

Blue Hen Flyer



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International by Marjorie Chappel

The 2014 International Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma was held on July 28 to August 1 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Presidents of state organizations are members of the International Executive Board had to meet Sunday, July 27 at 7 PM. My husband, Luke, drove me from Smyrna, Delaware to Indianapolis. It was great to see the wonderful scenery of Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio.

International President Dr. Beverly Helms of Florida presided at the Executive Board meeting on Monday, July 28. It was exciting to see in person people who I just knew by email. How awesome it was to converse with Gudbjorg Sveinsdottir, Iceland state organization president, Dr. Ann-Katrin Sward, Sweden state organization president, and others from different countries.

At the convention we went over many changes in rules. These may be viewed at the Delta Kappa Gamma website. One of the hot button issues that got tabled was a proposed change in voting. It was proposed that instead of having representative voting by the state presidents that each member would vote electronically. This would be both expensive to set up, \$10,000 or more, and no assurance of participation. Another big issue was insuring that states and chapters don't infringe on intellectual property. It is mandatory that chapter, state, and international printed materials, written work, images, cartoons, artwork, only print materials that have written permission of the author and/or artist. Printing the author's name is not enough. Many lawsuits have been brought forth. Each chapter and state needs to sign the Hold Harmless Agreement. Delaware chapters should forward the signed Hold Harmless Agreement to the State President Marjorie Chappel. When in doubt don't use it. Go to sites of free materials or create your own.

State Parliamentarian Barbara Vann, second vice president Doris Persons, and state president Marjorie Chappel represented Delaware, Alpha Tau State, at the Indianapolis 2014 International Convention. We learned a lot in workshops. It is very important for teachers and women to become involved in local and state politics. Laws are being passed that affect our lives. Human trafficking is a big issue in the United States. Tougher laws need to be passed to protect women and children. Our Delaware group also had fun shopping, dining, and meeting our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters from all over the world.

Special points of interest:

- > Reflections on Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention
- > News from the Chapters
- > Legislative Seminar
- > 2015 Alpha Tau State Convention
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- > 2014 Alpha Tau State Conference a great success
- > Scholarship news
- > Nominations are being accepted

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EPSILON ENDS THE YEAR WITH ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

Members of Epsilon chapter gathered on June 25th at the home of Bill and Barbara Vann in Avondale, Pennsylvania for the traditional year-end picnic. The weather cooperated to afford dining al fresco. Good food, a relaxed atmosphere and the end of the school year fostered great fellowship among older and newer chapter members.



Some of the chapter officers for the 2014-2016 biennium were installed in a traditional ceremony. Joanne Rager is the new President; Harriette Rensch is the new First Vice president, and Pat Taylor assumes the dual role of corresponding and recording secretary. The Second Vice President, Nancy Meade, and the chapter parliamentarian, Susan Flook, will be installed at the first chapter meeting of the new school year.

President Rager conducted a brief business meeting and member, Cassie Rogen, made a presentation about Paws for People. Cassie utilizes animals from this program to encourage readers in her classroom.

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The executive board of Epsilon has renewed its commitment to provide quality leadership and forward the purposes of the society. A planning meeting in August established meeting plans for the year. Epsilon will, again, sell nuts and candy as the primary fundraiser for books grants-in-aid.

Sue Lore, Beta Chapter, with International President Dr. Beverly Helms at the 2014 DKG National Legislative Seminar.



Sue Lore, Beta Chapter, with U.S. Forum committee member Kathy Boyer of Utah. Sue and Kathy were members of the 2006 Golden Gift Leadership Seminar.

National Legislative Seminar for Key Women Educators, March 16 - 19, 2014

We nod our heads. Perhaps we make a soft affirmative sound, “Yes.” We are advocates-- at least personally. Yet, are we active advocates? Do we do, say, or write something about a legislative or social idea, action, or law which we condone or condemn? How do we feel about the future of education (Common Core, STEM, testing, etc.)? How do we feel about human trafficking or sexual harassment or pay equity? These topics were addressed at the DKG US Forum’s National Legisla-

tive Seminar for Key Women Educators. Held in Arlington, Virginia, March 16 – 19, this year's theme was “Women Poised for Legislative Action.”

