

Alpha Gamma State NEWS



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KENTUCKY

Fall 2012

NYC

Kentucky was 19 strong in New York City for the DKG International Convention. As individuals and a group we maneuvered our way through the city taking tours, attending Broadway shows, sampling the local cuisine, and of course attending the DKG sessions hosted in the Sheraton.

Our first general session was set in motion with the traditional flag presentation. With much anticipation, the Kentucky delegation looked forward to our very own Tori Murden McClure, who was the keynote speaker for this initial general session. She had inspired us at SER and once again made us proud as she gave a rousing presentation on her life's adventures, most notably the Atlantic Ocean crossing that led to her book, "A Pearl in the Storm."

Many of our delegation were participants in varied activi-

ties through out the convention. Pam Manker, Judy Ihrig, and



Kentucky

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Kentucky Delegation: Jane Thompson, President; Karen Martin, First Vice President; Kathy Zwanzig, Recording Secretary; Joyce Miller, Treasurer; Susan Cross, State Editor; Judy Ihrig, US Forum Liaison; Donna Smith Goodin, Ramona Jeffries, and Sandy Smith, Past State Presidents; Lisa Cain, Tina Shawler, Priscilla Roberts, Beth Pyle, Jan Farley, Ellen Allen, Pam Manker, and Karin Edgington.

Priscilla Roberts devoted many hours in practice sessions for the convention chorus. Beth Pyle was a presenter of a workshop, "The Design of Education Must Include Quality Physical Education."

Ramona Jeffries, member of the Non-Dues Revenue Committee, also was a workshop presenter for her International Committee.

The Kentucky delegation was pleased to welcome sisters from several states and countries to our "Tidbits of Kentucky" reception including our Japanese sisters who were in attendance at the convention.

Many Kentucky sisters were honored with their names in the program for National Board recognition and as scholarship recipients.

The Ceremony of Remembrance was a reverent and inspiring time to reflect on the memories we have of our members who have died since the last convention.

While we were in NYC we proudly walked the streets with our red scarves even though we were preempted by the Olympics on NBC's Today Show.



We Are What They Were Then *Embracing Our Vision; Designing Our Future*

Congratulations to each of you for an exciting and visionary Fall Workshop!!!!!! If you haven't heard, we had **112 Registrations**. Did you say 112? Yes, I said 112. We broke a record. A special thanks to Jonna Smith, Mary Evans, Beth Pyle, Marion Napier, and all of the other Delta Chapter members who worked so diligently for so long on making it happen. A very special thanks goes to Virginia Mutchler for coming, participating, and for being Ms. DKG. And, to Rosemary Weddington for manning the 75th Anniversary table to help raise funds for our big blow out celebration at the 2013 State Convention.

Speaking of the 2013 State Convention: it will be held in

Lexington, KY, April 5 – 7 at the **Hilton Lexington Suites at Lexington Green**. For those of you who have been there before, it is the same hotel located near Fayette Mall (shopping, shopping, shopping) and the book store (a favorite haunt of each DKG member). Come early on Friday and discover what we have planned for you. Beta, Omicron, Phi, Pi, and Alpha Alpha will be our hostess Chapters for this grand event. Due to other Lexington events – UK basketball, high school basketball, and Keeneland, **YOU SHOULD CALL AND RESERVE YOUR ROOM ASAP**. Paige says we can add rooms if we do in the very, very near future. After that, there is no guarantee as this hotel is sold out all spring. The phone number is **859-271-4000**. We are trying to have all of the rooms on the second floor; however, Sandy and I have booked rooms on the first floor for our reception to be close to vendors and other exciting, purposeful, and personally fulfilling events. All are suites. One suite, unless it has been taken, has a roll in shower. Most suites have a pull out sofa, but a couple have a conference table set up. Most rooms are 2 double beds, but some have a king size bed. Tell them you want the DKG Alpha Gamma State rate. If you have diffi-

culty, but you won't, ask for Paige Thompson.

Question: **Have you invited a young career educator to a Chapter meeting?** Did they say, "I would love to, but I don't have time." Or, "I have so many things going on right now, I just cannot add one more thing." Or maybe, "Money is just too tight right now." And finally, "After being at school all week and going to all of the parent, school, and administrative meetings during the week, I don't want to go to any more meetings on Saturday." (or whenever your chapter meets) They are stressed out beyond the imagination of many of you who have not had to undergo the changes Kentucky teachers have to make currently. There is Common Core, CIIITS, Standards Based Grading, Rigor, Relevance, LDC modules, Program Review, etc. Not to mention full classrooms with little assistance due to budget restraints. Well picture this scenario: 110 kids in 4 class periods, 30 IEPs to monitor within those 4 class periods, every planning period but a handful are taken up with ARC meetings, team meetings, observation meetings, and parent meetings over a nine week period of time.

