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THE ERIE EXPERIENCE, ENVIRONMENT AND MORE

April 24-26, 2009

By Susan Stamm
Program of Work Chairman

Presque Isle? What's Presque Isle? To find the answer to that question and many more, you must attend the Purposeful Seminar that will be held in Erie on April 24-26, 2009. The Alpha Alpha State Program of Work Committee invites you to think green for our 2009 Purposeful Seminar. Now more than ever, we need to be aware of how we can be better stewards of our planet and its resources. Seminar participants will come away with practical suggestions to put into everyday use.

On arrival Friday, you will have time to spend on your own. Presque Isle Downs and Casino is a short drive from the hotel as well as the Millcreek Mall for shopping experiences. You may choose from any variety of restaurants for dinner. Erie chapter members will act as our hostesses and guides.

Saturday activities will take place at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. The three morning workshops will provide hands-on experiences featuring scientific inquiry, a medley of model lessons and a virtual tour of a community to identify issues that contribute to environmental problems. The afternoon will be spent viewing "The Mysteries of the Great Lakes," an excellent documentary film on the ecosystems of the lakes and a guided tour on a motor coach of Presque Isle State Park that will provide history and background of the area. There will also be time to browse around the Center.

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Dr. Lyn Schmid Tapped for International Leadership Development Committee



International President Dr. Carolyn J. Rants has selected Dr. Lyn B. Schmid to serve on the International Leadership Development

Committee. The major task of this committee is to train the incoming state officers at the 2009 regional conferences. After conducting the weekend trainings for the Alpha Alpha State chapter presidents, Lyn has much to offer this committee.

The other members of the committee are Barbara Whiting, Minnesota, chair; Drs. Trijny Schmitz du Moulin, Netherlands; Sharon Enjor, Mississippi; Sandra Smith-Bull, Texas; and Rose Ann Moore, Washington.

Joy to You & Yours

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State President's Message

By Carolyn Sutton

*Pictured with the newest initiates of
Alpha Delta Chapter:
L-R Sheri Miller, Karen Ferry, President
Carolyn and Darlene Beachley*

What a magnificent fall we have had! Alpha Alpha State did an excellent job of weaving chapter meetings, events, and projects within the beautiful tapestry of our fall landscape.

A round of applause goes to Beta Epsilon and Phi, the host chapters of the Fall Area Conferences, Alpha Alpha State Leadership Committee (Dr. Lyn Schmid, Royce Boyd, Kay Stuart, and Bea Habursky), as well as the state officers and committee chairmen.

Together, they provided the exciting opportunity to LEAD OUT LOUD! The day was filled with opportunities to learn new leadership strategies, to exchange ideas, and to plan chapter programs. It was a perfect time for joining together to share the work of the Society and enjoy that fun and fellowship we relish. Deborah Bernhisel, Sigma chapter, wrote, "I am not often willing to give up a Saturday in the midst of a busy academic year, but you made Saturday's activities something I was glad to attend."

The opportunities for personal and professional growth will continue. The Program of Work Committee and the Erie chapters are planning for the Alpha Alpha State Purposeful Seminar to be held the weekend of April 24-26, 2009, in Erie, Pennsylvania. Registration is limited; sign up early!! Plans are now underway for our State Convention, June 12-14, 2009, at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College. The theme for convention will be *A Tapestry of Stories*. My goal is that every one of our 63 chapters will be represented. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

I have truly enjoyed my visits to the local chapters. This fall, I learned about the honeybee at the Winnie Palmer Environmental Classroom with Upsilon Chapter members, welcomed new members of Alpha Upsilon

Chapter, had the honor of participating in the presentation of Women of Distinction pins to Sigma Chapter members at Pine Barn Inn in Danville, and greeted three new initiates of Alpha Delta Chapter in Somerset. Additionally, I delighted in reading your chapter newsletters. Three cheers for those chapters who are now going green and publishing online.

I send a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for the prayers, kindness, love, support, inspiration, gifts, cards, and emails that you have sent my way during my personal journey with breast cancer. The stories that you shared of your own struggles and survivals have produced a spirit of optimism and wellness within me.

Now my thoughts are on the upcoming holiday seasons and the celebrations they bring. I love the hustle, bustle and the shopping for just the perfect gift. Make this the year that you give the gift of membership to a key woman educator in your area. One very important role for each of us as a Delta Kappa Gamma member is to invite other educators to become active members. Only through sustained and increased membership can we continue and even expand the wonderful opportunities and experiences offered to women throughout the world.

Lambda State President, Mary Unser writes, "Creating women leaders is a gift this organization offers to its members. This organization for key women educators

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MEMBERSHIP

A Chapter Priority: Increasing Membership

By Cassandra S. Klingensmith,
Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee

Make new friends but keep the old – one is silver and the other's gold! Who doesn't remember the words to that familiar campfire song? And do you remember the good feelings and emotions that were generated as you sat around that campfire singing in the circle of friends – both old and new?

