



# The Keystoneian

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Key Women Educators

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## Which Conference Did You Attend?

**X**i Chapter hosted the September 22 Fall Area East Conference at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pottsville, PA and



Riverside Inn is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Alpha Gamma Chapter hosted the September 29 Fall Area West Conference at the historic Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs, PA.

At both events, President Louann Shrader provided updates, as well as a unique comparison of Alpha Alpha State and local chapters to "trees." She urged us as members and individual chapters to stand proud and tall, to sometimes go out on a limb to try new ideas which could bear new fruit, and to water our root systems with lots of new members. Travelling to and from our meeting sites, we saw lots of examples of healthy trees in their colorful Autumn glory.

At each Area Conference the Leadership Development Committee urged the 80 plus participants to go the 212th degree, the principle that **upping your effort just one more degree is the key that turns ordinary into extraordinary.** After viewing an informative video

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Now is the time to nominate for the  
**ALPHA ALPHA STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.**

Act now.....but keep it a secret!

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Alpha Alpha State has just received notice that our project, "Sister, Can You Spare a Pair," will be given the **Best Practice Award** at the CTAUN Conference at the U.N. in January! Woohoo!!!!

Thank You to all our members who donated 3,800 pairs and made this possible!



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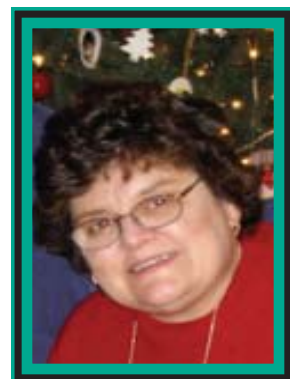
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# State President's Message

by Louann Shrader



Doing things out of the ordinary and trying to come up with different ways to move your chapter forward and design a more sustainable and healthy future may appear risky, or even uncomfortable, compared to doing the same thing that has been set in stone over the years. However, I challenge you to listen to your internal GPS and “recalculate.”

When traveling for chapter visits, I’ve found that I have a lot of thinking time to sort things out, spin ideas, and solve potential problems. Being a morning person and enjoying the early rise, it seems to be a better alternative for me than packing to stay overnight. As I spin ideas in my head I tend to form analogies so, a recent traveling experience became another understanding of my challenge to chapters, *traveling pathways to change* as we design our future together.

I left very early to attend a meeting in another area of the state. I knew I would probably be driving in at least 2 hours of darkness before the sun dawned on the horizon. Having had different experiences of contact with the animal kingdom, I was a little antsy about the trip in that regard. But as we say, “**forward moving ever**,” I was driven to do what I set out to do.

Driving in darkness, though, is a completely new experience. Landmarks that are relied on in daylight are no longer visible when overcome by darkness, and unexpected problems may be around each corner. For me it was a deer on the side of the road and a possum who was taking his good old time crossing the road! Of course I felt a twinge of uncertainty at arriving at my destination within the time frame I was allowing myself. After all, what if I had car trouble, lost my way, or had that unforeseen impact of animal to car. I had part of that licked though with the GPS and directional indicator in my car.

As I traveled, I began to draw analogie with what I was experiencing and what we, as members, are trying to do to design a healthy future and travel different pathways of change within our chapters. Though the voice on my GPS occasionally reminded me that I was a little off my mark and recalculating, I wasn't too concerned since my directional indicator was telling me I was at least going forward in the right direction, despite the darkness that surrounded me. Isn't that basically what we want to do - keep moving forward even if we don't have a clear view of the future yet?

Trying something that was unfamiliar and hoping to have success with it puts us on a ‘pathway to change.’ My challenge to each chapter, as you design your future, is to have a goal, plan out what you can do to achieve that goal, and move your chapter in a more exciting direction to make it better than it has been in the past. Anticipate the unexpected but keep moving forward. Maybe it might be in the area of communications, broadcasting the buzz, developing a website, or perhaps new directions to bring in members. Maybe changing our rules to give a chapter more opportunities to have multiple initiations during a year or ideas for non-dues revenue or chapter projects. The pathways (see [President page 3](#))

