we strive to "Lead with Wisdom and Passion." Our founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, intended that the membership of each chapter should reflect the educational spectrum.... and that spectrum has grown and extended well beyond the four walls that guided our search for Key Women Educators years ago. Allow the purposes to be the guide in your membership search.



Chapters are commended for stretching their efforts to bring in new members and in some cases meeting and achieving the challenge of Membership Explosion, the International Society's membership initiative for the 2006-2008 biennium. Congratulations to our over-achievers. Alpha Xi is in first place for bringing in 17 new members and meeting the initiative of newer members having 3-10 years experience. Congratulations to Alpha Sigma for capturing second place and bringing in 15 new members and meeting the initiative of newer members having 3-10 years experience. And in third place was Alpha Rho who brought in 14 new members. Also to be commended are Beta Pi with 12 new members, half of whom are newer members; Nu with 11 new members all of whom have 3-10 years experience; Alpha Theta with 11 new members, 4 of whom have 3-10 years experience; Beta Alpha with 10 new members, all of whom have 3-10 years experience; Alpha Lambda with 10 new members, 4 of whom have 3-10 years experience; and Tau and Beta Omicron, each bringing in 9 new members, 4 of whom are newer educators.

Twenty-two chapters or 34% achieved the initiative of membership explosion by bringing in 8 or more members during the 2006-2008 biennium and will be recognized at the convention in Chicago.

Last October, the state Membership Committee met and

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PROGRAM OF WORK

By Susan Stamm, 1st Vice President/Program of Work Chair

What a wonderful birthday celebration we had at state convention in June! The state's two oldest chapters, Alpha and Beta, were able to celebrate their seventieth birthday. A total of ten chapters representing thirty to seventy years of existence were represented in the luncheon program. Those members had fun weaving their chapters' stories. One of the reasons why these chapters have been able to exist for so long, I believe, is because the members have made the effort and taken the time to get to know one another.

It is the responsibility of the Program of Work Committee to provide opportunities for this to happen. There is much diversity in our chapters so it is important to keep this in mind and plan accordingly. We need to value the differences between members and look at those differences as strengths. Have you heard of the ACORN Imperatives? They are five common approaches to make the differences become strengths:

Accommodate member differences. Leaders learn all they can about their members, working to meet their specific needs and serving them according to their unique preferences. Organization wide, there is a real effort to accommodate personal scheduling needs, work-life balance issues, and nontraditional lifestyles. Each generation's icons, language and precepts are acknowledged, and language is used that reflects all generations in the membership base.

Create chapter choices. Allow the chapter to shape itself around the people who belong. Listen to the members as they express their interests and needs.

Operate from a sophisticated management style. Be direct, but tactful. Identify the big picture and specific goals. Let members be creative; turn them loose—then give them feedback, rewards and recognition as appropriate.

Respect competence and initiative. Treat all members as if they have great things to offer and are motivated to do their best. Make every attempt to ensure a good match between people and the tasks they are asked to do.

Nourish retention. Generationally friendly organizations are concerned and focused on keeping all of their members. The leaders communicate with all, value differences, and accommodate as much as possible to meet their needs.

Our membership is comprised of women of different ages, at different stages of their lives, and from varied cultures. We can become better leaders by building bridges to those women, and that comes from changing

our own behavior. A good leader must take time to

- ❑ Listen and help chapter members to listen when people have innovative ideas.
- ❑ Pay attention to suggestions. Ask members, "What would you prefer?"
- ❑ Probe for specifics. This process will often result in adjustments to a plan that will accommodate the input of others while making the overall change more workable. Not only will you have a better idea, you will have the motivation of the people involved.
- ❑ Consider criticism thoughtfully. Every improvement is the result of change, but not every change is an improvement. Give permission to let bad ideas die.

As we start off this biennium with new chapter officers, we know that one of the most daunting tasks for the Program of Work Committee is to come up with program ideas. Get to know your membership and remember the lattice of leadership that President Carolyn refers to so often; remember that the Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Committee is always available to help you anytime. At our workshop on Saturday morning at state convention, the different committee chairs shared many concrete ideas for use at the chapter level. If you were unable to attend that, you have another opportunity to receive training at one of the Fall Area Conferences. (See page 18 of this issue.) I urge you to make the extra effort to attend.

Another valuable resource is the Program Resource Guide 2006-2010, "Passion for Learning-The Essence of Growth." If your chapter has not purchased this, it is available from International Headquarters. The CD only costs \$5.00; and the CD with printed version, \$20.00. There are so many sample programs for you to use. ■



WHY IS THIS WOMAN SMILING???

Because she's the state photographer, and despite being in a wheelchair, she was able to capture the Women in the Arts retreat and state convention on her camera! Thanks for being on the ball, **Karen Ball!** (Photo submitted by Barb Clark, State Communications Chairman)

A special word of thanks also to **Marianne Karwacki** who ably assisted Karen with convention photos.

PROGRAM OF WORK

Personal Growth and Services By Nikki McWilliams and Anita Pence

What a wonderful convention! What an incredible time the Personal Growth and Services Committee had weaving connections between our Delta Kappa Gamma lives, our personal lives, and our spiritual lives. It all started Saturday morning when our state committee spoke with our chapter counterparts about our responsibilities as Personal Growth and Services Committee chairmen. It ended with the Meditation and Reflection Service during which Donna Winch and committee member Shirley Newhart provided beautiful music guiding us in our meditations. Committee members Cathy Cortegerone, Anita Pence, Joan Peters, Carol Williams, Rini Wolfgarth, and Nikki McWilliams wove the threads uniting us in our reflections.

