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The Art of Possibility

The first 2014 Leadership and Professional Development Conference theme is *The Art of Possibility: Transforming Professional and Personal Life*. It will be held February 28th - March 1st at the Ramada Conference Hotel in State College, PA.

The Leadership Development Committee, consisting of Royce Ann Boyd, Bea Habursky, Patty Kardambikis, chairman Lyn Schmid, and ex officio member President Kay Stuart, has planned a stimulating conference for *both the training of 2014-2016 chapter presidents and the professional development of all members and their guests*.

Current chapter presidents will receive information to give to their incoming presidents outlining their training that will begin at 6 PM on Friday, February 28th. All members and their guests are encouraged to register for the Professional Development Conference that opens with a General Session at 9 AM on Saturday, March 1st. All sessions conclude at 3:45 PM on Saturday.

Registration is set at \$35 and includes entrance to all sessions and the Keynote luncheon. The deadline for conference and room reservations at the Ramada is February 14th ([see Registration Form page 5](#).)

The keynote luncheon speaker will be Dr. Amy Slamp. Amy is a Senior Program Officer on the College Ready Work team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where she works on investing in tools, teaching strategies

and new models of professional development that support teachers, schools, districts, and states in implementing the Common Core State Standards. She also focuses on the leadership supports necessary to integrate the implementation of the Common Core and teacher effectiveness work in the states and sites supported by the foundation. ([see Possibility page 4](#))

The International Nominations Committee has announced its slate of candidates for the 2014-2016 elected positions to the International Administrative Board. Alpha Alpha State is excited and proud!



Congratulations to Dr. Lyn Schmid on her selection as the 2014-2016 candidate for President of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International!

Alpha Alpha State has long recognized and benefited from the leadership, innovative ideas, and expertise of Dr. Lyn and we are proud to share her with the other member state organizations of the Society!

Please plan to attend the International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, this summer, July 28 to August 1, 2014.

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Equipped to Lead? YES!

by Kay Stuart, President

I bring you greetings for the upcoming year and all good things to come. Make plans now to attend the Leadership and Professional Development Conference in State College. This will be the site of the new presidents' training and leadership training for all members. Dr. Lyn Schmid will prepare us with the tools we need to fearlessly face the next biennium. You want to be a part of this opportunity to equip yourself with skills and information to take on new tasks within your chapter, the state, your community, and your job!

I know many of our sisters are reluctant to take on leadership roles. I ran across this quote, "Before taking on the job, do not fear. After the job is done, do not regret." (author unknown). Please know that you are an important part of the work of the Society at the chapter, state, and international levels! Someone noticed your abilities. You became a member. You are a leader. Do not be apprehensive. You are indeed prepared to do the job.

If you need assistance, you have sisters who will help you. What is the old phrase? *Many hands make light work*. By asking others to assist with the job, by engaging them in the experience, the work is done faster and easier, and they are learning more about the Society's work, your chapter, and maybe themselves. They are becoming equipped to take on leadership roles in your chapter or the state. You are training someone to take on that role when you move into another position.

For those of you who are leaving a leadership role, I hope you realize the great benefits of your willingness to share your gifts. I hope you have done all you wanted to do while moving your chapter forward. Have you worked to make changes in your chapter to attract new members? Have you set a tone at your meetings that makes it a place where people want to come? Have you worked to build the fellowship among your members? Have you provided a variety of programs to meet the needs of your sisters? Notice I did not use the phrase "Have you tried?" I hope you have done your job well and with no regrets, because you concentrated on relevant goals and activities based on the mission statement and Society purposes.

Moreover, leaving one leadership position does not mean you are no longer needed. You are a unique individual with knowledge and strength which your chapter will use to great advantage. As you leave one role, expand your involvement in our Society. What is your chapter not doing as well as it could? I challenge you to become the person who addresses that need. Maybe it is making phone calls to members to see why they have not been attending. Perhaps you are the person to make contact with those who have resigned and to ask them to consider returning to membership. Possibly it is raising non-dues revenues, and you have a credible idea to make that happen. Maybe it is attending a state or international event that you had been unable to attend before.

Through Delta Kappa Gamma all of us have the opportunity to lead, to learn, to make a meaningful difference. Thinking back to that quote, take the opportunity *without fear and without regret*.

What Does EEC Look Like?

by Tracey Dusch, EEC Chair



The work of the EEC encompasses so much: projects, professional affairs, U.S. Forum, and visual and performing arts. What does your chapter's EEC look like? Is it EEC (Educational Excellence Committee) or are you continuing to work under POW (Program of Work)? Either way, your chapter is completing the work of the Society. If you and your chapter members wish to switch over to EEC but aren't sure how to do that, please contact me or any of my committee coordinators or committee members for assistance.

At the state level, EEC is involved in two objectives of Alpha Alpha State's Strategic Action Plan (SAP). First, EEC is involved in securing and maintaining an active involved membership. How can this be accomplished?

1) Encourage personal interaction during chapter meetings, such as icebreakers or flexible seating.

2) Strengthen your programs by offering professional and personal opportunities: we must remember to reach all actively teaching members and retirees.

3) Work with your chapter's finance committee

to offer incentives for members to attend state and international functions.

4) Do you know of a chapter near yours that is struggling or may be in need of assistance? Your leadership team and members could help them strengthen their chapter. Consider partnering with a neighboring chapter and holding multi-chapter meetings.

Secondly, objective 3 of the SAP focuses on acknowledging members and their service to Delta Kappa Gamma and to their communities.

1) Recognize chapter members age 40 and under who make contributions to the Society through their membership. Nominate these young members for the **Rosebud Recognition Award**; applications can be found on the state website and are due by **March 15, 2014**, to Carol Hartley.

2) Submit the names of members who have made contributions to their communities for the **Album of Distinction Award**. Applications can also be found on the state website and are due by **April 1, 2014**, to professional affairs co-chair Linda Lubben.



