

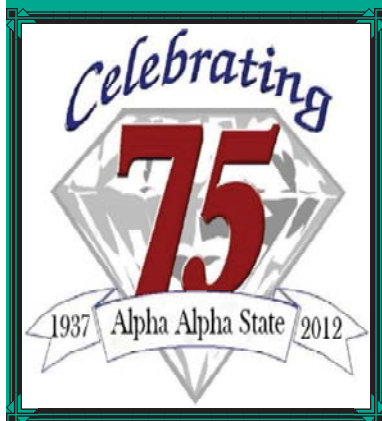


The Keystoneian

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ALPHA ALPHA STATE CELEBRATES 75 YEARS AT 2012 STATE CONVENTION



Hats off to President Louann Shrader and her team for the terrific Alpha Alpha State Convention held in State College, June 8 - 10. Where else could you go for a weekend that was *"empowering, educational, enjoyable, invigorating, inspiring, innovative, rejuvenating, spiritual, supportive, uplifting, upbeat,"* and oh yes, *"FUN?"* These were just some of the words used to describe the convention by those in attendance. We found all of this, and more, at our **Diamond Dazzling 75th Anniversary State Convention**. We knew the theme, "Embracing the Vision . . . The Power of the Dream" before we arrived and we knew the convention schedule. That information (see **CELEBRATION** page 10)

International Note

Dear Alpha Alpha State,

Your convention was a successful celebration of your 75th Anniversary. You blended history with the future from start to finish with the Founders Tea, Kate Campbell Stevenson's portrayal of "Historic Women of Power," Lyn Shmidt's **"Icon Woman"** (and 3-D printer), and the Torch Bearer recognition.



Anyone who missed this convention missed an excellent experience in learning about the Society, the power of the Alpha Alpha State organization, and opportunities to laugh and grow and sing and learn. Louann Shrader and her team did a magnificent job in planning for the convention and in carrying out their planning. There was something for everybody!

(see **THANK YOU** on page 9)

State officers dressed for success, celebrating our 75th Birthday.



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State President's Message

by Louann Shrader

*"To merely anticipate change and prepare for it,
that's to stand in the dust while the future erupts
around you. To lead change and direct its flow,
to force its pace and take advantage of it -
that's to help design the future."
(Author unknown)*

Our Challenge: Design the Future ... Follow Pathways to Change

Daily, teachers deal with those conditions that come up and that call for them to completely scratch their plans, alter their plans, or take advantage of a teaching moment by going in another direction than what was initially planned. I often called this *'rolling with the punches.'* And indeed it was, whatever happened, it was okay because teachers were adaptable. We could *'roll with the punches.'* We are, after all, flexible when we are working with children and those every changing child moments.

As we look to the future of our Society, though, *'rolling with the punches'* isn't the answer and definitely not part of designing a bright future. Change is a constant. Grabbing hold of it and making it what we want is *designing the future.*

This past year we have embraced the vision of our founders and have come to realize the impact our past founders and members had on our Society's present and well-being. During this second year of the biennium my challenge to chapters is to take the reigns, be the **change agents**, and lead a change into the future. **Design your future...follow the pathways** that will insure your chapter's future growth and well-being. What needs to be done in your chapter to move it forward more productively?

Does your chapter need to bring in more members and retain your members? Does your chapter want to increase its visibility? Have your chapter members given any thought about dabbling into designing a chapter website? Are your chapter members ready to be advocates for positive change in legislation? Or does your chapter want to be known for its support of early career educators?

Each of us got to where we are today because we chose a pathway to our future. It may have been towards the advanced degree we were after, the home and family we dreamed of, or the career position we wanted. As you traveled that path of your dreams and vision, you took risks but carried on. You met obstacles but carried on. You accomplished things you would have never thought you were capable of but carried on. You traveled your own pathway and explored your own frontier. You were in charge and you were *designing your future!*

This is exactly what I challenge you to do as a passionate member of the Society. Work together to take your chapter to new heights. There are endless pathways of change extending out before each chapter. Identify your strengths, assess your needs, identify pathways to change, and as you travel

(see **CHANGE** page 3)

WOMEN UNITE!

by Kay Stuart



When you were asked to join The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, you may not have known the Mission Statement or the words to the song. You were told about our symbols and what we stand for at your orientation or initiation. You have read the 7 Purposes. I want to bring to your attention the very First Purpose.

Purpose #1: To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship. *What does this mean?*

Well, it may mean many things, but I believe we are called to be active members of a wonderful, world-wide organization, lifting each other up, supporting one another, laughing and crying together, and encouraging each other to pursue excellence in our personal and professional lives.

Well now, isn't that a lot to think about? In recent months I have witnessed many of our sisters fulfilling this purpose at two (2) state wide events. In April, women united together at the Country Place in White Haven for a weekend of artistic endeavors. We have some very talented members, and very resourceful too. We painted note cards, discovered nature prints, fished, played music, practiced our photography, learned some self defense techniques, made jewelry, and experienced the power of herbs, and so much more. We joined together with songs and games when the power went out and the bathrooms wouldn't flush. But what spiritual fellowship we had there in the woods!

The other event was our state convention with over 340 present to celebrate our state's 75th Birthday!

What a turn out! What an experience! The energy provided by those women uniting together was uplifting and encouraging. The speakers were informative, entertaining, and real. The workshops gave us an opportunity to learn about the work of our Society, and to enrich our personal and professional lives. You had to be there to truly understand what a wonderful event this was!

Now you are saying, *"I am so sorry that I missed those events. Oh well, I guess there is nothing I can do now."* **But there is!!!** Just around the corner is the International Convention on July 24th - 28th. Nearly 60 of us will unite in the Big Apple to vote for our own Dr. Lyn Schmid to become the International Second Vice President.