DELTA CHAPTER

Delta Chapter held the first meeting of the year at Lost River Cave on August 25. Officers for the biennium were installed. A new member, Michele Wilson, was initiated. Members worked on final details of hosting the fall workshop to be held at Warren Central High School on September 7-8, 2012. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by those in attendance.



On Friday, September 7, Delta ladies welcomed more than 100 Alpha Gamma members from across the state to the Fall Workshop. Everyone enjoyed a delicious snack supper (with sandwiches prepared on homemade bread) and catching up with friends across the state and



meeting new members. Many members learned how to make paper beads and folding napkins in unique shapes during



the evening. Also, many vendors set up to sell their varied crafts and wares so Alpha Gamma members could enjoy shopping without leaving the school cam-



pus.

Saturday was filled with a wide variety of workshops that were enjoyed



by all members. Not only were the officers' workshops offered, there were opportunities to learn how to make quick, simple, delicious desserts, how to stay fit, and a book study of Poisonwood Bible. A former FBI agent informed members how to protect themselves from cybercrime and many chose to learn about how Warren County Schools have implemented the book, The Leader in Me, in the classroom. The day concluded with a luncheon and a guest speaker, Janet Burks, inspiring us all.



ZETA CHAPTER

The Zeta Chapter of DKG met on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club. It was a great time of fellowship while conducting society business.

Zeta discussed our vendor table at the spring conference and fall workshop. Hopefully we have come up with a wonderful idea that all sisters throughout the state will LOVE.

Some permission is needed from International before we can proceed but we're really excited about our possible venture. The money we collect from these sales is used to fund our two Grant In Aids.

After our business meeting we enjoyed a lovely lunch and then had a very inspirational program. We all learned how to "Live Life to the Fullest." We must remember: "When faced with a mountain, I will not quit! I will keep striving until I climb over, find a pass through, tunnel underneath or simply stay and turn the mountain into a gold mine, with God's help." ~ Robert Half



ETA CHAPTER

In May 2012 Eta Chapter hosted a meeting jointly attended with Chi and Omega Chapters at Olive Garden Restaurant in Paducah.

Following the welcome by Chris Krueger, Eta President, the chapter grant-in-aid recipients were recognized. Cameron Byrd, a Lone Oak High School senior was Eta Chapter's selection. While in high school he exhibited leadership qualities in both academics and in extracurricular activities. He received an academic scholarship to Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois where he is majoring in secondary education and playing football. Cameron will make a great role model for the students he teaches in the future. We were pleased to have him and his mother as our guest in the meeting.

Members of the three chapters were honored to have Alpha Gamma State President Jane Thompson as our guest and speaker. She was introduced by Charlotte Benton, Omega President.

In addition to her speaking, she installed the 2012-2014 chapter officers. Eta chapter's 2010-2012 officers have consented to serve during the new biennium. They are, as follows: President: Chris Krueger; First Vice President: Ann Rushing; Corresponding Secretary: Jane Rutter; and Recording Secretary: Brenda Metzger. Nancy Johnston will continue to serve as the chapter treasurer.

In July Chris was interviewed on Paducah's WPSD-TV station. She commented on her love for teaching and for Paducah Middle School where she has taught for more than 25 years. She has been the assistant principal there for a number of years. Paducah's middle school will be in a new building in the fall of 2013.

Chris plans to continue teaching this year in the current building, then retiring following one year in the new school.

Our 2012-2013 schedule of programs begins with a by-laws workshop in October. In November, Eta and Omega Chapters will meet jointly with "First Day Out". Heidi Surkeinrich of Paducah Cooperative Ministries will lead a tour of the Fresh Start Building. December will take us back to the home of Ann Rushing for our Christmas party. In March we will again be participating in the One Book, One Campus, One Community

Read. Then closing out the year, the members will attend a birthday celebration at the home of Chris Krueger.

We are looking forward to an exciting year!

KAPPA CHAPTER

The Kappa sisters are still excited about our May 3, 2012, ceremony for initiation at Pennyriple Forest State Park. Our six new sisters are:

Barbara Barr
Beth Dillingham
Susan Edington
Joyce Kunnecke
Kathy Parsons
Karen Wolcott



Secretary Janet Wyatt presided over the moving and meaningful ceremony and presenting new membership certificates. The most significant single event in our chapter for several years, this has renewed our enthusiasm for Delta Kappa Gamma.

Our September 20 meeting was at the Country Cupboard Restaurant in Madisonville. Jeanie Barnett was presented the President's gavel by Past President Charlene Arvin. She was also presented a gift as a reminder of our commitment to support and encourage her during her term of office.

