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Important Dates

**State Conference/
Janet O'Neal Seminar**
New Castle, Indiana
Saturday, April 26

CCOT – Kokomo
June 12, 2014

CCOT – Bloomington
June 21, 2014

**DKG International
Convention**
J.W. Marriott
Indianapolis, IN
July 28 – Aug. 1, 2014

State Exec. Board Meeting
Noblesville – 10:00 am
Sept. 6, 2014

What Will You Say?

As the 2013–2014 biennium draws to a close, chapter nomination committees are charged with finding members willing to tackle leadership positions for the following years. Should you be asked to fill such a position, what will your reaction be? After all, our lives are already overburdened with demands on our time. No one wants just “one more” thing to do!

Alpha Gamma president **Olga Granat**, in her initial column for the 2011–2013 biennium, wrote:

When I joined Delta Kappa Gamma, I never aspired to be anything else other than a good member. Some years I did not even feel that I was able to do that, since I missed so many meetings, but in the last few years I was able to dedicate more time to serving our chapter. I started off by volunteering to print stickers and name tags. I then moved up to the newsletter and then the website. All of these were things that I was already doing in other areas of my life so it was not difficult; and it seemed that those things that I could do were helpful to our chapter.

When I was asked to serve as president, my first inclination was to say NO! My life is already too busy, I thought; how in the world could I take this on? Well, after much contemplation, I decided I should, I could, and I would. I should, because it's the right thing to do. This organization supports and involves one of the most important elements of our society, educators. I could, because of the wonderful executive board and members that are part of our chapter. I feel so blessed to be among such wonderful, supportive women. Which all led to... I would. I will work hard to do the best job I can and know that even though I am the “president”, what is really going to make a difference is an executive board that is already on task working hard to make sure that our chapter has a fantastic biennium.

Pascal Bailey, Kentucky's 1st vice president, commented in the January/February 2014 *Alpha Gamma State NEWS*:

I don't have to tell you that DKG is an excellent support network and can help strengthen your abilities. DKG is a nurturing society. You will receive all of the love, support, and training necessary to fulfill your duties and you won't have to rely on your own abilities exclusively... Do your part to sponsor new members, nominate officers, and serve when asked. This is the true foundation of our wondrous society and you will be richly rewarded.

Our own Indiana State convention in April, CCOT in June, and the International convention in July will all be opportunities to experience for yourself the camaraderie and support Delta Kappa Gamma has to offer. You won't be alone – and you'll wonder how you ever got along without it!



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

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It's time to nominate and elect new leadership for chapters. Many chapters are finding it increasingly more difficult to find members willing to take a leadership position. I know that your chapter will become frustrated if this is the predicament you find yourself in, but please don't think about dissolution. Call me and I will make a chapter visit and we will work together to see if we can work something out. Your liaison is available to help you as well. Please take a leap of faith and say yes when you are called to serve. We will offer you training at Kokomo and Bloomington in June. The groups are small enough to have personal attention, and I will stay afterwards to answer any additional questions you may have. Be confident in your abilities to be a leader and strengthen your chapter with your enthusiasm!

It's that time again. The Alpha Epsilon State Conference is coming in April. This is for *any* member! If you are leading at this time, we need *you* to come and actively participate in the decision-making process. We will be electing a State Treasurer, voting on changes to the standing rules, and looking at the proposed budget.

Delta Kappa Gamma is like any other organization in the sense that a member who gets involved will feel connected. The support is there for anyone wanting to make a difference in the lives of others as well as her own.

A breath of fresh air, to remind us to look beyond the snow...

Spring

*Today, there's reason for you to smile,
Look at the beauty around you,
The trees are green, flowers bloom.
Many colors of flowers are peeping through.
And look at the sky with its patches of blue!!!
Cardinals are busy building nests,
The robin sings a happy song,
The bluebirds are flying by,
And the noisy bluejay sings loud and long.
When Spring arrives at last,
And wintertime is through
Our spirits seem to soar,*

*We count our blessings, too,
So go out and enjoy the sunshine
Listen to the birds sing,
Be still and appreciate God's creations
Showing the signs of Spring!!
Author: Lila Dicken, member of Upsilon
Chapter, Alpha Gamma State (Kentucky);
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Have You Met Our Goal?

