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Focus of 64th Alpha Alpha State Convention, June 8-10: **"Empowering Key Women Educators in a World of Change"**

As 250 members and guests met at the Penn State Conference Center in State College from June 8-10, the theme of this 64th convention of Alpha Alpha State, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, "made a difference" via a dynamic and diversified schedule of business, professional, and social encounters. The theme "Empowering Key Women Educators in a World of Change" prevailed from the opening meetings on Friday until the closing general session on Sunday morning.

Among the interesting activities at the beginning were Scholarship Shop; First-Timers' Orientation; meeting of chapter presidents; Rubber Stamping; Fellowship Hour, featuring the "Cookie Challenge," "Who Am I?" guessing game, and valuable raffle items; a Kades-Margolis workshop; and "Costa Rica: a Central American Treasure," a historical and cultural

presentation by Terri Stetler and Jean Myers concerning their Elderhostel adventure.

On Saturday morning a Golden Gift workshop and one on the U. S. Forum preceded the introduction of Steven B. Wiley, author of *The Human Side of High Performance: Empowering Yourself for the Future*. A very vibrant and enthusiastic keynote speaker, he shared numerous insights from his personal and professional backgrounds, *apropos* effectiveness, empowerment, and excellence in our careers and interactive experiences at all levels. He emphasized, according to his philosophy of empowerment, that 86% of the people who do what you want them to do in life do so because of specific relationships involved in interpersonal contacts. There must be positivity in all associations, with a definite focus on the real

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Alpha Alpha State Officers for 2001-2003, installed at State Convention, June 9, 2001:
Left to right: Lyn Schmid, Second Vice President; Carol Ulrich, First Vice President; Susan Stamm, Recording Secretary; Louise Garverick, President; Carolyn Sutton, Corresponding Secretary; Linda Fisher, Treasurer; Suzanne Long, Parliamentarian.

Alpha Alpha State President's Message

by Louise Garverick



Traditions and Transitions

It was a thrill to see so many dedicated members at our state convention! We enjoyed participating in many of our Alpha Alpha State traditions while witnessing the transition into a new biennium for officers and committees.

Congratulations to our outgoing committee chairmen and members for their extraordinary work, not only in keeping us informed about current society goals and projects, but also for initiating new approaches in their individual areas. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to our outgoing president,

Polly Delaney, for her enthusiastic leadership over the past biennium. We will appreciate her continued participation and support as she fulfills the role of Immediate Past President.

We bid fond farewell to Esther Grander and Ann Jordan, two visibly active Alpha Alpha State members who have served our Society with excellence. We wish them well in their new locations.

Your new officers and committees are currently working to provide the highest degree of performance in their new positions. Our goal is to serve you by keeping you informed of Society issues at all levels while welcoming new ideas. We are interested in your concerns . . . we will enjoy an occasional compliment, too!

"Imagination constantly frustrates tradition; that is its function." -John Pfeiffer

We hope to carry on the cherished Alpha Alpha State traditions that make our Society meaningful. We also hope to include new thoughts and ideas to stimulate your problem-solving skills in your educational environment. Imaginative approaches to education are in abundance across our state and we plan to showcase them at state events.

If you have been participating in Delta Kappa Gamma events at the State and International levels, please plan to continue your own personal tradition. If you have never attended a state event, now is the time to plan your transition into participation beyond the chapter level.

"I do not think that I will ever reach a stage when I will say, 'This is what I believe. Finished.' What I believe is alive . . . and open to growth."
--Madeline L'Engle

From the International Nominations Committee (2000-2002):

International Nominations Committee Seeks Nominations for 2002 Elections

Your assistance is needed in filling the international positions to be elected in the year 2002. We acknowledge the importance of your support in identifying leaders throughout the Society.

Please remember:

- Recommendations can be sent by a member, a chapter, or a state organization. Meetings for group nominations must be early enough to meet the October 15, 2001 postmark deadline. All recommendations receive equal consideration.
- Mail nominations early to allow sufficient time to cover any mail delays occurring from country to country.
- It is suggested that the completed form be sent by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested. Note: It must be postmarked no later than **October 15, 2001**.
- The **quality** of endorsement is more effective than the quantity.

Recommendation forms for nominations can be requested by contacting International Headquarters:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
P. O. Box 1589

Austin, TX 78767-1589

Toll Free Number: 888-762-4685 (for Canada, U.S.)

Fax Number: 512-478-3961

E-mail: societyexec@deltakappagamma.org

Expansion CHALLENGE!

by Cynthia Kramer, Alpha Phi, Expansion Chairman

The Alpha Alpha State Convention staged a new challenge to every member and every chapter president and sent a request to the new state president, Louise Garverick, for the next biennium, 2001-2003.

The Expansion Committee presented an overview of the membership of each local chapter and of Alpha Alpha State. Each chapter received a Chapter Profile, which provided data covering their demographic facts. These facts included chapter composition by school district, county, and intermediate unit. Also included was a referencing chart which could be used to gain information about areas surrounding each chapter. Numbers on teaching vs. non-teaching members were included.

Results of an "exodus survey" conducted in 2000 by the expansion committee were also included. This confidential survey revealed interesting information about the reasons members do not stay with Delta Kappa Gamma and why their interest wanes. Suggestions for improvements to our organization at all levels were listed.

The challenge begins! Don't put your head in the sand. How can each chapter use this pertinent information to improve chapter membership? Look for new areas to expand. Do we need to look at the cross-membership pattern? Are some chapters too small... are some chapters too big? Do we need to regroup because of travel time to meetings?

The questions are endless! So are the possibilities for using the data presented. Where and what guidance will the state provide? Hopefully, the state will be supportive of realistic possibilities. Last but not least: Will International consider this data?

