



The Keystonian

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State President's Message

Louann Shrader



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

Debby Boone

What must it have been like 75 years ago as 18 ladies including Dr. Blanton met in Philadelphia to establish Alpha Alpha State? What was their vision...what words of encouragement did they hear from our founder, our **'Architect of Dreams'**? We can only guess... but because of Dr. Blanton's vision she may have challenged our founders to take risks and work towards enhancing the opportunities for women in the field of education. She may have rallied them to feel the strength in accomplishing worthy endeavors by collectively working together. Seventy-five years ago,

as we look back, the vision to us may have appeared simple compared to the challenges of today, but each step that our pioneers took for us was a giant step of growth that brought us to the 75th anniversary of Alpha Alpha State. Through each year the purposes have kept us on course to fulfill the mission of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Today, as we look to the challenges of the future, our legacy is our treasure of the past. The purposes that were seeds of growth back then continue to be our compass for embracing the future vision. Our vision—***"Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide"***.

Visiting chapters has given me opportunities to see our collective strengths and our purposes in action: chapters honoring women either through a Celebration of Life or an Initiation of new members; chapters raising funds for projects within our (see **PRESIDENT** page 2)

President's Schedule

January 14—Planning Session/Leadership Development
March 3—Beta Alpha Visit
March 10—Theta Visit
March 16-17—New Chapter Presidents Training
March 24—Scholarship Meeting
March 31—Iota, Beta Xi, Beta Epsilon, Tri-Chapter Mtg.
April 3—Phi Visit
April 14—Omega & Beta Kappa Visit
April 21—Harrisburg Chapters Visit:
Kappa, Alpha Kappa, Beta Iota, Beta Theta
April 26—Alpha Omicron Visit
April 27-29—Creative Arts Retreat
May 4—Finance Committee
May 5—Erie Chapters Visit:
Gamma, Alpha Iota, Alpha Omega
May 17—Beta Iota Visit
May 19—York Chapters Visit:
Eta, Beta Delta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma

**START
SPREADING
THE NEWS!**

**DKG
International
Convention
New York
July 24-28, 2012**

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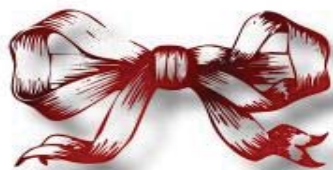
Editor

Bonnie Lee Barnes

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communities and/or beyond our borders; chapters advancing women in education through the awarding of recruitment grants; chapter members supporting each other in the wake of negative educational decisions placed upon our profession; members rallying around a cause or a new dream. I have experienced the power of that dream that has brought us to our 75th year. As each individual chapter achieves, not only are we planting seeds of growth, but we are also having quite an impact collectively on education. **We are impacting education worldwide and embracing the vision!**

Never underestimate the strength or power of a dream. In the past 25 years, our ideas and dreams resulted in the formation of such entities as the Visionary Fund, the Album of Distinction, the Creative Arts Retreat, the Purposeful Seminar, and the increase of monetary awards in the Scholarship Fund. With passion and determination the visions of our past became obtainable goals that we presently enjoy as opportunities of membership. What are your dreams and ideas for the future? Become a *possibilitarian*—raise your sights and see the possibilities of new ideas and dreams that will continue to grow the Society. Through ideas and possibilities continue to plant the seeds of growth within your chapters. Embrace our collective vision as *“Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”*, and create pathways as we strive to design a future of growth that enhances and sustains the mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



New Initiates

Alpha Beta

Mrs. Jennifer Diandreth
Mrs. Janelle Lowe
Mrs. Britt Savage
Miss Tina Smith

Alpha Zeta

Mrs. Denise Amer
Mrs. V. Nichole Bradley
Mrs. Lynn Eberlin
Miss Deb Fitzwater
Mrs. Ginger Lathrop
Mrs. Alison Polly
Mrs. Sherry Spencer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1942

(70 years)

Gamma
Delta

1947

(65 years)

Eta
Theta
Iota
Kappa
Lambda

Mu

Nu

Xi

Omicron

Pi

Rho

Sigma

Tau

Upsilon

1957

(55 years)

Alpha Omicron
Alpha Rho

1962

(50 years)

Beta Alpha
Beta Beta
Beta Gamma
Beta Delta
Beta Epsilon

Hope to see
you at State
Convention as
we celebrate
Alpha Alpha's
**75th
Birthday.**

MEMBERSHIP

Passion for Membership!

By Gisele Siebold, Membership Committee

"What does it take to bring a dream to a vision? *Passion.*" This quote, from our State President Louann Shrader, has taken up permanent residency in my heart since I heard President Louann's presentation to Chi and Nu Chapters on October 1, 2011. President Shrader is a **MOVER** and ignites passion within Alpha Alpha State members, encouraging us to "Let your vision be your compass!" A vision as a compass is linked to our Founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, who is thought of by Delta Kappa Gamma sisters as "*An Architect of Dreams.*" Dreams, visions, passions - the tools that make up the toolbox of a **MOVER**, and build the foundation of Alpha Alpha State.

A **MOVER** has: Motivation, Opportunity, Vision, Enthusiasm, and the ability to bring vision to Reality. Delta Kappa Gamma sisters are natural MOVERS who have the power of TNT. That's right, Delta Kappa Gamma members are dynamite! How can this intrinsic dynamite be used to strengthen the membership of Alpha Alpha State? By Training members about our founders, Nurturing members, and Touching the Hearts of members.

Healthy, vibrant membership grows from a chapter that is organized and synthesized, one that honors traditions, but also generates new ideas. Chapters, ask yourselves these questions. Are you motivated to extend the opportunity of Delta Kappa Gamma? Does your enthusiasm for your chapter's vision encourage your dreams to become realities? You have the tools needed to broaden membership. You also have the support of fellow sisters who are willing and able to bring more TNT to your chapter to collaborate, rejuvenate and celebrate! Call upon your state membership committee when you need a helping hand. Reaching for dreams makes them become realities, and we all can make this happen. In the words of Josie Bisset, "Dreams come in a size too big so that we can grow into them." Growing into the big dream of a strong, far-reaching, person-centered membership is a beautiful dream, indeed.

Hey Sister...Can you Spare a Pair?

"Project Patricia"

by Karen Ball, Chair, POW/EEC Projects Committee

Young women in Africa are falling behind in their studies because they are unable to attend school during their monthly cycle. WHY, you ask? Because they do not have any feminine hygiene products. They cannot use disposables because they have no way to properly dispose of those articles.

All across the United States, women in Methodist churches are busy cutting, sewing and making reusable pads for these young ladies to use. One of the largest obstacles to overcome is that the girls have no underwear in which to place the pads!

