



The Keystoneian

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A Different Batch of Brown-E's at State

by Karen Ball

Everyone that knows me knows that I have a fondness for BROWNIES! However, this year at State Convention I experienced a new batch of "BROWN - E's!"



I was **ENVELOPED** by the camaraderie and fellowship as I arrived and was greeted by warm smiles and great hugs from those sisters across the state that I have not seen since last year at convention.

I was very **ENGAGED** with my sisters as we danced on Friday night, and performed as a choir on Saturday night and celebrated chapter birthdays on Saturday during lunch.

I felt **ELATED** as I listened to the keynote speaker on Saturday at the first General Session. I am so proud to say that Ryan Devlin was a former student of mine and as Pennsylvania Teacher of the year for 2013 he **ENCOURAGED** us to be **ENTHUSIASTIC** super heroes for our students.

It is with much pride and **EMOTION** that I watched my best friend, Barbara Clark walk across the ballroom to receive her Rose in a symbolic gesture of accepting her new role of leadership as our Psi Chapter President!

I will continue to **ENLARGE** my skills when I attend the next Arts Retreat in the spring at the new location of Olmstead Manor in Ludlow, Pennsylvania on March 27, 28 and 29th. I will **ENJOY** the classes and get the chance to make new friends.

The Celebration of Life on Sunday morning is an **EVENT** we attend with reverence as we honor those Sisters that have passed in the last year. This beautiful

service was **ENDEARING** to me as our Psi chapter lost five dear sweet sisters this year.

It is with **EXCITEMENT**, in the month of July, that I look forward to the International Convention in Indianapolis where our very own Dr. Lyn Schmid will become the International President of Delta Kappa Gamma!

Won't you please join me, in Indianapolis this July; at State College next June; at the Purposeful Seminar in September; at the Spring Art's Retreat; or in Baltimore, Maryland, for the Northeast Regional next summer?

Then we can **ENGAGE** with our sisters, **EQUIP** ourselves with new knowledge and **EMPOWER** ourselves to open the doors of opportunity that come our way!

(The Editor apologizes for not being able to use brown ink for the "Brown-E's." Due to cost, colors are limited.)

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President's Message:

Reflecting on the Past and Looking to the Future

by Kay Stuart

As I reach the “half way point” in my biennium, I am taking time to reflect on my first year – lessons learned, information given and shared, and wonderful experiences. I will use that information as I work with the other officers to make plans for the next year. I want to say thank you to the numerous sisters who have helped to make my first year successful. I have visited nearly ½ of the chapters, and have been blown away with the passion and pride in membership that I have seen. The state committees have been diligent in their work, and continue to impress me with their vision for the next year. The first combined Leadership and Professional Development Seminar was a big success and our 2013 State Convention was exciting, informative, and joyful.

Many chapters have reported an increase in members being initiated. My heart is so uplifted when I get those emails and phone calls. But when I look at the overall statistics, *we are still losing more than we are gaining*. We need to fully understand the reasons for this. My focus for the remainder of my biennium will be to assist you in strengthening your

chapter and increasing your membership. I ask you to consider the following. **Are you** using an elevator speech to let potential members know about the projects that your chapter takes on? **Do you** make contact with those members who dropped to find out why they are no longer members? **Do you** ask them if they would like to be reinstated? **Do you** provide a wide variety of programs at your meetings? **Do you** invite potential members to those programs that might be interesting to them? **Do you** publicize the work of your chapter in local media and within the schools in your area? We all need to take action to keep our Society strong and spread the word about our philanthropic activities.



Incoming presidents, I challenge you to reflect on your chapter's programs and projects, and use this as you meet with your chapter leadership this summer to plan your work for the next year. **Engage** all members in your chapter in the work of your chapter. Not everyone will be a chair of a committee or be an officer, but these “key women educators” can contribute in a variety of ways. As we learned at the Leadership and Professional Development Seminar, we can lead from any chair. **Equip** your chapter with the knowledge of what you

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Educational Excellence

The Joy of Learning - About Leadership!

by Karen Prince, Alpha Omicron

Who would have thought that learning about leadership could be so inspirational, beneficial and fun! Those attending The Pennsylvania State Organization's Professional Development Seminar held Saturday, March 1, at the Ramada Conference Center in State College thought exactly that. The Leadership Development Committee chose *The Art of Possibility: Transforming Professional and Personal Life* as the theme for the seminar.

At the Opening Session, Dr. Lyn Schmid greeted those attending. She presented the video, *Leadership - The Art of Possibility*, by authors Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander, to demonstrate how we can recognize all the possibilities of how we can strengthen our society and chapters by using our leadership to encourage others, help them recognize their potential, and by making them see how important their skills and ideas are to their chapter.



The Luncheon Keynote entitled "Being A Contribution," was presented by Dr. Amy Slamp. Drawing on personal experience and using the interpretation of leadership in the book *The Art of Possibility*, Amy shared how she has been a contribution to others through leadership, how others have been a contribution to her, and how we can be contributions to our families, friends, DKG, and others. Attending members were given the opportunity to participate in four of six breakout sessions. The breakout sessions provided a variety of topics concerning



leadership, communication, technology, and activities to learn about DKG. Amy Morton, speaker for "The Joy of Learning - At Every Age" session, emphasized the importance of teaching and learning in a joyful environment so that we can encourage thinking and reduce stress. Royce Boyd and Vanessa Sral introduced "Hollywood Game Night" type activities to help us have fun within our chapters, while increasing trivia knowledge of DKG in their session "Rule #6 (from *The Art of Possibility*) Lighten Up, DKG!" Amy Slamp helped members to recognize what skills they have to become leaders on all levels of their chapter or any organization during her session "Leading From Any Chair." Travis Leap's session "Finding Your Place in the Orchestra" guided participants in a music drumming circle to demonstrate how our individual contributions can come together to produce a team effort, whether in an orchestra or perhaps in our chapters, and the effect of different leadership styles. Kristine Reynolds and Candace Claar helped members to find and share DKG information and news by using International, State, and Chapter websites and other technology resources.



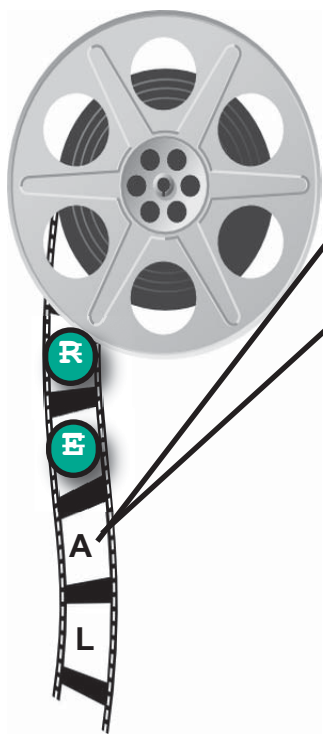
Armed with new skills to support and strengthen their leadership roles, everyone attending the seminar was able to take back to their chapter beneficial ideas and fun activities to improve their professional and personal lives.