Birthday Chapters

Alpha Zeta	June 3, 1954
Beta Kappa	April 24, 1964
Beta Xi	November 23, 1974
Beta Rho	May 12, 1984
Beta Sigma	August 28, 2004



(Possibility from page 1)

Since beginning her career in education as a teacher in the 1980s, Dr. Slamp has amassed considerable experience within school systems at the district and state levels. Prior to joining the Foundation, Amy served as the Superintendent of the Elizabethtown Area School District in Elizabethtown, PA, where she worked for five years. Before that time Amy served as the Director for the Bureau of Teaching and Learning Supports for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. She has also been a team leader for the regional office of small, secondary schools in New York; principal of J.P. McCaskey High School in Lancaster, PA; and vice principal of the Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, Africa.

Amy lives in Mountville, PA and is married to Bob Slamp, a 5th grade teacher in the School District of Lancaster. Chi Chapter of Lancaster County is proud to have her as a DKG member.

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The convention will be interesting with many workshops being offered, proposed amendments to the constitution to be considered, and new business conducted. It is stacking up to be exciting and interesting and not one to miss! The convention will culminate with the installation of our newly elected officers. What

an historic occasion this will be for Alpha Alpha State! We hope to have many Pennsylvania members there to witness and support Dr. Lyn's installation and to hear her goals and theme for the next biennium.

Make plans now for Indianapolis!

Election Process for Consideration at the 2014 International Convention

by Carolyn Pittman, International First Vice President

Members voting at the 2014 International Convention will consider proposed amendments that determine whether to continue with our current process of "delegate voting" or to "institute a general election" that allows every member to vote in the election of Administrative Board and elected committee members.

All members in attendance at the convention vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and the International Standing Rules. Officers and elected committee members are currently elected by state organization presidents who have one vote for every five active and reserve members. The state organization president may cast all her states' votes for a particular nominee or she may split her vote if there is more than one nominee.

If the convention votes to allow every member to vote, all members will be able to vote for the members of the Administrative Board. All members would vote for President, the Vice Presidents, the Member-at-Large, and Finance Committee members while only members within a region will vote for their Regional Director and regional representatives to the Nominations Committee. Only Latin American and Canadian members would vote for their own area

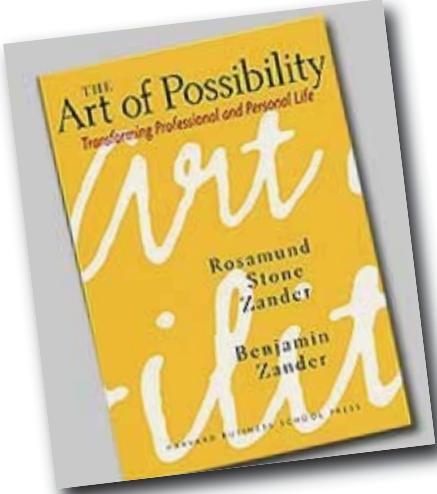
representative. Members would vote electronically or by requested paper ballot.

The Ad Hoc Elections Process Committee (EPC), approved by the 2012 Executive Board and appointed by President Dr. Beverly Helms, has researched costs, consulted the Finance Committee, studied the nominations process, communicated with members, and solicited member input via Survey Monkey and at regional conferences.

Various vending companies have submitted estimated costs of an electronic election ranging between \$15,000 and \$25,000 per election. The 2012-2014 Finance Committee is aware of the possibility of an every member voting election process. If the change is approved, the 2014-2016 Finance Committee will have the task of budgeting for the new voting process.

The ad hoc committee submitted to the Constitution Committee proposed amendments that would make a general election possible. **The convention has the final authority whether to approve or disapprove proposed amendments. The decision rests with the vote of the 2014 convention.**

Go to www.dkg.org to find more information about a general election and the full results of surveys taken in 2013 on the Ad Hoc DKG Election Process Committee page.



The Art of Possibility: Transforming Professional and Personal Life

PA State Organization Leadership and Professional
Development Conference

March 1, 2014 Ramada Conference Center
1450 S. Atherton Street, State College, PA

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone #'s: H _____ C _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I am an incoming Chapter President attending the Leadership Training.
(Friday night and Saturday, no Registration fee)

I am a member or guest attending the Professional Development
Conference. (Saturday)

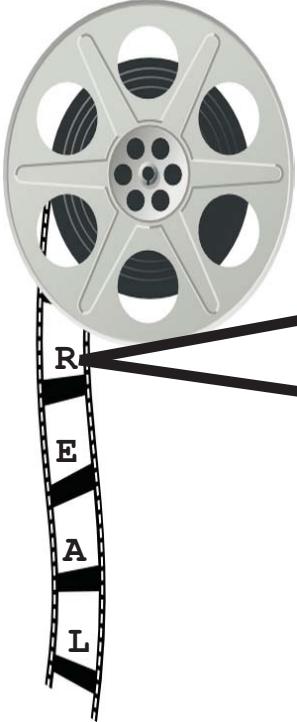
Opening General Session	9 AM
Breakout Sessions	10:15 – Noon
Keynote Luncheon	12:15 PM
Breakout Sessions	2 – 3:45 PM

Registration: \$35.00 Checks payable to: *DKG International*
Registration deadline: Must be received by FEBRUARY 14, 2014

Dietary restriction: vegetarian
 gluten free

Mail completed form and check to:
Miss Royce Ann Boyd
524 East Watson Street
Bedford, PA 15522

Room reservations for Friday night, February 28th may be made by
calling the Ramada at 814.238.3001. Mention code DKG.
Room rate is \$85 for singles or doubles and includes breakfast coupon.
Rate is guaranteed until February 14, 2014.



In the next issue we will be looking at the "E" in Let's Get R.E.A.L.

Let's Get R.E.A.L.

by Molly Spinney, Membership Committee

Sisters, "Let's Get R.E.A.L." about membership. Let's **Reinstate, Educate, be Aggressive, and Learn**. That is the challenge that Barbara Gasperini, Second Vice President and Membership Committee Chair, is giving to each chapter in Alpha Alpha State. So let's take a closer look at the "R" in R.E.A.L.