# Creating a Signature Experience

by Kay Stuart

**H**as your chapter leadership team ever had the discussion about how to get people to want to attend or come back to your chapter meetings? This usually evolves into a lament about how busy everyone is, or how inconvenient the times or locations are, or a lack of commitment by members. While these are factors that need to be considered, I present you with a challenge. In the words of Michael Jordan, *"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."* **Your challenge is to find out what the obstacles are, and find a way to overcome those obstacles.**

Members want to be a part of something important, something bigger than themselves, something that connects them to the chapter. I suggest you take a look at the personality of your chapter, and reflect on what is important to your members. What attracted you to DKG? What kind of activities would engage new and old members with your chapter values? Consider **WIIFT - What's In It For Them.**

If you are rehashing the same programs, projects, or activities that you have done for the last 25 years, perhaps there isn't anything in it for them. **Try something new!**

Consider bringing in a speaker from another chapter who has a topic of interest for your group or check out the list of projects and programs created by your chapter counterparts, found on the state website,

[alphaalphapa.com](http://alphaalphapa.com). You should also explore the International website for more resources, [dkg.org](http://dkg.org). What is the **Signature Experience** you want to create for your members?

Considering **WIIFT** and what **Signature Experience** you want to create, how do you "make" people engage in different behaviors without feeling forced? Let me share an example from the video gaming industry.

Several years ago, video games were designed for young anti-social males. But along came the Nintendo Wii! Nintendo reduced the complexity of video gaming and added the ease of use and fun! By doing this, the Nintendo Wii video game expanded their customer base from those young males to **everyone.**

Can you reduce the complexity of your meetings, make them easier to attend, and have some fun and fellowship? Maybe you won't be designing video games at your next meeting, but perhaps the message to members or potential members is, *"You would really benefit by attending this meeting because....."* Look at the projects that you do, the activities that you create, and the programs you share. Are they important projects? Do members have challenging assignments? Will it attract your members to attend? ***Is it a Signature Experience?***



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to change are endless and limited only by imagination and needs. My message to you from my traveling experience is this: Don't worry if you are off your mark. You may find something that works out better as you head in another direction. If your chapter is stuck in *"but we have always done it that way"* mode, maybe it's time to *recalculate.*

Keep in mind the following thought: It's easy to **talk change** but hard to **do change.** Leading change involves taking risks, going outside the box, and leaving one open to criticism. Isn't that exactly what our founders did 83 years ago? They were **change agents.** They did more than **talk change**; they **did change.** Can we do any less as we go forward in the mission and vision laid out before us?



# A Few Things from Membership

by Tracey Dusch

At the Fall Area Conferences held in Pottsville and Cambridge Springs in September, I had the opportunity to meet with membership chairs or their designees from around the state.

The topics of discussion and the questions asked varied from the east and from the west. In the east questions were more general and regarded the return of Society jewelry, submitting **Form 6** (Notice of the Death of a Member), orientation and initiation, etc. In the west concerns were more specific: how to get and keep new members; ideas for programs from members; and the new orientation powerpoint, etc.

## A Few Reminders

\*Any Membership Chair who did not attend the State Convention in June or one of the Fall Area Conferences needs to contact me to receive their chapter's membership folder.

\*Please make sure that **Form 6** is sent to me in a timely manner. Deceased chapter members can not be recognized at the *Celebration of Life* at the State Convention unless I have received the proper **Form 6**

documentation. This form can be downloaded from the International website.

\*The annual necrology report that I must submit to International is due to me by **February 1, 2013**. This form can also be downloaded from the website.

The State Membership Committee - Terri, Judy, Grace, Betty, Rose Ann, Gisele, and I - wish all of our Alpha Alpha State sisters the Very Best of Holidays and a Healthy and Happy 2013!