Growing the membership in your chapter now can provide you with the chance to rekindle the warmth and good feelings of those days gone by. Just imagine it: old friends and new friends coming together celebrating the common bond that key women educators share!

The question is, *how do we achieve this vision?* The answer is, *each member must make it a priority to bring a new member into the chapter.*

Growing the membership **MUST** be a chapter priority!" Some ideas to consider:

- You are a member of your chapter's Membership Committee! Yes, that's right! It's every member's responsibility to bring key women educators into the Society. Remember that new members signal growth, and that growth is a sign of life. With this new growth comes the opportunity to enrich the life of your chapter as well as the lives of your sisters. Who knows what bold, new directions you will take?

- Potential new members are everywhere! Be alert to the possibilities. Look at your own educational setting—be it public school, private school, college or university. Retired? Use your connections to former school colleagues to learn of possible candidates for membership. Look at the educational setting of your children and/or grandchildren. Look at former students who are now

enjoying careers in education. Ask *who is that woman with vision, drive, leadership, and accomplishment?* Identify her and recommend her for membership. She's the one your chapter needs. She's the one who will breathe new life into your chapter and keep the roses blooming.

- What about a chapter member who has resigned? Maybe it's time to contact her and remind her that rejoining the chapter just takes a letter to the chapter president requesting reinstatement. Perhaps that member's reason for resigning is no longer relevant. Situations change. Priorities change. She may welcome the opportunity to rejoin and reconnect with old friends and colleagues. Reach out, make that contact, and reestablish a connection. What have you got to lose?

- Project HOPE! That's the initiative/action plan promoted by Alpha Alpha State to regenerate state membership numbers to the level of 4,600 members which was the high point reached in the early 1990's. State membership won't grow unless chapter memberships grow. Remember that the acronym HOPE stands for Honor the Legacy; Offer the Gift of Membership; Promote the Passion; Envision the Future. HOPE is not just a dream; HOPE mandates action! Each member must do her part to make membership growth a reality.

Let's envision the future of Delta Kappa Gamma as a living tapestry whose threads pulse and glitter with the energy of women excited about the power they collectively bring to the world of education. The threads of the tapestry tell individual stories – each lovely, each unique, each compelling. Each new sister will add a thread that will strengthen our tapestry, adding texture, nuance, and beauty. Let's grow our membership! Let's add some threads! Remember the words from the song? *Make new friends but keep the old – one is silver and the other's gold!* Let's make the tapestry sparkle! ■

State President's Message

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challenges each member to commit to the purposes of the Society so that she can be receptive to the many gifts the Society offers." Celebrate your own membership by beginning each day with an attitude of gratitude, connecting with your mentor, being a mentor to a new member or prospective new member, attending all the meetings and events you can, wearing the key,

surprising someone with a single red rose, laughing out loud, leading out loud, wearing your Lucinda red rose pin, and telling someone about the wonderful organization to which you belong.

"Life is a gift and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more." —Anthony Robbins.

Happy Holiday Celebrations to You All!
Carolyn

STATE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Alpha Alpha State Project

You Can Make A Difference

By Eileen Little, Projects Committee

Do you love children? Do you love to read? Then Ethiopia Reads is the perfect place for you to show your support and connect children with books! President Carolyn Sutton's challenge to us Delta Kappa Gamma sisters is to raise \$6000 to "plant a library" in Ethiopia. If each one of us donates just \$2.00 we will have enough funds to create a wonderful place for children to go to learn, imagine and dream of a better world. Just go to the website, www.ethiopiareads.org and watch the videos! See the smiles, hear the laughter, feel the joy that books bring to the children. Listen to the segment as Yohannes talks about the Shola Children's Library, the Awassa Reading Center and the Donkey Mobile Library. Meet Jane Kurtz, the



internationally known award-winning children's author who spent her childhood in Ethiopia, published more than 27 books for children and will be at state convention this year! We will have the opportunity to hear her speak about the laughter, the songs, the dancing and the books that have changed children's lives. We will have the opportunity to talk with Jane, buy her books and support this cause. What can you and your chapter do now to make a difference? At your next chapter meeting or holiday social think what that \$2.00 gift would mean to the children of Ethiopia. You can make a difference. We the sisters of Alpha Alpha State will make a difference. Be a part of this life-changing experience for the children of Ethiopia!

W A N T E D

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION NOMINEES

Any Alpha Alpha State Member who has received special recognition for professional, civic or religious commitments by any organization beyond Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOU!

If this recognition was earned between May 2008 and April 30, 2009, you are eligible to be considered as a Woman of Distinction.

Your chapter needs to submit the proper nomination form available on the PA Website.

(deltakappagamma.org/PA) It was also provided in the President's Packet mailed to each chapter in August.

