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Dr. Sarah Tambucci to Keynote 2002 State Convention with Message on Educational Leadership Development

by Louise Garverick, Alpha Alpha State President

Alpha Alpha State will welcome Dr. Sarah Tambucci to our keynote podium on Saturday, June 8, 2002, following our Executive Board Meeting.

Sarah comes to us with a wealth of educational, administrative, and nonprofit organization expertise. She is currently the Director of the Arts Education Collaborative, a part of the Collaborative for Learning organized under the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh.

Sarah received her B. S. in Art Education from Edinboro State College, followed by her M. Ed. in Art Education and her Ph. D. in Educational Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to accepting her current position, Sarah served as first a Visual Arts teacher and Art Department Chair, then as elementary principal in the Chartiers Valley School District. She is currently an adjunct faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh and has served in this capacity at Carlow College.

As Director of the AEC, she oversees their action purposes for Professional Development in the arts, implementation of the Arts Standards, and arts advocacy and awareness.



Dr. Sarah Tambucci

Alpha Alpha State Convention
and Executive Board Meetings
June 7-9, 2002

"Possibilities!"

Schedule Preview
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Sarah's impressive résumé includes current Advisory Board positions on the Pennsylvania Governor's Institute, the Hershey Bellwether Project, and the Binney & Smith Corporation; she is also a current member of the Board of Directors for the American Crafts Council. She has served as Task Force Chair for the Heinz Endowment in the areas of Professional Development and Advocacy and on the Teacher Institute Advisory Panel for the National Gallery of Art. Sarah is a past president of both the Pennsylvania Art Education Association and the National Art Education Association.

As a dynamic and inspirational speaker, Sarah will share with us her thoughts and ideas on Educational Leadership Development. *P*

Alpha Alpha State President's Message

by Louise Garverick



New Year, New Hope, New Possibilities

Happy New Year! And what a year this is for Alpha Alpha State—we turned 65 on January 23, 2002. Happy Birthday to us!

As we begin 2002, my thoughts are filled with what is possibly the same hope that our Founders must have felt when they pioneered our state organization. My hope is that, as key women educators, we will find time to continue our dialogues with each other in search of innovative solutions to educational issues. I hope that we will support one another in both personal and professional growth. And I hope that we will make time in our schedules to gather together for chapter, state, and national meetings where we can network, learn from one another, and enjoy each other's company. Delta Kappa Gamma has, in the past, provided an arena where each of us can learn to optimize our potentials, and in 2002 there will be even more opportunities for stretching and growing.

This past fall, three hostess chapters organized state meetings where our members came to learn about new school safety issues, the importance of museum programs in communities, and the enrichment of our thinking through storytelling. Lively discussions centered on retirement issues, legislation and education, and the impact of chapter project work. Added to this were the cherished moments of new and renewed friendships with incredibly interesting women—our sisters!

Plans are now underway for our State Convention, June 7-9, in State College. Comprehensive training information will be provided for everyone, especially for new officers and committee chairmen. Workshops on educational issues are scheduled with high profile presenters from across the state. This will be an opportunity for everyone to hear up-to-date information on the progress of the Standards, Act 48 credits, education legislation, and subject-specific topics. Additionally, we will be privileged to welcome Dr. Sarah Tambucci as our keynote speaker. Sarah is skilled in leadership development and will not only make us feel confident about our past accomplishments, but will inspire us toward an even greater use of our leadership abilities.

Rounding out our convention will be information for first-time attendees (encourage your newest members to attend this year!), Artists' Alley, Chapter Brag Booths, Scholarship awards, our Scholarship Shop, and a creative Bag Raffle. Whew! Will any of you come early or stay late to explore State College on your own? NOW is the time to mark your calendars to reserve Convention weekend for YOU!

We reflect on our past, and we celebrate new hopes for Alpha Alpha State members. My best wishes to each of you for exciting new possibilities in your lives in this new year! ☺

STATE PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR July 2001-June 2002

JULY, 2001...Northeast Regional, Boston
AUGUST.....Lewisburg
State Officers/Committee Chairs Meeting
SEPTEMBER.....Fall Meetings
Bethlehem, Alpha Alpha Chapter hosting
Freeport, Alpha Upsilon Chapter hosting
OCTOBER.....Fall Meeting
York, Beta Delta Chapter hosting
NOVEMBER.....Altoona
Leadership Development Committee
Chapter Visit.....Williamsport
Omicron, Beta Nu
JANUARY, 2002...Hershey/State College
Convention planning meetings
MARCH, Chapter Visit.....Malvern
Alpha Eta, Beta Alpha, Beta Mu,
Beta Omicron, Beta Pi
APRIL, Chapter Visits.....York:
Beta Delta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Eta
Grove City (President's Designee,
Susan Stamm): Zeta, Lambda, Alpha
Omicron, Alpha Sigma
Johnstown: *Beta Epsilon, Iota, Beta Xi*
Tioga: *Pi*
Finance Committee Meeting....Altoona
MAY, Chapter Visit.....Erie
Alpha Omega, Alpha Iota, Gamma
JUNE.....State College
Alpha Alpha State Convention

Alpha Alpha State Convention and Executive Board Meetings
Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9, 2002, The Penn Stater, State College, PA

"Possibilities!"