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expect from them. Do they fully understand the "job description?" Communicate with members in a variety of ways. Emphasize the Society's mission, purposes, and history at your meetings. **Empower** the women of your chapter to make a difference in your community and beyond. We are all **"Leading Women Educators / Impacting Education Worldwide."**

President's Schedule

July 27 – August 1, 2014	August 8-9, 2014	September 26 – 27, 2014
International Convention Indianapolis, IN	State Administrative Committee Meeting, Carlisle, PA	Purposeful Seminar, Lancaster, PA



In the next issue we will be looking at the "L" in Let's Get R.E.A.L.

Let's Get R.E.A.L.

by Molly Spinney & Karen Tinstman Membership Committee

The A in in "Let's Get R.E.A.L." stands for **Aggressive**. Why? This is not a word that is used often to describe our Society or our members, but over the last five years our Society has lost 20% of our membership. Barbara Gasperini, Second Vice President and Membership Committee Chair, has said it is time for us to be **Aggressive** about Membership. The challenge to each chapter and each member - *Take Action to change this statistic.*

What direction should our **Aggressive Action** take? Dr. Beverly Helms, 2012-14 International President, has offered us one suggestion that, "Love, support, nurturing, and mentoring of members in our DKG chapters has everything to do with our future as an organization. If each member in your chapter reached out and touched another, it could make all the difference in the world."

- ? What is your **Attitude** about membership?
- ? Do you **Appreciate** the gift of membership?
- ? Are you an **Ambassador** for your chapter and the Society?
- ? Does your chapter engage in **Activities** to benefit others?
- ? Do you **Allocate** time to build relationships at chapter meetings?

If you have a positive answer to these questions, then your chapter is healthy and growing. Look closely at the questions that received a more neutral response and re-evaluate what your chapter should be doing. That is where you need to pay **Attention**. That is where you need to get **Aggressive**.

A Chapter President's View on Leadership Development

by Tammy Sweger, Beta Iota

As an incoming president, I walked into the Leadership Training full of questions, "Am I qualified? Can I do this? Will I have enough time? Will I be spread too thin?" Thankfully, my concerns were quickly calmed. The fellowship I encountered amongst the other incoming presidents was quite encouraging. I was not alone in my wonders. What a relief!

As the Leadership training progressed, the answers to our questions were discovered. We were blessed with a positive message from Dr. Lyn Schmid. She shared the big ideas from Benjamin Zander, the author of *The Art of Possibility*. **Leadership is not a trait; it is a state of being. Each of us can lead from where we are by enrolling the voices and talents of all the members. See the vibrant possibility in others and let it soar.** As incoming presidents, we soon began to awaken the voice within that said, "**We can do this.**"

In addition to creating an upward spiral and positive environment we learned how to facilitate effective meetings. During the breakout sessions Kay Stuart



helped us role play mock business meetings. We experienced the structure that the By Laws and Standing Rules provide for the four business meetings conducted a year. The agendas are to be aligned with our vision to Equip, Empower and Engage children, communities, and women educators. In regards to the programs, they may be differentiated and held separate from the business meetings. We must survey the members and apply their aspirations when planning the topics, times and location of the programs and meetings.

With the framework in place for a productive meeting, we are ready to enroll the talents of the members. When we share a vision and work together using our talents, we take ownership of a project and feel valued. Members with technology backgrounds are beneficial in creating and updating the chapter web page and newsletter. Others may have the gift of

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Rosebud Recognition

by Pat Shedlock, State Achievement Committee

Tiffany Warner, Kappa Chapter, was honored as the first **Rosebud Recognition Recipient** at the 2014 Alpha Alpha State Convention. Tiffany was initiated in 2009 and is a third grade teacher in the Big Springs School District.

Tiffany attended the NERC in Hershey where she presented a workshop and introduced a workshop presenter. She attended multi-chapter meetings and presented a reflection speech at State Convention. Tiffany presented a workshop at the Arts Retreat. She has served as chair of the Grant-in-Aid Scholarship Committee at the chapter level and is First Vice President during the 2014-2016 biennium.

In an endorsement letter, Tiffany was described as having *“exceptional computer and technology skills, enthusiasm, energy and the ability to motivate members. She emanates and conveys the*

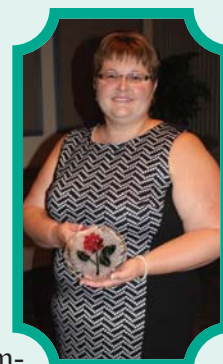
type of leadership referred to as servant leadership.”

The purpose of the Rosebud Recognition is to recognize and honor a young member who has given outstanding service to her chapter and Alpha Alpha State and has promoted the purposes and policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

In 2012, the 75th Anniversary AD Hoc Committee invited chapters to nominate a young member who had contributed significantly to the work of their chapter. The selected nominee, Amy Buddock, received the Torchbearer's Award at State Convention that year. The Alpha Alpha State Officers, in a meeting at the western Fall Area Conference in 2012, decided they would like to continue to honor one of our young members each biennium. The State Achievement Award

committee was given the responsibility for this award by broadening the purpose of the recognition, establishing criteria and developing a nomination form. The committee decided to name the award the Rosebud Recognition and it was decided to present the award in the first year of the state's biennium, on even numbered years, alternating years with the State Achievement Award.

Congratulations Tiffany on your dedication and service to Kappa Chapter, Alpha Alpha State and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



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writing. They can be encouraged to write letters of encouragement to those who have missed a few meetings. Everyone can play a part by sharing the name of a fellow educator on a prospect card. The membership committee is then equipped with information to send prospect letters and organize orientations. Those with the gift of verbal communication can prepare an elevator speech to share the wonders and benefits of Delta Kappa Gamma. Yes, indeed, be ready to connect and share with prospective women educators anytime and anywhere.



Royce Boyd & Candace Claar light lantern

Although I entered the Leadership training with many questions, I left rejuvenated with answers, aspirations, and vibrant possibilities! During the closing ceremony, we lit a balloon lantern. As the lantern illuminated high in the sky, we were reminded of the radiant possibility that lies within each of us. When we unite our talents to **Educate, Equip, Empower, and Engage** children, women, and communities, **the sky is the limit!**



Incoming Presidents attending Leadership Training



Legislative Heartbeat

by Regina Campbell, U.S. Forum/U.N. Liaison



Much information has been shared to date, this year with your chapter U.S. Forum representative or chapter President to pass on to each member. Our responses to this information can and does cause action in Congress. Issues this year include:

Human Trafficking Young girls are taken by kidnapping. Youth runaways who gravitate to urban cities are solicited and used for profit via prostitution. It's more common than you know, right here in America.