Last year the Professional Affairs Committee honored thirty-four recipients at state convention with a dinner and ceremony. Let us tell your story this year! Make it happen!

For assistance contact

Judy Schaffer, Professional Affairs Chairman
at 724-337-8043 or judlees@hotmail.com

Call for Workshop Presenters

Workshops will play a MAJOR role in the 2009 State Convention held in June at State College, PA. Two sessions totaling ten presentations will be offered this year. Do you have a story to share in a workshop format? SHARE IT!

This year each person must register for two areas that interest her on the convention registration form. Some presentations will provide Act 48 Credit while others are for personal development. I want the choice to be DIFFICULT because we offered such interesting subjects from which to choose.

Complete the Proposal Form which can be accessed on the Alpha Alpha State (PA) website (deltakappagamma.org/PA) and send it to

Judy Schaffer
2849 Edgewood Road
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

I need your input ASAP.

Chapter Presidents, contact that member who did such a good program locally and get her to present at the state level. The form is in your President's Packet mailed to you in August.

Be one of the TOP TEN! Be a presenter in 2009.

From Visual and Performing Arts . . .

By Donna J. Houser, Chairman
Visual and Performing Arts Committee

Artists' Alley

The Visual and Performing Arts Committee will be emphasizing the visual arts this year at the state convention. The Artists' Alley has always been a very popular event at convention. Delta Kappa Gamma sisters are invited to exhibit their creative arts and even sell or take orders if you so choose. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing their own easels or display equipment, business cards, selling and ordering, and information about your art. A "Meet the Artists Workshop" will take place at which time you may share information and answer questions about your art. A printed booklet will list each artist and her medium by number. Attendees at the convention will vote by ballot for their favorite display. Winners will receive ribbons.

The following are guidelines for eligibility in the Artists' Alley.

The art medium should be a form created for aesthetic beauty rather than for utility (applied art, most crafts and textiles). There are some exceptions. Here is a list of acceptable mediums, but I'm sure there are others. If you are unsure, please e-mail me. Paintings (watercolor, oil, silhouettes, folk art, etc.), photography, sculpture, paper arts, calligraphy, jewelry making, creative writing, poetry, pottery, quilt making, stamping arts, scrapbooking, wood cuts, print making.

More information will be available in a future *Keystonian* along with an entry form. We have many sisters who are very talented in the arts, and this is an opportunity to share your talents with your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters from across the state. Our goal is to have at least one member (but not limited to only one) from each chapter display in the Artists' Alley.

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

International Offers "Create a BUZZ"

By Barb Clark, Communications Chairman

The International Communications Committee is promoting making Delta Kappa Gamma more visible in our communities. Some suggestions are preparing an "elevator speech," use waiting area of public places, press releases, and of course, publicize! The International Communications Committee describes an elevator speech as a brief statement describing Delta Kappa Gamma to those who may not know who we are. If you would like some examples contact me, clarkpsu@hotmail.com. Many public areas, like waiting rooms or your libraries may permit you to place our publications for others to read. Use a press release to identify the many opportunities and advantages of Delta Kappa Gamma membership. Naturally, it is hoped that you are already photographing and publicizing the many worthy causes that our chapters support in their yearly activities.

At the Alpha Alpha State Fall Conferences many of you attended the Communications workshop. Great discussions centered on emailing of chapter newsletters. Tammy Miller, our State Webmaster, demonstrated and prepared hand outs for Letterpop to prepare the newsletter. Of course snail mail would be used for members not having access to a computer. If you were unable to attend either conference and would like to receive the handout for Letterpop, contact Tammy or me. Try it. You'll like it!!!

There were some suggestions for postings on the website. They include all registration forms for conferences and *The Keystonian*. Do you have any other ideas? Also the updated state brochure is now on the website. Check it out and print copies for new members and prospective members.

The Alpha Alpha State Convention in June will be exciting for the Communications Committee! We will be recognizing the chapters with newsletters. If your chapter has a newsletter, please send (email or snail mail) me a copy so your chapter will be recognized. Also, I will be setting up a display of all Alpha Alpha State chapter newsletters, as well as all of the other state newsletters I receive. Make sure you are at the convention and get ideas for your chapter.

Create a BUZZ in your area!!!

APPLY for ALPHA ALPHA STATE SCHOLARSHIPS and ENRICHMENT GRANTS

Alpha Alpha State Scholarships and Enrichment Grants are available to members in good standing who have held membership for at least three years.

Scholarships will be offered for graduate study leading to an advanced degree or certification or toward job/self improvement. Credit may be earned during a regular or summer term at an accredited college/university.

A scholarship recipient may apply more than one time, but an individual's total may not exceed the maximum of \$7,000.

Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship The Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship will be awarded to one active member in her 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of Delta Kappa Gamma membership who is working in graduate study. The approximate amount of \$1000 will be awarded each fiscal year.