What can you do to "Energize Your Life?" That was the topic of the workshop presented by the committee Saturday afternoon. Emphasis was placed on the importance of paying attention to the significant things in your life and not stressing over the small stuff. Along with that, Joan Peters spoke about the importance of balance in our lives, remembering that each day is a gift. Joan reminded us that we need to be ourselves, not what others expect us to be. Anita Pence discussed

multitasking and how it is actually counteractive to true productivity and quality work. If we must multitask, we need to first learn one activity to the point that it becomes routine before we add a second task to do at the same time. Rini Wolfgarth explained the relationship between a healthy body and the energy we need to get through a day. Eating a proper diet balanced between fruits and vegetables (1/2 of your plate), protein (1/4 of the plate), and carbohydrates (1/4 of your plate) is of prime importance. We relieved our stress as Rini led us through several simple exercises which we can do almost anywhere. Nikki McWilliams stressed the importance of getting at least 7 - 8 hours of sleep a night along with providing tips to help us sleep. Finding laughter in our lives and sharing friendships have been proven to relieve stress and help us cope with our daily lives, especially for women.

It absolutely was a wonderful convention! For the Personal Growth and Services Committee, it was fun to share ourselves with others, but most of all a privilege to be part of the tapestry woven by President Carolyn Sutton.

Membership Challenges Continued from page 3.

Keep in mind, too, that professionalism is for everyone, no matter what the job is or how much money is made. Professionalism implies a pride in work, a commitment to quality, a dedication to the interests of those for whom you work, and a sincere desire to help. It may be more about attitude and character than status and educational attainments. (Taken from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Professional Affairs) And always, the bottom line is what your chapter wants in a member, but as we offer the gift of membership look at the endless possibilities of growth today.

Membership Explosion Continued from page 3.

decided that even though the bar was set high, we would look at initiative and effort since the impetus and challenge of membership explosion may have occurred after chapters had a 2006 initiation. It was decided, then, that we would also celebrate those chapters that brought in at least 4 new members during the biennium. Forty-seven chapters or 73% hit the bar set by the State Membership Committee.

Congratulations to all!!! Now...LET'S GO FOR BREAKING THE RECORD!

And What's Next In Membership?.....

With the awareness and success of Membership Explosion in Pennsylvania it is now time to anticipate the future and move upward. At the state convention it was announced that Alpha Alpha State enjoyed its greatest number of members eighteen years ago, June 30, 1990. At that time there were 4,600 members in Alpha Alpha State. Just as on a line graph showing a downward trend in the economy so, too, can we plot a downward trend in membership over those 18 years. With the "Membership Explosion" initiative, however, we are in a position to reverse the downward trend and begin the climb upward, which leads to our next step...**Project H.O.P.E.** At the Fall Area Conferences and throughout the next year through articles in *The Keystonean* and information sent to chapter membership chairs, the State Membership Committee will be promoting **H.O.P.E.**

- H** Honor the legacy
- O** Offer the gift of membership
- P** Promote passion
- E** Envision the future

Each letter of the acronym will be explained more fully with ideas and suggestions on how to promote Project H.O.P.E. within your chapter in the weeks and months to come through information at the conferences, newsletter articles, and information to chapters. Hope is not just a dream...**H.O.P.E.** is our future.



Welcome, New Initiates and Reinstated Members!

Lambda

Mrs. Janice Langdon

Omicron

Dr. Karen Elias
Mrs. Megan Kodish
Mrs. Suzanne Lenio
Mrs. Ralonda Pote

Chi

Mrs. Patricia Fischer

Alpha Xi

Mrs. Holly Angeloff
Amy Bialek
Mrs. Patricia Cekella
Miss Lois Crummie
Mrs. Nancy Guzan
Mrs. Sandy Hall
Mrs. Laurie Jones
Miss Jennifer Latronica
Mrs. Linda Martin
Miss Andrea Peck
Ms. Janet Serdy
Debbie Stackrow
Ms. Katrine Watkins

Alpha Omicron

Mrs. Lorraine Stabryla

Alpha Phi

Mrs. Wendy Kennedy
Mrs. Shelley Scott
Mrs. Barbara Thayer

Alpha Omega

Mrs. Maria Burenko
Mrs. Linda Cassatt
Mrs. Lynnette Coleman
Mrs. Patricia Timko

Beta Zeta

Mrs. Joyce Mason
Mrs. Deborah Murdock
Mrs. Sharon
Thistlethwaite
Ms. Geraldine Tiger

Beta Omicron

Mrs. Peggy Alvarez
Mrs. Elaine Boyajian
Mrs. Diana Millerick

Beta Sigma

Mrs. Susan Ferentino
Mrs. Virginia Ide
Dr. Carrie McDonald
Mrs. Patricia O'Neill
Mrs. Pamela Williamson

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CALL FOR STATE LEVEL NOMINATIONS

By Dr. Lyn B. Schmid

*People can be divided into three groups:
those who make things happen,
those who watch things happen,
and those who wonder, "What Happened?"*
--Unknown

A wonderful opportunity to serve at the state level awaits those who are selected to participate as a state officer, member of the Nominations Committee, or Member of the Finance Committee of Alpha Alpha State. Chapter Nominations Chairmen are responsible for seeking qualified members to be placed into nomination for these important roles. See the State Website at www.deltakappagamma.org/PA for the form to submit by **October 15, 2008**. Successful candidates will take office on July 1, 2009 according to the following terms:

2-Year Terms

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

4-Year Terms

Nominations Committee
Finance Committee

Information concerning the functions of these offices can be found in the *Alpha Alpha State Bylaws* which can be downloaded from the state website.

RULES COMMITTEE REMINDER

A big thank you to all chapters that have a copy of their Standing Rules on file with the Alpha Alpha State Rules Committee. I know we will be hearing from the others soon. As was mentioned at convention, always date the copy that is sent to the Rules Committee so that we keep only the most recent copy. The new International Handbook (black in color) will be available for purchase and this is an invaluable tool when updating your Standing Rules. All chapters should make that purchase. Please remember that Standing Rules are important in the governing of your chapter. That's where those standard practices are listed and defined.

As a reminder, any individual member, committee, board, or chapter may submit proposed amendments to the Alpha Alpha State By-Laws and Standing Rules. The proposals must be in writing and submitted to the Rules Committee by **SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**. Please mail to:

Jeannette Thomas, Rules Chair
3321 James Buchanan Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

If you have any questions or need assistance, I'll be at the August meeting in State College or you may call (717-361-4045) or email (dandjthomas1@comcast.net). Thank you in advance for your promptness.

Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn in University Park, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

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

Candace Claar, Alpha Beta, Teacher/Co-op Coordinator in the Spring Cove School District, is working on her Supervisory in Curriculum and Instructional Certificate at Duquesne. Candace received the **Past Presidents' Memorial Award**. (See photo page 1)

Christine Lindgren, Alpha Epsilon, English Teacher in the Smethport School District, was presented the **Dr. Irene Murphy Award** for working on her PhD in Instructional Learning and English at Pitt. (Photo page 1)

The Marian Spitzer Roebling Scholarships were presented for the first time in Alpha Alpha State history! This award is given to Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Alpha State members in their first, second, or third year of membership.



The first two women to receive the **Marian Spitzer Roebling Scholarships** were **Marjorie Paradise**, Chi, Psychologist in the Hempfield School District, who is working on her Doctorate at Immaculata University



Ann Shoemaker, Beta Gamma, a retired English teacher in the South Eastern School District, is participating in an educational opportunity in Peru.



Wanda Keller, Iota, a retired Math/Computer teacher in the Johnstown School District, is doing a



and **Lisa Kiss**, Nu, Learning Support Teacher in the Annville-Cleona School District who is working on a Special Education Supervisory Certificate at Penn State.



Carol Hostetter, Nu, an Enrichment Gifted Facilitator in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, is doing a travel study to Ireland.



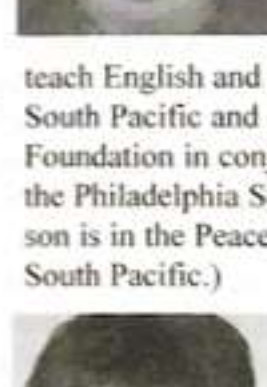
Lucretia Page, Beta, Assistant Principal in the Hatboro-Horsham School District, plans to



Enrichment Grants were presented to nine educators who are broadening their horizons in a variety of ways. **Dr. Millie Haas Pipman**, Alpha Upsilon, a retired English teacher from Kiski Area, is taking an elderhostel in England.



Gayle Goltra, Nu, an Enrichment Gifted Facilitator in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, is doing a travel study to Ireland.



Nancy Sleese, Sigma, a retired Reading/LA teacher in the Warrior Run School District, is



Sharon Stockholm, Beta Rho, a retired K-2 teacher in the Montrose Area School District, is taking a SCUBA adventure in Fiji.



Patricia Marshall, Iota, a retired Social Studies teacher in the Johnstown School District, will study her ancestral roots in Slovakia.



doing a travel/ study to England/Ireland.

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Apropos the project of "Membership Explosion," 23 chapters, or 37% of Alpha Alpha State, will be recognized at the 2008 International Convention in Chicago. A total of 47 chapters, or 73%, reached the goal of membership set by the State in the last biennium.

The current state project, "Ethiopia Reads," is intended to improve literacy and levels of culture and reading by establishing libraries and supplying books, a most worthwhile endeavor at this time in history.

The International Guest, Drs. Trijny Schmitz du Moulin of the Netherlands, who is the Director of the European Region of the Society, spoke about the following: proposed International dues increase, the need to recruit members, expansion (The latest European country is Estonia.), supporting and mentoring new teachers, the global exchange on the web site, the updating of the history of the Society, International Research Study, nurturing artists, scholarships, and an online leadership course.

Workshops focusing on Society business preceded the Birthday Luncheon. With Susan Stamm presiding, enjoyable songs and skits were offered by most of the 16 chapters being honored in special birthday tributes.

During the afternoon a series of workshops for enrichment gave attendees a good variety of topics from which to select both interesting and informative sessions for personal growth, literary and musical connections, and educational foci. A favorite activity was the visit to the Paterno Library, where the Alpha Alpha State Historical Records now enjoy a permanent home.

The Presidents' Banquet on Saturday evening, with Louann Shrader presiding, was a most elaborate and enjoyable "golden thread" of the weekend tapestry. Musical interludes, featuring flute and piano selections and the Alpha Alpha State Chorus, were outstanding. Again, Drs. Trijny Schmitz du Moulin spoke and gave us prodigious concepts about "How to Live Your Life." She said, "Life is a process, and so are we. Everything that happens in our life is an integral part of our being. The most important part of life is the life experiences we have had with no worries about tomorrow, no regrets about our past, and making a meaningful present by doing significant things, not just thinking about them. Our lives are very precious, with the great potential for new discovery. Leave the future open! ENJOY!"

Louise Garverick, Chairman of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award Committee, and the members of this committee designed the announcement of the 2008 recipient around the format of the well known television program JEOPARDY! From an exciting compendium of facts, details, and relevant hints, Suzanne Long was named as this year's recipient of the Achievement Award.

On Sunday morning the Service of Meditation and the Celebration of Life Service were fitting preludes to the Honors Breakfast, when 13 Scholarship and Enrichment Grant recipients were announced.

Finally, the Second General Session, at which the 2008-2009 budget was approved, followed by announcements and group singing, brought this year's very successful convention to a beautiful finale.

"We are many textures; we are many colors; each one different from the other, but we are entwined with one another in one great tapestry. Weave us together in unity and love."

2008-2010 CHAPTER PRESIDENTS (shown L-R)



Janie Hecker, Delta; Joyce Barilla, Alpha Alpha; Tammy Deardorff, Beta Kappa; Patricia Crouse, Kappa; Sharon Herzog, Phi; Linda Seifried, Alpha Nu; Patti Rial, Gamma; Bonna Cafiso, Sigma; Barbara Wall, Beta Sigma; Fern Detwiler, Beta Pi; Diana Leppo, Omega; Stephanie Fulena, Alpha Sigma; Catherine Stemmler, Alpha Omega; Carol Mann, Sigma; Gisele Siebold, Chi; Linda McCracken, Rho; Phyllis Jenny, Alpha Xi; Diane Whitaker, Omicron; Shirley Newhart, Beta Theta; Joyce Roof, Alpha Zeta; Marianne Bartley, Nu; Sue Ransom, Pi; Cheryl Flinchbaugh, Eta.