Sherry Watkins, 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair



Have you met our goal this year towards every member getting a new member? Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is a gift, and one of the important gifts is the legacy that has been passed down to us from our founders.

After teaching in public schools, founder Annie Webb Blanton joined the faculty of North Texas State Normal College where she authored textbooks and became the first woman to head the Texas State Teachers' Association.

She was elected as the first woman Texas State Superintendent of Public Instruction—the first woman to be elected to a statewide office in Texas. During her two terms she instituted the free distribution of textbooks, updated certification requirements, enhanced teachers' salaries, and improved rural education.

After completing her PhD, she taught at the University of Texas Austin the rest of her life. She became the third female faculty member there to become a full professor. In 1929 Annie founded Delta Kappa Gamma. She insisted members be “of strong personality, unimpeachable honor, unselfish nature and fine professional attitude.”

Our other founders also each left a legacy. Founder Lela Lee Williams led a march in Dallas for teacher pay increases. Founder Mamie Sue Bastion lobbied the Houston Representatives in order to get an education bill out of committee and onto the floor where it passed.

Founder Lalla M. Odom, having taught on a regular contract, refused a substitute contract after she married. She was instrumental in changing the practice of offering contracts only to unmarried women. These women—change agents—set the stage for the Society to be actively involved in the political/legislative process as well as to enhance education.

Can you imagine how proud Annie Webb Blanton and our other founders would be knowing that we now have approximately 85,000 members in 18 countries? Thank you for your willingness to become a member of our society and for your efforts in helping us be change agents for promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. By accepting the challenge of “everyone getting one” this year, we each continue Annie’s wonderful legacy by offering our gift of DKG membership to others.



*Annie Webb Blanton, founder of
Delta Kappa Gamma*

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International Projects: Educational Excellence and World Fellowship

Leslie Hamman, International Projects Chair

The current international projects – Schools for Africa, **Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE)** – fall under the umbrella of the Educational Excellence Committee. World Fellowship Grants fall under the umbrella of the World Fellowship Committee. At the state level, these fall under the umbrella of two committees: Educational Excellence and International Projects. Schools for Africa and World Fellowship ask for monetary donations while SEE involves our time and talents. Below is information from the DKG website as a glimpse into these projects and focuses.



Schools for Africa

Since 1997, DKG has supported UNICEF's work around the globe. Schools for Africa – a partnership between UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society – helps the most disadvantaged children in Africa to get a quality education. Because of DKG's support and the support of others, Schools for Africa benefits 5 million children by increasing access to education in 11 of Africa's neediest countries: Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

Supporting Early-career Educators

*In order to share the vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, and to strengthen our Society, the Educational Excellence Committee established **Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE)** as its second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City. **SEE** encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as*

- *giving support for phone calls and visits,*
- *helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,*
- *offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations; and*
- *providing support in appropriate and practical ways.*

Chapters and members during the 2012-2014 biennium have been asked to keep records of the ways they are supporting early-career educators and the hours members spent on this project. This form can be found on the DKG website.

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World Fellowship

The World Fellowship Program began in 1946 as a project to aid women in war-torn countries. To date more than 858 women from over 117 countries have received fellowships to enable them to pursue advanced study in the United States and Canada. Women chosen for World Fellowship grants in 2013-2014 received \$4,000 (U.S.) grants for graduate study at universities in Canada and the United States.

Communications & Publicity Committee

As we begin the new year, the Communications/Publicity Committee wants you to be aware that unauthorized use of pictures, poems, cartoons, or anything copyrighted on a website or in a publication is illegal. An individual or group can be sued. When possible, use images that have been created by one of your members. There are also websites that offer images. Follow their instructions, since some grant use only if you acknowledge them.

- <http://freedigitalphotos.net/>
- <http://pixabay.com/>
- <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Images>

For more information about what you can use on your website or in publications, follow this link:

<http://legal123.com.au/how-to-guide/copyright-infringement-myths-vs-facts-infographic/>

Recognition Due to Local Media

Penny Schaefer, International Convention Publicity Chair

Let your voice be heard! Make a difference in your community. Chapters and individuals have the opportunity to nominate outstanding local media sources for their contributions to education.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will recognize radio and television stations, newspapers, and related websites that provide outstanding coverage in the state of Indiana. Those selected will receive the Excellence in Media Award at the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis.