**Position available June 30, 2002:
EDITOR, The Keystonean,
Alpha Alpha State Newsletter
Honorarium and other benefits**

Applicants should possess excellent word-processing skills and be familiar with newsletter design and layout techniques. Apply by **March 1, 2002** to Michelle Sama, Communications Chairman, 169 West Main St., Westfield, PA 15380. (614) 367-5630; apple_2002@hotmail.com

Linda Marie Fisher Newly-Elected Treasurer for Alpha Alpha State



Linda Marie Fisher, Alpha Beta Chapter, was installed as Treasurer of Alpha Alpha State at the State Convention, June 9, 2001. The State Finance Committee had been designated to act as the personnel committee in search of a treasurer. The new treasurer's duties began July 1, 2001.

Linda has served her chapter as president, first vice-president, and chairman of the Finance, Nominations, and Personal Growth and Services committees. On the state level, she has been Projects Chairman and a member of the Communications, U. S. Forum, Convention Protocol, and Finance committees.

Linda has been employed by Chestnut Ridge School District, Fishertown, PA, since 1969. At present she teaches grades 1-4 at New Paris Elementary as a Title I Reading Specialist and Math Instructor. Linda earned a B. S. in Elementary Education from Shippensburg University in 1969, as well as a M. Ed. in Elementary Education (1970) and a M. Ed. in Reading (1980), also from Shippensburg. She has done additional graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and The Pennsylvania State University. She holds professional certification in Pennsylvania Instructional II and Elementary Education and Reading.

Her professional affiliations include, besides Delta Kappa Gamma, the Pennsylvania State Education Association (Life Member), National Education Association (Life Member), The Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the International Reading Association, as well as county and local associations.

Linda is active in her community as a charter member and treasurer of Chestnut Ridge Lakes Club and a life member of Old Bedford Village and Bedford County Pioneer Historical Society. She has served her church, Pine Grove United Methodist, as a Sunday School teacher for various age levels, Sunday School Superintendent for Children, youth leader, and pianist for children. She has also held several offices in United Methodist Women.

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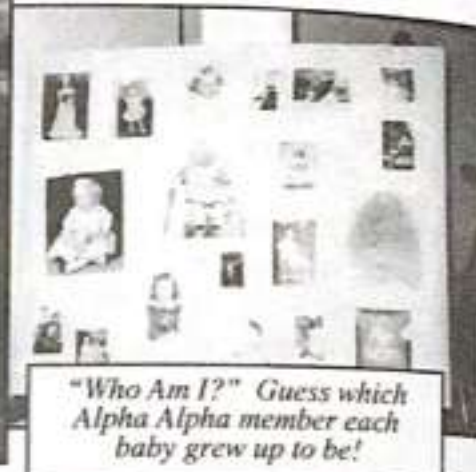
FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



ABC Quilts: See more photos of quilts in Chapter News.



International Guest Carol Mueller, right, samples cookies at the "Cookie Challenge."



"Who Am I?" Guess which Alpha Alpha member each baby grew up to be!

importance of "people to people." We, therefore, must extend ourselves toward the welfare of others—and do so with patience; with knowledge of rules and regulations, policies and procedures for the benefit of others; with proper listening skills ("Listen until it hurts!"); and with the conviction that we truly are in charge of our lives as we attempt to communicate appropriately and adequately. We are obligated to help others however and wherever we can. According to Mr. Wiley, "You must bring about change with determination and planned purpose. You must consciously make change occur, and it does take time."

First General Session, Saturday Morning

At the first General Session, with Polly Delaney, Alpha Alpha State President, presiding, the following were highlights: Introduction of Initiates; Presentation of Guests and Distinguished Members; Roll Call of Chapters, and reports from the treasurer and the following committees: Finance, Rules, Nominations, Ad-Hoc Technology, and Projects. Ann Jordan, Treasurer, reported a balance, as of May 31, 2001, of \$180,679.07 in the Available Fund and of \$302,318.85 in the Scholarship Fund.

Terri Stetler, Nominations Chairman, announced the slate of officers for 2001-2003 as follows: President, Louise Garverick; First Vice President, Carol Ulrich; Second Vice President, Lyn Schmid; Recording Secretary, Susan Stamm; and Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Sutton. These ladies were accepted for the positions identified and, along with Linda Fisher as Treasurer and Suzanne Long as Parliamentarian, were installed prior to the evening banquet by Carol Mueller, International President of Delta Kappa Gamma, 2000-2002 and honored guest at this convention.

Acceptance of proposed amendments to Alpha Alpha State By-Laws and Standing Rules, as printed in the Spring, 2001 issue of *The Keystonean*, were

approved, with a slight revision to Standing Rule IA and an addition, VIIIE, regarding area conferences.

Information was provided to attendees about the proposal by the U. S. Forum, at the International Convention in Toronto last summer, to study the feasibility of hiring a National Legislative Assistant to represent interests and concerns of U. S. members on federal legislation. New Business involved needs to be discussed as items of By-Laws and Standing Rules relevant to chapter dissolution. Profits from the "Cookie Challenge" were \$108.70 and will be applied to the Visionary Fund.

Invitations to Fall Area Conferences were given for the dates of September 15, Alpha Alpha, in Bethlehem; September 29, Alpha Upsilon, in western Pennsylvania; and October 6, Beta Delta, in York.

Prior to adjournment, Carol Mueller, International President, offered special greetings from headquarters in Austin.

Birthday Chapters, Women of Distinction

At the Birthday Luncheon, with Louise Garverick, First Vice President and Program Chairman, presiding, eleven chapters were honored: 50 years, Alpha Epsilon; 45 years, Alpha Mu, Alpha Nu, and Alpha Xi; and 40 years, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Tau, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi, Alpha Psi, and Alpha Omega. Names of members for this year's recognition in the album of Women of Distinction were identified.

