



The Keystoneian

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Key Women Educators

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ALPHA ALPHA STATE NOMINEES FOR 2003-2005 BIENNIUM

The nominations committee is pleased to recommend the following nominees for state office:



Carol Ulrich, Nu,
For President

Carol Ulrich has served Nu Chapter as President, First and Second Vice President and Parliamentarian. Her involvement at the state level includes member of Nominations, Leadership Seminar and the State Leadership Training Committees, as well as serving as First and Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian. She was instrumental in developing our state website.

She has attended Northeast Regional Conferences and International Conventions since the 1980s. Carol was selected to attend the Golden Gift Leadership/ Management Seminar in Austin in 1990 and received Alpha Alpha State Scholarships in 1990 and 1991.

Carol is an Elementary Principal in the Eastern Lebanon County Schools and is active in St. Luke Lutheran Church.



Dr. Lynda B. Schmid, Chi,
For First Vice President

Dr. Lyn Schmid has been an active member of Chi Chapter having served as President, First and Second Vice President, and as chairman of many committees. She is currently Alpha Alpha State's Second Vice President and has also contributed as Parliamentarian, Corresponding Secretary, Research Committee Chairman and presenter at conventions and area conferences. At the International level, she represented the Northeast Region as a member of the World Fellowships Committee which she presently chairs for the 2002-2004 biennium. She has been the recipient of both state and international scholarships.

Dr. Schmid is currently principal of the Landisville Primary Center in Lancaster County and recently designed Primary Language Arts changes for the Hempfield Elementary Schools.



Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon,
For Second Vice President

Carolyn Sutton's Alpha Upsilon Chapter service includes President, First and Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian. She also served as chairman of the Communications and Nominations Committees and as a member of the Social Committee. She has served Alpha Alpha State in various capacities: Corresponding Secretary, Webmaster, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Technology Committee, Personal Growth and Services Chairman and co-planner of the 1998 Leadership Seminar. Carolyn offered inspirational remarks at the 1998 State Convention. She was a workshop presenter at the 2002 International Convention.

Presently, Carolyn is a Middle School Library Media Specialist and Instructional Media Chairman at the Burrell School District.

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Alpha Alpha State
Officers 2001-2003



Alpha Alpha State President's Message

By Louise Garverick

An for ΔΚΓ Opportunities

The 2002 holidays are past and by now, most of us have our festive decorations stored away, save for the elusive one that escapes our attention until mid-February. The snowstorms have been frequent and we find ourselves looking toward fresh new opportunities to relieve our winter doldrums.

Look no further! Alpha Alpha State has an Eye on Opportunities for you! An incredible variety of personal growth, professional, and legislative opportunities await you during up-coming events. International President Jean Gray has challenged us to "Put our ΔΚΓ Purposes into Practice." Please consider Purpose #6 as you read through the following event highlights.

Purpose #6: To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

Carol Ulrich and the Program of Work Committee have created a well-rounded weekend of events at the Hilton in Harrisburg for our State Purposeful Seminar, March 21-23. When you arrive, you'll discover a wealth of opportunities have been planned for your mental, physical, and emotional self. This biennial seminar is the perfect Reality Check for all members. If you haven't yet registered, consider doing this for yourself!

Plans for our state convention, June 6-8, are well underway. You'll be amazed at the offerings! ΔΚΓ is hoping that you will participate in our book donation to Parents Anonymous by bringing a book along to convention. Destined for distribution throughout the state, the books will be prepared by our Projects team during convention with our custom-designed bookplates (thank you, Beta Pi).

We are extremely fortunate to be hosting our International President, Mrs. Jean Gray, as our International guest. She will be with us throughout the entire weekend and will provide our keynote address Saturday morning. This is your opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas at the international level of our Society.

Light workshops will be available for your enjoyment Friday evening and a larger array are being scheduled across two sessions Saturday afternoon. Topics range from travel/study to stress reduction to mentoring, classroom writing, bullying prevention and school crisis. A drumming group, Earth Rhythms, will provide our evening entertainment as well as a preliminary workshop Saturday.

Curious? More information and a convention schedule will be included in the next *Keystonian*. For now, go ahead... recognize your need for rejuvenation! Set your eyes on these wonderful ΔΚΓ opportunities and make plans to participate.

Joyce Dunn, Alpha Delta, named 2003 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year



Joyce Dunn, an active member of Alpha Delta Chapter for 10 years, was named 2003 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. A grade 1 teacher at Shanksville-Stonycreek School District for 25 years, Dunn was presented the award by Governor Mark Schweiker in Harrisburg in October. She will now compete for the national Teacher of the Year in Washington, D.C. in the spring.

