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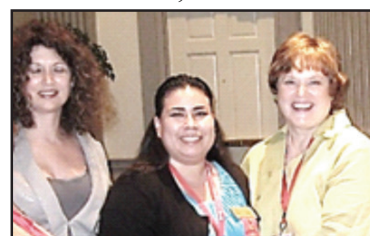
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Alpha Alpha State “Forward Moving Ever”

Deeds of others now we're reaping, we for others stand. These familiar lyrics of our DKG song set the theme of our 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention as we were challenged to “Discover Pathways to Change” that would “Strengthen Our Society.” During the weekend 290 women took advantage of the speakers, workshops, and festivities of the convention schedule. From Friday evening’s recognition of the 2013 Album of Distinction recipients to the recognition of our scholarship and enrichment grant recipients on Sunday there was much to celebrate in Alpha Alpha State!

Our three guests for the weekend, Monica Ochoa, Susan Scanlan, and Tawni O'Dell joined with us and shared their expertise experiences, and knowledge.



Monica Ochoa, our International guest from Mexico, shared news from the International Society and keynoted the banquet Saturday evening. Her keynote focused (see **CONVENTION** page 4)

Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award to Doris Goerlitz



Saturday evening’s banquet included the procession of those seated at the head table, the past state presidents and the chapter presidents, followed by a very enjoyable meal, the keynote speaker’s address, installation of the Alpha Alpha State officers, and beautiful music by the state chorus. The culmination then was the awarding of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement (see **ACHIEVEMENT** page 6)



International 2nd Vice President, Dr. Lyn Schmid and Monica Ochoa share a moment before the banquet.

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State President's Message

by Louann Shrader



What a whirlwind and fantastic opportunity these past 2 years have been!! As my biennium ends I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of Alpha Alpha State, for your gracious hospitality and support for the goals and challenges I set 2 years ago, i.e., increasing means of Communication; supporting the "Schools for Africa Project;" supporting S.E.E. (Support for Early Career Educators); and increasing membership and attendance at State Convention and Leadership Training. Traveling to chapters, I found so many exciting projects our members are involved in to support their commitment to our purposes. We have embraced the vision by looking at the dreams of those who preceded us and designed the future with new ideas to follow. Your efforts to work to strengthen our Society are significant as we continue to be **'forward moving ever.'**

How appropriate to end my columns with 'forward moving ever' for the term indeed creates a continual sense of action and hope for a healthy and successful future. The wisdom of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton shines in those lyrics of our Delta Kappa Gamma Song. Despite the inequity and hardships women educators experienced some 80 plus years ago those lyrics were a driving force that kept them united and moving forward. It, too, should be a reminder to us to continue the fight for education and women educators, as Dr. Blanton would have challenged us to do, professionally and legislatively. Dr. Blanton's vision and reasons for forming the society were simple: to remove the barriers limiting the advancement of women and a want and a genuine belief that women unified by the bonds of an organization could fortify one another in accomplishing worthy endeavors. A simple vision we can all follow and work towards.

This past year has been a reminder of that vision and of my commitment to being 'forward moving ever.' Attending the CTAUN Conference I've heard, read, and met young women who were sold into the human trafficking market and was reminded that conditions like that still exist, not only abroad, but in our own country as well. I read of a young woman across the world that was targeted for wanting an education! Inequities in education continue to exist in many countries. We are a global society and our purposes and vision are not limited to our state or our country. Closer to home we continue to hope and fight for the retirement system that was promised to us but has been threatened during these past years. Early career educators are becoming burned out earlier and earlier and their idealism and enthusiasm eroded. These are but a few of the reasons we need to be vigilant in working towards the purposes we committed to uphold. Adhering to our vision of **'Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide'** will always be a challenge and, we, as key women educators, should be ready to take it up.

As this past biennium transitions into the next we have met our goals, but those goals met are just steppingstones to further goals that will be set. Our Society will continue to grow; we will continue to make a difference; we will continue to commit to our vision and mission. United within the bonds of our Society, we, as **Key Women Educators**, can rise to any challenge presented us.

“OH SAY, DID YOU S. E. E?”

By Karen Ball, Projects



The projects committee of Alpha Alpha State promoted the S.E.E PROJECT at our recent 2013 convention in State College, PA.

The acronym S.E.E stands for **Support Early Education.** Delta

Kappa Gamma members were encouraged to bring supplies that could be used by Early Education teachers for their students and classrooms. The collected items were then assembled into centerpieces for each table at the Birthday Luncheon by Beta Theta Chapter. The designated winners of these centerpieces were encouraged to find an Early Educator in their school district and deliver these supplies.



If you could not attend or be apart of this project, I encourage you to discuss this idea at your chapter meetings. Collection of items that could be used by Early Educators can always be used to introduce Delta Kappa Gamma to teachers in your school district.

Believe it or not ... there are still women educators of all ages that have never heard of DKG! So I encourage you to make up several bags and throw in some DKG literature with a small note directing them to our website. Perhaps insert a copy of the *Keystonian*....or better yet, copies of newspaper articles that depict someone in your chapter, “*Creating a BUZZ!!!!*” Let them know who we are and what we have to offer them. Maybe they will S.E.E the light!

CHANGE IS GOOD

by Tracey Dusch

Change is good. Every day we change things in our lives, hoping to make them better. We’ve changed a lot of things in Alpha Alpha State to make our organization better for our chapters and for our members. But we can’t stop now...there is still much to do. Starting at the chapter level, we must change the way we recruit new members, retain the members we have, and reinstate those who have left us.

At this year’s state convention, changes to the by-laws and standing rules were approved. One in particular was the change regarding a professional development conference seminar **for all chapter members**, not just for chapter presidents. This seminar will take the place of the fall area conferences and will provide leadership training and professional development for **all chapter members**.

Over the last 5 years, Alpha Alpha State has lost 20% of its membership. Where will we be in another 5 years? In 10 years? In 20 years? If this trend continues, the thought of our state organization being no more scares me. This is why we must continue to make the tough changes that will allow our state organization to grow.