Convention Schedule Preview

Friday, June 7

Dinner on your own

- 6-9 p.m. Registration
6:30-9:00 Scholarship Shop
7:00-7:30 First-timers' Orientation
7-8 Focus 2000 Discussions
Handbell Choir Practice
7-9 Informal Fellowship

Meet Dr. Sarah Tambucci
Bag Raffle Ticket Sales
Artists' Alley, Patty Valentine

7:30-8:30 Set-up for Brag Booths

7:45-8:15 Songfest
Informal singing around the piano with Shirley Newhart

8-10 Chapter Presidents and
Parliamentarians Leadership
Training

State Committee meetings will be held as called by chairmen.

12-2 Birthday Luncheon
2:00-2:30 Bag Raffle Ticket Sales
Practice for Chapter
Presidents' Processional

2-5 Scholarship Shop

2:15-3:15 Workshops

2:45-4:30 Chapter Presidents
Workshop

3:30-4:30 Workshops

4:45 Drawing for Bag Raffle

5:45 Photos

*Incoming Chapter Presidents
and State Officers*

6:15-6:30 General Seating for
Founders' Banquet

6:30 Processional

7:00 Founders' Banquet

*Reception for Achievement Awardee,
new initiates, and new chapter
presidents; informal fellowship*

Saturday, June 8

Breakfast on own, a la carte selections

7:30-8:30 a.m. Scholarship Shop,
Artists' Alley, set up Brag Booths

8-noon Registration

8:00-8:30 Executive Board Meeting

*All chapter presidents, State
officers, committee chairmen,
and past State presidents*

8:00-8:45 Bag Raffle Ticket Sales

8:45-10:45 General Session, all members

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-11:45 Keynote Address
Dr. Sarah Tambucci

Sunday, June 9

Breakfast on your own

8:00-8:45 Catholic Church Service
Protestant Church Service

9:00-9:45 Celebration of Life

10:00 Executive Board Meeting

10:15 Second General Session

11:00 Adjournment

11:00-11:45 State Officers Meeting
*State Committee Meetings as called
by chairmen*

Noon Hotel Check-out





New Year's Resolutions for Committees . . .

PROGRAM OF WORK— Stimulating Programs and Significant Projects

by Carol Ulrich, State Program of Work Chairman

The New Year has arrived, and resolutions or not, it is time to reflect on your Program of Work committee's impact during your biennium. In my previous article, I asked you to consider the legacy you are leaving for your next program chairman. Have you created meaningful partnerships for your chapter? Have you used the team approach in your planning? Have you sent your biennial report to me? If not, send it even though it is late. It will assist your state Program of Work committee in their planning. President Louise has asked us to "dwell in possibility." Listed below are ideas to help you plan stimulating programs and significant projects. These are taken from the *Teamwork* brochure distributed by International.

- ❖ Acquaint your members with the scope of the Program Manual including the topics, various methods of presentation, and resources available to produce outstanding programs. (Continue to use the old manual in 2002. The new manual will be revealed at Little Rock this summer.)
- ❖ Study the roles of the Professional Affairs, Personal Growth and Services, and Research and Music Representatives as they contribute to the four key issue categories presented in the Program Manual.
- ❖ Survey members' interests and concerns before selecting an annual theme for chapter programs.
- ❖ Consider the key issue categories in the Program Manual when selecting annual topic or focus for chapter programs.
- ❖ Plan programs that will co-ordinate the involvement of the Music Representative and the Professional Affairs, Personal Growth, and Services and Research Committees.

The Professional Affairs Committee encourages chapters to:

- ❖ Strengthen members' knowledge of and commitment to our organization by affirming with others the Purposes of our Society.
- ❖ Encourage determination of needs, strategies, and action plans which provide results that enrich our profession.
- ❖ Engage in teambuilding to accomplish maximum leadership and learning for all women educators.
- ❖ Promote equality for all women in all countries.
- ❖ Initiate and support legislation affecting education.

The Personal Growth and Services Committee encourages chapters to:

- ❖ Emphasize leadership by mentoring and networking as well as by attending Delta Kappa Gamma regional conferences, state and international conventions, and workshop and seminars.
- ❖ Foster literacy through volunteerism and chapter projects.
- ❖ Volunteer time and energy to meet and confer with legislators and to work for educational issues.
- ❖ Engage in learning activities and workshops that contribute to personal enjoyment and professional growth.

The Research Committee encourages chapters to:

- ❖ Know the leadership opportunities available to women and the statistics concerning women in leadership positions.
- ❖ Encourage reading opportunities and numeracy skill development among members and be knowledgeable about literacy statistics throughout the world.
- ❖ Research representation of women in official and legislative positions, on boards, and in professional offices.
- ❖ Engage in research studies and writing to disseminate learning.