We will also be dining together on Thursday evening to celebrate our PA sisterhood. If you plan on attending, please contact me for details about **PA Night in the Big Apple**.

The next opportunity to be an active member in this incredible world-wide organization is the **Fall Area Conferences**, detailed on page 6 in this issue. These events are designed to help the chapter leaders as they do the work of the Society. There will be opportunities to learn about your role in the chapter and to share ideas with your counterparts across the state. The information will come from two (2) sources. The state leadership will provide the platform for information to be presented, and you will be able to share your ideas with other chapters and find out what they are doing. Chapter members "united" in a car as you travel together will allow you to discuss, evaluate, and plan programs for your chapter while on the road. Do you see the opportunity for genuine spiritual fellowship? (see **UNITED** on page 5)

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those pathways, take the risks that you took as you chartered your own life's course. Continue positive growth that your charter members and past chapter members provided for you. Go to the extent of your know-how as you meet your chapter's challenges and

then open up your new frontier. You will find that some things work and are successful and are keepers. Celebrate and share your achievements as you work together to *design the future*.



BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

By Terri Landis

We are all members of Delta Kappa Gamma because someone believes that we are special. We were invited into membership by a special friend or mentor, enjoy socializing at meetings, and feel professionally fulfilled when participating in projects and programs. Often, as members, we forget how Delta Kappa Gamma can benefit us.

Personal and Professional Growth

Programs
International and State Conventions
Regional Conferences
Workshop

Advocacy

Education Legislation
Gender Equity
Educators' Concerns
Betterment of Children, Youth,
Women, and Students

Information/Publications

Programs
Resources
The DKG News
The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin
The Keystonean
Chapter Newsletters

Global Affiliation

17 Member Countries
United Nations Ngo Representation
International Speakers Fund
Sponsorship of World Fellowships

Leadership Development

Chapter, State, International Offices,
Committees, Task Forces
Leadership/Management Seminars
Study Stipends
Research and Writing Opportunities

Networking

Mentoring
Idea Exchanges
Forums
Friendship with Other Key Women Educators

Recognition

Keypin Designating Key Woman Educator
Golden Gift Fund Award
Dissertation Recognition
Scholarships
Achievement Awards
Torchbearer Recognition

Fun and Fellowship

Meetings
Music
Special vents
Collegiality

Service Opportunities

Literacy
Chapter Community Projects
State Projects

Insurance

Available in the United States to those subscribing



I was a member of Beta Delta for many years before I realized how benefits of membership beyond my chapter could benefit me. I am a proud recipient of an academic scholarship and have enjoyed participating in personal and professional growth opportunities throughout the state. I look forward to the State Convention each year to connect with friends and talk "shop." Each year I leave with wonderful information on how I can better meet the needs of my students.

When recruiting new members to your chapter, share all that Delta Kappa Gamma has to offer in membership. Share the pride that we have as our organization continues to impact excellence in education worldwide.



ANNOUNCING STAFF VACANCY

The Ad Hock Personnel Committee of Alpha Alpha State is announcing a staff vacancy for the position of **State Treasurer.**

Please share this information with your chapter members and encourage interested and qualified individuals to apply.

For application deadline and complete job description responsibilities please contact:

Carolyn Sutton, Chair
Ad Hock Personnel
Committee



KEEP ALPHA ALPHA STATE SECRETARIES INFORMED

Changes in mailing and/or email addresses must be sent to our State Secretaries.

Barbara Gasperini at BarbeeMG@aol.com

Patricia Shedlock at



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Remember, you are a member because someone noticed your work; someone noted your high standards; someone believed in your potential; someone sponsored your invitation; someone honored you. Take the time to look around and consider sponsoring someone for membership in our great organization.

Share the Honor!

Two PA Members Receive the CORNETET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Congratulations

Dr. Marianne Bartley of Nu Chapter. She plans to use her award to attend Comparative European Education: Finland, France and England.

Dr. Linda Koharchik of Alpha Upsilon Chapter. She plans to use her award to attend ATI National Nurse Educator Summit in Scottsdale, AZ.

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And while it is several months away, I want you to Save the Date for the **Purposeful Seminar. April 26-28, 2013** is when we will be uniting at the Best Western Country Cupboard in Lewisburg, PA. We will be learning about "Living in Color". Opportunities will be provided to advance your personal growth, as we learn to live life to the fullest. This will be a full weekend of uplifting moments from our guest speakers, to our workshops, and to our tours of the area. This promises to be a **"Can't Miss Can't Wait"** opportunity for genuine spiritual fellowship!

In another vein of thought, many of you have asked me for help in looking for exciting, interesting, and important programs and projects. As I researched this I discovered the valuable work that is being done by chapters across our state. I am currently compiling these programs and projects that I have learned about from the chapter Educational Excellence/Program of Work biennial reports as well as the Society workshops held at state convention. This will be made available to you on the state website, www.alphaalphapa.com as well as through email or snail mail to your chapter's First Vice President.

What did I learn? I learned that DKG women uniting to do the work of the Society are a powerful force, providing information, assistance, and support to their members and communities. Thank you for all the work that you do for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and I hope to see you at some of the upcoming events.



