



***Diamond Reflections***  
***1935-2010***



## **Dedication**

Lambda State  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
dedicates  
this 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Booklet  
to  
“all members, past and present,  
who committed their lives to the mission of Lambda State.  
We honor them for developing the milestones  
and creating the memories  
that embrace our state organization.”

Out of a Dream Volume III



## **Mission Statement**

To promote professional and personal growth of women educators  
and excellence in education

## Preface

The culmination of this 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Booklet can be likened to a diamond. It began in “the rough” and with input by incoming/outgoing Lambda State leaders at the June 2009 Transition meeting and chapter presidents at the 2009 Fall Executive Board meeting, from hours of research using past Lambda State Executive Board and Convention minutes, *Newscasters*, *Lambda State History Volumes I-III*, archival materials, and data from International, it has evolved into a many faceted publication. The cutting and polishing of a diamond takes time. Lambda State has progressed these past seventy-five years through the tireless efforts of many highly skilled Lambda State members working at the chapter, state and international levels – a well-cut, enduring diamond yielding brilliance – proud of its sparkling past, brilliant present and enduring future. Let us continue to move forward with courage, faith and honor as we follow the mission and purposes of the Society.

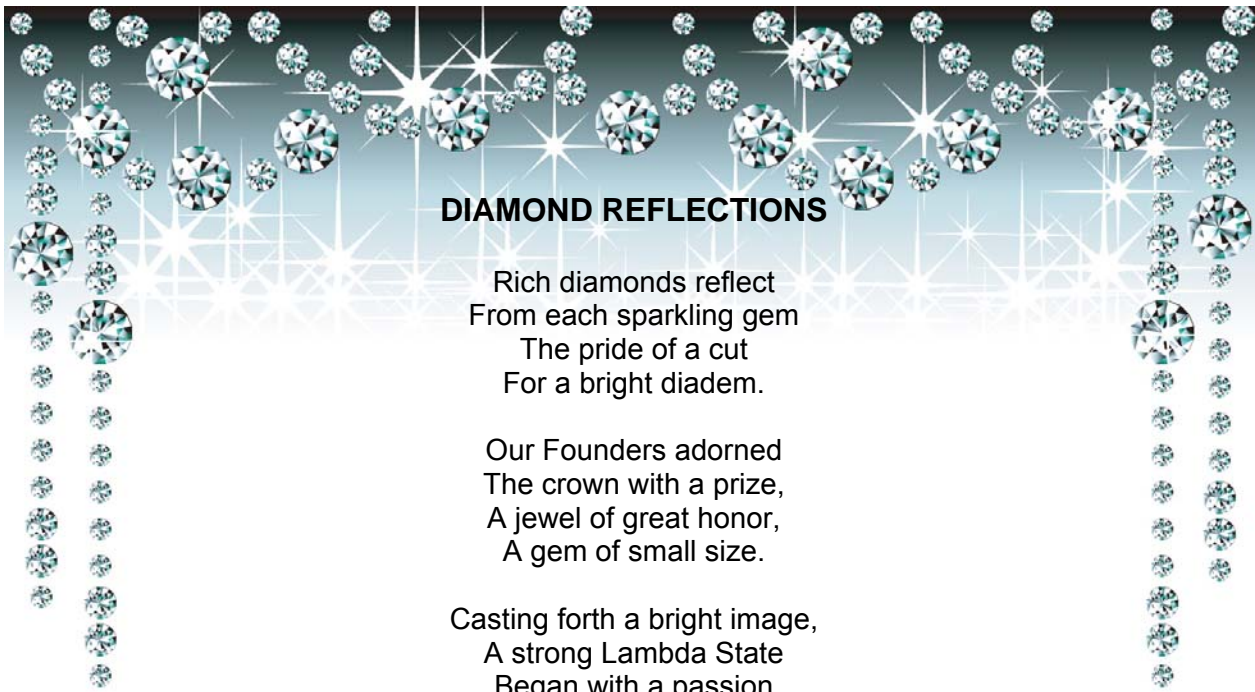


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## DIAMOND REFLECTIONS

Rich diamonds reflect  
From each sparkling gem  
The pride of a cut  
For a bright diadem.

Our Founders adorned  
The crown with a prize,  
A jewel of great honor,  
A gem of small size.

Casting forth a bright image,  
A strong Lambda State  
Began with a passion  
To help educate.

United in purpose,  
Honoring only the best,  
The leaders with brilliance  
Their followers they blest.

Today in the chapters  
Each gem does her part,  
Respecting tradition,  
She leads with her heart.

Celebrate the Diamond  
It's now Seventy-Five;  
The facet is shining;  
Lambda State is Alive!

*Joan Kalbacken  
Beta Chapter*

## Lambda State Founders

*"The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Illinois honors fourteen dedicated women educators who extended the seven-fold purposes of the International Founders into Illinois. They worked with great distinction; they united others who were striving courageously and generously to improve the services and welfare of women educators; they inspired others to realize the aims of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society with wisdom and enthusiasm. We pay tribute for their valiant achievements and honor them by continuing the work which they began."<sup>1</sup>*

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**Lambda State was founded March 16, 1935, at the Chicago Women's Club, Chicago, Illinois.**

Miss Stella Bench, Principal of Galena High School, was a charter member first of Zeta, later of Pi.

Dr. Ruth Brown, Professor of Classics, Illinois College, Jacksonville, while initiated as a Founder of Lambda State, did not go on to join a chapter.

Mrs. Ethel C. Coe, County Superintendent of McHenry Schools, Woodstock, was a charter member first of Epsilon, later of Alpha Theta.

Miss Flora J. Cooke, honorary member, Principal of Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Isabella Dolton, Principal of Kelly High School, Chicago, and later Assistant Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Erma F. Imboden, Training Teacher, Illinois State Normal University, was a charter member of Beta.

Dr. Helen L. Koch, Associate Professor of Child Psychology, University of Chicago, was a member of Kappa.

Dr. Mayme I. Logsdon, Associate Professor of Mathematics, University of Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa and after retirement, a member in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Ada M. Manning, Superintendent of Lombard Schools and later Assistant Superintendent of McHenry County Schools, was first a charter member of Epsilon and later of Alpha Theta.

Dr. Helen R. Messenger, Professor of Education, Northern Illinois State Teachers' College, Lambda State's first president, was a charter member of Alpha.

Mrs. Livia Y. Peterson, First Grade Teacher, Winnetka, was a charter member of Eta.

Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Chair of the Department of Education, Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College, Charleston, was a charter member of Gamma.

Miss Grace E. Storm, Assistant Professor of Kindergarten and Primary Education, University of Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Pearl Tiley, Superintendent of Kindergarten and Primary Grades, Belleville, was a charter member of Delta.

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## Lambda State Chapters

### Historical Moments

#### **Alpha (1) – Linda Conrad and Dr. Elaine Goodwin, Co-Presidents**

Alpha Chapter, the first chapter in Lambda State, will also celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. Alpha hosted the first state meeting in St. Charles in 1937. Florence A. Cook was a member of Alpha Chapter.

#### **Beta (2) – Dr. Ann Stemm, President**

Erma F. Imboden, a Lambda State Founder, was one of the organizers and charter member of Beta Chapter. It was the first chapter to organize a sister chapter, Beta Iota. Beta was also the first chapter to initiate the pioneer women in education project that evolved into a collection of figurines of pioneer women that is now on display in Austin, Texas.

#### **Gamma (3) – Mary Kay Smitley, President**

Dr. Emma Reinhardt, state founder and charter member of Gamma Chapter, also served as a National President, Lambda State President, and chaired important national and state committees of Delta Kappa Gamma. Member Mayme Irons, who served as National Music Chairman from 1940-42, composed the song *A Pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma*.

#### **Delta (4) – Joan Ann Funk and Carol Rosenkranz, Co-Presidents**

Delta Chapter covers St. Clair and Monroe Counties. It has responded to the needs of others by supporting international projects as well as sponsoring local projects, such as teddy bears to troubled teen-aged girls, and donations of baby items and monies to a local shelter for battered women. Delta also gives a grant to a local high school graduate who is entering a teacher-training program.

#### **Zeta (6) – Patricia DeWitt and Mary K. Lai, Co-Presidents**

Zeta Chapter was the hostess chapter for the 1949 Lambda State Convention and handled the registration for the 1978 International Convention in Chicago. Carolyn Wones, past state president, also served as Northeast Regional Director from 1962-64.

#### **Eta (7) – Kim H. Policape, President**

Eta Chapter nominated Senator Barak H. Obama for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Cook County Coordinating Council Legislative Award Certificate of Appreciation in 2004-05. Obama was selected as a recipient of this award. Barak H. Obama became President of the United States of America in 2008 and this information was forwarded to the Presidential Archives in Washington, D. C. The chapter is also proud to have had a past Lambda State President in Edna S. Lehman, and two Lambda State Treasurers in Alfreda Chalberg and Irene Homberger.

#### **Theta (8) – Liz Burton and Judy Dupoy, Co-Presidents**

Theta Chapter will celebrate its Diamond anniversary in 2012. Theta is proud of an anonymous member who donated \$10,000 to the Marion Medical Mission. Member Catherine Davis was responsible for naming the state publication, the *Lambda State Newscaster*.

#### **Iota (9) – Joan B. Lampert, President**

Iota Chapter was installed with 28 new initiates in March of 1937. This was the largest group initiated into a state chapter during this period. The chapter administers the Grace A. Chapman Award Fund that was established by a \$20,000 endowment and used for annual recruitment grants. In 2000 the chapter celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and opened a 1981 time capsule that contained many mementos from their early years.