## New Initiates & Reinstated Members



### Gamma

Ms. Maria Alvarado-Gomez  
Ms. Donna Banks  
Mrs. Lisa Blacksten  
Ms. Jean Gleason  
Mrs. Shannon Glennon  
Mrs. Amy Schmidt  
Mrs. Kathleen Smith  
Mrs. Susan Stephany  
Mrs. Angela Weber  
Ms. Cindy Zelenak

### Chi

Miss Brittany Bertoli  
Dr. Kelly Cartwright  
Gerrie Coffin  
Mrs. Lisa Mumma  
Mrs. Rae Newhouse  
Sandy Strunk  
Mrs. Tracey Weller

### Beta Sigma

Mrs. Kathy Finnerty  
Mrs. Lori Kucewicz

# Happy Birthday!



1938

*Beta*

1948

*Phi*

*Chi*

*Psi*

*Omega*

*Alpha Beta*

*Alpha Gamma*

*Alpha Delta*



1963

*Beta Zeta*

*Beta Theta*

*Beta Iota*



1968

*Beta Mu*

*Beta Nu*

1978

*Beta Phi*



*Hope to see you at State Convention as we celebrate together!*

## Parliamentary Procedure Changes

by Patricia Crouse

New Language in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th edition) will affect us at state convention and chapter meetings.

"*Request for Information*" is now preferred over "*Point of Information*." (pp 294-295) The reason for the change is that members sometimes obtain the floor by calling, "Point of Information," and then proceed to present information rather than to ask for it. Presenting information is considered debating the question. Asking for information is not.

"*Is there any debate?*" and "*Are there any amendments?*" are alternatives to "*Are you ready for the question?*" after the chair states a motion. (pp. 38, 44, 120, 386).

"*Is there any debate?*" applies only if the motion itself is debatable. "*Are there any amendments?*" applies if the motion is amendable but not debatable. At the conclusion of any debate when the chair says, "*Are you ready for the question?*" members who are ready should merely remain seated so the chair can put the question. If a member actually moves to call for the question, that motion requires a second and must be dealt with before the assembly can act on the substantive motion.

## Finance Committee

by Kathleen Kuzmiak

It doesn't seem possible that it is time to send this message again. As you know, 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, *Keystonian* 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. Last year we had a landmark return of evaluations with 69% of the chapters returning the forms. We would like to see an even better percentage this year.

The letters with evaluation forms and description of duties will be mailed or sent electronically in late November/early December to chapter First Vice Presidents. The return deadline is January 21, 2013. Our committee thanks you in advance for your attention to these materials.

Questions can be sent to me via email at

# 2013 Album of Distinction Nominees

by Linda Nickerson

The Educational Excellence Committee is looking for those talented and active members of our Chapters who have been recognized for services and or honors received **outside** of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Anyone who has received an honor or an award in their community for volunteering or another accomplishment, is eligible. The honor and or recognition must have occurred from [April 1, 2012 to April 1, 2013.](#)

Applications can be found online at [alphaalphapa.com](http://alphaalphapa.com). Click on Awards and the form is listed there or you can ask your Chapter President for the form. The online rubric and evaluation criteria

used by the committee to determine those who are chosen as recipients, is also on the same Awards page.

The application requires the applicant to tie the honor to one of the 7 purposes of DKG. Applications for this honor are due by [April 1, 2013.](#)

Please forward the application for the *Album of Distinction* to Linda Nickerson, Box 102, Troy, Pa. 16947, or email Linda at [1n2nljn@gmail.com](mailto:1n2nljn@gmail.com) by [April 1, 2013.](#)

The Educational Excellence Committee would like to honor a member of your chapter at our **2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention.**



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## Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award



You all know an Alpha Alpha State member who has given distinguished and outstanding service to Alpha Alpha State. She may be from your chapter or someone you know or met from another chapter across the state. Her leadership, enthusiasm, and hard work have promoted the purposes and the policies of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She has a passion for DKG and has made significant contributions to her chapter and to Alpha Alpha State. Awarded biannually, this is the most prestigious recognition which the state awards. What excitement and surprise for your chapter if your nominee is selected to receive the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award at the State Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn, June 14-16, 2013.

Contact your chapter president (or vice-president if the nominee is your president). **Remember that this award is a surprise so the paperwork should be completed secretly.** It should not be announced at a chapter meeting nor should it be discussed at an executive board meeting.

So act now because the committee depends on your nominations. Make it happen by doing the following:

- \*Go to [alphaalphapa.com](http://alphaalphapa.com) and click on awards.
- \*Download the award guidelines and nomination form.
- \*Determine if your candidate meets the criteria.
- \*Begin gathering data and secretly complete the nomination form.
- \*Attach two letters of endorsement which summarize reasons for the nomination.
- \*Submit nomination form by email or US Postal Service.
- \*Plan to attend Alpha Alpha State Convention in June, 2013, to witness firsthand the excitement of the presentation of this prestigious award.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Carol Hartley, Achievement Award Committee Chairman at [REDACTED]. Members of her committee include Diana Leppo, Cindy Reynolds, Molly Spinney, and Terri Stetler.