FALL AREA CONFERENCES

WHERE LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONTINUES

Fall Area East: September 22, 2012

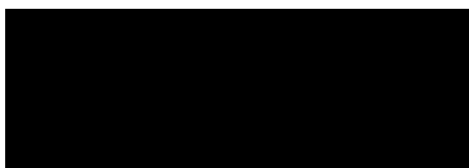
Hosted by Xi Chapter

Location: **Trinity Lutheran Church**
300 West Arch Street
Pottsville, Pa 17901
(enter church through parking lot door)

Cost \$35 (includes, registration, continental breakfast, luncheon, and breakout sessions)

Checks may be made out to **Xi Chapter** and sent to:

Susan R. Schenck



Registration Deadline: September 1, 2012

Chapters wishing to reserve a focus table should include an extra \$10.

Overnight accommodations are available at the **Ramada Inn** for \$89.10 plus tax.
(deadline for reservations is September 7, 2012)

Ramada Inn
101 Progress Ave.
Pottsville, Pa.

Phone 570-622-4600 / toll free 800-272-6232

Additional rooms are available at two B&B's:

Partridge House
315 South Centre St.
Pottsville, PA
570-622-8388

The Stone House
16 Dock St.
Schuylkill Haven,
PA
570-385-2115

Fall Area West: September 29, 2012

Hosted by Alpha Gamma

Location: **Riverside Inn** (Historic Victorian Inn)
One Fountain Avenue
Cambridge Springs, PA 16403
<http://www.theriversideinn.com>
814-398-4645 or 800-956-9490

Cost: \$35 (includes registration, continental breakfast, luncheon, and breakout sessions)

Checks may be made out to **Delta Kappa Gamma** and sent to:
Bonnie Edge



Registration Deadline: September 7, 2012

Chapters wishing to reserve a focus table should include an extra \$10.

Overnight accommodations are available at the **Riverside Inn** for \$129 per room for either single or double plus tax and fees. (A block of rooms will be held under DKG until August 28, 2012)

Additional rooms are available at the:

Comfort Suites
1007 Market Place Drive, Edinboro, PA, 16412
Phone: (814) 969-7000

Holiday Inn Express
18240 Conneaut Lake Rd, Meadville, PA 16335
Phone (814) 724-6012

see Fall Area Meeting Schedule on page 7

Fall Area Meetings, 2012

Agenda for Both East and West Fall Areas

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM** Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:25 AM** Welcome & Introductions
Host Chapter President
Louann Shrader, State
Organization President
- 9:30 - 10:50 AM** The Leadership
Development Committee
presents **Joy** in General
Session for all members.
- 11 AM - Noon** Chapter Committee
Sessions
1. Presidents/Leadership
 2. Parliamentarians, Rules, Treasurers,
and Historical Records
 3. Educational Excellence
 4. Membership and Expansion
 5. Communications, Newsletter Editors,
and Webmasters
 6. Scholarship and World Fellowships
- Noon - 1 PM** Lunch
- 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM** Strategic Planning for Your
Chapter
- 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM** Supporting Early Career
Educators

Chapter Focus Tables will be available for
members during registration and between
sessions.

Nominations

Delta Kappa Gamma Leadership

By Susan Stamm, Nominations Chair

***"Dreams are the seeds of change.
Nothing grows without a seed
and nothing changes without a
dream."*** Debby Boone

During this year of Alpha Alpha State's 75th Anniversary, it is fitting that we remember our rich history of accomplishments and honors; however, we must also look forward to our future. With her **"Power of the Dream,"** President Louann Shrader urges us to join her in a quest to develop and create ways to move our state forward. The Nominations Committee invites you to be part of the dream for our state leadership.

Now is the time to apply for a position as a state officer and for membership on the Finance and Nominations Committees. **Chapter Nominations Chairmen are responsible for seeking qualified members to be placed into nomination for these important roles.** The form can be found on our state website www.alphaalphapapa.com and must be completed and mailed to me with a postmark on or before **October 8, 2012.**

Nominations are requested for the following:

2-Year Terms

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary

4-Year Terms

Nominations Committee
Finance Committee

Send Nominations to:

Susan Stamm
Nominations Chair



Information concerning the function of
these offices can be found in the
Alpha Alpha State Bylaws.

Creative Women United

By Grace Schauer

"United in Spiritual Fellowship" is an understatement as 53 DKG members met at the Country Place in White Haven, Pennsylvania for crafting, singing, ring-ing, painting, sewing, fishing, beading, and much more. We so energized the power grid of Northeastern Pennsylvania that it blew a fuse! So, what do 53 women do in the dark for 4 hours? Pat Arnold continued to assist those who were working on name tags and spinelli with candle light. Ann Mount continued her cross stitch with a flash light. Linda Nickerson led us in singing with her auto-harp. The fireplace was kept burning as everyone joined in a game of impromptu charades. What a blast! We could not have planned a better Friday night gathering.

Retreat goers took time on Saturday night, after a long day of workshops, to celebrate the upcoming Alpha Alpha State 75th Birthday with their own birth-day party, complete with balloons, games and a very informed and entertaining special guest: Cindy Reynolds, The Clown.

Sunday morning was extra special with the music from our talented choirchime group and the voice of Betty Sutliff singing her own composition. *The Passing of the Rose* proclaimed the love, joy, and passion DKG members have for one another.



OH! The bear did not make an appearance this year and no one got lost in the woods for long. (Thanks to Don)



SCHOLARSHIP AND ENRICHMENT GRANTS FULFILL THE POWER OF DREAMS AMID EDUCATION AND TRAVEL PLANS

By Lois Brown, Scholarship Chair

The Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee this year received 16 applications for education and travel. The State Scholarship Committee reviewed and rated each application. The Committee decided to award 14 Key Women Educators' scholarships and enrichment grants to **Follow Their Dreams** at the 75th State Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College PA on Sunday, June 10, 2012. Scholarships were presented to two outstanding Alpha Alpha State women educators who are pursuing higher educational study for professional enrichment.