So we asked ourselves...How can the DKG sisters of Alpha Alpha State assist these volunteers in their Herculean effort to assure education can continue for these young women?" The question to you, the member is: "Hey Sister...can you Spare a Pair?" Can you help us...help those girls in Africa?

We need **plain white cotton briefs** for ladies in sizes 6, 7, and 8 and for girls in sizes 12, 14, and 16.

On Friday night at state convention: Please consider donating a package of panties as your admission ticket to the Friday Night Fling! Let's fill our display to the brim with cotton panties that are destined for these young women!



A New 'Take' on 2012 State Chorus

Shirley Newhart, Chair

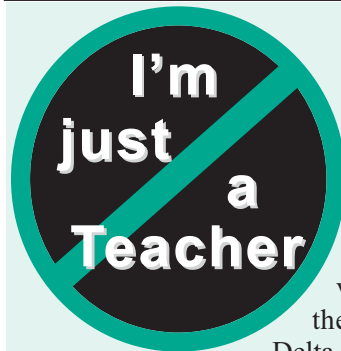
Visual & Performing Arts

Have you always wanted to sing with the State

Chorus but were reticent to do so because it might conflict with your participation in state convention workshops and events? Well...be reticent NO MORE! The 2012 State Chorus will only perform at the Saturday evening banquet and rehearsals will be limited to open slots so that you may fully participate in State Convention events. Please consider joining us in song as part of the 2012 Alpha Alpha State Chorus and come raise your voice with your DKG PA Sisters. Watch for more details in the Spring Keystoneian.

Program of Work for Educational Excellence

Kay Stuart, POW/EEC Chair



Promoting Pride in Our Profession

We've all been encouraged to prepare an elevator speech to answer the question "What is Delta Kappa Gamma?" If you

haven't done this you should prepare just a short answer that can be provided in the time it takes to ride an elevator from one floor to another (15 to 30 seconds!). Here is one sample of an elevator speech about DKG:

~We are an international honor society that recognizes and supports outstanding women in education. We have more than 100,000 members in 17 countries, including nearly 3000 here in Pennsylvania. Our members can apply for scholarships and grants, attend workshops and conferences, and enjoy the opportunity to network with women who share their commitment to excellence in their profession.

To promote personal and professional pride, members can develop elevator speeches that define their role in education. Elevator speeches should be:

- ~ Short
- ~ Concise
- ~ Easy to Understand
- ~ Enticing
- ~ Focused on impact

Samples: In answer to the familiar question ~What do you do?

~ I am a professional educator. I trained for the position by earning ___ college degrees. My job is to educate _____ (other professionals, lifelong learners, etc.). The lifetime skills I teach are for all age groups. I am proud of what I do.

~ I interact with 30 Grade 1 students each day, teaching them all subjects from reading and math to science and social studies. I meet regularly with their parents and stay actively involved in professional growth through coursework. I enjoy the 8 hours a day that I spend with the young people and estimate that I have touched the lives of more than 500

students during my career.

~ I am a professional educator working at the high school level. On a daily basis, I work with 140 teenagers, teaching them English. These include 42 students who speak English as a second language. I also advise the school newspaper, coach tennis, and serve on curriculum committees in my district.



~ I am a superintendent of schools with responsibility for the education of more than 2000 students. I oversee 300 staff members in 5 school buildings and manage a budget of slightly more than \$25 million. Because I work with board members and attend school functions, my work day is not confined to 8 hours; I am on call for all school emergencies, including calling snow days?by 5 a.m.! I love my work and believe in what I do even though it is demanding.

Elevator Speech Do's and Don'ts

~ **Do** make your Elevator Speech sound effortless, conversational, and natural.

~ **Do** make it memorable and sincere. Open a window to your personality.

~ **Do** write and rewrite your speech, sharpening its focus and eliminating unnecessary words and awkward constructions.

~ **Do** avoid an Elevator Speech that will leave the listener mentally asking "So what?"

~ **Do** consider including a compelling "hook," an intriguing aspect that will engage the listener, prompt him or her to ask questions, and keep the conversation going.

~ **Don't** let your speech sound canned or stilted.

~ **Do** practice your speech. Experts disagree about whether you should memorize it, but you should know your speech well enough so you express your key points without sounding as though the speech was memorized. Let it become an organic part of you.

~ **Don't** ramble. Familiarizing yourself as much as possible with your speech will help keep you from getting off track.

~ **Do** be warm, friendly, confident, and enthusiastic. A smile is often the best way to show friendliness and enthusiasm, while a strong, firm voice the best way to express confidence.

(see **SPEECH** page 5)

POW/EEC Projects

Schools for Africa: Fundraising Ideas

by Amy Miehl, Gamma

By now, we've received the challenge from President Louann—to raise \$100 per chapter over the next two years for the **Schools for Africa** project. A worthy cause, Schools for Africa makes it possible for students in underdeveloped countries in Africa to further their education. Your chapter's \$100 donation can provide learning materials for more than 20 children in Malawi and Zimbabwe! Think you can raise a little bit more? \$125 provides a 3-day training workshop for a teacher in Rwanda, benefiting about 1,200 children.

The next question, of course, is *"How do we raise these funds?"* In today's tight economy, every penny counts! Has your chapter tried passing a **"penny plate"**? At each meeting, a plate is passed for collecting spare change. Face it—it's just making your purse heavier anyhow! And believe it or not, those pennies (and nickels, dimes, and quarters) start to add up pretty quickly! Other ideas for donations include setting the **meal price** at your meeting \$1 higher to include Schools for Africa, donating a dollar for every meal you eat out in a week, or donating a designated amount for the number of years you've been a DKG member!

Want something in return for your donation? Try a

raffle—**gas cards** and **lottery tickets** are very popular! Other raffles could be a **Chinese auction** or a **white elephant**, in which members bring items to raffle off. How about a **basket raffle**, where the winner takes the basket home and refills it for the next meeting? The possibilities are endless!

Are you looking to have an event where all of your money can be raised in one attempt? It's great to have an activity that all of your members can get behind and be a success. Consider a **"Thon!"**—for example, a math-a-thon, a read-a-thon, a walk-a-thon, etc. in which participants collect pledges for problems solved, pages read, minutes (or miles) walked. How about a knit-a-thon? Then you can sell your scarves and homemade crafts. Which leads to the idea of... **garage sales, book sales, bake sales...** as long as you can find the location and the manpower to hold it, the possibilities are endless.

Regardless of how you choose to raise funds for **Schools for Africa**, keep in mind that this is a truly admirable cause that will be making a difference in the lives of many children. Keeping the goal in mind will make it even easier to reach your objective. Good luck to all!

ATTENTION: INCOMING CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Date: March 16-17, 2012
Place: Ramada Inn, State College
Re: Training for Incoming
Chapter Presidents

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this outstanding training session. Dr. Lyn Schmid, chair, and her Leadership Development Team have planned and put together an exciting training session that will uncover your leadership skills, support you in your new position, and stir the enthusiasm within you to take on the presidency of your chapter.

