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Servant Leadership: "Hand In Hand Our Loyal Band" The 2006 Alpha Alpha State Convention

By Louann Shrader, Recording Secretary

Amidst an aura of fellowship and anticipation, the members of Alpha Alpha State of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International gathered in State College the weekend of June 9-11, 2006 to open and celebrate the 69th session of the Alpha Alpha State Convention under the guidance and direction of Alpha Alpha State President, Dr. Lyn Schmid. The theme of servant leadership, which was echoed throughout the year as Dr. Lyn visited chapters and conducted leadership development sessions, permeated the atmosphere and direction of the convention.

Present, also, were special guests for the weekend who likewise helped to define and model the theme of servant leadership. Those guests included Sandra Smith Bull, Delta Kappa Gamma's International Executive Coordinator, Pamela Chappell, songwriter and performer as well as a Delta Kappa Gamma member and state officer from Alpha Iota State, Michigan, and Carolyn Gable, CEO of a multimillion-dollar business and creator of the "Expect A Miracle" Foundation. Sandra Smith Bull brought greetings and information from International. Throughout the weekend members were given many opportunities to connect with Sandra, have their questions answered one on one, and learn more about the operation of International and the employees there who work on behalf of the members of the Society.



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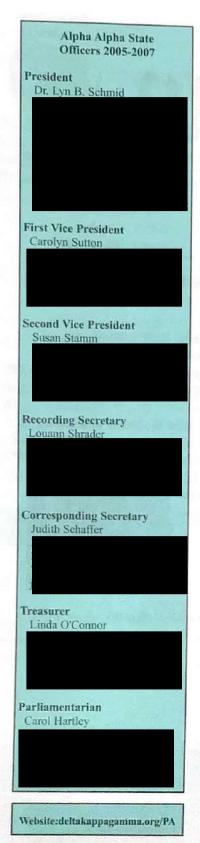
Nancy Grove Recipient Of State Achievement Award

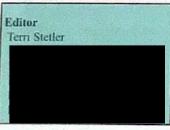
By Barbara Clark, Communications Chairman

Patient - Kind - Helpful - Serene - Thoughtful - Knowledgeable - Supportive - Encouraging -Modest These wonderful qualities describe Nancy B. Grove, Alpha Alpha State 2006 Achievement Award recipient. Nancy's involvement with Delta Kappa Gamma has spanned over thirty years. She was initiated into Alpha Upsilon, then transferred to Beta Beta Chapter. She served her chapters by holding every officer position and being chairman of a variety of committees and chairman of a Fall Area

Conference held in the Pittsburgh area. Not limiting her service to the chapter, she also moved to the state level. Her responsibilities included presider/hostess for workshops at state conventions, escort for officers and she chaired the Achievement Award Committee, State Membership, State Program Committee, and State Nominations Committee. She also received two Alpha Alpha State Scholarships. Alpha Alpha State offices that Nancy held were Corresponding Secretary, Second Vice President, First Vice President and 1993-1995 President. She also presided over the Leadership Continued on page 10.

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Dr. Lyn Schmid congratulates
Carolyn Gable for her servant
leadership role with the "Expect A
Miracle" Foundation.

Alpha Alpha State President's Message

By Lyn B. Schmid, Ed. D.

The recent Alpha Alpha State Convention theme centered on *servant leadership* - leadership that emerges from those whose primary motivation is a deep desire to serve others. I'm convinced that its

greatest influence is yet to come in organizations, institutions, and especially in our Society.

Servant and leader - can these two roles be fused in one real person, in all levels of their status or their calling?

A fresh, critical look is being taken at the issues of power and authority in these days of Enron and Tyco, and people are beginning to learn to relate to one another in less coercive and more creatively supporting ways. A new moral principle is emerging in society in light of the greed and autocracy that is currently being litigated in the courts. That principle is that the only authority deserving a member's allegiance is that which is freely and knowingly granted by the member to the leader in response to and in proportion to the clearly evident servant stature of the leader.

Members of institutions and organizations will not and should not accept the leadership of an individual because of a title or office, because of charisma, or because of her desire for power. Rather, they should freely respond only to individuals who are chosen as leaders because they are proven and trusted as servants.

In my travels across the state to your chapters, I often heard that you had difficulty having members to step up to take chapter offices. If you are having that problem, I ask you to consider if they are hesitant to be placed in the role of preserving a system that makes them uncomfortable. Is there an environment that exists that is causing them to fear making a mistake? The servant leader of a chapter says, "I will go; come with me!" The leader initiates, provides the ideas and the structure. The servants in the chapter must say, "We will take the risk of failure along with the chance of success with you, not blame you."

I have presented several Intergenerational Cooperation programs in chapters this past year. Much they find today will disturb our veterans in this group who grew up in a period when values were more settled and the future seemed more secure. But one firm note of hope comes through loud and clear; we are at a point in history in which women are growing up faster and some extraordinarily able, mature, servant-disposed women are emerging in their early and middle twenties. And they are not an elite group; they are all sorts of exceptional women, most of whom could be ready for some large society-shaping responsibility by the time they are thirty if they are encouraged to prepare for leadership as soon as their potential as builders (if you read my last Keystonian message) and servants is identified.

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Preparation to lead for young members must be the first priority of your chapter and our state organization. And it may take some difficult bending of resources and some unusual initiatives to accomplish all that should be accomplished in these critical years WHILE giving leadership preparation first priority. But whatever it takes, it must be done.

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MEMBERSHIP

by Susan Stamm, Membership Chairman

Welcome, new Chapter Membership Chairmen! You have an exciting and awesome two years ahead of you as you fulfill the duties of your new position. You and your committee have one of the most important responsibilities in the chapter, for you must not only seek out and initiate key women educators into your fold but you must also keep your present members active and interested. Your Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee is ready and willing to give you any help you might need. The workshop at state convention should have provided you with valuable information; if you were not able to attend, you still have an opportunity to receive training at one of the area conferences this fall. You should put this on your calendar right now! (Information is provided elsewhere in this issue about these two meetings. See page 18.) It is very important that you avail yourself of all the training offered to you so you can fulfill your responsibilities. While you are studying and learning your new job, use these tips to attract new members and energize your chapter.