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34 Women of Distinction Honored at State Convention

By Judith Schaffer, Professional Affairs Chairman

Alpha Alpha State recognizes individual members who have received honor for professional, civic or religious commitment from an organization beyond Delta Kappa Gamma. A highlight of this year's convention was the Friday evening ceremony when 34 distinguished members were introduced by their chapter presidents to the convention attendees.

We congratulate these women on their outstanding contributions to their communities!

NAME	CHAPTER	RECOGNITION
Abelove, Jan	Beta XI	Cambridge Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals 2007 - 2008
Auwarter, Beth	Alpha Nu	PSLA Outstanding Individual School Library Information Center
Bartley, Dr. Marianne	Nu	Athena Award - 2007 Given by Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce
Currence, Roseann	Alpha Upsilon	2007 Outstanding Volunteer Parnassus Adult Day Care Center
Ditz, Anita	Beta XI	2008 PALA Certificate of Merit and Two Best Practices Awards in Early Learning
Fulena, Rose Ann	Alpha Sigma	PA Association of Student Councils District 2 High School Advisor of the Year
Garverick, Louise	Beta Kappa	Juried Art Pieces from the Art Association of Harrisburg and Gallery 30 Art Sale
Giuffrida, Barbara	Beta Pi	Who's Who Among American Teachers and Who's Who in American Education
Glass, Joan	Delta	Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Region 2 Rep and Board of Directors
Grossheim, Elizabeth	Alpha Upsilon	Outstanding Volunteer 2007 Parnassus Adult Day Care Center
Hough, Virginia	Alpha Zeta	Citizen of the Year Award given by the Windfall Grange
House, Judy	Upsilon	Franklin Regional School District Excellence Award 2008 PCSS Outstanding Middle School Project 2007
Hyde-Smith, Dr. Marcella	Alpha Zeta	Elsie Burke Service Award from Mansfield University
Konczal-Evans, Linda	Theta	Teacher Excellence Award for K through 4 in 2008
Lazor, Kathy	Alpha Beta	Walt Kealy Leadership Award given by the Pennsylvania PTAs
Mattocks, Mary Kay	Lambda	Community Service Award from the Grove City Chamber of Commerce
Melhuish, Marilyn	Alpha Iota	Member of the Royal Stewart Legacy Society from Edinboro University
Neely, Norma Jean	Alpha Sigma	John J. Dillon Award from the Pennsylvania School Retirees 2007
Olexy Jean	Beta Pi	Who's Who in American Education 2007-2008 Edition
Peffer, Linda R.	Alpha Xi	Community Volunteering for Project Linus-CPR instructor Mississippi Hurricane Relief
Rodwick, Ellen	Alpha Xi	Therapeutic Clowning in local hospitals
Schmid, Barbara Porto	Alpha Xi	Key of Honor Award as Advisor of the Year for Pennsylvania Key Clubs
Sheldon, Lori	Phi	2007 Keystone Technology Integrator Award
Shupp, Linda	Sigma	8 years of service as President of the Warrior Run Education Association
Slease, Nancy	Sigma	Milton Harvest Festival Grand Marshall-served 30 years on the Organization Committee
Snyder, Karen	Beta Gamma	WalMart Teacher of the Year 2007 in Red Lion, PA
Stevens, Shirley S.	Alpha Xi	Goodness and Mercy Award from the St. David's Christian Writers' Conference
Stewart-Hykes, Lucy	Upsilon	Honored for her lifesaving efforts utilizing CPR and AED from PULSE in 2007
Van Noy, Vicki	Alpha Zeta	Lauretta Woodson Award Outstanding Educator 2007 Bradford/Sullivan Chapter of PASR
Varano, Kathy	Alpha Upsilon	Teacher of the Year - High School level-Given by Kiski Area School District

HAPPINESS

Is a vast white, wandering cloud.
Come!
Let's relax a while on the soft and shimmering grass,
While we dream together, imagining evanescent reflections
In that velvety fluffy overhead.

By Joan Peters

An array of art forms provided personal exploration of the creative gifts within each participant of the Women in the Arts Retreat. As diverse as poems from the heart



to readings from the past in Popeye and Olive Oil,



using One Stroke Folk Art to design greeting cards,

WOMEN IN THE AR



Each year as sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma "creative arts" expands beyond our imagination to exception. Forty six women from across the Pocono Mountains where they shared an array of art to readings from the past in Popeye and Olive Oil, boomwackers, kazoos, recorders and they designed greeting cards, watercolor landscapes. The scrapbooker turned into a graphic photo weave, crochet, and quilt as their ancestors believed I have to wait two years to do this again.

During this weekend classroom teachers and creators for their personal growth of the heart.



fashioning regal and royal hats



and elegant

TS RETREAT - 2008



Everyone enjoyed the relaxation of shoulder massage.

meet for another creative arts retreat the concept of on. This year in April at The Country Place was no state gathered in a serene hidden estate in the of art forms as diverse as poems from the heart Oil. They became performing musicians with need to express their inner emotions. They became apes, royal hats and elegant dining presentations. Journalist. They were inspired with the ability to d. At the conclusion of each day, they laughed, s that will last until they meet again. "I can't in," said Clare Flynn, Alpha Kappa first timer. who give so much of themselves transcend into mind and soul.