**Kappa (10) – Dr. Patricia Kubistal and Nancietta Stocking, Co-Presidents**

Kappa Chapter was the chapter of International and Lambda State Founder Dr. Helen L. Koch and was the first chapter in the Chicago area. Kappa Chapter has always had memberships from Pre-K through college professors as well as administrators, nurses, psychologists and social workers.

**Lambda (11) – Glenda Kay Terpstra, President**

Lambda's first president was Frances Chatburn (1937-41). It was organized on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November with 13 members and had 13 members at its first state convention. At its second initiation ceremony another 13 women were initiated. This chapter was founded in '37 and its current president is the 37<sup>th</sup> president!

**Mu (12) – Sue Spurgetis, President**

Mu chapter was the first chapter in Rock Island/Mercer County area. It sponsored two other chapters, Beta Epsilon and Gamma Beta. Mu was also the first chapter to restructure committees, an idea that has been shared with many other chapters since then.

**Nu (13) – Julie Frank, President**

Nu Chapter has initiated 283 members, including charter members, since its installation on January 15, 1938. Nu chapter has supported Common Place, a local literacy center, through volunteerism and donations of supplies and money. Nu has received grants totaling \$16,016.05 since 1990 to provide innovative programs for Common Place.

**Xi (14) – Kathleen Smith and Marilyn Kay, Co-Presidents**

Xi Chapter has met at the Illini Union since March 3, 1943. It is the only non-university affiliated group that has permission to use the Union without charge. The longest term living member, Elizabeth Hyde, has been in Xi Chapter for 61 years. A school in Urbana is named for Xi member Flossie Wiley. Rebecca Caudill Ayers, a noted children's author, was an honorary member of Xi.

**Omicron (15) – Beverly Ann Madsen, President**

The chapter was installed in 1938 and hosted the 1940 Lambda State Convention in LaSalle. In 1991 Omicron sponsored Heather McDowell, the first Florence A. Cook recruitment grant recipient in Lambda State. Omicron has a scrapbook for every year of the chapter's existence.

**Pi (16) – Peg Tonne, President**

Pi Chapter members live in three states, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. Member Olive Speer, who turned 100 years old in February, has been a member for 47 years. Pi chapter was responsible for the Frances Wood Shimer pioneer teacher figurine presented to the national organization in 1943.

**Rho (17) – Mary Harrison, President**

Rho was the home chapter for Lambda State and International President Nadine Ewing. Musical teas have been a feature of many of Rho's early programs. Member Diane Kettleson was instrumental in forming the Upstarters, a musical group of talented members who have performed at chapter, coordinating council and state events. Many members have held leadership positions in Lambda State and have been active on the Women in the Arts Committee.

**Sigma (18) – Sondra Carter and Louise Huseman, Co-Presidents**

During her biennium as Lambda State President, Emma Reinhardt, was determined to have her home area of Pittsfield represented in ΔΚΓ. She contacted well-respected teachers from the area to attend the 1939 Lambda State Convention. According to Wilhelmina Bauch, one of the selected ladies, "If Dr. Reinhardt requested, you came and asked questions later . . . if you



dared.” Sigma chapter was very special to Dr. Reinhardt and she remembered the chapter in her will. Each meeting continues to be opened with her gavel, a present she received from Annie Webb Blanton.

**Tau (19) – Ruth Ann Nicewonger, President**

The chapter includes members from Menard, Mason, Logan, DeWitt, and Mason Counties. Miss Ruth Schneider served as Lambda State President from 1965-67. Tau administers the Ruth M. Schneider memorial fund that is used for a Fine Arts Award given to an elementary student for art instruction.

**Upsilon (20) – Claire Marie McElroy, President**

The chapter had its beginning at the Oberlin House on Cob Boulevard in Kankakee. An engraved memorial rock and rose bush was presented to the current owners of Oberlin House in February 2010 to commemorate the chapter’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Phi (21) – Betty Bledsaw, President**

Dr. Rose Parker installed the chapter in 1940. The chapter has had three mother-daughter members: Emily Marsland and Terri Hudson; Ginnie Hostetler and Rebecca Mahnke; and Hazel Thacker (deceased) and Judy Rupert. Clarissa Flenniken received a 60-year membership pin when she was 105.

**Chi (22) – Kathy Newingham and Mary Frances Tunison, Co-Presidents**

Nita Ford entered a song in the Delta Kappa Gamma song contest in 1942 and received an honorable mention. In 1947 Chi Chapter adopted the Schuls Elementary Burkharder School in the American-Occupational Zone in Germany and sent it school supplies. The chapter helped organize Alpha Tau chapter in 1948.

**Psi (23) – Diane Kovach, President**

Psi Chapter covers more counties than any other chapter in the state. It organized 70 years ago in eight (8) counties. Membership included teachers in Cairo who often rode the train to the meetings that were held in Harrisburg where the organization was formed. The chapter met at Schnerlie’s Restaurant and continued meeting throughout the World War II years.

**Omega (24) – Bev Harlow, President**

The chapter received the second stipend awarded by the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies for its “Books for Babies” project. One of Omega’s charter members wrote a collect that is still used at every meeting. Omega chapter was responsible for forming another chapter in the Princeton area, Gamma Phi.

**Alpha Beta (26) – Shirley Mueser and Louann Harms, Co-Presidents**

The chapter was organized on April 21, 1941. It established a grant program to assist a student from the Alpha Beta area of Livingston, Marshall and Woodford Counties who was studying in the field of education. Thirty recruitment grants of \$200 each have been given since 1977.

**Alpha Delta (28) – Luba Johnson, President**

Alpha Delta has had two state honorary members: Marguerite Gilmore, Women’s Division, U.S. Department of Labor and Mrs. Frayn Utley, member of the Chicago Board of Education. The chapter is proud to honor Lambda State’s current, 33<sup>rd</sup> President, Patricia Gaines, and its 13<sup>th</sup> Lambda State President, Marcella Krueger, as chapter members.

**Alpha Epsilon (29) – Rebecca Stewart and Allura L. Jefko, Co-Presidents**

Alpha Epsilon Chapter has a strong spirit of commitment and service. In 1943, the chapter historian declared, “Only a cyclone or some such major disaster prevents acceptance of the call to

meetings.” It supports a chapter recruitment grant of \$700 each biennium. Tutors and workers from the Waubensee College adult literacy program annually receive chapter treats at their end of the semester dinner.

**Alpha Zeta (30) – Linda Gross and Gail Rotz, Co-Presidents**

Alpha Zeta held its first meeting on May 9, 1942, which was organized by Lambda State Founder, Miss Erma F. Imboden, assisted by Gamma Chapter, with 10 new initiates, three of whom were state members at large. In 1962, because of the large number of teachers in Macon, Piatt, and Moultrie Counties, Alpha Zeta helped organize a second chapter in Decatur, Beta Sigma.

**Alpha Eta (31) – Debbie Sims, President**

Ila R. Lowery was the second person to be awarded the Lambda State Achievement Award. Ila was the Lambda State Music Chair and also served as an International Music Representative besides holding many chapter offices. The chapter established a special Scholarship Fund on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Alpha Theta (32) – Corrine Zoellick, President**

Ethel C. Coe and Ada Manning, two Lambda State Founders, were charter members of Alpha Theta. The chapter has had seven (7) fifty-year members and two (2) Lambda State Achievement Award recipients.

**Alpha Iota (33) – Judy Voorhees, President**

Alpha Iota Chapter is 66 years old. It has had six (6) fifty-year members. The nucleus of this chapter came from a group of eleven members from Xi chapter who lived in Vermilion County. They formed the chapter in 1943. Two or sometimes three members have served on various state committees for a great number of years.

**Alpha Kappa (34) – Linda North, President**

Alpha Kappa currently has four (4) 60-year members, all of whom remain active in the chapter. The members are Catherine McHugh, Allis Hays, Phyllis Hays, and Betty Boatright. The chapter helped sponsor Beta Delta Chapter in southern Illinois.

**Alpha Lambda (35) – M. Jane Taylor, President**

Lambda State President Dr. Rose Parker installed Alpha Lambda on April 1, 1944, in Canton. Its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday was observed in September 1994 in Havana. Charter members, Elaine Wright Pegram, Consuela Green, and Bernice Tuell were present. Shirley Shannon, past president, read from the chapter history "Alpha Lambda is smoothly sailing on with enthusiasm and high ideals of purpose, which surely would make the hearts of its charter members rejoice." In 1991 member, Nancy Bullard was the Illinois recipient of the \$33,300 Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award. She presented many workshops on the "Classroom of Tomorrow" around the state after receiving the award.

**Alpha Mu (36) – Shanon Grossenbacher, President**

The chapter was installed in 1945 with 12 members. It grew to 20 members in 1947 which was the same year that Florence A. Cook visited and spoke to the chapter. Alpha Mu participates in many service projects and holds an annual auction to raise money for a recruitment grant.

**Alpha Nu (37) – Jan Ellen Shawgo, President**

Alpha Nu members have been actively involved with Literacy Volunteers of Lake County. State Representative Virginia Fiester Frederick was initiated as a chapter honorary member and later became a state honorary member. She was instrumental in obtaining a resolution honoring Lambda State on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Alpha Xi (38) – Faye Mize, President**

Alpha Xi was organized in Mound, Illinois, on September 6, 1947. Ethel Beryl Miller served as the first president. The chapter has supported many projects from scholarships to magazine collection and distribution. Literacy efforts are maintained with its “Books and Bibs to Babies” project. Chapter programs continue to promote female educators and strive to meet the needs of its members.

**Alpha Pi (40) – Dr. Sharon Grimes and Dr. Almeda Lahr-Well, Co-Presidents**

Alpha Pi Chapter was officially organized in Effingham, Illinois, on January 31, 1948, under the leadership of Ella Hise, Teresa Hoffman and Thelma Cable Finkeldey. Early projects included: 1948 - sent plastic articles to Holland because teachers and students had never seen anything made of plastic; 1950 - entertained a teacher from Brazil and presented her with a red suit made by girls in a sewing class; 1952 - donated to the National Emergency Fund; and 1952-54 - sent clothing and money to aid the 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Orphanage in Korea.