R is for **Relationships**. Dr. Beverly Helms, International President of Delta Kappa Gamma, has said, *"We should develop or enhance our relationship building process; one in which every member in a chapter is reached or engaged. We cannot leave it to chance."*

The strength of a Chapter can be measured by the strength of the relationships, the bonds of sisterhood among the chapter members. Our meetings are important, we work to put the purposes of our Society into action, and we have excellent programs, but underlying it all are the relationships between our members.

Work on strengthening those relationships in order to **Retain** the members we have, and then to **Re-attract** and **Reinstate** those members who have drifted away. **Reach** out to involve all chapter members in the work of the society. We may need to **Reinvent** the format of our meetings to make room for some **Relationship** building activities.

As new members are initiated, work quickly to make them welcomed, help them get to know the chapter members, and engage them as soon as you can in the life of the chapter. Let's start "Getting R.E.A.L." by building better, stronger relationships.

Finance Committee

by Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chair

In just a few weeks I will be asking chapter first vice presidents to complete evaluations with input from some of your chapter members.

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 71 % 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 **February 3, 2014**. Our committee thanks you in advance for your attention to these materials.

Any questions can be forwarded to me at kkuzmiak@aol.com or 717-299-3458. My home address is 1819 Windsong Lane, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Call for State Workshop Presenters!

Applications are available on the state website.

DUE: JANUARY 15, 2014.

World Fellowships

by Joan Peters, Membership Committee

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International now has about 90,000 members in over 2,000 chapters in eighteen countries. As a result, our interests in Alpha Alpha State are often directed toward goals and projects beyond activities in Pennsylvania.

One specific way by which we can emphasize the prospect of assisting others and serving them with positivity, genuine commitment, and specific resources is to support the Society's World Fellowships Committee. Young women from many foreign countries, selected from dossiers supplied by the Institute of International Education, travel to the United States to pursue graduate degrees. Their primary intention is to return home and invest their time and energy to improve the lifestyles of citizens there.

Because Delta Kappa Gamma offers scholarships to these women to help them realize their dreams for a better future, we have the opportunity to reinforce their personal and academic plans, however and whenever we can, financially and psychologically. Does your chapter have a contribution to World

Fellowships listed in your annual budget? If so, we congratulate you for your interest in this important endeavor. If not, we encourage you to consider a donation to World Fellowships as a line item in your chapter budget. Also, members may choose to "adopt" a student by keeping in touch via correspondence and special remembrances. You will be cooperating, in an international effort to reach out to individuals whom you may not meet but who will definitely make a difference in our world of tomorrow.

As you may have read in the September/October *DKG NEWS* front page article, the European Regional Conference and International Committee had awarded the International DKG Achievement Award 2013 to Dr. Sigrun Klara Hannesdottir of Iceland. She received a World Fellowships scholarship in 1975 just prior to her initiation into the Society. One can only imagine how that scholarship influenced her life and her decision to become a member of our worldwide Society.



New Initiates and Reinstated Members

Beta Alpha

Nancy Beaton
Colleen Labor



Alpha Zeta

Amy Blasi
Holly Keegan
Deneen Lantz
Kelly Beth Madden
Stacey Segur
Rebecca Swain
Donna Williams

Beta Iota

Kelly Mahler
Karen Potok
Michelle Lewis

Alpha Xi

Kathy Fitzgerald
Karen Lynne Rahl
Jane Sestric
Liz Rava

Upsilon (Transfer)
Dr. Dorothy A. Snozek

August Board Report

by Candace Claar

The Alpha Alpha State Administrative Board met in State College, PA, on August 2-3, 2013, to plan for the 2013-2014 year. Following a reflection by Suzanne Long, highlights from the International Convention in Maine were shared, including information from various training workshops.

The 2013 State Convention evaluation report was shared. Fifty-seven (57) convention evaluations were turned in. A recommendation was made to share the importance of completing the evaluation forms in order for our society to continue to improve our convention and meet the needs of our members.

Discussions were held for the preliminary planning of State Convention 2014 including society workshops in the morning as well as a number of workshops in the afternoon. In addi-

One Chair, Two Chairs, Red Chairs, Blue Chairs

by Melody Hannegan, Projects Coordinator

In an age of sequestration, government shut-downs, and economic struggles, we all have seen negative effects in the field of education. Especially hard hit is the Head Start program for early education, not only on a national level, but here in Pennsylvania. The harder the hit, the more chairs sit empty, lacking youngsters who need an early start to succeed in school throughout their youth.

For this reason, we have chosen The Pennsylvania Head Start Association as the recipient of our state project for this biennium. We are asking each chapter to participate by securing one or two preschool size chairs and painting them with an educational theme (e.g. children's handprints, the alphabet or numbers). Our first goal is to kick off the fund-raiser with all the chairs lined up at the State Convention in June at the Nittany Lion Inn. Then chapters will take the chairs home and use them as a focal point for raising funds over the course of the next school year.



This idea stems from a **Fill-a-Seat Project** by the Community Partnership for Child Development in Colorado Springs.
<http://www.cpedheadstart.org/news/2013/9/23/44-community-classroom-grand-opening> It funded a Head Start classroom that had been cut due to sequestration. The **Empty Seats = Lost Opportunities**

advocacy program by the National Head Start Association also addresses sequestration.

<http://www.nhsa.org/advocacy/advocacy/empty_seats_lost_opportunities>

More detailed information about the project has been sent to chapter presidents and the EEC will include a presentation on it in the EEC workshop at the state convention.

The two International projects are still in full swing this year. Last year, we collected materials for early-career educators (**SEE – Support Early-Career Educators**). This year we want to collect **ideas** for them. Please share something that really works (or worked) for you in your career. It may be a game, a gimmick, a lesson, or a classroom management strategy. We have sent out a form to chapter presidents for members to complete. These ideas can be emailed to viatoretis@comcast.net or taken to state convention. We'll compile them, put them on the website, and notify our school districts of their availability to new teachers.