Enrichment Grants will be awarded for enrollment in an Elderhostel program, continuing education for personal and professional growth, a travel/study tour, or to develop an approved independent study project or to present a paper to a professional organization.

An Enrichment Grant recipient may receive a one-time award in each of the following categories:

1. Elderhostel or continuing education
2. Travel/study
3. Individual project, research project, or presentation of a paper

An applicant may not receive more than \$5000 from Enrichment Grant monies. The following "Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Award Point System" will be used as criteria for selection:

1. Proposed use of scholarship (30 pts.)
 - a. Purpose of proposed graduate work or graduate travel/study
 - b. Projected time plan
 - c. Extent to which courses are completed
 - d. Use of scholarship money
 - e. Status of dissertation (doctoral candidate)

2. Society participation (30 pts.)
Officer, Committee Chairman, Committee Membership at Chapter, State, and/or International levels; attendance, participation, responsibilities at conventions/meetings in areas, states, regions, or at International level
3. Professional involvement (20 pts.)
 - a. Professional organizations
 - b. Job-related activities
 - c. Special honors/awards/publications
 - d. Professional letters of recommendation
4. Other involvement (10 pts)
Community activities/awards/honors



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State Scholarship Chairman

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...for further information or for application materials.

Application Deadline:
Postmarked...February 1, 2009

Application forms for State Scholarships, Enrichment Grants and Achievement Award can be downloaded.

Go to Alpha Alpha State website at
www.deltakappagamma.org/PA
Click on Committees in Action.
Click on download button and print.

Please note the procedural clarification that scholarships and enrichment grants are to be used in the fiscal year following the convention they are awarded.

A Trip of A Lifetime

By Pat Marshall and Wanda Keller

It was a trip of a lifetime! During our return trip of twenty-one hours, we reflected on the past ten days of our journey to Eastern Europe. Pat commented that this was "a trip of a lifetime." Through Alpha Alpha State enrichment grants for herself and her traveling companion, Wanda, Pat fulfilled a lifetime dream. It didn't seem like ten days had passed since we left Dulles Airport on a red-eye flight to Prague in the Czech Republic. All the sights and sounds were still fresh in our minds.

Prague was alive with throngs of tourists and the bustle of a metropolitan city. Our hotel on Wenceslas Square was ideally located. It was an easy walk to the Old Town Square to see the astronomical clock with the hourly appearance of skeletal Death and the procession of apostles. We enjoyed a city tour and a trip to the Prague Castle. From the castle, the city view with the red tiled roofs marking the landscape was awesome. Included in our tour were St. George's Basilica and a walk down the Golden Lane, which was crammed with many unique souvenir shops of handmade Czech items. Our final stop on the tour was the church of Our Lady Victorious, where we saw the original statue of the Infant of Prague. The next day we toured the Jewish Quarter and the Jewish Cemetery. We enjoyed shopping at the open air Prague Market and in the various shops for items unique to the Czech Republic. The city view as we walked along the river to the Charles Bridge was lovely. We finished our last evening enjoying dessert in an open-air restaurant in the Old Town Square.

Our next stop was Budapest in Hungary. Our hotel was located in a more residential area. During our first walk through the area, we found a 500-year old church, where we attended Sunday services. Our city tour took us to Castle Hill. The panoramic view of the Danube River, the city, and the Parliament Building were breathtaking. We continued on to the gothic Matthias Church, the Citadel, and the Liberation Monument. This 1000-year-old city held many delights at every turn including an evening boat ride on the Danube River and a visit to the Grand Market Hall. We also had the opportunity to travel outside the city to visit replicas of old Hungarian villages and the ancient market town of St. Andrus. On

the way out of Budapest we stopped to tour Roman ruins of a bath and colosseum located in the city. Our guide provided us a glimpse into his life under Communist rule.

We next traveled from Budapest to Kosice in Slovakia in style in a first class compartment on the train. Kosice was a beautiful city with a park and lovely fountains whose waters were choreographed to music. We could view the colorful steeple of the Cathedral of



Wanda Keller and Pat Marshall in Prague.

St. Elizabeth in the Old Town Square from our hotel room. The following morning we met our guide who was a genealogist. Juraj drove us through the Slovakian countryside. Our first stop was Bardejov, a royal town surrounded by walls. In discussion with Juraj, Pat realized this was probably the town where her grandmother journeyed on market day over 100 years ago. We continued on to Malcov, the town where Pat's grandmother was born. In Malcov, Juraj led us on a search for ancestors in the town cemetery, the parsonage, and the state offices. From the cemetery

we could see the town and valley below, as well as the encircling Carpathian Mountains. It was moving to realize that Pat was looking at the same scenery that her grandmother saw 100 years earlier. Through the help of the parish priest and his wife, we combed through old church records and found two families of relatives that remained in Malcov. Thus began Pat's discovery of the descendants of her family who remained in Slovakia. The families, who did not know of Pat's existence prior to that day, were kind and gracious, offering us the hospitality of their homes and refreshments. They readily brought out pictures and shared information about their families. In looking at pictures, it is amazing to see the family resemblance between the American and Slovak branches of the family. As we left at the end of the day, Pat received gifts including dried mushrooms to use in her traditional Slovakian Christmas Eve dinner.