Interesting and informative afternoon workshops included Rubber Stamping; "Implementing Quality Discussion Through Student-Centered Discussion"; Program, featuring "Literacy and Numeracy" and "How to Become an Author"; Membership; "A Romanian Adventure," with Janet Falkowski and Rosemary Hulsman reporting on their Elderhostel experience; and "Synergizing for Character Education."

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Dr. Irene Murphy Receives Achievement Award

The Presidents and Founders Banquet, with Carol Ulrich, Second Vice President, presiding, was a special finale to this busy day of activities and camaraderie. The 2001 Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Irene Murphy. The Alpha Alpha State Chorus presented enchanting selections with a "world"-ly emphasis. Carol Mueller, in very moving and inspirational remarks, spoke about the concerns of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International regarding membership and commitment to the purposes of the Society. The steady growth in members resulted in a total of 168,000 in 1990. Last year, however, the rapid decline in membership during the last decade resulted in a loss of involvement as well as of financial support because of only 142,000 members being listed in Society records. All of us must evaluate the significance of long-term commitments, and stress within our chapters the #1 motivations for Society membership, namely, support, friendship, encouragement, and networking.



International President Carol Mueller addresses Saturday night banquet.

Sunday: Celebration and Awards

Following church services on Sunday morning, the Celebration of Life ceremony, presented by the Membership Committee, honored the memory of 35 Alpha Alpha State "Women Who Made a Difference" who had passed away in the last year. "In our lifetime there will be those who touch our lives, but those who teach us to excel and reach for our dreams will live forever."

The second General Session and Award Brunch included the acceptance of the proposed budget for 2001-2002; a few items of new business, and announcement of recipients of the Scholarship



Louann Shrader (L) and President Polly Delaney (R) enjoy Sunday morning breakfast with friends.

Awards: Royce Ann Boyd, Alpha Beta; Diana Duncan, Alpha Sigma; Rochelle Evanousky, Xi; Karen Lynn Lindbergh, Beta Epsilon; Barbara Jablonski Lipo, Alpha Rho; and F. Kay Stuart, Pi. Enrichment Grants were presented to Jane Carney, Margaret Krider, Helen Page, and Anna Wolfe, all of Gamma; Mary Jo Kremer, Alpha Upsilon; Dolores Stout, Beta Xi; and Kim Young, Eta.



The Passing of the Gavel

The passing of the gavel by Polly Delaney to Louise Garverick and the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song" concluded the 2001 Alpha Alpha State Convention. All attendees were indeed more intensely "empowered for excellence in service to society."

Omega Chapter's Peach Cookies

Omega's "Peaches" won the Cookie Challenge. Here is Ann Gomer's recipe for these cookies (almost) too pretty to eat.

First Step: Make the cookie dough.

Ingredients: 4 eggs
1 C. sugar
1 C. oil
3 t. baking powder
4 C. flour

Beat eggs; add sugar. Pour oil slowly to add to mixture. Add flour and baking powder. Refrigerate overnight.

Second Step: Bake and scoop out the cookies.

Roll dough into 1-t. balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes at 325. Cool slightly. Carefully scoop out center of cookie's flat side (a serrated grapefruit spoon works well). Cool.

Third Step: Fill the cookies.

Filling: mix together: 1 lb. powdered sugar
1 C. Crisco
½ t. salt
1 egg white
½ C. pineapple juice
2 t. cherry juice

(It may be necessary to add more powdered sugar for a fairly stiff consistency.)

Fourth Step: Transform into "peaches."

Cherries are used for the "pits."

Green frosting forms the "leaf." (I use a tube of commercially prepared green frosting.)

Match each cookie with a same-size "partner." Work in pairs. Fill each cookie with approximately ½ t. filling. Place cherry quarter in one half for the "pit." Stick "partners" together to make the peach shape. Dip each rounded side in cherry juice for color. Roll in sugar. Use leaf tip of decorating kit and green frosting to pipe a leaf on the peach.

Makes approximately 32 cookies.



ANSWER THE CALL TO BE A GOLDEN RULE MEMBER

by Dr. Lyn B. Schmid
State Membership Chairman

They're everywhere in Pennsylvania! They're in district offices, on the athletic fields, working at art room tables, and sitting in tiny chairs in the classrooms. They are young and old, multicultural; working women, homemakers. No one profile can describe them, but they do share something in common: Delta Kappa Gamma women ensure that the essential services that local chapters provide, the programs that enrich their members, and the sisters that benefit from them continue to grow and to thrive.

My thoughts for you this summer center on the role modelship that you are providing for the members of your chapter as you make active participation part of your everyday vocabulary and life—as much a part of your family's culture as music, fast food, TV, and vacations! Your being an active, participating member shapes your chapter's future, and this simple act of giving will make Delta Kappa Gamma a better Society.

The singular actions of you women—presenting a program, raising funds for your chapter's project, or a myriad of other options—can and do have a tremendous impact, not only on those who benefit from your efforts, but also on the new, fledgling members—those who someday will be the leaders of a chapter that will make an impact on your community.

I ask that you reflect on the retail giant James Cash Penney, whose first store, the *Golden Rule Store*, opened in 1902. Penney believed that if he treated customers by the Golden Rule—do unto others as you would have them do unto you—that he would flourish. And he did!