Finally, we still can donate to **The Schools for Africa**, a collaborative effort of DKG and UNICEF. Information can be found on the International website and contributions can be sent to Wanda Keller, PA Treasurer.

http://www.kintera.org/site/c.meJMIOwErH/b.6118587/k.7FE7/Schools_for_Africa_Project.htm.

Let's make a difference for children and educators in Pennsylvania and around the world!

Apply for Alpha Alpha State Scholarships and Enrichment Grants

by Lois Brown, Chair

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 and/or self improvement. Credit may be earned during

a regular or summer term at an accredited college or 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

(see **Scholarship page 10**)

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tion, the Purposeful Seminar was discussed with the location possibly being in Lancaster with an emphasis on colonial life and education.

There was discussion about renaming the visionary fund to the Nancy B. Grove Visionary Fund. Lyn Schmid presented ideas on use of the fund by past state presidents to offer assistance for classroom projects and materials.

The Leadership Development Committee shared that the Leadership and Professional Development Conference will be held during the first weekend of March. Incoming presidents will come in on February 28th, and March 1st will be open for all members to attend. The location will be at the Ramada Inn in State College.

The Communications Committee reminded all members that their goal of "Going Green" is a priority and for all members to consider signing up to receive the *Keystonian* electronically instead by mail. Members are to use their personal email address and not a school email address. Alpha Alpha State will also be moving forward with the development of a website hold-harmless clause at the state level as well as informing chapter presidents of its ramifications.

The Projects Committee is working on the logistics of developing a project to assist Pennsylvania Head Start. Head Start has seen significant budget cuts for the 2013-2014 school year due to Sequestration.

Alpha Alpha State President Kay Stuart Goals for the 2013-2015 Biennium

1. Conduct the business of PA State Organization professionally and efficiently, and continue to provide quality programming that addresses the Seven (7) Purposes of the Society.
2. Promote increased participation of each level of the Society through the use of social media, newsletters, chapter visitation, and statewide events in an effort to strengthen connections from member to chapter and chapter to state.
3. Provide quality leadership training for all members.
4. Recognize at-risk chapter behavior and provide support from our leadership team.
5. Engage a majority of the chapters in the state project.
6. Equip members with the knowledge of the benefits of membership through chapter visitation, brochures, electronic communication, and the newsletter.



U.S. Forum News Update

Wednesday, November 13, 2013, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Representatives George Miller (D-CA) and Richard Hanna (R-NY) introduced the **Strong Start for America's Children Act**. This bill is an important bipartisan step in ensuring access to high-quality preschool for low and moderate income children. The introduction of this historic early learning bill provides an opportunity to expand full-day preschool programs for four-year-olds.

Please help give this bill a solid start by asking your Members of Congress to co-sponsor it.

<http://action.nwlc.org/site/R?i=okD44nO5l_uaxSMD7rViWg>

At the same time, the federal budget is being negotiated between the House and Senate. Congress needs to undo the harsh effects of Sequester and provide new funding for early learning programs for infants and toddlers.

Encourage Congress to endorse the **Strong Start for America's Children Act** and to support a federal budget that provides significant new investments in early learning programs.

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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 and/or 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 and/or 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 points)
 - 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 points) 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 points)
 - a. Professional organizations
 - b. Job-related activities
 - c. Special honors/awards/publications
 - d. Professional letters of recommendation
4. Other involvement (10 points) Community activities/awards/honors

Application Deadline: Postmarked by **February 1, 2014** 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:

alphaalphapa.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 15, 2014 thru Friday of convention, June 2015.**

Contact: Lois Brown, State Scholarship Chair,
2458 Raleigh Drive, Lancaster PA 17601-2950
717.569.4984 clbfour@verizon.net

Enrichment Travelogs

Fanning the Fire

by Nancy Hay, Alpha Delta

I found my “fire” after I retired. I had always had an interest in music and included music in my physical education curriculum from my first year of teaching thru my retirement in 2006. But, I didn’t discover the true “fire in my heart” until someone started to play a dulcimer for my dying mother back in 2004. The music being played on the dulcimer (which means “sweet music”) soothed my mother when nothing else seemed to work. That struck a real chord with me, and, from that time on, I have found myself drawn to this folk instrument and to similar ones that make music, tracing their origins back to the days of our founding fathers.

(see Fire page 11)

Each of us has a fire in our hearts for something. It's our goal in life to fine it and keep it lit.
(Mary Lou Retton,
5 time Olympic Medalist,
Gymnastics)

Windmills and Anne Frank

by Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon

In April, I had the opportunity to travel in Europe with Viking River Cruises. My husband, Glenn, and I boarded the Viking Freya in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Our itinerary included a canal cruise of Amsterdam, visits to Delft, Hoorn, Arnhem, Kinderdijk, Keukenhof Gardens and Antwerp, Ghent, and Brugge in Belgium. There were so many things to see, in fact, I came home with over 1,000 photos in my camera!

I have two amazing memories to share. The first was on our first day in Amsterdam. During our free-time afternoon, we visited the Anne Frank Museum. Once there, we passed through the secret entrance behind the bookcase to the area that was her only world for two years until being discovered by the Germans. At several instances, I realized that I was holding my breath for it seemed unreal to be in the room she shared so long ago. In the last room, Anne's diary was in a glass case and I was moved as I watched the young Dutch girls stop and read from it.



Anne's home

And the second amazing memory was one of the reasons for the trip: the windmills. We docked on the morning of our fifth day in the picturesque Dutch countryside and walked along the UNESCO Heritage Site. Nowhere else in the world can one find the complete history of water management at a single location.

Built in the mid-18th century, this collection of nineteen windmills provides an awesome glimpse into Holland's past. We were able to tour the interior of one of the working windmills. Families that still live in the mills must keep them in working order, so that this part of Dutch heritage is kept alive. This polder area with its dykes, windmills, and pumping station show this method of reclaiming and protecting the land.

We also learned that, by tradition, the position of the sails has special meaning. Of course, if the mill is operating the sails are turning. But, since the miller was a very important member of the community, he was also the communicator and would position his sails to announce joy or sadness to the community members.