A popular TV talk-show host uses a Top 10 list. Copying that concept, here are:

Ten Top Ways to Attract New Members*

- 1. Be proactive in supporting educational issues.
- Consider women in all areas of education for membership.
- 3. Target Key Women Educators.
- 4. Each one reach one.
- 5. Award scholarships to chapter members.
- 6. Increase the visibility of the chapter.
- 7. Present quality programs.

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All of this rests on the assumption that the only way to make our Society vibrant is to recruit and develop women who will make it vibrant. These builders will make of our organization what works best for the days in which they serve. Their motto will be "How do we get the right things done for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society?"

And the result of these servant leaders' work will be this: all women who are touched by their effort will stand on the shoulders of these giants, and become healthier, stronger, more autonomous women, and more disposed to serve. This is what will decide our organization's enduring success, not its eventual demise.

- 8. Invite guests to meetings.
- Sponsor or co-sponsor a community educational event.
- Publicize the Society. Tell people who we are and what we do.

Ten Top Ways to Energize Your Chapter*

- 1. Keep busy women active using their talents.
- 2. Provide informative, exciting meetings.
- 3. Collaborate with other organizations.
- 4. Promote genuine personal concern for each other.
- 5. Participate in community projects.
- 6. Network with other chapters.
- 7. Reach out to members by e-mail and newsletters.
- 8. Encourage carpooling to meetings.
- Promote attendance at State, Regional, and International meetings.
- 10.Feed and entertain!

These are just some quick tips to help your chapter stay healthy and grow. Take your responsibilities seriously and learn all you can about the office you hold and what you can do for your chapter and the Society. Members are the Key to the Society! It's your job to take care of the members.

*Top 10 lists were borrowed from the 2001-2003 Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee

SOCIETY KEYPIN INFORMATION

(Sign and place with other jewelry)

To my family and friends,

I purchased this keypin when initiated into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Other pins I may have received have been given to me in recognition of services rendered to the Society.

Since only a member of The Delta Kappa

Gamma Society in good standing is allowed to
wear the keypin, I ask that, upon my death, my
keypin, and any other pins from The Delta

Kappa Gamma Society International, be
returned to my chapter for continued use by other members.

Signed,

A member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Date

Note: Families may contact International Headquarters for information; direct inquiries to the Membership Department at International Headquarters, toll-free phone number 1-888-762-4685; e-mail promem@deltakappagamma.org

PROGRAM

Put Passion In Your Program Planning

By Carolyn Sutton, State Program Chairman

How exciting for you to be named to your Chapter's Program of Work Committee for 2006-2008! This summer is a perfect time to gather your team together and plan the chapter's programs and projects. Your team includes the chairs of the following committees: Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs (including US Forum), Research, Projects, and Visual and Performing Arts. Hopefully you and your committee members were on hand to network with your state counterpart at the recent state convention. You will have another opportunity for information and ideas at the workshops at the Fall Area Conferences.

The most valuable resource that I can suggest is the new Program Resource Guide, Passion for Learning: The Essence of Growth, available for purchase from International Headquarters. It is a most useful tool, a must-have item for you and your committee. The program guide is designed to:

- offer programs for the personal and professional development of women educators
- · support the seven purposes
- · provide research on cutting-edge issues facing women educators and education

This manual offers five passions for learning, teaching, and sharing. It includes planning tips, program frameworks, and actual program suggestions for each. I've selected a sample of each for you.

RESEARCH: "Phase II Begins"

By Cynthia Kramer, Research Chairman

The Research Committee wants to extend our thanks to all chapters! We have 100% participation in the collection of chapter membership information needed for our project. The data has been computerized and ready to be analyzed by our committee.

During Phase II, the committee will prepare a power point summary to be presented to the Executive Board in August. The goal is to show untapped school districts that may be recruited for new members and areas for expansion. During the summary process individual chapter reports will be developed to reflect the status of each chapter compared to the established outline for Alpha Alpha State.

OF WORK

Passion for Creativity: Plan a program of sharing ideas and knowledge. Have a chapter book share. Have each member share a one to two minute talk on the most recent book she has read.

Passion for the Arts: The Art of Container Gardening: ask a master gardener or a plant supply store to come and give tips.

Passion for Inclusion and Getting to Know You:

"Sole Mates" - Members are given a piece of paper cut in the shape of a shoe. They are asked to write (for example) their favorite food on the toe, their favorite car on the heel of the shoe, and the month they were born in the middle. Then they try to find someone similar as a "sole mate".

Passion for Leading and Professionalism: Study women who are leaders in your community. Invite them to a chapter meeting for a panel discussion and a question-and-answer session.

Passion for Mentoring and Advocacy: Offer a program on protecting your identity. An attorney or a bank officer would be an excellent guest speaker for this important topic.

The program guide is available as a CD and also as a printed version in an 8 1/2" x 11" loose-leaf format. This makes it easy for you and your team to use your own creativity and adjust to the needs and interests of your local members. The set of a CD and printed version is priced at \$20; a CD alone is \$5.

Finally, remember to call on any member of your state Program of Work Team whenever we can be of help. We are here to serve you.



Calling for Special Memories

As we prepare to celebrate Alpha Alpha State's 70th birthday, the Historical Records Committee is searching for "school teacher" memories.

We want to start back around 1937 and find out

PROGRAM

OF WORK

ALPHA ALPHA STATE PROJECT



Many people may agree with me that there is no such thing as "coincidence." Some people have been known to call them "God-incidences." You just never know when or where these "coincidences" will occur. Let me take this time to share with you the "coincidences" that have occurred in the process of selecting "Expect A Miracle" as the newest Alpha Alpha State project.