Two DKG members presented interesting research on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). Their conclusion included the emphasis on the importance of students mastering basic skills in reading, math, critical thinking, and ethics. Also, money is being diverted from NASA and given to the Department

of Education; however, while STEM is a major proponent of NASA's educational programs, currently there is no individual in charge of STEM at DOE. What can we do? First, we can educate ourselves about STEM. We can encourage the development of good STEM programs, which include ethics. Another thing that we can do is contact our legislators and, perhaps, the Congressional Committee on Education and Work Force.



“We nod; we advocate; we should act. ”

More from Legislative Seminar

Another session focused on human trafficking, particularly the exploitation and sexual abuse of children, both boys and girls. This is a growing problem. One organization that works with vulnerable children is FAIR. This group hopes not only to identify children who are “trafficked” but also hopes to prevent these acts. There are a number of pieces of legislation that have been introduced to address the victims of trafficking.

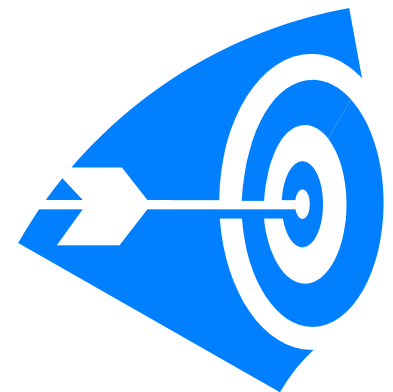
Do you know who Bessie Coleman, Louise Boyd, and Rachel Carson are? A musical/dramatic monologue presented by Kate Campbell Stevenson, entitled “Forging Frontiers: Women Leaders in STEM,” emphasized the challenges met by these three remarkable women.

Other topics were “Investing in The Common Good, Hunger in America/Healthcare for Women & Children,” from the national office of AAUW “Pay Equity, Violence against Women and Advocacy Issues and Protocol on the Hill,” and a report on the status of

the National Women's History Museum in D.C.

We nod; we advocate; we should act. Attending the National Legislative Seminar is truly a shot in the arm as well as a call to arms. It is a small step that inspires action. We could take a baby step. We could better effect positive change. Let's choose a target together. Let's choose to act together.

The next National Legislative Seminar will be held in 2016.



“Let's choose a target together”



Marjorie Chappel
President of Alpha Tau
State

Convention 2015 Coming April 25, 2015

Mark your calendar now for the 2015 Alpha Tau State Convention to be held at the Christiana Hilton Newark, 100 Continental Dr. Newark, DE 19713

This the year to change Bylaws please make sure to hand in your suggestions of changes by January 2014. Standing rules can be changed from the floor.

We are also in the process of looking for candidates for the new Biennium. If you have any suggestions please contact one

of the people on the nominations committee: Judy Purcell, Betty Kessler, Betty Campbell, Barbara Vann, Betsy Gumprecht or Deb Fleischer. There is an official nomination form which has been sent to each President of each chapter.



**Beta
chapter has
a memorial
service....In
honor of the
passing of
Hilda
Norwood**



Hilda Norwood Beta Chapter member for 39 years. Hilda taught for 44 years at Rabbit's Ferry Elementary and Shields Elementary. She served as chapter's treasurer, membership chair, auditor committee and corresponding secretary.

Alpha Chapter-Dissolves

Alpha Chapter is no more!

By Doris Wiggins

A meeting of Alpha Chapter members was held at the home of Jane Carey in Hockessin, DE on July 10, 2014. The majority of members present voted to dissolve the chapter, due to poor attendance, inability to attract new members and the unwilling-

ness of members to fulfill of-fices.