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- ~ **Do** take it slowly. Don't rush through the speech, and do pause briefly between sentences. Breathe.
- ~ **Do** project your passion for what you do.
- ~ **Do** maintain eye contact with your listener.
- ~ **Don't** get bogged down with industry jargon or acronyms that your listener may not comprehend.
- ~ **Do** be prepared to wrap up earlier if you see the listener's eyes glazing over or interest waning.
- ~ **Don't** hesitate to develop different versions of your speech for different situations and audiences.
- ~ **Do** incorporate examples and stories to help support your points. Provide examples of successful outcomes of deploying your skills. Stories make your speech memorable.
- ~ **Don't** focus just on yourself, an approach that will almost assure a "so what?" reaction.
- ~ **Do** focus on the benefit you provide to others.
- ~ **Do** use concrete, listener-friendly language and don't be afraid to paint vivid word pictures.
- ~ **Don't** forget to update your speech as your situation changes.

Adapted from Hansen, K. (n.d.). *Elevator Speech Do's and Don'ts*. QuintCareers.com. Retrieved from http://www.quintcareers.com/elevator_speech_dos-donts.html

POW/EEC SCHOLARSHIP

2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship: Karen L. Matis, Alpha Sigma

Blanche Foster Award: Jamie Bielicki-Quinn, Alpha Lambda

Dr. Irene M. Murphy Award: Sharon Ferringer, Alpha Iota

2011 ENRICHMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Patricia Brenner, Alpha Beta
 Louise Garverick, Beta Kappa
 Sharon Herzog, Phi
 Margo Keefer, Gamma
 Amy Miehl, Gamma
 Ann Elizabeth Nowaskie, Sigma
 Linda Raschiatore, Upsilon
 Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma
 Marion Young, Beta Delta

Gayle Field, Phi
 Barbara Giuffrida, Beta Pi
 Beth Johnson, Chi
 Jane Long, Beta Delta
 Sandra Millin, Alpha Delta
 Janet O'Banion, Alpha Nu
 Linda Seifried, Alpha Nu
 Diane Whitaker, Omicron

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 during 2012 - 2016.

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 during 2012 - 2016. 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

Contact: Lois Brown, State Scholarship Chair

for further information or for application materials.

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POW/EEC PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

Album of Distinction Nominees

Let's find those talented and active members of our chapters who have been recognized by their communities and nominate them for the **2012 Album of Distinction!**

Anyone who has received an award or honor in their community for their volunteering or accomplishment is eligible. The recognition must have occurred during April 10, 2011 -April 1, 2012 and should not include the work done within the Society but *only those accomplishments recognized by entities outside The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*. These candidates, if accepted, are expected to have registered for the June convention in order to be part of the ceremony and receive their award.

Applications can be found online at deltakappagamma.org/PA. Click under forms or check with your chapter president for the forms. We will also have an online the rubric that the committee uses to determine

those who are chosen as recipients. Once again this year, the application requires the applicant to tie the honor to one of the 7 purposes of DKG. Applications for the Album of Distinction are due by April 1, 2012. *Please make every effort to fill the application out completely and correctly including a photo of the applicant.*

We will also recognize those members in attendance at the June convention who have completed a **Doctoral Degree or received National Board Certification**. Notification of these achievements needs to be filled out on the form provided by your chapter president. These forms must be received by June 1, 2012.

Please forward the application for the Album of Distinction and/or the Doctoral or National Board Certification recipients to the EEC chair, Linda

Please help our committee recognize all of the special accomplishments that are performed by Delta Kappa Gamma sisters! by Sharon Herzog

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Application Deadline:

Postmarked...February 1, 2012

Postage Due applications will be returned by the Post Office.

Application forms for State Scholarships,

Enrichment Grants and Achievement Award can be downloaded. Go to Alpha Alpha State website www.deltakappagamma.org/PA Click:

Committees in Action. Click: download button & print. Please note the procedural clarification that scholarships and enrichment grants are to be used in the fiscal year following the convention.



Finance Committee

By Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chair

Three of our members receive stipends for their tremendous service to Alpha Alpha State. The awarding of these stipends is based on evaluations completed by each state chapter. Our **Treasurer, Keystoneian Editor** and **Webmaster** appreciate the input from this process. Included on the evaluation form is an opportunity for each chapter to make suggestions or add accolades to the evaluations. For the past two years, the return rate from the state chapters has been about 65 %. We are hoping to see an improvement this year.

The letters with evaluation forms and description of duties will be mailed or sent electronically in November to chapter first vice presidents. The return deadline is **January 15, 2012**. Our committee thanks you in advance for your attention to these materials.

World Fellowships Fund

Did You Know.....

The World Fellowships Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco with approval of a project to aid women in war-torn countries. Four German women educators, with financial assistance from Delta Kappa Gamma members, spent eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden in the spring of 1948.

The second step toward the present-day World Fellowships Program was the alliance in 1952 with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women. During 1958-1960, the present program began to take shape, and an agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States.

Work with the World Fellowships was originally the province of the Personal Growth and Services Committee. In 1972 the World Fellowships Committee became a standing committee, with state organizations and chapter committees added to the Constitution in 1974.



By Polly Delaney, Chair
World Fellowships Committee

Be a Workshop Presenter

The newly formed Educational Excellence - Program of Work Committee has begun to plan for the **June 2012, Alpha Alpha State Convention**. One of the committees responsibilities is to provide meaningful workshops for the convention participants. If you or someone you might know would like to present a workshop at the June, 2012 convention, please complete the application available on the state website and mail it to the address on the application. We would like to have the workshop applications no later than **January 15, 2012**. *We need 5 workshops for the June 2012 convention.* So check out the online form and we look forward to hearing from you.

www.deltakappagamma.org/PA

(Alpha Alpha State Convention Request Form

June 8-10, 2012, Nittany Lion Inn.)

To My Alpha Alpha Sisters,

Words will never be able to express my feelings in my heart when I was the recipient the **Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award for 2011**.

Through the years of sharing of the excitement of the previous recipients of the highest award that is presented at the State Convention I never even thought that I would even be considered a candidate. There are so many sisters that are worthy of this award.

Thank you to my chapter, Alpha Phi, who submitted my name and who supported all my endeavors with Alpha Alpha State.

Thank you to our Past State President, Ester Grander, who asked me to be part of her Executive Board. This was the beginning of my work with Alpha Alpha State Executive Board.

Thank you to the State Achievement Award Chairman, Melody Hannigan and her committee who worked so diligently.

Thank you to all of you who sent such beautiful notes of congratulations.



To all my sisters, I wear this award very proudly and know that my responsibilities do not end on receiving this award but it is just the beginning.

