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Mark Your Calendars for...

ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention
April 11-13, 2014 in Paducah, KY

ALPHA GAMMA STATE WELCOMES
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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA International Convention
July 28-August 1, 2014, Indianapolis, IN

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Thanks for continuing to send articles for our newsletter and working to keep our shut in members aware of what is happening with and in our State Organization!

Karen's Korner

by Karen Martin, State Organization President



2014 A new year – one that we fill with new dreams, new goals and new promises. Did you make a New Year's Resolution? Lose weight? Learn a new skill? Exercise more? These resolutions are old stand-bys, most of which are broken or forgotten within a

month's time. May I suggest some new resolutions for us ALPHA GAMMA STATE Sisters to make? And may I challenge you to work towards achieving them throughout the upcoming year?

Resolution #1: I resolve to become more involved in my local Chapter, actively taking part in programs and projects. Or dare I say, take on leadership roles when asked or volunteer to do so if a need arises.

Resolution #2: I resolve to actively spread the word about DELTA KAPPA GAMMA and ALPHA GAMMA STATE, sharing our purposes, our benefits, and our achievements. While doing so, I will invite key women educators to join our Society and experience what we have to offer.

Resolution #3: I will attend any State, Regional or International gathering possible and experience the true energy that this organization offers. Develop the network of wonderful key women that one meets at such meetings as this.

How about it? Do you resolve to become a more involved, energized sister in this Society throughout 2014? I challenge you to do so! Garth Brooks, a favorite singer of mine, has filled his songs with many inspirational and thoughtful lyrics. In listening to "The River" over the weekend, I realized he was speaking to many of us, myself included. Basically, he says that many of us choose to stand aside and "let the waters slip

by", say we're "satisfied" and never try to actively make a difference in our own Chapters. I hope that this year, you "test the rapids", jump in and work hard to better your Chapters and our State organization. We can use you. Start by attending the convention in April, check out your state officers, meet our Southeast Regional Director and learn how YOU can make a difference in our Society.

ALPHA GAMMA STATE CONVENTION

Springtime in Paducah, Kentucky will be the setting of this year's ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention. ALPHA GAMMA STATE Sisters from across the Bluegrass are asked to join us for a weekend filled with enlightening information on the State's progress, interesting motivational and leadership sessions and wonderful opportunities to meet and visit with other outstanding women educators. Won't you join us?

We will also have the honor of welcoming Dr. Hanna Fowler, Southeast Regional Director as our Keynote Speaker. Hanna earned her Doctorate in Education Leadership, Specialist and Master of Education in Administration and Supervision, Specialist and Master of Education in Early Childhood, and Bachelor of Science in Art Education. Her teaching career in Georgia spanned the many levels of public education, including classroom teacher, special education teacher, Title I resource teacher, assistant principal and principal.

Most recently, as Southeast Regional Director, Hanna worked with the training of the 2013-2015 Southeast Regional Presidents, including myself. She has served on many more committees, than are listed in her bio. Delta Kappa Gamma is very dear to her and she devotes herself to it.

This Southern lady will not only bring us news from International, but she will energize us with her enthusiasm for DKG. Please join us and give her a warm Kentucky welcome.

Educational Excellence Report

by Pascal Bailey, 1st Vice President



Educational Excellence,
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As Educational Excellence State Chairman, there is much responsibility to promote, guide, and assist members in advancement of excellence in education, empowerment of women, and increasing global awareness. In pondering this subject, I am reminded that this is the time of year when Nominations Committees start to work on gathering a slate of officers to serve for the 2014-2016 biennium and these days, they have an incredibly tough job.

Our lives are already overburdened with demands on our time. No one wants just one more thing to do. Today, I would like to appeal to your sense of service and duty. Think about when you became a member of DKG. Someone took the time to recognize you as a key woman in education and sponsored you for membership. During your membership, an officer saw strong abilities and strengths in you and asked you to serve on a committee and/or chair that committee. In each instance, someone took the time for you. Would you be willing to do the same and take the time to nominate or suggest members who can work as a team to lead your Chapter for the next term? Look over your list of membership and honor them by nominating them to be an officer. If you do not have your membership list, email me, I will be happy to send it to you.