Ruby Sneed and Charlene Arvin had attended the Alpha Gamma State Fall Leadership Workshop in Bowling Green on September 8, 2012, and they reported on the conference to the membership. The con-



ference challenged us to make our Kappa Chapter a more inviting place for people to belong.

It was with great pleasure that we recognized three Kappa sisters for forty-three years of active participation and service. They are:



Dot Cochaan
Elsie Hollander
Kerby Parish

Each of these sisters was given a framed certificate, a gold pin and a red memory box containing two red roses. One rose represented their memories of Delta Kappa Gamma for the past forty-three years. The other represented their future memories as they continue their active participation in Kappa Chapter. Congratulations!

Peggy Stirsmann presented us with an interesting and informative program initiative called "Celebrate Literacy." This is an initiative of Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear. We will be involved in this project for the next two years by donating books for the Birdhouse Libraries and providing meals to parents and children attending one evening of "Prime Time Family Reading Program." We will probably be supporting the project in other ways as the needs become apparent.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Lambda Hosted by Harlan Members

Lambda Chapter had its first meeting of the 2012- 2014 biennium in Harlan, Kentucky on September 22nd. Tables were set with a fall theme. Guests were welcomed by members in Harlan. The meeting was called to order by President Mary Lou Connor at 10:00 a.m. Susan Slusher led the pledge to the flag and shared a meditation before the program.

Donna Cox brought the program. She is an Associate Professor at Southeast Community College. She explained the successful 4-H program that is being carried on in the Harlan City Schools and the Harlan County Schools. Katelyn Skidmore and Hailey Helton, youth leaders from Harlan High School and Harlan County Schools, spoke about their time in 4-H and the influence it had on their lives. They explained that every child in Harlan County was included in the 4-H program each year. 6,000 tomato plants are handed out to the students each year to be tended by the children. They explained that the 4th -5th grade students are considered 4-Hers. The Cloverbud Club is for younger children. The children take part in a window seal garden and take part in a Chickubator allowing children to see the progress of chicks in the egg from embryo to hatch. Many other classes are offered the children from Environmental issues to Safety. The older students get to participate in a Reality Store choosing jobs they are interested in. They get to take part in keeping a job and taking care of their money. They are given monthly income based on their GPA.

Following the program a business meeting was lead by President Connor. Minutes were handed out and approved. A treasurer's report and budget were presented. Harlan County will choose the two Corean Wells Scholarship recipients this year. Discussion was presented concerning the revision of By Laws which will be due next spring (2013). Susan Slusher will be working on those and has asked for volunteers to help in that revision. Our October 20 meeting will be

held in London. Initiates will be presented for membership at that time. Voting will be done by electronic means for the first time and those without computers will be mailed a ballot. Initiate information and application should be in to Susan Slusher by the first week in October. It was brought to the attention of the members that KET is asked to cut their funding for this coming year. Lambda will have an event at the October meeting to make money to send to KET. All members are urged to come with money in hand for this event.

Marilyn Schraeder, our current Secretary, of Harlan brought her Mussetts to sing three songs and the meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. Door prizes were given out and members enjoyed going through the lunch line and eating together.



Mu Chapter members at the Fall Workshop: Susan Cross, Ramona Jeffries, Dot Graham, Shelia Wilkinson, Jane Bailey, Toni Perry, Melanie Van Tassel, Nora Sweat, Angie Isaacs, Lin Linder, Lois Pierce, Laura Pierce Foster and Pascal Bailey. Not pictured: Sue Story and Patsy Young.



Mu Chapter members who were vendors at the 2012 Fall Workshop.



Congratulations. . . Star of the Southeast

Xi member, Tina Shawler was honored at The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention held in New York City.

She was chosen to represent Kentucky as a Star of the Southeast Region. Tina has worked quietly behind the scenes on many chapter, state and regional projects. Kentucky State president, Jane Thompson said as she awarded this honor, "Tina is always there with a smile and says, Just tell me what you need and I'll do it."

We are lucky to have an inspirational star like Tina in Alpha Gamma State. Ask to see her beautiful star pin. She proudly wears it on her DKG ribbon badge.

XI CHAPTER

Xi Chapter sisters were adorned with festive hats for our May meeting. Since this was the last meeting of the biennium, Xi sisters took a moment to reflect upon our Strategic Action Plan. We discussed our chapter goals and next steps needed to attain each goal. Two of our grant in aid recipients attended this meeting as well. These delightful, talented young ladies shared their plans for the future with us. **Sheila Renn, Lisa Cain, Cindy McNary-Atchison, Debbie Duffy and Kathy Zwanzig** were installed as our new officers. Five members of Xi Chapter headed to New York City to attend the International Convention. Our own member, **Tina Shawler**, was named Kentucky's Star of the Southeast at the Southeast Regional breakfast. Tina we are so proud of you.