## Call for Workshop Presenters

The Educational Excellence Committee has begun to plan for the 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention. One of our convention responsibilities is to provide meaningful workshops for the convention participants. Adhering to the mission of the Society to promote personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education, we are looking for a variety of workshops that offer growth opportunities for all members, actively teaching or retired.

If you or someone you know would like to present a workshop at the 2013 convention, please complete an application form now available on the state website [www.alphaalphapha.com](http://www.alphaalphapha.com) and mail it to the address shown on the application. Presenter applications are due by **January 15, 2013.**

Pertinent Topics might include topics in the area of academia, technology, health updates, hands-on activities or global issues. Our 'pathways to change' that we are traveling to design a bright and sustainable future and strengthen our Society are only limited by your imagination.

**The Educational Excellence Committee looks forward to hearing from you!**

Go to [alphaalphapha.com](http://alphaalphapha.com) for the application form. Click on Upcoming Events and select State Convention 2013 from the drop down menu. The forms are listed at the bottom of the page.

## ATTENTION SHOPPERS

While you are making your shopping trips, pick up some supplies that might be used by an early career educator. Following along with International's **Support for Early-career Educators (SEE)**, we will be asking chapter members to bring supplies or professional materials, that a new teacher might need for her classroom, to the Friday evening meeting at our State Convention in June. Bulletin board items, stickers, books, and specialty paper are but a few suggestions. Talk to teachers in your area to determine what they might want or need. And while you are talking to them, ask them to join you at your next DKG meeting!

**Now is the time to be a smart shopper, so stock up and bring them with you next summer while attending the 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention.**



See website for application forms.

[alphaalphapha.com](http://alphaalphapha.com)

Click on drop down menus to locate information.



# Scholarships and Enrichment Grants

by Lois Brown

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.

**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 \$1,000 will be awarded each fiscal year. Use the **Scholarship Application** if applying for this award.

**Enrichment Grants** will be awarded for enrollment in a Road Scholar 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 from 2012–2016 in each of the following categories:

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

An applicant may not receive more than \$5,000 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, regional, and/or International levels; attendance, participation, responsibilities at conventions/meetings at chapter, state, regional, and/or International levels
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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## (Degree from page 1)

based on an athlete's extra efforts, the Leadership Development Committee of Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chairman, Dr. Bette Bertram and Royce Boyd, urged chapters to turn up the heat one extra degree. Small persistent actions will open new possibilities for chapters. Each individual of a chapter should set an awareness target and then, through persistent action, strive for its success.

Each general session ended with a discussion of what stifling practices could be dropped by a chapter to change its direction. One example given was dropping the charges for not wearing your pin on meeting days. The consensus of the group was that this may not be the goal you're striving for when the actual

goal is celebrating and encouraging attendance. What does your chapter do?

Following the general session, all committees held individual breakout sessions to give updates, answer questions, and share ideas. The afternoon programs included presentations on **S.A.P.** (Strategic Action Planning) presented by the ad hoc strategic action planning committee consisting of Sue Stamm, Carol Herbert and Karen Matis, and ideas to incorporate **S.E.E.** (Support for Early-Career Educators) presented by Kay Stuart and Tracey Dusch.

Whether you travelled over the river and through the woods to a church or an historic inn, the fall area conferences were very productive. We gained new knowledge, discussed pending and old issues, socialized, ate delicious food, and, for some of us, shopped along the way.

(by Judith Schaffer)



the extra degree





# Enrichment Grant Report

by Joy Knepp

This summer I had the opportunity to attend two wonderful programs that I will remember for many years to come. The first program was a week long Glass Casting class at Goggleworks Art Center in Reading, PA.

