



# The Keystoneian

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## "ROOTS & WINGS" Theme of 2005 State Convention

By Joan Peters, Beta Rho

As 250 members of Alpha Alpha State and guests met at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, from June 10-12 for the 68th annual convention and meetings of the Executive Board, emphasis was on the theme, "ROOTS & WINGS." A meaningful and relevant schedule accented the seven purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and unified the efforts and interest of all attendees to focus on the inherent significance of our Society's mission statement by "looking to our roots that gave us the wings to become what we are today."

Friday evening's activities included the following: Chapter Focus Tables, Projects Display, and Creative Arts Retreat Review; Album of Distinction Reception, honoring the fourteen members who gave distinctive service beyond the scope of Delta Kappa Gamma; Chapter Presidents' Workshop; State Chorus Rehearsal; and various meetings of state committees.

At the first General Session with Carol Ulrich, State President, presiding, group singing with children from

Northern Tioga School District provided an exciting introduction to the business to follow. State officers, past state presidents, state committee chairmen, special committee personnel, and two new initiates, **Paula Silowash**, Alpha Upsilon and **Lois Brown**, Chi, were recognized. Attendees with 30 years or more of membership in the Society were given a special tribute, and **Margaret Wolf**, Kappa, with 52 years, and **Faye Smith**, Lambda, with 51 years, were honored with a fitting accolade. *Continued on page 6.*



Faithful members, Margaret Wolf and Faye Smith (lower photo L-R) exemplify our Alpha Alpha State ROOTS who have given WINGS to many new initiates such as Paula Silowash and Lois Brown, (L-R) pictured above.



## Cindy Reynolds Honored with 2005 State Achievement Award

By Michelle Sama, Communications Chairman

The attendees of the first general session of the 2005 Alpha Alpha State Convention were honored by the presence of Annie Webb Blanton, founder of our organization. Dressed primly in a dark dress, hat and gloves, she told of her large family and the early death of her twin sister. Annie Webb Blanton? Not in the flesh, but in the person of Cindy Reynolds, the 2005 Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award recipient.

This portrayal is but one example of the many ways that Cindy expresses her wonderful spirit and love for our Society which makes her the perfect choice for this year's award.

Cindy, an instructional support teacher, was initiated into our Society on October 15, 1977. In the intervening years she has served Beta Rho well. She was the charter chapter president from 1984 to 1986. Her committee work is also varied: Parliamentarian, Research, Personal Growth and Services and Networking. Carol Goodman, past president of Beta Rho, states that "Cindy's untiring devotion to Beta Rho has made her loved, honored, respected and treasured by her sisters."

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## Alpha Alpha State President's Message

By Lyn B. Schmid, Ed.D.



*Dr. Lyn Schmid visits with Sigma Chapter Co-Presidents, Nancy Sleese (L) and Sharon Craig*

The beginning of a new biennium is a cause for celebration – celebrating how far we have come, and bringing enthusiasm for how far we have to go to work for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Alpha Alpha State.

We have had great leaders in Pennsylvania over the course of the history of our organization. Most recently, Carol Ulrich led us through a time of

joining together as we initiated the Area Meetings for which chapters met together, setting their own agendas based upon need for growth in one or more of the Seven Purposes of our Society. We are all grateful for her leadership.

It is an awesome responsibility to which you have elected me as President of our state organization. I am asking myself if this biennium with which you have entrusted me will be rich in vision and can assure you that I and your committee chairmen have the commitment, the level of seeking, and the responsiveness to your needs that will help you through adventurous, creative achievement for your chapter.

Will you and your chapter seek personal and professional fulfillment by making the choice to succeed and grow by undertaking the rigorous preparation that building a better organization requires? It depends on what kind of leaders and followers you have in your chapter and how you respond to them. What can I do about it, you might ask? The answer is: You can be a servant leader in your chapter.

A servant leader is one who says, "I will go; come with me!" She tries something different, taking the risk of failure along with the chance of success. My hope for the future of the 2005-2007 biennium rests in part on my belief that among the legions of members throughout our state, there are many true servant leaders who will dream the great dream of achievement for their chapters and bring these dreams to reality. The other Alpha Alpha State officers, committee chairmen, committee members, and I will most assuredly join with you and serve you as you strive to create servant leaders in your chapters this biennium. I will go; will you come with me?

Blessings on your work and all who benefit from it. ■

### President's Schedule

July 13-15	Southwest Regional Conference (San Antonio, TX)
August 1-6	Northeast Regional Conference (Cincinnati, OH)
August 19-20	State Officers'/Committee Chairmen's Meeting - State College
September 16-17	Chapter Visit to Psi (Ridgeway)
November 11-12	Combined Chapter Visit to Omicron (Williamsport) & Beta Nu (Lock Haven)

Hi Terri,

My name is Billie Collins and I am communications chair for Montana, Alpha Mu State of Delta Kappa Gamma.

I have very much appreciated the newsletter (*Keystonian*) from Alpha Alpha State. Over the past year and a half I have enjoyed reading about the activities of your chapters and I have gleaned some very useful information and ideas. Our newsletters are a wonderful media to share and to get to know our sisters across this great nation of ours.

I thank you for the effort and expense to send me *The Keystonian*. Please convey my thanks to your board.

Sincerely,

*Billie Collins*

LETTERS



**Y**ears ago, when I was a new member, I heard that the members were the "heart" of the Society. That is just as true today as it was then. New members bring new life to the organization, and that keeps us growing. We also have to keep members active and involved to keep the chapters alive.