If you set such a fine example for your own sisters by being a truly active member in the coming year, you, too, are teaching them the Golden Rule—you are doing unto others as you would have them do. Just think how much your chapter could contribute if just a handful of you assume this Golden Rule of active membership for 2001-2002! ☺



EMPHASIS ON THE SOCIETY'S MISSION & PURPOSE

by Carol Ulrich
Program of Work Chairman



At this writing the State Convention has just ended and a new Program of Work Committee is being formed. As we accept the challenge of finding innovative programs that will involve all members and use members' talents to enlighten all of us, we will continue to focus on the Society's mission and purposes. Innovative programs that meet the needs of our members and focus on the purposes bring us back to our roots and help to renew and revitalize our chapter work and our chapter members.

Listed below for easy reference are the seven purposes of the Society. In future issues of *The Keystonean* ideas will be shared on programs that use these purposes. Until those publications, I encourage you to go to the International Website's "Program Ideas You Can Use," which is a special section on the main page. There are many ideas shared here that should help in your planning for programs during the next year. You may also want to submit your own great programs to help other chapters throughout the Society. This can be done by submitting them to **Program Ideas of the Month, C/O Program/Membership Services Administrator, P. O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589.** ☺

SEVEN PURPOSES

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.



by Patricia A. Shedlock, U. S. Forum State Liaison

The Legislative Link


Act 9, 2001 Important Facts to Know

On May 17, 2001, Governor Ridge signed into law Act 9 of 2001, which contains significant retirement legislation. This Act was previously known as House Bill 26.

Among the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, affecting **active members**, are:

1. Effective July 1, 2001, a new class of PSERS membership provides a multiplier of 2.5% in the basic benefit formula for all school service and any purchased intervening military service (changing from the current 2%).
NOTE: The current 2% multiplier will continue to be applied to all purchased non-school service (such as out-of-state, maternity, non-intervening military and government service).
The new basic benefit formula will be:
(2.5% X final average salary X years of school service + purchased intervening military service) + (2.0% X final average salary X years of non-school service)
To receive the higher benefit formula, you must:
 - a) be an active or inactive member of PSERS on July 1, 2001.
 - b) file a written election with PSERS by December 31, 2001, OR before the date of your termination of school/state service, whichever is earlier. PSERS will send personalized election forms to all active/inactive members with the next few weeks.
 - c) make employment contributions of 6.50% (if currently contributing 5.25%) or 7.50% (if currently contributing 6.25%) effective January 1, 2002, provided you continue as an active member after this date.
 - d) accept the provisions of Section 415(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, which limits the maximum amount of annual retirement benefits to \$140,000. The limit is age-based and is lower than \$140,000 for members retiring under age 62. PSERS will provide you detailed information on this limitation with the election form.
2. Effective July 1, 2001, the vesting period has been reduced from 10 years to 5 years for active and inactive members of PSERS. Members with a minimum of 5 years of service, regardless of age, will be eligible to apply for both disability and regular retirement benefits.
3. Effective July 1, 2001, the opportunity to elect Multiple Service membership (members who elect to combine benefits in the PSERS and the State Employees' Retirement System) will be expanded.
 - a) Current members who have not already elected Multiple Service membership will have a window from July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003, to apply for multiple service membership.
 - b) Any payment due for multiple service membership can now be satisfied through the debt plan, which is available for other types of purchase of service credit at PSERS.

Provisions of Act 9, 2001, directly affecting **retired members** are:

1. Effective January 1, 2002, premium assistance for eligible retirees will increase to a maximum of \$100 per month (from the current maximum of \$55 per month). There are NO changes in eligibility requirements to receive premium assistance under this act. Retirees eligible to receive premium assistance will be sent more information about this increase later this summer.
2. Between July 1, 2001 and December 31, 2001, if a retiree returns to public school service under the emergency "return to service" provision of the Retirement Code, the days worked during this period shall not be counted in calculating the 95 days a retiree may work without affecting their pension.
3. Current retirees who return to active service and earn three years of Pennsylvania public school service credit will be able to have all prior public school service converted to the new membership class with the higher benefit formula. 



Spotlight on

Elderhostel in Sienna, Italy

by Mary Jo Kramer, Alpha Upsilon

My Elderhostel experiences in Sienna were many and varied. Trinity College provided excellent lecturers in their fields of expertise. The Tuscany program began with a lecture and slide presentation on the art and architecture in Sienna. A guided tour of the Duomo Cathedral, Town Hall, and hospital to see frescos and paintings of the 14th and 15th centuries gave me an appreciation of their importance to the people of Sienna. The frescos depicted the life of Christ for them. Another guided tour to the Bank of Sienna was impressive. It was the first bank in the world and is still in business today.

Dante's *Inferno* was the topic of a lecture on Renaissance Literature. The story poem and its meaning were discussed, as well as Dante's influence on writers in the 19th and 20th centuries. Other lectures included "Contemporary Italian Society," "Franz Liszt: The Italian Years," and "Etruscan Art and Civilization."

In addition to the guided tours in Sienna, there were field trips to Chianti, famous for wine, and to a medieval castle for a traditional Tuscany meal.

One of the highlights of the program was learning about the Siennese Palio. The Palio is Tuscany's most celebrated festival and takes place on July 2 and August 16 each year in the Piazza del Campo. It is a bareback horse race and was first recorded in 1283. The jockeys represent the 17 *constrade* or districts; the horses are chosen by the local *constrade* churches. The races are preceded by heavy betting and pageantry, but last only about 90 seconds each. The winner is awarded a large, colorful banner (*palio*). Thousands of people crowd into the Piazza to watch the race, and rivalry is intense between competitors. Our Elderhostel group was shown a video of the Palio, and it made the festival come to life as we cheered on the horses.

The Sienna Elderhostel was a rewarding and memorable learning experience. ☺



Letters of Appreciation

Dear Alpha Alpha State Members,

Thank you sincerely for awarding me an Enrichment Grant for the year 2001. I used the money to attend and present a workshop at the Annual Convention of the International Reading Association held in New Orleans this past May.