If you are nominated to serve as an officer, chairman, or committee member, I appeal to your sense of duty and service again and I encourage you to accept. I know the first instinct is to say "I can't, I am too busy" but if you will truly look at the term "serve" you will have a greater understanding of the growth you will experience. In our

busy, busy world, we must make time for the things that hold importance for us. I would hope God, family, and church would be in your top 5 as well as your job and students. I don't have to tell you that DKG is an excellent support network and can help strengthen your abilities with each of those priorities. 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.

I have been a perfect example of that support. When I started this state officer route, ever so reluctantly in 2009, I was at the lowest point of my life with a family crisis and work issues. I wasn't sure I could continue with any of my obligations, but DKG wrapped me in love, supported me, guided me, and nurtured me until I could do the job I had agreed to do. I was literally terrified of serving on the state level and today, I am honored and excited to soak up all of the goodness DKG has to give throughout the state. I will give until I have no more to give, but history has shown that my life will be enriched in ways I never imagined.

Alpha Gamma State has had 38 State Presidents, and when I think of their outstanding leadership in establishing, maintaining, and growing our state, I am in awe of their abilities, talents, and dedication. Our state is filled with DKG members that possess qualities of unimaginable aptitude and enthusiasm. Do your part to sponsor new members, nominate officers, and serve when asked. This is the foundation, the true foundation of our wondrous society and you will be richly rewarded.

*****Looking ahead*****

Alpha Gamma State Convention

April 11 - 13, 2014, Paducah, KY

Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention

July 28 - August 1, 2014, Indianapolis, IN

AGS Fall Workshop

September 12 - 13, 2014, Ashland, KY

AGS State Convention 2015

TBA, Northern, KY

AGS Fall Workshop 2015

Invitations can be made in Paducah

Membership Report

by Kathy Zwanzig, 2nd Vice President



Recruit, Retain, REIN-STATE. Do you have members who have let their membership lapse? Have you ever said, "I wonder what ever happened to _____ (insert former member name)?" I know I have. Wouldn't you like to see them back at your Chapter meetings?

It is our responsibility to reach out to those ladies and let them know that they are valued and important to the Society. DKG has research that shows that many members leave mainly because of other responsibilities. Eventually, these things change and members could again become active members of the Society. Now is the time to re-invite those lapsed members to REINSTATE their membership.

How do you go about this? The gold "Guidelines for Chapter Membership Committee Chairs" booklet from DKG International gives guidelines for doing this:

- Use the Chapter's Form 18 and 18A to complete a list of members who have been dropped over the past three to five years. Your Chapter Treasurer should have these forms in her records.
- Determine which former members still live in the area. Find their addresses and send them a letter of invitation to reinstate, stating that they have been missed. Provide Chapter contact information.
- Contact the former members who have expressed an interest in being reinstated. Explain how easy it is to be reinstated. Send a post card or email reminding them of an upcoming meeting. Ask if they would like to ride with you to the next Chapter meeting.
- When the former members attend, make sure they feel welcomed and get them involved immediately in committee and project work. Have the reinstatement cards handy for the former member to complete and pay dues.

Former members being reinstated are not to be voted on.

"A former member shall be reinstated by the Chapter receiving the request."

- If former members do not reply, follow up with a personal note. Ask them to keep the contact information and to call or send an email when they are able to reunite with the Society. Let them know that they are valued and that you would love to have them back in the Society.

It is so easy to REINSTATE former members. Just recently a Chapter asked if there was anything special they had to do. Keep in mind "there are no Chapter or geographical restrictions on reinstatement. The Chapter does not vote on the reinstatement, and there is not reinstatement fee." All the former member has to do is pay their dues and all your Chapter has to do is welcome them with open arms!