Submitted by Grace Schauer

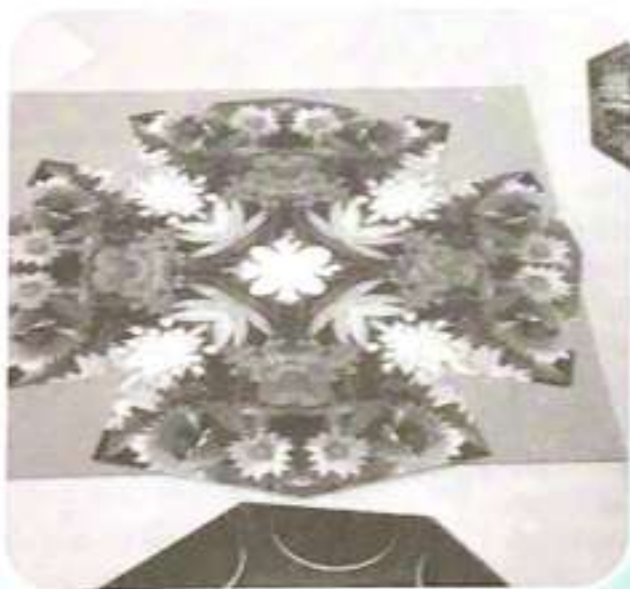
Photos courtesy of Karen Ball, State Photographer



Others were challenged with the process of crocheting, weaving and quilting.



ning presentations.



Scrapbookers turned photos into amazing kaleidoscope picture designs.





THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Patricia Kardambikis, Ph.D.

Purpose of the United States Forum

The purpose of the United States Forum is to identify and select major issues affecting women, children, and education upon which the U.S. member may take action.

The U.S. Forum Committee of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International offers a FREE e-newsletter (U.S. Forum Connection) to any member wishing to subscribe.

Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu. I would urge you to share this newsletter with other interested educators who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

2008 General Election

Reminder: The [deadline for registering](#) to vote in the General Election is October 6, 2008.

Women Vote PA - "A Women's Law Project Initiative"

The Pennsylvania Commission for Women serves as a strong advocate for women's rights and works to ensure that women and girls have equal opportunity and treatment in all aspects of life. This initiative asks women. [What Can You Do?](#)

First Step: Register to Vote

Registering to vote and voting are extremely important, especially if you want to have an impact on particular issues. Elected officials at all levels of government respond to constituents, mainly because constituents have the power to elect them to office; therefore, being registered to vote and being an informed constituent will help in moving your issues forward.

Second Step: What is your issue?

What issue or issues do you care about? Whether it's job security, equal pay, child care, public education, ending violence, electing more women to public office, or reducing mercury emissions from power plants - whatever the issue, they all need advocates.

Third Step: Learn more about your issue

Find out which groups or advocacy organizations support your issue. These organizations may have helpful information that you can use for talking points when educating others, including legislators, about your issue.

Fourth Step: Involve friends, family and neighbors

It's important to work locally, and to engage your friends, family and neighbors in discussions about your issue. Consider hosting a meeting in your house, local

community center or room at the public library. WomenVote PA will help you with materials to lead discussions.

Fifth Step: Lobby Your Elected Official

WomenVote PA will also work with you and your group to learn how to lobby elected officials

Sixth Step: Consider Running for Elected Office

Once you become proficient at steps 1 through 5, you may want to run for office. Of course not everyone will want to take that step, but we do need more women to run for public office and ensure that women's voices are present helping to shape public policy and priorities. More information can be found at www.womenvote.pa.org

Federal Health Coverage Programs: An Issue for the 2008 Presidential Campaign

According to Rowland and Shartze in their article Federal Health Coverage Programs: Building Block for Coverage of the Uninsured (2008), as the 2008 presidential campaign gears up, health care reform is ranked just below Iraq as public priority. Thus, it has become a top issue for candidates to address. Filling the gaps in coverage that leave millions uninsured, constraining rising health care costs, and improving the quality of care are the goals of reform efforts.

The health care system in the United States is under a lot of pressure. In 2006, 47 million Americans lacked health insurance coverage. Health care costs continue to rise faster than inflation and wages, with premiums increasing 78% since 2001. Roughly half (54%) of all Americans get their health coverage through their employers, and a smaller share purchase coverage directly. Together Medicare and Medicaid provide publically-sponsored coverage to one in four Americans who are elderly, disabled or low-income (income less than twice the poverty level, roughly \$40,000 for a family of four). Building on this coverage to assist the 16 % of Americans who are uninsured is a key component of reform.

How Voters Can Affect Health Care Policy

- ◆ Find out more specifics about each presidential candidate's plans.
- ◆ Be prepared for lots of advertisements from interest groups as the health care reform debate unfolds
- ◆ Health care reform is also important at the local level - find out what your local candidates are saying about health care, and let them know it's an important issue to you.

The National Voter (February 2008)

IT'S AS CLEAR AS GLASS...THIS WAS AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE!

By Joy Knepp

As a recipient of the Enrichment Grant in 2007, I would like to give a report about the wonderful experience I had in taking 2 classes at Touchstone Center for crafts.

Last year in Pittsburgh, there was a national conference held by the Glass Art Society. This conference was the impetus for "The Year of Glass" in Pittsburgh.

Almost every gallery and museum in and around the city featured exhibitions and workshops about glass. I was able to attend the GAS conference and several of the museum exhibits including the Dale Chihuly show at Phipps Conservatory. This was the kick-off for my own "Summer of Glass."

The next week after the conference was my first class at Touchstone with Kate Fowle Meleney from Rhode Island. Kate is a nationally and internationally known beadmaker who is instrumental in the current art glassbeadmaking movement. During that week, I learned many new techniques I had never been able to experience before such as electroforming with copper on glass and fuming gold and silver metals on glass. Also we were exposed to several new types of glass from companies such as Kugler and Reichenbach from Germany. Kate is a phenomenal teacher and was willing to spend time individually with every student. The other students in the class also had a lot of skills to share as well, since many of them are also accomplished bead makers. This class is usually full at Touchstone, so I was honored to even be able to get in. What a week!