The Program Manual is available from International for \$2.50.

The key issues for 1998-2002 are:

- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Curriculum
- Funding
- Parent Education/Involvement
- Safe Environment
- Student Population
- Structure of Education
- Technology
- Values

AD HOC PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

An Ad Hoc Personnel Committee has been appointed to review applications for the pending State Editor position. This committee will be recommending a candidate to the State Executive Board for vote during State Convention in June.

The committee members are Anita DeMarco, Chairman; Dr. Nancy E. James, Suzanne Long, Marion Miller, and Michelle Sama.

Applicants are reminded that March 1 is the deadline for submitting applications to Michelle Sama, Communications Chairman.

"WE CAME, WE SAW, WE LEARNED!"

Successes of the 2001 Fall Meetings

(The September 15 meeting at Bethlehem, hosted by Alpha Alpha Chapter, was reported under "Chapter News" in the Fall 2001 *Keystonean*.)

Freeport, PA - September 29

Hosted by Alpha Upsilon Chapter

WE CAME (85 women strong) to the Fall Area Meeting on September 29 featuring your asked-for format changes. Judith Schaffer and Barbara Farina chaired this event. Attendance was good!

Artists' Alley and the Scholarship Shop were offered during the morning registration time. Pottery by Gwen Korvick, multi-leveled wood carving pictures by Nancy Ewing, and a traveling student art exhibit from Highlands School District, provided by Rosella Lascek, were displayed. If you arrived early, we fed your mind and body.

WE SAW workshops that were varied yet timely. Pat Shedlock's Advocacy Awareness tips helped us to communicate more effectively with our legislators. Several Alpha Upsilon members are scheduling a meeting with our state representative in the near future. Dr. Louis Baldassare discussed building safety issues in relation to the World Trade Center disaster in New York City. School security is an important issue in today's uncertain future. Haddie Weber promoted Parents Anonymous project ideas for the upcoming biennium of President Louise Garverick. Participants learned and did hands-on project work. Kathy Firestone and Judith Schaffer introduced the Bi-folkal approach with lots of audience involvement as an outreach program for classrooms, community organizations, or senior citizens. We experienced a fun way to learn!



WE LEARNED about current Society business from President Garverick's message and Leadership Development Chairman Terri Stetler's opening session. Shirley Newhart, Visual and Performing Arts Chair-man, had us singing throughout the morning. (Photo: "Remembering with Music": L-R, Kathy Wescot, Barbara Gasperini, Shirley Newhart)

Ask anyone who attended the western PA site meeting about "Nosey Roseys." Find out what they are and how to get them! All Delta Kappa Gamma members should have some Nosey Roseys. Watch for
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York, PA - October 6

Hosted by Beta Delta Chapter

On Saturday, October 6, Beta Delta Chapter hosted 63 Alpha Alpha State members for the Fall Meeting at the Holiday Inn Holidome in York. State President Louise Garverick encouraged members to give guidance in education issues, search for excellence, and network with other members.

Three workshops were offered for Act 48 credit. "Investigating Math Assessments," conducted by Dr. Jacqueline Lesney, assistant superintendent in the South Middleton School District, provided a hands-on opportunity for participants to investigate the PA math standards. Suzanne Long, U. S. Forum Liaison, was the presenter for "Awareness! Advocacy! Action! A Legislative Direction." Members learned ways to be effective advocates for legislation beneficial to education, women, and children. The third workshop was "It's All in the Telling." Judy Wolfman, author and storyteller, provided participants with techniques for creative storytelling.



Door prize winners at York Area Meeting

"Lend a Helping Hand" gave us the opportunity to help in a service project for Parents Anonymous. Visual and Performing Arts Chairman Shirley Newhart led the members in several favorite songs, and we had the chance to purchase items at the Scholarship Shop.

Reported by Jane L. Long, Beta Delta Chapter President

Judith Schaffer at Society functions, as she will have them available.

Alpha Upsilon's membership came together several times to plan for this event. We saw to your needs in a hopefully hospitable manner, and we learned that touching bases with each other as both teachers and Society members is a rewarding experience. It was our pleasure to host an Area Meeting in 2001 at River Forest Country Club.

Reported by Judith Schaffer, Alpha Upsilon



Spotlight on

MISSION TRIP TO SUDAN

by Octavia Payne, Alpha Sigma

Octavia Payne received an Alpha Alpha State Enrichment Grant that enabled her to visit Sudan, Africa, on an interdenominational mission study trip sponsored by Shenango Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The following is excerpted from her report to the Presbytery.

Sudan is the focus of one of Shenango Presbytery's Major Mission Projects and includes churches, Nile Theological College, Gereif Bible School, the Women's Center, and clinics, all currently operating. Presbyterian churches and missionaries have enjoyed a long and meaningful mission history with the Sudanese Evangelical Church (SPEC) in the northern part of Sudan.