Thank You,
Haddie



In Touch With Tech

by Linda Nickerson

Owning an eReader is as popular these days as having a new smartphone! There are many different eBook readers available on the market these days that can be loaded with accessories. The three eReaders that stand out from all others are : the Amazon Kindle, the Barnes & Noble Nook and the Apple iPad. Each has their own pluses and minuses and all are fabulous devices, but its easy to get overwhelmed with all of the features. If you're in the market for an eBook reader and are looking at the Kindle, Nook or iPad, check out the information below which will help you make your decision.

The Amazon Kindle

There are three varieties of the Kindle - the Kindle, \$79 - Kindle Touch, \$99 with 3G-\$149 and The Kindle Fire- \$199 The Kindle sports a 6-inch E Ink screen, which if you are not familiar with, is much easier on the eyes than your traditional laptop or desktop screen. Looking at one, it looks amazingly like a matte piece of paper, and there is no glare or reflection. It's exceptionally light and sized closer than ever to a mass market paperback book, so it doesn't feel like you are holding a clunky device and it can fit into your pocket! The downside of the Kindle is its refresh rate, which Amazon says they have improved. It's still not quite as fast as flipping a page in a traditional book, and this is because of the E Ink screen. But, in terms of the Kindle, it's their best reading experience yet. The Kindle also features the Web-kit browser, which is sufficient if you just want to look something up online while you're reading, but it's definitely not for heavy or regular internet use. The latest Kindle version also supports PDF files, which is a major bonus. There's also a feature that allows you to share your books. Should you buy it? This is a great eReader for those wanting just a nice reading experience and aren't concerned with all the bells and whistles. The Kindle Store has just over 900,000 titles to choose from.

The Barnes & Noble Nook

There are actually two varieties of the Nook to choose from, the Nook (\$149) and NookColor (\$249). The standard Nook features a 6-inch E Ink screen and is most similar to the Kindle. If all you want to do is read, this is a great device. The

NookColor features a 7-inch, full-color touchscreen LCD screen, and offers enhanced books, magazines, newspapers, & interactive kids books, and can be used as a media player as well. Both the Nook and NookColor include the unique LendMe feature, which allows you to share eBooks with your friends, something that the Kindle lacks. Barnes and Noble also has a Lifetime Library, which allows you to store your favorite books for download anytime, anywhere, with any device that you have the Nook app installed on. With over 2 million titles to choose from, you've got a great selection of books to read. Should you buy it? If you want lots of choice in terms of titles, the Nook has it. Barnes and Noble has more than twice the number of titles available as the Kindle. If you want an upgraded reading experience, with color instead of grayscale, a nice internet browsing experience, and lots of features, get the NookColor.

The Apple iPad

The Apple iPad is not a dedicated eBook reader. Rather, it is a computer device with eBook reader functionalities and capabilities. The iPad features a 9.1-inch full-color touchscreen LCD, and because of it's larger screen size you can turn the screen horizontally and have 2 pages of an eBook open at a time, just like a real book. Just like the NookColor though, the downside is that it is LCD, so you might not be able to read on it comfortably for as long as you could on a device with an E Ink screen. The iTunes store offers you both eBooks and audiobooks that you can download to your iPad (as well as your iPhone and iPod). The 2nd generation model has 16GB of storage and \$499, prices and storage capacity going up from there.

Should you buy it?

Casual readers or those who want a tablet computer first that can also serve as an eBook reader will find that the iPad is their choice. Upcoming software update will bring even more reading options, most notable of which is the new Newsstand app- basically an app store for magazines and newspapers. So the iPad is an excellent tablet and is only getting better but the larger price and size will give bargain hunters reason to opt for the cheaper competition!

I hope this information has helped in making your decision! **Happy reading!**

(Data source from - www.news.cnet.com)



Creative Arts Retreat



Creative Arts Retreat 2012

Registration

April 27, 28, 29

**The Country Place
White Haven, Pennsylvania**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Chapter: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

What is your expected time of arrival on Friday? _____

I have a special dietary need.

(list) _____

I have difficulty climbing stairs.

Roommate: _____

Weekend Registration

Dorm: \$280 per participant _____

Semi: \$335 per participant _____

One Night Only Registration

Dorm: \$160 per participant _____

Semi: \$190: per participant _____

Friday Night _____

Saturday Night _____

Saturday Only Registration

Includes 2 meals \$70 _____

Registration includes meals, snacks, room, workshops, and activities. **Make check payable to Delta Kappa**

Gamma Society International by April 2 & mail to:

Or register online at www.deltakappagamma.org/pa.
When registering on line don't forget to send a check to the above address.

Friday

Registration begins at 4:00. Dinner at 6:00.

Evening will be for sharing your favorite handiwork and fellowship with games and quicky crafts. A bonfire and campfire songs will follow.

Workshop Selections (Circle your choice)

Saturday

8:30-10:30

One Stroke Like-Folk Art

Fuzzy Fun Flip Flops

8:30-9:30

Meditation

Google Tools

10:40-11:40

Magical Herbalism

Recorder 101

10:30-12:30

Easy Placemats

11:45-12:45

Paper Beads

Belly Dancing

12:00-1:15 Lunch

1:30-3:30

Take Your Best Shot

Nature Prints

1:30-2:30

Needle Punch

The Art of Ringing Choir Chimes

2:35-4:45

Fishing 101

3:40-4:40

Street Savvy Self Defense

Cake Pops

Sunday

9:00 Reflections and Sharing

10:00 Brunch

11:00 Departure



(Workshop descriptions on pages 11 and 13)

2012 Creative Arts workshops & Presenters

Quicky Crafts (available all the time) Pat Arnold will be available to help with quick easy crafts such as spinelli (Dutch string art), iris folding using scraps of tissue paper or wrapping paper, (bring your scraps along), and die cutting.

Magical Herbalism: Judy Castano

It is interesting, romantic, and practical. This is the ancient lore of the wise men and women who lived in harmony with the earth many years ago. Today people are interested because they are looking for healthy and natural ways to improve their lives.

Cake Pops: Betty Sutliff

Roll up your sleeves and prepare to play in cake and frosting. Ooey-goey! You will learn how to make cake pops. Eat them there or take them home. No experience necessary, just bring your sweet tooth.

Fishing 101: Tiffany Warner

If you are interested in fishing for the first time or just haven't fished in a long time, come and join me. I will demonstrate how to tie and bait the hook, cast the rod, and hopefully, how to catch some fish. Come and enjoy the pond with me!

Street Savvy Self-Defense: Carol Lane

Participants will learn preventative techniques to avoid being assaulted and simple self-defense basics to use if attacked. All women of all ages can benefit from this program. It is not physically demanding.

Meditation: Stephanie Oliver

Feeling overwhelmed? Need a way to help you cope with our fast-paced world and stressful life events? Try meditation, a useful tool to help you calm down and relax, and maybe even lower your blood pressure.