We have focused our efforts recently on finding new members; we are doing a better job in this area. But we can’t forget to nurture the members we have...those who are the foundation of our chapters. We need to make sure that our programs and projects appeal to and involve all our members.

Alpha Alpha State’s Strategic Action Plan was also approved at this year’s state convention. One area of focus was membership. Our SAP can easily be accessed on the state website under Projects. Three membership objectives of SAP are:

- 1) to increase membership growth
- 2) to secure and maintain an active, involved membership
- 3) to acknowledge members and their service to the Society and community

There are 17 activities listed in the SAP that chapters can do to help increase their membership. Check SAP under Projects on alphaalphap.com.

(Just a note to chapter membership chairs...Please forward all Reports on the Death of a member (Form 6) to Barb Gasperini, our new state 2nd Vice President.)

New Initiates & Reinstated Members

Delta

Mrs. Rosanne Bridges
Mrs. Annette Hickey
Lorraine Horn
Mrs. Wendy Nebzydoski
Anne Winkler

Epsilon

Sally Oliver

Kappa

Mrs. Darlene Sheaffer

Sigma

Ms. Rita Buhay
Mrs. Jennifer Gurski
Mrs. Michelle Lawrence
Ms. Doris Mertz
Mrs. Mary Anna Rebar
Mrs. Mary Ann Taxis
Miss Amy Wilson

Phi

Ms. Betty Mang
Miss Kayla Troast

Chi

Mrs. Mary Louise Cook
Mrs. Brenda Goddard
Miss Angela Golazeski
Mrs. Paula Long
Dr. Judith Wenrich
Dr. Mary Alice Wheeler

Zeta

Barbara Brown
Madge Nichols
Karen Pilarski
Patricia Rock

Alpha Kappa

Mrs. Beth Alleman
Mrs. Kelly Beward
Mrs. Mary Grimm
Mrs. Margaret Hackenberger
Mrs. Bonnie Seigler
Mrs. Emily Wagner

Alpha Mu

Rhonda Thompson
Amy Beers
Caroline Hayes

Alpha Xi

Melissa Costantino-Poruben
Elizabeth Rava
Sandy Werderitch

Alpha Omicron

Dr. Barbara Farah
Andrea Staul

Alpha Omega

Carol Scott

Beta Alpha

Kathy Kelly
Elise Sutton

Beta Theta

Mrs. Linda Cummings
Mrs. Stephanie Davidson
Gay Hicks

Alpha Alpha State Honorary

Susan Scanlan



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on the DNA that all DKG members have had that continues to strengthen our Society from within; qualities present in those sisters who came before us, qualities our present members have to make a difference, and qualities that our future members will have to move Delta Kappa Gamma forward. Monica, a student of Polynesian Dance, also joined with the members Friday evening and taught us movements to Hukilau, a Polynesian song and dance, then donned a traditional ensemble to dance to "Over the Rainbow" and showed all of us how an accomplished dancer looks when putting all the movements together!



Susan Scanlan's rousing keynote on Saturday morning, "Bringing Women to the Table" reminded

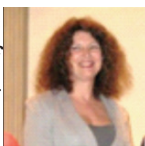
us of how far we have come but also how far we must go to continue to take up the dream of our founders: to enhance the opportunities of women, children, and education. Her career of advocacy takes her into some of the most interesting and influential circles in Washington, D.C. where decisions are made that affect us all. In Washington, at the feast of democracy, **"You're either at the table or on the menu."** Her message was a jolting reminder that we were founded on a dream of women coming together to fortify each other around common bonds. We can, indeed, accomplish worthy endeavors!



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Our third guest, Tawni O'Dell, the New York Times best selling novelist of 4, and soon to be 5 novels, spoke at our Celebration Luncheon of her struggles to be taken seriously in a male dominated literary world. Her experiences of struggling with gender bias were interesting and gave credence to the theme as well.

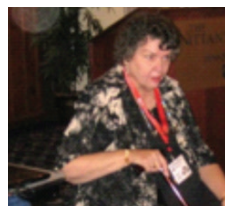


Other pluses for the weekend included the initiation of Susan Scanlan as our new Alpha Alpha State Honorary member, the celebration and recognition of 26 women who are now in the **2013 Album of Distinction** (see page 8), the spotlighting of our own member authors, the installation of the 2013-

2015 team of officers, and the awarding of the most prestigious of all awards Alpha Alpha State gives the **Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award**. Doris Goerlitz of Phi Chapter, an active member for over 50 years, received the 2013 Achievement Award amidst a standing ovation from her Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters! What a deserving tribute to one who has given a major part of her life in support of and work for Alpha Alpha State and for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International!



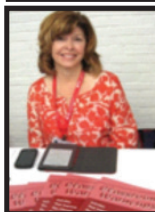
Besides the celebratory moments, much business was conducted and accomplished. The Alpha Alpha State Strategic Plan was passed and is now available on the state website. The amendments to the State By-Laws and Standing Rules were passed and they, too, are now on the website. Committees gave their culminating reports and the 2013-2014 budget was passed. Outstanding workshops were offered and some chapters left the weekend with chapter websites up and functioning when new webmasters took the two session workshop on developing a chapter website.



**Webmaster
Cynthia Devonshire**



Alpha Alpha State Authors



Deborah Wright



Eleanor Kodish



Linda Clark



Mary Slaby



Mary Benton



Carol Hollis

Sunday, after remembering our dearly departed sisters in a beautiful Celebration of Life Ceremony, the members gathered for the second and final general session and heard of the awarding of over \$20,000 in scholarship and enrichment grants (see page 7) to support the professional and personal goals of our member recipients.