The nomination form can be found on page six. It also is available on the Alpha Epsilon State (Indiana) website. The deadline for submitting nominations is May 1, 2014.

Let your voice be heard for a local media outlet that speaks with distinction for education.

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Excellence in Media Award

2014 Nomination Form

Publication/Station Name: _____

Website Address: _____

Media Contact Information:

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____

Office

Cell Phone

Other

Address: _____

Street, Route, P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Guidelines for 2014 Excellence in Media Award:

For all categories, enclose this entry form with two samples of educational coverage from the publication, broadcast, or website. Include a description of overall strategy to cover education. Submissions may be paper, CD, or flash drive. For confirmation of receipt of the materials, enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard. **All forms must be received by May 1, 2014.**

Check all appropriate categories:

☐ Newspaper ☐ Television ☐ Radio ☐ Website

Description of Educational Coverage: In 250 words or less, describe your nominee's strategy for implementation of educational coverage (i.e., regularly assigned education reporters, frequency of educational coverage, special programs/recognition/awards, political implications and impact, community awareness, efforts to cover both feature and news stories, editorial comments, etc.).

Why is this media outlet worthy of recognition by an international organization of women educators?

Nominated by: _____ (____) _____
 (Please print/type name) E-mail Preferred Phone



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE
ALPHA EPSILON STATE CONFERENCE
SOUTH MEMORIAL DRIVE CHURCH OF GOD, NEW CASTLE
APRIL 26, 2014

Registration/Sign In	7:00-10:00	Community Room
Continental Breakfast	7:00-8:15	Fellowship Hall
DKG Store	7:30-12:15	Fellowship Hall
Memorial Service	8:30	Sanctuary
Opening Session/Board Meeting	9:00	Fellowship Hall
Janet O'Neal Seminar	10:15-12:00	Session Rooms
Personal/Professional Growth Sessions	10:15-12:00	Session Rooms
Entertainment (Lunch to follow)	12:30-12:50	Fellowship Hall
Lunch	12:50-1:30	Fellowship Hall
Keynote Speaker: Glenda Ritz Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction	1:30-2:00	Fellowship Hall
Finish Business	2:00-3:30 (goal)	Fellowship Hall
Turn in evaluations, please.		Fellowship Hall
Note: Poster Display will be scheduled.		



Red Roses for New Members

Alpha Chapter held its initiation in November for three new members: shown are (l-r) Leana McClain & Shirley Mingee, initiation chairs; Gayla Klingelhoffer, initiate; Lois Vogel, Alpha Epsilon state president; Sheila Henry, initiate; Mary Samuelson, Alpha chapter president; and Maxine Barnes, initiate.



Janet O'Neal Seminar April 26, 2014 Goals and Objectives

The 2014 Janet O'Neal Seminar at the DKG State Conference will provide participants with the opportunity to improve their iPad skills and learn ways to use the iPad to help with day-to-day activities. Below is a preliminary agenda for the sessions:

Session 1

- 1st half – iPad features and functions
- 2nd half – introduction to iCloud, iTunes, etc.

Session 2

- 1st half – “A Day in the Life of an iPad” – Applications for day-to-day activities.
- 2nd half – Partnering activity to search for and share useful applications.

Email to reserve spot: rachelet@rcs.k12.in.us

Limited to the first 30 requests.

Select which session 1, 2 or both.

Include whether or not you will bring your own device (iPad or iPhone).

Denise Selm, Kappa, has been a Business and Technology teacher at Richmond High School in Richmond, Indiana for the past 12 years. She is an adjunct faculty member and a certified dual credit instructor for Ivy Tech Community College Richmond. She is a member of the RHS Leadership team and instructs a variety of Professional Development sessions for teachers in the areas of content literacy and technology. Denise was the 2013 Richmond High School Teacher of the Year, the 2013 Richmond Community Schools Teacher of the Year and a Top 3 Finalist for the 2014 Indiana Teacher of the Year.

