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Mark Your Calendars for...

ALPHA GAMMA STATE Fall Leadership Workshop

September 12-13, 2014, Ashland, KY

Epsilon Chapter and Psi Chapter have been working very hard to provide us with an extraordinary Leadership Workshop. Lots of sessions for Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs as well as sessions for all other Chapter members. With the change in leadership in each Chapter and the onset of a new biennium, it is crucial that each Chapter is represented to receive updates from International and State Organizations. President Karen Martin wishes to see lots of support for our hosting Chapters.

ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention

Doubletree Inn, Northern, KY—Details coming soon!

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Busy AGS Communication Chairs, Committee Chairs, Chapter Presidents, and State Officers, you can send info in anytime before the **submission dates** and up to two days before the **publication dates**. Just put "Newsletter" in the subject line.

October 1, 2014 / October 15, 2014
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August 1, 2015 / August 15, 2015

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



Wow! What a week in Indianapolis! I am so proud of my Kentucky Sisters who made the trip to experience a taste of the International Convention. Thirty nine ladies, some of whom made the trip on Wednesday to enjoy a sampling of the many activities offered during this exciting week. From experiencing the running of the business meetings where Constitution issues were debated, to attending workshops on a great variety of topics, to listening to enlightened guest speakers, members received a great deal of information on the state of education and our organization. Sisters socialized and dressed up for a variety of state receptions, dinners in restaurants close to the hotel with friends new and old, the Birthday Luncheon and the President's Banquet. Friendships were made and renewed as women from Japan, several European nations, Canada, Mexico, several Central American countries, and all fifty states, shared their stories, their goals, and experiences with one another. Where else can we meet women from around the world who share our love of education and also experience some of the same challenges that we do on a daily basis? It was a week to always remember and for me a renewal of my love for our organization and profession.

I have renewed my desire to work towards building membership and visiting Chapters throughout the state. I still have a few visits to make and I would love to revisit with anyone who would like to pick my brain for ways to reenergize their chapters. I also am determined to continue working with those chapters that are struggling. I am making my plans for the fall and look forward to once again visiting with lovely Kentucky ladies who share my love for education. Membership is

not just a concern for your State and Chapter Presidents and Officers, but a responsibility of all members. We are all in it together, and together we can continue to make our Society the best it can be.

I do wish to urge all Presidents and Officers to attend the upcoming Fall Leadership Conference to be held in Ashland, KY on September 12-13. I met with our EPSILON sisters, with their President, Dr. Mary Cat Flath and Jessica Beasley, President of PSI Chapter to work out final arrangements for the weekend. Several activities are planned for Friday evening during the reception being held. I would also like to invite anyone interested in getting together for a "Meet and Greet" session with me from 9:00 to 10:00 PM to just talk and share ideas and concerns.

Several workshops are scheduled in addition to the Officer training sessions.. Anyone interested in Membership, Programs, or Social Media are also welcome to attend the Officer trainings that deal with these issues. Other sessions such as Women's Health, Scarf Tying, Membership, The Generational Design of our Society, and a book talk on *The Tie that Binds* by Dave Isay will be shared. Every Chapter is expected to have representatives present to obtain needed information on issues facing our society today. Any member is welcome to attend and become involved in the workings of our wonderful society. Your ideas are needed to help us continue to grow and meet the needs and concerns of our members.

I am so looking forward to a very successful Leadership Workshop and seeing each and every one of you. These State meetings are imperative to the growth of our Society. It takes every sister to become active in her Chapter. Attending the Fall Leadership Workshop is the perfect place to energize your promise as a DELTA KAPPA GAMMA Sister and become more involved. See you soon!

AGS Fall Leadership Workshop
Best Western River Cities Hotel
Septemer 12—13, 2014

Educational Excellence Report

by Pascal Bailey, 1st Vice President



Convention, Convention, Convention. At any normal International Convention, the fourth day of a convention is a day for winding down, tying up loose ends, being almost done. But a DKG International Convention is not a "normal" convention. Our ladies are diverse, of varying generations, from all parts of the world, of various socioeconomic backgrounds, and of many different religious beliefs.

Our Fourth General Meeting was not one of closure or bringing up the rear. It was uplifting and inspirational. Monica Ochoa, Latin American Representative, passionately reported of how this DKG biennium changed her life. It was heartfelt and moving. Reports were presented quickly to inform DKG members of developments, revenue, and Forums in an effective and efficient manner. No time wasted here!!!!

"The Rose" was a musical delight that is so very essential to our meetings. Artistic components are a key aspects to DKG women for enrichment as well as expression.