Membership should be a concern and responsibility of every member in the chapter, not just the work of the Membership Committee. All members should constantly be on the lookout for key women educators who could be potential members. You say that you're retired so you are not in schools to see other women educators? Don't use that as an excuse for not recommending someone. There are plenty of other places to spot potential members. Think about church, civic organizations, or social situations where you see these women. Do you know what "EONO" means? "Each One Nominate One." Can you imagine how we could grow if each member took that seriously? Once a woman has accepted the nomination, the chapter's Membership Committee must provide a thorough orientation and meaningful initiation so that new members get to know the scope, depth and value of the Society and can become involved. Sponsors should attend orientation and initiation with their nominees and be responsible for their well-being for two to three years, helping them become acquainted with members

and the Society and assisting them in attending meetings beyond the chapter level.

All members need to participate in the life of the chapter. Here are some suggestions to help:

- ♥ Spotlight membership
- ♥ Interact with members
- ♥ Share concern for members
- ♥ Recognize contributions of members
- ♥ Present membership programs
- ♥ Develop a biographical profile
- ♥ Encourage attendance at state and international meetings.
- ♥ Evaluate membership goals

It is essential for the Membership Committee to be strong, informed and functioning. Such a committee enhances the opportunity for active participating members and also strengthens those ties of membership throughout the Society. As your Alpha Alpha State Membership Chairman, I am ready to serve you. Be sure to read articles in the *Keystonian* and *Delta Kappa Gamma News* for information and help. If you haven't read Jill Foltz's article, "Retention=Membership Success" in the May/June 2005 issue, be sure to do so. It is full of helpful information!

## Achievement Award Continued from page 1.

She is also dedicated to her community. She was honored at the 2004 state convention Album of Distinction ceremony for being the first woman in 146 years to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Harford Fair Agricultural Society of Susquehanna County!

Cindy has worn many hats other than Dr. Blanton's in her service to our Society. Since 1984 she has been representing her chapter and state organization at conventions and conferences. As we all know, a Delta Kappa Gamma member never says no. Cindy has said yes to Alpha Alpha State numerous times. She has been a member of the Personal Growth and Services and the Leadership Development Committees. She chaired the State Achievement Award and Personal Growth and Services Committees. She was also co-chair of Protocol for two years.

These committee positions have showcased Cindy's organizational abilities, but she also has a vibrant, creative side. When Alpha Alpha State created the state leadership seminar, Cindy helped past state president Rebecca Place plan and carry out the first seminar. She

has participated in Artist's Alley and presented a watercolor workshop for the leadership seminar's renaissance faire. Her creative nature also found an outlet in the portrayal of American artist Georgia O'Keefe.

Cindy has represented Alpha Alpha State with distinction on the International level. She has presented informative, exciting workshops, a Golden Moment at the 75th Regional Conference, and introduced Dr. Blanton to the 2004 International Convention. She was honored with a Golden Gift Stipend which she used to develop a diabetes program for the children in her school system.

The list of Cindy's accomplishments goes on and on, but more important are the countless friendships she has made. Anyone who has talked to her even for a few moments will remember her ready smile and the sparkle in her eyes. At the 2004 International Convention in Minneapolis, Cindy, as Dr. Blanton, presented one of the Jubilee Moments- "A Sparkle of the Past from the Founder." Cindy has provided a lot of sparkle for Alpha Alpha State, and it is fitting that she has been honored with its highest award.

*Congratulations, Cindy!*



## RESEARCH: PREVIEW FOR 2005-2007 BIENNIUM

By Cynthia Kramer, Chairman

It is the task of the Research Committee to develop a factual report about Delta Kappa Gamma, thus creating a basis/foundation on which Alpha Alpha State can build and grow. We need your help and cooperation to be extremely accurate and complete.

A demographic study will use the 2005 membership data to demonstrate the concentrated membership of Delta Kappa Gamma versus the untapped areas of the state. International suggested the 2000 expansion study be redone in five years, thus the 2005 project. Participation by all will enable a true picture to be drawn for use by the leadership to plan future endeavors for Alpha Alpha State. Local chapters may use the new data to search out future members in uncommitted areas.

General information will be requested from each chapter. Three main categories will be covered: each member's name, school district or alternative place of employment, and chapter status (active, retired, or honorary). Many chapters have this information already listed in their little red book. Forms are being developed along with a timeline to aid in the collection of data.

Individual chapter members can help by verifying your personal information with your chapter secretary or designated person. All members of Alpha Alpha State can participate in some manner: data collection, data review, data entry, and chapter summarization. The research committee will take each chapter report and code it for the computer. Accuracy in the final report is the top and foremost goal for this project.

A joint effort by all spells "SUCCESS."

If your summer plans are already complete, there are fulfilling activities that can be added at the last minute. You could volunteer at an animal shelter, run errands for someone less able than yourself, lend a hand to Habitat for Humanity or even plant spinach for a fall harvest. Any and all of these activities reward the recipient and you. Good summer living!

## PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

By Cindy G. Reynolds, Chairman

As the newly appointed Professional Affairs Committee Chairman, I wish to thank Shirley Harshman, Chi Chapter and former member of this committee, for providing the information about summer activities for this article. One summer activity for me will be to become acquainted with my committee members. We will be planning and providing you with information in future issues of *The Keystonean*. In the meantime, we are given an opportunity to choose how to fill those hours. No doubt, family activities will take priority. Others might choose to plant a garden, visit a favorite vacation spot, complete a home improvement project or reconnect with friendships sidetracked by our hectic lifestyle. Yet planning for the next academic year is never far from conscious thought. So just what can we, as professionals, do to hone our own skills and benefit our students?