Due to your generosity, I was able to pay some of my expenses, as well as provide many materials to the participants of the creative activities workshop I presented. The teachers who attended the workshop were very appreciative of the packets and ideas given them. Each of the folders acknowledged the help given me by Delta Kappa Gamma.

The convention itself was personally very rewarding. It was attended by 17,000 educators from around the world and was filled with globally known speakers in the field of reading education. I attended many excellent sessions and updated my knowledge with new ideas and strategies.

Thank you again. I appreciate the Society's confidence in me.

Sincerely,

Joan P. Moore, Gamma

Dear Nancy [Sprenkle, Scholarship Chairman],

I can't thank the Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee enough for awarding a scholarship to help with the financial end of my studies. I received the award and applied it to the 2000 fall semester. The amount was very generous and I appreciate the help.

I have successfully completed and obtained an Elementary Principal Certificate. I am so proud of this accomplishment! It was an 18-month program through St. Francis College that ended with an intense internship. I was able to complete the internship in the DuBois Area Schools, my home district. It was a very busy semester with many projects that benefited my district as well as myself.

I think the scholarship awards are a wonderful benefit for all sisters of Delta Kappa Gamma as they reaffirm our mission to improve ourselves as educators.

My association with Delta Kappa Gamma has been positive, challenging (as the Membership Chairman for Psi Chapter), rewarding, and most of all, fun! I am proud to share with others the importance of our organization and to encourage all members to become involved in all that they are able.

Again, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to apply for a scholarship and was thrilled to receive the help.

With Deepest Appreciation,

Elizabeth Ann Shingledecker, Psi

Scholarship



A Potpourri of Culture Quebecoise

by Margaret L. Hughes, Eta

In October 2000, I was privileged to attend an Elderhostel in the Province of Quebec with the aid of an Enrichment Grant from Alpha Alpha State.

Two days, October 10 and 11, were spent in the City of Montreal. We heard lectures by historian Jim Manson, and took field trips on foot and by coach. On October 12, we took an overnight train to the Gaspé Peninsula with a field trip to Percé Rock and Bonaventure Island by boat. The next morning we toured Forillon National Park, and in the afternoon we heard Manson lecture on "The Expulsion of the Acadians" while en route to Matane. October 14 included a lecture by Manson on the Jesuits' evangelical mission, a guided walking tour around Parc du Bic, a ferry crossing of the St. Lawrence at Trois Pistoles, and lectures by a local historian, Benny Beattie, on the Tadoussac area and the Whale/Marine Park.



On October 15 some of us participated in an early morning guided walk through the woods along the Saguenay River. On a Whale Safari after breakfast, we were able to spot and identify four or five different species of whales that inhabit those waters, including the Beluga whale, an endangered species native to the area. Later in the day we explored the Sand Dunes, the Interpretation Centre, and the Marine Mammal Interpretive Centre.



Late that afternoon we departed for Quebec City, driving along the coast of Charlevoix. The next day, after hearing Manson speak on "The Fall of New France," we toured the Plains of Abraham, the point where the British defeated the French for control of Canada. Later we took a historic walking tour around Old Quebec City (photo, left). Following a farewell dinner, we departed the next morning for Montreal and our flights back to the United States.

The French Empire in North America began when the famous explorers Jacques Cartier and Samuel de Champlain discovered that the St. Lawrence River was "the great highway into the continent." In 1534 Cartier found the MicMac Indians at Percé Rock (photo, right) fishing for cod and waving beaver furs on sticks. That was the beginning of the French and Indian fur trade. De Champlain concluded the first treaty between North American Indians and Europeans in 1603 at Tadoussac. This alliance helped define French-Indian relationships for the next 150 years.



The French and Indians were the first to navigate the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico. Inevitably the French and Indians intermarried and eventually became a part of the French community. By the 1750s Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Hudson Bay all were given to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht. It was the beginning of democracy in the western hemisphere, the end of authoritarianism, and the beginning of capitalism, except in New France, where there was no wealthy merchant class.

The Jesuits, who came from France in 1620, had an evangelical mission to convert the Indians to Catholicism. The Jesuits ran hospitals, schools, and the government. Their influence remained until the 1960s.

As of 1975 Quebec was an independent province, but with all the benefits enjoyed by the rest of Canada. It had a language charter declaring there would be only one language, French. All non-English-speaking immigrants were to be sent to French-speaking schools, and all English-speaking immigrants were to go to other provinces, or other countries. To this day, the official language in the province of Quebec is French. All official signs are printed in French with English subtitles underneath. Most people are multi-lingual, or bilingual.

Everywhere we traveled, we were treated to delicious French cuisine, Quebec style, along with gracious hospitality. We were truly transported to a different culture while listening to everyone speak French, Quebecoise! ☺

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Beta Xi

The following is an update to the letter received by all Alpha Alpha chapters from Beta Xi Chapter asking for contributions to our humanitarian fund for Tanzanian student air fair.

On February 2, 2001 Athanas Mushi, son of World Fellowship recipient Honoratha Mushi, left the warm sunshine of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, for the long life-changing journey to State College, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday evening, February 4, Athanas arrived in State College and was united with his mother, whom he had not seen in 17 months. Honoratha greeted this tall, handsome 16-year-old with tears, giggles, and cries of "He's grown a foot since I saw him last."



Honoratha Mushi, World Fellowship Recipient, introduced to Alpha Alpha members at 2001 State Convention.

Athanas is enrolled as a junior at State College Area High School, where he has been warmly received by the 45 members of Dr. Linda Barton's ESL (English as a Second Language) class. Athanas reads and writes English but needs experience with the spoken language. As well as being a good student with interests in math, physics and chemistry, Athanas enjoys sports and is planning to try out for the volleyball team.