STEM Careers for Women We need to improve the opportunities for women to have careers in the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Hunger & Healthcare in America for Women and Children The Shriver Report researched over a two year period, shared stories and data of women and children living below poverty level and lacking in basic needs. In this country, over 42,000,000 women live in fear of unstable finances.

National Women's History Museum The move has been on for 15 years, but the wheels move slowly in a male majority government to create a National Women's History Museum on the Mall in Washington.

Pay Equity Women are not paid equally to men doing the same work.

Violence Against Women in the Military We read about this almost every day and hear about it on the news. How is it handled? How are victims treated? How are perpetrators punished, if at all?

Funding for Education This is always a concern when we speak of educating the youth of our nation.

Are you political? You may not think so, but if you are an expert you have a duty to share your expertise with those who make decisions, but are not experts.

By nature of being a woman you are an expert on what a woman perceives as opportunities and disadvantages. You know how a woman fares in various aspects of today's world.

You have been in classrooms much longer than the 12 or 16 years most other Americans have been in school. You are a qualified expert as a teacher, and need to share your information about education with those who only *remember the schools of their youth*. Today's schools are not the same as those schools, because today's society is not the same society and most people need to be made aware of educational issues arising from that difference today.

How do you make known to others what you know? Contact your legislator. Tell them what you know. They need to hear from you and they do listen when they hear it

enough. Please be an active participant. *Five constituent contacts cause a Congressman to pay serious attention to an issue.*

The U.S. Forum supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators. Its purpose is to provide U.S. members of DKG with relevant information on pending issues and legislator contact numbers to enable more effective advocacy.

U.N. Forum

U.N. CONFERENCE: "PROMOTING PEACE THROUGH EDUCATION"

In January, I attended the U.N. Conference on *Promoting Peace through Education*. One very simple concept became clear throughout the day of speakers and presentations. Although we are all well aware of violence and war throughout the world, we can and must deal with promoting peace right in our classrooms, by affecting the behaviors and thinking of children. We can make a difference everyday in our schools and homes for the people with whom we come in contact. It is not a concept that eludes us. We can make a difference. Begin small, develop it, and make it grow.

2014 Alpha Alpha Purposeful Seminar

“Lancaster: The Little Town That Changed a Nation”

September 26-28, 2014

Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, 25 S. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Registration deadline is Friday, September 12, 2014.

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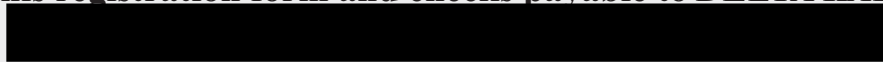
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Conference Registration \$95

(Includes 2 workshop sessions on Saturday, lunch and dinner Saturday, and breakfast Sunday)

Send a copy of this registration form and checks payable to *DELTA KAPPA GAMMA* to



Room reservations are to be made directly with the Marriott at Penn Square. The room rate for the Purposeful Seminar is \$139. Call 1 (888) 236-2427 and mention Delta Kappa Gamma. Deadline to receive the group discount at the Marriott is September 12, 2014. There is a \$7 a night parking fee at the Marriott.

Please circle one (1) workshop session from each group. Group A : #1 or #2 Group B : #3 or #4

Group A

#1: The One-Room Schoolhouse in Central PA

Learn about Pennsylvania's common school movement from its beginning in 1834 until its consolidation in the 1950's. Nearly 600 one-room schools were found throughout Lancaster County. Discover how many still dot our landscape and how they are used today.

#2: Massacre of the Conestogas

Local author and columnist, Jack Brubaker, will discuss the Conestoga Indian Massacre by the Paxton Boys, the culture and history of the Conestogas, and the story behind the massacre which occurred at and Fulton Opera House. Jack will be bringing his book to sell.

Group B

#3: Thaddeus Stevens

A character portrayal in period dress, Tom Englert will share with us about Thaddeus Stevens, politician and abolitionist. Thaddeus was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives during Abraham Lincoln's presidency. Learn how he fought to abolish slavery, his role in the Underground Railroad, and how he helped draft the 14th Amendment during Reconstruction.

#4: Harriet Lane, the first “First Lady”

A character portrayal in period dress, Jennie Walton will share with us about Harriet Lane, the First Lady for President James Buchanan. President Buchanan was our 15th president and the only president who never married. He was Harriet's favorite uncle and guardian. Discover the role Harriet played during these unsettled times in our history.

Tours are being offered for Saturday afternoon.(See page 9.)

Please note the cost per person for each tour and include with your registration check.

Tour choice: _____

Place tour number and title on line and mail this entire form with check to the above address.

See Tour Information on page 9 to selected tour.

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Scholarship and Grant Awardees are Equipped to Continue Life-Long Learning

by Lois Brown, Scholarship Chair

This year the Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee received 32 applications for education and travel. As far back as anyone can remember, this is a record number of applications. The State Scholarship Committee reviewed and rated each application. The Committee awarded one Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship to a deserving DKG sister with fewer than three years of membership, three (3) scholarships, and 18 enrichment grants, for a total of 22 awards. These 22 outstanding women educators will pursue higher educational study or will be going on trips for personal enrichment. The amount awarded this year was \$20,000 dollars. The four scholarships were presented to:

Bea Habursky, from Alpha Iota. Bea lives in Erie and plans to receive her Letter of Eligibility for Superintendency from Edinboro University. She is in the Erie School District.

Lisa Hoffman, from Alpha Nu. Lisa lives in Warminster and plans to use her award for a Doctoral Degree in Educational Administration, as well as for her Letter of Eligibility for school Superintendent from Temple University. She is in the Quakertown School District.

Alyssa Mease, from Omega. Alyssa lives in York and will pursue a degree in Educational Leadership from Immaculata University. She is a counselor in the Dover Area School District.

The **Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** is awarded to

Brittany Bunting-Specht from Sigma Chapter. Brittany lives in

Northumberland and will use her scholarship to pursue her MA in French at Middlebury College in VT. She teaches in the Selinsgrove Area School District.



Awardees at State Convention

Eighteen Enrichment Grants were awarded for personal growth through travel to the following:

Jane Carney, from Gamma in Erie, will attend the 55+ Program at Chautauqua Institute in August. The week's theme is Health Care.

Sandra Deforno, from Alpha Theta in Adrian, will participate in the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival next spring.

Rose Ann Fulena, and her mom **Stephanie Fulena**, from Alpha Sigma in New Castle, will study their genealogy and travel in Ireland and Scotland.

Donna Houser, from Kappa in Carlisle, will travel around Norway and the Arctic Circle on a ferry that delivers mail and freight to 34 ports along the way.

Monique Lautenschlager, from Phi in Honesdale, will travel to France and Germany for heritage and cultural enrichment.

Lindy Marwood, from Alpha Phi in West Mifflin, will travel through western Europe from Holland to

Germany, France and Switzerland for the pure pleasure of learning.