Candles in remembrance

With feelings of accomplishment, caring, and genuine spiritual fellowship the 2013 State convention adjourned as one biennium ended so the next could begin, and Alpha Alpha State can continue to be ***"Forward Moving Ever!"***



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There were tears, smiles, applause and even laughter as Doris made her extemporaneous comments and stated that when she heard the name announced, she thought "there must be another Doris Goerlitz" whom they were recognizing. But as she stood before the assembly the reality set in. The accolades continued as she joined the newly installed state officers in the receiving line so that all of her sisters could have a chance to congratulate her.

by Cindy Reynolds

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Award. The suspense escalated as committee chairman Carol Hartley stepped to the microphone to reveal, in a unique way, the accomplishments of this year's awardee. She began by recognizing her committee members, Diana Leppo, Cindy Reynolds, Terri Stetler, and Molly Spinney and giving a brief history of the award and the extensive background work involved in making the selection.

As Carol revealed clues going from general to more specific, committee member Diana Leppo used a pictorial view of the beautiful gold medallion segmented into eight parts in a power point presentation projected on two large screens. As the medal became whole so did all the clues revealing Phi Chapter member **Doris M. Goerlitz** as the 2013 awardee of the highest award bestowed by Alpha Alpha State which always exemplifies thanks and praise for what each recipient has contributed during her years of membership.

A standing ovation surrounded Doris as she made her way to the stage escorted by Terri Stetler. As the crowd quieted and took their seats, Cindy Reynolds shared more details of Doris' unending dedication, her extensive service, and her valuable contributions at all levels of the Society throughout her 54 years of membership to Delta Kappa Gamma. How fitting for Terri and Cindy to make the actual presentation since both are former recipients of the prestigious award!

Known as the "resource person" and "Mrs. Delta Kappa Gamma" by her chapter, Doris mentors, consults, recommends, and advises members through her dignity, wisdom, respect, and genuine commitment. She is a TRUE LEADER and uses logical reasoning, clear thinking, and dynamic decision-making when interacting with others. "She perceives well how and when to move forward with important projects,

and she likewise understands the value of delegating duties to others so that her associates realize their contributions are an integral part of the action. What a prodigious asset she possesses and exhibits!"

Quotes from the letters of endorsement and descriptions on the nomination form of her specific involvement in Delta Kappa Gamma best show what a unique and special lady she is. Doris has been president of her chapter twice and has served on or chaired most of the committees at the chapter level. She has chaired two state committees as well as attended nearly all of the Alpha Alpha State Conventions since her initiation in 1959 and has assisted in many, many ways at those conventions. She has traveled to Michigan 3 times, West Virginia, Indiana, Vermont, Ohio, New York City twice, Oregon, Kentucky, and Illinois to attend Northeast Regional Conferences and Delta Kappa Gamma International Conventions. In 1976, she accompanied other state officers to install the chapter in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1972 Doris received the Laura Braun State Scholarship which she used to do a cultural study of and field work at the Gila River Navajo Indian Reservation in Sacaton, Arizona. This study led to a 38-year project by her Phi Chapter which involved donating funds to help in the payment of medical and utility bills and to provide clothing and food for needy families and individuals at the Sacaton School. Her chapter members in attendance were then asked to stand and be recognized for their support.

At the Northeast Regional Conference in Vermont in 2009, Doris was recognized for her 50 years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Her active involvement and participation at all levels makes Doris a history lesson for Delta Kappa Gamma.

She continues to be a mentor and a true motivator to new members. For these reasons and many more too numerous to mention, Doris was selected to receive the **2013 Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award**. The lovely gold medallion was then placed around Doris' neck and she was offered an opportunity to speak. Her humble words and comments expressing how meaningful Delta Kappa Gamma has been in her life confirmed why she was selected to receive this award.

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Students & TRAVELERS WIN Scholarship & Enrichment Grants to Follow Their Dreams

By Lois Brown

This year the Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee received 18 applications for education and travel. The State Scholarship Committee reviewed and rated each application. The Committee awarded two (2) Scholarships and 14 Enrichment Grants to 16 outstanding women educators who are pursuing higher educational study or for trips that they one day hope to take. The amount awarded this year totals \$20,200. The two Scholarships were presented to:

Karen Matis, from Alpha Sigma in New Castle, will this year receive her Doctorate in Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Indiana University of PA. She was presented with the "Past State Presidents' Award." Last year Karen was the recipient of the Alpha Alpha State Margaret J. Wolf Scholarship AND the DKG International M. Margaret Stroh Scholarship. The year prior, Karen was awarded the Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship given to a new DKG member.



Amy Smith, from Chi in Lancaster, is working on her Master of Arts in Art Education at Messiah College. She was awarded the Margaret J. Wolf Scholarship, presented in person by Mrs. Wolf.



The **Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** is presented to a DKG sister who has been a member for fewer than three years. *No one applied for the award this year, so none was given.*

Fourteen Enrichment Grants were awarded to the following members to grow personally and professionally in their travels.

Barbara Emmer, from Psi in DuBois, will travel to Charleston and Beaufort, SC and Savannah and Jekyll Island, GA with the Road Scholar Program (formerly Elderhostel).



Nancy Hay, from Alpha Delta in Somerset, will use her grant for individual study in Colorado on the Mountain Dulcimer.



Crystal Header, from Kappa in Newville, will be on a mission trip to Haiti through Freedom Global Outreach, where she sponsors a Haitian girl, Michelene.



Phyllis Jenny, from Alpha Xi in Pittsburgh, will travel to Hawaii.



Deborah Kern, from Nu in Lebanon, will visit her fortyseventh state...Alaska. (no photo)

Lisa Kiss, from Nu in Lebanon, will co-author a book entitled "Differentiating Instruction for Students with Learning Difficulties." (no photo)

Terry Klein, from Alpha Xi in Cranberry Township, will fly to Portugal and study a culture curriculum featuring folklore and traditions.



Linda Lubben, from Delta in Northampton, will attend cooking classes in France.



Donna Kuntz (no photo) and **Susan Mechura** (photo), both from Nu in Lebanon, will travel to Paris and southern France to explore three UNESCO World Heritage sites and the Seine and Rhone Rivers.