There are many educational opportunities. Some might choose travel such as attending the Regional Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Others complete coursework toward a coveted degree. Still others will do seminars or workshops that zero in on targeted skills useful in the classroom. Those of us fortunate to be involved in education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are given a rather unique opportunity to apply for and attend the Governor's Institute for Educators.

The Governor's Institute offers excellent programs in diverse areas of instruction. Many have a very specific theme. Past workshop topics include The Arts, Agricultural Sciences, Data Driven Decision-Making, Early Childhood Literacy, Reading and Writing to Learn Content, Humanities, School Leadership and Technology, to name a few. Some institutes are for individual teachers while others are for teams of teachers or teams composed of administrators and teachers. Scholarship applications are available for qualifying schools. The class work is usually condensed to a one week time slot, and is typically offered at a university with dormitory rooms and cafeteria facilities available.

Shirley has had the privilege to attend two of these institutes. They tend to be packed with useful information, lots of handouts, and specific classroom procedures. The participants are given an opportunity to "practice" what is learned prior to leaving the institute. The institutes also tend to draw the best speakers within a given field, giving the participants another source for further learning, especially useful if you are involved in professional development at your site. The institutes are fast-paced, chock full of useful information, and a wonderful way to spend five days of summer vacation investing in professional growth. One of this year's Album of Distinction women is going to attend the Governor's Institute for World Language Educators at Villanova. Her name is Karen Snyder from Beta Gamma (York area).



# WORK COMMITTEE

## PROJECTS

By Lu Page, Chairman

Throughout the 2003 - 2005 biennium, a consistent theme was taken from Helen Keller's words, reminding us that "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Ladies, your extraordinary efforts in supporting Alpha Alpha State's projects during these past two years is testament to the significance and reality of these words! Countless children and families throughout the state, nation, and world will benefit from your generous donations of books, quilts, and money!

### ABC Quilts:



Lu Page packs 184 ABC Quilts

184 baby quilts were collected for the At-risk Baby Crib Quilts program, which distributes these quilts to "...provide love and comfort to babies and young children affected by alcohol, drugs, HIV/AIDS or family abandonment." Our continued commitment and generosity to helping

Pennsylvania's children receive the warmth and nurturing provided by these quilts is to be commended. A total of 307 quilts were collected during these past two years. In addition, \$200.00 has been contributed by Alpha Rho Chapter to the ABC Quilt program for ongoing educational efforts to help with the prevention of AIDS, drug, and alcohol related birth defects.

### Teacher Training in Afghanistan:

\$1,128.00 was generated from the sale of the Lucinda Women Pins at state convention this year. This amount, together with funds raised in the previous year, brings Alpha Alpha State's contributions to \$2,688.00 which provides training to 112 teachers in Afghanistan! "The teacher training in Afghanistan provides programs which focus on female teachers, gender equality in the classroom, landmine education and language arts curriculum."

The members of Alpha Alpha State are to be commended for their very generous and ongoing support of each of these very important projects. Together, we continue to do so much.

### Pennsylvania Family Literacy Program:

3,870 books were collected for The Family Literacy Project which continues to "...help parents become full partners in their child's education by assisting them to reach their full potential as learners..."

6,217 books have been distributed throughout all 67 counties in Pennsylvania from your generous donations during the past two years! Alpha Alpha State was presented with a special award in Hershey on February 11, 2005 for our continued support of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Initiatives provided by the Pennsylvania Family Literacy Act #143 and the Department of Education.



Haddie Weber places Delta Kappa Gamma name plates in each book.

### Lucinda Pins Fund Raiser



Sallye Speight, Projects Committee member, sells Lucinda pins at state convention.

Here is a fun way to raise funds for your chapter's projects or scholarships. Your chapter may want to consider ordering Lucinda Pins for the continued support of Teacher Training in Afganistan or to provide funds for your chapter's local projects and/or scholarships. Call *Designs by Lucinda* at 800-799-6116 and ask for Laura who will give you all the details you need for placing your

order. (All orders must be prepaid.) Mention that you are ordering for Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Alpha State and your chapter name.

If you have any questions prior to calling Laura at *Designs by Lucinda*, please feel free to email Lu Page at: [REDACTED]

### Birthday Chapters 2006

Alpha Epsilon	Alpha Upsilon
Alpha Mu	Alpha Phi
Alpha Nu	Alpha Chi
Alpha Xi	Alpha Psi
Alpha Sigma	Alpha Omega
Alpha Tau	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



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Roll call of chapters, correspondence, specific reports, and announcements about dates to remember for the next biennium were important agenda items. The Rules Committee, chaired by Marion Miller, Nu, presented suggested revisions for By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Next came Society workshops - a variety including *Painted Screens; Engaging Alzheimer's Patients; Lights! Places! Curtain!; Elderhostel Revisited; and School Crisis: Planning For, Living Through, and Leading On.*



Yolonda Hutchison and Judy Schaffer share Broadway adventures

The Birthday Luncheon, with Dr. Lyn Schmid, First Vice President, presiding, honored the following chapters: Beta Omicron - 30 years; Alpha Theta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, and Alpha Lambda - 50 years; and Epsilon and Zeta - 60 years. It was a sentimental journey, with fun-filled memories, singing and dancing! Another feature was the significant recognition of the Album of Distinction Awards.