**Alpha Rho (41) – Margaret Swanson and Sherry Gullberg, Co-Presidents**

Chapter members have attended every Lambda State convention since its founding in 1948. Alpha Rho’s first president celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday and is still alert and living in a local nursing home. She meets with chapter friends once a week at a local restaurant. Theta Chapter sponsored Alpha Rho.

**Alpha Sigma (42) – Joann Kolacki, President**

Alpha Sigma is 52 years old and Beta Beta is its sister chapter. Rosemary Lucas, retired superintendent of Worth School District, has had the administrative center named in her honor and a scholarship is given annually in her name to a Worth Junior High graduate. In 1968 the chapter honored Margaret Papp for 16 years of perfect attendance.

**Alpha Tau (43) – Carolyn Broadhead and Mary Ann Pollitt, Co-Presidents**

Alpha Tau was chartered in 1948 in Carlinville. In 1973, Margaret Ensminger suggested that the chapter meet at the Federated Church in Carlinville and now the chapter meets there each November to celebrate its birthday. Alpha Tau’s oldest member is Marie Reznicek, 96, who continues to be active in the chapter.

**Alpha Upsilon (44) – Andrea Buchanan, President**

Wilma Nuttall became a charter member in 1959 and served as Lambda State President from 1973-75. She left a trust fund to the chapter on her death and it has annually provided scholarships to members and six grants-in-aid to college students.

**Alpha Phi (45) – Ruth Allen Adams, President**

Alpha Phi Chapter, the forty-fifth Illinois chapter of Lambda State, was installed on June 3, 1950 in Springfield under the sponsorship of Lambda Chapter. There were thirteen charter members. Alpha Phi includes members from Cass, Morgan, and Scott Counties. Two of its very successful literacy projects continue to be “Raise a Reader” and “Diaper Bags to Backpacks.” In 1987 Alpha Phi received the first Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies stipend of \$300 for its project “Community Resources for School Improvement.”

**Alpha Chi (46) – Ginia Jahrke, President**

Alpha Chi almost dissolved 10 years ago. Gloria Winslow stood up and said, “No, we will not dissolve. I will be president.” Since then, Alpha Chi remains active and adds two or three new members each year. It is now celebrating its 59<sup>th</sup> year in Lambda State.

**Beta Alpha (49) – Margaret Cullen, President**

Mae Johnson, the last charter member of Beta Alpha, died in January 2007. Her daughter, Molly Steuber, joined Beta Alpha in 1969 and continues to be an active member of the chapter. Ronda Goldman has been a member of Beta Alpha since 1977. She has been Beta Alpha's premiere recruiter of initiates. In December 2009, the chapter was proud to initiate 5 new members.

**Beta Beta (50) – Susan Yasillo, President**

Beta Beta has had twenty-two (22) past presidents during its 55 years as a chapter. Twelve of these presidents are still active members. At its first official meeting, the Lambda State visitor was Florence A. Cook. Lambda State President Ardith Inman was instrumental in organizing the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc.

**Beta Gamma (51) – Dorothy Powell, President**

Lambda State President Margaret Hausen organized Beta Gamma Chapter in Rockford in 1955. It established an endowment fund in 1985 to provide annual recruitment grants and in 1989 it initiated a pre-school lending library for local day care sites. The chapter annually provides books and bags for those children. For several years, the chapter financially supported and provided volunteers for UnCommon Lives, a community celebration of women in the arts.

**Beta Delta (52) – Kathleen Belcher, President**

Beta Delta Chapter proposed the Malawi Project to Lambda State. Virginia L. Marmaduke, a newspaper reporter from Pinckneyville, was recommended by Beta Delta and accepted for chapter honorary membership in 1967 and became a state honorary member in 1968. For many years the chapter hosted an International Dinner meeting with members from each town bringing a dish to represent another country.

**Beta Epsilon (53) – Emily Roberts, President**

Beta Epsilon has two long time members who remember the early days of the chapter: Bee Fritz, age 103 and Dorothy Nelson, age 101. Both women are active members of the chapter when not in China.

**Beta Zeta (54) – Judith Harmon, President**

Beta Zeta Chapter was chartered on May 11, 1958. One of the original charter members is still a member of the chapter. Beta Zeta continues to offer a stipend each year to a promising woman college student. All monies realized during the year are applied toward this cause and to other worthwhile organizations in its area.

**Beta Eta (55) – Linda Mizell, President**

M. Josephine O'Neil was the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter president of Beta Eta. She was Lambda State President in 1979-81 and initiated the Women in the Arts program and is the honoree of the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award given biennially to a student(s) in the arts. The chapter sponsored the 101<sup>st</sup> chapter in Lambda State, Delta Epsilon.

**Beta Theta (56) – Mary Hauge and Sandra Bauer, Co-Presidents**

Beta Theta's first chapter president was Gen Carlson. Gen was honored at the 2009 Lambda State Convention as a 59-year member. In 2005 Beta Theta Chapter instituted and presented 7 first time convention participants with \$100 stipends in honor of Past Lambda State President Gertrude "Trudi" Mead.

**Beta Iota (57) – Irene DenBesten, President**

Beta Iota holds annual chapter birthday celebrations with Beta chapter. The chapter also meets with Alpha Beta chapter to network on educational concerns. Through the years the chapter has

supported the STAR Literacy Program, the Baby Fold, the Crisis Nursery, Clare House, the Cancer Center, and has provided Christmas stockings for the Children's Foundation.

**Beta Kappa (58) – Helen Kay Sirek, President**

Sarah Bush, Beta Kappa's Poet Laureate, wrote birthday songs from 1960 to 2005. She published a book, A Poet's Easel, in 1999 and passed away peacefully in 2006. The Pedagogues, Georgia Hamilton, Martha McMillen, Beth Miller, Arlene Whiteman, Karen Anderson, and Arlouine Nelson made a record from *ΔΚΓ Song Book 5* in 1975. They sang at the 1977 Lambda State Convention and at the 1978 International Convention.

**Beta Lambda (59) – Joan U. Kervin, President**

The chapter was chartered in 1949 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield with 14 initiates. Charter member Eleanor Mosley is still an active member. Lambda Chapter sponsored Beta Lambda. The installation date was scheduled so that Lambda's name could appear in its chapter's name.

**Beta Nu (61) – Margaret Aguirre, President**

Beta Nu was organized in 1961. The chapter's goal is to attract women of various ethnic backgrounds and to seek young outstanding educators. It holds raffles at each meeting to raise funds for grants and scholarships. The chapter actively supports and participates in the Cook County Coordinating Council.

**Beta Pi (64) – Donna Rutledge, President**

Beta Pi joined with Gamma and Alpha Zeta to sponsor a new chapter, Beta Sigma, in 1962. In 1964, as a three-year-old chapter, it accepted the challenge to help with the table decorations and hostesses for the President's dinner at the 30<sup>th</sup> Lambda State Convention in Springfield.

**Beta Rho (65) – Beth Maleski, President**

Beta Rho Chapter designed and made banners depicting the seven purposes of the Society. These have been used at chapter, state, region and international levels. The chapter has its own website and its own song. Many members have been recognized for outstanding achievements. The Early Learning Center in the Plainfield Schools has been named after Bonnie McBeth, and AAUW has named a scholarship in honor and memory of Irene Blatnik.

**Beta Sigma (66) – Diana Rinchiuso, President**

One of the first Executive Secretaries of Lambda State was Edna Earle Weld, a charter member of Beta Sigma. In 1981, the chapter started a program at Longview, site of public housing. Members bought books and read to the children on Saturdays. In 1982, the program continued with the chapter organizing and performing a puppet show each year and providing each child with a book. A member built the puppet stage and recorded the story for this project.

**Beta Tau (67) – Priscilla Merrick, Lonnie Barefield, and Alta Thiel, Co-Presidents**

Since the 80's, Beta Tau chapter has had a significant impact on music and the arts at the state, region and international levels of Delta Kappa Gamma. The chapter has had a recipient for the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award and provided grants for high school graduates pursuing the field of education. It supports activities for senior citizens and holds many fundraising events.

**Beta Upsilon (68) – Mary Ellen Hodapp, President**

Beta Upsilon Chapter has made literacy an important part of its work. Members have gathered and contributed well over 2000 books to classroom teachers across the county, to Kids Korner at the Lake County Courthouse, and to the Penny Severns Project for Lambda State. Each year, the chapter nominates a student for the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant. One of the recipients, Michelle Standridge, is now a member of the chapter.

**Beta Phi (69) – Linda Adcock, President**

Dr. Debra LeBlanc, principal of Anne M. Jeans School, discovered some fascinating documents related to ΔΚΓ while investigating the school archives for its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There was a letter from Lambda State President, Dr. Helen R. Messenger, inviting the first principal of the Anne M. Jeans School to become a member. Also included was a Circular of Information from 1935-36 that included information on the high ideals that have always been and continue to be the expectations for our Society.

**Beta Psi (71) – Dr. Janet Lang, President**

Beta Psi was founded in 1965. Over 75 persons attended its birthday celebration in May 2009. Beta Psi has been a chapter for 44 years and is still going strong! It sponsored the state honorary membership of Judge Willie Whiting, Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County.

**Beta Omega (72) – Patricia Bachand, President**

The chapter was founded June 5, 1965 and sponsored by Rho chapter. Beta Omega was also the sponsoring chapter for Gamma Tau. The chapter funded a President's Recruitment Fund to support victims of the 1990 Plainfield tornado.