It was only 47 degrees on the morning we visited the windmills, and I was so happy, excited, and interested, I could have stayed out there all day.

I am so grateful to the members of Alpha Alpha State and the Enrichment Grant program for assisting me in gathering these wonderful memories.



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I have been fortunate enough to find others who have this same interest and we have formed a musical ministry group that has served our community for the past five years. We perform for private individuals as well as for churches and festivals. Our goal is to serve others and keep the music of our ancestors alive and well.

The enrichment grant given to me to study with master teacher Lucille Reilly, has helped me lead our group towards achieving our goal. Through my study

with Lucille, I have advanced my personal skill level and have become a more capable and knowledgeable leader for our group. I cannot thank DKG enough for

providing me with the opportunity to "fan the fire in my heart."



Our group performing at our local Mt. Craft Days festival.

Why Portugal?

by Terry Klein, Alpha Xi

How did I decide to travel to Portugal? Well, I asked my son, who travels internationally for business, what country he would like to revisit just as a tourist and, without missing a beat, he said "Portugal!" Thus was born the plan to travel with a dear friend to this unspoiled slice of land on the Iberian Peninsula.

Lisbon was our first stop. As soon as we arrived, we left our beautiful hotel on a tree-lined street to explore the city. (This is the only way for me to fight jet lag and to avoid napping the day away!) Lisbon is a city full of history, soaring churches, and beautiful monuments, such as the Belem Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries at the river's edge. The houses, covered in their painted ceramic tiles known as "azulejos," and the views over the rooftops from the hills surrounding the city, are lovely. There are museums to



explore and small eateries on hidden side streets to discover. We enjoyed meeting the owners of these restaurants and talking to them about their country. If their English was halting, their children were there to help with communication!

The Portuguese are friendly people who are very proud of their heritage. In spite of the hard economic times, they are full of hope. But the austerity programs have taken their toll on the city. Graffiti is everywhere. There is no money for cleanup. Many buildings in the oldest quarter, Alfama, are decaying. The tourist trade has taken a hit also. Portugal, once the bargain vacation destination in Europe, of necessity had to raise its prices and fewer folks were vacationing due to the recession.

It was when we left the city that we began to see the "other" Portugal. This



Portugal was the one I had imagined, with its rolling farmland and beautiful vistas. On our bus ride up the coast, we were treated to many such views. And we also made a stop in Coimbra, a university town with an immense baroque library. It was a special treat to meet the students, who still wear black gowns, which they adorn with patches and ribbons appropriate to their schools and hometowns.

Porto was our destination and the place where we would board our little ship for an eight-day cruise on the Douro River. It was fun to experience Porto. It was small enough to explore in a day and yet full of fascinating places. J.K. Rowling lived in Porto and wrote there in the Majestic Coffee Shop because her flat did not have heat in the winter! The impressive staircase in the Lello Bookshop was her inspiration for the staircase in her Harry Potter books. It was fun to visit these two sites.

Portugal is famous for its port wine, and Porto is the city that made it famous. It sits across the river from Gaia, a town that is home to a number of port wine "lodges" where the wine is stored for years before being bottled and exported via Porto. Tours of these lodges were educational and engrossing. The tasting rooms were a great way to end the tours. I never was a fan of port, but these wines were delicious.

Once on the ship, we settled into our very comfortable stateroom and enjoyed our first dinner on board. Immediately we met fellow travelers who were interesting and friendly. The passengers on our ship tended to be from 50 -70 in age. Yet, the two most delightful women we met were both in their 80's and were the envy of all for their wit and liveliness!

Since the Douro River is narrow in spots, riverboats are not permitted to sail at night. That was a gift to us because then we did not have to miss any of the dazzling scenery on the river. The slopes on either side of the river were covered with vineyards, olive groves, eucalyptus trees, and assorted vegetables and flowers. The various plantings formed a veritable quilt on the hills with the trees and vines growing in



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terrace after terrace of green. Instead of walls separating the farms, the owners planted rows of trees to form the boundaries. Impressive and beautiful!

Each day we pulled into a different small river town. There were no t-shirt vendors or souvenir stands, just people going about their daily routines. Often we took buses to sites farther inland to visit monasteries, wineries, castles, etc.



One such excursion took us to the former 12th century Alpendurada Monastery where we had a tour and an enjoyable Portuguese dinner complete with fado music, the national music of Portugal. It is a dramatic, often mournful style of music, sung with great passion. Although we did not understand the words, we felt the emotion of this Portuguese version of the blues.

Another day we visited the Castelo Rodrigo, a hilltop fortified stone village that served to secure the country's borders in the 13th century. We also toured the mansion and gardens that grace the label of every bottle of Mateus rose wine. Interestingly, Mateus wine is not made there! This 18th century home was full of stunning architecture and artwork.

Our visit to Lemego was awe-inspiring. There are 686 steps that lead from the town up to the twin

towers of the Church of Our Lady of Remedies high on the hill. It is a grand and beautiful staircase, often climbed by pilgrims on their knees. The town also had other chapels and churches as well as a lovely museum.

Perhaps my favorite day was spent in the tiny hill town of Favaios. That day we toured a small family winery, and then we met a young man who took us around his village. We went to a traditional bakery and met the baker. We saw the old ovens and tasted the four-cornered bread, which is famous in this part of the country. We met the barber and stepped down into his tiny shop with the 100-year-old chair that his grandfather used. Then we drove farther into the hills to have dinner at the young man's century old family farm with a panoramic view and a wonderful evening of food, wine, music, and dancing.

Other special events included a day in the Spanish city of Salamanca where we toured the cathedral and the old university quarter. At one of the grand hoetels we had a special lunch and saw Flamenco show.

The main impression I took away from visiting the rural interior of Portugal is that this land is full of unspoiled beauty and genuine people. One shudders to think what changes may occur in the next decade as more and more tourists discover its charms. As for me, I was delighted to visit the true Portugal this year. I cannot thank Alpha Alpha State of DKG enough for helping me to enrich myself by expanding my understanding of this special country and its people.