Alpha Theta entertains with their ΔKT version of "YMCA"



The Keynote Address was given by our International Guest, Sandy Whitney of El Paso, Texas, International First Vice President, who is a lively combination of wit and intelligence, strong emotion and gentle sensitivity, good humor and dynamic demeanor, and a conscientious and loving lifestyle. Earlier she had mentioned the PBS documentary, "Visions for the Future"; had stated that societies and organizations exist to enhance the quality of life; had remarked that the Educational

Foundation awarded \$117,000.00 for global projects, both new and renewed; and had announced the theme of the 2005 Regional Conferences, "Moving Forward - Excellence in Action."

The main address of Sandy Whitney, entitled "Flight Foundations," compared preparing for a flight, getting ready for takeoff, and then enjoying the ride to the purposes emphasized by the Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma. Membership in our Society of key women educators yields professional validation. We must strengthen leadership abilities at all levels by emphasizing that no leadership role is unimportant and that all tasks are truly significant. The focus is, and always has been, on members as the key to success, the "heart of Delta Kappa Gamma." Our diversity, experience, and sharing of tasks and talents will guarantee positivity and growth.

Afternoon workshops provided these choices: "Webpage 101," "Science Education - Down Under," "ALPS: Adventure Learning and Programming for Success," "The China Connection," "Beginning with Books," and "To Group or Not to Group? Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous Grouping for Reading Instruction." In addition, there was an Info Fair with numerous displays, posters, and exhibits.

The Presidents' and Founders' Banquet, with Carolyn Sutton, Second Vice President, presiding, featured the Chapter Presidents' Procession; entertainment - "Highlights from Broadway"; and installation of officers by Sandy Whitney for the 2005-2007 biennium.



Donna Houser shared a powerpoint presentation of her trip to China.



Pictured (L-R) Parliamentarian-Carol Hartley, Chi; Recording Secretary-Louann Shrader, Omega; Corresponding Secretary-Judith Schaffer, Alpha Upsilon; President-Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi; First Vice President-Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon; Second Vice President-Susan Stamm, Lambda



# HIGHLIGHTS and HAPPENINGS

A special highlight of the evening was the announcement of the recipient of the 2005 State Achievement Award, who is Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho.

Following an Ecumenical Service on Sunday morning, the "Celebration of Life," conducted by the Membership Committee, paid loving tribute to the 58 members of Alpha Alpha State who had passed into eternity during the past year.



Membership committee members, (L-R) Patricia Harrison, Joan Peters, Carolyn Sutton and Patricia Crouse conducted the Hour of Remembrance on Sunday morning.

Alpha Alpha State scholarships were awarded at the Sunday morning Honors Breakfast, which was followed by the second General Session. Budget approval and the passing of the gavel by Carol Ulrich to Dr. Lyn Schmid were the main foci of this finale of the 2005 convention.



Bridget Mayak received an enrichment grant and Melissa Redmond received the Dr. Irene Murphy Scholarship Award at the Honors Breakfast.

During the weekend inspiring and challenging "Jubilee Moments" were provided by the Alpha Alpha State Chorus, Cindy Reynolds, and Dr. Kay Thomas, in order to encourage a renewed interest in the Society mission statement and rededication to the seven purposes which bind us together in a "genuine spiritual fellowship."



Dr. Lyn Schmid receives the gavel from outgoing President, Carol Ulrich.



Northern Tioga County School children provided a rousing opening to the 2005 Alpha Alpha State Convention.



State Treasurer, Linda Fisher (L), receives a certificate of appreciation for her years of service to Alpha Alpha State. Alpha Beta Chapter President, Royce Boyd makes the presentation.



Alpha Lambda Chapter celebrated their 50th year in style and still in touch with the times! You go, girls!!!

To all of my new Pennsylvania sisters,

Please accept my thanks for warm hospitality and great times in State College at the convention. I adore my gift of the silver bowl that will remind me always of a memorable time at your convention. You should be very proud of the strength of your state and your leadership. My best to each of you and once again thanks for a swell time in Alpha Alpha State!!

Fondly,

*Sandy Whitney*, International Representative  
1st Vice President



## ALBUM OF DISTINCTION



Present for the Friday evening Album of Distinction recognition were Row 1 (L-R) Dr. Kate Sillman, Karen Snyder, Kathleen Valasek Row 2 (L-R) Diane Smith, Loretta Baran, Barbara Emmer, Haddie Weber

By Carol Hartley, Professional Affairs Chairman

Members who came to the Alpha Alpha State Convention in June, had a wonderful opportunity to learn about and honor fourteen Alpha Alpha State members who were added to our annual Album of Distinction. Thirteen chapters were represented, with honorees joining Delta Kappa Gamma in the years from 1975 to 2003.

Join in the pride of Alpha Alpha State for the contribution made by each of these special women!

Loretta R. Baran	Alpha Iota	Golden Certificate of Appreciation by Erie County Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for 25 years of contribution to the deaf community
Barbara L. Emmer	Psi	Named Woman of the Year by the DuBois Area Historical Society
Dr. Nancy G. Hoop	Chi	Recognized for twelve years of membership on the Manheim Township School Board and her many years of service to education.
Patricia Koziak	Tau	Named a Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year
Ann Marcocci	Alpha Beta	Chosen Parade Marshal for the 40th anniversary celebration of Robertsedale, Wood, & Broad Top Volunteer Fire Company because of the multiple volunteer services for them
Linda Neugebauer	Iota	Blair County PASR Volunteer of the Year Award for 1,354 hours of volunteer service to her community
Janet Patterson	Sigma	Received an Annie Sullivan award (one of 25 state-wide) for care and concern in helping students with disabilities gain acceptance in school and community
Marilyn J. Robb	Iota	Cambria County PASR Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for many hours of service to her community
Marcy Shellenberger	Alpha Delta	Named one of the Outstanding Women by the Boy Scouts of America, Penns Woods Council, for her work in education and youth development
Dr. Kate Sillman	Beta Xi	Received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the College of Education Alumni Society, Pennsylvania State University
Diane Smith	Alpha Epsilon	Elected to the Presidency of The Pennsylvania School Counselors Association
Karen Snyder	Beta Gamma	Accepted to the Pennsylvania Governor's School for World Language Educators
Kathleen Valasek	Alpha Theta	Inducted into the Ford City Hall of Fame in recognition of her service through music to the local schools and her community
Haddie Weber	Alpha Phi	Received the 2004 Woman of Achievement in Arts Award from the McKeesport YWCA for her contributions to her community, especially through music



## STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS



### THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Pat Shedlock, U.S. Forum

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#### NUCLEAR VOTE

A compromise was reached in the Senate that will preserve a long tradition of open debate in judicial nominations. This compromise urges President Bush to consult and cooperate with both parties before naming court nominees. At stake is the balance of the U.S. Supreme Court where a vacancy is expected this summer. If the balance is tilted, there is a chance that private school vouchers could be ruled constitutional.

#### PRIVATIZING SOCIAL SECURITY

This plan is expected to come to the Senate before the August recess. The Director of the Congressional Budget Office has said that creating private stock accounts by taking money from Social Security will endanger the future financial deficit. The Privatization proposal also jeopardizes children and widows who receive survivor benefits and persons with disabilities who depend on Social Security for income.

#### WELCOME, REINSTATED MEMBERS!

##### Sigma

Mrs. Margaret Auten

##### Upsilon

Mrs. Michelle Bridges  
Mrs. Mary Beth Girardi  
Mrs. Jane Klingenberg  
Mrs. Janet Lea Henderson  
Mrs. Fay M. Cochran  
Ms. Michelle R. Reynolds

##### Alpha Xi

Mrs. Angelo Greco Honchar

##### Alpha Rho

Dr. Rita R. Mundy

##### Beta Epsilon

Mrs. Diana Mastrine



#### APPROPRIATIONS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In June, Congress will work on the appropriations for education programs. The allocation for 2006 is \$141.6 billion. This amount is \$163 million below the 2005 figure. President Bush has asked for cutting Title I and IDEA funding by half. It is expected that half of the 48 programs President Bush has recommended to be eliminated, will be ending. This includes: Elementary and Secondary School Counseling, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Communities State Grants, School Leadership and Comprehensive School Reform. Please URGE your legislators to SUPPORT FULL FUNDING for NCLB(No Child Left Behind) and IDEA( Individuals with Disabilities Act).

#### RETIREMENT ISSUES

##### A. ISSUE:PROPERTY TAX REFORM

ACTION: Support proposals that will reduce the property tax burden and establish more equitable ways to fund public education.

##### B. PUBLIC EDUCATION

ACTION: Support legislation that promotes improving public education and oppose proposals that might prevent school systems from providing the highest quality education.

#### ADVOCACY TIPS:

When contacting your state or national legislators:

1. Write legibly or type if possible.
2. Choose an official who can help solve the problem.
3. Personalize your letter.
4. Be aware of your issue and make your point in one page.
5. Identify the bill by number and name.
6. Write to say you approve of an action.
7. Send a "thank you" when an issue is resolved.

Cynthia Kramer, Pennsylvania's jewelry representative will accompany George Ihnat of **Ihnat Specialty Designs** to present the Delta Kappa Gamma jewelry at the Northeast and Southeast Regional Conventions.

**Good News:** A view of all jewelry selections can be seen on the website.

([www.GeorgeIhnat.com](http://www.GeorgeIhnat.com)).

Also, credit card payment is now available.



## Seminar of Purpose, March 11-13, 2005

By Susan Stamm, Personal Growth Chairman

Outside the snowflakes may have been swirling and the March winds howling, but inside the hotels at Williamsburg Square in State College the environment was warm and friendly.

The Program of Work Committee under the direction of Dr. Lyn Schmid wanted a seminar that would inspire our members to leadership, encourage their intellect and provide insight into their potential.

To that end, the participants were assigned to be part of groups of actual muses: Terpsichore-the muse of dance; Thalia-the muse of comedy and playful, idyllic poetry; and Euterpe-the muse of music. They moved through the sessions as these muses to build their capacities.

School psychologists Melissa Daly and Marj Paradise led the session on intellect. They introduced the participants to emotional intelligence, which is the capacity to know and manage one's emotions, to marshal emotions in the service of goals, to recognize emotions in others and to effectively handle relationships. They explained the benefits derived from building one's own EQ in self-awareness, managing emotions, harnessing emotions productively, improving empathy and sensitivity to others' feelings and handling relationships. They added that success depends much more on EQ than on IQ.

Signa Parker, wellness expert, led the workshop on insight. First participants brainstormed the definition of "wellness." Then she led participants to believe that how a woman perceives herself and how she thinks have the potential to impact physical well-being and performance. She shared that gratitude is the most important factor to turning one's life around. Signa also stressed the difference between pleasure vs. gratification with pleasure being short term and requiring no effort. Gratification has long term effects requiring time, energy and talent. Signa welcomes e-mail correspondence at [REDACTED] and will share more information about insight and her workshop.