The first "coincidence" occurred late last summer. There was a boy from our area who was struck by lightning while attending his family reunion. Many church signs in the area read, "Pray for David and Expect A Miracle." The next "coincidence" happened in an unlikely place, a beauty salon. While waiting my turn, I began browsing in a copy of the Ladies Home Journal and began reading an article about Carolyn Gable and her Expect A Miracle Foundation. It took many days to mull this project over in my mind before I felt comfortable approaching Dr. Schmid about Expect A Miracle becoming our new state project. When I did, I found that it touched a cord in her life as well. Expect A Miracle was adopted as one of our state projects and Carolyn Gable was invited to speak at this year's Alpha Alpha State Convention. The third "coincidence" occurred when we were picking up Carolyn Gable at the State College airport the first night of convention. Just prior to Carolyn's arrival, a thunderstorm with strong winds went through. When Carolyn's plane landed, the

sun was shining and a beautiful rainbow appeared. If you have looked at the website, www.expectamiracle-foundation.org., you will notice a rainbow in the logo at the top of the page.

Carolyn's luncheon speech fit "hand in hand" with the convention theme "Servant Leadership." Telling her rags to riches story, Carolyn emphasized her need to give back. Her Expect A Miracle Foundation is her effort to do just that. Her concern for single parents raising children alone was evident. Except for room and board, Carolyn's visit to our convention was at her own expense. Carolyn's giving didn't end there. She also inspired many at her afternoon workshop. She supported Alpha Alpha State's projects by purchasing numerous raffle basket tickets, items at all the Chapter Focus tables, and 45 Lucinda Pins in support of the Afghanistan Project. In addition, we recently received confirmation that an applicant recommended by members of Psi Chapter will receive \$600 from Expect A Miracle Foundation for her children to attend summer camp. Cindy Reynolds e-mailed Carolyn after a conversation they had at convention about a special needs child from her school who is in desperate need of tutoring over the summer. Although the little boy does not qualify for Expect A Miracle funds, Carolyn agreed to personally fund the \$460 cost of tutoring through her New Age Transportation Company.

It is obvious to me there was no "coincidence" that Carolyn was at convention this year. Dr. Seuss once wrote these prophetic words, "Oh the places you'll go and the people you'll meet..." It was apparent to many at convention this year, that Carolyn Gable was meant to be one of those people to meet and that there is no "coincidence" that Expect A Miracle is an Alpha Alpha State Project.

what was going on in education then. What were the rules that female teachers had to follow? What kind of help was in the classroom? How did you make copies, if you were able to at all? Was there a dress code for teachers? If you were teaching then and would share some memories, send them on to the committee.

Then we want to jump to 1947. How had education changed by then? What hadn't changed? Let us know.

We are looking for things like the following: When were you first allowed to wear pants to school? What did you wear? When did you get an aide? What new technology was introduced, how and when? What about computers? When did special area classes (art, music,

etc.) start? What about special education? How has discipline, class size, transportation etc. changed in the last 70 years? Your memories will help the Historical Records Committee plan a fun-filled look back at education in general and Alpha Alpha State, too.

Please write to or e-mail Carol Goodman at

Other members of this committee are: Yolonda Hutchison, Shirley Newhart, Kathy Kuzmiak, and Barb Emmer. Please feel free to contact any of them, too.

Professional Affairs

PERSONAL GROWTH & SERVICES

By Pat Shedlock, Personal Growth Chairman

BUILDING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP

"A friend is a second self." Aristotle

A goal of Alpha Alpha State's Personal Growth and Services Committee is to share with chapters ways to build connectedness and cohesiveness within the chapter. In this article, I'd like to touch on one of these ways and that is building strong relationships, particularly strengthening friendships among women.

In a UCLA Study on Friendship Among Women by Gale Berkowitz, it is suggested that friendships between women are special enough to have very positive effects on us. These friendships can form who we are and who we are to become. They can calm the turmoil in our inner world, help to fill in the emotional gaps and help us realize who we really are.

In the past 50 years, scientists believed that when people experienced extreme stress, they went into a fight or flight mode of behavior. This previous research was mostly conducted on men.

Laura Cousin Klein, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Bio-behavioral Health at Penn State University and one of the authors of this study, states that women tend to have another coping mechanism besides fight or flight. This other mechanism is to tend to children and to gather with other women. It seems that the hormone oxytocin is released during a woman's stress response. It is this hormone that encourages the tending and the befriending. This in turn, encourages the release of more oxytocin. Studies also show that strong social ties can reduce the risks of disease by lowering blood pressure, heart rate and cholesterol. A health study from Harvard Medical School likewise showed that the more friends women had, the more likely they were to lead happy lives and less likely to have physical ailments. So there are a few of the benefits of female friendships.

What can we do to build and maintain these friendships? Jay Dennis, in his book, The Jesus Habits, shares the following ways to build relationships.

- 1. Be yourself. Realize that some people will like you for who you are and some will not.
- 2. Ask everyday that people may cross your path in your daily routine.
- 3. Be friendly, smile, exude kindness.

By Cindy Reynolds, Professional Affairs Chairman



Exemplifying true servant leadership are the 2006 Women of Distinction honored Friday evening at the Alpha Alpha State Convention. Twenty two Alpha Alpha State members were recognized for their contributions outside the sphere of Delta Kappa Gamma. Chapter presidents introduced their honorees whose services are as varied as they are impressive. Congratulations to these deserving women!

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- 4. Look in areas of familiarity work, neighborhood, church, school.
- 5. Don't wait for someone to approach you.
- 6. Focus on other people.
- 7. Be sympathetic and compassionate.
- 8. Be there for people in times of celebration and in sorrow.
- 9. Be encouraging through words, comments, and acts of kindness.
- Have a good sense of humor.
- 11. Be a giver, not a taker.
- 12. Repair broken relationships.