Barbara MacDonald, from Alpha Xi in Cranberry Township, will tour 12,000 miles across the US in her motor home exploring our natural wonders in at least nine states. [see Dreams page 9](#)



2013 Album of Distinction Celebrating Key Women Educators



Valerie Erickson - Alpha Phi
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Lucera Dunn - Alpha Phi
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Dr. Marlene Barker - Alpha Phi
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Britany Bunting - Alpha Phi
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Regina Crephel - Alpha Phi
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Loretta Cook - Alpha Phi
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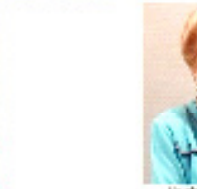
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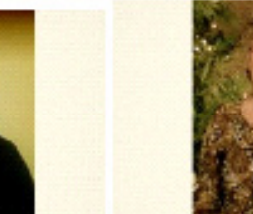
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Go to our State website,
alphaalphapa.com,
for a beautiful slide show presentation.



Enrichment Grant Experience 2012

Stepping-out of the Box ~ The Paint Box

Beta Rho's **Sharon Stockholm**, recipient of a 2012 Enrichment Grant, has enjoyed participating in beginning watercolor lessons under the tutelage of Jane Akin. Sharon also attended Alexis Lavine's Watercolor Pouring Workshop.



Ms. Akin is a noted artist on the island of Saint Croix in the US Virgin Islands. Jane has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of North Texas. Tropical flowers are her favorite subject. This is where her mastery of water color really shows its spontaneity - mingling colors, glazing, creating luminosity, allowing the pigment to bloom, and creating texture with salt or dry brush. Jane's paintings often make you smile. They feature subjects with humor, whimsy, or a surprise element like sugar birds eating off fine china. Besides teaching watercolor and drawing, Jane produces commissioned pieces, frequently exhibits in local galleries, and has art pieces hanging in the Caribbean Museum Center. She is the Artist in Residence at the Buccaneer Hotel.

In addition to weekly lessons, Sharon had an opportunity to attend a "Watercolor Pouring Workshop" presented by Alexis Lavine of Greensboro, North Carolina. Alexis, a passionate "plein air" and studio painter, is also a dedicated watercolor instructor. She is committed to the importance of strong foundational drawing, thoughtful design, personal color and unique expression in art. She is a signature member of a number of professional organizations, most notable The National Association of Women Artists.



In February Alexis taught her ninth annual Saint Croix workshop which focused on negative painting and pouring. She exhibits her work in galleries from the Mid-Atlantic and south to Saint Croix. Ms. Lavine's paintings have recently been published in Splash 13 and The Artistic Touch 5, both published by North Light Books.

DREAMS from page 7

Sandra Millin, of Alpha Delta in Somerset, will visit seven Baltic Sea Countries and explore UNESCO World Heritage sites.



Judith Schaffer, from Alpha Upsilon in Lower Burrell, will trek through the Scottish Highlands in full gear to meet up with her relatives of the Crawford Clan.



Rita Tamalavage, from Xi in Pottsville, will travel to, and write about, Prince Edward Island, Canada in her search for Lucy Maud Montgomery and Anne of Green Gables.



Congratulations to these recipients for their outstanding applications to travel the world and enrich their education.

Thank you to my Committee: Gayle Goltra, Melody Hannegan, Sandi Klingensmith, and Donna Winch.

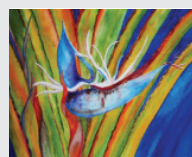


Sharon is extremely grateful to Alpha Alpha State's Scholarship Committee for providing the financial support which enabled her to experience Jane's and Alexis' instruction. With basic skills under her belt Sharon is planning to join the Palletteers who meet each Friday to paint plein air capturing highlights of tropical island life.

You too, could experience the opportunity of a lifetime. Please consider applying for an enrichment grant. It could open the door to a rewarding and exciting retirement activity.



Midnight Rendezvous



Traveler Palm



Water Lily

Forty members and one non-member from across Pennsylvania came together on April 26-28, 2013 to experience "Living in Color." With a backdrop of the Best Western Country Cupboard Inn in historic Lewisburg, participants had a full weekend for personal growth opportunities. When asked what the weekend meant to them, participants responded with the captions below.



Fellowship with our Sister My Friend is the Best Gift

Friday evening was spent at local restaurants and shopping, followed by a time to come together. We were able to meet and greet one another with a musical backdrop provided by local music educator, Liesl Doeblner. As the evening continued, some took advantage of the hotel pool while others gathered in their rooms for more conversation. Laughter and smiles were seen everywhere.



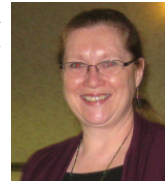
Relaxing, Positive Energy It's OK to be Crazy

Saturday morning's breakfast buffet at The Country Cupboard was delicious, relaxing, and refreshing. Then it was off to the Baylor Room for the opening session with keynote speaker, KJ Reimansnyder-Wagner. She is one of the true positive leaders and motivational musicians of both the U.S. folk circuit and the motivational speaker circuit. She added an incredible upbeat attitude and positive energy. She encouraged us to "Pick Positive" as we sang, laughed, and smiled. She offered tips on how to turn the mundane into entertainment. Imagine grocery shopping and thinking about the sounds those foods might make. Sizzling bacon by our "silent communicator," Louann Shrader, was a big hit! As we all came together with our actions and sounds for eggs, beans, tomatoes, and champagne, we became a joyful rhythm of positivity.



Sizzling bacon by the "Silent Communicator"

Another speaker, Beth Alwine, is a Registered Nurse specializing in Family Practice and is also a Licensed Massage Therapist. She gave us insights on partnering with our health care providers to live vibrantly.



Colorful Weekend - Multi-Faceted Doing Something I Wouldn't Normally Do

The afternoon was spent exploring the area's offerings - The Arts Festival, antiques, museums, and massages. Many of us made purchases to enhance our lives back home. The activities we chose helped us to explore individual passions and find new shades of color in ourselves.