Delta Kappa Gamma has had a great impact on this Tanzanian family. This is our small pebble in the pond, and there is no way we can even begin to envision the ripples. *Submitted by Doyle Wilkerson*

Alpha Phi

Our **Alphie Owl** is everywhere in Alpha Phi. Alphie is our beloved chapter mascot. We members take him with us on our travels, have a place for him at our meetings, and honor him with a grant named in his honor, **Alphie Dream**. Each year Alphie gives the opportunity to receive a monetary stipend to one or two members who are currently teaching and wish to enrich their classroom with an innovative project.

Our first Alphie Dream award was presented to **Barbara Schurman**. At our May meeting Barbara described how she integrated Rubber Stamping into

her classroom of challenged youngsters. Barbara got the idea from a program presented by Haddie Weber at one of our chapter meetings. Along with her explanation, Barbara showed us pictures that she had taken of her class as they worked with the various materials. Barbara teaches in the Pittsburgh Public Schools and is chairman of our chapter's Professional Growth, Services, and Projects Committee. The results were outstanding, and the activity was a memorable experience for her students. Alphie was most proud of Barbara, her students, and their efforts.

Alphie, as well as the chapter members, was also happy to congratulate Jean Dinco for being awarded the Mon-Yough PTA Council's Teacher of the Year. Jean is a fifth-grade teacher in West Mifflin and the Social Committee Chairman of our chapter. She competed against teachers from each of the council's 13 member districts. Along with Alphie, we all send our cheers.

Also, during the May meeting Alphie was a happy greeter to two initiates. Two teachers from the West Mifflin School District were welcomed into Alpha Phi Chapter. They are **Adele Eley** and **Josephine Zelik**. It is nice to see new faces and assimilate new ideas.

Our chapter also had a 40th birthday celebration. **Patricia Petersen**, one of two remaining charter members who attended the meeting, was recognized and presented with a corsage. A birthday cake and noisemakers were part of our celebration.

Submitted by Arlene Rozgonyi, Corresponding Secretary

Alpha Upsilon

Alpha Upsilon Chapter's final meeting of the year was a grand celebration. A program was held to celebrate the chapter's 40th birthday, Founders' Day, and member recognition. **Mrs. Ruth Ripper**, charter member and chapter president from 1966-68, read the poem "God's Gift," which she penned 40 years ago when the chapter was chartered.

God's Gift

Have you seen God's smile
in the red, red rose
as its leaves of beauty
rare unfold?
Have you smiled in return
your thanks for the gift
as kindly and gently it gives
your heart a lift?

I took the gift of the smile
from the rose.
It became a part of my life.
It will stay in my heart
forever I know
to comfort and cheer me
wherever I go.

Ruth Ripper

Submitted by Carolyn Sutton, Communications Chairman

In Memoriam

LeOra L. Held Rehnborg Alpha Alpha State President 1971-1973



Omega Chapter's beloved LeOra L. Held Rehnborg, 81, of Austin, Texas, died April 20, 2001, in Austin. She exemplified a faithful member of Delta Kappa Gamma by actively serving on all three levels, chapter, state, and international.

Born September 20, 1919 in Homer City, PA, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Charles E. and Nelle Lawrence Held. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Rehnborg, in 2000.

She was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Austin. She was a graduate of Homer City High School and received degrees from Indiana State Teachers College, Columbia University, and Hull College in England. She taught English for 21 years and was a guidance counselor of 16 years in the public schools of Homer City, Littlestown, and York. She was a member of PSEA and NEA.

LeOra's affiliation with Omega Chapter began with her initiation in April of 1951. Immediately assuming leadership roles, she began the progression of offices to assume the position of president from 1956-1958. Becoming active on the state level, LeOra served as State Parliamentarian, First Vice President, and then Alpha Alpha State President from 1971-1973. Among her many accomplishments, LeOra was the recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Award. After retiring from teaching, she served as the executive secretary of Delta Kappa Gamma International at the headquarters in Austin, Texas.

With a passion for travel, she traveled extensively throughout Europe, the Middle East, Canada, and the United States. An avid reader, she also enjoyed needlepoint. Chapter members fondly remember her as cheerful, happy, cooperative, continually busy with worthwhile projects, and always having time for others. Omega's recruitment grant is now given in her memory. We are proud as a chapter to have prospered under the benevolent graces of our sister LeOra Held Rehnborg and endeavor to carry on her legacy.

Submitted by Anne Gomer, Omega Chapter President

Alpha
Mrs. Gladys E. McArthur
April 28, 2001

Gamma
Miss Marian V. Bortner
November 7, 2000
Miss Rita C. Nerz
November 28, 2000

Theta
Miss Marie R. Fillipih
March 28, 2001
Dr. Helen B. Knipp
January 30, 2001

Omicron
Mrs. Emma Jean McLean
March 13, 2001

Pi
Mrs. Emma Hughes
April 5, 2001

Sigma
Miss Marian Nelson
April 28, 2001

Omega
Miss Martha K. McDowell
March 24, 2001
Mrs. LeOra Held Rehnborg
April 20, 2001
Miss Alice May Snyder
May 17, 2001

Beta Zeta
Mrs. Ruth Berry
April 8, 2001

Hazel F. Blish Alpha Alpha State President 1963-1965

Hazel F. Blish of Psi Chapter died Friday, January 26, 2001. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Heaffer. She was a graduate of Altoona High School and The Pennsylvania State University.

A professional marimba soloist, Hazel was in charge of the music programs in the Spring Grove, West York, and Clarion-Limestone area schools. After retirement, she was a volunteer music teacher at Immaculate Conception School, Clarion. She was a member of the Clarion Rotary Club, Civic Club, and Order of Eastern Star. She was a past president of the Women's Club and was a member of the Clarion Hospital Foundation board.