In this class we learned a variety of techniques for creating sculptures and vessels that were formed in a kiln. Glass is such a versatile medium for art and I have been working with glass for several years. This class enabled me to learn new ways to work in glass by casting forms with pottery plaster and silica and then placing either chunks of glass or crushed glass called frit into the molds which would then be placed in a kiln and heated by a set prescription of temperatures and times until the glass was able to melt and take on the shape of the mold. The firings took from 15 hours to even 3 days for one technique. Glass has to be heated and cooled in a certain way with the last few hours set to anneal the pieces. The temperature is determined by the type of glass being used because all glass is made with a coefficient of expansion number. Only glass with the same COE can be used in a piece or it will crack.

During the week, I was able to make quite a few pieces each with a different technique for creating the mold or melting the glass. One of the most interesting techniques we learned was called "Pate de Verre" or paste of glass. With this technique we used a

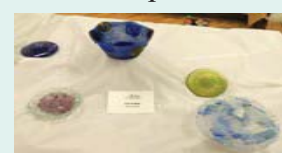


variety of glass frits and powders and mixed them with a thickening substance called CMC. The consistency was like wet sand and with this type of glass we could layer different colors in a vessel shape that also had some sculptural qualities. Another fun technique was fused glass with recycled glass. We used broken car windshield glass and was



able to place it carefully in a fired-clay bowl painted with kiln wash, an alumina substance that glass will not stick to. This was placed in

the kiln and fired to about 1450 degrees at which temperature the glass will stick to itself but will stay in the shape of the bowl. These pieces were really delicate and beautiful.



The classes at Goggleworks are offered every summer through the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. These classes are really great for art teachers especially, because they take place in one intense week. I was able to meet other art teachers from the Reading and Lancaster area and even a few from other states. We shared ideas about teaching art.

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(Scholarship from page 8)

**Application Deadline Postmarked by:**

**February 1, 2013**

**Postage Due applications will be returned  
by the Post Office.**

**Downloadable application forms for State  
Scholarships and Enrichment Grants can be  
found on the Alpha Alpha State website:**

**[www.alphaalphapapa.com/awards](http://www.alphaalphapapa.com/awards)**

**Click on Scholarship or Enrichment Grant.**

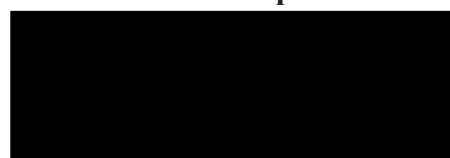
**Use Word file to complete on your computer or  
PDF file to complete by hand.**

**Please note, the procedural clarification that  
scholarships and enrichment grants are to be used  
in the fiscal year following the convention: June  
16, 2013 thru Friday of convention, June 2014.**

**Contact:**

**Lois Brown**

**State Scholarship Chair**



# Administrative Board August Report

The Alpha Alpha State Administrative Board met in State College, PA on August 3-4, 2012 to plan for the 2012-2013 year. Following a reflection by State Parliamentarian, Pat Crouse, highlights from the International convention in New York City were shared including the quality of speakers and their message, the many and varied workshops, items of business, and of course, our Pennsylvania Night Dinner. A major discussion revolved around the issue of electronic voting. International will, through the formation of an ad hoc committee, continue to study this issue. New bylaws may be proposed regarding electronic voting. The State Organization will be sharing exactly what that could mean to our members prior to the 2014 International, as the implications could be many.

An International convention highlight was the installation of our new International officers. At the banquet

Saturday evening our new International President, Dr. Beverly Helms, shared her biennial theme, **"Share Our Vision... Strengthen Our Society."** Dr. Helms outlined the following four components to her theme:

1) We must continue to find our focus, i.e. our reason for being.

2) We must set significant goals. In other words, the value of Strategic Action Planning (S.A.P.) and the need for chapters to discuss priorities.

3) We must continue to make the most of marketing, i.e., all members sharing the vision of the society.

4) As an organization we have to identify obstacles to our growth and meet them head on.

Kudos, too, to our own Dr. Lyn Schmid, who is now the International Second Vice-President.