The Food - Laughed a Lot - Encouraging

Back for the Prime Rib Buffet at the Country Cupboard, it seemed that the choices were delicious and endless. We certainly were full, but made room for dessert. No disappointment there!

Our evening session was a visit from educator and ventriloquist Bruce Weaver. Joining him were Edgar, Chester Hound, and our favorite, Aunt Gabby who asked us if "Our True Colors Were Shining Through." The evening was made complete as "Aunt Gabby" sang "her" rendition of Cyndi Lauper's song and read a poem "she" wrote specifically for DKG. (highlighted in green) How delightful!



**The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International
By Aunt Gabby**

**Years ago in a Texas town,
Some women educators were sitting down
To find a way they could agree
To form a new society.**

**After years of planning and organization,
The time had come for the initiation.
Dr. Annie Blanton had put out the call
To the Founders numbering twelve in all.**

**The year was nineteen twenty-nine,
And the Founders agreed that it was about time
For women educators to unite
And work together for what was right.**

**The goals they had were very clear-
Create a friendly atmosphere
To honor the women of education
And help them advance in their chosen
vocation.**

**To initiate, endorse and support legislation,
In the interests of women and in education.
To endow scholarships and aid education
Of outstanding women throughout our great
nation.**

**To stimulate, encourage, and inform were the
rest.
Goals that have certainly stood up to the test.
They've been very successful that much is clear.
They've been making a difference for 84 years.**

**Over that time the Society's grown
It's in eighteen countries and all of our own.
And how do you join this organization?
Membership is only by invitation.**

**It was a great honor, I'm sure you'll agree,
When you were invited to join the DKG.**

The Delta Kappa Gamma International Society

**Inspired - Loved the Speakers
Let Go and Let God**

After gathering for breakfast on Sunday, raffle prizes were awarded. THEN we were in for a very special prize! KJ had made arrangements for a visit from **Sarah Jane Sands (Salty)**, who had played for the Rockford Peaches in the All American Girls Professional Baseball League! Yes, she did appear at the end of the movie, "*A League of Their Own*." She inspired us with her life story before, during, and after baseball. She took time to sign her baseball cards, and displayed her memorabilia and Rockford Peaches uniform. She has walked a very colorful pathway of change that has benefited us all.



One Wonderful Weekend

A wrap up with more music and smiles with KJ, helped to refresh the colors of our lives, and lift our spirits even higher. We left feeling closer to one another from the positively perfect weekend we had just shared together!



Grace Schauer "peeling the banana" for her food rhythm team. (You had to be there.....)



Don't try this at home.... (Again, you had to be there!)

Victorian Grandeur Enrichment Grant

A Journey into the Life and Times of Queen Victoria

Ann Shoemaker, Beta Gamma

A dream come true! I was finally going to immerse myself in English culture, architecture, music, and literature, especially the Victorian Era. After flying all night and not being able to sleep, we arrived in London at 9:30 A.M. and left for a tour of Kensington Palace. Since this was the Celebration of England's Diamond Jubilee, our study would center on Queen Victoria, the only other monarch, besides Queen Elizabeth to celebrate such a milestone.



Big Ben

Kensington Palace was the birth place and home of Queen Victoria for the first eighteen years of her life. At age ten she was told that she would one day be Queen. I think it is interesting that her response was, "I will be good." It is here that she met her future husband, Prince Albert, and was told, at age eighteen, that her uncle, the King, had died and she was now the Queen. After meeting with the Privy Council, promising to fulfill her duty and signing her first official document, she made her decision to move to Buckingham Palace, away from her very strict mother. It was said that this was her first day of real independence and that she had handled the whole ceremony with "calmness and self-possession."

After reading some of her letters and parts of her journal, I felt that she was a monarch who showed an unwavering sense of duty. She only allowed three days for her honeymoon and wrote, "Business can stop and wait for nothing." She was also a loving wife and mother of nine children. Because young Victoria was raised without having friends her age and was kept away from life at court, she and Prince Albert were very involved in the education of their children and encouraged them to have playmates their age.

Another extraordinary woman, ahead of her time and a friend of Queen Victoria, was Florence Nightingale. At her museum I learned that she was from a very wealthy and privileged background. Her father saw to her education, but did not approve

of her desire to become a nurse. Middle-class Victorian women did not pursue a career and certainly did not care for the poor and sick. Going against her family, she visited hospitals and received training. With a group of nurses, she went to nurse the soldiers during the Crimean War and became known as "The Lady with the Lamp" because she insisted that she was the only one allowed in the wards at night. She became a legend around the world.



Nightingale's Country Church

When she returned from the war, Florence enlisted the support of her friend Queen Victoria to create a Royal Commission to investigate the health of the British Army and the limited medical help for British soldiers in war. She devoted the rest of her life to reforming health care, to writing books and pamphlets, and to overseeing the development of the nursing profession. She was a woman who possessed fortitude, courage, independence, intelligence, compassion, and humility. Her desire was to be buried in the family churchyard with only her initials and dates on the grave stone. We visited this country church and were treated to a cream tea by the ladies of the church.



Leaving London, we headed south to Rochester, to see one of the country homes of Charles Dickens. This was a treat for me to see the houses, the churches, the Charity House, the meadow, the castle, and even the clock that was used in so many of his novels. We were told that Rochester created a lasting impression on him and was a terrific source of inspiration.

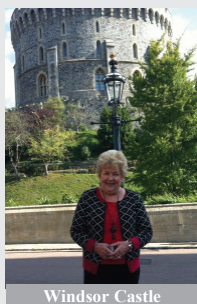


Other interesting parts of this study tour included Finchcocks Musical Museum, Brighton Royal Pavilion, Longleaf House, Down House, Beaulieu Palace House, Salisbury Cathedral with an original copy of the Magna Carta, and King Arthur's Fortress at Tintagel on the Isle of Wight. Here we also visited the English Riviera at Torquay, the home town of Agatha Christie.