As a member of the Pennsylvania Midwestern State Education Association, Mrs. Blish received special recognition for her work on the Professional Rights and Responsibility Committee.

Mrs. Blish was a member of the Clarion First United Methodist Church, where she served on the worship committee, chaired the missions and pastor parish relations committee, and was church historian. In 1997 she chaired Clarion's Christmas Toy Drive for underprivileged children.

She was the widow of Melvin L. Blish, area soil conservationist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

From a clipping submitted by Barbara Baker, Psi Chapter

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

Beta Pi Awards Scholarship



President **Barbara Giuffrida**, left, presents the Beta Pi Scholarship Award to **Miss Gabrielle Morrison**, during the Ivy Day Ceremony at the Upper Merion Senior High School in King of Prussia, PA, on June 12, 2001. The Beta Pi Scholarship is awarded to a student who will study at the college level.

In addition to the Beta Pi Award, Miss Morrison received numerous other awards for scholastic excellence and community service as well as being Secretary of the Senior Class.

Beta Pi is thrilled to have this worthy candidate receive our scholarship.

*Submitted with photo by Billie Cressy
(more Beta Pi news on page thirteen)*

Beta Beta

Members of Beta Beta Chapter wish to recognize one of our newer members, **Mrs. Norina Bentzel**, for her outstanding bravery and dedication. Norina is the principal at North Hopewell-Winterstown Elementary School, Winterstown, PA, which is part of the Red Lion School District near York. This past February, a machete-wielding man gained access into the building when a parent was admitted through the front door. Norina was the first person to confront the intruder. In doing so, she attempted to stop his progress into a nearby kindergarten. After her struggle with the man, he was disarmed and police were called. Norina is still recovering from injuries to her fingers, hands, and forearm. Her determined actions prevented the intruder from continuing further into the school

building. Norina epitomizes the caring dedication that all teachers aspire to achieve. This spring Norina has returned part-time to her job as principal. We wish her a full recovery and salute her courage and dedication to her students and staff.

*Submitted by Connie Conrad, Projects Chairman
(more Beta Beta news on page thirteen)*

Alpha Iota

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Alpha Alpha State welcomed four new members during a formal initiation ceremony on May 5, 2001 at the Women's Club in Erie, PA. Shown in the photo below, left to right: new members **Rita Schmitt**, **Jeanne Bender**, **Dr. Mary Ann Tempestini**; Chapter President **Kathleen Gilbert**, and **Barbara Wagner**, Initiation Chairman.



The Alpha Iota Chapter program theme for 2000-2001 was "Personal and Professional Growth with a Focus on Community Involvement." At their chapter meeting on March 17, 2001 the members brought colorful coffee mugs. These were then filled with small personal/toilet items for women, or candy treats. The 120 mugs were then distributed to the following agencies: The Boys and Girls Club; Eastminster Presbyterian Church Outreach; Erie Dawn; and the Mercy Center for Women. **Charlotte Schultz** is the Project Committee Chairman.

*Submitted by Elaine Schwab
(more Alpha Iota news on page thirteen)*

Alpha Alpha

Retiree **Mary Ann Cantino** was added to the Album of Distinction for 2001 for her project of knitting hundreds of caps and mittens for children.

Gwen Singer, State Protocol Chairman and past president of Alpha Alpha Chapter, was honored last fall when she received the 2000 Howard L. Klopp Exemplary Teacher Award from Cedar Crest College.

Submitted by Mary Louise Russo, Chapter President

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Chapters Contribute to Alpha Alpha State Project: ABC (At-risk Baby Crib) Quilts

Beta Pi

President of Beta Pi Chapter **Barbara Giuffrida**, left, and Past President **Billie Cressy**, right, hold just one of 61 quilts the chapter donated to the ABC Quilt Project. The chapter members embraced this project with vigor, rejoicing at a dinner to celebrate the completion of the last quilt and the end of Barbara Giuffrida's first year as President.

*Submitted, with photo, by Billie Cressy
(more Beta Pi news on page twelve)*



Left: Sandy Guilbeaux, area coordinator of ABC Quilts, accepts 37 quilts made by Beta Beta Chapter. Right: Connie Conrad, Projects Chairman, presenting.



Beta Beta

Beta Beta Chapter has completed a successful service project this year with ABC (At-risk Baby Crib) quilts, an Alpha Alpha State project. Many of our members participated in a fall quilting meeting where we cut, stitched, and bound quilt panels. Later, identifying Beta Beta Chapter labels were added by Kathy Lauer, Bonnie Thompson, Mary Tombesi, and other members. At our May, 2001 Birthday meeting, 37 quilts were presented to Sandy Guilbeaux, the area coordinator. She sincerely thanked us for contributing to this worthwhile effort. Last year Sandy provided 1,500-2,000 quilts to the local York County area.

*Submitted by Connie Conrad, Projects Chairman
(more Beta Beta news on page twelve)*



Alpha Iota

Congratulations to Alpha Iota chapter member **Mary Ann Wickman**. Mary Ann made 50 baby quilts! She is shown in the photo on the left with another Alpha Iota member, **June Wood**. Many of the quilts were sent to the Alpha Alpha State ABC Quilt Project, but some were sent to local hospitals for needy parents to take their babies home. Quilts were also given to small children who were taken out of abusive homes in the middle of the night, so they would have something of their own to take to a shelter. Mary Ann hopes to continue making quilts as long as her hands and eyesight hold out. Alpha Iota is very proud of Mary Ann!

*Submitted by Elaine Schwab
(more Alpha Iota news on page twelve)*

At the Fall Area Conferences, State Projects Chairman Haddie Weber will announce the final total of quilts donated by chapters.