Two weeks after Kate's class was my second class at Touchstone. This class was taught by Deanna Griffin Dove from Virginia. Deanna is also a nationally known beadmaker and top quality teacher. She also publishes books about beadmaking techniques. In this class, there were only three students, so we had incredible individual instruction. The focus for the class was encasing techniques in which many layers of colors and designs are built up on the mandrel and then covered with a clear/transparent layer of glass which then magnifies the designs inside. We spent a lot of time working with murrini canes in which designs are created on the rod of glass and pulled out to decorate other beads with a multitude of mixed colors and patterns.

My landscape bead was my biggest accomplishment of the week. We used photos from nature from books and tried to interpret the photo - colors, composition, etc., in a bead. The larger type beads such as these take approximately 2-3 hours to make!

Again, the week was exhausting, but so rewarding. Both weeks at Touchstone consisted of class work from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. In the evenings, there are demonstrations in all the other studios so I also was able to learn about blacksmithing and working with metal, ceramics, precious metal clay, feltmaking, and silk-painting/shibori techniques. After the demos, it was back to the studio to work until 11:00 p.m. or so!

After my two weeks at Touchstone, I have a whole new set of friends I still keep in touch with and can continue my education by contacting my instructors if I have any questions.

Even though my enrichment grant funded my time at Touchstone, I continued my professional development the next week after my class with Deanna Griffin Dove by attending the Governor's Institute for the Arts at Valley Forge, PA. During this week, we were immersed in the Arts of Japan and wrote curricular materials for educators that have content in the visual arts, music, theater, and dance, but cross over to incorporate standards and assessment anchors in reading and math.

There was also a technology component to the course in which the focus was creating podcasts to be broadcast on Ipods through the internet. The work is accessible to all teachers who wish to use it by going to www.keyarts.ws. This site will show the results of the Japanese units and have the podcasts available for viewing and listening.

In conclusion, whew, what a summer! I am so thankful to Delta Kappa Gamma for allowing me to grow as an artist and educator.

Look for more articles written by Enrichment Grant recipients in the fall issue of *The Keystonean*. Better yet, apply for a grant and share your personal experience! (See upcoming *Keystoneans* and the state website for more information and application)



CHAPTER NEWS

BETA IOTA



Barbara Neff, (R) immediate past president of Beta Iota, presents quilts to Jo Pepper, Director of Capital Area Head Start in Harrisburg

The members of Beta Iota made 24 cut and tie quilts for the children of Capital Area Head Start in Harrisburg. Each child at CAHS was given a quilt and several books from Beta Iota. The "Blanket and Book" project actively involved all the members of the chapter. The quilts are colorful and very warm. Barbara Neff, 2006-2008 Beta Iota President, presented the quilts to the Director of CAHS, Jo Pepper, at a recent meeting. Ms. Pepper spoke at the chapter meeting on "The Dynamics of Head Start." The books were donated by Taylor Saraiva, daughter of member, Trudy Saraiva. Trudy organized a book drive at her high school and collected 50 books for the project.

Submitted with photo by Beth Acri-Bowen

BETA KAPPA/OMEGA



Pictured at the Beta Kappa/Omega Brunch are (L-R) outgoing president Ann Ratay (Beta Kappa); Alpha Alpha State President Carolyn Sutton; and outgoing president Deb Null (Omega)

Beta Kappa and Omega chapter officers for the 2008-2010 biennium were installed by Alpha Alpha State President Carolyn Sutton during a Founder's Day brunch. The event took place on April 12, 2008 at the Herr Ridge Publik Tavern in Gettysburg.

Submitted with photo by Ann Ratay

NORTHEASTERN CHAPTERS ΔΚΓ TRIP



The northeastern chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma held a joint meeting trip to Lancaster. The day included shopping, seeing the play *Daniel*, and dinner at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant.

Pictured in front of the Sight and Sound Theater are members and friends of Alpha Rho, Beta Rho, Beta Sigma and Tau chapters. Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho, represented President Carolyn Sutton.

Submitted with photo by Cathy Cortegeronc

OMEGA



In conjunction with its 60th birthday Omega Chapter awarded its first Chapter Achievement Award. The award, to be given once a biennium, recognizes and honors an individual who has given distinctive service to the chapter and has promoted the purposes of the Society. The first recipient of this prestigious award was Linda O'Connor. Linda is currently a teacher of Mathematics at Harrisburg Area Community College, Gettysburg and treasurer of Alpha Alpha State. Pictured with Linda are (left) Deborah Null, Immediate Past President of Omega Chapter, Linda O'Connor, Louann Shrader, Chairman of the Achievement Award Committee, and Diana Leppo, President of Omega Chapter and member of the Achievement Award Committee.

Submitted with photo by Louann Shrader

CHAPTER NEWS

KAPPA



Shown during Kappa's birthday celebrations are (Seated L-R) Libby Nipsel, Margaret Wolf, (Standing) Helen Stoops, Geraldine Leshner

On May 17, 2008, at a brunch the Kappa Chapter celebrated three birthdays - Delta Kappa Gamma's 75th birthday, Kappa Chapter's 61st birthday and Margaret Wolf's 55th year as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.



Kappa Chapter Officers for 2008-2010 are (L-R) Marlene Moul, Treasurer; Lillian Rowland and Patricia Crouse, Co-Presidents; Linda Wineman, First Vice President; and Mary Fetrow, Second Vice President. The installation ceremony was led by Karen Kough.

Submitted with photos by Mary Fetrow

LAMBDA



Participating in the initiation ceremony for new initiate, Janice Langdon, (center) are (L-R) Norma Reinhard, Novie Donovan, Celia Taylor and Karen Watson.

Lambda Chapter held its May meeting at the Church of the Epiphany, Grove City. Hostesses were Nikki McWilliams and Lucy Sack. Installed as officers for the 2008-2010 biennium were Co-Presidents Anne Dayton and Norma Reinhard; First Vice President Lynn Lindh; Second Vice President Karen Watson; Recording Secretary Mary Kay Mattocks and Corresponding Secretary Sue Hovis. Janice Langdon, Mercer Elementary faculty, was initiated into membership.