Agatha Christie's statue

However, my last two favorites were Osborne House, the family home that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert built together, and Windsor Castle, originally built as a fortress by William the Conqueror. It was at Windsor Castle where the young couple honeymooned, where the family celebrated the Christmas holidays, and where Queen Victoria died.



My life has been so enriched by visiting these historic landmarks and learning more about these amazing women who certainly were ahead of their time. Thank you Alpha Alpha State for giving me this opportunity.

NEWS FROM THE FORUMS

By Elizabeth Brewer



Purpose 4



Purpose 7

The role of the U. S. Forum is to disseminate non-partisan information on pending federal legislation affecting women, children, and education.

The US Forum Session at NERC in July!

Remember to attend the US Forum on Thursday, July 24th at 10:15 in Portland. Many of you enjoyed hearing Susan Scanlan, President of the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) and current chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) in State College in June. Susan will speak at the US Forum session in Portland. You will have the opportunity to select topics for the next National Legislative Seminar, March, 2014, Washington, D.C. What issues are important to our sisters, educators and students in PA?

Pennsylvania - Pensions

The issue of pension reform continues to need our attention on what is occurring in Harrisburg. There is much focus on changing the multiplier and the years of service for averaging our final retirement pay. The

other major change that is getting much attention and press is the desire for lawmakers to change the defined benefit system to a defined contribution plan. Go to www.psea.org and network with the regional officers of your region's PSEA. Take action by contacting your lawmakers through personal emails, visits and phone calls. The form email is least effective but serves to jam their computer systems when there are critical issues needing their immediate attention.

Are You Aware?

There is also talk that starving the current defined benefit plan will have an impact on retirees who participate in the PSERS Health Options Program (HOP). The proposal would eliminate the \$100 a month in health care premium assistance for future retirees. This program has been a powerful incentive of getting retired school employees, who become Medicare eligible, into this program. In so doing, it continues to support the plan and keep premiums affordable for the older retirees. If this subsidy is not offered, younger retirees will not be attracted to the PSERS HOP and within 15 years this system could be in jeopardy. How old will you be in 15 years and will it be an issue for you? Contact your lawmakers!

The Lawmakers of PA

Numerous bills continue to be written by our legislature on issues that affect the education of our students. Be on the alert about what is happening on child protection, student achievement, safe school, bullying and cyber charter schools. Ask your Senators and Representatives where they stand on the issues and decide whether they deserve your vote.

Congratulations Newly Retired Educators!

There is a positive upswing of retired female educators who are seeking school board seats. Kudos to you. Remember to ask your DKG Sisters for help. We have powerful and intricate networks that can be very influential! Good luck!!

The New Teacher Evaluations

For those of us in service, next year will be the first year for the new teacher evaluation system. Hopefully school administrators will be savvy in carrying it out and that it will be beneficial for all.

Financial Assistance for Those in Need

Welfare grants of up to \$1,500 are available to PSEA members who face serious financial crisis. These cases usually involve loss of school salary or a life threatening illness. Contact a Uniserve staff member

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CHAPTER NEWS

Pi Chapter

Pi Chapter has given two \$500.00 Grants in Aid to deserving young women students from Mansfield University who were about to begin their student teaching experience in the spring semester. Veronica McCutcheon and Jessica Perkins were present at our April Meeting to receive their grant in aid and tell us about their goals and experience. At that meeting they met Annie Web Blanton (A.K.A. Cindy Reynolds of Beta Rho chapter) who



presented our Founders Day program. Pi chapter president, Daphne Cowburn (left), with vice president Greta Marie Taft (right) presented Cindy with flowers to add to her spring garden. The chapter

was able to give these generous grants due to a very successful Chicken BBQ held last summer. We hope to be able to continue this fund raiser.

Twelve members of Pi Chapter attended the Seminar of Purpose at Lewisburg in April to be



inspired by KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner's songs and stories, entertained by ventriloquist, Bruce Weaver, a former teacher in Northern Tioga Schools where many of us have taught. We were thrilled by a surprise speaker, Sarah Jane Sands, a member of the first All American Girls Professional Baseball Team, the Rockford Peaches. We were also informed by Beth Alwine, RN and Health Care professional, about current trends in women's health issues. The weekend was a successful event where all presenters and attendees shared their colorful life.

Lambda Chapter

The February Projects meeting was attended by 14 Lambda members. Under the supervision of Norma McLean, Projects Chair, the members created 14 adorable baby blankets. The blankets were taken to Thrifty Threads in Grove City and were given to those in need. Kudos to Norma for a well organized work session. A business meeting followed a delicious lunch prepared by the Hearts of Grace.



Lambda Chapter hosted the April 6 Three Chapter meeting with Alpha Omicron and Alpha Sigma. Our meeting was held at the University Club on the Slippery Rock University campus, with arrangements made by Karen Watson. A total of 51 DKG members attended (17 from Lambda) to meet with Alpha Alpha State President Louann Shrader.

Our program was presented by DKG Enrichment Grant recipients, Amy Miehl and Margo Keefer. "Go into the Jungle" was truly a unique way to experience life in the jungle.

Thank you goes to Alpha Omicron for taking reservations and registrations for the event and to Alpha Sigma for the beautiful and delicious chocolate rose favors.



Reminder for Chapter Presidents

To report of the **Death of a Member**, Form 6 should be prepared by the **Chapter President** **immediately** upon the death of a member.

A copy is sent to the **International Executive Director, State President, State Treasurer, and State Membership Chairman**. One copy is placed in the chapter files.

Beta Alpha Chapter

Rosemary Krygowski, president of Delaware County's chapter of DKG, has a one sentence mission statement: **Make a difference by optimizing our assets.** "In education today," Rosemary states, "teachers are not getting the support they need. I truly feel it is much harder today than when I started 40 years ago." During the past year she has called upon Beta Alpha's members to lend that support. She describes her DKG sisters as Key Women Educators who have much to offer students of education, teachers in the classroom, and the communities at large.