Our mission team consisted of ten: eight men and two women. Three members of the team were ministers and one was a doctor. We prepared for our trip through many meetings on Sudan and safety precautions, along with our many inoculations. We split among us study books for the seminary students, communion cups, re-hydration packs, and funds. I had pencils and sharpeners in my pack, along with 2000 Communion cups from Christian Assembly Church and the clothes crammed into my two suitcases.

We left Monday, January 22, 2001, on a tiny 18-seater aircraft that took us to Dulles Airport in Washington, D. C. We moved to a larger plane for our international flight (Lufthansa Airlines) and flew to Frankfurt, Germany, then to Cairo, Egypt, and then to Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. A representative from the Acropolis Hotel met us and escorted us through customs and out to waiting vans (purchased by Shenango Presbytery) and trucks. The Acropolis was a delightful old-fashioned hotel. Jane and I had the suite with a bathroom, right next to the family-style dining room. Our worries were put to rest when we found we could get all the bottled water we needed. Each day the temperatures were in the 80-90° range. At night it was a little breezy and cool at 50 degrees.

Background on Sudan

Sudan is the largest country in Africa and is bordered by nine other countries. The Nile River runs through Sudan lengthwise, splitting at Khartoum to become the Blue Nile and the White Nile. Thirty million people inhabit Sudan. The religions are Muslim, 63%, mostly in Northern Sudan; Animists, 24%; Christians, 13%. Sudan has been wracked with 17 years of civil war pitting the northern Muslim/Arab government against the non-Muslim, mostly Black, Southern Sudanese.

The Muslim government supplies some Northern Black tribes with weapons and has changed what was a traditional way of life to slaughter, killings and slave trade. Whole families from the Southern Sudan have been uprooted and are running for safety to the north and to other bordering countries, producing many displacement camps. Other Muslim nations barely tolerate their presence, to present the impression that they are not suppressing Christian Black Africans. But these other governments may turn on the refugees at any moment, confiscating church property, arresting and harassing pastors, and driving them elsewhere.

Oil was discovered in Sudan in 1999. The government exports a production capacity of 200,000 barrels a day. Reserves are estimated at around 3 billion barrels. The nation still carries an external debt of 20 billion dollars, but the economy has improved because of the great amount of construction of new buildings and additions to old buildings in the last five years. Almost all government buildings are beautiful, well designed, and well kept, but

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The mission team visits the board of the Women's Center in Sudan. Octavia Payne (wearing glasses) is third from right in the back row.

Scholarship



(Octavia Payne, Sudan – continued from page six)

there are still a lot of old, run-down buildings. All do not benefit from the millions from the oil wells—just the government.

Visit to the Women's Center

We were able to take in the surroundings and experience the city life as we walked to the Women's Center from the hotel. The roads were worn and dusty. I had been warned by my daughter to keep up and not get left behind looking at other things, as I do in New York City.

A clay wall enclosed the Center, which seemed to take up half the block. The area contained the clinic, office building, work shed, and numerous thatched structures for classrooms and/or shelters.

Our group met with Hanan Timsaus and her board of women who ran the centers. They were presented with a check for \$710, with more to come through the national office of PC(USA). Self-development and self-generating projects of the women include:

1. Soap-making: 50 cases to sell, and for use in their homes.
2. Tie-dying cloth to make bags, sheets, pillows and outfits.
3. Beaded jewelry of all types with a special alligator design unique to them. (I purchased enough for each child in my Sunday School.)
4. A chicken coop with 400 laying hens producing 15 trays of 24 eggs daily. (The Presbyterian Women of Shenango Presbytery support this newest project.)
5. Pasta-making machines for businesses and/or women's projects in displacement camp centers.
6. Small business loans to women—a new six-month project. (A small restaurant was opened and run by some of the women.)

The women raised the money to help finance their education and projects. Many have learned to read, write, and speak English.

Notes of Thanks from Grant Recipients

At the Alpha Alpha State Convention in June 2000, I was both honored and proud to receive the Mary H. Pooler Award for Graduate Study. In the last year I have matriculated at Wilkes University, and I graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Education with a concentration in Classroom Technology, in August 2001. I utilize what I learned to enhance instruction in my fourth grade classroom and continue to use my technical knowledge to improve communication with the members of Xi Chapter. The Scholarship Committee, through their hard work and dedication, have encouraged me to continue my education, and for that I am so grateful!

Nancy Jones, Xi Chapter President

Dear Nancy (Sprenkle),

I truly meant what I said Saturday. It is both an honor and a privilege to have received the Laura Braun Award. I appreciate the fact that the Scholarship Committee felt that I was worthy of the award.

As I get closer to the goal of "Dr. Boyd," it becomes apparent that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. For that I'm thankful.

Once again, thanks for helping to make that light a little brighter.

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

A large six-story building is being planned that will house the programs and provide classrooms and meeting facilities, bringing the site into the 21st century.