Letters of resignation of membership in DKG of Alpha Chapter were received from: Janice Armstrong, Atlanta Brown, Carolyn Burlew, Jane Carey, Trudy Gilgenast, Jean Lewis, Evelyn Nicolson and Carol Wright. These letters were taken to the Alpha Tau State Executive Board

Meeting held September 20, 2014. The Alpha Tau State Executive Board approved Alpha Chapter's request effective September 30, 2014. The Executive Board also approved the retirement of the name "Alpha Chapter".

Doris Wiggins chose to retain her membership by joining Theta Chapter. This was approved.



Todd F. Lawson Sussex County Administrator speaks to Beta

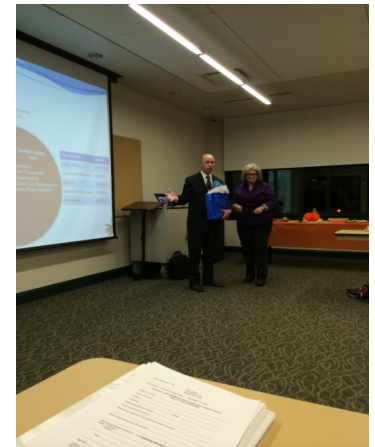
Todd Lawson the Sussex County Administrator spoke to Beta Chapter about Sussex County Government. He helped us to understand the organizational structure of the government between citizens and services. He spoke on the financial responsibilities and where our tax money goes. He then talked about assessments and school taxes and how the county works with the school districts to try and collect the taxes that are due.

Sussex county is in the process of providing public wastewater services to homes and businesses in 20 districts. Their hope is to help to create a cleaner environment through these new sewer systems. Another project that is in full swing is the Broadband internet in Sussex county. This service will provide all the modern uses of the internet and update the county into the 21st Century.

It was very interesting to hear

about local government and the services they provide. We always hear about state and national issues but sometimes we forget the grass root issues.

Terry Kopple thanks Todd for sharing with Beta Chapter.

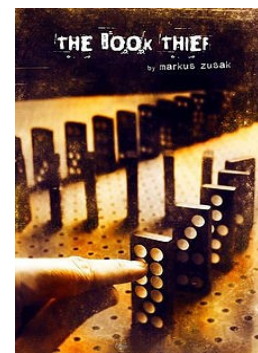


Theta Chapter

On October 8, 2014 Theta Chapter in Smyrna, Delaware had an energetic and exhilarating meeting under the leadership of President Barbara Mayers. It was hosted by Betty Campbell who employed a fall theme including apple cake and apple cider. Theta Chapter was excited to accept three new members. Doris Wiggins has transferred from Alpha Chapter where she was the recording secretary, and chair of nominations and communications. Doris is a retired teacher. She is a member of Phi Delta Kappa. Sharon Trehenne is a veteran teacher of 15 years at

Smyrna High School. There she teaches Life Skills. Sharon was sponsored by Barbara Wright. The third new member is a young early career educator Kathleen Chappel. She is the athletic director and teaches seventh and eighth grade math at Las Americas Aspira Charter School in Newark, Delaware. The Charter School Association honored her as an Outstanding Innovator who among many things created the junior honor society and the sports program. The new members were given welcome certificates and an information folder. Theta Chapter supports Schools for Af-

rica. Each meeting we collect money. We received a thank you letter for our contributions from the United Nations UNICEF. Next members discussed this month's reading selection The Book Thief. Doris Wiggins gave an excellent summary of the book. Others added their opinions. The consensus was that it was a valuable book concerning world war two and the impact of the Nazis on the ordinary German citizen. Then regular reports were given. The meeting ended with enjoyable food and fellowship.



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One white Rose.....



*Alpha Chapter
Members.....
Send Thanks*

Those members of Alpha Chapter wish to thank Carolyn Burlew for her years of service in the capacity of President. Thanks also go out to Jane Carey the treasurer, Doris Wiggins, recording secretary, Jan Armstrong, corresponding secretary, and Evelyn Nicolson the Parliamentarian, for their years of service, during their enrollment in Alpha Chapter.

In honor of Mildred Simon Cook

Alpha Chapter sadly announces with great sorrow the passing of Mildred Simon Cook, September 19, 2014. A graveside service was held September 26, 2014 at the Riverview Cemetery in Wilmington.