Karen Matis (photo page 10), Alpha Sigma, is working on her D.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction at Indiana University of PA. She will receive the **Margaret J. Wolf Award** for Scholarship. She has also won the **M. Margaret Stroh International Scholarship** this year. Last year, Karen was the recipient of our Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship. Karen lives in New Castle.

Jamie Bielecki-Quinn (no photo available), Alpha Lambda, is working on her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology at Capella University. She is being presented the **Dr. Irene M. Murphy Award**. Jamie lives in Apollo. Last year Jamie received the Blanche Foster Award and an International Scholarship.

The **Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** has been awarded to **Colleen Kane (photo page 10)**, Alpha Zeta, from Gillett. Colleen is working on her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership at Penn State in State College.

Ten Enrichment Grants were presented to the following women to "Fulfill the Power of Dreams" in travel, growing personally and professionally.

Teresa Borger, Linda Falconer, Judith Gibson, and Julie Myler, from Alpha Mu in Warren, will all be attending the Chautauqua Institution in Upstate New York. They will be studying individually, but their collective personal growth interests are in lectures, concerts, and social, political and educational issues.

Barbara Giuffrida, from Beta Pi in Wayne, is headed to the Abruzzo area cooking school in Italy for a week's course in food preparation, wine pairing and cheese making.

Nancy Ann Hay, from Alpha Delta in Somerset, will further her music education in autoharp performance for playing in local schools, hospitals, senior centers, hospice, and festivals.

Joy Knepp, from Alpha Delta in Somerset, will attend two art programs: one at Fallingwater in Mill Run to study architecture, and the other at The Goggleworks in Reading immersed in glass blowing and fusing.

Ann Shoemaker, from Beta Gamma in Dallastown, will travel back in time to Victorian England to study Dickens, Darwin, and others from her British literature and history classes.

Sharon Stockholm, from Beta Rho in Montrose, will be studying watercolor and drawing on her winter island of St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands. She will be painting flowers on the way through gardens and tropical environs in her community under the tutelage of watercolorist Jane Akin.

Carolyn Sutton, from Alpha Upsilon in Cheswick, will be taking a river cruise through the Low Countries of Belgium and The Netherlands. She is going to "wind down" through the stories of Anne Frank and Hans Brinker, visit the Dutch Masters in Amsterdam, count all 19 windmills in Kinderdijk, visit the canals in Brugge, and smell the flowers in Keukenhof Gardens.



Carolyn Sutton, Sharon Stockholm, Ann Shoemaker, Joy Knepp, Nancy Hay, Barbara Giuffrida (l to r)



Julie Miller, Judith Gibson, Linda Falconer, Teresa Borger

Congratulations to all the recipients for following their DREAMS to travel the world and enrich their POWER through education.

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

Opportunity Abounds!

...and this one shouldn't be missed

Every two years (the second year of our state president's biennium), nominations are received for the **State Achievement Award**. *It's our state's highest acknowledgement of an active member's distinguished and outstanding service to Alpha Alpha State.* This nomination is confidential (ssshh!). Each chapter has the privilege of making one nomination for the current biennium.

The award will be given to one Alpha Alpha State member at our 2013 State Convention. So, start thinking about someone who will meet the nomination criteria. Check out the guidelines and download the nomination form, both of which will be available on the state website by summer's end. (www.alphaalphapa.com) If you have questions, contact Carol Hartley, Achievement Award Committee Chair at hartleys@verizon.net or 717-393-5797.

Thank You Barb Clark for designing, creating, and donating the 75th Anniversary Quilt that was raffled off at Convention. Congrats to Pi Chapter's Greta Taft who won it.



Barb Emmer, Chair, and the Historical Records Committee

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Thank you for the beautiful quilted table topper made by Jan Flinchbaugh, Beta Xi. It is a lovely memento of a lovely time at the 2012 Convention in beautiful Pennsylvania.

Fondly,
Carolyn Pittman
2008-2012
Member-at-large
International
Administrative Board



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the Spring edition of *The Keystonean*. But those black and white pages of text could not express the color, activity, music, and camaraderie that are the reality of State Convention.

This State Convention was about tradition, the Society, the membership, learning, and service that continue to be a strong part of our past, present, and future. **Tradition** was honoring our history, remembering members who have passed away, and celebrating the 25 years since our Golden Anniversary.

Barbara Emmer, co-chair of the 75th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee and the Committee Members prepared a wonderful 3rd volume of the *Alpha Alpha State History*. A copy was given to each member at the banquet on Saturday night. We celebrated with our 23 Birthday Chapters at lunch on Saturday but the parties began Friday night at the "Open Mic Night" where Sisters from the birthday chapters appeared in hats and gloves, birthday t-shirts, ribbon sashes, and some in feather boas!

Delta Kappa Gamma women have such style!



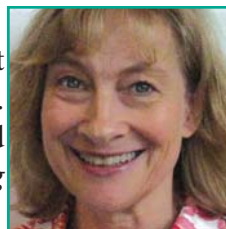
The current state of our Society and our State was presented at our business sessions and Carolyn Pittman, our International Member-at-Large, gave greetings and an update from the International Society.



The Saturday morning workshops all focused on Society Business. Valuable training was given to chapter officers and committee members. We learned of the successful NERC and were amazed at the \$7445 dollar check that was presented to Alpha Alpha State. Monies borrowed from the Visionary Fund for the Regional were paid back and the extra was put into the available fund or the working fund of the Society. All were thrilled to learn that this would help to postpone another increase in dues.