In order to raise money for scholarships that go to women pursuing a career in education, Rosemary has relied on some established pursuits, such as raffles and the generous Boscov coupon promotion. Because she feels "fun" is an important part of the DKG experience, she has also launched two successful theater packages as fundraisers. Her first was a bus trip to NYC to see "Nice Work If You Can Get It." We all had a great time, and made money for DKG.



Kathy Rullo & Cass Tereniak
NY theater trip

When a member's sister, a classroom teacher working for Teach For America in Mississippi, needed basic classroom supplies to get her children through the day, Beta Alpha was there. Members donated boxes of supplies, which were collected at the next meeting. They also sent two cartons of paper to be shared by the entire staff.

What's next on Rosemary's agenda? "I want our chapter to support Schools for Africa," she said. "Recently I met women from Ghana and Liberia. I was impressed by their thirst for learning." The women told Rosemary that education at home is limited or nonexistent. One explained her former country's philosophy by stating, "In Ghana, the girls do not have to be educated." Rosemary wants to help with that.

She also wants to increase Beta Alpha's membership. As she says, "The more people we have the bigger difference we can make." And making a difference is important to Rosemary.



Beta Omicron Chapter

A Fun Way to Help Others

Beta Omicron Supports Local Services

Beta Omicron invites you to join us at the Coatesville Country Club in Chester County on Sunday, **October 6, 2013** from 1:30 - 4:30 P.M. for a Silent Auction and Raffle. This fun and tasty event is a great way to begin your holiday shopping, enjoy the company of family and friends while helping organizations who serve our children. Musical entertainment is provided by area students.

The agencies benefitting from our event are two smaller public libraries, a women and children's shelter, YMCA Children Scholarships, and three high school scholarships for students heading to college to become educators.

All items, gift certificates, ads, gift baskets and handmade items are donated by area businesses and members and friends of Beta Omicron.

Tickets for the event are \$35. Contact Marcia McQueen at [REDACTED]

and/or to make donations, contact Vivian Childs at [REDACTED]

Lucile Cornet Award

This Professional Development award is offered to members and non-members three times a year through the DKG Educational Foundation.

Amy Smart, a non-member from White Oak, PA, has received this award to attend Lindamood-Bell, "Seeing Stars and Visualizing and Verbalizing Workshops," in Pittsburgh, PA.

Check the dkgef.org website for more information.
(The next deadline for applying is September 1, 2013.)



Beta Theta Chapter

Beta Theta paid a Surprise Visit to Sister (and Past Alpha Alpha State President) E. Margaret Gabel while she was recuperating at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown with a Broadway Tunes Sing-A-Long organized by Shirley Newhart. She was more surprised to see among her sisters our very own Pres.



Louann Schrader who seemed very pleased to be a part of the "Singing" Beta Theta Chapter (as she put it).

Following along with International's SEE program, Beta Theta presented gift bags full of all kinds of "goodies" for ten new teachers of the Steelton-Highspire School District. They were most appreciative and we are hoping this will be the start of something wonderful.



Norma Mateer and Anna McDonald

2013 Convention Birthday Chapters

Match the correct chapter to the photos.

Alpha Beta
Phi
Beta Iota
Psi
Omega
Beta Theta
Beta Mu
Beta Pi
Alpha Delta



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who will review the circumstances, contact local presidents and then forward it to the Retirement and Welfare Committee for review. There is also a special dues arrangement being offered to PSEA members who have been furloughed in 2013-2014.

Subscribe to the newsletter "[Usforuminfo] Forum Connection," a free monthly newsletter by sending request to Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu.

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION/U.S. can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 (This is a toll free number.)

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<http://www.senate.gov/> for U.S. Senate

U. N. Forum

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

Human Trafficking

This topic continues to be a high priority in many states and DKG chapters across the Nation that are working to understand and help women and children in this horrific situation. Even though these are not easy summer reads, the books, *Girls Like Us* (2011) and *The Road to Lost Innocence: The True Story of a Cambodian Heroine* (2009), by Rachel Lloyd and Somaly Mam, respectively, will give insights into a world the majority of us have never known and shows the resilience of women to move beyond life's circumstances.

CTAUN 2014

Watch for news on the 2014 CTAUN conference, TAKING ACTION TOWARD ERADICATING POVERTY.

Didn't See Your Chapter?

If so, appoint a "chapter correspondent" to send a sentence or two about your chapter activities to Bonnie Barnes, your *Keystonian* Editor. Send via email or write a note via snail mail. If space permits, your chapter will be represented in the next issue.

Remember, what may be old news to you might be an inspiration to another chapter. Let your Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters know that you and your chapter are "forward moving ever."

The next deadline for the Fall issue is August 1, 2013. See page 2 for email and address information.

Submitting Photos for the *Keystonian*

The Editor is always looking for photos to include in the *Keystonian*. Please review the following to ensure your photos are the best possible for clarity and publication.

Photo Guidelines:

- Turn off your camera's date stamp.
- Shoot small groups of 3-5 individuals.
- Avoid nametags and sunglasses.
- Don't edit the photo or add graphics or captions.
- Name the photo file with the event.
- Send full name(s) of individual and chapter, and the event name and date with the photo file.

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- Photo files should be 500KB in size or larger. Use the largest **DPI** (dots-per-inch setting). Photos can be resized down, but not up.
- Do not send photos posted on social media sites because they are too small. Send the original file.
- Cell phone photos may be too small for use.

Emailing Photos:

- Email photo files as "**attachments.**" Do not paste or insert them into an email or Word document because the photo pixels are compromised.
- Do not send photos from Snapfish or similar accounts as they cannot be accessed.
- Send only two or three of your best photos. If more are sent, the best ones relating to your article will be selected.

Send to:

Subject line: *Keystonian* chapter news

Message: Include your name, chapter, individuals' full names, and date of the event. Also send corresponding article about the chapter's activity.