Easy Placemats: Joyce Roof

You will be preparing the fabric for a set of four rectangular placemats 12"x 18". One will be made at the workshop and you will have everything ready to complete the others when you get home. Easy fun, great for all seasonal gifts. Purchase an extra yard of fabric to make napkins to match.

Google Tools: Linda Nickerson

In this workshop participants will explore features of Google Docs using hands-on experience editing documents, spreadsheets, presentations and forms through the Google Docs platform. Access your work anytime, anywhere. Bring your laptops, iPads etc... and let the exploring begin!

The Art of Ringing Choir Chimes: Grace Schauer

Making music with choir chimes can be an instant delight. No experience necessary. Ability to read treble or bass clef would be helpful, but not necessary.

Fuzzy, Fun Flip-flops: Heather Lilienthal

Just in time for spring, when we all can use a new pair of flip-flops. In this workshop we will embellish a pair of flip-flops using fun yarn and a crochet hook. Don't worry! You do not need to know how to crochet! You will need to bring an unadorned pair of flip-flops to the class. Make them for yourself, a daughter or granddaughter. Kids Love them!

One Stroke-Like- Folk Art: Carol Goodman

At this workshop you will learn the basics of one-stroke-like painting. This is a fairly easy kind of craft painting that can be done on a large variety of surfaces. We will be painting note cards with envelopes to match. (Material fees: \$2.00)

Recorder 101: Shirley Newhart

Here's the perfect opportunity to learn to play a simple instrument that you can carry in your pocket for your own personal or family enjoyment. It's so simple to learn to play that a 3rd grader can do it. Think about it....you can teach your child or grandchild a new skill that will bring smiles for years to come! You can even play duets together! Included with your purchase of the recorder is a zippered carrying bag and beginner method book all for the low cost of \$5.00

Punch Needle Workshop: Marcy Sharpe

Punch Needle embroidery is an old world needle art that is worked on a stamped pattern stretched in an embroidery hoop, forming loops of threads on the side opposite the working surface to create a design. Just Google "Punch Needle" to learn more about this art. A kit containing all the needed supplies will be provided for \$10.00

Nature Prints: Jennifer Wolbert

Let the beauty of our retreat's natural surroundings inspire you to create an original nature print. We will use printing foam and print designs that can be framed or put into your own personal stationary. No prior drawing experience necessary. This medium allows you to be as simple or detailed as you like.

Take Your Best Shot: Suzanne Long and Terri Stetler

Learn more about your digital camera and the most important aspect of photography in this introductory camera session. Put these skills to use in a real live "field experience" during our weekend retreat. Submit your best shot for the 2012 Creative Arts memory Scrapbook. Students should bring their own digital camera and camera manual. Class limit is 10 participants.

Making Paper Beads: Greta Marie Taft

Have you wondered how to make paper beads? Do you need something special to finish that beaded necklace? Why not give paper beading a try? Easy beginner's fun. (\$3.00 fee at workshop) (see **WORKSHOPS**, page 13)



News from the Forums

by Liz Brewer

The news from both the U. S. Forum and the U. N. Forum continue and the pace is quickening. There are many opportunities and possibilities for all sisters in Alpha Alpha State to become involved.

In Pennsylvania: Changes to Section 111, PA School Code...

The lawmakers of the Commonwealth have amended Section 111 of the PA School Code by action of Act 24. Effective as of September 28, 2011, additional enumerated offenses have been added to the Title 18 Pa Consolidated Statutes including relating to unlawful contact with minors, solicitation of minors to traffic drugs and sexual exploitation of children. Others are found on the PDE website (www.pde.org - search "Act 24"). In addition as amended there are new reporting requirements for school employees. If arrested or convicted on or after the effective date of the law (9/28/2011) for an offense set forth in Section 111 (e) report must be made within 72 hours to the district's administration. Failure to disclose an arrest or conviction or fails to provide accurate information on the form, may be subject to discipline, criminal prosecution for unsworn falsification to authorities, and/ or professional discipline. Contact a PSEA UniServ representative if you have questions. December 27, 2011 is the deadline for all employees to have this important document signed. Failure to complete a form may necessitate being subjected to a full criminal history report at the employee's expense.

What's next since vouchers have now passed in the Senate?

It is important to stay on top of the changes coming to the public schools in PA since the passage of school vouchers in the Senate (SB1). Bookmark, as a favorite, the latest happenings via PSEA (www.psea.org).

According to PSEA...

If we use our collective action we can make the difference to what is currently happening in Harrisburg. We have the numbers to make our Commonwealth's lawmakers listen and vote for the best for our children's educational needs. There are a small number of wealthy PA citizens who are endorsing their candidates and are hoping to change the landscape of education in PA, with more power going to the private school sector. We, though, have the numbers to vote in those candidates who have the best for education in PA. WE CAN make the difference in Harrisburg.

The retiree's voters' block is strong!

Hear ye retiree's! You have the numbers and the power to make a difference and get our legislators in Harrisburg to listen. We have over three thousand schools (*not districts*) in our Commonwealth and only

144 schools are failing! Get involved and write those letters to the editor and go in mass to the legislators who are turning their backs on what you did!

National Legislative Seminar is around the corner.

Plans continue for the NLS to be held in Washington, D.C. at the Comfort Inn, Pentagon City on March 18-21, 2012. Check the DKG website for the latest information of speakers and sessions. Deadline for early registration is Feb.18. Registration is available on line under "Forums" at www.dkg.org.

Around the Nation: Teacher evaluations

The U.S. Department of Education has used many policy and funding levers to encourage states to revamp their teacher evaluation systems. A webinar was held in early November of pilot schools and those interested in locations around PA. It is important to note that if YOUR school is one of the pilot schools, then teachers must be given 2 evaluations, one that is the "negotiated eval" as mentioned in your school contract and the other is the "pilot eval." The one that counts is the contracted evaluation. Be sure to pass this important message on to your colleagues! **And remember to read the newsletter "[Usforuminfo] Forum Connection."** Subscribe to this free monthly newsletter by sending request to Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu.

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 (this is a toll free number) or via email.

<http://www.house.gov/> for House of Representatives

<http://www.senate.gov/> for U.S. Senate

U. N. Forum

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

The Schools for Africa

Please read the special article on page 13 from Cathy Daughtery, International Educational Excellence Committee and Chair of the Schools for Africa project.