**Gamma Alpha (73) – Lisa Serafin, President**

Gamma Alpha has been an active chapter in Lambda State since 1965. It offers two chapter recruitment grants named in honor of Lambda State President Marcella Krueger and Helen Prindiville and a Nancy Gedons Scholarship for its members. Over the years the chapter has supported PADS women's shelter, Newborns in Need and the Ronald McDonald House.

**Gamma Gamma (75) – Sandra Cook, President**

Chapter #75 is proud that its membership has been over 75 for the last 10 years! Its members donate generously to a different cause at each meeting. Members have collected food and school supplies for the food pantry, used clothing for Wings, books for needy schools, care packages for soldiers, stuffed animals for hospitals and journal packets for students in Rainbows, and recently raised \$500 for Pennies for Peace.

**Gamma Epsilon (77) – Jennifer Fowler, President**

Gamma Epsilon, organized in 1967, in Madison County has continually awarded recruitment grants and encouraged members to make community service commitments. In 2002 and 2005, the chapter received the attendance award plaque from the Lambda State Conventions held in St. Louis.

**Gamma Zeta (78) – Kay Ellen Korte, President**

Helen Reynolds, a niece of International and Lambda State Founder Dr. Helen L. Koch, was an honorary member of Gamma Zeta for 28 years. Gamma Zeta Chapter was founded in 1968 and is the sister chapter of Delta Chapter.

**Gamma Eta (79) – Patricia Donnelly-Wascher, President**

In 1978-79, Gamma Eta had 44 members and paid \$43 in dues. The chapter gave three recruitment grants of \$200 each and a Grant-in-Aid for \$100. Norma Lamprech, former president from 1976-78, now lives in Hawaii. She is 96 years old, doing quite well, and recommends Hawaii to all.

**Gamma Theta (80) – Dr. Mary Jo Smutny, President**

Of the 35 charter members, Robertine Cole and Past Lambda State President Thelma Theodore, are still active members of the chapter. Its first president was a Franciscan nun. The chapter has given recruitment grants and made substantial donations to the Malawi project each year.

**Gamma Iota (81) – Donna Richardson, President**

The chapter is lucky to have four charter members who are still active with the chapter. Gamma Iota received a Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies stipend that provided dictionaries and thesauri for 25 students enrolled in an academic support system.

**Gamma Nu (85) – Susan Janssen, President**

During Gamma Nu's first year of existence, it passed a motion against the closing of Illinois schools due to the energy crisis. Chapter members contended that education was too important to be deleted. Members have hosted students from Bolivia, Denmark, France and exchange students from Watseka High School. Gamma Nu held its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary tea at the Iroquois County Historical Society Museum.

**Gamma Xi (86) – Karen Phillips, President**

Patricia Ostewig bequeathed a sum of money for a chapter foundation. The members of the foundation board are now actively engaged in following guidelines to begin distribution of grants. Emily Martin has been a chapter member for 50 years. Alpha Epsilon sponsored the chapter in 1974.

**Gamma Rho (89) – Kathy Richmond and Doni S. Morgan, Co-Presidents**

Gamma Rho was installed on a very cold night in February 1976. Jo Ott was one of initial members on the Women in the Arts Committee and presented at several Creative Arts Retreats. Barb Munson, LaDonna Tweedy and Jo Ott were participants on the first State to State visit to Iceland that included tours of the educational facilities.

**Gamma Tau (91) – Francine Kennedy, President**

Both the Lambda State President and the International President attended the first meeting of Gamma Tau. It lasted four hours! Four of the charter members continue as active members today.

**Gamma Upsilon (92) – Jean Pittman, President**

The chapter's first president, Margaret Thacker, was also Lambda State Editor from 1967-1982. Chapter members have received fourteen (14) state scholarships to further their education.

**Gamma Phi (93) – Anne Marie Johnson, President**

Linda Lyon, a former member, helped organize a chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Germany. The chapter has a 50-year member, Irene Polson, and a 40-year member, Eleanor Schertz. Gamma Phi chapter sponsored Jennifer Hayes, recipient of the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award in 2009.

**Delta Beta (98) – Theta Lee, President**

A strong feature of Delta Beta Chapter is its support and participation of the YWCA Women's Shelter. The chapter is proud of all its members many of whom have been honored as outstanding educators. Delta Beta celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004. Alpha Iota sponsored Delta Beta Chapter.

**Delta Gamma (99) – Patti Schildt, President**

Delta Gamma Chapter was formed September 18, 1983 when the Quincy members of Sigma Chapter (counties of Adams, Brown and Pike) decided to form their own chapter in Quincy. Lambda State President Ardith Inman was the installing officer. There were 41 charter members. Of those 41 members, twelve are still members today. Delta Gamma Chapter meets in the Women's City Club, which was formerly the Lorenzo Bull mansion.

**Delta Epsilon (101) – Nancy Graves, President**

This Collinsville chapter began with 15 enthusiastic members in 1994. Barbara Esker was the first president and worked hard to involve the chapter in helping Collinsville students with grants and services. The chapter actively supports the Marion Medical Mission, literacy, and future and current educators with grants and scholarships. Delta Epsilon Chapter was sponsored by Beta Eta.



The key is shaped as a golden ellipse. Across its center are the Greek letters ΔΚΓ. Above them a wreath of laurel leaves symbolizes the distinction which those who wear this key have achieved. Below the letters a cup represents knowledge.





### Lambda State Chapters

#	Name	Organized	Dissolved	#	Name	Organized	Dissolved
1.	Alpha	11-23-35		53.	Beta Epsilon	12-08-56	
2.	Beta	01-11-36		54.	Beta Zeta	05-11-58	
3.	Gamma	02-15-36		55.	Beta Eta	09-20-58	
4.	Delta	02-22-36		56.	Beta Theta	12-13-58	
5.	Epsilon	02-29-36	09-21-96	57.	Beta Iota	01-10-59	
6.	Zeta	10-03-36		58.	Beta Kappa	11-14-59	
7.	Eta	11-15-36		59.	Beta Lambda	12-12-59	
8.	Theta	01-30-37		60.	Beta Mu	01-23-60	09-11-04
9.	Iota	03-13-37		61.	Beta Nu	03-04-61	
10.	Kappa	03-12-37		62.	Beta Xi	03-04-61	09-29-07
11.	Lambda	11-13-37		63.	Beta Omicron	10-28-61	09-29-07
12.	Mu	10-30-37		64.	Beta Pi	11-11-61	
13.	Nu	01-15-38		65.	Beta Rho	03-03-62	
14.	Xi	03-26-38		66.	Beta Sigma	05-31-62	
15.	Omicron	03-19-38		67.	Beta Tau	11-03-62	
16.	Pi	10-28-38		68.	Beta Upsilon	10-26-63	
17.	Rho	01-15-39		69.	Beta Phi	10-17-64	
18.	Sigma	04-15-39		70.	Beta Chi	05-22-65	06-30-96
19.	Tau	11-17-39		71.	Beta Psi	05-22-65	
20.	Upsilon	01-27-40		72.	Beta Omega	06-05-65	
21.	Phi	03-16-40		73.	Gamma Alpha	12-11-65	
22.	Chi	03-30-40		74.	Gamma Beta	04-02-66	04-08-00
23.	Psi	04-06-40		75.	Gamma Gamma	01-14-67	
24.	Omega	04-20-40		76.	Gamma Delta	10-14-67	09-21-02
25.	Alpha Alpha	03-15-41	09-13-03	77.	Gamma Epsilon	10-28-67	
26.	Alpha Beta	04-21-41		78.	Gamma Zeta	03-09-68	
27.	Alpha Gamma	10-18-41	04-29-06	79.	Gamma Eta	05-11-68	
28.	Alpha Delta	11-08-41		80.	Gamma Theta	04-18-70	
29.	Alpha Epsilon	02-21-42		81.	Gamma Iota	12-12-70	
30.	Alpha Zeta	05-09-42		82.	Gamma Kappa	03-18-72	09-21-96
31.	Alpha Eta	05-23-42		83.	Gamma Lambda	02-17-73	09-21-02
32.	Alpha Theta	05-01-43		84.	Gamma Mu	05-05-73	09-11-04
33.	Alpha Iota	05-15-43		85.	Gamma Nu	05-12-73	
34.	Alpha Kappa	01-15-44		86.	Gamma Xi	05-04-74	
35.	Alpha Lambda	04-01-44		87.	Gamma Omicron	05-18-74	04-24-04
36.	Alpha Mu	05-01-45		88.	Gamma Pi	05-17-75	04-12-03
37.	Alpha Nu	03-16-46		89.	Gamma Rho	02-07-76	
38.	Alpha Xi	09-06-47		90.	Gamma Sigma *	02-28-76	10-01-88
39.	Alpha Omicron	02-16-47	04-13-02		Gamma Sigma	06-03-89	09-21-02
40.	Alpha Pi	01-31-48		91.	Gamma Tau	10-17-76	
41.	Alpha Rho	05-22-48		92.	Gamma Upsilon	01-06-76	
42.	Alpha Sigma	06-10-48		93.	Gamma Phi	11-14-76	
43.	Alpha Tau	11-13-48		94.	Gamma Chi	12-05-76	09-22-01
44.	Alpha Upsilon	04-02-49		95.	Gamma Psi	11-19-77	06-30-06
45.	Alpha Phi	06-03-50		96.	Gamma Omega	02-18-78	04-19-96
46.	Alpha Chi	10-27-51		97.	Delta Alpha	03-03-79	04-25-09
47.	Alpha Psi	09-12-54	04-16-99	98.	Delta Beta	06-09-79	
48.	Alpha Omega	09-11-54	04-21-07	99.	Delta Gamma	09-18-83	
49.	Beta Alpha	09-11-54		100.	Delta Delta	09-30-83	04-08-00
50.	Beta Beta	05-22-55		101.	Delta Epsilon	06-04-94	
51.	Beta Gamma	11-05-55					
52.	Beta Delta	11-10-56					