In August we met at the home of **Alice Brandon**. Alice has a lovely home with a beautiful view from her glass enclosed porch. Xi sisters brought homemade dinner items to share as we met, enjoyed each others' company and communed with nature (without the insects). One of Xi Chapter's service projects is to fill Xi Love bags with resources for early career educators. Members brought donations to the meeting assist with this project. Many Xi chapter members attended the Fall Workshop held in Bowling Green this September. We had a booth in the vendors' hall to help raise funds for our grant-in-aid program. Handmade items were donated by **Kathy Zwanzig** and **Sandy Smith** for this booth. Xi Chapter would like to extend a big thank you to **Delta Chapter** for hosting the Fall Workshop. It was lovely and well organized. The food was wonderful and the DKG keychain given as a favor at the luncheon was a fabulous surprise. We are looking forward to our October meeting where a local artist will teach us how to create paper beads.

RHO CHAPTER

Eighteen members of Delta Kappa Gamma Rho Chapter met on March 10, 2012. Linda Edds provided the meditation entitled, "The Teacher Who

Made a Difference by Using the Right Words." After a delicious breakfast that was provided by the members, an informative program was provided by Marcia Carpenter, College and Career Coordinator for the Daviess County School System. Ms. Carpenter gave an overview of a recently established program that works with 8th graders entitled "Lead the Way." This job-career academy program works in conjunction with the Owensboro Economic Council and students from Daviess and Hancock Counties introducing them to careers/jobs within the areas of engineering, health care, arts/theater, and business entrepreneurship.

During the member spotlight, Julie Reed shared her thoughts about "teaching never ends." On April 14, 2012, twenty five members of Rho Chapter met to hear Vicki Riley give a meditation from a book by Beth Moore relating how Jesus was teacher. Following a delicious breakfast, our state President, Jane Thompson presented healthy chapter awards to President Pam Burns for Rho Chapter in the areas of state convention attendance, participating in World Fellowship, initiation of new

members, had a minimum of four meetings annually, participation in volunteer hours, participated in schools in Africa, submitted a necrology report, submitted the President's report, provided a visual display at a state convention, and provided an updated membership directory. President Thompson also updated the members on the importance of membership and various changes within the Alpha Gamma State that had been initiated during her term of office. An installation service for the elected officers for the 2012-2014 biennium followed. The officers are : President-Shelia Iglehart, First Vice President-Jna

Beth Francis, Second Vice President-Julie King, Recording Secretary-Sharon Gieselman, Corresponding Secretary-Jodie Brackett, Treasurer-Stephanie Whitaker, and Parliamentarian-Pam Burns.



UPSILON CHAPTER

Upsilon Members Gain New Members and Make Memories

Someone has anonymously written, "...in the end, all that really matters isn't the things you did, but what its effects are today, not the knowledge you have learned, but how you applied it, not the words that you said, but how they made you feel, and most of all, not the memories of occurrence, but how it's now just a part of our memory. Everyday, we make memories. Let's paint them with happy ones." That statement aptly applies to the members of the Upsilon Chapter of Northern Kentucky as they are busy about much good business!

For instance, Upsilon members recently inducted Nicole Coppes, Charlotte Depew, Cheryl Eovaldi, and Pam Thomas at our May meeting, and these quality ladies bring a lot to the table not only with their talents, but also with their teaching experience. Nicole and Pam are still actively teaching, and Cheryl and Charlotte are recently retired. We gladly welcome them, and our members hope to increase our membership with 5 more members before next May.

In addition, new officers have taken their places, and they were off and running at the first fall meeting at Barleycorn's in Cold Spring, KY, September 15. Pam Manker, President; Karin Edgington, First VP; Brenda Staggs, Second VP; Elizabeth Mizer, Secretary; Linda Mauser, Corresponding Secretary; Karen Martin, Treasurer, and Priscilla Roberts, Parliamentarian, presented news and challenges to the 20 members who were present. Pam, assisted by Karin, Karen, and Judy Ihrig, our U.S. Forum representative, gave an informative orientation presentation about our society that was not only a good review for veteran members, but also a good tool for the new members.