"I am glad to be representing a small school and I am fortunate to be able to work at such a positive school district, with caring parents who get involved in their children's work," said Dunn. Her work is highly praised by her students, co-workers, and administrators. All agree she goes to exceptional degrees to help her students succeed. "By the end of first grade, all of her children are reading. Her students' scores are off the charts on the standardized tests," says her principal, Dr. Rosemarie Tipton, also an Alpha Delta member. Students say Dunn makes everyone comfortable in her classroom, regardless of ability.

In her inimitable way, Dunn modestly tells everyone that she is sure it was the swimsuit competition that put her over the top, but all who know her realize it was much more. The love of teaching has always been with Dunn, who has taught in various capacities and districts for 35 years. She holds a degree in elementary education from Penn State and a master's and reading specialist certificate from Frostburg (MD) State. She is married with four grown sons.

Submitted with photo by Marty Kerns

More What I REALLY Want To Know About *Membership*

By Dr. Lyn B. Schmid, State Membership Chairman

Many interesting questions come to the Membership Committee throughout the course of each biennium. Attendees at the Area Conferences in Ford City and Lewisburg raised several practical issues at the workshop presented by the committee. Perhaps your chapter is discussing some of the following points suggested from the International Membership Committee or would like to raise these issues at an upcoming chapter meeting.

1. Is it appropriate to ask the reason for a member's resignation? What if someone is dropped for nonpayment of dues?

Yes, ask in both cases! Knowing why women leave the organization will help us meet the needs of members. International Standing Rule 3.5 states: A complete record of members whose membership is terminated shall be kept by the chapter. The record shall include the reason and date of termination.

2. How can we describe our chapter to potential members and others in the community?

Always begin with the Mission of the Society: to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Has your chapter clarified its mission -- its reason for being? After chapter discussion, putting the chapter's and the Society's mission on paper or agreeing to a brief verbal description will help others understand and be able to articulate your chapter's goals.

3. We never have a quorum at our meetings so we cannot transact business. What is your suggestion? Evaluate your chapter's effectiveness, the length of meetings, the opportunity to socialize, the locations and times of meetings, types of worthwhile projects in process, the reason for the chapter's existence (its mission), and the enthusiasm or lack of enthusiasm of your chapter leaders. More people will attend if you make the meetings stimulating and provide opportunities for members to actively participate.

Once again, remember that Membership is too important for just a committee!

All chapter members need to participate!

Alpha Alpha State Nominees for 2003-2005 Biennium

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Recording Secretary**Haddie Weber**

Haddie Weber, Alpha Phi, an active member of her chapter, is serving as 2002-2003 Co-President and has been President, First Vice President, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian and Music Chairman.

Presently she serves as Alpha Alpha State Projects Chairman and has previously served as Music and Communications Chairman, and a member of the Historical Records and Membership

Committees.

She has attended many regional and international conventions and was a member of the chorus at several.

A retired music teacher, she is a private piano and organ instructor and serves as church organist, pianist and choir director. She also devotes time to the Garden Club of Munhall and as Historian for the Garden Club Federation of PA.

Corresponding Secretary**Louann Shrader**

Louann Shrader, Omega, has served her chapter as President, First and Second Vice President, and chairman of many committees. She currently is Membership Chairman.

Mrs. Shrader is now serving on the Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee. State service also includes Parliamentarian, member of Communications, and Personal Growth and Services Committees and has presented workshops at

various state functions.

In 2002, Mrs. Shrader was a workshop presenter at the International Convention in Little Rock. She attends and participates in Delta Kappa Gamma conferences and conventions regularly.

Louann is a sixth grade middle school teacher. She has served her district in various capacities and is a Past President of the Littlestown Education Association for two terms.

Finance Committee Nominees**Katherine Thomas**

Kay Thomas is a member of Alpha Chi Chapter, where she served as First Vice President, Parliamentarian, Acting Treasurer as well as Finance Committee Chairman and Chairman of Scholarship Fundraising.

For Alpha Alpha State she has been a member of the Nominations Committee for 8 years and a Member of the Rules Committee.

Kay is a retired school administrator, who was a math teacher, counselor and supervisor of pupil services in the Fox Chapel School District.

She was formerly President of the National Council of Administrative Women in Education. She volunteers at the gift shops for Presbyterian Senior Care and Longwood at Oakmont.

Linda O'Connor

Linda O'Connor, Omega, has been the Finance Chairman of her chapter for the past six years.

She is presently an assistant professor of mathematics at Harrisburg Area Community College, having previously been on the adjunct staff. She has had professional experience as a

teacher of mathematics at Littlestown High School, where she was also the math and science department chairman. In this capacity she was responsible for departmental budgets, which involved finding ways to serve an increasing student population with decreasing budget allotments.

Alpha Alpha State Nominees for 2003-2005 Biennium

Nominations Committee

Suzanne Long, Beta Theta Chapter, has been an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma on many levels. On the chapter level, she has been President, First and Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor/Publisher. She served on many chapter committees.