CTAUN Conference

"Education IS A Human Right" is the theme of the CTAUN Conference to be held at UN Headquarters on
(see **FORUMS** page 13)

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA: GIVING THE GIFT OF HOPE

By Cathy P. Daugherty,
International Educational Excellence Committee

As we approach the season of giving thanks and exchanging presents, consider contributing hope to the millions of school-aged children served through DKG's first international project, **Schools for Africa**. The International Educational Excellence Committee urges you to donate to this project as a member and as a chapter. What better way to spread your love of education than to support a program that builds schools, curriculum, and the lives of children in areas where resources are limited, if available at all? It's so easy – no gift paper or bags, no Fed Ex shipping charges, no indecision over fit and color! Just download the Schools for Africa brochure* from the DKG Web site, complete the donation card on the bottom of the back page and mail it to UNICEF/U.S. Fund in New York City. That's right – NOT to Society Headquarters, but to UNICEF.** They will record your contribution as coming from a DKG member/chapter and use the money to provide:

- New or remodeled schools
- Safe and protective environments for learning and playing
- Clean water

- Separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls
- Exercise books, pens, furniture, and other school materials
- Sports materials
- Teacher training
- Training about proper hygiene and HIV prevention for children and their families

Since DKG undertook this project in July, 2010, members have contributed over \$45,000 to Schools For Africa. In terms of how far a dollar goes in Africa, that amount equates to about 180 schools-in-a-box or 12,000 local language books for school libraries or a pencil and exercise book for 90,000 children. Beyond educational materials your contribution gives hope for the future to these children, their communities, and ultimately their country. During this season of giving, put "hope" on your list of gifts to give and support the Schools for Africa project.

****The SFA brochure can be found at www.dkg.org by clicking on the EEC link on the Home page. Then, click on the SFA Programs link at the bottom of the EEC page. The page with the brochure link, along with other resource links, will be there.***

**** (In order to give your chapter credit for their contribution and meet our State goal of \$100 per chapter during the biennium, please send your contribution to State Treasurer, Linda O'Connor.)**



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February 3, 2012. The day will provide insights of how we can be a "human rights defender." Check the CTAUN website (teachun.org) for conference program and registration information and nearby hotel accommodations.

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Learn to Belly Dance: Gisele Renaldi Siebold

Connect with the Goddess inside yourself. This workshop will connect music and movement to bring out the dancer inside you. Learn hip and leg movements, arm and finger framing and how to connect these techniques harmoniously. No experience necessary. A coin hip scarf will be available for \$10.

...for your information...

A benefit of Delta Kappa Gamma membership is the International Emergency Fund. It offers monetary assistance to members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other natural catastrophic disasters. The local chapter president contacts the state president about a member's emergency need. The state president then submits Form 84 to International Headquarters, where emergency funding is given priority. In some cases, a check is sent out the same day a request is received. Check with your chapter president or go to the DKG website for more information.

Discovering Provence - 2010 Enrichment Grant

by Linda Lubben

When Peter Mayle wrote *A Year in Provence*, he probably could not have imagined how that work would change his life. In 1986, he and his wife, Jennie, moved into an old farmhouse in the Luberon which became the setting for his book. *A Year in Provence* was so popular that a constant stream of fans from many countries descended upon the region, trying to locate his house. In order to maintain his privacy, Mayle eventually sold the farmhouse. The goal of my trip to Provence was an attempt to visit as many towns and villages mentioned in Mayle's work as possible, to become immersed in local culture, and to be forced to use the French language.

Accompanied by two friends, I rented a house in Pernes-Les-Fontaines, a small town at the western edge of the Plateau de Vaucluse. The oldest mention of Pernes dates back to 994. The wall which surrounded Pernes at one



time was built to keep out the black plague. Only small portions of the wall remain today.

From Pernes we traveled to many attractive and historically important villages: Isle Sur La Sorgue, Lacoste, Menerbes, Bonnieux, Les Baux, Gordes, Saint Remy-de-Provence, Goult, Cavaillon, Apt, and Avignon. Each day was a new adventure! After breakfast on our patio, we would drive to one of the aforementioned towns; then it was the 2 hour lunch, as everything except the restaurants was closed from noon to 2 pm; then came another venue and back to the house before dark. Dinner was usually a light meal, spent in discussing the day's adventures.

As English was not spoken in most of the places we visited, we were forced to use French, guided by our English/French dictionaries. I have many food allergies; however, I found eating was not a problem. I carried an index card with me that stated in French the allergies I

have and a statement asking if they could make my choice without these ingredients. Since everything was usually made to order, I was able to eat in the local



restaurants without a problem! We also had many pleasant experiences when another person in the restaurant who spoke English would come over to our table and offer to help us order.

Our trip to France was in April, so we attended church in Pernes on Palm Sunday and Easter. In the United States I was accustomed to receiving palms that had been blessed on Palm Sunday; however, in the 12th century church in Pernes which we attended, people brought olive branches from their homes to the church to be blessed!

We enjoyed going to markets each day in various towns and villages. Each was unique; they all had fresh food, as well as clothing, jewelry, and household items. One day we attended an asparagus fair in a small village called Mormoiron. After hiking up a large hill through what we would call a flea market, we arrived at the village where everyone was enjoying asparagus. The plate du jour was a mutton/lamb stew prepared in a large caldron outside the restaurant. In addition to meat, it was filled with asparagus and potatoes. All the locals appeared to enjoy this dish, which we found inedible.

Another "local color" activity we attended was the bullfights in Saint Remy. Bullfights are common in France only in Provence, and in these fights the bull has the advantage. To the cheering crowd, the announcer introduces the bull by name, indicates how many times he has fought, and announces his weight. Two teams of bullfighters attempt to grab ribbons off the bull's horns. Each time they were successful, the team got a point. One time, a matador jumped over a fence to get away from the bull, and the bull also cleared the fence. Everyone cheered for the bull!

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Hadrian's Wall - A Fabulous Adventure

by Linda M. Seifried



My friend, Joanne Proschinger, and I left Newark Airport on Labor Day, Sept. 5, 2011, for Manchester, England. We arrived several days ahead of the start of the eight day 85 mile walking tour of Hadrian's Wall, which began on Thursday evening, Sept. 8. That was

a clever idea, since we wanted to recover from jet lag and it was an opportunity to visit with my sister, Marcia Emery, who lives in England and whom I hadn't seen in 9 years. She came up to our starting point, the Crown Hotel in Wetheral, where we had a wonderful visit.

The tour started on the west coast of England at Bowness on Solway. Thank goodness for that, since we had the wind at our backs, which, as it turned out, we needed. The very friendly group consisted of 17 walkers with one tour manager, Simon, and the Roman military historian, Mike. We were the only two Americans. There was one



Australian woman and the rest were British. Many were experienced hikers. The age range was from an 18-year-old student to those in the mid seventies. We had brought the right equipment: hiking boots, woolen socks, rain jackets with hoods, rain pants, gaiters, gloves, wooly and rain hats, layers of shirts and sweaters, water bottles, backpacks.

Each day was different mileage; we started where we had left off the previous day. A bus delivered

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While we certainly enjoyed visiting the tourist sites of Avignon, our greatest adventures were simply exploring small villages/towns and eating in quaint outdoor cafes.