Furthermore, Priscilla Roberts challenged the members, once again, to get involved in the third annual "Chalk, Walk, Talk" activity that will take place at a new venue this year. Laura Kalpas, Administrator for the Main Street Baptist Christian School, in Alexandria, KY, assisted by Nicole Coppes, Director of Pre-school and Kindergarten at Main

Street, worked to obtain the wonderful facilities for the walk. Members are very grateful, especially for Laura, who worked out all the details to obtain the use of the facility. For the past 2 years, the Upsilon sisters have raised, along with their silent auction in November, over \$5,000 to provide scholarships and grant-in-aide money for deserving future teachers, as well as to send middle school students to summer academic camps at Northern Kentucky University.

Thus, on October 13, members and friends will gather at Main Street Christian School, starting at 9:00 a.m. for registration, a continental breakfast, fun activities before the walk, the walk, and then return after the walk for prizes. We've set a goal of \$2,000 again this year, but hope to go over that!

Another great event that took place was the DKG International Convention in New York City where 2,100 delegates from across the United States and 17 chapters internationally met to enjoy tremendous speakers, workshops, activities, tours, and entertainment. Among those delegates were Karin Edgington, Judy Ihrig, Pam Manker, Karen Martin, and Priscilla Roberts, who were fortunate enough to be there, and the memorable events they shared will linger in their minds forever. What a privilege it is to be a part of this exciting society and to be a part of all the noble work involved.

Finally, Upsilon salutes its long time members, some with 40 years, some with 30, some with 25, some with 15, and they are: Mary Barker, Lila Dicken, Lois Foutch, Carol Goad, Justina Graziani, Shirley Green, Carol Howard, Judy Ihrig, Betty Lusby, Marylyn Majancsik, Estelle Martin, Karen Martin, Shirley Miller, Rosemary Nagel, Laura Schneider, Roberta Schultz, Brenda Staggs, Rebecca Taylor, Chrysteen Vanover, and Peggy Whitford. Moreover, now celebrating 10 years in Upsilon are members Dr. Debra Pearce and Priscilla Roberts. Memories and members: what a beautiful duet!

OMEGA CHAPTER

Benton Reviews Omega's Accomplishments

Charlotte Benton president of Omega Chapter of Paducah, KY of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International re-

cently reported to the state on the work of the local chapter.

Omega chapter awarded a \$500 grant-in-aid to **Chelsea Brantly**, a Lone Oak graduate, who plans to major in elementary education. Currently, she is attending West Kentucky Community and Technical College. The chapter sets aside a line item in their budget annually to be able to provide this grant-in-aid. Many of the previous winners are presently employed in McCracken county.

Certificate of service was awarded Alpha Gamma State to Omega Chapter in recognition of the outstanding 7,771 hours of volunteer services rendered by chapter members in 2012. **Lynn Werner** received the outstanding chapter member awarded with 5,000 volunteer hours.

Charlotte Benton and **Lynn Werner** received The Order of the Tulip Poplar A Past State President Certificate of Honor awarded by Alpha Gamma State. Both Mrs. Benton and Ms. Werner have served in various capacities on the state level. Mrs. Benton and Ms. Werner served on the Steering committee for the Southeast Regional Conference held in Louisville, KY in 2011.

Patricia Carrico received the Lucille Cornet award for Professional Development. Her professional development was in Reading.

Sandy Anderson served on the State committee for Teacher Effectiveness, President of McCracken County Education Association, as well as President of First District Education Association.

Omega Chapter donated money to Schools for Africa, a project of DKG. Plans are being made to continue with activities to promote personal and professional growth of each chapter member as well as Transforming Lives Through Education.



ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

The Alpha Beta Chapter kicked off the year with a dinner and planning meeting led by President Judy Reeves and held at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church on August 6th. Our member Dr. Toetta Taul inspired us by sharing thoughts from the book *100 Most Important Bible Verses for Women*. Over thirty members were present at the meeting. The 2012-13 committees were named and each one planned the activities that will occur during the new program year and reported those plans to the general membership. We are off and running!

Two new members Susan Quinlin and Gwen Wethington were introduced and they will be initiated at the October meeting. While membership continues to increase, we were sad to hear that we will



lose long-time member Shirley Shelton who will be moving to Bloomington IN to be closer to family. Shirley has served in many capacities in our chapter since 1967, and she promises to keep us informed of her new life there. Her warm personality and great sense of humor will be missed by all her Alpha Beta sisters but she looks forward to being close to her relatives. We wish her well.

We have three chapter members who have earned their doctorate degrees: Diana French, Toetta Taul and Rosemarie Young. Many of our members continue to be honored with awards, and Dr. "Rosie" Young was recently named the Kentucky 2012 National District Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). This award is presented to an outstanding principal in each state, selected from applications submitted by elementary and middle schools. Rosie is long-time prin-

cipal of Watson Lane Elementary School in the Jefferson County Public Schools and has served as president of



NAESP. Rosie has also served in many capacities in our Alpha Beta Chapter, including a term as president. Among the education awards that are presented, Nikki Robison reported to the membership that her nephew was awarded the Breaking Barrier Award by the Jefferson County Public Schools. He was the only middle school student to receive the award.