Eileen Matyas, from Alpha Upsilon in New Kensington, is to follow Ernest Hemingway's literary trail through Spain. Included cities will be Madrid, Pamplona, San Sebastian, Segovia and Avila.

Linda McElroy, from Alpha Beta in New Paris, will travel to South Africa and Zimbabwe. Her interest is in Schools for Africa, promoted by DKG.

Marlene Moul, from Kappa in Plainfield, will travel to our country's National Parks, from Arizona through Utah, Wyoming and South Dakota.

Sharon O'Connell, from Omega in Hanover, will travel to the Lake District in England. She is a member of the Royal Tea Club and has an interest in all things related to tea.

Patti Rial, from Gamma in Erie, will travel to Juneau, AK and the Tongass National Forest.

Linda Seifried, from Alpha Nu in Doylestown, will use her award to knit "afghans for Afghans," a non-profit humanitarian and educational people-to-people project that sends knitted and crocheted clothing to the people of Afghanistan.

Lynn Sibley, from Alpha Theta in Manorville, will take a mission trip to Serbia and live among the Roma (Gypsies) of Europe. She will also work with children in a Bible School context. Unfortunately, Lynn's trip was recently cancelled and she returned the award, hoping to reapply for another trip next year.

Betty Sutliff, from Phi in Damascus, [see Awardees page 11](#)

#1: Lancaster Walking Tour – \$6 per person

Put on your walking shoes for a delightful and interesting stroll through the streets and byways of old Lancaster. You will discover a city of today, steeped in history and traditions of over 250 years of America's colorful and exciting past. Group size is small with your own guide.

#2: Fulton Opera House – \$5 per person

In 1852 the Lancaster community celebrated the opening of Fulton Hall. The Fulton Opera House, considered to be the nation's oldest continuously operating theatre, is one of only eight theatres to be named a

National Historic Landmark.

Learn about the theatre, the many "greats" of the stage who have performed there, as well as the history of the theatre including the massacre of the Conestogas.

#3: Wheatland, Lancaster History.Org Museum & Civil War Encampment – \$20 per person

Come spend the afternoon visiting Wheatland, the historic house museum of the 15th President of the United States, James Buchanan, the only bachelor president and only one from Pennsylvania. Lancaster History.org is Lancaster County's Historical Society. The recently expanded facility offers galleries showcasing objects from an exten-

sive collection. The Civil War Encampment is on the grounds so you will have the opportunity to interact with the re-enactors, tour the camp and see cannons, military drills, and artillery displays.

#4: One-Room Schoolhouses of Lancaster County - \$20 per person

Join Ginger Shelley on a bus ride around southern Lancaster County to see the various one-room schoolhouses and how they are being used today. Attendance at Ginger's morning session is not required as the focus will expand on her morning session, adding to our understanding of Lancaster County's one-room schoolhouses.

Friday, September 26, 2014 Social Time

Come start the weekend with fellowship and great food with your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters! We will be walking two blocks from the Marriott to the Federal Taphouse. Visit their website at www.federaltaphouselanc.com. We will meet in the hotel lobby at 6:30 p.m. Each attendee will be responsible for her own bill.

Saturday, September 27, 2014 – The Underground Railroad in Lancaster

A character portrayal in period costume, Darlene Colon will share with us about Lydia Hamilton Smith. She was the long-time housekeeper of Thaddeus Stevens and, after his death, became a prominent African-American businesswoman. Randy Harris who is well versed on Thaddeus Stevens will share with us about the archeological dig that uncovered the cistern at Thaddeus Stevens' home and was used in the Underground Railroad. Randy will lead small groups down into the dig site for an up-close and personal tour.

New Initiates

Chi

Miss Victoria E. Aston
Sara Ann Bair
Mrs. Kristen A. Bechtel
Mrs. Crystal A. Martin
Mrs. Deborah N.
Mitchell Mrs. Mary
Kay Mulcahy

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Abramczyk
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Alpha Xi

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Alpha Phi

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Kappa

Rebecca A. Fry
Jennifer M. Kump
Annette L. Nygaard

Phi

Teresa Bayly
Nancy Kinsman
Vickie Schmitt
Janelle Wierbowski



2014 Album of Distinction

Carol Davis, Beta Rho Carol was appointed as a member of the Board for the PA Child Care Association (PACCA).



Amy L. Miehi, Gamma Amy received the 2013 Department of Pennsylvania American Legion Scouter of the Year Award.



Linda Ferrario, Alpha Zeta Linda was presented an award for the most creative fund raising project among all the PA hospital auxiliaries of the PA Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries Conference.



Kristine Olsen, Iota Kristine was awarded the AAUW Named Book Award in April of 2013.



Martha Palumbo, Alpha Epsilon Martha was awarded the PASR-McKean Chapter Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2013 and the Volunteer of the Year Award for Adult Programs for the Bradford PA YMCA.



Carol Fraser, Alpha Upsilon Carol received an Honorable Mention from the Carnegie Science Award Program in January, 2014.



Rose Ann Fulena, Alpha Sigma Rose Ann was elected State Executive Director of PA Association of Student Councils.



Stephanie Fulena, Alpha Sigma Stephanie was elected President of the Board of the Renova Music Festival.



Joyce Roof, Alpha Zeta Joyce was named Beta Sigma Phi's 2013 Woman of the Year.



Linda Scammell, Alpha Nu Linda was awarded Sustainer of the Year in May, 2013, by the Junior League of Greater Princeton.



Patricia Harrison, Alpha Beta Patricia was named Bedford County Historical Society's Volunteer of the year.



Susan Herman, Lambda Susan was selected as one of 7 individuals recognized as Everyday Hero by the Pennsylvania School Board Association.



Joy Sheaffer, Alpha Kappa Joy received a certificate from the General Thomas Mifflin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution noting 60 year of membership in the national organization.



Patricia Shedlock, Nu Pat was recognized by Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon, PA, for serving as Council President and for leadership in forming the Lebanon Lutheran Cooperative Ministry.



Karen Light, Nu Karen received a commendation from PASR for serving members with honor and distinction.



Frances Mackneer, Alpha Kappa Frances was awarded the 2014 Brotherhood Citation Award, an annual honor given by the Mifflin County Roundtable of Christians and Jews.



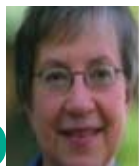
Joyce VanDusen, Alpha Zeta Joyce was awarded the prestigious John J. Dillon Award by the Bradford/Sullivan counties chapter of PASR.



Mary VanLieu, Delta Mary was elected as President of the Pohatcong Township Council. She was also appointed Director of Law and Public Safety for her township.



Patricia Marco, Upsilon Patti was named 2013 Volunteer of the Year by the Alle-Kiski Chapter of PA Association of School Retirees.