I am extremely thankful to Peter Mayle, who led me to the villages of Provence, and to Alpha Alpha State for awarding me the Enrichment Grant that allowed me to have this incredible experience!

us to the starting point and picked us up for the return to the hotel. Our first morning began on flat land with only hedges and trees to indicate the Wall. It was raining. Lunches had been scheduled in advance, usually at a local pub. The best lunch was in a parish hall with a caterer, who brought homemade local specialties. The only picnic lunch was the day Hurricane Katia winds blew through, so we sat against Roman walls and ate as fast as we could in order to continue on to the Housesteads fort, where it was difficult to remain standing in 60 mph wind gusts. Along the route we visited six museums, all related to Roman history and each fascinating.

More of the Wall appeared as we moved inland. It became steeper with many stiles to climb over and 'kissing gates' to move through. There were only two days without some sort of rain. The Roman Wall and Mike's expertise were amazing. We saw the



formation of the Wall; turrets-as-guard-posts; milecastles stopping the enemy and also taxing people who passed through; the layout of the forts; and the towns that grew up next to the forts to supply the soldiers with all sorts of necessities.

As we marched on to end goal of Newcastle (east coast of England), the trail again flattened. There are still remains in the middle of the city.

We stayed in only two hotels, which meant just one move. The facilities were outstanding. On day 6 we had some free time (after 6.2 miles in the morning) to visit the small city of Hexham where we were staying. That included the Hexham Abbey, gift shopping, purchasing foot plasters and soothing ointments at Boots, the drug store.

The Alpha Alpha State enrichment grant helped me accomplish this feat and I am very grateful for the assistance. It was fascinating and memorable.



There Are No Words - Alaska Speaks For Itself

by Patricia Brenner

As an Enrichment Grant recipient, I was asked to write an article about my travels to Alaska in August, 2011. Ultimately, **"There are no words.**

Alaska speaks for itself."

The splendor of Denali National Park and Preserve, the incredible wildflowers, the magnificent gla-



ciers, the numerous waterways, and the tundra permafrost have to be seen. So I decided to write about two pioneering women who demonstrated the traits valued by Delta Kappa Gamma: **Fannie Quigley** and **Susan Butcher**.

Although not as famous as Susan Butcher, Fannie forged a path that helped Alaska develop and grow. Fannie, previously known as Fannie Sedlacek, left Nebraska at the age of 27. She was determined to join the gold rush and traveled to the Klondike. Along the way, Fannie learned and fine-tuned her English language from the prospectors, developing a very colorful vocabulary. Fannie kept going north and settled near Denali (formerly known as Mt. McKinley). Fannie became a prospector and staked her own claims. While learning survival skills, she hunted and trapped and used a sled to carry supplies to a new gold strike. She hung up a sign advertising meals and supplies, and prospectors were willing to pay the price. Fannie became an Alaskan entrepreneur, operating a roadhouse with her husband.

Fannie, who lived in Alaska for nearly forty years, passed away at her cabin in 1944. She epitomized a pioneering spirit which contributed to her



love of nature and her survival. Denali Park offers a humorous Cabin Nite dinner theater to celebrate Fannie's life as an Alaskan business-

woman. Jane G. Haigh, the 2007 Alaska Historian of the Year, wrote Fannie's biography which is entitled ***Searching for Fannie Quigley: A Wilderness Life in the Shadow of Mount McKinley***.

Susan Butcher was also a determined Alaska woman. She once said, "I do not know the word

'quit'. Either I never did, or I have abolished it."

Susan was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and after graduating from high school in 1972, she moved to Boulder, Colorado. There she became involved in sled-dog racing, which is also known as mushing. She studied at Colorado State University then went to Alaska in 1975 to live in isolation while training a dog team. She entered her first Iditarod dog sled race in 1978 and finished in 19th place. The Iditarod competition, which goes from Anchorage to Nome, encompasses about 1,100 miles. It takes one to two weeks for a driver and dog sled team to complete the trail.

Susan continued to follow her dream to compete in the Iditarod but had to withdraw from the race in 1985 when her dog team was attacked by a moose. She tried to protect her dogs, but several were killed. This hardship would not dissuade her. She displayed courage and perseverance. Failure was not an option. Susan and her dog team went on to win the Iditarod in 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1990. She constantly challenged herself and her dogs and successfully mushed her dog sled team to the summit of Denali, which is 20,230 feet, the highest peak in North America. No one else had been able to accomplish this feat.

Susan and her husband, David Monson, loved raising and training dogs. They opened the Trail Breaker Kennels, which still successfully operates. Together they co-wrote ***Granite***, the story of Susan's greatest lead dog, a shy, scraggly puppy at birth. Granite beat the odds and became the only lead dog to win the Iditarod three times in a row. Susan was not swayed by mere appearances when she raised this award winning dog. What a lesson for all of us as educators! We do not have crystal balls and do not know what the future holds for our students. Caring, believing, and encouraging all students can result in unforeseen accomplishments.

In 2006 Susan passed away from leukemia. The traditional starting date of the Iditarod, March 1, has been named "Susan Butcher Day" in Alaska. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Tekla and Chisana. They continue to raise and train sled dogs.

What an amazing legacy Susan Butcher has left us. Susan's family has established the Susan Butcher Family Center at Providence Alaska Medical Center in

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CHAPTER NEWS

BETA EPSILON : Back Packs for Kids Project

The Beta Epsilon Chapter of DKG has recently sponsored their annual **Back Packs for Kids Project** in conjunction with the support of Rotary Club of Northern Cambria and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Our Lady of Victory Court 722.

The year's project provided 72 backpacks filled with essential items such as notebooks, rulers, pencils, glue, erasers, crayons, magic markers, etc. for elementary and middle school students. Backpacks were distributed to 8 school districts in Cambria County. These backpacks were prepared by members of Beta Epsilon and were funded by donations from members, the Rotary Club, and Catholic Daughters of America. Backpacks were distributed to 8 school districts in Cambria County.



(Photo by Jan Davis)

Left to Right: Row 1: **Amy Dobbins, Bonnie Lou Ludwig, Carrie Oswald, Beth Ann Andrews, Dana Lawlor**
Row 2: **Marcia Erickson, Helen Slonac, Betty Jane Hand, JoAnn Tomb, Susan Blazosky - Chapter President.**

PI Chapter: New Members



New Members: Amy Adams, Amy Doan, Melissa Morral, Kathryn Helgemo, Janice Hughes, Rhoda Mann, Cheryl Sottolano, Linda Cunningham, Stephanie Kaufmann

In the far north central area of Pennsylvania are two counties that join in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. We are proud to have initiated 9 new members in 2011. They come from 4 different



school systems; two schools are new to the society, including one private Christian School. Our goal in membership was to take an aggressive and interactive approach. Our membership Chairperson, Bonnie Miller did just that. We have

two school districts in the counties that have not been reached yet, but plans are in the process to do so.