We were both honored to receive an enrichment grant from the Scholarship Committee. The grant enabled us to travel back through time. It really was a trip of a lifetime for both of us, and it also made Pat's lifelong dream of finding her roots a reality.

See page 14 for another Enrichment Grant experience.

Area Conferences Strengthen Leadership Skills

BETA EPSILON HOSTS WESTERN FALL AREA CONFERENCE

By Leora Rager, Beta Epsilon

A nearly perfect October Saturday and the Living Learning Center of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown served as a setting for the Western Fall Area Conference of Alpha Alpha State. Beta Epsilon Chapter members served as hostesses.

A total of 75 members representing 20 chapters took advantage of the opportunity to hear reports from Alpha Alpha State officers and committee chairmen and to receive updates on Society business. Members were urged to sign up to participate in some capacity to assist with the upcoming 2011 Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey.

Highlight of the morning session was a presentation by **Dr. Lyn Schmid** on behalf of the Leadership Development Committee. Tips were given to "tame our sparkly bits" and to learn to be better listeners.

Chapter officers and committee chairmen were able to seek information and suggestions from Alpha Alpha State counterparts to carry back to their chapters. The exchange of ideas among chapters was also lively.

In a special presentation Beta Epsilon donated a check for \$200 to President Carolyn to use for her



Ethiopia Reads project. Shown during the presentation are L-R **Carolyn Sutton**, Alpha Alpha State President, **Vanessa Sral**, Beta Epsilon President, and **Tracey Dusch**, State Projects Chairman.

EASTERN FALL AREA CONFERENCE HOSTED BY PHI CHAPTER



Sharon Hertzog, Phi Chapter President welcomed participants to the Eastern Fall Area Conference in Wilkes Barre.

Below - Gisele Siebold, Chi Chapter President, purchases a Lucinda pin to support the North East Regional Conference to be held in Hershey, PA.



Chapter presidents pose with their "sparkly bits." They were reminded that as leaders we need to avoid miscommunication. Two keys to doing this are (1) "Listening" with our eyes; and (2) Listening and pausing before responding. It is vital to *be present* when communicating.

Photos submitted by **Karen Ball**, **Barb Clark**, and **Tracey Dusch**

The Tapestry of Leadership



The Fall Area Conferences began with each officer describing her function in relation to President Carolyn's tapestry theme and the construction of a quilt.

President: The theme for this biennium is "Tapestry: Weaving Positive Change within Delta Kappa Gamma Society." Our state's tapestry of leadership can be compared to a quilt. As President, I express my vision for a pattern to make a quilt that will be stitched with love and serve our seven purposes.

First Vice President: The Program of Work is the design that creates a pattern of fabrics that incorporates our programs, projects and music.

Second Vice President: As Membership Chair the second vice president's role is likened to the stuffing of a quilt. The more stuffing, the thicker, more comfortable, and warm the quilt is; whereas a quilt with very little stuffing is thin and likely to wear through more quickly. Members are the stuffing in the quilt and a comfortable, warm, and growing chapter continues to add to the membership of the chapter.

Recording Secretary: The secretary is the binding on the quilt. Like the binding, the recording secretary keeps the minutes that frame and finalize the business of the meetings for all to see.

Corresponding Secretary: The responsibility of the corresponding secretary is similar to the thread used in sewing the quilt. The thread binds the bonds of friendship and sisterhood through communications and the sharing of information.

Treasurer: I manage the funds that enable the quilters to purchase the fabric - that makes the design - that covers the batting - that is supported by the backing. This stitched and bound end is made straight and true according to the vision that Carolyn has.

Parliamentarian: The parliamentarian is like a ruler, used by the designer to keep her vision straight and true.

Immediate Past President: I am the backing of the quilt that provides support and guidance for the quilt in all its endeavors.

ALPHA ALPHA STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

NOMINATION NOTICE



Honoring Key Women

The annual State Achievement Award is the most prestigious award given by Alpha Alpha State. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a member who has given distinguished and outstanding service to Alpha Alpha State by promoting the purposes and policies of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Chapters can nominate one member each year for this award. This nominee should be a leader within the chapter and a sister who has demonstrated outstanding participation in regional and state events.

Consider your chapter membership and the Guidelines for the Achievement Award.

You can download the Guidelines and Form from the state website. An Update Form is also available for members previously nominated within the past five years. (www.deltakappagamma.org/PA/) In the event that you are unable to do this, please contact me for a mailed copy.