Nominations

by Louann Shrader, Nominations Chair

The opportunity of Leadership is one of the most important benefits of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, for it is the opportunity to serve. The Alpha Alpha State Nominations Committee has the exciting task of choosing quality officers and elected committee members who will assume the role of a servant leader and continue to move the state organization forward. Choosing candidates who have the vision and passion for service in the Society is a most awesome task. As the

committee strives to find the best candidates to lead Alpha Alpha State we need your attention and help.

Please look around your chapter and/or statewide and think very seriously about nominating a member for leadership in a state position. We are seeking leaders for all officer positions and are seeking elected members for leadership on the finance and nominations committees.

This year the nominations committee has adopted written guidelines and policies. These can

be found on the Alpha Alpha State website. **Please take the time to read the guidelines and policies as they will be the steering mechanism that may help you identify potential Alpha Alpha State leaders.** Additionally 2 other forms are also available on the website - the Application for Nomination for Officer or Elected Committee and, if desired, an Endorsement Form in which additional information may be shared. All applications and endorsement forms must be postmarked by **October 10, 2014.**

From International: DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Arts & Humanities Jury is pleased to announce the Spring publication of the following works in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters at www.dkg.org.

Please accept our congratulations for having a Pennsylvania member, Sally Becker, represented

in the Gallery. Her Art works, *Farm Pump*, a pastel painting, and *Memory Bank Barn*, a 3-D clay sculpture, have been chosen for the online gallery. Sally, a resident of New Oxford, Pennsylvania, is a member of Beta Kappa Chapter, Pennsylvania State Organization of the Society.

(Awardees from page 8)

will travel to Scotland to visit castles, ancient battlefields, lakes and cities, with an eye towards Loch Ness. **Greta Taft**, from Pi in Westfield, will attend the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis. Having been involved in local and state levels, she is looking for the opportunity to learn how the next level in the DKG organization is run.

Patricia Walker, from Beta Beta in Red Lion, will also travel to England's Lake District where she is interested

in all things tea, as well as Woburn Abbey where the tea tradition began.

Diane Whitaker, from Omicron in Beech Creek, will travel the Prince William Sound and to Fairbanks in Alaska. She would like to walk on a glacier.

Congratulations to these recipients for continuing their lifelong learning. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee: Linda Evans, Sharon Herzog, Sandi Klingensmith, Marj Paradise, and Gloria Werner.

(Album from page 10)

Vicki VanNoy, Alpha Zeta Vicki was honored by the Bradford/Sullivan counties chapter of PASR as the 2013 Volunteer of the Year



Sylvia Wilson, Theta

Sylvia was elected to the Pittsburgh School Board as School Board Director, District 1.



Anna Wolfe, Gamma Anna was honored by PASR for her work on scholarships and recognized for her work with refugees.



*Congratulations
2014 Album of
Distinction*

In Memorium

Harriet Elizabeth Rockefeller

December 28, 2013, Alpha Epsilon

We believe Harriet may have been a charter member of West Chester having been a member in another chapter. She often played the piano; held several positions but we do not know which ones. She was very prim and proper and upheld the ideals of DKG. She taught business education at Smethport High School for 37 years and for many years was the school newspaper advisor, attending as many class reunions for all classes as possible. She was a member of the Norwich Grange #2018 for over 85 years, the McKean County Pomona Grange, and was the pianist for many years at Grace Chapel Full Gospel Church and Coryville Church of Faith.

Emma Margaret Gabel

February 6, 2014, Epsilon to Beta Theta

She held many offices in Beta Theta. She was President and most recently Recording Secretary. She also served on probably every committee. At the State level she served on various committees, hosted area conferences, was convention treasurer and worked her way through the state offices, all the way to President in the 1987-89 biennium. She sang in every chorus at the State, Regional, and International levels. She was Album of Distinction in 2004, 2006, and 2009 because of her community activities with the Elizabethtown

Historical Society and the Elizabethtown Police Department. Her career as a librarian took her to Susquehanna University, Indiana State College of PA and Elizabethtown College.

Marion I. Miller

March 25, 2014, Nu

Marion was President of Nu Chapter from 1964-66 and Alpha Alpha State President, 1977-79. She was awarded the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award in 1988. She was a retired elementary principal from Annville-Cleona School District. Marion was listed in Outstanding Educators in America and Who's Who in America Education in 1988-89. She was recipient of the 1988 Distinguished Albright College Alumnus Award. She was in many community activities.

Gladys Burns

March 5, 2014, Kappa

Gladys served on many committees for Kappa and taught various elementary grade levels over a 28 year teaching career. She also supervised student teachers and gave workshops at Penn State University. She was 100 years old.

Terry J. Bieber

February 11, 2014, Sigma

Terry served Sigma Chapter on various committees and projects and most recently as a member of our U.S. Forum Committee. She was a Social Studies teacher at Warrior

Run Middle School. She retired in 2011. She volunteered at Ashkar Elementary School in Hughesville

Carol Jane Fraser

April 18, 2014, Alpha Upsilon

During her short time as a member, Carol helped to recruit two new members. Carol taught for 31 years, serving as an inspiration to her students and community. She was a NASA Mercury MESSENGER Educator Fellow and received accolades for excellence in teaching. She leaves a legacy of inspiring exploration, lifelong learning and loving fiercely.

Caroline Longwell

June, 19, 2013, Psi

Caroline was President of Psi, 1982-84 and Area Chairman. She taught math and was assistant and guidance. She was on the DuBois-Jefferson County Mental Health Board, Mengle Memorial Library Board, Brockway Historical Society Board, Educational Society of Women Educators, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, and 2001 Brockway Citizen of the Year.

Ann Hagan

June 24, 2013, Psi

Ann was recording Secretary, Research Chairman, and Ways and means Chairman. She taught Spanish for 25 years, was Redbank Valley Education Association

(see [Memorium page 13](#))

Announcements from Treasurer

2014-2015 Dues and Fees

Active - \$58

(or \$57.40 for designated chapters)

This includes \$40 International, \$17 state,
\$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.

Chapter dues added to this amount.

Reserve - \$28

(or \$27.40 for designated chapters)

This includes \$20 International, \$7 State,
\$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.

Chapter dues added to this amount.

IRS Reporting

All chapters must complete a
990N e-postcard for the IRS.

Reporting deadline: November 15, 2014

A copy of the acceptance e-mail should be forwarded to
Wanda Keller at: WKeller879@atlanticbb.net

Please make sure that the dates for your year are **July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**. If dates are wrong or you experience problems with the process, please contact Wanda Keller, Alpha Alpha State Treasurer.

Proposed Amendment Passed

by Patricia Crouse, Rules Chair

The proposed Amendment to our State By-Laws was passed at State Convention.

Article IV- Finances

Section 1

E. Nancy Grove Visionary Fund

1) The visionary fund is named in memory of

past state president Nancy Grove who started the fund.