At the state level she currently serves as Parliamentarian and has been Second Vice President,

Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and chairman of many committees.

Suzanne was a recipient of the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar in 1999 and chaired the 2000 National Legislative Seminar.

She is presently Program Services Coordinator at Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living Center in Harrisburg.



Suzanne Long

Anne Gomer, Omega Chapter, has served her chapter as President, First and Second Vice President, Historical Records Chairman and is currently serving as Parliamentarian.

She is a regular state convention attendee since 1997 and has participated in the Great Cookie Challenge and Raffle Bags

convention activities and was selected as flag-bearer for the 2001 and 2002 conventions.

Anne is a Multimedia Teacher for 7th and 8th grades. She is pursuing media advanced coursework in multimedia presentation and web design.



Anne Gomer

Joann Binek, Theta, has been President, Co-President, First and Second Vice President, Parliamentarian and Recording Secretary for her chapter.

For Alpha Alpha State she has served as a member of the Communications Committee, the

Achievement Award Committee, and the State Projects Committee.

Joann is a retired elementary teacher with 33 years experience in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

She is President of the St. Frances Academy Alumnae Association.



Joann Binek

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULE VIII C. 4. Area Conferences

Current Wording

Proposed Change

If adopted will read

The maximum registration fee for an Area Conference shall be two (\$2.00)

Amend SR 4 Strike two dollars (\$2.00).
Insert five dollars (\$5.00)

SRVIII C. 4. The maximum registration fee for an Area Conference shall be five dollars (\$5.00)

Rationale:

Rising costs for facilities, insurance and goods necessitate an increase in registration fees for Area Conferences.

Fiscal Impact:

Projected increase in revenue for the hostess chapter(s) would be \$300.00 per 100 registrants.

Proposer:

Leadership Development Committee and approved by the Rules Committee.

Rebecca Place, Chairman

Area Conference, October 5, 2002, Ford City, PA – Hosted by Alpha Theta Chapter

Area Conferences Provide "Reality Check"

Submitted with photos by Kathy Walters

It was a beautiful autumn day in this picturesque river town in Western Pennsylvania. A crowd of over 100 enthusiastic ΔKT members met to do a "Reality Check." Sitting among lovely fall decorations, friends and colleagues discussed the forward progress of our society. A remarkable net increase in Pennsylvania of thirty-three members



Kathryn Lukehart (center) Alpha Theta charter member, is greeted by past state presidents Terri Stetler and Shirley Lotz.

was proudly announced by President Louise Garverick. We can also be proud that students in the Harrisburg School District will receive a collection of children's books as a gift from ΔKT.

As members broke into Society workshops to learn more about being effective ΔKT workers, the large contingent of Alpha Theta members in attendance prepared for an interesting luncheon. Gift bags of different themes greeted conference



Lucky Alpha Theta bag winners (L-R) Maxine Bieber, Debbie Ceraso, and Carolyn Gallaher

goers who scarcely concealed their delight as lucky names were called to receive the bags. While enjoying a delicious luncheon, all were entertained by a skit inviting

everyone to turn "Possibilities into Realities" at the March Purposeful Seminar in Harrisburg.

The highlight of the day came when **Dr. Lyn Schmid**, State Second Vice President, gave her Act 48 presentation

entitled "Intergenerational Cooperation in the Workplace, School, Chapter, and Community." She analyzed the generational diversity in each ΔKT chapter as Veterans, Baby



Boomers, Generation Xers, and Generation Nexters. More important, she pointed out that with sensitivity to each of the group's needs, each chapter can be a positive, productive, and compatible home for all ages of members. Each group has the potential to contribute different thoughts and ideas for chapter growth. We need to be careful to tap the experience of each group. Thank you, Dr. Schmid, for this useful information on Generational Blending.

Thanks also go to President Lynn Sibley, Chairperson Julie Arbaugh, and the Alpha Theta Conference Committee for an absolutely flawless Area Conference.

COMING TO YOUR AREA

Watch *The Keystoneian* for information announcing Area Meetings to be held throughout the state during the coming year.

Area Conference, October 12, 2002, Lewisburg, PA – Hosted by Sigma Chapter



Sigma Chapter "Partridges" welcome attendees with a song written by Lois Miller.

Can you identify the Alpha Alpha State Officers introduced in this original rap?

Written by Shirley Newhart,
Visual & Performing Arts Chairman

Welcome, sisters, everyone,
it's fall conference time of year,
Wait 'til you see what you will learn
and why you all are here!

As chair of Visual and Performing
Arts I get to bring to you
Wild and creative stuff...
Extremely fun to do.
This rap is one example of the many
things I try
To keep your toes a-tappin' and your
heart and spirit spry.

I'm pleased to introduce you to our officers today.
Some have traveled a mile or two and some live far
away.
Dedication to our ΔΚΓ is why they're here, you see,
To train you for the year ahead in your community.