In addition to our membership being very active internally, many work to support the retired teachers from the Jefferson County Public Schools. Our members who serve in leadership positions in the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association (JCRTA) include: Joyce Cecil, 1st Vice President; Marianne Humphries, 2nd Vice President; and Pat Blewett, Treasurer. Several of our members also hold committee chair positions and include Ann Haflling, Karen Glankler, Marybelle Duff, Ruth Boone and Ima Johns. We also have several members who have been in the Alpha Beta chapter for over 40 years. They are Bonnie Abner, Barbara Hicks, Betsy Holton, Betty Luscher, Shirley Shelton, Nikki Schweinbeck, Pat Wilhelm, Doris Yochim and Kim Zingraff. All these ladies will be recognized at the DKG State Convention in April.

We continue to stay focused on helping others that are not so fortunate as we are; and because of that commitment, we support multiple service projects throughout the year. We look forward to fulfilling our mission and making a difference in our community.

NU CHAPTER

The final meeting of the 2011-2012 year was held at the Landmark Inn at 10:30 on May 12. Thirty-five members and one guest, Lisa Fuller, were in attendance. Following the call to order and welcome by President **Cheryl Slater**, a devotion was presented by **Peggy Tussey**. The collect was led by **Sharon Moore** and the song by **Roma Lou McClanahan**. An update on the 2012 Alpha Gamma State Convention, attended by **Cheryl Slater, Helen Kirk** and **Judy Lester**, on March 30-April 1 was presented by **President Slater**. She informed the members that Nu had donated \$50.00 worth of socks to children of the tornadoes in Laurel County. Again, Nu was recognized as the chapter having accumulated the most volunteer hours. Nu member **Jone Goodman** accrued the most hours for our chapter.

Our 2012 recipient of the Georgia Bailey Muncy Grant-In-Aid, Lisa Fuller, was recognized and presented with a check for \$300. Lisa is from a long line of educators, her grandmother, mother, several aunts and cousins are also teachers. She is a 2012 graduate of the University of Pikeville, majoring in Elementary Education. Lisa was the 2012 recipient of the Rediford Damron Award and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.8 GPA!! Congratulations to Lisa!!

Nu sister **Tammy Casey** was honored as the William Justice Teacher of the Year at Belfry High School. Mr. Justice was a well-known educator in Pike County, having served as a secondary math teacher, principal and district administrator during his career. Congratulations to **Tammy!!**

New officers for the 2012-2014 biennium were installed by outgoing President **Cheryl Slater**. They are President **Judy Lester**, 1st Vice President **Cheryl Slater**, 2nd Vice President **Rita Scott**, Recording Secretary **Jone Goodman**, Treasurer **Helen Kirk**, Corresponding Secretary **Rebecca Charles** and Parliamentarian **Sharon Huffman**.

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

On Monday, Sept 17, 2012, local chapter, Alpha Delta, of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Brandenburg Primary and initiated officers for 2012-2013. Karen Pollock, teacher at Payneville Elementary and published author of Growing Up Gracefully gave the devotional, "Ice Cream, the Old Fashioned Way".

The membership discussed the new "Educational Excellence Committee". While discussing the Strategic Action Plan, suggestions from the membership included ways to get to know each other better, to promote literacy in the classroom through volunteering in schools and asking current educators what the club might do to help, and possible programs to encourage current members to attend more regularly. Locally, members continue to provide "Newspapers in the Classroom" and donate school supplies to students through student services, and sponsor a senior girl who needs assistance in graduation costs.

After the committee reports, installation of new officers was conducted.



L to R: Vice President Anita Seymour, Recording Secretary Suzannah Whitfield, President Allison Doutaz, Corresponding Secretary Bev Morrison, Treasurer Dennise Mudd, and Parliamentarian Joan Wilson

Member Mary Lou Jenkins will be honored at the Kentucky's State Meeting in April for her enduring membership and service to DKG since 1967 (See picture below). The membership presented outgoing President Anita Seymour with a copy of Growing Up Gracefully, autographed not only by the author but by all the members as well.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Interna-

tional established May 11, 1929, in Austin, Texas, is an international honor society of over 150,000 key women educators in 14 countries. The local membership is comprised of 60 members who are either currently involved in education or retired from education. Four local meetings with one being a social gathering are conducted throughout the year. The next meeting will be Monday, November 19 at 4:00 at Ekron Elementary School. Member Geraldine Miller will speak about her recent trip to Alaska. Hope to see all of the members there.