Displacement Camps

We traveled through Khartoum into the neighboring town of Omdurman. We passed a new highway with lights being completed, rows of governmental buildings, exquisite hotels, Muslim night spots, a carnival with rides, well-stocked booths, and food places. We left the highway for dirt roads that trailed for miles, still passing the city. We could see mountaintops in the far distance. We then realized we were in the middle of the largest displacement camp, where people were trying desperately to rebuild their homes with bricks of mud, straw and manure. Another Christian organization had built walls for the people to fill the barrels on the donkey carts to carry the materials to their homes. Many youth earned wages for their families by working with the donkey carts. Nuba mountain people and Southern Sudanese African tribes together struggled to rebuild their homes. Some food shops were up and running so people could buy. A few generators were working,

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Alpha Alpha State Welcomes New Members

Delta

Miss Diane M. Guastella
Dr. Nancy A. Kostas
Ms. Lisa M. Maderic
Mrs. Lynn M. Ritter
Ms. Renee L. Roberts
Ms. Roseanne Sefko
Ms. Diane M. Seip

Epsilon

Mrs. M. Madeline Rupert

Theta

Mrs. Janice Lorraine Ballinger
Miss Christina Marie Bridge
Mrs. Eile C. Demkee
Mrs. Desra A. Perhach
Mrs. Linda Christine Schanck

Xi

Miss Jean L. Bickel
Mrs. Kimberlee A. Gallagher
Ms. Cynthia L. Ritschel
Mrs. Robin M. Zubey

Phi

Mrs. Susan Marie Delling
Mrs. Tamlyn Jean Ebert
Mrs. Caroline C. Zangardi

Chi

Mrs. Jill D. Bateman
Mrs. Leah M. Corrigan
Mrs. Arlene E. Gaudioso
Ms. Gisele M. Rinaldi
Mrs. Mary Beth Urban

Omega

Kristin M. Carroll
Theresa S. Hardman

Alpha Alpha

Mrs. Charlotte J. Schaeffer

Alpha Eta

Mrs. Carol F. Dow

Alpha Kappa

Mrs. Judith E. Bryant
Mrs. Deanna M. Kipp
Mrs. Carol J. Schrecengast

Alpha Lambda

Mrs. Joan M. Lawrence
Mrs. Robin P. Martin
Mrs. Debra J. Pierce

Alpha Rho

Mrs. Marie H. Ambrose
Mrs. Elaine A. Golaszewski
Mrs. Sandra D. Hopple
Mrs. Roberta A. Storz

Alpha Sigma

Mrs. Sylvia Eileen Busby
Sharon D. Sabo

Beta Zeta

Mrs. Roberta DeJohn
Mrs. Crystal A. Deming
Mrs. Janet M. Jones

Beta Kappa

Ms. Susan E. Baskwill
Mrs. Sarah M. Becker



In Memoriam

Theta

Dr. Madeline Pascasio
October 8, 2001

Tau

Mrs. Genevieve Balogh
November 24, 2001

Upsilon

Mrs. Lois Zuzack
March 7, 2001

Alpha Beta

Mrs. Felma Weimert
August 23, 2001

Alpha Omicron

Mrs. Mary Jo Rae
September 27, 2001

Alpha Omega

Ms. Antoinette Baressi
September 1, 2001

Beta Theta

Mrs. Mary Solenberger
December 6, 2001

Beta Pi Initiates



L-R: Kathryn Entrekin, Principal, Upper Merion High School; Roberta Gennis, Principal, Exton Elementary School, West Chester; Barbara Guiffida, Beta Pi President; Susan Helenski, Mathematics, Upper Merion Middle and High School; and Ann Marie Kocher, Upper Merion Librarian. Beta Pi holds its Initiation Ceremony at the Fall Banquet in October of each year. In 2002 we are hoping to have an additional ceremony in January.

Photo by Billie Cressy, Past President

Alpha Iota Initiates



The Alpha Iota Chapter welcomed four new members during Initiation at the Women's Club of Erie on December 8, 2001. The new members pictured at right are (L-R) Audrey Pecoraro, Deborah Vogt, Adrienne Wirt-Burroughs, and Patricia Heard. All are educators with the School District of the City of Erie.

Submitted by Elaine Marie Schwab

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Beta Theta

The October 27th meeting was a unique occasion. Besides a fashion show and Initiation Ceremony at the breakfast meeting at Funck's Restaurant in Palmyra, a special family affair happened.

Jenny Millhimes, Ashley Smith, Merle Millhimes, and Eleanor Heller were some of the models in the African Fashion Show. The show was presented by Sallye Jean Speight, State Research Chairman, Alpha Sigma, from New Castle, PA. When Ashley and Merle were introduced in their outfits, it was found that they had chosen the bride and groom gowns. Fun was had by all.

The occasion was a family affair for Beta Theta and for Merle. Ashley Smith, our Grant-in-Aid student, and Jenny Millhimes are Merle's granddaughter and granddaughter-in-law. Ashley is a senior in Secondary Education in History at Millersville University. Jenny is a Special's Teacher at Lower Dauphin School District. Eleanor Heller is Merle's sister. Both Eleanor and Merle are retired teachers and past presidents of their chapters. Eleanor is a member of Beta Gamma Chapter, York, PA. Merle, a Past State Music Chairman, is presently the Beta Theta Music Chairman.