The third workshop provided for the weekend was that of inspiration led by Jackie Castleman and Randa Rineer, Chi chapter members and teachers in the Hempfield School District. These two young women examined how inspiration can give us courage to create opportunities to build leadership capacity. They explored with the participants how to identify passions, what barriers prevent us from building leadership, where our inspiration comes from and how to build an action plan for achieving our goals.

Interspersed with these three workshops, Grace Schauer and Yolonda Hutchison led the participants in Ah-Musing activities. Grace had the women involved with weaving activities. Yolonda provided a clever scavenger hunt. Both of these activities provided opportunity for us to become better acquainted with one another.

After dinner on Saturday evening, Grace organized the women into an "Amazing Race" activity. Small groups were formed. With a few props, each group had to creatively complete a part of the journey. The object was to get books from New York to teachers in Afghanistan with barriers set up along the way. It was a fun evening with women educators displaying how creative they can become.

The Seminar closed on Sunday morning with an Intergenerational Reflections panel. Three women were chosen to speak: Eileen Little, representing women in their 40's, Anita Pense, the 50's age group and Joan Roy, the 60's. Women in the 30's age group had the freedom to return home to families on Saturday evening and thus were not represented on Sunday. Although there was no 70's representative, those women added to the discussion. All the women on the panel were first time seminar attendees and were positive in their comments. Eileen Little spoke first. Through the Insight workshop, she learned about core values and gratification. In Inspiration, she learned what barriers were holding her back. She added that what she learned about Emotional Intelligence would relate to her classroom more than her personal life. Anita Pense felt rejuvenated after her weekend experience. She said that she was looking forward to retirement and what new passions she would have. She also learned that it is possible to change emotional intelligence. Joan Roy came to the seminar thinking that younger teachers would benefit more than she. On Sunday morning, she realized that she had also benefited greatly from her experience. While she is retired, she felt that she would be able to use what she learned in her volunteer activities.

Alpha Alpha State President Carol Ulrich referred to "balcony" and "basement" people and said that Delta Kappa Gamma women are balcony people because they uplift and support each other. They give one another the courage to try new things. Members should feel the support to move beyond the chapter level. Many other women added positive comments about their seminar experience.

The seminar closed with a raffle of many wonderful prizes provided by the Program of Work Committee. Everyone returned home with new information, new friends and the warmth of spring in their hearts.



*Muriel Lebo*

January 8, 2005

Muriel was a supportive member of Kappa Chapter. She taught Home Economics for Halifax and Central Dauphin School Districts for over thirty years.

*Mildred J. Lippert*

August 27, 2004

A member of the Society for forty years, Miss Lippert was an active contributor to both Alpha Zeta and Beta Rho Chapters. She was a charter member of Beta Rho. Mildred was a science teacher at the Elk Lake School and was known as a "Master Teacher."

*Martha M. Mitchell*

January 21, 2005

A member of Alpha Theta Chapter, Martha worked as the librarian at Kittanning Senior High School for thirty-eight years.

*Dorothy D. Mountz*

February 18, 2005

As a long-time member of Nu Chapter, Dorothy mentored many of the younger members. She was a special education educator in Eastern Lebanon County Schools for more than 37 years.

*Allene S. Nichol*

February 10, 2005

A charter member, Allene served as the first president of Alpha Psi Chapter. She was chapter treasurer for over forty years. She taught English and Latin at Chartiers-Houston High School.

*Myra Plumridge*

April 2, 2005

Myra was a member of Alpha Chapter. She was certified in Art Education and had developed a new middle school curriculum. She was pursuing a second Masters' Degree, this time in administration.

*Ruth S. Purnell*

November 25, 2004

A past president of Xi Chapter, Ruth was an Alpha Alpha State Woman of Distinction in 2004. She taught many years in the Tamaqua School District.

*Kathleen M. Sabatine*

April 2, 2005

Kate presented a program on Literature Circles for her chapter, Alpha Alpha. She was the Director of Instructional Service for the Bangor Area School District. She also taught at East Stroudsburg University.

*E. Irene Shure*

January 27, 2005

Miss Shure was a charter member of Sigma Chapter. She taught eight years at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA and thirty-four years at Shikellamy School District, Sunbury.

*Judith A. Sofranko*

February 25, 2005

Judith served Tau Chapter as chapter president (1992-1994), parliamentarian, corresponding secretary, and on various committees. She taught for thirty seven years on the elementary level.

*Marion Stepnick*

October 18, 2004

Marion was a lifelong member of Alpha Pi Chapter.

*Kathryn R. Swank*

March 1, 2005

Kathryn was a member of Sigma Chapter for forty-nine years. She was an English teacher, Sunday school teacher, member of AAUW and Eastern Star.

*Rita Mae Switzler*

September 20, 2004

Rita served Beta Epsilon Chapter as co-chair of Historical Records and Membership Committees. She was their Birthday Program Planner. Rita taught first grade for thirty years in the Northern Cambria School District.

*Virginia G. Taylor*

December 17, 2004

Virginia served as parliamentarian and chaired numerous committees for Alpha Xi Chapter. She taught for forty four years in the former Bellevue School District (now Northgate), first as an English teacher and then as a guidance counselor.

*Helen Yount*

December 28, 2004

Helen was a supportive member of Kappa Chapter. She taught foreign languages for over thirty years.

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**Notice of Members' Deaths:** The procedure for reporting deaths of chapter members requires the chapter president to file **Form 6 - Report of the Death of a Member**, sending copies to the **State Treasurer, Linda O'Connor** and the **State Second Vice President/Membership Chairman, Susan Stamm**. The Membership Chairman sends the *In Memoriam* report to the editor for each issue of *The Keystonean*. The editor prints only those death notices that she has received in this manner.