**And
the Honor goes to...**

Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Pyle, DELTA Chapter, has been selected for publication in the Winter 2014, Volume 80-2 issue of THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA BULLETIN. Her article is entitled, "Utilizing Technology in Physical Education: Addressing the Obstacles of Integration."



Rules Committee

Chapters who have not yet done so need to turn in their rules as soon as possible. Send to Lynn Werner, Omega, Rules Chair.



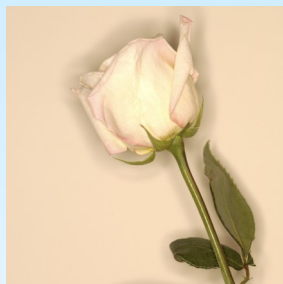
Celebration of Life

Please ensure the Membership Committee has information to honor your Chapter's member if no one from your Chapter can attend on Sunday morning.

White Roses

Margaret Clayton, THETA
and Past ALPHA GAMMA
STATE President (1957 TO
1959)

Marion Myers, ALPHA
Janet Marshal, ALPHA
Jessie C. Gaddie, ALPHA
Mable Weatherford, THETA



Women of Vision

The Women of Vision Award is to be given to a member, living or deceased, who has mentored and/or encouraged you over the years. This member has not necessarily held an office or served in a leadership role, but has been instrumental in making your DKG experience a glorious one because of her encouragement. Women may be nominated by any other member of the Society, not necessarily an officer or committee chair.

Please complete the following form and return to Ms. Sandra Smith, 10700 McMeekin Ln #104, Louisville, KY 40223-6136, or email it to samberlee48@aol.com

Include a \$5.00 check made payable to ALPHA GAMMA STATE

Nominations must be received no later than March 1, 2014.

Your name _____
Chapter _____
I nominate _____

Your reason for nominating this member:

from the **State Organization President to Chapter Presidents**

I challenge every Chapter to send at least 20% of your membership to the DKG International Convention to be held July 28-August 1, 2014 in Indianapolis. Wouldn't Kentucky Night turn out to be totally awesome??!

Celebrations

50 Year Members

Charlotte Mears, ALPHA — 4/1/1964
Mary Crenshaw, DELTA — 3/1/1964
Dorothy Sanders, ZETA — 4/1/1964
Rose Freiseis, ETA — 4/1/1964
Frances Mc Coy, MU— 11/1/1964
Sally Hill, PI — 4/1/1964

40 Year Members

Martha Deitz, IOTA — 7/1/1974
Joan Shepler, ALPHA BETA — 4/1/1974

Did you know...

Dale Jackson, OMICRON, retired from Fayette County—and Garden Springs Elementary, Kindergarten in May 2013.

Leslie Fields, ALPHA GAMMA, received **National Board Certification** this year.

Joyce Campbell and **Eileen Sanders**, ALPHA GAMMA, have completed all 5 levels of the Kentucky School Board Academy.

See ALPHA IOTA, page 9, for more member accomplishments.



Chapter News

KAPPA

We are looking forward to spring and our next meeting on March 22 at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club. We will continue to plan for activities that will help members reach our goals to become more involved and committed. This will help us be more active and aware of new possibilities. Appreciation of our members has been an important part of our time we spend together.

At our last meeting, Ruby Sneed presented a Kappa Chapter certificate to Sally Colburn for her 35 years of service to KAPPA Chapter.



Trish Wyatt introduced her guest, Bethany Crouch, a fourth grade teacher. It was great to have an early educator to be at our meeting. We continue to collect items for student teachers' (goodie bags).



Treasurer Nancy Tankersly continues to be an outstanding support for our Chapter as a source of inspiration to all. We continue to give her an "appreciation hug" often.



Members are continuing to support our special KAPPA project (Dyslexia Association) for this year. We will continue to provide gift certificates, books and other needed items for the program.

As we think about our sisters in DELTA KAPPA GAMMA let us appreciate how each one enriches our lives. Let us remind ourselves to develop nurturing relationships and support for each other. Let us make an effort to reach out and touch another and continue to do good for others. It can make a big difference.