*\*This is the only chapter number and name that has been used twice in Lambda State*

## International Achievement Award



- 1943 Dr. Emma Reinhardt (Gamma)
- 1948 Katharine H. Obye (Zeta)
- 1973 Dr. Helen L. Koch (Kappa)
- 1979 Nadine M. Ewing (Rho)
- 1996 Ardith Inman (Beta Beta)

## Lambda State Achievement Award



- 1984 Edna Earle Weld (Xi)
- 1985 Ila R. Lowery (Alpha Eta)
- 1986 Carolyn Allrutz (Alpha)
- 1987 Mary Lucas (Beta Theta)
- 1988 Emilie U. Lepthien (Beta Alpha)
- 1989 Jean Joos (Tau)
- 1990 Alfreda Chalberg (Eta)
- 1991 Theoline Chamness-Benn (Nu)
- 1992 Edith Newcomer (Alpha Theta)
- 1993 Margaret Thacker (Gamma Upsilon)
- 1994 Sara Ellen Anderson (Gamma Xi)
- 1995 Pauline Meyer (Alpha Phi)
- 1996 Ingeborg Wurm (Beta Beta)
- 1997 Valerie Stevens (Beta Eta)
- 1998 Ferol Tomlinson (Alpha Theta)
- 1999 Marianne Doyle-McKinney (Gamma)
- 2000 Dr. Patricia B. Kubistal (Kappa)
- 2001 Betty Carbol (Beta Upsilon)
- 2002 Iris Fuhr (Omega)
- 2003 Patricia Ostewig (Gamma Xi)
- 2004 Dr. Elaine Goodwin (Alpha)
- 2005 Mary Unser (Nu)
- 2006 Carol Bowman (Alpha Rho)
- 2007 Dr. Ruth Ann Wasson (Zeta)
- 2008 Jacqueline Bainter (Delta)
- 2009 Dr. Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)

**Golden Gift Recipients  
Leadership/Management Seminar**

- 1980 Dr. Gudelia Fox (Gamma Chi)  
Dr. Susan Witte Leahy (Beta Gamma)
- 1985 Dr. Elaine Goodwin (Alpha)  
Irene Jinks (Gamma Iota)  
Lucille Kozanecki (Alpha Omega)
- 1987 Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu)
- 1989 Carolyn Godby (Beta Omicron)  
Barbara Peterson (Gamma Xi)
- 1990 Dr. Patricia B. Kubistal (Kappa)  
Thelma Theodore (Gamma Theta)
- 1992 Dr. Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)
- 1993 Christine Berto (Nu)  
Ellen Holmgren (Rho)
- 1994 Sandra McGaughy (Mu)
- 1995 Sara Ellen Anderson (Gamma Xi)  
Joan Kalbacken (Beta)  
Nancy Louck (Rho)
- 1997 Patricia Ostewig (Gamma Xi)  
Marian Robinson (Xi)
- 2001 Willie Newenham (Beta Epsilon)
- 2002 Mary Unser (Nu)
- 2004 Barbara Bergdolt (Gamma)  
Carol Hughes (Alpha Beta)
- 2006 Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta)
- 2008 Patricia Gaines (Alpha Delta)  
Marilyn Myers (Beta)

**Golden Gift Stipends**

- 1980 Barbara Albrecht (Chi)
- 1989 Lucille Kozanecki (Alpha Omega)
- 1994 Dr. Patricia B. Kubistal (Kappa)
- 1996 Dr. Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)  
Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu)
- 2001 Betty Trummel (Alpha Theta)

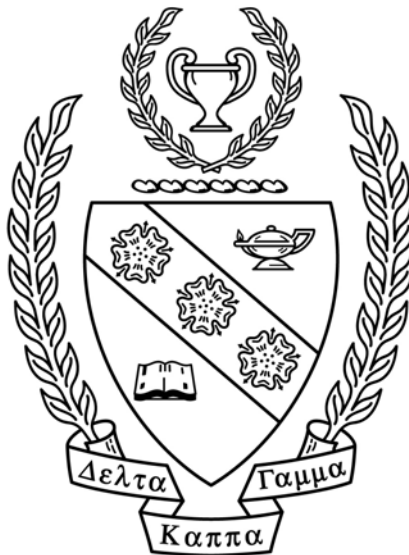
## Lambda State Presidents



- 1935-38**     **Dr. Helen R. Messenger** (Alpha)  
*Expansion Is Our Goal*
- 1938-40**     **Dr. Emma Reinhardt** (Gamma)  
*Excellent Programs Are the Key to the Society*
- 1940-44**     **Dr. Rose E. Parker** (Beta)  
*Education During the War Years – To Marshall Our Unrealized Forces*  
*Support for Women Educators – Women Today*
- 1944-48**     **Katharine H. Obye** (Zeta)  
*Emphasis on Fellowship and Better Understanding*  
*Delta Kappa Gamma in Action*
- 1948-50**     **Florence A. Cook** (Alpha)  
*International Understanding and Teacher Morale*  
*Celebration of Crystal Anniversary (15<sup>th</sup>) of Lambda State*
- 1950-53**     **Cecile C. Coombs** (Delta)  
*Intercultural Appreciation*  
*Educational Leadership*
- 1953-55**     **Margaret P. Hausen** (Lambda)  
*Inspiration and Challenge*
- 1955-59**     **Dr. Vera L. Peacock** (Alpha Kappa)  
*Professional Growth*
- 1959-61**     **Carolyn Wones** (Zeta)  
*Celebration of Lambda State's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*Better Understanding of Unfamiliar Cultures*
- 1961-63**     **Kathryn G. Hansen** (Xi)  
*Live Joyously – You Are a Woman*  
*Build Courageously – You Are a Leader*  
*Think Creatively – You Are a Teacher*
- 1963-65**     **Irene M. Herrmann** (Alpha Alpha)  
*Celebrating Lambda State's 30<sup>th</sup> State Convention*  
*A Look at the Present and Anticipation of the Future*
- 1965-67**     **Ruth Schneider** (Tau)  
*Creative Individuals - Their Value to a Society*
- 1967-69**     **Marcella G. Krueger** (Alpha Delta)  
*Purposeful Programs and Planning*

- 1969-71**      **Nadine M. Ewing** (Rho)  
*A Reason for Action...Wherever Go Women So Also the Nation Will Go*  
*One Key Opens Many Doors*
- 1971-73**      **Edna S. Lehman** (Eta)  
*Values and Value Patterns*  
*Continuing Education for Changing Times*
- 1973-75**      **Wilma Nuttall** (Alpha Upsilon)  
*Believe – Plan – Dream and Act*  
*Delta Kappa Gamma, A Positive Force*
- 1975-77**      **Gertrude F. Mead** (Beta Theta)  
*Emerging Awareness – Celebration of ΔΚΓ & Bicentennial*  
*Tomorrow's Bridges are Built Today*
- 1977-79**      **Dr. Lucile Klauser-Batell** (Beta)  
*Golden Visions: Forward, Moving Ever!*  
*Women Educators – Architects of the Future*
- 1979-81**      **M. Josephine O'Neil** (Beta Eta)  
*Blueprints: Designs in Education*  
*45<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Lambda State*
- 1981-83**      **Irene Jinks** (Gamma Iota)  
*Action for Today – Vision for Tomorrow*  
*No Limits to Learning – Widening our Perspectives*
- 1983-85**      **Ardith Inman** (Beta Beta)  
*Educate for a Changing World*  
*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Reflection...Projection*
- 1985-87**      **Thelma Theodore** (Gamma Theta)  
*Challenge...Action*  
*Education: Our Future*
- 1987-89**      **Joan Kalbacken** (Beta)  
*Keeping Promises, Fulfilling Dreams*  
*Facing the Facets of Change*
- 1989-91**      **Antoinette Minuzzo** (Alpha Nu)  
*Action – Today Not Tomorrow*  
*Read, Lead, Succeed*
- 1991-93**      **Barbara Peterson** (Gamma Xi)  
*Bridging the Centuries*  
*Images: Focus on You in Society*
- 1993-95**      **Lucille Kozanecki** (Alpha Omega)  
*Touch the Future – Teach*  
*Celebrate*

- 1995-97**      **Loryann Eis** (Beta Epsilon)  
*Remodeling for Strategic Renewal*  
*Fashion the Future*
- 1997-99**      **Christine Berto** (Nu)  
*Without Boundaries*
- 1999-01**      **Pamela Rightsel** (Beta)  
*Into the Millennium*
- 2001-03**      **Carol Hughes** (Alpha Beta)  
*Spread Our Wings...And Fly*
- 2003-05**      **Melinda Davis** (Alpha Theta)  
*Lambda, A State United in Purpose, Achievement, Vision and Commitment*
- 2005-07**      **Barbara Bergdolt** (Gamma)  
*Lambda State Celebrates ΔΚΓ - Chapter, State, Region, and International*
- 2007-09**      **Mary Unser** (Nu)  
*Open the Gifts Within You and ΔΚΓ*
- 2009-11**      **Patricia Gaines** (Alpha Delta)  
*Lead with the Heart*  
*75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Celebration*



The coat of arms consists of a red shield with a band of gold. Three Tudor roses on the band symbolize the Society's ideals of friendship, loyalty, and helpfulness. The flaming lamp and the open book on the shield signify scholarship and knowledge. The laurel sprays are the traditional symbols of achievement. Above is the cup of knowledge with a wreath of laurel. The colors of Delta Kappa Gamma are red and gold – red for courage and gold for loyalty to members and to the ideals of the Society.