Is there a Delta Kappa Gamma sister you would like to get to know or one you would like to reconnect with? Maybe one or more than one of the above suggestions will help you build the bonds of friendship.

"Hold a true friend in both your hands."

Nigerian proverb

2006 ALBUM OF DISTINCTION

Committee Presents The 2006 Women of Distinction

Patricia Arnold	Beta Rho	First Susquehanna County "Outstanding Teacher" selected and recognized by the Susquehanna County Independent newspaper
Karen Ball	Psi	Nominated for "Poet of the Year 2005" by poetry.com; "From the Eyes of a Quilt" selected to be recorded and released on CD
Susan Bechetti	Tau	Educator of the Year 2005-2006 Phi Delta Kappa Chapter of Wilkes University
Pamela Blesh	Beta Nu	Honored as a volunteer with her therapy dog by Clinton County's Susque View Home: visits one on one; plays harp as a part of her message; teaches piano to residents
Susan Braun	Beta Xi	Monetary Award to support research projects for her students in environmental studies
Sandra Brown	Chi	Finalist in Teacher Impact Awards presented and sponsored by WGAL-TV and Capital Blue Cross; nominated by her peers
Connie Carley	Alpha Theta	Donated 60% of her liver to the mother of a colleague and used two months of her own sick days for the surgery; the recipient did not survive
Patricia Krouse	Карра	Selected for inclusion in the Premiere Edition of National Honor Roll's Outstanding Teachers for 2005-2006
Julie DeGrendele	Alpha	"Volunteer of the Year" AARP Quakertown Chapter for over 1500 volunteer hours with HOSPICE
Kathryn Firestone	Alpha Upsilon	Second Woman President in 59 year history of Highlands Area Rotary Club; one of only 13 women in District 7300; is a Centennial Leader for Rotary International
Rose Ann Fulena	Alpha Sigma	National Association of Student Councils Region 2 Middle Level "Advisor of the Year", Named a Director of the National Association of Student Council Board of Directors
E. Margaret Gable	Beta Theta	"Woman of the Year" by Elizabethtown Business and Professional Women's Club for work in the Historical Society, library and church
Barbara Giuffrida	Beta Pi	"Who's Who Among American Teachers" 2004-2005
Wanda Keller	lota	"Tribute to Women" Education Award by Greater Johnstown YWCA for excellence in her profession and community activities
Cynthia Miller	Alpha Nu	Created and implemented the "Woodland Explorer" which received the PA Recreation and Park Society's Excellence in Programming Award in Buck's County
Mary Molyneaux- Leahy	Beta Pi	"Who's Who in American Education"; "Who's Who in American Colleges," "Partners in Education Award," and Mt. St. Joseph Academy Alumni recognition
Linda O'Connor	Omega	National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Award for Excellence in Teaching
Joan Peters	Beta Rho	2005 "Outstanding PASR Volunteer" from the Susquehanna County Chapter, listed on a framed document hung in the John J. Dillon Hall of Fame at PASR Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA; appointed State Chairman of Community Service for Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR)
Judith Schaffer	Alpha Upsilon	2005 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Alle-Kiski Chapter of School Retirees; honored as the "Hometown of the Year" from the Valley News Dispatch newspaper as the hometown designee
Lois Stoner	Alpha Beta	"Outstanding Conservation Educator" by Bedford County Conservation District
Embre Thomas	Chi	Yellow Rose Award for volunteer work at the Lancaster YWCA; facilitated the Racia Justice Study Circle and volunteered at the Race Against Racism
Debbie Tweedle	Alpha Beta	One of 12 finalists for PA Teacher of the Year at the Department of Education's "Celebration of Teachers"

Servant Leadership

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Pamela Chappell's music and stories were uplifting and served as vehicles to draw all into the theme of serving as leading and leading to serve.



Carolyn Gable's story of her resolve and determination to give back to the community in the creation of her foundation was also a model of servant leadership. Through Carolyn's efforts

children of single parents now have the opportunity to more fully enjoy life and achieve their full potential.

Highlights were many and the theme wove through each aspect of convention. Workshops, both on Society





business and for Act 48 credit, were available to all. The presentation of the 2006 recipients of the Album of Distinction, (see pages 6,7) the presentation of the newly installed 2006-2008 chapter presidents,



2006-2008 Western PA Chapter Presidents

Please note: Regrets to the Eastern PA Chapter Presidents. The photo taken was not suitable for use. the scholarship recipients, and the awarding of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award (see pages 1, 10) celebrated the service, achievements, and leadership of our members.

By far the most prestigious moment of convention is always the awarding of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award. This year's



recipient, Nancy Grove, is a true servant leader and past state president. Nancy has always worked to bring out the full potential of others. While state president, her theme of 'Realizing Visions' encouraged members to look deeply within themselves and be the answer to the future of the Society. Nancy, too, began the Visionary Fund, which is today still a fund that can be used by the state president to help to continuously move the state organization forward.

The weekend was not limited to the formal aspects of convention. From the fellowship of the first timers session to the fun of the Friday night fling, a sense of



community was instilled. Additionally, members through the presentation of reflections on servant leadership gave stepping-stones to the understanding of the theme. By the retiring of the flags and the pounding of the gavel on

Sunday those in attendance had come full circle. The theme had directed the weekend. Awareness, empathy, stewardship, foresight, and a sense of commu-



nity were heightened and instilled. 'Hand in Hand our Loyal Band' gathered for the closing of the convention and was sent home to reflect, but more importantly, truly move their chapters forward as servant leaders.

Convention photographs courtesy of Beth Johnson, State Photographer MORE CONVENTION PHOTOS ON PAGE 17.