Jenny Millhimes was received as a new member at the beautiful closing Initiation Ceremony. Doris Grubb, President, introduced Jenny to the Beta Theta members. We all know how special it is to welcome new members into our chapters. Membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is indeed an honor. I feel especially honored.

Submitted by Merle Millhimes, Music Chairman, Beta Theta



Top, L-R: Ashley Smith, Merle Millhimes, Jenny Millhimes. Middle, L: Sallye Jean Speight; Center and R: Eleanor Heller. Bottom, L-R: Jenny Millhimes, Merle Millhimes, Ashley Smith.

Alpha Tau Chapter Initiates



L-R: Jill Adams, Debbie Angioliere, Kay Curran, Janice Beichner, Merrill Cowart, Theresa Knapp, Carolyn Porter, and Marci Waleff. Article on page ten.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Beta Kappa

New member **Sally Becker** was awarded the Outstanding Elementary Art Teacher Award by Pennsylvania Art Educators Association. She is pictured below at left, with **Sandra Eckert**, Alpha Alpha, Outstanding PAEA Regional Rep Award, Region 10. The photo was taken during the Annual Awards Banquet of PAEA, October 26, 2001.



Submitted by Louise Garverick, Beta Kappa

Alpha Tau

Alpha Tau Chapter had a busy and productive fall. Our September meeting took place at The Caring Place, a nursing home in Franklin, PA. After our meeting, some of the residents and members spent an enjoyable evening visiting and reading together.

Our chapter continues to provide the program "Making Lasting Memories" to the expectant parent class at the Northwest Medical Center, now a member of UPMC. Our members take turns giving short presentations, introducing many suitable books for young children, modeling how the parents can use the books with their children from birth, and stressing the importance of reading to their children.

We were very fortunate to initiate eight new members at the Franklin Club in December. They included **Jill Adams, Debbie Angioliere, Kay Curran, Janice Beichner, Merrill Cowart, Theresa Knapp, Carolyn Porter, and Marci Waleff.** (Photograph on page nine.) The program was conducted by President Jane Allen and Initiation Chairman Anita DeMarco. Also taking part were Pat Muse, at the piano, and Nancy Muse, who sang.

In addition to being very active in our community and many professional organizations, our members are also supporting a county-sponsored "safe house" with donations of clothing and supplies, and our local Barrow Theater by donating time in the costume warehouse.

Submitted by Carol Dickert

Alpha Upsilon

Two Alpha Upsilon members, **Yolonda Hutchison**, chapter president, and **Carolyn Sutton** migrated to Lorado Taft Campus, Illinois, to attend the Lambda State (Illinois) 22nd Annual Creative Arts Retreat. The retreat, traditionally held on Columbus Weekend to take advantage of the beautiful fall surroundings at the campus, which overlooks the Rock River, was on October 5-7, 2001. Yolonda and Carolyn were among the Delta Kappa Gamma sisters who traveled from the states of West Virginia, Texas, Indiana, Iowa, and Pennsylvania to participate in the activities planned by the Women in the Arts Committee of Lambda State.

Fifty members selected from the menu of activities ranging from building bird feeders to marbling fabrics. There were all kinds of fanciful crafts: cement garden stones, jewelry, flower-making, and watercolors, to name a few. Saturday evening Yolonda participated in the performing arts program, and singing around the fireplace culminated a fun-filled day. Betty Carbol, Women in the Arts Chairman, and her committee planned the weekend around the state president's theme, "Spread Our Wings . . . and Fly!" Everyone designed a bird-related hat to wear to Saturday evening's dinner. The Lambies made us truly welcome, and we enjoyed a wonderful, restful, and satisfying weekend.

Submitted by Carolyn Sutton, Communications Chairman

Phi

Phi Chapter celebrated the birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma's presence in Puerto Rico at their December meeting. Committee members organized a tribute in which members could participate, using song sheets, as they sang the traditional "Happy Birthday," but with one major change; they sang it in Spanish in salute to Puerto Rico. Birthday cake was then distributed to all present. Committee members included Regina Campbell, Ellen Strauskulage, and Maryann Daniels. Monique Lautenschlager is the president of Pi Chapter.

Submitted by Regina Campbell

Theta

Congratulations to **Desra Perhach**, who was awarded a Pittsburgh Council on Public Education 2001-2002 Innovation in Teaching Grant. She received the grant for a project entitled "Olympic-Sized Math."

From The Thetan Tattler, Vol. VIII, Winter Issue

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Xi Chapter

During our October meeting we were pleased to welcome **Michelle Day** into our membership. Barb Lafko, who was joined by Sue Schenck, Judy Dudley, and Nancy Jones, our president, conducted the induction ceremony. Following our luncheon, we were entertained by the "Sounds of Heaven." This delightful musical group sang beautiful spiritual music that was uplifting to all. In the light of recent national events, it was a much-needed boost for the soul.