2) The **Nancy Grove Visionary Fund** will be administered by the past state presidents and used to award up to \$500 to an active teacher member for an item/items that will support educational excellence in her classroom or school. One award will be presented at the annual state convention.

3) The **Nancy Grove Visionary Fund** will be funded with voluntary contributions from members, chapter projects, and memorials.

(Memorium from page 12)

Secretary, and chaperone for
Foreign Language field trips.

Annabel Oakes

November 13, 2013, Psi

She served as 1st Vice president and was the last Charter member of Psi. Annabel was in the Order of the Eastern Star and Secretary of Jefferson Co. Teachers' Association.

Eleanor Caylor

December 28, 2013, Psi

Eleanor was Personal Growth Chairman, Services Chairman, and Area Reporter. She was President of PEO chapter W, Branch President of American Association of University Women, Punxsutawney

Business and Professional Woman of the Year, Cooperating Teacher for Clarion University and published author of classroom learning materials.

Annie Laurie Williams

February 1, 2014, Psi

Annie was Treasurer and Finance Chair of Psi. She was a member of DAR, PEO, volunteer for the Red Cross and Meals on Wheels, 2003 Punxsutawney Women of the Year, State President of Delta Pi Epsilon through IUP, weekly volunteer of Punxsutawney Area Hospital, lay speaker, Sunday school teacher and superintendent of her church.

Jean McClelland Carpenter

August 29, 2013, Pi

Jean was a member of Pi Chapter for 46 years. She was the Chapter President from 1978-1980. She was a mathematics, Latin, French teacher in the Northern Potter School District for 26 years, retiring in 1976.

Elizabeth H. Dobb

October 27, 2013, Sigma

Elizabeth served Sigma Chapter on various committees and projects. She was a teacher at Milton High School for more than 25 years.

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

Albert Einstein

A Tribute to E. Margaret Gable

by Dee Stout, Beta Xi, and Sharon O'Connell, Omega

They say you should never have any regrets in your life. However, if I were to have one regret it, would be not having the opportunity to know E. Margaret Gable. In reading different tributes to her, one is filled with the sense that here was a woman who fully embodied the Seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Her educational career was spent as a librarian at Susquehanna University, Indiana State College of Pennsylvania, and Elizabethtown College. She was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1963 in the Epsilon Chapter but switched to Beta Theta when she moved to Elizabethtown. E. Margaret became very active at both the local and state levels of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was Beta Theta's President from 1970-1972 and for several years she served as the convention treasurer. E. Margaret began to work her way up through the ladder of state officers resulting in becoming President of Alpha Alpha State from 1987-1989 when the organization celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

Her biennium goals included an increase in membership growth and commitment. She hoped that a new chapter would be formed and she wanted members to focus on educational issues. By reflecting on the conferences held in those years, E. Margaret worked hard to accomplish these goals.

In her President's letter of December, 1987, she posed the question: *"What does it mean to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma?"* She answered by emphasizing the importance of stimulation by association with other professional organizations in support of legislation for education; and the awareness of current economic, social, political, and educational issues in the changing society. Her second question asked: *"What does it require to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma?"* E. Margaret stressed commitment of time to attend meetings, financial support of projects, active participation in programs, and sharing of

ideas and interests. She also wrote, *"There is a direct relationship between the individual's commitment and rewards gained from membership."* In

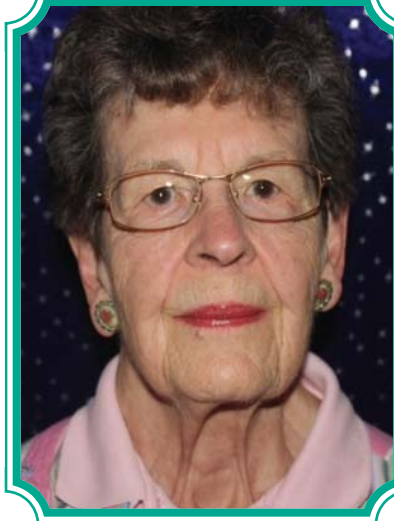
her President's letter from February, 1989, she encouraged members to reach out into the communities and speak out on educational issues. These things were all very important to her.

E. Margaret worked tirelessly to recruit key women educators to the ranks of Delta Kappa Gamma. She mentored and nurtured many women who served on various committees at both the local and state level. Many of you who have served at the state level were encouraged by E. Margaret

because she knew all the positive contributions women would make that would help Alpha Alpha State grow. And she was right!!!!

Retirement did not slow E. Margaret down. She continued to be actively involved in Delta Kappa Gamma activities. She sang in her church choir as well as with the local, state and international Delta Kappa Gamma choirs. E. Margaret Gable was a regular attendee and participant at regional conferences and international conventions. E. Margaret was a member of the local garden club, became President of the Elizabethtown Historical Society, and volunteered at the police station. Because of her involvement and recognition of service in various community activities and associations E. Margaret was named a recipient in the Alpha Alpha State Album of Distinction three times.

E. Margaret's level of commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma, her nurturing and mentoring of many of its members, her volunteer work within the community, and her dedication to enhancing others lives through education combine to identify her as a Key Woman Educator. Her legacy is one to be emulated by all members of the Society. E. Margaret Gable will be greatly missed.



Checks made *In Memoriam* to Members, Family, etc. should be sent to our Alpha Alpha State Treasurer, Wander Keller. In the memo line, please state where you want your money to be placed. (Scholarship, Visionary Fund, etc.)

“The idea is to die young as late as possible.” *Ashley Montagu*

by Shirley Folmer, Nu

Marion I. Miller, a 1951 graduate of Albright College, was inducted into Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma on December 7, 1957, bumping the number of chapter members up to thirty-nine. She earned elementary certification from Millersville State College and a Master of Education from Temple. She also did graduate work at Penn State. By 1964, she was installed as Nu Chapter president. From 1977 to 1979, she served as Alpha Alpha State President, and in 1988 was the recipient of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award. In 1991, Marion served as co-chairperson of the Northeast Regional Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. She was a retired elementary principal from Annville–Cleona School District.

Marion was involved with numerous professional activities. She was the past president of Lebanon County Elementary School Principals, a member of the American Association of University Women, past president of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) and she was the past president of the Lebanon County Association of School Retirees.

Marion was also active in her community. From 1995 to 1998, she served as president of the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO). She also served as recording secretary and treasurer of that organization. She was Palmyra Women's Club President from 2000-2002, Lebanon County Federation of Women's Clubs Education co-chairman, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth, Lebanon County Historical Society, Daughters

of the American Revolution, Lebanon Valley College Auxiliary, and Friends of the Palmyra Library.