Alpha Alpha State Welcomes New Members

Zeta

Mrs. Dianne Curti

Iota

Ms. Gloria Banks
Mrs. Stephanie Mihalic
Mrs. Sharon Moran
Ms. Marlene Roberts

Lambda

Mrs. F. Lavonne Gilliland
Mrs. Judith Kouger
Mrs. Jessie McMenamin
Mrs. Floy McWilliams

Sigma

Mrs. Dolores Honecker
Ms. Georganna Kresl
Ms. Dawn McManus
Miss Ann Nowaskie
Mrs. Jane Scurfield
Mrs. Linda Shupp
Mrs. Elizabeth Swartz
Mrs. Susan Wajda
Mrs. Barbara Zettlemoyer



Alpha Iota

Mrs. Ann Adams
Ms. Jeanne Bender
Mrs. Kathleen Gilbert
Mrs. Rita Schmitt

Alpha Lambda

Mrs. Leigh Bryan
Mrs. Katherine Grenaldo

Alpha Nu

Mrs. Donna Denick

Alpha Omicron

Mrs. Rosemary DiGiammarino
Mrs. Kim Noviello

Alpha Phi

Mrs. Josephine Zelik

Beta Alpha

Mrs. Cheryl Dorschi
Mrs. Anna Mae Duncan
Mrs. Janet Hale
Dr. Sara Lamb

Beta Zeta

Mrs. Diane Lodge
Mrs. Beverly Small
Mrs. Leatrice Stewart
Mrs. Sara Taylor

Beta Xi

Mrs. Frances Parker

Beta Rho

Mrs. Sharon Wolfe

Alpha Alpha, Alpha Upsilon, and Beta Delta Hostess Fall Area Conferences

Conference Schedule

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Registration/Refreshments
9:00-9:20	General Session
9:30-10:30	First Workshop Session
10:45-11:45	Second Workshop Session
12 noon	Lunch

This year's Fall Area Conferences present a variety of workshops carrying Act 48 credit. Each workshop session offers a choice of two interesting topics. All three conferences will feature a presentation by U.S. Forum Liaison Patricia Shedlock. Workshops unique to specific conferences include *Beta Delta's* "It's All in the Telling," a lighthearted introduction to the techniques of creative storytelling, by storyteller/author Judy Wolfman; *Alpha Upsilon's* "The Bifolkal Approach—Reaching Out with Music" by Kathy Firestone and Judith Schaffer; and *Alpha Alpha's* "Writing Memories."

Dates, locations, directions, and other information about the conferences, along with registration forms, are provided on page fifteen.

DUES NOTICE

Dues for 2001-2002 should be paid by October 31, 2001.

ACTIVE

International	\$14.00
State Dues	8.00
Scholarship	1.00
Chapter Dues	?

RESERVE

International	\$6.00
State Dues	\$5.00
Scholarship	\$1.00
Chapter Dues	?

Chapter treasurers, send the State Treasurer \$23 for each active member and \$12 for each reserve member by November 15, 2001.

Fall Area Conferences

- ❖ Bethlehem, PA, *Alpha Alpha Chapter*—Saturday, September 15, 2001
- ❖ Freeport, PA, *Alpha Upsilon Chapter*—Saturday, September 29, 2001
- ❖ York, PA, *Beta Delta Chapter*—Saturday, October 6, 2001

Directions to Conference Sites

September 15—The First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA

From west, Harrisburg, follow I-78 toward Allentown. When I-78 splits with Rt. 22 past Foglesville, follow Rt. 22. Exit Rt. 512 S, exiting left off ramp onto Rt. 512. Rt. 512 becomes Center Street. Follow approximately ¼ mile to church on left.

From north, I-80, exit Rt. 33 South. Follow Rt. 33 to Rt. 22 West, then two exits to Rt. 512 South. Left on Rt. 512 approximately ¼ mile to church on left.

September 29—River Forest Country Club, Freeport, PA

From north: 79 South to Turnpike Exit #3 (Cranberry/Warrendale). Exit PA Turnpike at Exit #5 (Allegheny Valley). Stay in right ramp exit; proceed through two stop lights. At third light intersection, turn right to Rt. 28 North. Exit at Freeport #17 onto 356 South. Drive 2.4 miles to cross Freeport Bridge. Stay in far left lane to Leechburg. River Forest is at end of bridge on right.

From east: Take Rt. 422 West to Kittanning. Cross Kittanning Bridge to Rt. 28 South. Follow directions above from Exit #17.

October 6—Holiday Inn Holidome and Conference Center, York, PA

From east, take I-76 West (PA Turnpike) to exit 18, I-83 South to Exit 10. Make right off exit; follow signs to Rt. 30 West. Make right onto Rt. 30 West. Follow Rt. 30 W to Rt. 74 exit (Carlisle Ave./Rt. 74). Make right off exit onto Rt. 74 North; follow to 1st traffic light. Make right. Holiday Inn is on left.

From south, take I-83 North to Exit 9W, Rt. 30 West. Follow Rt. 30 W to Rt. 74 exit (Carlisle Ave./Rt. 74), and follow same directions as above.

From north, take I-83 South to exit 10. Make right off exit; follow signs to Rt. 30 West. Make right onto Rt. 30 W. Follow Rt. 30 W to Rt. 74 exit (Carlisle Ave./Rt. 74), and follow directions under "From east."

From west, take I-76 East (PA Turnpike) to Exit 18, then I-83 S to Exit 10. Make right off exit; follow signs to Rt. 30 West. Make right onto Rt. 30 W. Follow Rt. 30 W to Rt. 74 exit (Carlisle Ave./Rt. 74), and follow directions under "From east."

Registration Forms