Pi Chapter has recognized the new women teachers with "survival kits," including a DKG brochure and an invitation to be our guests at the Fall Guest Tea. It was a challenge; however, we found 7 new women teachers in Tioga and Potter County. Pi Chapter is also proud to announce that members have launched their website. Look for us on the Alpha Alpha State website.

Alpha Sigma: New Members

President Rose Ann Fulena officiated at Alpha Sigma's November meeting where initiate Bess Onkako was given her pin by Donna Neff. (Not pictured, initiate Bridget Miller, initiated earlier.) Afterwards, a special program entitled "**Bell Boyd, Confederate Spy**" was presented which portrayed Bell in full period costume as she reminisced about her activities as a female spy during the American Civil War.





Alpha Iota Chapter: New Members

Alpha Iota Chapter held its Initiation ceremony on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Erie Maennechor. Pictured from left to right are Diane King, Sandra Balkovic, Sharon Ferringer, Alpha Iota Chapter President; Heather Mitchell, and Amy Rodriguez. The Initiates were enthusiastic about being new members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Xi Chapter

Xi Chapter President, Cindy Ritschel, was pleased to hold the Xi Chapter October meeting at Jerry's Classic Cars on Centre Street in Pottsville, PA. A light lunch was provided by DeMarco's and was followed by a tour of the museum.

We were also proud to initiated new member, Beth Williams, who teaches at St. Jerome's School in Tamaqua, PA.

Xi Chapter is excited about our future meetings for the 2011-2012 biennium. They include a program on folded stars at Roma Restaurant in Pottsville in December. The March meeting will feature a guest speaker from Access at Roman Delight in Orwigsburg. The May meeting will take us to the lovely historic town of Jim Thorpe where we will meet at FLOW and tour the town on our own.



Pictured in photo L to R are: Rose Derr, Barbara Lafko, Louise Dietrich and new member, Beth Williams

Thank You Alpha Alpha State



It is with both gratitude and sadness that I write to you, my DKG Sisters. For those of you that were with me in June at State Convention and listened as I struggled to tell you the story of my student Gabriella Vogel, I send heartfelt gratitude once again for your kindness that day. Your contributions, over \$1,900, was given to the family and I have included the Thank You note sent to me from Gabby's maternal grandparents which includes a special post-script for all of you.

It was apparent to everyone that knew this child that she was going to fight this brain cancer with every fiber of her being. And she did. But on September 11th, as the Nation mourned the loss of so many 10 years ago, this part of Pennsylvania lost one more to a terrorist of another kind...one that despite millions of dollars in research and one that brilliant minds have devoted countless hours to try to discover the key to try and destroy...we still cannot find the cure, find the reason, find the way to stop this from happening. Gabriella Martha Vogel...is now swinging on the swing-set in Heaven above. We love her. We miss her.

Thank you all so much for supporting me and this one little girl and her family...Delta Kappa Gamma is an incredible organization made up of wonderful woman who GO THE EXTRA MILE everyday...in every way. I am honored to be a part of it.



Dear Jojo,

Thank you for all the kindnesses, prayers and generosity extended to Gabby.

Our family deeply appreciates all the caring thoughts being sent our way.

Sincerely,

Tom and Joan Pilko

(Gabby's grandparents)

Please extend a special thank you to your sorority sisters.

Fern L. Detwiler, President, Beta Pi

IN MEMORIAM

Helen C. Kelley, June 13, 2011

Helen taught for 36 ½ years as a reading specialist. During her membership in Kappa Chapter, she served as chair of the Ceremonies and the Scholarship Committees.

Hazel H. Holliday, July 24, 2011

Hazel was an active member of Zeta Chapter, chairing many committees and serving as First Vice President and President. She taught in the Little Beaver Grade School in Enon Valley, then grades 7-8 in the West Mayfield Schools, and finally as a junior English teacher with the Blackhawk School District.

Charlotte Joane "Jo" Conner, August 13, 2011

In her 32 years of enthusiastic membership in Alpha Upsilon Chapter, Jo served on almost every committee, chairing the Professional Affairs, World Fellowship, and Welfare Committees. She participated in the choir and attended conventions and the Creative Arts Retreat. Jo taught elementary school for many years in the New Kensington-Arnold School District until her retirement in 1995.

Loa Etta Dowler, September 16, 2011

Loa remained an active member of Alpha Omega Chapter even though poor health limited what she could do. She was chapter treasurer for many years and was a well-respected business education teacher at General McLane H. S. in Edinboro.

Anna Kathryn Pontzer, October 6, 2011

Kay taught at Penn State University and served as Dean of Women. She also taught in the DuBois Area School District for 40 years as a guidance counselor. Kay was a faithful member of Psi Chapter.

Sister M. Frances deChantal Murray R.S.M., October 7, 2011

Sister Murray taught in Catholic schools in Harrisburg, New Cumberland, Carlisle, and Steelton. She had recently been appointed the Coordinator of Religious Education at Prince of Peace Parish in Steelton. As a member of Beta Theta, Sister Murray served on many committees

Shawn A. Weaver, July 2, 2011

A faithful member of Beta Chapter since 2009, Shawn was a speech and language pathologist for 12 years. She was a frequent conference speaker about speech, language, and autism.

Harriet E. Adams, October 22, 2011

Beginning her career in a one-room schoolhouse, Harriet taught elementary school for 45 years. Her former students always came to visit. She was active in many Sigma Chapter committees and activities. Harriet was 102 years old.

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Anchorage to provide a supportive place for children to go while their parent or sibling is being treated for cancer. Her husband still greets people on the Riverboat Discovery Tour as Susan once did. They both wanted all of us to learn and appreciate what life has to offer. I had the opportunity to go on a helimush excursion. My husband and I flew by helicopter, landed on the Norris Glacier, and participated in a dog sled ride in the ice and snow. I really was able to say "mush," thanks to all the pioneers like Fannie Quigley and Susan Butcher.



There have been many strong, innovative women who came before us, and there will be strong, innovative women who come after us. The past has helped form who we are, and we have the opportunity to influence the future. Life is such a continuum. Strong females have had a major impact on society throughout history. It is such an honor to have been chosen for membership in Delta Kappa. Gamma. Awarding me the Enrichment Grant has not only enriched my own life by broadening my horizons but it has also given me the incentive to encourage other women to always pursue their dreams. Thank you.

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The Ad Hoc Personnel Committee
 of Alpha Alpha State is announcing a staff vacancy
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 tion with your chapter members and encourage
 interested and qualified individuals to apply.
 The deadline to apply is **February 1, 2012.**

For further information please contact
 Carolyn Sutton
 Ad Hoc Personnel Committee Chair



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