Joan Yacobenas did a great job organizing our annual Fall Literacy Project. All of our donations of books and writing supplies were presented to the Schuylkill County Literacy Council.



L-R: Nancy Jones, President; Barb Lafko, Initiation Chairman; Michelle Day, new member; Sue Schenck and Judy Dudley, participants in Initiation.



New Initiates, December 2001: L-R: Robin Zubey, Cynthia Ritschel, Jean Bickel, Kim Gallagher

Xi Chapter is proud to announce that our president, **Nancy Jones**, was named as the 2001 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year by the Wal-Mart store at 1204 Blakeslee Boulevard, Lehigh, PA. Nancy, who has been teaching for 26 years, currently serves as head teacher at the West Penn Elementary School in Tamaqua Area School District, where she teaches 4th grade. To quote a former student, Danielle Butala, Mrs. Jones is "a certain teacher with a welcoming smile who got creative with her teaching." Congratulations to Nancy. We know what an asset she is to our profession. ☺



"Sounds of Heaven" entertain and inspire at Chi Chapter's October 2001 meeting.

Submitted by Rochelle Evanousky, Communications Chairman

Suggestions for LOCATING NEW MEMBERS



by Dr. Lyn B. Schmid, State Membership Chairman

The responsibility for chapter membership is far too big for a committee! Each chapter member must always keep recruitment of new members in her sights!

Remember, the women educators you want to invite to membership can be administrators, instructors, teachers, or trainers for a learner of any age, in any educational environment. They can be educators who instruct in a group setting or one-on-one.

Where can I look for members?

In the workplace!

- ✓ Teaching staff and administrators, specialists, contracted full-time substitutes.
- ✓ District, county, state, national, international schools, teacher-training sites, universities, professional career training institutes.
- ✓ Grade level, department, or curriculum development meetings; conferences, workshops, and conventions.
- ✓ Community college, adult and community education courses.
- ✓ Organized community recreation, sport, and leisure time programs.
- ✓ Pre-schools, private, parochial, charter, and alternative schools.
- ✓ Teaching hospitals, educational health care programs.
- ✓ Public libraries, museums, institutes, and service organizations.
- ✓ Private businesses for individuals responsible for training employees.
- ✓ Professional presenters or staff development leaders.

Where else can your chapter look for members?

This is a terrific question to discuss at an upcoming chapter meeting. The entire chapter membership should feel a part of the exciting commitment to nominate women who will revitalize your chapter and provide for future leadership! ☺

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but not enough for 2 million people. SPEC had several churches and centers open and serving the displaced.

Two of our ministers offered communion and prayers to many of the Christians in the displacement camps. I was assigned to two large churches in Khartoum. Half of our group left Friday to visit another site in El Abeid. I was able to take a tour of the local schools. Some of the teachers were from Nile Theological Seminary and Gereif Bible School. The principals in both schools, Egyptian women, said they had attended these schools when they were small.

Nile Theological Seminary, Gereif Bible School

The seminary started with only one class and a staff person, and has grown to accommodate up to 50 ministerial students. There are classes, day or evening, for all denominational ministers and ministers' wives as well as lay people. A program for displaced boys was developed in a large shelter-type building with bunk beds to sleep 25 boys.

Shenango Presbytery provides full support for each seminary student. They are given stipends to help with travel and family needs. Many of the students spoke fluent English and were our interpreters.

Many of the students return to teach at the college, the Bible school, the Evangelical schools, the Women's Center, and displacement camps.

Gereif Bible School offers high school education, trains all church evangelists, and takes in street children, teaches them, and helps them find families. The property is about 13 acres of land. The facility is well kept, and steel spokes are in place for additional floors. Vocational training is available through the Agriculture and Technology school. Presently 55 students, including seven women, attend Gereif.

Our group visited the Sudan Museum and took many walks along the Nile. Khartoum is a bustling metropolis, but there are no street lines, few lights, and lots of dents in many of the second-hand cars. Each taxi and bus seemed to be a privately owned business. All the buses traveled in the same direction, trying to beat each other to the different groups of people waiting on corners to ride. A trade festival was coming to Khartoum, and I saw many new shops and car and truck dealerships.

I am very grateful to have had this opportunity to travel to Sudan, Africa, with the help of a Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Alpha State Enrichment Grant. Without the help, I would have missed the journey. Thank you, sisters, for your help and prayers. ☺

Octavia Payne



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

The Legislative Link

Hello, Alpha Alpha Advocates:

I hope that you had a chance to attend one of the Fall Meetings and that you have taken steps, large or small, to becoming an advocate for women's, children's, and educational issues. If you were unable to attend, please ask your chapter U. S. Forum chairman or chapter president for information sent to them regarding letter writing, visiting, e-mailing, and telephoning your legislators.

State Legislative Update

Why not contact your legislators concerning the following?