Our Alpha Alpha State biennial theme mirrors International's. President Louann's emphasis for the second year of her biennium is to encourage chapters to

grasp the means to **"design the future."**

This fits well with International's theme for chapters have been challenged to find their pathways to change, share where they are going because we learn from each other, and take risks on trying something new. As chapters explore new paths in designing their future they are not only strengthening their chapter but ultimately strengthening our society. Louann reiterated the 2011-2013 biennial goals relating to increasing membership, attendance at convention, 'beefing up' communication, and the state project, Schools for Africa. Since S.E.E. (Support for Early Career Educators) was adopted as another International project, the State Organization will be promoting S.E.E.

Additional time was spent on looking at State Convention 2012, identifying problems, and finding ways to answer members' concerns, and plan for our 2013 State Convention. Following the conven-

tion report, the following committees gave updates: Communications, (the State Website and *Keystonian*); Historical Records and what is new and happening with the archives; Educational Excellence; Membership/Expansion and Treasurer.

S.A.P., the State Strategic Action Planning ad hoc committee, under the chairmanship of Susan Stamm, reported on their progress in the areas of membership, communication, and leadership. Other business included the agenda and program of fall area conferences, those members of the administrative board who would be in attendance, and the fall area budget.

Following lunch the administrative board and Suzanne Long, chair of the rules committee, considered possible proposals and changes in language in both our State Bylaws and the State Standing Rules to present before the members at the June 2013 convention.

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## Enrichment from page 9

A few days after I had returned from Goggleworks, I was packing again to spend a week at *Fallingwater*, the famous Frank Lloyd Wright house in Mill Run, PA. Since I live close to Mill Run, the travel time was quick. Ten teachers from all over the US and Mexico had been



selected to participate in the annual Teacher Residency program. Our instructor, Phillip Andrews from Philadelphia, is an architect and a teacher in a charter school located there. Phillip, along with the staff at *Fallingwater*, made the week an experience I shall never forget.

We had a number of occasions to spend free time exploring the house and examining the subtle details that help to make this home a masterpiece of architecture. We learned about the process an architect goes through when planning a design. In the case of *Fallingwater* and Frank Lloyd Wright, we learned that organic architecture focuses on how the building will be incorporated into the geographical site. The site on Bear Run with the waterfall was a fun place for the Kaufmann family in the summer as a vacation site away from their home in Pittsburgh. When Wright designed the house to be built on the waterfall, he was able to brilliantly connect the house to the landscape so that the Kaufman family could actually live with the waterfall rather than admire it from the bank of the stream.

Throughout the week we were given tours of the natural environment on the property around *Fallingwater* and were able to experience *Kentuck Knob* as well. *Kentuck Knob*, another house designed by Wright, is located about 1/2 hour away from Fallingwater. It is also an incredible design that ties the building to its environment of over 70 acres on a knoll overlooking the Youghiogheny River and its rolling hills. Built for the Hagan family of Uniontown, it is now owned by Lord Peter Palumbo from the UK. Lord Palumbo has quite a collection of interesting sculpture, including two pieces by Andy Goldsworthy, a Klaus Oldenberg sculpture, and two sections of the Berlin Wall.

The highlight of the week had to be the last evening we were there. We were treated to a dinner on the terrace at Fallingwater and were able to enjoy the house as if we were guests of the Kaufmanns. It was just spectacular!

All of us who attended the residency have been keeping in touch and sharing many thoughts about what we learned and how we appreciate the brilliance of Frank Lloyd Wright and his architecture. We hope to be able to get together for a follow-up to the residency. (Maybe at one of the other Wright buildings such as *Taliesin*.) It is nice to hear how things are done in schools in Washington, Colorado, Texas, New York and even Mexico.

I am so grateful to have received the enrichment grant from Alpha Alpha State. From this experience I have learned much that will be of value to my students and me and for years to come, I will be continue networking with the colleagues I met this summer. Thank you.