## Lambda State Personnel

### Treasurer

1935-1943	Erma F. Imboden (Beta)
1943-1944	Gladys Lantz (Beta)
1944-1948	Katherine Slade (Zeta)
1948-1960	Alma Happe (Alpha Alpha)
1960-1984	Alfreda Chalberg (Eta)
1984-1994	Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon)
1994-1997	Irene Homberger (Eta)
1997-2000	Marian Robinson (Xi)
2000-2001	Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon)
2001-2003	Kathleen Hickey (Gamma Tau)
2003-2005	Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon)
2005-present	Sharon Vinson (Zeta)

### Executive Secretary

1948-1961	Katharine H. Obye (Zeta)
1961-1964	Pauline Meyer (Lambda)
1964-1975	Edna Earle Weld (Beta Sigma)
1975-1976	Nadine M. Ewing (Rho)
1976-1983	Dr. Ruth Ann Wasson (Zeta)
1983-1993	Carolyn Godby (Beta Omicron)
1993-2004	Beverly Madsen (Omicron)
2004-2008	Sharon Setser (Theta)
2008-present	Nancy Polios (Beta Epsilon)

### Editor

1948-1961	Katharine H. Obye (Zeta)
1961-1967	Louise F. Dickey (Tau)
1967-1982	Margaret Thacker (Psi /Gamma Upsilon)
1982-1992	Dr. Patricia B. Kubistal (Kappa)
1992-2000	Dr. Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)
2000-present	Sandra McGaughy (Mu)

## Lambda State Webmaster

2001-2007	Helen Dewitt (Upsilon)	2007-present	Jean Tulin (Alpha Rho)
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## Lambda State Legislative Consultant – Advocate

1991-1994	Lana Hostetler	1994-1999	Pamela Weber
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The Society flower is the red rose, a beautiful creation from nature that reflects beauty of mind and spirit.

## Lambda State Leadership and Involvement at the National/International Level

- 1936-38 Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Progress of Delta Kappa Gamma  
 Neva Lesley, Chicago (Kappa), Publicity  
 Dr. Helen Messenger, DeKalb (Alpha), Parliamentarian and Legislation  
 Frances L. Swain, Chicago (Kappa), Social Affairs
- 1938-40 Dr. Helen Messenger, DeKalb (Alpha), Second Vice-President and Legislation
- 1940-42 Eloise P. Bingham, Springfield (Lambda), Equal Opportunities for Women Teachers  
 Mayme Irons, Decatur (Gamma), Music  
 Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), President, Permanent Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Scholarship
- 1942-44 Dr. Helen Marshall, Normal (Beta), Pioneer Women
- 1944-46 Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Scholarship  
 Dr. Helen Marshall, Normal (Beta), Pioneer Women, Chairman  
 Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), 1946 National Convention Planning, and Equal Opportunities Chairman  
 Dr. Rose Parker, Bloomington (Beta), Nominating Chairman
- 1946-48 Eloise P. Bingham, Springfield (Lambda), Legislation  
 Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Program  
 Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Scholarship, National Planning and National Headquarters  
 Dr. Helen Marshall, Normal (Beta), Pioneer Women Chairman  
 Dr. Helen Messenger, DeKalb (Alpha), Research  
 Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), Parliamentarian, Equal Opportunity for Women Teachers, Publications and Planning  
 Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Scholarship Chairman  
 Dr. Olive White, Peoria (Nu), Revision of the Ritual and National Headquarters
- 1948-50 Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Nominations  
 Theresa Henneberry, Lincoln (Tau), Legislation  
 Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Scholarship  
 Dr. Elizabeth Michael, Charleston (Gamma), Research  
 Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), National Planning and Legislation  
 Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Awards  
 Katherine Slade, Rockford (Zeta), Transfer  
 Dr. Olive White, Peoria (Nu), Revision of the Ritual
- 1950-52 Cecile C. Coombs, East St. Louis (Delta), Music Chairman  
 Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Membership  
 Cleda Kellogg, Peoria (Nu), Public Relations  
 Dr. Elizabeth Michael, Charleston (Gamma), Research  
 Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), Publications  
 Wilma Nuttall, Robinson (Alpha Upsilon), *ΔΚΓ* News Reporter
- 1952-54 Agnes L. Adams, Chicago (Eta), Research  
 Wilhelmina J. Bauch, Pittsfield (Sigma), Teacher Welfare and Morale  
 Louise Fort, Clinton (Tau), Selective Recruitment



- Cecile C. Combs, East St. Louis (Delta), Silver Anniversary Fund  
 Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Membership  
 Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), Publications  
 Edith Wentworth, DeKalb (Alpha), Finance  
 Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Program
- 1954-56 Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Public Relations  
 Cecile C. Coombs, East St. Louis (Delta), Northeast Regional Director  
 Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Executive Secretaryship (committee of 7)  
 Edith Wentworth, DeKalb (Alpha), Finance  
 Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Program Chairman
- 1956-58 Ruth Broom, Riverside (Alpha Sigma ), Teacher Welfare  
 Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Selective Recruitment Chairman  
 Cecile C. Coombs, East St. Louis (Delta), Ceremonials Chairman  
 Esther Duncan, Springfield (Lambda), Music  
 Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Research  
 Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), Committee on Honoring Berneta Minkwitz (ΔΚΓ Treasurer, 1933-57)  
 Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Panel of Judges on Educator's Award)  
 Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Nominations
- 1958-60 Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Personnel  
 Alice Grant, West Frankfort (Alpha Kappa), Pioneer Women Chairman  
 Irene M. Herrmann, Rochelle (Alpha Alpha), Program  
 Stella Kern, Chicago (Alpha Sigma), Intercultural Relations  
 Dr. Vera L. Peacock, Carbondale (Alpha Kappa), Committee on Awards  
 Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Special Scholarships for 1960
- 1960-62 Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Personnel  
 Alice Grant, West Frankfort (Alpha Kappa), Pioneer Women  
 Loretta T. Kehoe, Waukegan (Alpha Nu), Teacher Welfare and Morale Chairman  
 Katherine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), Publicity  
 Dr. Vera Peacock, Carbondale (Alpha Kappa), Committee on Award  
 Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Membership and Personnel
- 1962-64 Loretta Halek, Rockford (Beta Gamma), Coordinator of Program Services from 1964-1972  
 Kathryn G. Hansen, Champaign (Xi), Leadership Training  
 Dr. Vera Peacock, Carbondale (Alpha Kappa), Committee on Awards  
 Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Northeast Regional Director
- 1964-66 Kathryn G. Hansen, Champaign (Xi), Publications and Publicity  
 Ila R. Lowry, East Alton (Alpha Eta), Program  
 Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Membership
- 1966-68 Kathryn G. Hansen, Urbana (Xi), Publications and Publicity  
 Dr. Vera Peacock, Carbondale (Alpha Kappa), Ad Hoc Committee on Recognition of Foreign Women Educators  
 Edna Earle Weld, Decatur (Beta Sigma), Scholarships  
 Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Membership Chairman

- 1968-70 Irene M. Herrmann, Rochelle (Alpha Alpha), Nominations  
Margaret M. Hill, Monmouth (Alpha Rho), Research  
Dr. Vera L. Peacock, Carbondale (Alpha Kappa), Advisory Committee  
Ruth Schneider, Farmer City (Tau), Leadership Development  
Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Recognition and Organization of Foreign Women Educators
- 1970-72 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Constitution  
Emilie U. Lepthien, Chicago (Beta Alpha), Subcommittee on World Fellowships  
Edna Earle Weld, Decatur (Beta Sigma), Membership Chairman  
Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Nominations
- 1972-74 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Northeast Regional Director  
Emilie U. Lepthien, Chicago (Beta Alpha), World Fellowships Chairman
- 1974-76 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Leadership Development Chairman  
Elsie V. Johnson, Glen Ellyn (Beta Kappa), Professional Affairs  
Dr. Lucile Klauser (Batell), Bloomington (Beta), Membership
- 1976-78 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), President, Finance, Awards Committee, Educational Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman, and ex officio member of all International committees except Nominations  
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation  
Ila R. Lowery, East Alton (Alpha Eta), Music Representative and Program
- 1978-80 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Revise Handbook Chairman  
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation
- 1978-80 Gertrude Mead, Aurora (Beta Theta), Program, Personal Growth and Services Chairman  
Thelma Theodore, Joliet (Gamma Theta), Membership  
Dr. Ruth Ann Wasson, Kingston (Zeta), Communications Chairman
- 1980-82 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Ad Hoc Committee to Study Regional Structure of the Society Chairman  
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, Constitution Interpretation, and Ad Hoc Committee to Codify Policies  
Thelma Theodore, Joliet (Gamma Theta), Insurance
- 1982-84 Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Constitution Chairman  
M. Josephine O'Neil, Edwardsville (Beta Eta), Insurance  
Susan Witte (Leahy), Rockford (Beta Gamma), Communications
- 1984-86 Dr. Gudelia Fox, Lombard (Gamma Sigma), Personal Growth and Services  
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Ad Hoc Committee on Constitution  
Irene Jinks, Park Ridge (Gamma Iota), Membership Chairman
- 1986-88 Loryann Eis, Moline (Beta Epsilon), Finance  
Irene Jinks, Park Ridge (Gamma Iota), Achievement Award  
Dr. Patricia Kubistal, Chicago (Kappa), Communications