Andrea Van Meter, Kappa, has been an Earth Science teacher at Richmond High School in Richmond, Indiana for the past 5 years and prior to that a 7/8th grade teacher at Dennis Middle School also in Richmond for 2 years. She is a member of the RHS Leadership team and helps provide professional development for the staff on various topics involving literacy, a member of the Kick-Off Mentor program for all incoming freshman students, and this year's Junior Class sponsor. Andrea was the 2012 Secondary Teacher of the Year at Richmond Community Schools.



Technology Tip:

When working on a MS Word document on a PC, you can use the *Thesaurus* by highlighting a word and pressing Shift + F7. If you are reading a document and want to *jump to the beginning*, press Ctrl + Home. To *jump to the end*, press Ctrl + End.

Brought to you by the Communications and Publicity Committee

APRIL STATE CONFERENCE AT NEW CASTLE*Professional / Educational / Personal Growth Sessions**Saturday April 26, 2014***Session I 10:15 – 11:00****Simple Art Projects to Do with your Students, Kids, or Grandchildren**

Presenter: Carole Williams

The presenter will demonstrate various art projects she taught on her visit to a Chinese school.

If Reading is Fun and Fundamental, Why Can't I Read this?

Presenter: Madeline Marcella Garvin

The presentation is an overview of censorship as well as the effect censorship has on the acquisition of knowledge and an instructor's freedom to educate.

The President's Promise

Presenter: Lois Vogel

This session provides an open invitation to chapter presidents and newly elected chapter presidents for the next biennium. Questions and concerns will be addressed.

Session II 11:15 – 12:00**My Chinese Teaching Experience**

Presenter: Jitka Nelson

The program will cover information about a one month long teaching experience at the Honghu Pond Primary School in Jinhua, China. A PowerPoint presentation will provide information historical background, educational system, cultural exchange and sightseeing.

We Can Do This!

Presenters: Kaaren Rodman and Faye Peter

"How does one turn around a chapter from slow death to vibrant life?" Participants in this workshop will be introduced to strategic action planning and will learn how to use it to proactively plan for the vibrant future of their chapters. Participants will leave with the materials and resources they will need to complete their action plans within their chapters.

Art and the Kindergartner

Presenter: Jenny Kinser

The PowerPoint presentation would show how famous art would be used to inspire children's art work in the classroom.

Strategic Action Planning for Chapters? "We Can Do This!"

*Kaaren Rodman, Omega
SAP Committee Chairman*

The Strategic Action Planning Committee would like to invite chapter presidents and all DKG members interested in proactive planning to attend our conference workshop on strategic action planning for chapters. If you have had concerns recently about the overall health of your chapter, we can get you started on creating a plan to restore its good health and to take steps toward future success. As a participant, you will learn the process of strategic planning on a scale that is relevant for chapters, and you will leave the workshop with materials, resources and the experience that will enable you to complete the process with a small committee back at home. Concerns that we all have for our chapters can be addressed by frank conversations and proactive planning. Let's get started at the workshop. "We can do this!"

White Roses
A life that touches others goes on forever...

Gamma

Lucille Corwin
 January 18, 2014
 Niles, Michigan

Mu

Brenda Ann Briggs
 January 22, 2014
 Vevay

Rho

Nancy Nordmann
 November 6, 2013
 Crown Point

Tau

Charlotte G. Boulton
 December 8, 2013
 Nashville

Alpha Theta

Ester Voss
 October 16, 2013
 Shelbyville

Alpha Zeta

Lois May Eis
 December 10, 2013
 North Manchester

Beta Gamma

Sally Bowman
 December 12, 2013
 Indianapolis

Gamma Mu

Thelma Shroyer
 November 28, 2013
 Monticello

Gamma Omicron

Joyce Salyers
 January 8, 2014
 North Vernon

Gamma Tau

Trudy Ann Reynolds
 December 24, 2013
 Norman

Chapter Presidents

Report of the Death of a Member (Form 6) should be prepared by the chapter president immediately upon the death of a member. Copies are to be sent to International (mem@dkg.org); State Treasurer (sarabeth@marcinko.net); and to the State Membership Chairman (sherryindy3@aol.com).