## President's Schedule

January 18, 2013 CTAUN Conference  
 March 2, 2013 Beta Nu & Omicron Chapter Visit  
 March 9, 2013 Alpha Xi Chapter Visit  
 March 12, 2013 Beta Zeta Chapter Visit  
 March 16, 2013 Scholarship Meeting  
 April 6, 2013 Alpha Sigma - 3 Chapter Visit  
 April 13, 2013 Alpha Zeta - 3 Chapter Visit

April 20, 2013 Alpha Upsilon Chapter Visit  
 April 26-28, 2013 Purposeful Seminar  
 May 3, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting  
 May 4, 2013 Alpha Beta & Alpha Delta Chapter Visit  
 May 16, 2013 Beta Iota 50th Birthday Visit  
 June 14-16, 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention



# Living in Color

## Alpha Alpha State Purposeful Seminar

### April 26-28, 2013

Best Western Country Cupboard Inn  
Lewisburg, PA

The Alpha Alpha State Program of Work/Educational Excellence Committee invites you to a weekend of personal growth and professional development during our 2013 Purposeful Seminar, **"Living in Color."**

In the words of Norman Vincent Peale, *"Think excitement, act out excitement, and you are bound to become an excited person. Life will take on a new zest, deeper interest and greater meaning. You can think, talk, and act yourself into dullness or into monotony or into unhappiness. By the same process you can build up inspiration, excitement, and surging depth of joy."*

With a focus on healthy attitudes, encouragement to make positive choices in one's career and in one's life, and promotion of positive relationships, participants are bound to be "inspired and excited and to find a surging depth of joy." Become the architect of your own life. Be proactive in choices for healthy living. Change the face of a negative environment. Promote positive relationships in your life. Find out what fills you with joy and passion. This seminar will help you discover ways for you to live vibrantly - to **"Live in Color."**

The morning workshops will feature sessions on living with enthusiasm through music and on living vibrantly by partnering with your health provider. Guest presenters include KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner, a motivational speaker and musician who has worked extensively with educational programs for children. She is part of the award-winning Learning-Early Network with Educators in Bradford County, PA, as well as the Healthy Farms & Healthy Schools Program. She has glowing recommendations from the PA Department of Agriculture. Information about KJ can be found at [www.kjsmile.com](http://www.kjsmile.com).

You will also spend time with Beth Alwine, who is a Registered Nurse specializing in Family Practice. She is also a Licensed Massage Therapist.

An adjunct professor for York College of PA, she will share insights on how participants can partner with their health provider to live vibrantly.

The afternoon session will be your choice of Lewisburg Arts Festival; The Poetry Path on Bucknell University campus; antiquing; or tours of Slifer House ([www.sliferhouse.org](http://www.sliferhouse.org)) and/or Packwood House ([www.packwoodhousemuseum.com](http://www.packwoodhousemuseum.com)) to discover the history of our state.

The evening session will continue with ways to live vibrantly through the storytelling of Bruce Weaver's Aunt Gabby and his other alter egos. He is a retired elementary teacher who continues to share his message through ventriloquism and writing. Through his many characters he shares music, laughter, healthy choices, and literacy issues. He will focus on positive relationships for the purpose of this seminar. Information about Bruce can be found at [www.auntgabby.com](http://www.auntgabby.com).

Stories and Songs will follow Sunday morning's breakfast. Participants may enjoy the entire weekend at the Best Western Country Cupboard Inn for the cost of lodging (which includes the cost of meals), plus a registration fee. Local participants may attend for the cost of meals plus the registration fee. (Included meals are Friday evening - Welcome Reception; Saturday morning - breakfast buffet; Saturday evening - Prime Rib buffet; and Sunday morning - private continental breakfast).

Room reservations are to be made directly with the Best Western Country Cupboard Inn, 7701 West Branch Highway, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

#### Room rates for 2 nights

**Single Occupancy    \$329**

**Double Occupancy    \$199**

**Triple Occupancy    \$159**

**Quad Occupancy    \$139**

Ask for reservations and mention  
"Delta Kappa Gamma."



The Purposeful Seminar is open to all educators in Pennsylvania. **ACT NOW!**

Registration is limited to the first 60 registrations received. Registration deadline is **March 26, 2013**. Please use the registration form below and send to Kay Stuart, Seminar Registrar,

## Living in Color

Alpha Alpha State Purposeful Seminar  
**April 26-28, 2013**

Best Western Country Cupboard Inn  
Lewisburg, PA

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a Delta Kappa Gamma Member?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Registration \$ 55 \_\_\_\_\_

Conference & meals (no lodging) \$130 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday lunch will be on your own in Lewisburg.