So without delay I'll share with you our officers, our
crew.
These fabulous individuals are sure to dazzle you. ☺

An important part of ΔΚΓ is leadership, it's true!
And our immediate past president is one we all look to...
She gathers nominations for our leadership positions,
And makes a list of women who will lead us through
decisions.

Do you know #1???

Photos submitted by Terri Stetler, Keystone Editor



Shirley Newhart, State Visual and
Performing Arts Chairman, shares
her creativity at area conferences

Standing rules, bi-laws and such keep us all on track,
We depend on our Parliamentarian who really has the
knack,
For reading the constitution and explaining it to us
An expert in the process of our Robert's Rules so just.
(Who is #2?)

(NUMBER 3) is our treasurer.
She writes the checks you see,
For folks who have expenditures and need reimbursed
like me!
In charge of all the finances, investments and our dues,
She must be good at math, or really sing the blues!!!!

Writing notes and sharing letters is what
this gal does best.
She keeps in touch with sisters from the
east and from the west.
She's thoughtful and she's caring in
everything she writes
And when receiving mail, she likes to
share delights! (#4)

(NUMBER 5) does quite a job at
keeping notes and minutes.
She often has to figure out what really
should be in it.

There is so much that's always said at
meetings and conventions,
She has really earned her keep and should
have half our pensions!



(L-R) Louise Garverick, Carol Ulrich, Dr. Lyn Schmid,
Susan Stamm, Carolyn Sutton, Linda Fisher, and Polly
Delaney enjoy their introductions at area conferences.

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THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Patricia Shedlock, U.S. Forum State Liaison

AS MARCH APPROACHES WE CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The following article will highlight those pioneers who made a difference and served as the first women in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. My source for the article is:

History of Women in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives 1923-2001 written by Jean Schmedlen.

The 19th amendment was passed on August 26, 1920.

This allowed women to run for the House.

Eight women were elected in the 1922 election, but a total of 38 women ran for seats in the House.

Those elected, courageous eight were forging new territory for women in political offices.

To get a sense of their importance, Rep. Linda Bebkoo-Jones, (D-Erie) when elected in 1992, was asked who she thought were the most admired women in Pennsylvania, answered:

"All the women who were first elected to the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1922....they broke the ground for all of us who now serve. They gave us the courage to continue their work."

PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES

1. MISS SARAH GERTRUDE MACKINNEY (R Butler) 1922-24

Miss MacKinney was the first elected woman to the House. She taught public school in Crawford, Mercer, Butler, and Allegheny counties. She was a librarian at Grove City College for six years. She founded the League of Women Voters in Butler County and was the first woman candidate to seek a state office in that county.

2. ALICE M. BENTLEY (R- Crawford) 1922-28

Ms. Bentley taught in the Meadville public schools and was elected at the age of 63. She was the first woman in the United States to preside over a state house assembly. She was also the first to serve as a State House Committee Chairman. She helped found the National Council for Republican Women.

3. ROSA S. DEYOUNG (R - Philadelphia) 1923-24
Rosa was the first Jewish woman to serve and was appointed to the Theater Control Board by Philadelphia Mayor Wilson. She served on the Boards of the League of Women Voters, Child Study Association and the Planned Parenthood Association.

4. SARAH MCCUNE GALLAGHER PH. D. (R- Cambria) 1923-24

Ms. Gallagher was a teacher and principal in public, private and normal schools. She earned a Master of Science degree at the State Normal School at Indiana. She went to Cornell University and earned a Bachelor of Philosophy degree. She continued studying overseas by taking classes at Oxford, in England, Berlin, in Germany, and the Sorbonne University in Paris, France. The University of Pennsylvania gave her a fellowship in American History and a Master of Arts degree. When she studied overseas, she was the first American allowed to do research at the Library of London.

She was acknowledged as an authority on William Penn, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington. Gallagher did not choose to run for reelection, but is quoted as saying about her experience in the House: "I ran only the first time because women were given the right to sit and most of them were timid about running. I did it to give them an example."

Truly we can say, these women turned POSSIBILITIES INTO REALITIES.



In Memoriam

GAMMA
Mary F. McMahon

ETA
Mary Wildermuth

THETA
June S. Moffatt

CHI
Doris Flick

ALPHA ZETA
Jewel Lang Fiorini
Mary Louise Taylor

ALPHA TAU
Margaret D. Reid

ALPHA CHI
Kathryn Woleslagle

BETA ZETA
Ruth W. Spaw

BETA XI
Ingeborg Moser

Purposeful Seminar

March 21, 22, 23, 2003

Harrisburg Hilton & Towers



WHY SHOULD I ATTEND???

by Carol Ulrich, First Vice President

The Seminar has taken form and it offers each member an opportunity to hone their leadership skills and to put the Purposes of the Society into action. Dr. Jean Gray, our International President, has emphasized our Purposes in her recent articles in the International news. The Seminar will help you to get in touch with those purposes and make them real for you and your chapter.