- 1988-90 Irene Blatnik, Lockport (Beta Rho), Northeast Region Representative to U.S. Forum  
Loryann Eis, Moline (Beta Epsilon), Finance Chairman  
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Achievement Award  
Irene Jinks, Park Ridge (Gamma Iota), Northeast Regional Director  
Joan Kalbacken, Normal (Beta), Travel and Study  
Dr. Patricia Kubistal, Chicago (Kappa), Communications Chairman  
Thelma Theodore, Joliet (Gamma Theta), Membership
- 1990-92 Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Ad Hoc Committee to Study Committees and Regional Structure, and Constitution Interpretation  
Irene Jinks, Park Ridge (Gamma Iota), Nominations  
Thelma Theodore, Joliet (Gamma Theta), Membership Chairman
- 1992-94 Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation  
Irene Jinks, Park Ridge (Gamma Iota), Nominations  
Joan Kalbacken, Normal (Beta), Educational Foundation Board of Trustees  
Thelma Theodore, Joliet (Gamma Theta), Golden Gift
- 1994-96 Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation  
Joan Kalbacken, Normal (Beta), Educational Foundation Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman  
Barbara Peterson, Elgin (Gamma Xi), Leadership Development
- 1996-98 Christine Berto, Peoria (Nu), Scholarships  
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation  
Joan Kalbacken, Normal (Beta), Educational Foundation Board of Trustees
- 1998-00 Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation  
Patricia Ostewig, West Dundee (Gamma Xi), Travel and Study
- 2000-02 Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation  
Patricia Ostewig, West Dundee (Gamma Xi), Golden Gift
- 2002-04 Loryann Eis, Moline (Beta Epsilon), Insurance  
Georgia Hoskins, Hoopston (Alpha Iota), Northeast Region Representative to U.S. Forum  
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation  
Patricia Ostewig, West Dundee (Gamma Xi), Travel and Study Chairman  
Susan Young, Wadsworth (Beta Tau), Music Representative, Program, and Personal Growth and Services
- 2004-06 Christine Berto, Peoria (Nu), Membership  
Carol Hughes, Roanoke (Alpha Beta), Professional Affairs  
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and Constitution Interpretation

- 2006-08 Melinda Davis, Crystal Lake (Alpha Theta), Leadership Development
- 2008-10 Melinda Davis, Crystal Lake (Alpha Theta), Music Representative, Program, and Personal Growth and Services  
Antoinette Minuzzo, Lake Bluff (Alpha Nu), Nominations



### International Honorary Members

Dr. Edna Dean Baker	1947
Dr. Mary Ashby Cheek	1954
Dr. Frances Horwich	1956

### Lambda State Honorary Members 1935 - Present

Rebecca Caudill Ayars	1954	Lois C. Klein	1985
Margaret Culklin Banning	1944	Marian Lamet	1964
Muriel McClure Beadle	1963	Anna Ludlow	1953
Dr. Marion K. Bowles	1938	Virginia L. Marmaduke	1968
Mabel Carney	Pre-1950	Helen McCorkle	1960
Claire Goodsill Chandler	1951	Frances Meeks	1946
Bertha J. Chapman	1952	Evelyn Meine	1983
Eugenia Sheldon Chapman	1972	Fannie Spaits Merwin	1939
Dr. Mary Ashby Cheek	1940	Catherine A. Mulberry	1944
Marguerite Stitt Church	1955	Lottie Holman O'Neill	1953
Flora J. Cooke	1935	Dr. Mary Louise Newman	1961
Dr. Elizabeth Purdie Dame	1937	Mary Ross Potter	1944
Frances Dawson	1961	Charlotte Thompson Reid	1968
Dr. Ruth Dunbar Davee	1959	Sandra L. Rives	1990
Louise Gates Eddy	1955	Esther Richman Saperstein	1975
Elizabeth Fleming	1960	Marie Sheehe	1951
Virginia Fiester Frederick	1985	Anna Lois Shinn	1938
Marguerite Gilmore	1965	Dr. Maude Slye	1941
Lorraine Richards Green	1967	Celeste M. Stiehl	1975
Dr. Carolyn Grote	1935	Frayn Utley	1952
Mary Jeanne Hallstrom	1980	Nellie V. Walker	1941
Helen Hefferan	1940	Emma White	1939
Cora Heineman	1946	Judge Willie Whiting	1974
Marguerite Breithaupt Henry	1951	Maxine Woodruff	1950
Margaret Pope Hovey	1952	Louise Leonard Wright	1954
Ella Jenkins	1980		
Dorothy Johnston	1959		
Elizabeth Orton Jones	1946		
Carol K. Kimmel	1985		

## Did You Know?

On March 16, 1935, the 14 Lambda State Founders met at the Chicago Women's Club to organize the eleventh state in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Lambda State was the first state to be organized north of the Mason and Dixon line. The beautiful ceremony and inspiring talks set the stage for an enduring future for Lambda State.

Total state membership in 1936 was 107 from Alpha, Beta, Delta, Epsilon and Gamma chapters. In 1940, membership grew to 758 with 24 chapters.

In 1937, Lambda State President, Dr. Helen R. Messenger (Alpha), hosted the eighth National Convention in Chicago. There were 57 members from 21 states in attendance.

In October 1937, Song Book 2 included prize songs of 1932 and 1937. Margaret Taylor Shepard (Iota) composed *Onward!* which received the prize for the best song of a serious nature in the 1937 contest. It was adapted from the song *Land of Hope and Glory*.

As early as 1939, Lambda State included art exhibits at conventions. Ruth Blankmeyer (Iota) was chair of the art exhibit that year.

In 1939, the state sent a protest to the Illinois State Legislative Committee re: HB 536 which would have made it mandatory for any woman whose husband was earning \$1500 or more to be dropped from the payroll.

By April 1939, Illinois had 565 members, sixteen chapter honorary members, and sixteen state members. In five years Delta Kappa Gamma had established itself throughout the state with Alpha through Omega functioning; there remained only sixteen counties where no members had been secured.

In March 1, 1940, the state available fund amounted to \$333.37; the permanent fund, \$692.88; and the scholarship fund, \$1,181.79.

In 1940, Lambda State established the state treasurer's salary as 2% of the total amount of money she handled during the year.

The first state scholarship for \$50 was established in 1940 and named in honor of Dr. Helen Messenger (Alpha). In 1945, the amount was increased to \$150 and awarded to Helen Hill Fesler of Chi Chapter. The second scholarship was named for Erma F. Imboden (Beta) in 1948 and the third in 1949 for Katharine H. Obye (Zeta). Today the scholarships are presented in memory and honor of Lambda State's deceased state presidents and/or founders. There are two special scholarships. Dr. Emma Reinhardt (Gamma) bequeathed funds in 1973 for an annual scholarship stipulated for graduate study. A bequest by Emilie U. Lepthien (Beta Alpha) endowed a scholarship for the study of school administration. The Emilie U. Lepthien Scholarship was established in her memory and honor in 1998.

At the 1941 state meeting Elizabeth Russell (Beta) suggested a memorial service be conducted to honor deceased members. Four members were memorialized in 1945. The first definite memorial service was held at the state convention in 1951 with nine members honored. Personal eulogies were given at these early memorial services.

The 1941-42 Song Book 3 included the following entries: *Invocation – A Hymn for Delta Kappa Gamma – Words and Music* by Danelia Janssen (Nu), Class A – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 1941 contest; *Compensation – Dedicated to the Well-integrated Women of Delta Kappa Gamma* - Words and

Music by Danelia Janssen (Nu), Class A –1<sup>st</sup> place in 1942 contest; *Marching Song* – Words by Ethel M. Parkinson (Gamma) and Music by Alice Doll (Gamma); *A Pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma* - Words and Music by Mayme E. Irons (Gamma); and *Rhyming Grace* – Mellie John (Zeta).

The Lambda State Founders wrote many books and were prolific professional writers. These are just a few of the books they authored: Flora J. Cooke (Kappa), *Nature Myths and Stories*; Dr. Emma Reinhardt (Gamma), *American Education An Introduction*; Livia Y. Peterson (Eta), *Fair Wind*; Dr. Helen L. Koch (Kappa), *Twins and Twin Relations*; and Grace E. Storm (Kappa), *Child-Story Readers*, *Good Times Together* and other primary books in the series.

In the early 1940's Dr. Helen L. Koch (Kappa), Eloise P. Bingham (Lambda), and Mayme E. Irons (Gamma) published in *The Bulletin*. Lambda State members have continued to uphold this tradition by submitting articles, poems, and artwork for publication. *The Bulletin* celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010.

The *Newscaster* was started in December 1944. A contest was held to name the paper. Catherine Davis (Theta) was the winner. Her reason for submitting "Newscaster" was that the news was being cast throughout Illinois. The new name has been in effect since 1945.

In 1947, *Our Purpose*, a song written by Esther Samuelson (Alpha Epsilon) was sung at Initiation. The 1950 *Song Book 4* included *A Pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma* - Words and Music by Mayme E. Irons (Gamma) that was previously published in *Song Book 3* and the poem *A Teacher's Prayer* by Dorothy C. Harman (Pi).

In 1952, Katharine H. Obye (Zeta) was chair of the International Convention in Chicago. British Columbia, Canada, was the first state organization from outside the United States to be installed in the Society. The convention was held at the Hotel Congress with 1150 members in attendance.

By 1952, Lambda State Committee on Pioneer Women had contributed 62 biographies of Illinois pioneer women teachers to the National Committee on Pioneer Women.

In 1954, the state chairman of Selective Recruitment reported that a cause given for teachers leaving the profession was "undisciplined children from undisciplined homes."

The "big black book," later called "Data Manual," originated at the 1958 state executive board meeting. This began the official record keeping done by Executive Board members.

In 1960, Lambda State President Florence A. Cook (Alpha) served as chairman of the 25th Silver Anniversary Committee. A special "Anniversary Edition" of the *Newscaster* went to all members. *Precious Things* by Ruth Gebhardt Firth (Alpha Rho) received First Place as the Anniversary Song.

The 1960 *Song Book 6* included *Building Bridges* - Words and Music by Miriam Huelsmann (Gamma Zeta).

In 1962, the registration fee for the state convention was \$3. Other fees included: Birthday luncheon \$3.75; President's dinner \$5.50; and Founder's breakfast \$2.75.