Scholarships and enrichment grants were awarded to 14 sisters. **Colleen Kane**, Alpha Zeta, received the *Marian Spitzer Roebling Scholarship*.



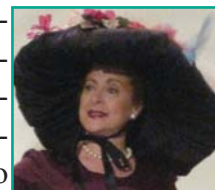
Karen Matis, Alpha Sigma, received the *Margaret J. Wolf Award*.

The *Dr. Irene M. Murphy Award* was given to **Jamie S. Bielecki-Quinn**, Alpha Lambda, (photo not available).

On Saturday evening, a new award, the *Torch-Bearer Recognition Award*, was presented to **Amy Buddock**, Beta Omicron. The purpose of this award is to recognize the contributions of our newest and youngest members, as the future of our Society will be in their hands.



Our Keynote speaker Saturday morning was Kate Campbell Stevenson who presented a one-woman show highlighting historical women with can-do attitudes who were dreamers and risk takers. Women who broke barriers to



Bessie Colman



Eleanor Roosevelt



Rachel Carson

achieved their dreams. She challenged us to find our voices and to not be a part of the silent majority. She continued that message at a workshop Saturday afternoon, focusing on women who have made amazing contributions to our history, but often do not appear in our history books. There were six fabulous workshops that afternoon. It was terrible to have to make a choice and attend only one.



At State Convention there is always a lot of networking going on, information shared on great new websites, and new lessons that really worked in the classroom. Sisters also had the chance to try something new. Friday evening there was a session of Gentle Flow Yoga for beginners and more advanced students.



It was a welcome time of peace and quiet at the start of a busy weekend.

Evidence of our sisters service was everywhere: the members of the State Chorus and their wonderful



music, the ladies running the raffle for those wonderful raffle baskets, the ladies at the registration desk, and at nearly every session and event, contributions of white panties for



"Project Patricia" were collected.

Challenging us to take risks and grasp the future was the theme of Dr. Lyn Schmid 's Keynote address at the gran banquet Saturday evening. She spoke of **Delta Kappa Gamma Icon Women** who will be the future of the Society. Icon Women are the *"mavericks."* They will be the women who will not be afraid to take risks, who treasure their membership, who will learn from their mistakes, and who will feel the enthusiasm and spirit of the Society. The future strength of our chapters, our State Organization, and our International Society will be dependent on women like these. Be one of those women, get involved, and come to Alpha Alpha's State Convention next year as we continue to **"Design our Future!"**



A few CONVENTION PHOTOS



NEWS FROM THE FORUMS

By Elizabeth Brewer



Elizabeth Brewer (r) with Carolyn Angelo, Esquire, after the Pre-Convention Workshop Hot Topic Session: "Challenges to Maintaining your Professional Certificate."



Purpose 4



Purpose 7

U.S. Forum

The role of the U. S. Forum is to disseminate information in a non-partisan position. This service will enable members to

easily obtain information pending federal legislation in order to contact legislators and thereby becoming advocates for women, children, and education.

In Pennsylvania...

Things Are Getting Hotter! Rallies are springing up around the Commonwealth to bring attention to the importance of saving what we have in our public schools. PSEA in Harrisburg needs our support in stopping the legislature's devastating assault on our educational system. This year Chester-Upland, Harrisburg and York City Schools are in crisis due to the outlay of money that they must hand over to the charter schools in their districts. Next year it is estimated that 200 more schools will be in the same situations.

Put the pressure on the lawmakers. Insist they stop their current direction of cuts! This election year look at the candidates and **"vote for education!"**

Sign Up Your Friends and Neighbors for "Partners in Education"

The mission of **"Partners in Education"** is to provide information about the public education policy in PA and to create connections with public schools in communities where "partners" live. Go to www.partnersforpubliceducation.org and sign up for a one dollar five year membership.

Around the Nation

* **US Forum.** A session will take place at the International Convention in New York beginning at 3:15 on Friday afternoon. Please come to hear the concerns of our sisters across the Nation.

* **VAWA UPDATE - (VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT).** The Senate has passed its version of the Violence Against Women Act (S. 1925). The House of Representatives passed its version of VAWA (H.R. 4197). The two bills, however, are not the same.

According to the American Association of University

Women, *"The House-passed legislation would undermine many current programs and doesn't contain the necessary provisions to improve safety on college campuses. It also expressly rejects protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans."*

* **PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT REINTRODUCED.** Senator Barbara Mikulshi has reintroduced the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 797). There are currently 35 cosponsors to the bill. Go to: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/D?d112:2:./temp/~bdXiEk:@@P/home/LegislativeData.php> to see list of cosponsors. The House version of this bill is H.R. 1519.

Contact Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu for the free newsletter "[Usforuminfo] Forum Connection."

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Congressional Switchboard: 1-866-327-8670. Contact your Congressman & Senator via this toll free number. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/> U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov/>

U. N. Forum

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

* **UN Forum.** There will be 3 opportunities at International in New York to hear the latest happenings in the work of the UN Forum. Learn about initiatives around the world that help women, children, and education. Remember, educating a woman will help her raise herself, her family, her neighborhood, and her country!

* **The Schools for Africa.** The SFA Newsettes, Issues 1-12 are now posted on the International website. The latest issue provides a focus on the country of Zimbabwe, and also spotlights ideas for chapter activities to support SFA. Cathy Daugherty, the project's facilitator, reports that so far over \$70,800



Congratulations to *Torch Bearer Award*

winner **Amy Buddock** of Beta Omicron.

A big thank you to all the chapters for nominating such worthy members who are making amazing contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Barb Emmer, Chair, and the
Historical Records Committee

Thank you to all members

who submitted items to the "*Creative Expressions of 75 Years of Alpha Alpha State*" table. We have very talented women among our ranks.