Dr. Nora C. Porter will launch the Seminar on Friday evening with a two hour presentation entitled: Stress Management in Schools: Personal and Professional Benefits of Relaxation Techniques for Educators. Dr. Porter is a physician in Mind/Body Medicine and a speaker, writer, consultant and workshop presenter in Professional Development. She is a graduate of Harvard's Mind/Body Medical Institute and she has a practice in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Her workshop will focus on stress, ethics, professionalism, leadership, values, communication, motivation and spirituality in daily living.

The following are the goals and objectives of this Seminar:

- ❖ Overall goal is to promote professional and personal growth of participants.

Objectives

- ❖ Share genuine spiritual fellowship with other educators
- ❖ Investigate desirable legislation of specific interest to women educators and to education. (No Child Left Behind)
- ❖ Inform participants of current economic, social and educational issues so they can participate effectively in a world society
- ❖ Prepare appropriate programs of action for personal and professional growth
- ❖ Explore field trip alternatives for chapter programs.

An agenda for the weekend is on the website and has been sent to each chapter president the beginning of January. Registration forms were in the fall Keystonean. This should be an exciting weekend of leadership growth, collegiality, and personal refreshment. Join us!

BUDGET REQUEST NOTICE



To:
State Officers
Committee Chairs

Requests for funding for the 2003-2004 fiscal year must be submitted to the State Finance Committee no later than **April 15, 2003**. Mail written request to:

Wanda Keller, Chairman

Need a New Song to Sing?

Try this one written
by Shirley Newhart
Visual & Performing Arts Chair

(Insert your chapter in place
of Alpha Alpha.)

WE ARE ALPHA ALPHA

(To the tune of 'Let Me Call
You Sweetheart')

We are Alpha Alpha,
Pennsylvania's DKG.
Working with our sisters
in a world society.
We consider children
as our first priority.
We are Alpha Alpha,
Pennsylvania's DKG.

We are Alpha Alpha,
Pennsylvania's DKG.
Learning from each other,
education is the key.
We're creative thinkers
with our "Possibilities."
We are Alpha Alpha,
Pennsylvania's DKG.

Dear Alpha Alpha State Members,

By now you have read the November/December issue of the *AKF News*. International President Jean Gray wrote it is important that the chapter provide opportunities for members. An opportunity that she listed was: Step out together and join other members beyond the chapter unit.

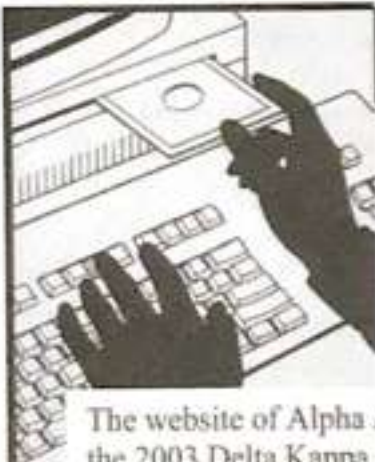
The 2003-2005 Alpha Alpha State Officers will begin their new duties July 1, 2003. New committee chairs and committee members will also begin duties. Please consider serving on an Alpha Alpha State committee. This is an opportunity to gain experience, grow both personally and professionally and to enjoy the camaraderie of Delta Kappa Gamma membership and service. Committees meet once a year. Meals, hotel and travel expenses are paid by the state. If you and other chapter members would be interested in serving please complete the form provided and mail to Polly Delaney by May 1, 2003.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call, email or write.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Polly Delaney

Answers to Officers' Rap: 1-Polly Delaney, 2-Suzanne Long,
3-Linda Fisher, 4- Carolyn
Sutton, 5-Susan Stamm,



Alpha Alpha State Website Receives International Approval

By Carolyn Sutton, Webmaster

The website of Alpha Alpha State has been reviewed by the International Communications Committee and has received the 2003 Delta Kappa Gamma Official Website Seal of Approval. This entitles the state organization to continue to have a link on the Society website. In an email announcement from Alice L. Carrier, Chairman of the International Communications Committee, she wrote, "This is a well organized site using nice colors. Honoring the Women of Distinction is unique - very nice."

Developed in 1999 by **Carol Ulrich**, the Alpha Alpha State Website utilizes current technology to bring Society information to your computer at your home or workplace. Log on to www.deltakappagamma.org/PA today.

NOW IS THE TIME!



Complete the information
on this form and mail to

Alpha Alpha State Nominations Chairman



Yes, I want to be on a 2003-2005 State Committee!