# CHAPTER NEWS

## ZETA

Zeta Chapter initiated the following seven people into our chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in October 2004:

- \*Susan Hardy
- \*Marian Hayduk
- \*Kristine McCowin
- \*Gloria Niedbala
- \*Diane Pagani
- \*Darlene Stone
- \*Terri Taylor

Zeta also lost 2 sisters in November:

Angeline DeLuca was a retired elementary reading specialist from Ambridge Area School District. She was a Zeta member for 21 years.

Marian Starr had been the secretary of the Dean of the School of Applied Sciences at Case Western Reserve University, employed by the News Tribune newspaper, and retired from Big Beaver Falls Junior High School where she had been a French and Latin teacher. She was a Zeta member for 49 years.

*Submitted by Sandy Emery, Membership Chair*

## KAPPA



*Kappa members, (L-R) Rita Fox and Margaret Wolf share memories of early teaching days*

In September, Kappa Chapter went to Bethany Village for our meeting because one of our sisters who lives there is unable to attend any of our meetings. We invited any resident to attend, especially those who were teachers. Our

discussion concerned "Education--Then and Now." It was wonderful sharing educational experiences and especially learning about the teaching situations that some of the 'older' members experienced. **Rita Fox**, the oldest Kappa sister, was able to attend.

In January, we inducted two new members into our chapter. They are **Cheryl Holquist** (L) and **Barb Allen** (R). Both



are teachers in the Carlisle School District.

*Submitted by Mary Fetrow, Communications Chair*

*Photos courtesy Pat Crouse*

## THETA

Against a background of pumpkins, cornstalks, and the falling leaves of autumn, Theta Chapter installed eight new members during their October 2004 meeting at South Hills Country Club in Pittsburgh. These women represent a diverse group of educators who serve the children of Western Pennsylvania across a wide range of classrooms. We are proud to welcome the following women professionals to our company:



- \*Janine Kopko - Elementary Spanish and History
- \*Kelly Skweres - Middle School Communications
- \*Roseanna Febbraro - High School Spanish
- \*Mary Francis Duttine - Middle School Learning Support
- \*Laura Ann Goins - Middle School Reading
- \*Antonella Gabriel - Elementary Reading Coach
- \*Elizabeth Ann Kelly - Middle School Social Studies
- \*Keely Keyser - High School Science

With the addition of each new initiate, and the support of our veteran members, Theta Chapter is working to fulfill Delta Kappa Gamma's mission of uniting women educators in personal and professional fellowship.

*Submitted with photo by Janice Ballinger*

## ETA

ETA Chapter celebrated their 58th birthday on February 12th with a brunch at the Outdoor Country Club in York. The program highlighted the tremendous strides made by our Society over the



*Hester Lehman received her 50 year membership pin from chapter president, Terri Stetler.*

past 75 years. Honored members who had reached significant milestones of membership in our Society were presented with a lovely silk rose and a handmade bookmark as mementos of this occasion.

*Submitted with photo by Fran Reinhard*



# CHAPTER NEWS

## DELTA

### Delta Chapter Boosts Tri-Chapter Meeting

Delta Chapter members shared fellowship, a delicious buffet, and words of wisdom at the March 5 Tri-Chapter Meeting of Beta, Alpha Alpha, and Delta Chapters at Moselem Springs Inn near Kutztown, PA.

The program opened with a reminder from state president Carol Ulrich to make the Seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma active and to foster communication in our daily lives. The messenger of wisdom - Dr. Elizabeth Yonson, Assistant Superintendent of the Bangor Area School District - delivered a convincing talk on the advances women in Pennsylvania have made in achieving positions of leadership. Tracing the rocky route of women's progress in both the political arena and the public school arena (i.e., the suffrage movement, achievement of the right to vote, the growth of women teacher organizations), Yonson presented statistics from a survey she recently carried out to illustrate the advances women have made in the past hundred years. She noted, in closing, that in 2004 ninety-six women had become school superintendents in Pennsylvania and that 79 of them held the doctorate.

Maura Wesner of Beta Chapter served as genial mistress of ceremonies.

## ALPHA THETA



*Enjoying the festivities of Alpha Theta's 50th anniversary are (L-R) Deborah Ceraso, Second Vice President; Madge Weber, charter member; Valerie Ripple, President; Glenna Wood, member; Mary Jo Valasek, member; Maxine Bieber, member*

### 50th Anniversary of Alpha Theta Chapter Observed

On January 15, 1955, fifteen Armstrong and Clarion County teachers gathered at the old Alexander Hotel in Kittanning, and the Alpha Theta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was chartered. At a lovely candlelight ceremony on March 14, 2005, at the Rural Valley Lodge, present members of Alpha Theta Chapter observed their 50th Anniversary.



*Pictured (L-R) are: Dorothy Filer, May Ann Tremba, Gladys Miller, Marjorie Richter, Eileen Kern (standing), and Joan Glass  
Submitted with photos by Linda Heindel*

## ALPHA EPSILON

State President Carol Ulrich spent time in Warren, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, April 9, 2005, visiting and sharing information with members of Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Mu chapters. She shared an inspiring message based on the theme "Roots and Wings" which encouraged members to honor, support, and act as members of Delta Kappa Gamma. Her emphasis was on the idea that the Society is comprised of women who move one on to higher goals. In addition the women educators of the Society provide wings to make a difference in the people around us. The Society members give us the roots to grow and the wings to spread our message. Members of both chapters are very grateful for her willingness to take the time to visit and share her message. It was a pleasure to share ideas and get inspiration from such a vital president.