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS



THE

LEGISLATIVE

By Carol Herbert, U.S. Forum Liaison

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

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

State Government contact information can be obtained through:

- http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/ Information on how your Congressman voted on key
- http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/109/bills/

According to recent statistics from the U.S. Education Department, few students are taking advantage of NCLB rights. Only 17% of eligible students nationwide signed up for free tutoring last year. Fewer than 1% of students who could have transferred out of their failing schools did so. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings warned that she might withhold federal funds to ensure that districts fulfill their legal duty to inform parents of their tutoring and transfer options.

In other NCLB news, the Bush administration warned Maryland lawmakers in writing that \$171 million in federal aid could be in jeopardy if the Maryland General Assembly chose to override Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.'s veto of a bill to delay the state's planned takeover of 11 failing Baltimore schools. Calling the letter an empty partisan threat, the Maryland legislators cast a decisive override vote on April 10, prohibiting the state from intervening in the schools' management for a year. The governor's comment was, "I've never seen people celebrate so much over complete dysfunction." The state's move to take over the 11 schools is the first such action under the four-year-old NCLB law, and Maryland has become the test case for how the law should be enforced.

Legislation to remove the continuing education requirement for PA retired teachers was signed into law in February. Act 5 (formerly House Bill 894) will now allow retired educators to serve as substitute teachers

without the need to maintain their active teaching certificates. Annuitants may substitute in their area of certification for up to 90 days per year with an inactive certifi-

Governor Edward G. Rendell announced that the third annual Pennsylvania Governor's Conference for Women will be held on Sept. 14, 2006 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. This conference, touted as the premiere networking and educational experience for women in Pennsylvania, will feature more than 75 speakers who will share their insights and experiences in the fields of health, media, business, finance, and personal development. Last year, former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright addressed the more than 4500 women who attended the conference. Information on the 2006 program will be announced soon. Registration for the daylong event can be done on line at www.pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org.

Legislation is currently pending to obtain a site in Washington, DC on which to erect a National Women's History Museum. Your help is needed to get this legislation passed. To help, go to http://capwiz.com/nwhm/, fill in the information there and click once on "send email." Your message will be sent to both your senators and your U.S. representative. Their website http://nmwh.org/ contains much information about women which could be used as a resource for chapter programs. For information on women's struggle to gain the right to vote, go to http://nmwh.org/exhibits/intro.html.

State President's Itinerary

July 17-22 International Convention San Diego, CA

4-5 Officers and Committee Chairmen Meeting Aug State College, PA

9 Chapter visit to Alpha Mu Sept Lewisburg, PA

14-15 PA Governor's Conference for Women Pittsburgh, PA

16 Chapter visit to Pi Tioga, PA

23 Eastern Fall Area Conference Mill Hall, PA

7 Western Fall Area Conference Oct Pittsburgh, PA

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

EXPANSION

By Alice Hudak

On May 30, 2005, I had a telephone call from Dr. Lyn Schmid asking me to accept the challenge of becoming the Alpha Alpha State Expansion Committee Chairman. She also gently reminded me that a good Delta Kappa Gamma member NEVER says no!

Here we are a year later and a conversation with one of my "sisters" still lingers in my memory. "You accepted WHAT?" "WHERE is your head?" "Are you crazy?" "That committee is for the birds. No one wants to leave their chapter for a new one."

I bit my tongue as I pondered the thought that I had done just that two years ago and now I have twice as many "sisters."

Since that time I have been thinking about......that's for the birds! My conclusion is that we (the entire committee) are indeed birds!!

We are EAGLES keeping an eye on those chapters with less than 30 members and those chapters with more than 80 members.

We are ROBINS nurturing the newest chapter (and others) with advice and ideas on how to increase membership.

We are HUMMINGBIRDS who are available to flit around from chapter to chapter promoting the wonderful world of Delta Kappa Gamma.

And lastly, we are FLAMINGOS, who believe that if your "roots" are firm in Delta Kappa Gamma, you can "wing" it in any chapter.

Starting a new chapter is not difficult. You make many new friends and it is a very rewarding experience. Materials are available upon request for all the procedures to follow.

Email allasfromdallas@cs.com or call me at (570) 675-1682.

Achievement Award

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Management Seminar. In order to serve Alpha Alpha State, Nancy not only attended state conventions, but also regional and international Society conventions.

As Alpha Alpha State President, her theme was "Realizing Visions... ΔΚΓ Leadership." To quote her letter of accomplishments from Chi Chapter, "Using this theme she reminded members that we were all 'STARS' - a vital force as we come together, shine, and enlighten others while all working together for the Society. She graciously promoted and applauded the energy of each member as they carried out the work of the Society." During her biennium we were encouraged to look to our founders for the future of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as we fulfill our commitment and responsibilities of membership. As Nancy reminded us, members are the heart of our Society - if it isn't happening with YOU, it isn't happening.

Nancy demonstrated the qualities she encourages in her fellow members by supporting a chapter member and colleague who was involved in a vicious attack by a machete-wielding madman. She was also deeply involved in helping the building of children who were trying to deal with this terrible event. Even though she is retired, she remains supportive and encouraging to the

principal who was attacked. As is her manner, Nancy does not seek recognition for her efforts.

Nancy moved to Virginia after her retirement and is now a member of Delta Chapter there. As she stated in her acceptance talk, she will always keep Alpha Alpha in her heart. In order to make sure Nancy was present at the state convention to receive her award, President Dr. Lyn Schmid asked her to present the first-timers meeting on Friday night. Since a Delta Kappa Gamma Girl never says "No", she agreed to the request. Many of the first-timers were impressed with the presentation by Nancy and Terri Stetler and appreciated the encouragement and support they gave.

Nancy spread her friendly and serene nature to all those she met during the convention. Alpha Alpha State was extremely fortunate to have had Nancy as a leader in so many aspects of Society business. The qualities listed at the beginning of this article are just a small sampling of words to describe Nancy Grove. All of the members who have had the opportunity to meet and work with Nancy say, "Thank you for your friendship, guidance, leadership, and work. We wish you well in Virginia and please return to us in Pennsylvania!"