Marion was the recipient of many honors and awards. She was listed in Outstanding Educators in America and Who's Who in American Education in 1988-1989. In 1987-1988 she was the first alternate for the Distinguished Principal Award. She was the recipient of the 1988 Distinguished Albright College Alumnus Award and in 1988 received the Alpha Alpha State Delta Kappa Gamma Achievement Award. Marion was well-traveled. She spent her fortieth birthday on the Amazon River on a trip sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma. She spent time in Africa, Antarctica, China, India, Mexico, South America, Russia, and Europe.

Marion was a member of Annville United Methodist Church where she was past president of Annville United Methodist Women, a member of the bell choir and church choir.

Her major interests included travel, reading, genealogy, golf, walking, and handicrafts, especially needlepoint, quilting, and quilling.

Marion I. Miller, 84, of Palmyra, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2014 at her residence. Born in Jonestown on July 11, 1929, she was the daughter of the late N. Stanford and M. Irene Albert Miller.

Indeed, Marion Miller lived life to the fullest, experienced as much as possible, set a wonderful example for her family, colleagues and friends and *“died young as late as possible.”*

Important Dates

July 23-26, 2014	International Seminar for Purposeful Living: A Golden Dream - Fort, Wayne, IN
July 28- August 1, 2014	International Convention – Indianapolis, IN
September 26-27, 2014	Purposeful Seminar – Lancaster, PA
March 27 – 29, 2015	Creative Arts Retreat – Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, PA
June 12-14, 2015	State Convention - State College, PA
July 8 – 11, 2015	NERC – Baltimore, MD
July 5 – 9, 2016	International Convention – Nashville, TN
September 1	Lucile Cornet Award for participation in Professional Development

Chapter News

Eta

ETA Chapter held crafting sessions throughout the year, creating numerous items to sell during the Christmas Season. ETA Chapter held the fundraiser for Leg Up Farm (**LegUp-Farm.org**). Leg Up Farm provides physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy, individual and family counseling, educational programs, and equine-assisted activities to



Lynn Karlitskie, Peggy Bange, Judy Sabaka, Ethel Warner (seated), Polly Bucklen, Barb Heilman, and Jan Kercher.

tending the Christmas bazaar stands. Nine-hundred thirty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents, (\$938.95) was raised and presented

children up to age 21, regardless of their disability, all at one location. Seventeen members worked hard creating crafts and

to Tom O'Connor of Leg Up.

Other Sisters who assisted in this project are:

Ruth Itthouse, Liz Eisenhart, Sue March, Susan Martin, Betzie O'Connor, Margaret Ramage, Terri Stetler, Paula Trayer, Cheryl Weyant and Pam Wible.



Barb Heilman, Polly Bucklen, Leg Up Farm Development Director, Tom O'Connor, and , Judy Sabaka.

Theta

In keeping with International's second project, Supporting Early Career Educators, Theta Chapter invited seven early career teachers to a Holiday Tea in December held in a beautifully deco-



rated Victorian tea room. These special guests were treated to a relaxing afternoon spent networking with veteran colleagues and finding encouragement and support for this challenging but rewarding career choice. Several of the women

were former recipients of Theta's Student Scholarship grant. Many of the new teachers expressed their interest in DKG and will be invited to participate in future meetings and to consider membership.

Three future educators were awarded scholarship grants at Theta's annual benefit in April. Each student received a grant to help pursue their chosen careers in



education. The recipients were Colleen Johnston, Kristina Alvarez, and Christy Neville.

Joan Beggs received her 50 year member pin this year. The pin was presented at a special ceremony attended by many of Joan's Thetan sisters and colleagues. Joan was initiated in 1963, and served Theta in many capacities, including chapter president from 1978-1980.



In the photo, Joan is flanked by 40 year member Rosemary Hulsman and 47 year member Marcia Levaur. Thetan sisters having staying power!

Beta Omicron

The Beta Omicron Chapter welcomed new officers at their May Dinner Meeting. Left to Right: Amy Buddock, President, Mindy Patton, 1st Vice President, Linda Irwin, 2nd Vice President, Janene Groff, Recording Secretary, Danielle Smith, Corresponding Secretary, and Marsha McQueen, Treasurer.



May Days:

Popcorn clouds buttered with sunshine.

Hummingbirds treading air.

Kites shinnying up the breeze.

A woodpecker breakfasting in Morse Code.

Alpha Nu

Active and growing, Alpha Nu chapter includes all of Bucks County. We meet four times a year in a central location, either for brunch or lunch. The current membership is 75 and we have inducted 12 new members in the past two years. Our December, 2013, meeting had 56 attendees (largest in memory).

The chapter adopts projects which appeal to many members and offers activities for all segments of the membership. Several examples are:

1. **Write Read Write.** A classroom teacher works with students (kindergarten to middle school) who write letters in September telling about their reading interests. At the October meeting, members select a letter, buy a book for that student, wrap it and enclose a short letter. These are brought to the December meeting and the books are distributed to the students, who then write a thank you note, which members receive in March. It sounds complex, but students and classroom teachers are thrilled with the results.



Kathy Royal led Write Read Write project

2. **Book Club.** This idea came from an Alpha Alpha State. The group meets every two months at a different restaurant around 5 pm on a week night. Approximately 10 women regularly attend.

3. **Books and Blankies.** What a successful start this project had last year!

Contact was made with a local hospital where new mothers might need a handmade blanket and a book for their newborn child. Members met in small groups to knit or crochet baby afghans. Others donated books or money for wrapping supplies. The gifts were wrapped and delivered to the clinic contact person.



Distributing yarn supplies

4. **Food Pantries.** Currently, the chapter collects food items at each meeting for four food pantries throughout Bucks County. The pantries are overwhelmed when a volunteer arrives with over 100 lb. of foodstuffs.

5. **Bingo for Scholarship Fund.** This is another idea from Alpha Alpha State. Members bring \$10.00 gifts and buy bingo cards to participate. All proceeds go into the scholarship fund.



Alpha Nu chapter believes that a wide range of activities allows members to participate enthusiastically in an area of interest.

Enrichment Grant Adventures

Paris in the Spring

by Linda Lubben

Alpha Alpha State generously gave me an Enrichment Grant to go to Paris and take cooking lessons. Since I cannot eat gluten, dairy, or soy, any food experience can be challenging. Planning for this trip, I decided that I wanted to take a class in making Macaroons, as these delicious little cookies seemed synonymous with France. The macaroon, however, originated, as legend would have it, in Italy in the 8th or 9th century in monasteries. Most historians believe it was transported to France by sailors where French patissier techniques refined it.

On March 24, 2014 one of my DKG sisters, my 12 year old granddaughter, and I took off from Newark,

New Jersey for our 12 day Parisian adventure. On our second day in Paris, we moved from a hotel in downtown Paris to the apartment we had rented in the 3rd arrondissement. (Paris is divided into 20 sections or arrondissements.)

On the day of our first class, we took the Metro to the apartment of a private chef named Dominique.