*Submitted by Barbara Kimbrough, Newsletter Chairperson*

The fifteen charter members of the chapter, Besse Ekis Barr, Pauline I. Smith, Ruth H. Karl, Madge Weber, Helen Armagost, Kathryn Lukehart, Eula Yates, Florence R. Crisman, Mildred Schall, Grace Johnston, Agnes Leek, Eleanor Stull, DeRose Campbell, Marcella Martin and Kathleen McCoy, were honored by present members of the chapter. A short skit was presented relating the teaching career of each Key Woman Teacher. It was a privilege to have Miss Madge Weber, a charter member, as our honored guest.

The Alpha Theta Chapter is very active in granting scholarships and grants-in-aid to local students majoring in education at local colleges and universities. The Besse Ekis Barr Scholarship is available to Alpha Theta members for enrichment and further study in their chosen field.

*Submitted with photo by Jean McCleary*



## Second Women in the

### AROMATHERAPY



Grace Schauer "samples" a scent in the aromatherapy session presented by **Judy Castano**.

### Quotables

*"It has been a refreshing and revitalizing weekend. I have come to appreciate what a wonderful group of women Delta Kappa Gamma members are."*

*"The retreat time was fun, interesting, congenial, relaxing and certainly worthwhile."*

### FLOWER CARE and ARRANGEMENT



**Mary Kay Torrey** (center) explains the fine art of design to her students, **Jean Ann Myers** (L) and **Sylvia Wood** (R).



The Women in the Arts Retreat welcomed 23 participants from the four corners of our state to the great creative Pow Wow at *The Woods* in Knoxville, PA. Members representing 9 chapters enjoyed leisure, creativity and fellowship with Delta Kappa Gamma sisters. There were new attendees, new creative endeavors and new friendships made at the retreat.

Co-chairmen, Terri Stetler and Carolyn Sutton would like to thank our able artisans for the role they played in making this event a success!



It's OK to do your own thing! **Ann Mount** relaxes with her cross stitch.

### BASKETRY



**Tammy Ebert**, presenter, assists **Nikki McWilliams** with her weaving.

### WE DRAW THE LINE



**Kathy Cummings** presents...



and **Joane Conner** creates



# Retreat Offers Lots of FIRSTS

## NATIVE AMERICAN INSPIRED JEWELRY



**Sue Waltemyer** (center) instructs (L-R) Judy Schaffer and Francene Imbrogno on the fine art of bead stringing.

## SCREEN PAINTING



**Louise Garverick** shares her newly acquired skill in screen painting techniques.

## QUICKIE CRAFT CORNER



An unexpected and delightful addition to our sessions was assembling pressed flower bookmarks. Pictured (L-R) **Suzanne Long** explains the construction technique to Ruth Althouse and Betty Raymond.



## HAND DRUMMING THAT TELLS A STORY

presented by

**Yolonda Hutchison** and **Grace Schauer**



(Picutured L-R) Yolonda Hutchison reads an Iroquois prayer. Thespians Kay Stewart and Judy Castano take part in the Saturday night folktale, *Iktomi and the Boulder*. Jean Myers displays her dancing skills during the evening Pow Wow.



**Carolyn Sutton** (L) leads the arts retreat evaluation and bestows on each participant their patron chief name. Terri Stetler congratulates President Carol Ulrich, *Silver Wings*,



bestowed in keeping with her biennium theme of *Roots & Wings*. Dr. Irene Murphy (R) gets a chuckle from her Indian name *Two Leggings*. She had the great wisdom to bring her long underwear!





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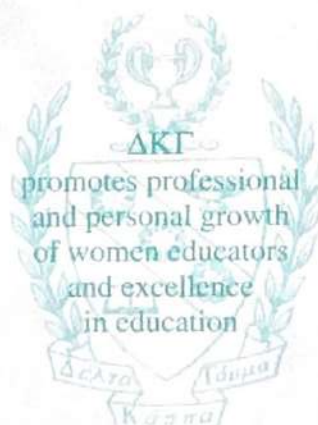
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for registration



**DEADLINE FOR THE KEYSTONIAN August 1, 2005**

## In Memoriam

*Ruth S. Barkley*  
January 29, 2005

Ruth was a charter member of Alpha Upsilon Chapter. She served as chapter president during the 1964-1966 biennium. Ruth was an elementary teacher and principal. She was instrumental in *People Against Litter*, visiting area schools for presentations.

*Ruth A. Brice*  
January 24, 2005

Ruth was a charter member of Alpha Beta Chapter, holding officer positions. Working as an educator for thirty-six years, she was also an active member of AAUW and BPW.

*Doris L. Brown*  
March 29, 2005

Dr. Brown was a loyal member of Iota Chapter, serving on numerous committees. She was a professor of biology and botany at Slippery Rock, Wayne State, and the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. She volunteered at a local hospice. Iota Chapter will miss her infectious smile.

*Joyce E. Hay*  
November 6, 2004

Joyce was chapter president of Alpha Alpha during the 1960-1962 biennium. She was also chapter treasurer for many years. She taught business education in Wilson Borough for forty years.

*Mary W. Juart*  
March 14, 2005

Mary served as Ways and Means Chairman of Psi Chapter as well as Area Chairman. She was a dedicated and respected teacher at Mapleview Elementary School in Punxsutawney, Pa.

*Ardis Forsythe Keener*  
March 22, 2005

Ardis was a charter member of Alpha Lambda Chapter. She was faithful to her church, family and our Society.

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