Hoosier DKG Members in the News

Pi Chapter's Stacia Kinman received a \$491.96 grant from the Public Education Foundation of Evansville, Inc. Her project funds a "Take-Home Book Library" in an effort to build literacy at the family level.
Congratulations, Stacia!



Alpha Phi members became Twister Sisters for a day! They show off their balloon creations made as part of the Ballooning Program that followed the February meeting. **Sheila Rearden** shared how ballooning is used as a ministry at Tell City First United Methodist Church and then instructed members present on how to make several creations.

Debbie Neyhouse
Alpha Phi President

Did you know ...

that DKG members can earn Professional Growth Plan (PGP) points towards license renewal at chapter and state level meetings and conferences?

Professional growth experience points are calculated as one PGP for 1 clock hour of the activity, based on (but not limited to) a specific list of activities (see chart below). Check with your chapter Professional Growth Committee chair regarding your chapter programs. State activities for which PGP points can be earned are indicated on the Alpha Epsilon State website: www.deltakappagamma.org/IN

A total of 90 PGP points are required for submission, and you can keep track of your own points through your LVIS (Licensing Verification and Information System) account. (See the IDOE website for details on setting up your account.)

Yet another reason to introduce your co-workers to the benefits of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma!

Personal Growth/Professional Affairs Committee
Angie Schonberger, Beta Alpha
Carol Winterholter, Alpha Zeta
Barb Buroker, Alpha Zeta, Chair

Thank you so much to **Sheila Baker** for the kind words and article about the Fall Arts Retreat 2013 (December, 2013 HN.) Please join Angie, Carol and me at the next FAR in 2015!

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PLAN EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTATION

The professional growth experience points shall be calculated with (1) clock hour qualifying for (1) professional growth experience point based on, but not limited to, the following activities:

OPTIONS	SAMPLE VERIFICATION	CRITERIA
In-Service Credit	*In-service Credit Approval slip *Course Attendance slip	*In-service may be verified by the school district
Professional Conference/ Workshop/Institute	*Certificate of attendance or completion	*May only include time spent at the conference, workshop or institute
Mentoring New Teacher, School Service or Administrator	*Letter from supervisor	* Must be mentoring a new teacher, school service or administrator
Cooperating Teacher of a Student Teacher, undergraduate field experience or practicum	*Letter from higher ed institute	*Student teacher/undergraduate must be from a state approved higher ed prep program
Presentation	*Letter from supervisor	*Must include only actual time preparing and presenting a professional course, workshop or presentation and be present for the initial event.
Curriculum Development	*Letter from supervisor	* Must be serving on a formal committee organized by local school, district state, national or international agency
Professional Programs/Committees	*Letter from supervisor	*Must be serving on a formal committee organized by local school, district state, national or international agency
School Accreditation Activities/School Improvement Process	*Letter from supervisor	*Must be a chairperson or an active member of listed Committee or other Committee with similar duties.
College Credit 1 credit hour =15pts	*Official transcripts	*Must be earned from an accredited college or university
Educational Publication/Educational research	*Copy of publication/research	*Must contribute to the profession or add to the body of knowledge in the individual's specific field. *Must be commercially published OR formally approved OR formally published by a recognized state or National agency or organization.
Other	*Letter from supervisor	*Professional growth experiences that improve curriculum knowledge, instructional skill, class management skills, or any other professional growth experiences.

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Penny Schaefer, Publicity Chair

The 2014 Excellence in Media Award

You already have received updates about the 2014 International Convention to be held in Indianapolis in July. You have been encouraged to participate both for your own personal and professional development and as hostesses to the convention attendees.

You now have an opportunity to nominate outstanding Hoosier newspapers, television or radio stations, even related websites that have championed the role of education. The selected media outlets will be recognized at the Celebration Luncheon on Wednesday, July 30th during the convention.

Inside this issue of your state newsletter is the application form (p.6) plus an article explaining the award (p.5). You also can download this information from the state website at www.deltakappagamma.org/IN.

Deadline for submitting nominations is May 1, 2014. Speak up for a local media outlet that stands up for education!