Congratulations, Nancy!!!

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

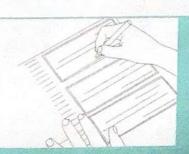


Communications Committee

By Barb Clark, Chairman

The Communications Committee met during the Alpha Alpha State
Convention June 9, 2006. The committee has been working on the revision of our state brochure. It will be available at the Fall Area Conferences in Lock Haven and the Pittsburgh area. At the Communications workshop the Guidelines for State Organization and

Chapter Communications Committee Chairmen 2006-2008 were distributed. Each chapter will receive a copy. If your chapter did not receive one at the convention, they will be available at the area conferences, or you can notify Barb Clark, Communications Chair, to have one mailed. Terri Stetler, The Keystonian editor, presented information, a packet of editorial guidelines, and answered questions on preparing chapter newsletters. Information will also be presented at the area conferences. If any chapter has any communication questions or ideas, email Barb Clark clarkpsu@hotmail.com. Members of the committee are Terri Stetler, The Keystonian editor, Carolyn Sutton, Webmaster, Denise Williams, Florence Sherwood, Joan Roy, and Polly Delaney.



Don't forget to pay your dues!

Dues for 2006-2007 should be paid by October 31, 2006.

ACTIVE

Active Members \$20 International Dues \$10 State Dues \$ 1 Scholarship Fund

?? Chapter Dues

RESERVE

Reserve Members \$10 International Dues

\$ 5 State Dues

\$ 1 Scholarship Fund

?? Chapter Dues

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

By Linda O'Connor Alpha Alpha State Treasurer

Alpha Alpha State Active and Reserve members know that each year they pay dues and fees to their chapter treasurer. A portion of that money is sent to the state treasurer who separates it into Available Funds, Scholarship Funds, and International Dues and Fees. Throughout the year chapters also send special contributions to the state. Did you know that contributions to the state can be made to three different funds - Scholarship, Visionary, or Serendipity? Your state treasurer maintains five funds:

- Available Fund is generated by active and reserve dues, new initiates' fees, and honorary member fees. These funds are used for the operating expenses of the state in accordance with the budget adopted for a given fiscal year.
- 2. Scholarship Fund is generated by scholarship fees, contributions from chapters or individuals, and used to provide scholarships and grants to state members. Requests for these funds are sent to the State Scholarship Committee and awards are made at the annual convention.
- Visionary Fund is generated by contributions from chapters or individuals and bequests from members. These funds are allocated by the President at her discretion for special state projects and/or activities.
- 4. Serendipity Fund is generated by voluntary contributions from chapters or individuals. This fund gives immediate assistance to members who sustain a major loss. Recommendations for assistance are sent by the chapter president to the state president.
- 5. Permanent Fund is generated by setting aside part of the Available Fund until the Permanent Fund has not less than 30 percent of the Available Fund's annual income. The Permanent Fund can be used for the purchase of initiation paraphernalia and items of a permanent nature.

NOMINATIONS

by Carol Ulrich, Chairman



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA LEADERSHIP

It is now time to apply for a position as a state officer and for membership on the Finance and Nominations committees. Please follow the instructions on the nomination form which can be found on the state's website: deltakappagamma.org/PA

Endorsement of any candidate must appear on the **official endorsement form** available on the website. Please follow the directions carefully.

Nominations and endorsement forms were also distributed at state convention. Recommendations may come from chapters and/or individual members.

Nominations and endorsements are due on or before October 15, 2006.

Send to: Carol Ulrich 412 State Route 897W Newmanstown, PA 17073-8706

It is also the goal of the Nominations Committee to provide the President elect with at least one member from each chapter who would be willing to serve on a state committee. That form is also on the state website. Recommendations for committee membership are due February 1, 2007.

Please do submit at least one name, but more are welcome from your chapter. I love getting mail and there are so many talented women in our Society. What a thrill to have all 64 chapters represented on our state committees! I look forward to hearing from you.

Save These Dates

2006

July 18-22 International Convention

San Diego, CA

Aug 4-5 Officers/Committee Chairmen

Meeting

State College, PA

September 23 Eastern Fall Area Conference

Mill Hall, PA

October 7 Western Fall Area Conference

Pittsburgh, PA

2007

April 13-15 Seminar of Purpose

Gettysburg, PA

July 23-28 Northeast Regional Conference

Traverse City, Michigan

MEETING MISS ANNIE

A totally unexpected happening at the central Pennsylvania Area Meeting was the reacquaintance of "Dr. Annie" (a k a Cindy Reynolds) with a former college classmate. During the serving of the high tea, Mary Goodwillie, Eta prospective initiate, was glancing at "Miss Annie" and eventually mentioned to her that she looked familiar. "Annie" said she had felt that way, also, and as the conversation continued, the two women discovered that they had been classmates at Marywood College many years ago! Needless to say, everyone at the table was astounded that of all the tables where Dr. Annie could have been seated, it was at the table with her former classmate! Talk about coincidences!