MU

MU Chapter's January Meeting was held in the library at Central Hardin High School. After the meeting was called to order, Nora Sweat shared a touching moment of inspiration in which she shared stories of dedication and hard work of former Olympians. The spirit and drive of these athletes is truly remarkable, and it gave us pause to think about the trials and triumphs facing the many young men and women competing in the 2014 Winter Olympics.

The meeting continued with a wonderful program from the Research Committee presented by Mr. Kenny Rambo from ECTC. He gave an informative, entertaining, and humorous presentation on overcoming the challenges in the work place when dealing with the Generation Gap. Many workplaces now have up to 4 generations working in them, which can lead to some communication challenges. He presented us with the many positives of having such a wealth of experience and knowledge working together.

During the business portion of our meeting, President, Lois Pierce, shared concerns over membership. All members were encouraged to invite some one new to a meeting and become a member of MU Chapter. We were also encouraged to talk to former members to convince them to reinstate.

Information was shared about State and International Convention. MU Members are excited about how close the International Convention is this year!

Our Silent Auction which is used as a fund raiser for funding for our Grant-in-Aid will be held in March. Becky Bishop and Kim Shumate shared that this year's theme would be "Spring Fever... Add color to life."

UPSILON

Upsilon Remembers the Roses in Winter

A dreary Saturday in January could not keep 21 lovely ladies of the UPSILON Chapter from gathering at Main Street Baptist Church's Christian School for a warm and fulfilling meeting. Pres-

ident Pam Manker welcomed members Nicole Coppes, Karin Edgington, Judy Ihrig, Laura Kal-fas, Sandi Kopczyński, Karen Martin, Linda Mau-ser, Shirley Miller, Elizabeth Mizer, Kathleen Olds, Rachel Redden, Priscilla Roberts, Roberta Schultz, Juliet Swartz, Beverly Sharp, Brenda Staggs, Pam Thomas, Rebecca Taylor, and special guest speaker, Pam Glenn of The New Hope Ministries of Northern Kentucky.

After greetings, Rebecca Taylor, membership co-ordinator, began with a beautiful, inspirational "Ceremony of Remembrance" to honor our de-ceased sisters, Lila Dicken and Rosalee Nagel. American beauty roses adorned the table in hon-or of Lila and Rosalee, and after Becky shared ceremonial thoughts, she invited each member to share ideas about how each one of these gra-cious ladies had influenced her life. Certainly, many kind words were exchanged about how de-voted both Lila and Rosalee were not only to their family members, but also to God, their church, their community, and to our UPSILON Chapter.

Karin Edgington and Judy Ihrig coordinated the music for the ceremony, and Judy sang, "We Re-member Them in Love," and asked the ladies to join her on the chorus. All of us will certainly re-member them, forever, and with the fondest love for both Lila and Rosalee.

The regular business meeting followed with re-ports from each officer, and a reminder to every-one about continuing to invite new members into the chapter. With that in mind, we were excited to hear Rebecca Taylor read membership recom-mendations for Robin Hoskins, elementary teach-er, nominated by Rachel Redden of Main Street Christian School, and Stacie Hardy, assistant principal at Campbell Ridge, nominated by Pam Manker. These ladies will be inducted at our May meeting. Hopefully, we will have more additions to join them by then.

Our own Karen Martin, ALPHA GAMMA STATE President, shared good news about her travels throughout the state, and she encouraged as many members as possible to try and attend the International Convention in Indianapolis in July. Service Project coordinator Brenda Staggs shared how our winter gifts of gloves, scarves,

hats, etc., were well received at Welcome House, and January's gifts of baby items would go to the New Hope Ministries. Then, Pam Manker intro-duced Pam Glenn, executive officer for the New Hope Ministries. She presented a very interest-ing, informative talk on how New Hope is minis-tering to unwed mothers and their families in Northern Kentucky. The organization has helped hundreds in our Northern Kentucky area, and be-sides the administrative officers, there are about 60 trained volunteers who assist with this needy group of young women. After Pam finished, she invited questions from our members, and that brought out even more data. Afterwards, Pam thanked us for having her and for being so gener-ous in donating so many useful baby items.