Name _____

Chapter _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signify your preference of committee by writing a 1, 2 or 3 beside the committee.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships | <input type="checkbox"/> World Fellowships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion | <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Achievement Award | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ways and Means (Scholarship Shop) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual and Performing Arts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Growth and Services | |

6- Dr. Lyn Schmid, 7- Carol Ulrich, 8- Louise Garverick



SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLARSHIP

Thoughtful Farm

– the gift of an enrichment grant

Kim Young, Enrichment Grant Recipient

When you drive down Peasmarsh Lane, on your way to Thoughtful Farm,

- *Before the gravel begins to shake the tires on your car,*
- *Before the sound of your engine pushes the Great Blue Heron one marsh ahead of you on silent canopied wings,*
- *Before the draft horse drapes his huge furry head over the fence rail and snuffles a greeting to you, you'll notice green. Deep lime and emerald patches blanketing the ground.*

All of the rich, chocolaty soil sloping over these hills, and valleys, is rooted into place with lush, healthy plants. Bluegrass, foxtails, rye and more, carpet the pastures where tinkling bells hang from the necks of the sheep that push their nuzzles deep into the pastures.

But that is not how it always was...

In 2001 I applied for an enrichment grant through my local chapter, ETA. I have been pleased to be a member of this chapter for nearly ten years. First as an honorary member, and last year I was initiated as an active member. My teaching experience included 20 years teaching natural history and environmental education, first at a nature center, and then a private farm, in York County, PA.

With my career moving in unknown directions, I felt a calling to finally put down on paper the ideas, stories, and perceptions I have used in my teaching.

Though my teaching has always been in non-traditional settings, my chapter has always supported me. Most recently that support resulted in my being honored with an Enrichment Grant for a children's book-publishing project. This grant came at a difficult time in my professional and personal life. Last year, in search of employment, I took an extremely demanding position as a biologist in a pharmaceutical lab. This year I have been challenged with surgeries and radiation treatment for breast cancer.

Though this has left me little free time, I welcome my obligation to Delta Kappa Gamma International. This grant allows me to continue, through my writing, to teach, and stay involved in projects that are meaningful to me.

I think the topics of sustainable farming and heirloom preservation will help children touch history.

The subject for my Enrichment Grant application is a children's book and accompanying curriculum booklets. Through vivid illustrations and lyrical text, parents, teachers, and children alike, can follow the seasons of Thoughtful Farm. Set on a beautiful site among the rolling hills of south-central Pennsylvania, this gentle story will follow the farm's colorful, and historically important animals and plants, as they work together to maintain a farm that continuously renews itself in a healthy manner. Curriculum pamphlets will accompany this book to assist teachers in the promotion of sustainable farming techniques and the preservation of heirloom crops and livestock.

Well-deserved publicity is given to a select few wildlife biologists around the world sharing the daunting responsibility of preserving our wildlife, and their rapidly diminishing habitats. However, the declining breeds of livestock that evolved beside us, provided us with food and clothing, and became dependent on us to feed and house them, have received little attention.

Fortunately, dedicated farmers and small landowners all

over the country are quietly taking on the enormous task of preserving our heritage breeds and crops. Preserving the genetic diversity of our agricultural history, raising animals and produce organically, and developing an emotional bond with

the land is an important goal. Thankfully, people ARE working to preserve local farms and promote quality of life for ourselves, our children, and the animals with which we share the world.

Thoughtful Farm is a story I hope will introduce young readers to the rewards of protecting the land, endangered livestock and crops that our ancestors once plowed and shared their farms with. I think the topics of sustainable farming, and heirloom preservation will help children "touch history", and develop a sense of stewardship toward the earth.

I look forward to sharing the finished product with you.



Kim Young (L) harvests from heirloom plant species.



SPOTLIGHT ON

Travel – Builder of Knowledge and Cultural Understanding Doris J. Grubb, 2002 Enrichment Grant Recipient

Wow! What an extraordinary educational experience! I want to tell you everything, therefore I may need a workshop to do justice to Mexico's Copper Canyon trip I experienced last November. But first I want to thank Nancy Sprenkle and the Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee for their support.

Mexico is a country abounding with spectacular wonders of nature, unspoiled by tourist commercialization. However, hidden among the awesome sights that nature provides is a "needy" population of people eager to improve their way of life.

Crossing the "Border" from El Paso, Texas and entering Mexico was a new experience for me. In order to avoid an extensive search and a long delay, the entire tourist group was very focused on filling out the necessary paper work correctly. I'm not sure how dangerous our particular group looked, but one never knows in these drastically changing times.