Lambda officers for the 2008-2010 biennium were inducted by Alpha Alpha State First Vice President, Susan Stamm. Shown after the ceremony are (L-R) Norma Reinhard, Anne Dayton, Lynn Lindh, Karen Watson, new member Janice Langdon, Mary Kay Mattocks, Sue Hovis and Sue Stamm.

Lambda's Project Committee, chaired by Karen Watson was congratulated for the successful on-going projects that support the Grove City Food Pantry, Books From Birth, Inc., The Butler County Children and Youth Agency, and Alpha Alpha State President Carolyn Sutton's Ethiopian Literacy Project. Other committee members are Norma McLean, Claudia Sigmund and Ann Stinson. It was announced the Grant-in-aid recipient is Julie Bear, a student at Grove City College. Mary Kay Mattocks was recognized for being honored in the Women of Distinction ceremony at the state convention.

Submitted with photos by Rini Wolfgarth

2011 Northeast Regional Conference Discussed at Convention



Momentum is building for the realization of Pennsylvania's 2011 Northeast Regional Conference (NERC) in Hershey!



At State Convention, Karen Tinstman and Carol Herbert of Alpha Sigma and Val Ripple of Alpha Theta unveiled the custom designed AKT Rose pin by Lucinda Yates, selling them for \$15 each. Half of the cost

of the pin is deposited in the fund for mounting the NERC.

Members at state convention purchased about 175 pins, and more sales are anticipated as they are offered for sale at the 2008 International Convention in Chicago. Any chapter wishing to obtain pins for their members may contact Royce Boyd, 2011 NERC Chairman at rboyd@everett.k12.pa.us or 814-623-6562. Alpha Alpha State will be responsible for many parts of the 2011 NERC festivities. The July 19th Pennsylvania Night entertainment, refreshments, and favors will be funded by our organization. All amenities that are provided at the meal functions will also be our responsibility.

The sale of the Lucinda pins alone will not net the necessary funds to mount the full effort that is required. Thus, a motion to have chapters assessed \$1 per member, payable by October 31st during the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 was proposed by the 2011 NERC committee and presented at state convention. The motion was unanimously passed. Chapter treasurers and presidents should look for that assessment form in their mail or email.

Proud Pennsylvanians of Alpha Alpha State are gearing up for a spectacular showcasing of our talents and energy at the 2011 Hershey NERC, July 19th - 23rd! What talent and energy will you and your chapter provide?

HISTORICAL RECORDS

By Carol Goodman, Historical Records Chairman

Forty Delta Kappa Gamma sisters toured the Paterno Library during convention, and had the opportunity to see where Alpha Alpha State's Historical Records are housed. The workshop included an overview tour of the library facilities and then a trip to the Special Collection Archives to see where our records are actually kept. It was very exciting to see the permanent home for 70 years of Alpha Alpha State's history.

If you are interested in visiting the Paterno Library to look at any of the Historical Records of Alpha Alpha State, do the following:

Call Jackie Esposito, University Archivist, at 814-863-3791, or send an email to her at JXE@PSU.EDU. If you cannot call in advance, go to 104 Paterno Library and ask to see the collection. The archives is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

You may not remove any materials from the archives unless you are currently a state officer or a member of the current Historical Records Committee.

Did You Know That...?

Three Alpha Alpha State members have received funding for educational projects through The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. Two of these are renewals for established projects:

Babies Love Books, directed by **Jeanne Bender**, Alpha Iota Chapter

Baby Book Literacy Project, directed by **Vicki L. Van Noy**, Alpha Zeta Chapter

A-mazing Amigos, directed by **Karen Snyder**, Beta Gamma Chapter received funding under new projects.

Red roses to these directors for their great work for children.

The purpose of The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation is to encourage standards of excellence in education; to provide grants for women scholars to carry out study and research; to assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities and other persons, organizations, trust funds or foundations in the support, encouragement and improvement of education. Its mission statement is "The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation supports and encourages intercultural understanding and educational excellence." (Constitution, XIV)

Following the summer hiatus, I urge every member to take advantage of the excellent leadership opportunity offered at the Fall Area Conferences. Beta Epsilon and Phi Chapters invite all members to join for a day of fellowship and leadership training. The Leadership Development Committee, along with the Alpha Alpha State Officers is planning a "not-to-be-missed" agenda. The workshops will provide training for chapter leaders, including presidents, other officers, committee chairs, and any member looking for leadership and membership connections. It's always the right time to make our Society a little better, and attending Fall Area with your chapter members is a pretty good way to start. If you were unable to travel to Chicago with us and attend international convention, you will want to be at a Fall Area Conference in order to keep current with the happenings in our organization. Select the date and location that best suits your chapter. Registration forms are in this issue on page 18.

Looking toward next year, we have much work to do and funds to gather before we can build our Alpha Alpha State Library for the children of Ethiopia. I encourage you to plan ways for your members to raise your chapter's donation for this worthwhile endeavor. What a wonderful opportunity to incorporate fun and fellowship with a heartwarming purpose, our state project, "Ethiopia Reads."

Weaving a tapestry of leadership and membership is about relationships. Thank you for a grand first year as your state president. I hope that you will be relaxed, rejuvenated, ready and raring to go for another year, forward moving ever! ■

State Achievement Award Continued from page 1.

An overview of Suzanne's vita shows that she was initiated in 1973, and has actively participated in Delta Kappa Gamma programs at the chapter, state, and international levels.

In her chapter, she has served as president during two bienniums following her service as first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary, and treasurer. In 1990 she received her chapter's Achievement Award. She is currently the Beta Theta newsletter editor.