Alaska, 2011

by Diane Whitaker, Omicron

Thank you, Delta Kappa Gamma for the enrichment grant received in 2011 that enabled me to see Alaska's flora and wildlife and visit Alaskan Native Americans. My trip began in the far, far north, to Brooks Range Arctic Circle. The only way to the Es-



kimo village of Anaktuvuk Pass was by plane. The village is bounded by glacier carved mountains rising 4000 feet above the tundra. With no roads to drive there, all materials, including fuel, is flown in.

The visitor sees modern buildings, and English speaking Indians with clothes, tools and technology – all “Americanized.” In a boro of approximately 300 people, there is a police force, fire company, clinic, public works administration, senior citizen center, post office, grocery store and school with 83 students K-12. Our guide, Harriet, explained that medical care consisted of health aides, EMT and medevac. For emergencies, doctors, nurses, dentists, and other specialists are flown into the area and stay for only a few weeks.

Permafrost means no gardening for them. Gathering berries and hunting caribou, sheep, and bear is what they do. These people are one of the last groups of true hunter-gatherers.

Next on my itinerary was seven Athabascan villages to talk with Native Americans living in the interior or “heart” of Alaska. Fairbanks, a Tanana

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village was my first stop. I went to museums get the feel of Athabascan history. At the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center, I experienced the music and art of the Athabascan as teens danced to the music of a Native fiddler and guitarist. Displays were all around, films ran all day and artists demonstrated their crafts.

Onto the reconstruction of an Athabascan



Indian site on the Riverboat Discovery tour. Athabascan Indians lived along the major rivers of Interior Alaska. Prior to Western contact, they were nomadic people in a stone/bone culture. The University of Alaska houses a museum packed with displays of Inuit carvings and Native costumes.

Further down the state I visited the villages of upper Tanana in Northway: Ahtna villages of Copper Center; Gakona Jct; Chistochina; and Tanacross villages of Tok and Tanacross.

All Athabascan Values are based on:

1. Self-sufficiency and Hard Work
2. Care and Provision for the Family
3. Family Relations and Unity
4. Love for Children
5. Village Cooperation and Responsibility

6. Honesty and Fairness
7. Sharing and Caring
8. Respect for Elders and Others
9. Respect for Knowledge and Wisdom
 - a. Respect for Land and Nature
 - b. Practice of Native Traditions
 - c. Honor Ancestors Spirituality

As with the Eskimo, Athabascan villages faced the same problems. Unemployment rates and suicides are high among those in their 20's through 40's with alcoholism a big factor. With an influx of migrants to Alaska in the 20th century, the cash economy began to seriously impact their way of life. Native Americans tried to adapt their living by integrating new technologies (snowmobiles, outboard motors) into their subsistence activities. Yet many communities continue hunting and fishing while trying to secure cash to afford the costly fuel and foods now part of village life.

Back in Fairbanks, I ended my visit with side trips to Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge where large flocks of Sandhill Cranes and Canadian Geese were landing. At the Large Animal Research Station musk ox



and caribou are studied. The Georgeson Botanical Gardens has large flowers and vegetables, and a musk ox farm. These animals were hunted to extinction in the early 19th century but reintroduced from Greenland in the 1930's.

Alaska is a state that is overwhelming, large, and beautiful. This was an experience I will remember thanks to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Green Gables for Adults?

by Rita Tamalavage, Xi

Most Green Gables fans first meet Anne Shirley while they are middle school readers. The Anne of Green Gables collection of books, first published in 1908 by Lucy Maud Montgomery, centers around an adolescent girl's life in a Prince Edward Island setting. Students mostly relate to episodes of Anne's having a friend get drunk, getting mistakenly accused and punished, and over-reacting to someone "twitting" her about her looks.

Since first reading Anne of Green Gables in a textbook I was using as a reading specialist, I felt

surprised to find out that the Green Gables' adult audience was more widespread than expected - from Japanese fan clubs to international scholars who convene biennially at the Lucy Maud Montgomery Institute at the University of PEI.

As an adult reader, descriptions of island geography attracted me most. To learn more about PEI (Prince Edward Island), I collected "all things Anne" such as a Green Gables recipe book

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(including Poetical Egg Salad), PEI potato bags, and newspaper clippings of the Confederation Bridge. When a thoughtful former student brought me back a souvenir bottle of "Raspberry Cordial," I felt that it was my own personal "message in a bottle" inviting me to visit Prince Edward Island!

I pursued a DKG enrichment grant to visit L.M. Montgomery sites, applied and gratefully received the grant in June 2013. The adventure materialized this past September when my sister Ann Marie Keyes (also a DKG sister, XI) joined me for the journey.

Our contact with PEI Islanders began before taking off from Newark Airport. An off-duty pilot, overhearing our chatter about Charlottetown and Green Gables, informed us he was born on Prince Edward Island! Descended from a shipbuilder family, he claimed to be a sixth generation Islander – a distinction merited only by those born on PEI. Others are "come from aways." We followed him off the elevator still listening about how his mother knew Lucy Maud Montgomery and how certain people recognized their own unflattering identities in her stories.

Reservations for all 8 days were booked for Charlottetown, the birthplace of Canada's Confederation. We accessed most activities within easy walking distances and attended performances of *Anne: The Musical; Anne and Gilbert; and Evangeline*. Our boardwalk hike took us past the Lt. Gov.'s house (where Prince Will and Kate had stayed in 2011) and artistic views of many Nineteenth Century churches. One of our guides commented, "Lots of sinners back then!"

Adjusting to the one-hour advance of the Atlantic Time Zone, we walked to Holland College for Seafood 101 where we prepared fish and chips, halibut in a sea salt crust, and mussels in curry maple cream.

(Alas! Our mentor, the PEI pilot, had noted that authentic PEI mussels are steamed with ONLY garlic and butter.) Students who unhinged a PEI oyster and (gulp!) swallowed it "on the half shell" became PEI Oyster Society members. In true sibling rivalry, my sister and I both merited cards! Our Chef, from the Culinary Institute of Canada, endorsed "locavores." PEI Islanders note that it is NOT A MEAL if you don't serve potatoes! Even McDonald's sells "local" lobster rolls.