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State Rules Seeks Proposals to Amend State By-Laws

By Suzanne Long, Chair

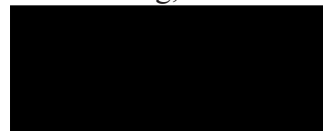
The Alpha Alpha State Rules Committee is seeking proposals to amend or add to the state By-laws and Standing Rules. President Louann Shrader is encouraging all members to participate in an effort to "**design the future.**" As the By-laws and Standing Rules are subjected to scrutiny for the purposes of revision, the visions of individual members, state committees and chapters are necessary in an effort to provide Alpha Alpha State with operating documents which will effectively guide our state organization in the years to come.

At the state level, committee structure relating to the Educational Excellence Committee remains under consideration. It is not necessary for chapters to revise their rules and adopt International's new committee structure as outlined in the 2010 Constitution and Standing Rules. Local chapters should consider which committees best meet their needs and allow them to fulfill the *Seven Purposes of our Society*. The state organization's approach to committee structure and other items will be addressed at fall conferences this year and in *Keystonian* issues through 2013.

Proposed amendments and other changes must be clearly stated, accompanied by the text of the portion of the By-Laws or Standing Rules which it will amend, and followed by the "rationale" and "fiscal impact." Please include the name(s) of individual member(s) or group (chapter or committee) recommending the proposal.

Proposals will be printed in the spring issue of the *Keystonian* and presented for members' consideration at the 2013 state convention. **The deadline for submission of proposed amendments and other changes is October 15, 2012.** Please submit them by regular mail or email to:

Suzanne Long, Rules Chair



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has been contributed to Schools for Africa by Delta Kappa Gamma members and it is her hope that we will be able to celebrate reaching the goal of \$75,000 by the end of this biennium.

RESOURCES FOR GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING

*United Nations Academic Impact Initiative.

There are now over 750 institutions enrolled in the UN's Academic Impact Initiative. Academic Impact activities have been or are now being sponsored by universities in all parts of the world. Many events (such as those recently held in the Philippines, Japan and Korea) are regional conferences. Some are co-sponsored by universities in different countries, and others are e-conferences or video conferences on various global issues.

KUDOS President Louann Shrader and Alpha Alpha State Sisters

Over 3,900+ pairs of panties were collected for the "**Patricia Project!**" Well done, Sisters!

"I Am PANTY PROUD"

By Karen Ball, EEC Projects Coordinator



Alpha Alpha State should be extremely proud of all its members that attended the state convention in 2012! The women of Pennsylvania always get behind their projects and give,

give, give 'till they can't give anymore!

If you missed the Friday's Open Mic Night you missed a great way to tickle your funny bone. The Chapter Birthday skits were a hoot as well as the entertaining emcees for the evening. (Thank you to Fern, Tracey and Judy) and as they often say . . . **"a good time was had by all!"**

Barb Clark and Amy Buddock and myself counted and bagged panties until I thought there were no more



panties left in the state...only to be told..."**wait until tomorrow,**" my chapter is bringing in even more! How many more could they possibly bring? I mean we were sitting on a current total of around 2,000 at that time.

WOW! Every time I turned around..."**POOF**" there was another mysterious bag of panties to count and bag. I think we have given new meaning to the term, **"panty raid."**

On Sunday morning, sitting on my chair at the general session, what did I find? That's right another package of women's panties. In the back of my mind was the haunting question..."**How in the world am I going to get these home and then shipped to Kansas City, Missouri?**" Several of you gave us donations, and Psi Chapter sold all the gorgeous banquet centerpieces and donated the money for postage for a total of \$485.00.

My contact person in Kansa City was over-the-moon when she found out we collected and would be shipping over 3,800 pairs of panties! We will affect 3,800 women with your donations. Young girls in Africa will no longer fall behind in their studies when Mother Nature visits them each month.

If you were at the convention you will know that we were all introduced to a young woman from Africa who is studying for her doctorate at PSU. She spoke personally with me and explained that she had benefitted directly from **Project Patricia**. It was clearly serendipitous that she was attending the convention with a fellow member and agreed to speak briefly about how this project was so important for the young women in Africa.



How do I begin to thank you all for your support for such an important project? You know I have to say it. . . **"I AM PANTY PROUD"** of all my DKG SISTERS! Thank you one and all!



President's Schedule

August 3-4, 2012 Administrative Board Meeting
September 22, 2012 Fall Area East - Pottsville
September 29, 2012 Fall Area West -Cambridge Springs
November 4, 2012 Alpha Rho Chapter Visit

November 29-30, 2012 Convention Planning Meeting
March 9, 2013 Alpha Xi Chapter Visit
March 16, 2013 Scholarship Committee Meeting
April 6, 2013 Alpha Sigma - 3 Chapter Visit
April 20, 2013 Alpha Upsilon Chapter Visit

New Initiates & Reinstated Members

Beta

Mary Davis
Eileen Dutcher
Linda Woodley

Gamma

Ms. Maria Alvarado-Gomez
Ms. Donna Banks
Mrs. Lisa Blacksten
Ms. Jean Gleason
Mrs. Shannon Glennon
Mrs. Amy Schmidt
Mrs. Kathleen Smith
Mrs. Susan Stephany
Mrs. Angela Weber
Ms. Cindy Zelenak

Omicron

Mrs. Jackie Thomas

Sigma

Miss Cristi Beeler
Mrs. LaCinda Betz-Coup
Miss Kristen Chappel
Colleen Epler-Ruths
Mrs. Crystale Straub-Moyer

Phi

Mrs. Rosanne Alexander
Ms. Anne Catalano
Mrs. Kathleen Decker
Mrs. Deborah Nuernberger



Please note:

The photos used in this issue of **The Keystonean** were selected to celebrate our 75 year history. Members attending State Convention dressed for the part with hats and gloves. Special thanks goes to our State Photographer, Carol Kruskie, for providing such diversified photos of our Sisters.

CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha Beta

MEMBERS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY DATES



Miriam Kipp celebrates 50 years in Alpha Beta.

Celebrating 40 year Memberships:



Joan McGreevey, Nancy Fowler, Emily Deremer, and Delores Casteel



Wanda Clark, Bette Lu Miller, Phyllis Fox, and Barbara Allison

Pi Chapter

Pi Chapter invited Alpha Alpha State President, Louann Shrader, to its April meeting. Louann presented an informative program on the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma and participated in the initiation ceremony of four new members.



Ann Catalano, Rosanne Alexander, Pres., Kathy Decker, and Debi Nuernberger.

COMMUNICATION STATION

THE BEST PLACE FOR INFORMATION!

By Katherine A. Chronister, Communications Chair

If you happened to attend the state convention and stop by the Communication Station, you might have learned about many new changes in the way we are continuing to promote DKG at the state level. A new **Alpha Alpha State** brochure was available at convention for members to take home to distribute in their local communities and schools. The brochure highlights the mission of DKG, the Seven Purposes of the Society, and how interested parties can get involved.

In addition, you may have gotten a chance to view the state's new **Facebook page (DKG/Alpha Alpha State)** created by Communications Committee and Beta Pi chapter member, **Fern Detwiler**. "Like Us" on Facebook the next time you're surfing the web.

Social media continues to grow in the world and was all the buzz at the Communication Station. A recent article from *Interactions Magazine* entitled, "Social Network Sites and Society: Current Trends and Future Possibilities," written by Nicole Ellison, Cliff Lampe and Charles Steinfield from Michigan State University notes that, "**Social network sites provide simple, inexpensive ways to organize members, arrange meetings, spread information, and gauge opinion. As more systems emerge, there will be greater capacity for groups to organize and participate in collective action, a hallmark of civil society.**"

This message was also reinforced during the weekend with several speakers at the convention. Members were encouraged to use the resources they have available to them and to use their own voices to take a stand and be heard as leaders in our schools and communities. This action is especially important because of the current debate surrounding the future of education in our country.

The **Communication Station** also noted the **Top 5 Social Media Sites** being used today. Each site has the most web traffic by visitors daily. How many are you currently using? What other social media sites do you use on a regular basis that you could share with

other DKG members via our new Facebook page?

facebook

1. Millions of people use Facebook everyday to keep up with friends upload an unlimited number of photos, share links and videos, and learn more about the people they meet. Facebook's mission is to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected.

twitter

2. A real-time information network connecting you to the latest stories, ideas, opinions and news about what you find interesting. Simply find the accounts you find most compelling and follow the conversations. At the heart of Twitter are *small bursts of information* called **Tweets**. Each Tweet is 140 characters long, but don't let the small size fool you. You can discover a lot in a little space. You can see photos, videos and conversations directly in Tweets to get the whole story at a glance, and all in one place.

LinkedIn

3. It is the world's largest professional network with over 120 million members and rapidly growing. LinkedIn connects you to your trusted contacts and helps you exchange knowledge, ideas, and opportunities with a broader network of professionals.



4. Myspace is a leading social entertainment destination powered by the passions of fans. Myspace drives social interaction by providing a highly personalized experience around entertainment and connecting people to the music, TV, movies, and games that they love. These entertainment experiences are available through both online and offline and across multiple platforms and devices. Myspace is also the home of Myspace Music, which offers an ever-growing catalog of freely streamable audio and video content to users and provides major, independent, and unsigned artists alike with the tools to reach new audiences.



Finance Committee Update

By Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chair

What a difference a year makes. Last year for the first time since 2004, we had a need to raise the state dues. **The committee is elated to announce that dues will remain the same this year at \$58.00 for active members and \$28.00 for reserve members.**

Several things helped to make this possible. The revenue gained from the increase in dues last year was one factor. We added **121 new members** across the state which also helped with revenue. Our officers and committees were frugal with their spending and most came in under budget. As a result we were able, for the first time in several years, to experience a balance forward to begin the new fiscal year.

The finance committee met in May and developed the budget with emphasis on remaining cautious with every line item expense. Most committees were allotted the amount they requested. We continue to see the *Keystonian* as our greatest expense. Choosing to receive this publication online

will help to defray some of those costs. If we could cut the postage in half, we would be able to save over a thousand dollars. Please consider contacting our State Editor if you are willing to receive the *Keystonian* on line.

However, one of the main reasons we were able to present a healthy budget for the 2012-2013 year is because we received a contribution of over seven thousand dollars from the Northeast Regional Committee. Those of you, who attended NERC, experienced a wonderfully organized and exciting conference. Through the leadership of Royce Boyd and her dedicated committee, we gained wonderful memories and as well as financial successes.



The Finance Committee was able to meet our goal of presenting a balanced budget and we remain committed to monitoring the fiscal health of Alpha Alpha State for the future.

To have your *Keystonian* delivered online, send your name and address, as it appears on your latest issue, to your State Editor.

Include your current email address with this information and help streamline publication costs of *The Keystonian*. Find address and email of Editor on page two.