Deadline for submission of nominations is March 14, 2009.

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THE LEGISLATIVE LINK

By Patricia Kardambikis, Ph.D.

No Child Left Behind

In a time of rapid change and innovation, the U.S. education system is struggling to keep pace. Young people are being asked to learn 21st century skills with 20th century tools. The global marketplace is a reality; yet, as demands for a highly skilled and educated workforce grow, our schools continue to lose too many kids and waste too much talent. The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), representing more than 175,000 educators, calls on policymakers to join forces with educators, parents, and communities to ensure all children become productive, engaged citizens.

When the Elementary and Secondary Education Act was reauthorized as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) in 2002, achievement and accountability were narrowly defined by student scores on reading and math tests in grades 3-8 and a science test in high school. Implementation of NCLB has resulted in standardized tests in these subjects providing the measurement for student and school district accountability.

ASCD proposes a broader definition that promotes the development of the whole child. Our children deserve an education that emphasizes academic rigor as well as essential 21st century skills such as critical thinking and creativity.

The following legislative agenda priorities primarily call for changes to NCLB; however, the core principles also apply to other relevant education legislation.

- **Multiple Indicators of Achievement:** ASCD calls on Congress to expand allowable assessment options when determining adequate yearly progress for all students, including English language learners and children with disabilities, as well as for entire schools and school districts.
- **School Improvement and Services:** ASCD calls on Congress to ensure that entire schools and school districts are not sanctioned when improvement is needed in one or two areas and to provide resources and options for the delivery of services that promote the growth of the whole child.

- **Teachers and School Leaders:** ASCD calls on Congress to provide schools with the resources to recruit, develop, and retain effective teachers and school leaders and to enable states to determine the qualifications necessary for their teachers and leaders.

- **Innovative High School Redesign:** ASCD calls on Congress to support the efforts of states and local education agencies to improve educational outcomes by using research-based approaches that ensure high school graduates become productive citizens, prepared for economic success in a competitive global market.

<http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/menuitem.6f662ce249e8980edeb3ffdb62108a0c/>

Breast Cancer Action

Current breast cancer research is concentrated primarily on improving imaging devices that can detect tumors early, developing drugs to kill cancer cells, and understanding why cancer cells become resistant to existing drugs. The Love/Avon Army of Women is the visionary dream of Dr. Susan Love to change the paradigm and through this new program, the Avon Foundation and the Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation will:

- Encourage researchers to expand their focus from treating cancer to understanding what causes normal breast cells to become cancer cells.
- Shift the focus from finding breast cancer early and treating it once it occurs to preventing it in the first place.
- Provide researchers with timely and easy access to women volunteers so that they can shift their focus from the lab to real women
- Empower women to take the next step in breast cancer research

The Army of Women is seeking to enlist the aid of 1,000,000 women in research to prevent breast cancer. Signing up as a volunteer does not commit you to any specific action. Volunteers may be contacted by researchers about participation in specific research projects and can elect not to participate in any project. To volunteer go to <http://www.armyofwomen.org/get-involved#regform>.

Contact Dr. Angela Bodenbaugh at Angela.Bodenbaugh@usm.edu to receive a copy of the U.S. Forum Newsletter online.

Late Saturday afternoon, we will return to the hotel to relax before having dinner there. The evening speaker will present a program on leadership and the importance of building leadership skills early. There will also be time for fun and fellowship.

"Secrets of Spirituals" will round out our weekend experience on Sunday morning. This program is based on the life of Harry T. Burleigh, a native of Erie and an African American classical composer.

Participants will enjoy the entire weekend for a registration fee of \$65 which includes Saturday lunch and dinner, workshops, movie, guided tour and all program materials. Only attending on Saturday? Join us for \$60 registration. Please use the accompanying registration form and send it to Rini Wolfgarth. This Seminar is open to all women educators in Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Western New York. Information on professional development hours will be available after January 1 for download at www.deltakappagamma.net/PA.

Room reservations are to be made directly with the Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 West 8th Street. Room rates are \$119.99 plus taxes per night for a single or double (add \$10 per person for each additional guest). This price includes a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet each morning. Call 814-833-1116 or 1-800-888-8781. Ask for reservations and be sure to mention Delta Kappa Gamma. Deadline for hotel reservations is March 26, 2009. Rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after the cut-off date.

From the Research Committee... No-Stress Surveys

By Monique Lautenschlager, Research Chairman

To facilitate the completion of the next Delta Kappa Gamma Research survey that comes your way, consider creating and/or updating your chapter yearbook. Including information such as membership status, initiation year, and teaching position/grade level will make completing future surveys far less stressful. You might also want to include the name of the school district(s) where the member works or worked. (Remember to return your chapter demographics survey to Monique Lautenschlager ASAP.)

Plan to attend the Research Workshop at state convention in June and you will receive additional helpful hints to ease your updating future chapter demographics surveys.