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(Top left) (L-R) Julia Ressler, Janet Ressler, Chi President, Sandra Brown, Chi President-Elect (Middle) "Miss Annie" (a k a Cindy Reynolds) greeting attendees

(Far right) (L-R) Omega fashion models Diana Leppo, Sue Mauck, Shannon Harvey

Photos submitted by State Photographer Beth Johnson, Chi and Bonnie Thompson, Beta Beta President



Welcome to our New Initiates and Reinstated Members

Kappa

Ms. Ruth A. Eshelman Ms. Linda D. Wineman

Omicron

Mrs. Jennifer K. Cooley Mrs. Jennie C. Crawford

Mrs. Jan Dulak

Mrs. Rosemary D. Heffner

Mrs. Aegina H. Leidhecker

Mrs. Deborah A. Leonard

Mrs. Karen A. Reitz

Mrs. Rhonda S. Swisher

Mrs. Mary M. Thomas

Mrs. Joy A. Walls

Ρi

Mrs. Wendy J. Bailey

Mrs. Tina M. Misner

Ms. Jean E. Sereno

Mrs. Bonnie L. Walker

Upsilon

Wendy L. Bigelow

Mrs. Joanne Hervol

Ms. Rachelle L. Kean

Mrs. Sharon A. Komandt

Mrs. Frances A. Tomei

Chi

Mrs. Barbara R. Andrews

Mrs. Wendy F. Bertoli

Mary Beth Urban

Alpha Theta

Diane Troutman

Alpha Xi

Mrs. Joan Antico

Mrs. Mardy M. Byrnes

Mrs. Emily A. Erdeljac-Aftanas

Mrs. Jessie A. Friedrich

Alpha Omicron

Debra Kay Mack

Alpha Rho

Tina McDowell

Beta Alpha

Mrs. Margaret M. Madorna

Mrs. Rosemary A. Krygowski

Beta Beta

Mrs. Emily J. Olenick

Beta Mu

Robin Taranto

Ann Lipez

Beta Rho

Mrs. Pat Moyer

Mrs. Emily Perkins

Mrs. Sharon Rosenkrans

Honorary Member

Alpha Rho

Mrs. Eleanor Miller

Dr. Blanton Brings Greetings to Area Meeting High Tea and Fashions of the Era Show



March 26, 2006, was the date of the area meeting for six chapters from central Pennsylvania. Chi, Eta, Omega, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, and Beta Delta Chapters met at the Outdoor Country Club of York for high tea and a fashion show of the eras from the founding of Delta Kappa

Gamma through the 1970's. Combined with a visit from Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the event provided an afternoon of fellowship, laughter, insight, and fond memories of the time periods through which Delta Kappa Gamma has thrived and held a fond place in the hearts of all of those who attended. The chapter presidents met for several months to iron out details of the event, choose a menu, and prepare for the fashion show for this event.

Despite cold temperatures, there were many warm memories of this

afternoon-from the sharing of how each member came to have the tea cup she brought, to a poignant story of a tea cup collection which bonded two loving people closer together during a soldier's travels and capture during World War II.

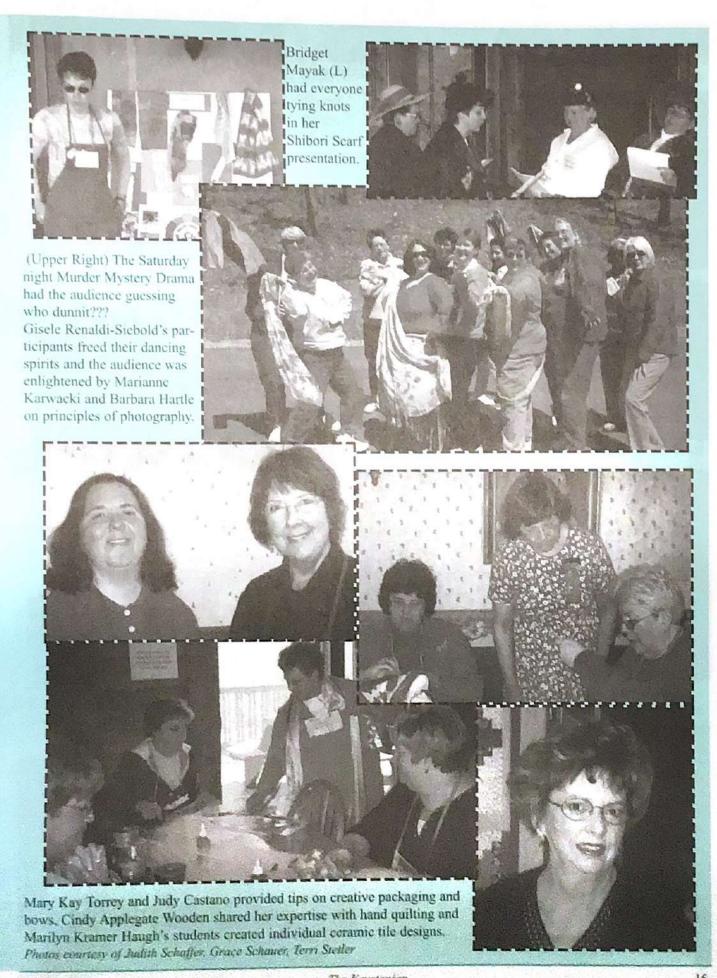
Janet Ressler and her daughter, Julia, depicted a wonderful car ride in which they traveled through six decades of life in teaching.

> Their ride included a stop to learn about present-day education with our own State President, Lyn Schmid! What a lovely way to bring to life the times from the past!

Article submitted by Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta President







CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA PI



Betty Elliott and Jeanne Sting, Alpha Pi members were recognized recently for excellence in teaching

Two members of Alpha Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma have been honored by the Teacher Excellence Center for their outstanding work. Betty Elliott and Jeanne Sting are among the 106 Western Pennsylvania teachers chosen in the annual teacher recognition program.

Betty Elliott, a Western Pennsylvania native, has taught for 39 years in the Keystone Oaks School District in Allegheny County. She has taught second and third grades and also instructed in the remedial math program. Betty did her undergraduate studies at Slippery Rock University and got her master's degree in education from California University of Pittsburgh. Betty loves the creativity and flexibility that working with children provides. It also has allowed her to be a life-long learner herself.

Jeanne Sting has taught kindergarten and first grade for 37 years. Her early years were spent teaching in her home state of Wisconsin. After moving to the Pittsburgh area, she taught for two years in Mt. Lebanon. The rest of her experience has been in the Keystone Oaks School District. Jeanne received her bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and a master's degree in reading from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville, WI.