Needless to say, our pot luck luncheon was deli-cious! Our members surely know how to ap-pease a good appetite with homemade soups, salads, and desserts. With such an eclectic vari-ety to choose from, our ladies can stand proud beside Martha Stewart and Rachel Ray any day!

In closing, since most of us had been delighting ourselves in this abundant snow, (you have to admit it really is beautiful hanging on the trees and bushes) we know that Spring is coming! With that in mind, we end our news with a poem written by Lila Dicken several years ago, entitled

"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!!!"**

And that, my DKG sisters, is something to look forward to very soon!

ALPHA BETA



ALPHA BETA Chapter's December holiday meeting proved to put everyone in a wonderful spirit of the season. Judy Reeves called the meeting to order and Marybelle Duff shared her rendition of "The Night Before Christmas." What

made this a very special inspiration time is the personal story that accompanied the timeless Christmas story we can love to recite. It's a tradition in Marybelle's family that each person reads a line of the story, old and young alike, while a Santa hat is passed around from family member to family member. She then follows by reading the story of the birth of Christ from St. Luke. She skillfully blends the secular celebration of Christmas with the real meaning of the holiday season.



The meeting continued with a musical presentation by guests Mike and Jackie Bronnert. Members were mesmerized as he played the bells and his lovely wife accompanied him on the keyboard. An added surprise was that Mike shared information and answered many questions about being a solo bell ringer; and that because of a lack of bell solo music available, he wrote a lot of his own pieces. Their presentation included pop-

ular religious numbers, as well as popular traditional Christmas numbers like "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

Another highlight of the meeting was welcoming back Jerrylynn Norsworthy. Jerrylynn was one of ALPHA BETA's charter members but had resigned years ago when she and her husband moved to Florida. They are now back in Louisville and she came to the meeting to get reacquainted, loved being with everyone again, and immediately re-joined the Chapter.

We continue to focus on a project each month that will help and support those who are in need. Members were very generous in December as they brought in items for Dare to Care. Additionally, the Chapter made over \$1000 in November from the annual chapter auction. Grant-in-aid Chairperson Peggy Pryse requested that two grants of \$500 each be awarded to two worthy students who are studying elementary education. One grant will go to Joanne Susan Duff who is studying elementary education at the University of Kentucky and one to Paige Smith who is in her second year at Jefferson Community College. Each recipient will keep the Chapter informed of her progress.

Much like other Chapters in the state, we have been working to overcome snow, ice and very cold weather. And we all are looking forward to spring!

ALPHA GAMMA

ALPHA GAMMA wishes to welcome new member, Mrs. Marla Dell from Hazel Green, KY into their fold.

ALPHA IOTA

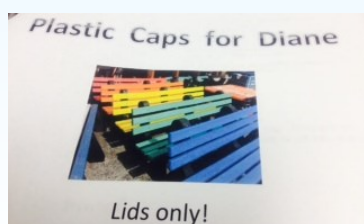
Alpha Iota Chapter has had success with many projects this year. Alpha Iota Chapter President Betty Thomas and 2013 Fall Workshop Chapter host chose the project, "Muhlenberg County Happy Feet Equal Learning Feet Project" to be supported at the Workshop by Chapters attending. With other Chapters help, a contribution of \$550.00 was made to the Happy Feet Program. This helped purchase 750 pairs of name brand athletic shoes for local kindergarten through



twelfth grade age students in need. The project was guided by a committee of chapter members: Guyla Heltsley, Pat Petrie, Vickie Yonts and Veronica McGhee.

The project “Schools for Africa” was supported this year with money collected through members contributions of \$1.00 a chance to win a prizes brought to each Chapter meeting.