Mary Lou Jenkins receives her long overdue 40 year membership pin from outgoing president, Anita Seymour. Mary Lou taught 2nd grade for many years here in Meade Co and was instrumental in starting the Meade County chapter in 1980. She has been a member of DKG for 45 years.

Outgoing President, Anita Seymour receives an autographed copy of Growing Up Gracefully by Karen Pollock.



ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met on August 25, 2012, at Crittenden Drive Church of Christ, Russellville, Kentucky. President Sherrie Pryor welcomed the twenty-three members who were present.

The tables were decorated with unique table cloths. Carole Sindorf shared that the table cloths represented special memories to her. She had received them from her grandparents and estate sales of women of Crittenden Drive Church of Christ.

Jackie Powell presented the thought for the day. It was entitled "Incomparable!" and based on Isaiah 40:18. She also led the prayer before the group enjoyed a delicious brunch prepared by the members.

The program for the day was "Embracing our Vision-Designing our Future through Service." President Pryor shared some of her ideas and goals for the chapter. The chapter committees were given time to discuss their responsibilities and future plans.

President Pryor called the business session to order. During this time each committee gave its report.

The next meeting will be on November 3, 2012, at First Christian Church, Guthrie, Kentucky. This meeting will be the annual Christmas bazaar. Alpha Epsilon is looking forward to having special guest. Alpha Gamma State President Jane Thompson will be attending..

NU CHAPTER

The founders of Nu Chapter were honored during the May program. As a part of the program, service pins were presented to the following members: **Dr. Mary Fox, Susie Jane Runyon** (absent), **Ruth Smith** and **Peggy Tussey** were recognized for 30 years of membership. **Phyllis Collins, Sharon Moore, Judith Branham, Felicia-Justice Varney, Christy McCoy** and **Cheryl Slater** were presented with 20 year pins. Congratulations to these sisters for their years of service and dedication to education, Nu

Alpha Gamma State Scholarship Information

1. Go to www.deltakappagamma.org/KY/
2. Click on Forms in the red box
3. Click on Scholarships
4. Process:
 - A. Complete the application
 - B. Provide the required documentation
 - C. Include a small, recent photograph
 - D. Submit all documents to Scholarship Committee Chair

Alpha Gamma Scholarship Committee Chair:
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**February 1, 2013
Deadline**

DKG Sister Recognized

Crystal Culp, Omega Chapter and National Board Certified Teacher, was featured in the KEA news. She wrote an article work this past summer. She attended the 2012 Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute offered by the Educational Outreach team at the Library of Congress. A week-long institute - where she worked with the LOC library education specialists and subject matter experts to learn effective practices for using primary sources in the classroom to further impact student learning. Crystal also attended KEA's Emerging Leadership Training in order to be a model to her students and to her peers. Crystal states, "Teaching is what we make it, from supporting student learning to supporting the teachers around us."

Tori Murden McClure, President of Spalding University in Louisville, presents at the Opening General Session of the 2012 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in NYC on July 24, 2012.



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Alpha Gamma Sisters sing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song at the conclusion of the lovely luncheon in Bowling Green and held at Warren Central High School. Thanks to Dealt and Alpha Epsilon Chapters for hosting the Fall Workshop held on September 7 and 8, 2012.



Here are some snapshots of our Alpha Gamma State sisters during the International Convention in NYC where there were several photo ops. We walked to the NBC studios to be seen on the Today Show but were bumped because of the Olympics. Upsilon and Xi Chapters each had five members to travel to New York City and the Sheraton Hotel. They attended the Southeast Regional Breakfast where the Stars of the Southeast were announced. Those who could make the reception helped to welcome our guests at the Kentucky Tidbits Reception. Our delegation, some more enthusiastically than others, joined in the activities at the general sessions. The Presidents' banquet was held on Saturday evening and we dressed for the occasion to be part of the installation of Beverly Helms, Florida as our new International President.



Approximately 60 Japanese women educators became part of the Society's more than 90,000 members worldwide. Japan represents the first Asian nation in the organization and the 18th country.



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Ready? Set? Our Work Begins!

New year, new goals, new leaders, new . . . At the International Convention, new incentives and ideas were presented to correspond with the goals of our new international president, Beverly Helms. Your state officers and committee chairs have met, outlining new programs and goals for this year. Alpha Gamma State is moving ahead – addressing the needs of our members and making an impact on not only educational matters but also on the needs of our own communities. At the international convention, often one heard the words; “Kentucky is doing . . .” Yes, we are making a name for ourselves thanks to the hard work, involvement and dedication of all our sisters across the state.