New survey...No worries!

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CHAPTER NEWS

BETA IOTA'S Woman of the Year

Beta Iota's Outstanding Woman Educator, Trudy Saraiva, is known for her organizational and planning skills, her willingness to help, and for the excellence and timely completion of any project she undertakes. Trudy was welcomed into the Beta Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in April of 1990. Her exceptional skills quickly became obvious, as she was elected 1st Vice President of Beta Iota in 1991, and served as our President from 1994 to 1996.

Trudy began her career as a part-time teacher of special needs students in the Cumberland Valley School District. She has served as a special education teacher for the high school and the middle school's emotional support program, as well as supervisor of the high school's special education department. Her heart was in the classroom, however, where Trudy always makes sure that her students' needs are met, whether in or outside of school. With independent living as a primary goal, she has actively supported programs that assist her students in achieving independence.

Trudy Saraiva's church life includes membership on the church management and participation in two Katrina Relief mission trips. The Katrina Relief project raised \$20,000 in five months to send fifty people and two tractor trailers (35,000 and 41,000 lbs.) loaded with items solicited from local businesses to the New Orleans area.



Pictured (L) is Mary Benton, 2007 Woman of the Year presenting the award to Trudy Saraiva (R) for 2008.

Submitted with photo by Beth Aciri-Bowen

Send chapter news and photos for the spring issue by February 1, 2009 to

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ALPHA THETA INITIATES EIGHT



Alpha Theta Chapter recently initiated eight new women educators. Shown seated L-R are officers Deborah Ceraso, Kathy Walters and Mary Jo Lipski who welcomed the educational professionals into membership. Standing L-R are newly installed initiates Carolyn Hancock, Jennifer Hrabovsky, Jamie Fry, Jennifer Sperl, Brandi Stover, Janine Lazor and Tracey Zeigler.



Serving Alpha Theta as officers for the 2008-2010 biennium are L-R Linda Van Sicklin, treasurer; Barbara Carnahan, corresponding secretary; Deborah Ceraso, president; Mary Jo Lipski, first vice president; Delores Craig, recording secretary; and Rosemary Valasek, second vice president.



Alpha Theta inaugurated the new biennium with a picnic meeting and the presentation of three \$500 recruitment grant scholarships. Shown L-R are President Ceraso and recipients Jana Armentrout, Harmony Ritchie and Kimberly Ripple.

Submitted with photos by Kathy Walters

CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA SIGMA

Sonie Laughead received the Alpha Sigma Biennium Achievement Award at the Mill St. Grille meeting in May. She was presented her award by Alpha Alpha State President Carolyn Sutton and Alpha Sigma President Stephanie Fulena. In the past 40 years, Sonie has served as Alpha Sigma President, Treasurer, and in other offices. She continues to serve on many committees. She is currently Alpha Sigma Corresponding Secretary and very active in all aspects of Alpha Sigma work.

BETA DELTA



Each fall Beta Delta members look forward to filling and delivering literacy/numeracy bags. Members donate material to make the bags and other members cut the material, sew the bags and attach handles to them. Members donate books, pencils, markers, crayons, rulers, glue, etc. for inclusion in the bags. This year 150 bags were donated to The Lehman Center, the Hanover Red Cross and the York Crispus Attucks.

KAPPA

In September Kappa Chapter went to Gettysburg and toured the Majestic Theatre and the Shriver House. The idea came from Alpha Alpha State's Seminar of Purpose held there in 2007.

After the tour of the theatre, we had lunch and the business meeting.



Geri Lesh was honored as an outstanding sister.

Submitted with photos by Mary Fetrow



Sonie Laughead proudly displays her Alpha Sigma Achievement Award. Making the presentation were L-Stephanie Fulena,

Alpha Sigma President and R-Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Alpha State President.

Beta Delta Chapter was extremely proud that one of its members, Diana Weaver, received a 2008 Jefferson Award. This award was established in 1972 through the American Institute for Public Service. Diana, an active Beta Delta member also volunteers with the Girl Scouts, the American Cancer Society and the Greater Hanover Area American Red Cross. She is among six people who won the award and was featured on WGAL TV. She received a Jefferson Award gold medallion during a banquet in honor of the recipients at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey.



Submitted with photos by Martha Lippy



In October Kappa Chapter visited an Amish School and was told about the educational system. We then went to an Amish Farm for a typical Amish meal. Felicia Horrell was our honored sister.

Fijian SCUBA Diving

By Sharon Stockholm

Sharon Stockholm of Beta Rho Chapter received a 2008 Enrichment Grant to join the CRABBS Dive Club of Saint Croix on an Aqua-Trek SCUBA diving tour of Fiji. The 15-hour flight from Syracuse to Pacific Harbour was only the beginning of many endurance trials club members faced. Enlightening visits to the ocean's depths were supplemented with exciting land excursions.