5. This online community showcases various forms of user-made artwork. It was first launched on August 7, 2000, by Scott Jarkoff, Matthew Stephens, Angelo Sotira and others. DeviantArt aims to provide a platform for any artist to exhibit and discuss works. Works are organized in a comprehensive category structure, including photography, digital art, traditional art, literature, Flash, filmmaking, skins for applications, operating system customization utilities and others, along with extensive downloadable resources such as tutorials and stock photography. Additional utilities include journals, polls, groups and portfolios.

While you're out there surfing the web, check out the new Alpha Alpha State website,

www.alphaalphapa.com. Thanks to hard work from **Linda Nickerson**, Alpha Zeta, the new website is much more streamlined and a lot easier to use and find information. The new site also contains links to individual chapter websites so all of us can keep tabs on what fellow sisters across the state are up to until next year's convention. There are also directions on the site explaining how chapters can easily create their own chapter websites and link up with the main Alpha Alpha state site!

Linda will be turning over the reins of the website to our **new State Webmaster, Cynthia Devonshire**. Check out and bookmark the new Alpha Alpha State website at www.alphaalphapa.com.

Welcome Cynthia!

IN MEMORIAM

Susanna L. Dilling

April 26, 2011

Susanna was a member of Beta Xi chapter.
She was 92 years old.

Marlene V. Shellito

May 19, 2011

Marlene retired from the Erie School District where she was a teacher, counselor, and assistant principal. She was an active member of her church and was involved in many organizations. Marlene was a member of Gamma chapter.

Margaret Y. Krider

September 17, 2011

A member of Gamma chapter, Margaret was an associate professor at Villa Maria College for 37 years and an adjunct professor at Penn State Erie Behrend Campus. She worked with the American Red Cross at Valley Forge General Hospital during World War II.

Ann E. Marcocci

December 20, 2011

Ann was a school librarian with the Tussey Mountain School District for 40 years. She served Alpha Beta chapter as secretary and recording secretary and on several committees.

Peggy Ann Keenan

December 10, 2011

Peggy was a dedicated and active member of Beta Mu for 41 years. She held many committee chairs and was especially active in raising funds for recruitment grants as a model in the "Historical, Hysterical Hatshow" of Beta Mu. Peggy began her career in education as a business education teacher and then taught elementary school for 26 years for the Phoenixville Area School District.

Stefana Shoemaker

February 8, 2012

Stefana served on many committees and wrote news items for the paper about Alpha Zeta chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a valued public education librarian, drama club advisor, and co-publisher of the Sullivan Review.

Marion Rogerson

March 8, 2012

Marion taught elementary school in the New Kensington School District after teaching for 2 years in Bamberg, Germany. She taught piano students in her home for 53 years. In Alpha Upsilon chapter, Marion served on many committees, devoting many years to the visual and performing arts committee.

Geraldine M. Leshner

February 18, 2012

Geri taught for 5 years in the Spring Grove School District and in the Big Spring School District for a total of 43 years. She also taught private students in voice and piano. Geri was a treasured member of Kappa chapter.

Ethel Enterline

January 29, 2012

A 36-year member of Alpha Chi chapter, Ethel taught 5th grade in the Plum School District. In 1973, she was awarded the honor of being named Outstanding Teacher of America for her contributions to the advancement of elementary education and for service to her community.

Carol V. Apple

December 17, 2011

A member of Beta Kappa chapter, Carol served as a chapter committee member. She taught 3rd grade at Cornwells Elementary in Cornwells Heights and at Baker Elementary in Moorestown, New Jersey. Carol was a teacher/supervisor of special education at Wordsworth Academy in Fort Washington and a special education supervisor for the Chambersburg Area School District.

Suzanne Spollen

April 30, 2012

A faithful member of Beta Mu chapter, Suzanne was an itinerant artistic support teacher. She worked as a special education teacher with the Chester County Intermediate Unit. Suzanne co-founded the Footsteps Academy, a Christian pre-school in King of Prussia.

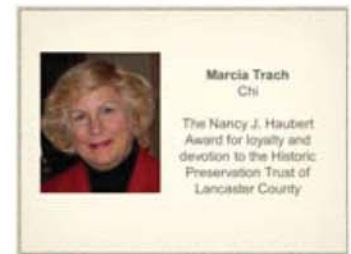
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2012 Album of Distinction

On Friday, June 8, 2012, 21 Sisters were honored as the 2012 Album of Distinction recipients.

The honors they received outside of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International realize the meaning of the Seven Purposes. These 21 women are *Embracing the Vision, Designing the Future* and realizing the *Power of the Dream*.

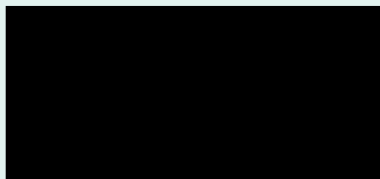
Congratulations!



For a beautiful slide show of these "distinguished" women, go to www.alphaalphapa.com

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Kathryn A. Ansley

May 1, 2012

Kathryn served on various committees for Kappa
 chapter and taught 2nd grade for 29 years in
 Lancaster City and the Bloersville Elementary School
 in the Big Spring School District.

Joyce M. Burger

May 18, 2012

Joyce chaired the Ways and Means committee of Beta
 Theta chapter for many years and was also chairman
 of the Personal Growth and Services committee. She
 was an elementary teacher in the Susquehanna
 Township School District in Harrisburg for 30 years.



Ruth W. Elder

May 20, 2012

During her membership of over 35 years, Ruth served
 Omega chapter as secretary and chair of the
 International Relations committee. She was very
 active in supporting Littlestown High School where
 she taught, gave her best to instill value in her stu-
 dents, and strived through her teaching and communi-
 ty service to impart the ideal of tolerance of other
 people's beliefs, values, and opinions.