The Educational Excellence Committee met with chapter representatives during the Fall Workshop held in Bowling Green in September. (By the way, it was a blast!) Chapters are structuring their committees to ensure that all aspects of the former Program of Work Committees are addressed. Eagerly looking forward to an exciting year, here are a few of the

activities on tap for 2012-2013.

- Early Career Educators: At the international convention, this was accepted as the second international incentive to be worked on this biennium. Supporting young educators as they enter the educational field is now a priority. With our experience, we know how difficult it is for teachers to provide materials to enable them to work to their highest potential. More and more is being demanded of these young people. These “newbies” need our help and more importantly our support.
- The Schools for Africa campaign continues. Coupled with UNICEF, our donations are making a difference building schools, training teachers and providing supplies for the children, especially girls so that they can receive an education. Send your donations to Joyce Miller, our state treasurer, but remember to keep records so that you can report your totals at the end of the year.
- The “Annie Award” will be given again this year. Applications will be due no later than Feb. 1, 2013. Share your most interesting programs with your sisters across the state and receive recognition for your hard work and inventive ideas.
- The new “Adopt a Legislator” program fulfills the goals of the professional affairs arm of the EEC. Many chapters have already done much in this area, inviting politicians to speak at their meetings and corresponding with their legislators. Report your work to the state EEC chair to have your efforts recognized.
- We continue with the projects we have engaged in over the years aimed at improving our communities and helping those in need. Keep track of your volunteer hours throughout the year. Finally, continue to offer interesting, engaging programs that fulfill the goals of our society.

Wow! What an agenda. As in the past, Alpha Gamma State sisters are definitely up to the challenge of completing all these projects and continuing to prove that our Kentucky sisters are fulfilling the work and goals of DKG. Forms for these programs will be available on the Alpha Gamma State website, or you can contact the EEC chair.

Bullying Conference in the Works

Alpha Gamma State has challenged itself to step up and address the ever growing issue of bullying in our schools and society. June 11, 2013 has been selected as the date for the conference to be held at Emma B. Case Elementary School in Taylorsville, Kentucky. Speakers, Scott Harvey from Nicholasville and Phil Chalmers from Ohio have signed up to speak. We hope to share information and resources for all teachers to use. The event, which will hopefully offer Professional Development credits, will be open to all teachers across the state. What a way to get our Alpha Gamma State name out!

More workers are needed on several levels in the preparation of this event. Contacts with agencies, publicity and getting the word out to school systems are all areas where everyone's efforts will be appreciated. If willing to take part in this exciting and unique project, you are urged to contact the chairperson of the Educational Excellence Committee, Karen Martin at karen.martin0992@gmail.com.

Membership Update



When I think about membership of DKG, I try to approach it from a busy woman

perspective because I am a busy busy woman, yet I take time and make time for my beloved DKG. The women of this society have always supported me, professionally and financially. They have molded me and guided me and I have received sincere spiritual fellowship from local, state and international members.

Is DKG for everyone? Of course not, but there are non-members out there who could benefit from membership. The best way to get them involve is to invite them to a meeting. They can see for themselves how wonderful we are! Early Career Educators are the ones that need us the most by hosting a PD, you could help them gain hours and introduce them to our society. Get into a regular habit of honoring members and publicizing the good works of the chapter. We nurture our members better than any organization that I know of. Our members are involved, valued, respected, and honored. We take time to socialize, work, give service, and celebrate.

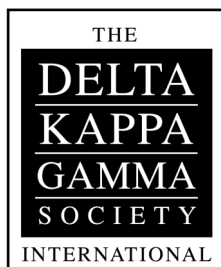
Second Vice-Presidents and Membership Chairs, I hope you are on the lookout for new members. A member can come from private or public school, teaching or administration, college or trade school. There are Key Women Educators that work as professors, instructional aides, paraprofessionals, tutors, Librarians, church education leaders, employee and educational trainers, and educational program nurses. Invite them to check out DKG.

Once we get a member, we need to do everything we can to assist and keep them. After fall workshop, I realized I needed to revisit the terms of RESERVE membership. A reserve member is **“a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of a physical disability and or geographic location.”** The chapter shall grant Reserve Membership by a majority vote and it need not be a permanent membership. Active membership can instated upon request. If you have any member who might fall into this category, suggest it so they may consider it. This may allow you to keep a member who is thinking about dropping membership.

Of all the aspects of DKG, membership may be the most important. We offer the best of what we have, but if we don't have members to partake, then our assets are useless. Contemplate the women who surround you, consider them for membership



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 which he lives. I like to see a man live so
 that his place will be proud of him.

~Abraham Lincoln

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