Mildred joined DKG Alpha Chapter as a Charter Member in 1941. She held various leadership positions throughout her 73 years of membership. Mildred loved DKG and was particularly proud of her Charter Member status.

Mildred was remembered for her duties as Alpha Chapter's treasurer for many years. Failing eyesight was the reason for her discontinuance in this capacity.

Evelyn Nicholson faithfully served as liaison between Mildred and the chapter.

Mildred was a Math teacher at Brandywine High School from 1959-1978. A scholarship will be given in Mildred's memory.

**Scholarship/Grant-in-Aid Opportunities
for and through
Alpha Tau State Members**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International offers up to 30 scholarships (\$10,000 for doctoral; \$6000 for others) annually

International Scholarships:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International offers up to 30 scholarships (\$10,000 for doctoral; \$6000 for others) annually to members of the Society to enhance the fulfillment of its fifth purpose. Basic Requirements: The applicant must be an active member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Interna-

tional for a minimum of three years.

- provide evidence of active participation and demonstrated leadership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
- have completed a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited

institution of higher education, preferably pursuing a doctoral degree.

- have not received an International Scholarship previously.
- provide evidence of excellence in scholarship, provide evidence of service to the community.
- Applications may be obtained on the Society's website, www.dkg.org, and must be submitted by **February 1** of each year.

The Alpha Tau State Founder' Scholarship has been established to develop and encourage advanced educational opportunities **for Delta Kappa Gamma member.**

State Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid:

The Alpha Tau State Founders' Scholarship

The Alpha Tau State Founder' Scholarship has been established to develop and encourage advanced educational opportunities for Delta Kappa Gamma member. There is at least one scholarship of \$1000 available annually. The number and amount can vary according to the balance in the fund and the established need.

Basic Requirements: The applicant must be an active member in good standing of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Tau State. First consideration will be given to members of two years or more.

- use the scholarship for graduate level work in an approved institution for higher learning.

- must provide evidence of actual participation and leadership at the chapter and/or state levels of Delta Kappa Gamma.
- meet reasonable standards as far as general health, personality, scholarship, and professional services are concerned.

Applications may be obtained from the State Scholarship Chairman and must be submitted by **April 1** of each year.

2014 Alpha Tau State Conference



Deb Fleischer welcomes everyone to the 2014 Alpha Tau State Conference



Linda George and Betty Kessler perform a skit about....Indianapolis and why it is the place to be this summer for the 2014 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention





Key note speaker: Susan Bunting on the left and Vice President Suzanne Parrott on the right.

Happy 73rd Birthday Alpha Tau State



Special Thanks for many years of service to Delta Kappa Gamma....

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Nominations are needed for State Officers. See your chapter President for the nomination form. Nomination forms are due on November 30, 2014.

The May B. Leasure Grant-in-Aid

The May B. Leasure Grant-in-Aid was established to offer opportunities for all eligible persons seeking an undergraduate degree in a teacher preparation program. High school seniors and undergraduate college students may apply. Depending on available funds, there is at least one annual grant-in-aid of \$500.

The following are the criteria for determining eligibility:

a. First consideration will be given to applicants related to Delta Kappa Gamma members.

b. The grant-in-aid is available for outstanding high school graduates entering teacher preparation programs or for college students completing their teacher preparation.

c. Applicants must meet reasonable standards relating to general health, personality, professional and/or community services as well as demonstrate excellence in scholarship.

d. Sex, race, or religion will not affect the awarding of this grant-in-aid.

e. Two letters of recommendation are required, one academic and one character reference.

f. The applicant will be judged on scholastic achievement, quality and content of essay, and financial need.

Applications may be obtained from the State Scholarship Chairman (see below) and must be submitted by **April 1** of each year.

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From the archives

Picture above:

The Greenbrier 1975

Row 1

Carolyn Arnold, Mary Keppler, Pearl Lupin -President of Alpha Tau State, Mary Phillips, Mary Cool, Genevieve Egger, Immediate Past President and Betty Wagner.