She has woven her leadership threads through a variety of programs at the State level. A recipient of the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar in 1999, she has demonstrated her many talents and leadership skills by serving Alpha Alpha State as recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and 2nd vice president. She is currently serving a second biennium as state parliamentarian. Suzanne has been a regular

President's Schedule

July 17-20, 2008	Seminar of Purposeful Living, Dubuque, IA
July 21-27, 2008	International Convention, Chicago, IL
August 8-9, 2008	Administrative Committee Meeting of the State Officers and Committee Chairmen, Williamsburg Square, State College, PA
September 6, 2008	Upsilon Chapter Visit
September 13, 2008	Alpha Upsilon Chapter Meeting
September 20, 2008	Area Conference, West University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, PA
September 27, 2008	North East High School Reunion (yikes! - 45 years!)
October 2, 2008	Sigma Chapter Visit
October 16, 2008	Alpha Delta Chapter Visit
October 17-18, 2008	Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Committee Meeting
October 25, 2008	Area Conference, East Mountain Inn & Suites, Wilkes-Barre

presenter at fall conferences, leadership seminars (co-chairing in 2000), and Women in the Arts Retreats. She presented during the recent chapter president training sessions. Her committee chairmanships included World Fellowship, Membership, Professional Affairs, Convention Protocol and Convention Coordinator.

She is very proud of the dynamics taken on by the Album of Distinction which she co-founded with Louise Garverick. A regular feature now at state convention, Suzanne herself has been recognized three times in the album for honors that she has received outside of ΔΚΓ.

At the international level, Suzanne presented for the US Forum workshop at the NE Regional in Buffalo in 1999. She was elected Alternate NE Rep to the US Forum Steering Committee for the '98-'00 biennium and chaired the Second National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC in 2000. She has attended five NE Regional Conferences and three international conventions.

Her organization and management skills have placed her a cut above and her dedicated service to Alpha Alpha State makes her a worthy recipient of this award. "All of her activities exemplify the mission and purposes of the Society," remarked E. Margaret Gabel, Past State President. "She has taken advantage of Society programs to grow personally and professionally."

Alpha Alpha State congratulates Suzanne Long as the 2008 recipient of the State Achievement Award.

In Memoriam

Continued from page 20.

Esther M. Reynolds

January 29, 2008

Esther, a 46-year member of Alpha Sigma Chapter, held certificates in Latin, French, Spanish, English, Social Studies, and Guidance. Professionally, she served as a Guidance Counselor at Grove City High School prior to her retirement.

Mary R. Dieffenbach

March 30, 2008

Mary was a reserve life member and active in Alpha Xi Chapter. She served the chapter on many committees during her chapter tenure. An accomplished Pittsburgh artist, Mary taught art in the Bellevue Public Schools for 43 years.

Judy L. Boris

April 6, 2008

Judy, a member of Sigma Chapter, served faithfully in sharing chapter communications and working with meeting reservations for many years. Professionally, Judy taught Language Arts at both the elementary and middle school levels in the Selinsgrove Area School District.

Nellie A. Sank

April 12, 2008

A charter member of Alpha Delta Chapter, Nellie served as president of the chapter during the 1962-1964 biennium. Professionally, she taught high school in Hooverville, Pennsylvania for 24 years and then served as principal at Forbes High School for 15 years.

Helen W. Mosebey

April 13, 2008

Helen, a faithful member of Alpha Beta Chapter, served the chapter as treasurer over a span of six bienniums. Professionally, Helen was a business education teacher, teaching in the Everett School District, Junior College Hershey, and prior to her retirement in 1981, the Forbes Road School District.

Mary Floss Elgin

April 21, 2008

Mary was a faithful member of Alpha Theta Chapter who throughout her years as a chapter member served on all chapter committees. Professionally, Mary served as the head teacher at the Elderton Elementary School.

Evelyn M. Orner

May 9, 2008

Evelyn was the last charter member of Omega Chapter, initiated when the chapter was installed over 60 years ago. She served the chapter as First Vice-President, Treasurer, and on many committees over her 60 years of membership. Evelyn was also active on the state level, serving in the early years of Alpha Alpha State as the State Necrology chairman. Professionally, Evelyn taught for over 40 years as a first grade teacher in the Arendtsville, Pennsylvania area of Adams County.

Please send all notices of members' deaths to:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: Incoming Chapter Presidents

If you did not pick up your 2008-2010 Alpha Alpha State Directory at state convention, please be sure to get it at the Fall Area Conference that you plan to attend.

Thank you.

Patricia Shedlock, Corresponding Secretary

PLEASE NOTE:

Send all changes of address to:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
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Austin, TX 78767

2008-2010 Directory Updates

Please make the following email changes in the 2008-2010 State Directory:

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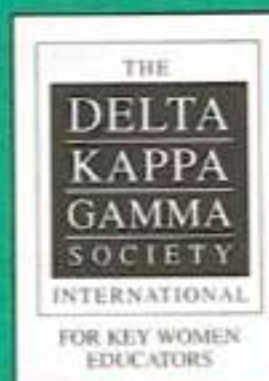
An addendum to the directory will be brought to Fall Area Conferences.

Please provide changes to Patricia Shedlock as soon as possible so they may be included in the addendum.

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In Memoriam

Mildred Wright

August 24, 2007

Mildred, an active member of Alpha Zeta Chapter, celebrated her 100th birthday at a chapter meeting! A teacher of 38 years in the Troy, Leroy, and Sayre area of Pennsylvania, she served her chapter on various committees over her 52 years of membership.

Ethel V. Murray

November 24, 2007

Ethel was a charter member of Alpha Upsilon Chapter where she served as a past chapter president and on many committees. Professionally, Ethel taught elementary grades for 45 years in Cheswick, Pennsylvania.

*Every good life
leaves behind the
fiber of it inter-
woven forever in
the work of the
world.*

John Ruskin

Dr. Erma E. Konitsky

January 17, 2008

Erma was a cherished member of Beta Epsilon Chapter where she not only served on various committees but presented workshops at area conferences and at chapter meetings. Professionally, Erma taught English for 40 years at Northern Cambria High School and was at one time given the distinction of being named Teacher of the Year by the local newspaper.

Elizabeth M. Hensley

January 24, 2008

Elizabeth, an active member of Zeta Chapter, served on every committee and assumed the role of chairman on many of them. Professionally, Elizabeth taught first grade at Highland School in Harmony Township near Ambridge, Pennsylvania.