Both women agree that the use of technology has increased greatly during their professional years and that children are very comfortable using it. They believe this is because technology has become so "teacher and student friendly." They also think that the testing and accountability aspects of teaching have increased the pressure on students, families and teachers. In fact, they feel this takes so much of one's teaching time that it is difficult to instill the love for learning with special projects, etc., that once were so important in the early grades.

They also observe that family dynamics have changed a lot, which makes teaching more challenging. Congratulations to Betty and Jeanne!

Submitted with photo by Joan Wylie

THETA

Theta Chapter welcomed three new members on Saturday October 22. Initiated into the organization were Patricia Illig, Julianne Daller, and Mary Ellen Berringer. Patti is an early intervention teacher with the Pittsburgh Public Schools. She works with pre-K children with disabilities. Julieanne is a music teacher who has already proven to be "instrumental" in fine-tuning our renditions of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. Mary Ellen is a former special education educator now happily teaching second grade. Theta Chapter is pleased to be able to call these proven women educators members and friends.



Theta welcomes new members (L-R, front row) Patricia Illig. Julianne Daller and Mary Ellen Berringer

A painting project at the POWER House in Pittsburgh involved not only Theta Chapter members, but other community members as well. A committee headed by Debbie Beozzo and Desra Perhach repainted and cleaned the Children's Visiting Room at the house, and has future plans to refurbish the area. Helping out were teachers and staff from Greenfield School who spent an inservice morning painting and cleaning. Cathedral ceilings and arched windows were no match for these intrepid painters, which included Debbie's husband Sy Beozzo, who gained his expertise by painting his way through college! POWER House is an organization dedicated to empowering women recovering from substance abuse.



Theta's POWER painters, (L-R) Janice Ballinger, Gina Robinson, Debbie & Sy Beozzo

CHAPTER NEWS



Education students (L-R) Tara Concannon, Lauren Russo and Katherine Womack received grants from Theta Chapter.

ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH

Honorary Alpha Alpha State member, State Representative **Katie True** was honored by the Pennsylvania Commission for Women for inspiring "hope and possibility across the commonwealth."

The East Hempfield Township lawmaker was among six women whose names have been inscribed on a plaque to be displayed in the Capitol Rotunda's East Wing throughout the year.

"The award is very meaningful to me because it does highlight the work I've done over the years on behalf of women and their families," True said. "It's good to see a lot of interest being taken in those issues. I'm flattered."

True has been a champion of legislation designed to crack down on domestic violence, including a 2005 law that allows authorities to seize firearms from the subjects of protection-from-abuse orders.

She also worked to allow victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking to apply for a substitute address. The substitute address can be used and here many enapter readership roles until her health would not permit her to do so. She taught for more than 35 years in the Chestnut Ridge School District as a home economics teacher.

Directions to Mill Hall from Harrisburg

Take US15 N to I-80 exit; go 32.4 mi.; Take exit #178/US 220 toward Lock Haven - go 0.3 mi.; Turn R on Frank D Oreilly Jr Hwy (US 220) - go 1.5 mi.; Frank D Oreilly Jr Hwy becomes US 220 - go 3.2 mi.; Take PA 150 exit onto US 220 Conn toward Mill Hall/Flemington - go 0.7 mi.; Turn L on Hogan Blvd (PA 150) - go 0.1 mi.; Turn L on Pennsylvania Ave - go 0.1 mi.; Turn L on Hogan Blvd (PA 150) - go 0.1 mi.; Arrive at 1 Country Club Lane, Mill Hall, on the R

In March, Theta Chapter awarded grants to three women students to assist them in their pursuit of degrees in the field of education. The recipients were Tara Concannon and Lauren Russo, both undergraduate seniors, and Katherine Womack, who is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin. The awards were presented during the patriotic-themed benefit held at beautiful Nevillewood Country Club. Raffles, book and bake sales, and a Chinese auction helped raise the funds for next year's grants.

Submitted with photos by Janice Ballinger

More Convention Coverage



Alpha Omega members celebrated 45 years.



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Jewelry News

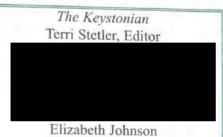
Doris Coldren, Alpha Psi Chapter President, was the winner of the "Delta Kappa Gamma" charm at state convention this year. It was exciting and refreshing to see how thrilled she was to have won this beautiful symbol of our organization. To quote Doris, "I will wear it proudly everywhere."

If any gift is anticipated, all Delta Kappa Gamma jewelry can be viewed on the web at: (www.Georgellmat.com). The new chapter achievement award pin is available using each chapter's Greek letters. These pins are a special order item.



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In Memoriam

Elva Brown July 14, 2005

Since her initiation in 1954, Elva has been an active member of Beta Rho Chapter. She was an elementary teacher.

> Mary E. Ulmer August, 2005

In 1947 Mary was initiated into Omicron Chapter as one of the charter members and was faithful to her chapter and sisters. She was an elementary music teacher in the Williamsport area. Mary served the Williamsport Education Association as president and first and second vice presidents and attended many PSEA and NEA conventions. In 1962-63 she was chairman of the weekly radio program, "Dateline Education." She served as president of the Williamsport Music Club and Counselor for the Junior Music Club. She enjoyed traveling, visiting all 50 states and several other countries.

Cecilia E. Shegog October 30, 2005

Cecilia became a member of Theta Chapter in 1975 and served the chapter as Corresponding Secretary. She taught in the Pittsburgh Public Schools and volunteered at Andrews Alcove Book Store.

Mary Catherine Shildt

December 14, 2005

Mary Catherine was initiated into Omega Chapter in 1964 and served on several committees, most recently on World Fellowships. Frequently, she provided special music at chapter meetings. She taught at the elementary level for over 30 years in the Littlestown School District.

> Paula D. Packer December 21, 2005

Paula had been a dedicated member of Beta Nu since 1995. She made great contributions to the student teaching program at Lock Haven University, presenting programs on nuances in student teaching, revising the

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