Our neighbor to the south is working hard to change their country's image in order to entice economy-stimulating travelers to visit. As a result, the government mandates that well educated Mexican guides, polished with gracious ambassador skills, accompany all tour groups from outside the country. Since Globus Tour Director, Fran Russell wanted only the best, she made a special request for Raul Nuñez, to accompany our group. Raul's expertise and knowledge of all aspects of Mexico's development, from past to present, was outstanding. Mr. Nuñez helped us appreciate the interesting details of Mexico by providing information about the colorful history of the people who settled this difficult and challenging land. It immediately became obvious that the citizens, though poor, were friendly and anxious to please the members of our group. Some highlights of the trip include: a visit to the Governor's Palace in Chihuahua; stop to see the Cave Dwellings of the Tarahumara Indians; astounding hacienda stay in El-Forte; a breath taking view of the Copper Canyon; and a visit to the fascinating Pearl Farm in the Sea of Cortez. I left a good deal of economic support at the farm through jewelry purchases too irresistible to pass up!

The highlight of the trip for me personally was an unscheduled visit to a local school. Since I was representing Delta Kappa Gamma, as a travel/study student, I kept a "watchful eye" out for ways in which I/we could fulfill several of the seven purposes for which our Society was founded. On the third day of our

trip, a promising situation arose about dusk, in the backward little town of Creel. As the bus slowly lumbered down the narrow dusty road toward town, I spotted a school just on the outskirts. As luck would have it, there was "free time" on our busy schedule the following day, so visiting the school became my mission.

Shortly before lunch the following day, my husband Carl, armed with his camera, and I speed-walked the distance of approximately one mile to the school. Although a fence with locked gates surrounded the school, they happened to be open for students to come and go during lunch hour. The heightened security in the U.S. caused us some hesitation about entering unannounced. Fortunately, an English-speaking staff member, with a huge smile approached us. The



individual, distinctively the "teacher type", introduced himself as Noe' Perras Hernández. He became very excited when I told him that I was an American teacher visiting his country to learn about the Mexican culture. He invited

Carl and me to tour his school, take pictures, and chat with him about the educational process of teaching his students.

Mr. Hernández has been teaching for ten years. He is responsible for teaching his students to speak English. From my conversation with Mr. Hernández it was obvious that he was very enthusiastic about his job.

During the visit to his classroom, I noticed that school supplies were quite limited and apparently inadequate for the students' needs. I inquired about this and he replied, "Oh, yes! I am very anxious to get supplies from the United States and teaching strategies. I would very much like to learn teaching strategies." This provided an incentive for me to formulate a plan.

At the December meeting of the local Beta Theta Chapter, I provided a short verbal summary of my experiences. The chapter voted to make assisting Mr. Hernández and his school, one of our future projects.

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SCHOLARSHIP



SUMMER OF 2002

Janice R. Minetola, Ed. D., Enrichment Grant Recipient

I had a wonderful six weeks in Eureka, California, during the summer of 2002, thanks in part to the generous enrichment grant I received from Alpha Alpha State.

While in California, I volunteered in a Title 9 Indian Enrichment Program run by Sandra Burton. The lead teacher, Marie, Sandra, and I worked with a group of 7-9 Indian children Monday through Thursday, from noon till 2:30, for the four weeks of the program. The children had just completed fourth grade and would be entering fifth grade in the fall.

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session ended with a project that was directly related to what the children were learning.

While I was volunteering in this program, a part-time librarian, Kim, was trying to organize an Indian library for the children and their teachers. During a meeting that I attended, concern was expressed over the slow progress that was being made in getting the library ready. I volunteered several mornings each week to work in the library bar coding and stamping books and materials so the librarian could spend her time entering data on them in the computer. Because of the extra help, it was believed the library could be open for business at the beginning of the school year!

I also volunteered my time on Fridays at the Table Bluff Indian Reservation, home of the Wiyot Indians. While there, I helped the librarian organize a story hour for children on the reservation. I also ran a work session so the children could make Indian jewelry to sell at a booth at the fair.

The experience I had this past summer was very rewarding. I feel fortunate that I was able to fulfill this dream with the help of my enrichment grant.



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I am pleased that the chapter made this decision and feel it will be a very gratifying, worthwhile effort. I am looking forward to contacting Noe' and sharing the good news.

After ten days, our trip with Globus Tour concluded. We departed from Mexico with not only a wealth of historical and cultural information, but also a new image of the country's future and its plans to create a better life for her citizens.

I hope this article has stimulated your curiosity and I look forward to seeing you in a future workshop.

CHAPTER NEWS

ETA



Recently inducted into Eta Chapter during the initiation ceremony held at the Outdoor Country Club in York were eight key women teachers: Row 1, (L-R) Elizabeth Eisenhart, Betsy Ness, Nancy Eimerbrink
Row 2, L-R Cathy Bair, Gidget Felty, Kim Richard, Janet Fitch, Ruth Bachman

Photos by Ruth Althouse and Terri Stetler



Eta members participating in a recommitment ceremony, 'Say It With Flowers' are: Row 1, (L-R) Hester Lehman, Brenda Weirich, JoAnne Peters, Margaret Hughes, Susan Waltemyer, Kathryn Michalowski, Zonda Himes
Row 2, L-R Jean Myers, Susan Chami, Ruth Althouse, Susan Reich, Jane Harrison, Heidi Wolf, Michele Balanda, President Fran Reinhard

BETA PI

At our Annual Banquet on October 15, 2002, Beta Pi had the pleasure to initiate some worthy new members.