After losing member and elementary teacher Dianna Ray (8-8-2013), friends at her school began a project to fund the cost of melting and casting a bench from



plastic bottle tops, with a memorial plaque attached. Our Chapter members joined in the project and contributed bags of bottle tops at the January meeting. Four hundred pounds of caps are needed to melt and form the bench.

Three new members were gained in 2013. Our membership of 38 includes 36 active and 2 reserve members. Six current charter members, Mary Armstrong, Shirley Crider, Dorothy Martin, Patricia Petrie, Martha Rogers and Lois Slinker have a total of 223 years in DELTA KAPPA GAMMA.

ALPHA IOTA takes great pride in its member-educators’ **accomplishments**. Listing only a few include: **Nancy Propes**, Director of the Nurse Program for the Madisonville Community College;



Kay Turner (left), chosen by KEA to serve as a teacher-trainer for statewide training on the new “Professional Growth and Effectiveness System” (PGES); and **Jan Yonts** and **Kay Turner** chairing committees to achieve a “Work Ready Community in Progress” status for the school district.

The Ann Parham and Joanna Fox Grant-in-Aid & Scholarship, named after two charter members who had passed away—Anna L Parham (1990) and Joanna Fox (2013)—is supported by funds from bids on a variety of items brought to each annual December meeting. This year two recipients, Mychal Beth Sparks and Lorrie Kelton, each received a \$425 scholarship.



International President, Dr. Beverly Helms, invites each member of DKG to join her in Indianapolis in July.



Before you head to International Convention, consider participating in the

2014 Seminar In Purposeful Living.



Dr. Hanna Fowler

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
Southeast Regional Director**



EDUCATION: Doctorate in Education Leadership; Specialist and Master of Education in Administration and Supervision; Specialist and Master of Education in Early Childhood; Bachelor of Science (Art Education).

EMPLOYMENT: GA Department of Education, Division of Turnaround Schools, Office of Education Support and Improvement (2004-2010); 2008 School Improvement Consultant (2008); Retired from McDuffie County Schools (2004); served as a classroom teacher, special education teacher, Title I resource teacher, assistant principal, and principal (1974-2004).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Under my leadership as principal: the school received the GA School of Excellence in 2000, the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2001, received the International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Award 2003, 9 teachers were recognized as National Board Certified.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA:

Chapter-Initiated into Alpha Theta Chapter in 1985; served as chapter president of two chapters, Alpha Theta and Gamma Omega; charter member of two chapters, Gamma Tau and Gamma Omega; served in other chapter offices and chaired many chapter committees.

State-Leadership Development Chair (2013-2015); Psi State Executive Secretary (2007-2013); Psi State President (2005-2007); First Vice President (2003-2005); District IV Director (1993-1995); recipient of 2009 Psi State Achievement Award; chaired and served on several state committees; participated in Leadership Seminars I (1990) and II (1992); presented at several Leadership Seminars (2005-2012); attended all state conventions since 1987 with the exception of one.

International and SE Region-currently serves as Southeast Regional Director (2012-2014); International Membership committee chair (2010-2012), member of the International Membership committee (2008-2010); member of the World Fellowships committee (2007-2008); led the pre-conference training for SE State Organization Membership Chairs (2009-2011); served as a member of the SE Region Task Force to Study the International Committee Structure (2007-2010); chaired the Rules Committee at the 2008 International Convention; served as a member of the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) Atlanta Steering committee (2008-2011); conducted workshops at International Conventions and SE Region Conferences since 2005.

FAMILY: Married for 33 years to “My Knight in Shining Armor”, Sammy Fowler; 3 great children, 3 wonderful grandchildren, 4 grand dogs, and my crazy, black cat named Res-Q.

OTHER: Member of the Thomson-McDuffie County First Foundation for Childhood Literacy; member of the Thomson First Baptist Church; and member of the John Franklin Wren Chapter NSDAR. Likes to shop, fluff the house, and play with Res-Q. Loves God, family, country, and DKG!