Yearning to see the Green Gables Shore, bordering the Gulf of St. Lawrence, we toured PEI National Park by shuttle. Once called "land cradled on the waves," PEI has more than 50 lighthouses, and red soil containing iron oxide which "rusts" on exposure to air. Sadly, these red cliffs are eroding at the rate of one meter per year on the northern shores. A stop at Green



Gables Heritage Place, described so realistically in the "Anne" books, culminated this tour.

The last site we visited was the 8-mile Confederation Bridge connecting PEI with New Brunswick. The other connection to the mainland is the Nova Scotia ferry.

With myriad photos and unforgettable Island lore, we returned from PEI prepared to share our stories with other "kindred spirits." Thank you Delta Kappa Gamma for this enriching experience



38 Days, 9,503 Miles and 21 States by Motorhome

by Barbara MacDonald, Alpha Xi

I have just returned from an amazing trip of the United States. Over a period of 38 days we put on 9,503 miles traveling through 21 different states and visited 15 National Parks. To get a real sense of the wonderful scenic views of the Western United States, we traveled approximately 1/3 of our trip on two-lane highways.

Where did we go?

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Driving out we went thru Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa.

In South Dakota:

- Badlands,
- Mt Rushmore
- Crazy Hors

In Wyoming:

- Devil's Tower
- Yellowstone-both loops
- Grand Teton

In Idaho:

- Snake River
- Coeur D'Alene

In Montana:

- Lewis and Clark Caverns
- Glacier National Park

In Washington:

- Columbia River Gorge
- Mt. Rainer
- Mt. St. Helen's

In Oregon:

- The Oregon Coast
- Crater Lake, Oregon

In California:

- Shasta Lake
- Shasta Cavern
- Mt. Shasta
- Redwood
- Yosemite including Sequoias

In Nevada:

- Las Vegas

In Utah:

- Zion
- Red Canyon
- Bryce
- Capitol Reef
- Arches

In Colorado:

- Mesa Verde
- Durango-Silverton RR

In Arizona:

- Grand Canyon-South rim
- Petrified Forest

Returning home we passed thru New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and then back to Pennsylvania.

Map illustrates the approximate route described and was added by the editor.



All of these natural wonders lead me to believe in the beauty of erosion. Mother Nature and the power of volcanoes, water and platonic shifts made many of these National Parks. They are indeed beautiful sights. Even though I took almost 1,300 pictures, I find that pictures cannot do this justice. It is wonderful that the United States government saw the need to maintain these natural wonders for our enjoyment. There is great evidence that roads and walkways have been updated recently in these parks to allow access for all.

Timing was also critical to our journey. We were able to get into Yellowstone and Yosemite despite the fires of this past summer. While we did the upper loop of Yellowstone, the lower loop was partially closed. The next day the lower loop was open. We were able to access Yosemite by the southern entrance to view the usual sites. We did not realize that the Yosemite Falls are dry in August-December because they depend on winter snows. We also found the Jackson Lake (Grand Teton), the Snake River (Idaho) and Shasta Lake to be very low due to this past winter's minimal snowfall. While at Zion, we had heavy rain and stopped early for the night. On the way to Bryce and, after Bryce, we saw lots of evidence of mud on the roads and of roads that had been closed within the previous 24 hours.

After visiting Arches and continuing on into Western Colorado we heard that the roads were closed around Moab and that there was flooding in Eastern Colorado and New Mexico. We were happy to camp on high ground.

On the Durango-Silverton Railroads we experienced extra waterfalls and a fast moving river. After being home less than a week, we learned about early snowfalls in Yellowstone and excessive rain in Washington and Oregon. Then the government closed the national parks due to sequestering.

All during our trip, I was on the alert for a difference in land (most of the west is flat, arid ground), in crop varieties (sunflowers, alfalfa, corn, hay, olives, grapes), in wildlife (elks, bison, deer, mountain

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Caverns



Crater Lake



Red Canyon



Petrified Forest

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lion, ravens, eagles, condors, prairie dogs, turkey, geese, ducks, chipmunks, squirrels) and in wind and windmill farms.

We also saw very unusual signs about road-work, road closures, open cattle grazing, chains-on and chain-removal, as well as rock slide notices. Roads often followed train tracks or rivers through mountain pass areas. Yes, trains are well used to move cargo across the United States. 80% of our campsites were near railroad tracks and we heard the trains during the night.

Time was also an issue as we changed time zones and locations within time zones. Arizona does not do Day Light Savings Time, so we were an hour early to watch the sunset over Grand Canyon. Even locals folks sometimes gave us incorrect information. We used campsites with electricity so we did not have to go to bed at 7 p.m., but could read or play cards. We did not have a television.

What helped to make our trip great? Having the Senior Pass, which is for folks 62 or older and costs \$10 for lifetime. It is good for a car full of people. You need to ask for one during your first visit to a national park. There are also other types of passes for multiple days across parks (so just ask). Otherwise, each park fee is \$25.00. We also found the book, *The Next Exit*, to be valuable in finding gas stations, restaurants, hotels and campsites along the interstates. North, South, East and West were easy to find as the interstates we traveled were very straight. We also had a KOA book to help us find campgrounds with a 10% discount membership card.

Thank you to Alpha Alpha State for helping to pay my gasoline bill. My motor home got about 10 miles to the gallon. It was, however, very convenient to have our meals available to eat when we wished, as well as being able to stay in campgrounds without advance reservations.

Wanted: Album of Distinction Applications

The Educational Excellence Committee is looking for 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 other accomplishments is eligible. The honor and/or recognition must have occurred between April 1, 2013 and April 1, 2014.

Applications can be found online at alphaalpha.com. Click on Awards and find the application form, evaluation criteria, and scoring rubric. Or contact your Chapter President for the information. The applicant must tie the honor/award to one of the *Seven Purposes of DKG*.