SENATE BILL 1091

This bill would appropriate \$6 million to the Department of Health for the Special Supplemental Food Service Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). WIC provides iron-rich and protein-rich food to low income pregnant women, lactating mothers, infants, and children.

SENATE RESOLUTION 102

This resolution introduced by Sen. Jane Orie (Erie) requests that the U. S. Congress study the issue of workplace disparity between women and men.

HOUSE BILL 1902

This bill would allow Pennsylvania to join other Northeastern states in negotiating lower prescription drug prices for residents. Pennsylvania would be part of an eight-state coalition that buys medication in bulk for public and private drug coverage plans. If the resolution is passed, prescription drug costs could be reduced by as much as 40%.


National Legislative Update

A national major reform of education, the focus of George W. Bush's Presidential campaign, has been approved by Congress. It may even now be signed into law.

The measure provides additional money for struggling schools, which would have to offer students extra tutoring or transportation to better public schools. Failing schools would face increasing penalties that could end in the schools closing.

The measure also requires schools to adopt plans to close achievement gaps between low income and middle class students and between white and minority students.

Funds would be increased for bilingual education, teacher quality, educational technology, after-school learning, and safe and drug-free schools.

Schools would be able to shift half of their funds from any of these programs to programs for low-income children. 

NEWS RELEASE

U.S. Forum Seeks E-Mail System

A viable e-mail network is sought for the U.S. Forum using chapter contact persons and state web sites. Timely news on federal legislation will be passed to members for action or support.

This was the committee's top item as the U.S. Forum met in Washington, D.C., in October, 2001. The Legislative Advocate position, discussed and endorsed at the regionals, was tabled until the support structure can be laid.

Planning for the National Legislative Seminar found members meeting across from the Pentagon. The Doubletree Hotel, with easy access to ground transportation and speakers from the capitol city, will host this event in March 2002. Safe transit is available.

Pauline Levin
Northeast Region U.S. Forum Representative

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR, MARCH 2002

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3rd National Legislative Seminar March 17-20, 2002

Women Poised for Legislative A*C*T*I*O*N

by Cindy Kennedy, Director of Publicity for NLS 2002 and Virginia's representative to the U.S. Forum and Liz Turner, member of the 2002 Publicity Committee and 1998 Chair of the National Legislative Seminar

The U.S. Forum of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is proud to announce its **Third National Legislative Seminar**, scheduled for **March 17-20, 2002**, at the **Doubletree Hotel, Crystal City at National Airport in Arlington, Virginia**.

The theme for this year's seminar is *Women Poised for Legislative A*C*T*I*O*N*. Delta Kappa Gamma members will join a team of highly motivated people in creating change and legislative advocates at the local, state, and national levels.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "A sufficient measure of civilization is the influence of good women." In these challenging times, it is now more important than ever that we, as key women educators, continue to be advocates for those issues which affect education, women, and children. The National Legislative Seminar offers unique opportunities for Delta Kappa Gamma members and guests to join with others who wish to work for change through the legislative process.

You will have the opportunity to do the following:

- Exchange views and expertise with others of similar interests.
- Join an exciting coalition of leaders and educators from across the United States.
- Learn viewpoints from the insiders (elected officials), outsiders (pressure groups), and the fourth estate (the press).
- Learn techniques for successful advocacy.
- Add your voice, in behalf of education, women, and children, to the legislative focus of the U.S. Forum.
- Study issues and identifying trends.
- Create action agendas.
- Foster and implement change.

Led by Dr. Jacqueline Abbott (CT) and Linda McCrary (TN), co-chairs of this event, the National Legislative Seminar Planning Committee looks forward to presenting four days of knowledgeable speakers, insightful workshops, legislative encounters, and dynamic work sessions.

Who Should Attend This Seminar?

Delta Kappa Gamma members and guests
Key women who want to access the legislative process
Seminar graduates

Where Is It?

Doubletree Hotel
Crystal City at National Airport
300 Army Navy Drive
Arlington, VA 22202
(703) 416-4100
Easy Van Metro System, Airport Access

What Will It Be?

- Lobbyist Briefings
- Workshops and Speakers
- Visits to Capitol Hill
- Legislative Advocacy Training
- Networking Circles

When Is It and What Are the Registration Deadlines?

Sunday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.—Wednesday, March 20, 1:00 p.m.
Seminar Registration deadline: Thursday, Feb. 7 (fee for late reg.)
Hotel Registration deadline: Friday, February 15, 2002

Hotel Information: Make your reservation directly with:

Doubletree Hotel
Crystal City at National Airport
300 Army Navy Drive
Arlington, VA 22202
Reservations: Phone: (703) 416-4100; FAX (703) 416-1176
To ensure receiving conference rates, please make reservations by Friday, February 15, 2002. Ask for National Legislative Seminar (Delta Kappa Gamma). The conference rate is available for three (3) days prior to and following the seminar.
\$145.00 Single, Double, Triple, Quadruple plus 9.75% hotel tax