**Registration limited to first 60 registered**

**Deadline for Registration: March 26, 2013**

Send check payable to **Delta Kappa Gamma** to  
Kay Stuart

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## Staff Vacancy

The Ad Hoc Personnel Committee of Alpha Alpha State is announcing a staff vacancy for the position of  
**State Treasurer.**

Please share this information with your chapter members and encourage interested and qualified individuals to apply.

**For application deadline and complete job description responsibilities, please contact**

Carolyn Sutton, Chair, Ad Hoc  
Personnel Committee



## Have you changed your contact information?

Changes in mailing and/or email addresses must be sent to our State Secretaries.

Barbara Gasperini

Patricia Shedlock at

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## Chapter News

### Beta Iota

**Louise Hesse**, was awarded the **Outstanding Woman Educator Award for**



**2011.** This prestigious award was presented to Louise just prior to the beginning of her term as Beta Iota's President. A dedicated member of DKG member since 1989, Louise earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Shippensburg University and completed her Master's Degree through Penn State University. Although now retired, Louise Hesse's career included many years teaching fourth grade for East Pennsboro School District. She also is a talented poet and story writer who delights family and friends with her gift. We congratulate Louise for her many accomplishments!

### Alpha Sigma

Alpha Sigma Chapter formally initiated four new members at the October meeting at Villa Banquet Center in New Castle: **Deborah McMillin**, reading teacher at Laurel School District; **Cynthia McMillan-Houston**, speech teacher for the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV; **Linda Makarevich**, French teacher at Shenango Area School District; and **Susan Hepner**, recently retired teacher from New Castle YDC (Youth Development Center).



A fifth initiate, **Dr. Nanette Solomon**, Professor of Music at Slippery Rock University, was unable to attend and will be initiated at a later time.

### Epsilon

The Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma commenced its first meeting of the 2012-2013 year by breathing out their anxieties and breathing in motivation as they practiced yoga at Sunflower Yoga Studio in Indiana, PA. Over the last several years, Epsilon Chapter members have worked diligently to bring in new as well as young teachers. Taking in yoga classes, skyping with locate authors, and meeting at coffee houses are some of the activities to help invigorate the chapter and to make the meetings more enticing for the younger members as well as interesting for the older ones! Epsilon Chapter is also regularly involved in donating time to help out at the Special Olympics, the Alice Paul House, and the Angel Tree. Anne Simmons is our chapter president.



## Chapter News

### Theta

Three new initiates were welcomed into Theta chapter on September 20th, the first meeting of the new year. They were **Nicole Sullivan**, **Camilla Justice**, and **Naomi Mattarock**. All three are employed by the Pittsburgh School District. We are excited to welcome these new members and look forward to their assistance in future programs and projects.



**New initiates and their sponsors: Camilla Justice and Julie Daller, Nicole Sullivan and Pat Zinger, and Naomi Mattarock and Mary Van Horn**

In addition to their initiation, they helped wrap holiday gifts for the women of **P.O.W.E.R.**, an addiction recovery program supported by Theta. Each September, Theta purchase wrap, and deliver small items to fill a bag for each client in residence. For many of the women, it is the only holiday acknowledgement they will receive.



**Theta member Janet Falkowski (center) is flanked by Rosemary Hulsman and Debbie Beozzo, P.O.W.E.R. liaisons, as they wrap items to fill holiday bags.**



## In Memoriam



**Catherine C. Basinger**

June 20, 2012

A member in good standing of Alpha Lambda chapter for over 30 years, Catherine served on many committees. She was a reading clinician for the Connellsville Area School District.

**Virginia Gwynne Fetsko**

February 15, 2012

Gwynne served on several Alpha Alpha State committees throughout her 42 years in Delta Kappa Gamma. She served as Beta Epsilon's president from 1978-1980 and from 2000-2002. Gwynne was a public school teacher for many years before starting her career at the Hiram G. Andrews Center in Johnstown where she taught adults with disabilities.

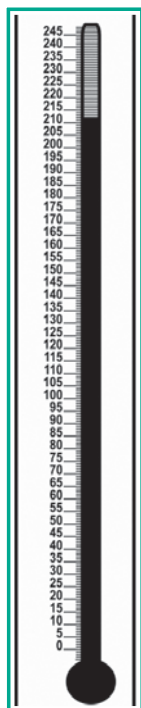




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