Standing L-R: Judith A. Fogarty, daughter of Past President Mildred A. Fuller, Mathematics, Council Rock School District; Barbara A. McElvogue, Elementary Substitute for Upper Merion Area School District; President Barbara Guiffrida; Dr. Margaret Stengel, Principal, Candlebrook Elementary School, Upper Merion District; Diane Landes, High School Business Education, Upper Merion; Maryanne Schiller, High School Social Studies, Upper Merion; and Rachel Beck, High School English, Upper Merion School District.

Submitted by Billie Cressy, Past President
Photo by Nancy Craig



L-R: Rosie Derr, Mary Jane Vitanovec, Cathy Zimmerman, Marian Buchanan & Stephanie Kaye enjoy the wagon ride at Galen Glen Vineyard.

XI

Xi Chapter held its October meeting at Leiby's Restaurant in South Tamaqua. It was a busy meeting since we initiated three new members. Ann Murphy, Rosie Derr, and Roseann Klees. In addition, children's books and school supplies were collected for the Schuylkill County Literacy Council book-bags. After a delicious luncheon members carpoled to Galen Glen Vineyards for a tour of the vineyard and winery. Our adventure began with a wagon ride given by Steve Mertz, and then Galen and Sara Troxell, owners, provided all of the members a wine tasting party in the wine cellar. It was a delightful fall afternoon in the beautiful countryside.

Submitted with photos by Nancy Jones

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ALPHA

First Pennsylvania Music Educator
to be National Board Certified



Marcy Perlmutter Klugman, President of Alpha Chapter, has earned the credential of National Board Certified Teacher. The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards awarded this certification in Early and Middle Childhood/Music. She diligently worked through the yearlong assessment program, which was offered for the first time in the subject of music in the fall of 2001. The results, announced Nov. 22, 2002 showed Marcy to be one of two music recipients in Pennsylvania.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was created in 1987 after the Carnegie Forum on Education and the Economy's Task Force on Teaching as a Profession released *A Nation Prepared: Teachers for the 21st Century*. Completing the National Board Certification attests that a teacher has demonstrated skills in her subject area, that she makes professional judgments about student learning; and that she acts effectively on those judgments.

Although it was a challenging process to undergo, Marcy felt it was an excellent professional development opportunity. The certification process demanded considerable time for her to analyze her teaching strategies and classroom techniques, and she reviewed the knowledge she had acquired in music classes at Temple University, where she earned her Bachelor Degree in Music Education and at West Chester University where she earned her Masters Degree in Music.

Mrs. Klugman teaches instrumental music at Springfield Township Middle School. The Board of School Directors from Springfield Township acknowledged and congratulated her at their December meeting.

Alpha is very proud of the accomplishment of their member of 10 years.

Submitted with photo by Jeanne Perlmutter

DELTA

UNSUNG HEROES RECOGNITION AWARD

Dr. Anne Winkler, a member of Delta Chapter, was a recipient of the Unsung Heroes Recognition Award presented by the Lehigh County Office of Aging and Adult Services. The special ceremony was held on May 29, 2002 at the Lehigh County Government Center in Allentown, PA. She was one of sixteen individuals selected for the award.

The award recognizes older adults who display exceptional generosity with their time and talents to help others in the community. In addition to their commitment to community service, honorees were selected for their display of a positive, hopeful image of aging and for inspiring others to live with dignity as they reach out to touch the lives of others.

Among Anne's many community activities are two which touch the lives of students pursuing professional careers. She founded, and chairs, a project which provides scholarship assistance to students in nursing at Cedar Crest College. Through chairmanship of a Delta Chapter Committee, she continues to direct an activity which recognizes selected students at five local colleges for their leadership potential as they enter the teaching profession.

In keeping with the intent of the Unsung Heroes Recognition, Anne's satisfaction from involvement in people-oriented activities prompted her to strengthen her commitment to serving others even after she retired from nursing.

Officers' Rap (Continued from page 7.)

Our second Vice President is, (#6)
She's in charge of membership and doesn't keep it hid.
Enthusiasm for her job is why she's known so well,
Always seeking out new members with a terrific sell!

(#7), our first VP, is second gal in charge.
She organizes programs, and looks for folks 'at large'.
Personal growth and projects are two areas in her care,
And even I am on her team, Visual and Performing Arts Chair!!!

Last but not least is one really big cheese,
ΔΚΓ leader and friend, President, _____!
She thinks of possibilities and helps them all come true,
Making them realities for folks like me and you!!!
ALPHA ALPHA STATE PRESIDENT, (#8)

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