In September 1962, International reported 1758 chapters. Illinois had 66 chapters at that time.

State President, Carolyn Wones (Zeta), was elected Northeast Regional Director in 1962. In 1963, Lambda State sent 62 members to the regional conference held at the Greenbriar Resort to support and honor her leadership.

In 1963, all 67 chapters were represented at the Lambda State Convention held at the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria. It had a record-breaking attendance of 560 members.

In 1976, the Lambda State Convention broke all records of attendance with 1013 members registered. The next highest year of attendance was 1985 when 810 members were registered at the convention to honor the 50th Anniversary of Lambda State.

In 1964, 71% of all Illinois chapters were represented at the Lambda State breakfast held in conjunction with the IEA Annual meeting in Chicago.

The International Educational Foundation was established in 1964. Lambda State donated \$1000 in memory of Katharine H. Obye (Zeta) to the Foundation. Illinois established the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. in 1984.

In 1964, the Lambda State Scholarships Committee changed from giving three \$300 scholarships to giving one \$1000 scholarship. It was named the Erma F. Imboden Scholarship in 1964, the Helen R. Messenger Scholarship in 1965, and the Katharine H. Obye Scholarship in 1966.

Lambda State awarded two Foreign Fellowships in 1964.

In 1971, one of the best-known Lambda State grants originated when a resolution was approved to assist a Native American girl in a program of education. Over a period of ten years, Lambda State contributed \$11,250 to Lou Ann Mitchell's education until she received her doctorate in 1981. In 1975, Mabel Starr, a Native American student, also received \$750.

Nadine Ewing (Rho), Northeast Regional Director in 1973, was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel during the regional festivities. Each attendee at the birthday luncheon received a horseshoe collected from around the state of Kentucky.

The 1977 Lambda State Convention featured songs composed by Lambda State members – *A Pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma* by Mayme E. Irons (Gamma), *We're Building Bridges* by Miriam Huelsmann (Gamma Zeta), *Positive Leadership* by Geraldine Selfridge (Gamma Theta), *I Believe, I Believe* by Mary Lucas (Beta Theta), and *Women Teachers Keep It Up* and *Moving Forward to '79* (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary song) both by Willie Viola Harris (Sigma).

Illinois hosted the 1978 International Convention chaired by International President Nadine Ewing (Rho), the 1993 Northeast Regional Conference, and the 2008 International Convention.

The first Arts Retreat was held in the fall of 1980. In 2009, the Women in the Arts Creative Arts Retreat celebrated its 30th anniversary.

At the March 1981 Lambda State Convention, the first M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award for \$2,000 was presented to Julia Fischer who was sponsored by Alpha Chapter. This award is presented biennially to a female college student(s) studying in the arts. From 1981-2009, \$60,500 has been awarded to 29 talented recipients.

From 1981-1983, the Lambda State Grant-in-Aid for \$1500 was awarded to young women in education at Eastern Illinois University. Upon the recommendation of the Personal Growth and Services Committee, this was changed during 1983-85 to state that recipients must be former chapter recruitment grant or grant-in-aid awardees and subsequently changed to also include former state

recruitment grant or grant-in-aid recipients. Since its inception in 1971, the Lambda State Grant-in-Aid Fund has awarded \$73,250 to individuals.

The original *Lambda State Bylaws* were adopted on April 16, 1983. Prior to this date, the governing document for our state organization was the *Lambda State Standing Rules*.

The Lambda State Achievement Award was established in 1984. Edna Earle Weld (Xi) was the first recipient.

Lambda State's first history book, *Out of a Dream*, was published to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1985. Volume II followed to share highlights of 1985-1995 and Volume III covered our history from 1995 to 2005. Betty Carbol (Beta Upsilon) designed the covers for each book and Past Lambda State President, Joan Kalbacken (Beta) wrote special poems to commemorate dreams and purposes of Lambda State.

Since 1980, Lambda State has had 26 International Golden Gift recipients and 6 Golden Gift Stipend recipients.

In 1999, the Lambda State Scholarships Committee began awarding study stipends as well as scholarships for professional growth of members. From 1945-2010, 340 scholarships totaling \$338,900 and 50 special studies stipends totaling \$24,464 have been awarded for a grand total of \$363,364 to 390 members.

State-to-State visits were initiated by the Lambda State International Projects Committee in 1987. The first was a trip to Iceland. Trips to Mexico were coordinated with International Travel and Study and the 2007 trip was planned in conjunction with the European Regional.

The Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies awarded its first stipend in 1987. A total of 177 stipends amounting to \$122,196.95 have been given to individuals and chapters during the past 22 years. The Foundation celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year of service in 2009.

The 1988 Lambda State Convention featured the songs *The Possible Dream* by Ellen Irwin (Alpha Mu) and *A Challenge* by Miriam Huelsmann (Gamma Zeta).

During 1989-91, the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies and the Professional Affairs Committee began selling crest watches as fundraisers for the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant Fund and the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi. Lambda State later sold "Chicago" watches, designed by Patricia Ostewig (Gamma Xi), to raise funds to support the 2008 International Convention hosted by Illinois.

During the 1990 state convention, Barbara Bush was recognized for her work promoting literacy and a special plaque sent to her at the White House. In 2001, the Lambda State Literacy Committee granted a literacy award to Oprah Winfrey.

In 1991, the first Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant for \$500 was awarded to Heather McDowell who was sponsored by Omicron Chapter. In 2009, Lambda State reached its goal to award a nominee from each of the six areas in Lambda State a \$1000 Florence a. Cook Recruitment Grant. From 1995-2010, Lambda State has awarded \$42,800 to 49 female high school seniors entering the field of education.

Joanne Willard (Alpha Tau) served in the National Guard and was stationed in Saudi Arabia in 1991 during Desert Storm.



In June 1991, the Professional Affairs Committee sponsored the first self-funded Leadership Management Seminar in Springfield with 55 members attending and 8 on the waiting list. The committee continues sponsorship of these seminars using the talents of Lambda State Golden Gift recipients as well as outside leadership consultants.

The position of state historian began during the 1991-93 biennium. Past Lambda State President Joan Kalbacken (Beta) was the first historian. Lambda State archival materials are housed in the Special Collections/Archives at Illinois State University, Normal.

In February 1995, the first legislative workshop entitled *How To Be An Effective Lobby Force for Education* was held in the Capitol in Springfield. The Legislation Committee continues to sponsor the annual Legislative Seminar, and since 1995 has awarded 49 Certificates of Appreciation to state and national legislators who have demonstrated support for education and women's issues. Lambda State had a Legislative Consultant-Advocate from 1991-1999.

In September 1995, the International Projects Committee chose Malawi as its International Project. Lambda State chapters have rallied and supported this project with funds that have provided many wells and educational supplies for the Marion Medical Mission.

In 1995, Lambda State had 101 chapters with 6040 members - 5343 active, 615 reserve, and 82 honorary.

Beginning in 1998, chapters receiving "Honor Chapter Status" according to criteria approved by the Lambda State Membership Committee, were awarded banners. In subsequent years, chapters that continued to attain the requirements would receive a ribbon to attach to this special banner.

At the 1998 Lambda State Convention, the Personal Growth and Services Committee introduced the "Giving Tree" that raised \$234. The Personal Growth and Services and Professional Affairs Committees have made the "Giving Tree" an annual event; contributions made in honor of past and current members support the Grant-in-Aid and the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant Funds.

Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) have been offered for state workshops and seminars since 1999. Many chapters are now offering these professional development units for their members.

Alfreda Chalberg (Eta), past Lambda State Treasurer, bequeathed \$254,027.16 to the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. in 2000.

The Lambda State website became officially linked with International in 2001. Ten chapters currently have official Society websites. Chapter Websites recognized by International include Beta (2004), Gamma (2006), Omicron (2005), Alpha Delta (2006), Alpha Rho (2005), Beta Epsilon (2002), Beta Eta (2005), Beta Rho (1999), Gamma Iota (2003), and Delta Epsilon (2001).

The Lambda State Literacy Committee has been recommending a book to read and has held a book discussion at each state convention since 2001. The first selection was While I Was Gone by Sue Miller and the 2010 selection is The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

In 2002, a traveling plaque was instituted and has been awarded to the chapter with the highest percentage of members at the state convention. Gamma Epsilon was the first recipient with 42% of its membership in attendance.

Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta), Lambda State President, composed a song *United in Purpose*. It was first sung at the Northeast Regional Conference in 2003 and later sung at the 2004 International Convention to commemorate the International Society's 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee.

Seventy-five Lambda State members attended the 2004 International Diamond Jubilee in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at which four Lambda State members were honored to receive \$1,000 Diamond Anniversary stipends.

Susan J. Young (Beta Tau), International Music Representative, conducted the Diamond Jubilee International Chorus of over 350 members at the 2004 International Convention.

The 2005 convention celebrated Lambda State's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and celebrated 25 years of the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award.

The Lambda State Literacy Committee collected 4568 books for the Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy programs at the 2006 state convention. UPS provided free shipping for these books to Illinois literacy grant recipients.

Stephanie Pace Marshall, recipient of the 2007 International Educator's Award for her book The Power to Transform: Leadership That Brings Learning and Schooling to Life, was the 2009 Lambda State Convention keynote speaker.

An "Initiation Grande" was held at the 2009 Lambda State Convention. Thirteen new members were welcomed into the Society at this beautiful ceremony.

In 2009-2010, Lambda State has 78 chapters and a membership of 3,552: Active - 3,167; Reserve - 316; Life - 11; and Honorary (state and chapter) - 58.

2010 commemorates the 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee of Lambda State, celebrating a biennium with members and chapters "Leading with the Heart."



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