Our first surprise was that Dominique was a man! Our chef proceeded to explain that macaroons are very sensitive to humidity, so you cannot rinse or wash any dishes as you work. Eggs have to be separated 5 days prior to making the macaroons. The eggs are then brought to room temperature in the morning of the day you make the cookies. You



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shouldn't eat them as soon as they are made. They need at least one day to rest so that the flavors can develop! Who ever thought making a cookie could be so complicated! After a three hour class, we left with two boxes of macaroons: one Raspberry with fruit filling and one Chocolate with Rice Cream filling. We all agreed that they were the most delicious macaroons we had ever eaten. Would I make another batch? I am not sure that I have the patience!

Our second class was with a different chef. The instructions we received were to meet by the news stand at the Jules Joffrin subway station on line 12. He would be the person with the rolling green cart. We arrived a few minutes before the appointed time - no man with a green cart! I began to wonder if there really was a chef coming to meet us. Then I noticed a young couple looking around and speaking English, so I approached them and asked if they were waiting for a chef? Yes, was their reply. Now I felt a little more optimistic! Shortly a woman from Korea joined us, looking for the same chef. At last he appeared, and we were off to the market! Going through the meat market, he explained how to determine when the meat was butchered. One of the items in the case was the full body of a rabbit.

When we asked why the head was still on, he said that by law, the head has to be included. Therefore, a cat cannot be substituted for rabbit! Next we visited the fish market and learned how to select the freshest fish and how to fillet.



After spending approximately 1 ½ hours at the various markets, we went to the school where the chef teaches and spent the next 3 hours preparing the food purchased at the market. We enjoyed an appetizer, entrée, cheese course, and dessert with, of course, appropriate wines. The dessert afforded us another opportunity to make a meringue, however, it was less complicated than the one used in the macaroon. This time it formed the base of the dessert which was topped with homemade ice cream and fresh berries.



For the rest of the trip, our dining was in small outdoor cafes and restaurants and creating new dishes in our apartment. Each day was an adventure. Thanks Alpha Alpha State for giving me the opportunity to build so many wonderful culinary memories.

Ode to Southern France

by Mmes. Sue Mechura, Nu, and Donna Kuntz, Nu

"Frere Jacques, Frere Jacques, Dormez vous? Dormez vous?" We're sure you remember these and the rest of the words in this little song from your childhood. Rest assured that Jacques is alive and well in a bell tower in Avignon, France, from where he rings the morning bells. He is one of the wonderful sights we saw as

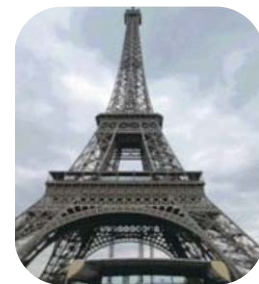


we traveled from Paris to Avignon on a Viking River Cruise. Here are our reflections from this most remarkable trip.

ODE

"Paris is everything we dreamed of and more:
The Tour Eiffel, Champs - Elysees and Sacre Coeur...
The splendor of Notre Dame, the bridge of Alexander Three,
And of course crepes, chocolate and the patisserie!

The Moulin Rouge revue certainly made our eyes pop,
And at Le Restaurant, the multi-course meal was over the top.



We headed south to Dijon and found mustard galore,
And a Croque Monsieur sandwich left us yearning for more.
Then onto the boat at Chalon sur Saone,
And away we sailed until we reached Beaune. (see Paris page 19)

Chapter Chairs at Alpha Alpha State

by Melody Hannegan, Projects Chair

Thank you so much to the chapters who lined up their chairs at the Birthday Luncheon at this year's PADKG convention. It was fun, not only to gaze upon the variety and creativity of the chairs, but also to witness everyone's positive reactions to their presence. Much TLC has been invested in them.

Now the second phase of this project begins. If your chapter has not already done so, please plan a fund-raising activity with your chair(s) as a centerpiece. Here are some ideas already adopted:

~The members of Delta Chapter raise money by donating items for sale at craft shows. The chair will be the focal point of their table this fall and will ultimately be given to a Head Start where a member works.

~Kappa Chapter is planning to raise funds through casual dress days in their local schools and then raffle the chair to a member at their May meeting.

~Another chapter is talking about displaying the chair at a local festival and asking for donations.

Just as your chapters have created unique chairs, your chapter should determine how you can best utilize the chairs to help support Head Start programs. The goal is to present a generous check to the PA Head Start Association at the 2015 PADKG convention. If your chapter already supports a local Head Start program, you may still allocate the funds locally. Please, notify the State of the amount you have raised so that it may also be acknowledged.

SEE – Support Early-Career Educators – A Rose Garden of Ideas at <http://www.alphaalphaphapa.com/> Scroll down to “SEE” under the projects tab on the menu, and find links on the form to share a great teaching idea. Please fill it out

PA Delta Kappa Gamma Projects

Congratulations, PADKG,

A classroom of chairs for us to see!

One chair, two, and even more,

Our chapters brought bright chairs galore!

Red chairs, blue chairs, yellow and green,
such a rainbow ne'er was seen.

Adorned with puzzles, Dr. Seuss, and dots
handprints, music, Pooh – all for tots!

Thank you to the artists, the young and the old,
our members, their families with stories told.

Now for the challenge to support Head Start!

Best wishes as we raise funds to impart!



and send it to Melody Hannegan at

those of you have already contributed your ideas.

Paris from page 18)

A 14th century hospital is some sight to see:

Beds covered in red velvet under a red canopy.

The hillsides of Burgundy are covered with vines

And we sniffed, swirled and tasted some marvelous wines.

Then on to Lyon, famous for French cuisine:

We ate samples of cheeses, olives, escargot and terrine.

Medieval Perouges had streets of cobblestones that cripple,

But they didn't cause French women in high heels to tipple!

Away to Tournon, where we started the day with wine,

And the samples of chocolate at Varlhona were divine!

Arles was a treat – it's where Van Gogh spent his prime

Painting starry nights, sunflowers – the finest works of his time.

Avignon was the city at the end of our cruise.

The Palace of the Popes caused us to muse

About its grandeur and size, which was fascinating to all:

The arches, the floor tiles, the frescoes on the walls.

Our last visit was to the incredible Pont du Gare,

A three-tiered aqueduct that caused us to stare

And wonder at

the enormity

of the task

which in

Roman times

seemed almost too much to ask.

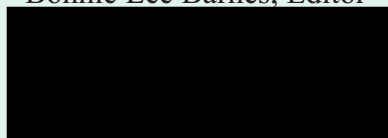
So Merci, DKG, for this travel event,

Thanks for the memories – it was money well spent!”



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Bonnie Lee Barnes, Editor



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Have You Ever Wondered? (a column for DKG questions)

Question: How much fun do they have at State Convention?

Answer: Pictures speak louder than words.