The first five days of Sharon's trip were spent at Garden Island Resort on the island of Taveuni. Lush landscapes, exotic plants, and serene beaches converged to provide a delightful land base for the diving activities. Hikes to a natural waterslide and Tavaro Waterfalls gave the dive club an opportunity to interact with the local people. Fijians are very friendly, quick to greet visitors with a heartfelt "Bula" - wishing them good health and a pleasant day. The Stockholm's most unusual outing was a visit to the 180th Meridian Line. A marker shows the exact place on Taveuni where a person can stand with one foot in yesterday and another in today.

Offshore, the turquoise water of the Somosom Strait provides access to Rainbow Reef. The awesome underwater coral gardens with multitudes of brightly colored fish combine to make this area one of the world's top diving destinations. The CRABBS visited the reef daily to dive in the prolific coral growths and observe behavior patterns of the fish and nudibranch.

Swift currents needed to supply food for the soft corals gave divers the feeling of being on an amusement park ride. Besides the anticipated sightings of lionfish, blue ribbon eels, and sea snakes, the club members were thrilled with the quantity and variety of nudibranch living in the area.

The second half of the Stockholm's vacation took



Sharon Stockholm diving in Fiji

"What an exhilarating feeling! I requested and received funds for hotel and food for five days for an Orlando conference. Without this award, it would have been difficult to finance the accommodations, and I am still extremely grateful because I use the program I learned every day."

Mary A. Miller, MS CCCS/LP
Manatee County FL School District



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them to Pearl South Pacific on the island of Viti Levu. Aqua-Trek's Beqa facility focuses on the Beqa Lagoon renowned for stunning soft coral displays and an abundance of colorful fish. A storm that produced high seas prevented diving on the first day of their visit. Later in the week, the divers were able to explore a wreck and photograph unique marine life. This was Sharon's first encounter with a leaf scorpion fish. Its camouflage ability tends to make sightings difficult. The amazing "Ultimate Shark Encounter" presented an opportunity to see nurse and bull sharks, and a 13' juvenile tiger shark. Scuba diving in Fiji definitely created memories that will last a lifetime.



President's Schedule

January 30, 2009
CTAUN 11th Annual Conference, United Nations

February 8, 2009
Alpha Upsilon Chapter meeting

March 14-15, 2009
Scholarship Committee meeting

March 21, 2009
Tri-Chapter meeting: Alpha Xi, Alpha Pi, Theta

March 28, 2009
Alpha Mu Chapter Visit

April 4, 2009
Joint meeting of Alpha Sigma, Lambda,
Alpha Omicron, Zeta

April 24-25, 2009
Purposeful Seminar: The Erie Experience

Attention Committee Chairs and Officers

BUDGET REQUESTS

Due by
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In Memoriam

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Kathryn W. Lumley

July 19, 2008

Kathryn, a member of Omicron Chapter, founded the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program. Kathryn was a reading specialist, author, lecturer, and publisher of the "All About Me" books. She gave many presentations to her chapter on various topics related to reading.

Carol Lynn Nelson

August 1, 2008

Carol was an active member of Chi Chapter, serving the chapter as an officer from corresponding secretary to president. She was also active in Alpha Alpha State, serving the state organization as State Photographer for several bienniums. Professionally, Carol was an elementary classroom teacher for the school district of Lancaster.

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In Memoriam

Janet L. Varner

January 19, 2008

Janet, a teacher for 35 years, was a member of Beta Theta Chapter where she served the chapter on many committees including as chairman of Professional Affairs.

Beryl S. Brock

February 8, 2008

Beryl, a dedicated member of Alpha Alpha Chapter, served the chapter as president and as chair of the Nominations and Projects Committees. Professionally, Beryl began her teaching experience in a one-room schoolhouse in West Virginia and then served as an elementary principal in Nazareth, PA until her retirement.

Pansy Dameron

April, 2008

Pansy, a member of Beta Alpha Chapter, served the chapter as president as well as holding other positions in the chapter throughout the years. Professionally, she was a principal at Norwood School, Interboro School District, where she mentored many of the present day Beta Alpha Chapter members.

*Every good life
 leaves behind
 the fiber of it
 interwoven
 forever
 in the work
 of the world.*

John Ruskin

Beverly A. Barton

June 13, 2008

Beverly was a dedicated member of Alpha Zeta Chapter, serving the chapter on various committees. Professionally, Beverly taught high school English and Elementary music in the Sayre School District.

Dr. Patricia D. Johnston

July 11, 2008

Patricia, a member of Alpha Nu Chapter, celebrated 35 years in education. Earning her doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh, she was the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in the Pennsbury School District. She is remembered for her special concern for people and children.

Virginia Machakitus

July 18, 2008

Virginia was a charter member of Beta Sigma Chapter, having transferred to Beta Sigma from Tau Chapter. Professionally, she served the Lake Lehman School District.

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