Applications are due by April 1, 2014.

Please forward the application to: Linda Lubben, 2109 Bally Drive, Northampton, PA 18067

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Cornetet Professional Development

Congratulations to Annette Hickey of Delta Chapter

She received the Cornetet Professional Development Award in the amount of \$1,250, to attend an online course entitled “Building a World Class Montessori School.”

We are pleased that a member of Alpha Alpha State has received this honor. Our state president, Kay Stuart, has a personal joy in this because she initiated Annette into DKG last December. Annette’s mother is Linda Lubben, an active member in our state committee work.

Chapter News

PHI Chapter

Phi Chapter has taken sisterhood to a new level. Five members of Phi have daughters who are also members of Delta Kappa Gamma. Three sets are all members of Phi Chapter. They include: Linda and Brenda Queipo; Betty Mang and Mary Lisa Mang Gilson; and Jane Peet and Julie Peet Gallo. Broadening the geography, we have Elaine Wells whose daughter, Wendy Wells Nebzydoski, is a member of Delta (Lehigh County) and Regina Campbell, whose daughter, Katie Campbell King, is a member of Beta (Berks County).



Front: Elaine Wells, Jane Peet, Betty Mang, Linda Queipo, Regina Campbell.
Back: Sharon Herzog, Phi President, Wendy Wells Nebzydoski, Julie Peet Gallo, Mary Lisa Mang Gilson, Brenda Queipo, Katie Campbell King (inset), Kay Stuart, State President

All attended a dinner which Phi held to honor our chapter's 2013 State Achievement Award winner, Doris Goerlitz. Alpha Alpha State President, Kay

Stuart, attended the celebratory dinner and presented a brief history of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award. Purposely, the dinner was held on September 19, which was the 54th anniversary date of Doris's initiation into Delta Kappa Gamma.

After great dinner, it was time for dessert: "forest pie." Elane Reager Wells volunteered to do a tribute to Doris, using the ingredients of the pie to describe qualities of Doris. (descriptions are from *Answers, yahoo.com*)

Apples: Succulent, delicious, bursting with flavor, polished, ripe, and healthy.

Rhubarb: Very tart and refreshing. (On its own it has a tendency to make your mouth feel as though it just stripped all of the enamel off your teeth.)

Strawberries: Juicy, luscious, delicious, sweet, delectable.

Raspberries: Juicy and succulent, dripping with crimson flavor. Delicately falls onto your tongue and sparks your senses. Slightly fuzzy and bumpy on the outside.

Blackberries: Dark purple with smooth, fragile skin. High in antioxidants which are believed to fight free radicals in our bodies, and in doing so, ward off heart disease, cancer and strokes.

As we savored every mouthful, we thought of all the qualities of our Divine Doris, a little "*added sugar, wrapped in a "Flaky Crust!"*"

PSI Chapter

Two outstanding DKG sisters, Nancy Hills and Yvonne Ransbottom, went above and beyond the call of duty during a recent "lock down" at Brockway Elementary School.

On Thursday, September 26, Pennsylvania State Police went to a home in Brockway to serve an arrest warrant. Gunshots were exchanged and a state police officer was wounded had to be life-flighted. Because the suspect fled the scene, the entire Brockway school system went into lock-down.

In the elementary school, the teachers, without home rooms, worked together to serve the students a warm dinner while everyone waited for the "all-clear" signal from the state police. Shortly after all were fed, the students and staff were permitted to go home.

Our two Psi sisters are pictured in the rear of this photo, working with other staffers to feed and reassure students during this serious situation.



President's Schedule

December 5 & 6 Convention Planning Meeting
December 7 Delta Chapter visit - Hotel Bethlehem
February 22 Four Chapter visit – Beta Alpha, Beta Mu, Beta Pi, Beta Omicron
February 28 – March 1 Chapter President's Training – Ramada Inn, State College
March 1 Leadership & Professional Development Conference – Ramada Inn, State College
March 15 State Scholarship Meeting
March 29 Tri-chapter visit with Iota, Beta Epsilon, Beta Xi
April 5 Four Chapter visit – Beta Beta, Eta, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma
April 12 Four Chapter visit – Kappa, Alpha Kappa, Beta Iota, Beta Theta
April 26 State Finance Committee Meeting
May 3 Erie Chapter visit – Alpha Iota, Gamma, Alpha Omega

Dates to Remember

Convention workshop presenter application
January 15, 2014
CTAUN UN Headquarters - January 31, 2014
State & Int'l Scholarship / Grant applications
February 1, 2014
Lucile Cornetet Individual Awards for professional development - February 1, May 1, and September 1,
Leadership & Professional Develop Conference
State College, PA - Feb.28 –March 1, 2014
Rosebud Recognition nomination - March 15, 2014
National Legislative Seminar, Arlington, VA
March 16-19, 2014
Alpha Alpha State Convention, State College, PA
June 13 – 15, 2014
International Convention, Indianapolis, IN
July 28-Aug 1, 2014
2015 Alpha Alpha State Convention, State College, PA - June 12-14, 2015
2015 NERC, Baltimore, MD July 8 – 11, 2015
2016 International Convention, Nashville, TN
July 5-9, 2016

In Memoriam

Wilda F. Hunter

March 15, 2013

Upsilon

“Willie” has held the positions of recording secretary for several bienniums, hostess chair, and co-chair of the rules committee. Wilda taught for 30 years in the Norwin School District where she was co-creator of the “Gray Matter Games”, a true forerunner of STEM education for elementary math students. Since her retirement in 1996, she was active in the Penn Township seniors, PASR, and the Young at Heart.

Ferne Smith Hetick

May 22, 2013

Honorary Member

Ferne was the first woman to serve on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. She held the position for 12 years under three governors and received an honorary citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Aloha R. Widmer

August 17, 2013

Zeta

Aloha was chapter president, 1976-1978, treasurer, and served numerous years as Budget Committee Chair.

She was a retired Math teacher from Rochester Area High School and a charter member and former secretary of the Rochester Area School Alumni Association, and a member of PSERS.



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