In Memoriam

Ruth Jane Dunn

June 3, 2012

Jane taught kindergarten and first grade for 30 in the Marysville School District, the Harrisburg Academy, and Central Dauphin School District. She served on various committees for Kappa chapter. She was 91.

Sophie Griffith

January 29, 2013

The last living charter member of Beta Theta chapter, Sophie taught elementary and junior high school in Tyler, Penfield, DuBois, State College, Highspire, and Lawnton, Pennsylvania. She received the Beta Theta Achievement Award in 1994.

Edith L. Conrad

March 19, 2012

A faithful member of Chi chapter since 1972, Edith was a first grade teacher in Delaware and Chester Counties and taught in the Penn Manor School District until she retired in 1976. She was the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year in 1969.

Sara B. Shea

October 23, 2012

Sara was certified in nursing with a BS and a Masters Degree in education and served as a lieutenant in the US Navy Nurse Corps in the 1940s. A member of Chi chapter since 1962, Sara donated \$400 from her estate for her chapter to provide a grant-in-aid to a deserving young person.

Dr. Charlotte G. Garman

July 28, 2012

Charlotte was initiated into Chi chapter in 1975. She was certified in early childhood education and worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Education as a pioneer in early childhood education. Charlotte served as the Director of Early Childhood Education until she retired in 1977 and was named Pennsylvania's Outstanding Educator in 1977.

"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us."

~ Helen Keller



Rev. Maureen Annette Wagner

February 11, 2013

Maureen served Sigma chapter as its president during the 1990-1992 biennium. She taught elementary school in the Selinsgrove Area School District for more than 20 years and also served as the director of elementary education before entering the ministry.

Sondra S. Williams

August 3, 2012

Sandy served Alpha Chi chapter as corresponding secretary and as first vice president for two bienniums. She taught elementary education at Roberts School in Penn Hills. Sandy went on to earn a Masters Degree in deaf education and taught at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf until her retirement.

Charlene E. Lowrey

July 31, 2012

Charlene taught more than 35 years at Acmetonia Elementary School in the Allegheny Valley School District. Sadly, she passed away just three months after she was initiated into Alpha Chi chapter.

Dorothy Helen Johnston

February 21, 2013

Dorothy was a faithful member of Chi chapter since 1975; she served on committees and attended chapter meetings regularly. Dorothy served as an elementary librarian for over 20 years at Lanigan Elementary School in Fulton, New York, and at Hamilton and Martin Elementary Schools in Lancaster.

Kathryn A. Heckard

March 8, 2013

Kathryn was an active member of the visual and performing arts committee of Nu chapter for over 36 years. She was a vocal music teacher and supervisor in public education for 40 years. She produced many successful musical performance and musicians for Lebanon High School.

Jane L.S. Davidson

December 15, 2012

Best known as an award-winning advocate for historic preservation, Jane was an honorary member of Beta Omicron chapter. She was the co-founder of the Chester County Historic Preservation Network.

Diane S. Troutman

November 7, 2012

Diane was a junior and senior high choral director for 25 years. She was an enthusiastic member of Alpha Theta chapter and one of the musical contributors to Alpha Theta.

Mary Clark

July 8, 2012

Mary was a typing teacher and guidance counselor for the Conemaugh Township School District. She was a member of Alpha Delta chapter and served on many committees.

Frances Blocher

November 27, 2012

A fourth-grade teacher at the Salisbury Elk Lick School District for 29 years, Frances was a member of Alpha Delta chapter. She was active in her chapter's meetings and served on a variety of committees.

Joan E. Goehring

March 13, 2013

A member of Zeta chapter, Joan was a special education teacher at the New Horizon School for over 40 years. She attended Delta Kappa Gamma meetings faithfully and was a contributing member of the Projects Expert committee.

Pauline E. Copp

April 11, 2013

Initiated into Beta Theta chapter in 1971, Pauline was a kindergarten teacher at Derry Township Schools and started the schools' first library in a "closet room." Pauline also helped to design the new library addition for the growing school district. She chaired the scholarship committee within her chapter.

Miriam F. Kipp

April 21, 2013

Miriam taught general science and biology at the North Union High School in Uniontown and general

science, health, and biology for over 28 years at the Hyndman-Londonderry High School. She served Alpha Beta chapter for many years as its recording secretary.

Jean L. Menk

April 18, 2013

Jean was a 40-year member of Alpha Upsilon chapter and offered her enthusiasm and artistic abilities to innumerable projects. She was an elementary art teacher, a district arts coordinator, and a PSEA member.

Catherine A. Buchovecky

March 1, 2013

Catherine was an elementary teacher for the Greater Johnstown School District and regularly attended Iota chapter meetings until her health issues prevented her attendance. She was involved in many of the projects of Iota chapter.

Mary Ann Wickham

April 19, 2013

A 40-year member of Alpha Iota chapter, Mary Ann served her chapter as president from 1978-1980. She also served as second vice president and historical records chair. Mary Ann taught kindergarten for 24 years at Jefferson and Grover Cleveland Grade Schools for the Erie School District. She was loved by all she taught.

Hazel Stoops

April 30, 2013

Hazel retired from the Harrisburg State Hospital where she was a coordinator of social services. She was initiated into Kappa chapter in 1950 and served on various committees. She was 92 years old.

Fern Smith-Hetrick

May 22, 2013

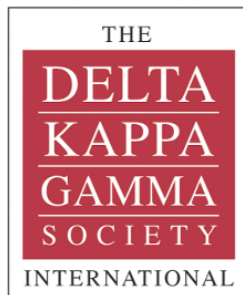
Fern was an honorary member of Alpha Alpha State. She was a farmer, genealogist, historian, and a "Madame-Do-Gooder" wherever her many talents led her. She served for twelve years on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission under three governors. Governor Shapp appointed her Chairman in 1972. She was the first woman to hold that office.

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