Angie Ruffin spoke on "Still Teaching After All These Years" which impacts many of our beloved members. She spoke from the heart and kept us in stitches with personal stories from her life and career with trials and triumphs. And she sang about technology with "God Help the Public School" as the end of the chorus. Humorous, poignant, and truthful.

If you missed this one for any reason, plan to attend the next DKG International Convention in Nashville, TN in 2016. Next Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Savannah, GA, in 2015. Too close to home to miss out! Look forward to seeing new faces next time.

Baskets for Silent Auction

By Jane Thompson, per discussion at Executive Board Meeting

For those Chapters who traditionally provide a basket for the Silent Auction at AGS Convention, how soon does the planning begin and who usually puts the basket together? How about starting sooner in the year and asking some of your Chapter members who cannot attend meetings due to work and family obligations to participate. This is a one Project in which your Chapter can help those members who do not feel a part of things for a variety of reasons and life circumstances to play an integral role in the success of both AGS Convention and help AGS maintain financial stability without raising dues.

At AGS President Karen Martin's recent Executive Board Meeting, several Officers and Committee Chairs expressed their concern of raising dues of any amount for any reason at this time. President Martin also reported that raising any dues was a major concern for all Chapter Presidents, and all agreed. **NO DUES INCREASE!**

Do your Chapter members know that the money raised by the Silent Auction goes into the Nancy McClure Leadership Fund? That money is then used to offset some of the money needed for your State Officers to attend International events. The State Organization President's expenses are covered in the budget, but your other State Officers for which there is a training or update session receive this support. The amount they receive is \$700.00 for each event. Your State Officers are also open to sharing the room they reserve to help other members cover their expenses. Your State Officers often arrive earlier than most of the attendees to participate in that training and they attend other events they know are crucial to helping AGS move forward as a State Organization.

So, how about using the Baskets as a way to reach all members and help out the budget. A greater visible presence of State Officers has been a request of Chapter Presidents for the last few years. Raising Nancy McClure Leadership Fund money allows other monies in the budget to aid the AGS State Organization President travel to your Chapters when asked. As well, your other State Officers and Past State Presidents will travel to you if the President cannot. Just ask!

Membership Report

by Kathy Zwanzig, 2nd Vice President



OMG! It's been several days since I left Indianapolis and my head and heart are still on overload! The first keynote speaker, Sarah Sladek, challenged us to shift the way we think about our members and potential members of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA. She pointed out that now is the "End of Membership as We

Know It" and that we are at a crossroads. According to Ms. Sladek, we have to choose, stay on the same path, or begin to think about change. We have to know where we have been to know where we are going.

Let's think about DKG in Kentucky. Most of us in leadership positions...and really, just most of us period...are Baby Boomers. My daughter, oh so ever kindly, pointed out to me about a year ago that the Baby Boomers are aging. (Gee, thanks, Stevi. Like I hadn't noticed!!) Then we have those members who are part of Generation X, born between 1965 and 1981 (approximately 33 to 50 years old now). Changes between 1982 and 1995 (ages 19 to 32) brought us Generation Y, or the Millennials. My initial thought is to not even consider Generation Z, those born since 1996 (ages 18 and under). But we do have to consider them as our new teachers will come from their ranks in less than four years! The perspective and needs of these generations have shifted and we need to embrace our differences.

The Baby Boomers made up the majority of the attendees of the International Convention. Only FIVE of the attendees were Millennials. But they contributed greatly to the activities of the Convention. Some were presenters in Breakout Sessions. Some contributed to the discussion of the proposed Constitutional changes during the General Sessions. They were quite impressive! These are the women who will be leading our Society in the future. They need the support and mentoring from our veteran members. We need

to be inviting more and more of these women to become members of our Chapters. Begin now to think of creative ways to seek out these ladies and bring them into our ranks! Afterwards, make them feel valued. Give them a job that interests them to show off their strengths. Teach them about the Society and all it offers members. Tell YOUR DKG story. You are their inspiration.

Sarah Sladek was spot on. Membership in DKG is evolving. Some of us remember that it was somewhat of a secret Society when we were initiated. I, for one, was not sure what it was all about, but I knew it was good because my immediate supervisor, Donna Smith Goodin, had invited me. Over twenty years later, we are inviting prospective members to attend special meetings and sharing the Society literature with them.

My time in Indianapolis renewed my pride in my membership in DELTA KAPPA GAMMA and my love and respect for my DKG sisters. I urge you to take a few minutes to reflect on what membership in the Society means to you. Then go out and share it with other Key Women Educators and invite them to join you in membership!

Did you know...

Bonnia Founts, ALPHA, was appointed by the new International President to serve on the Educational Excellence International Committee.

Sheila Wilkerson, MU, provided music during one of the General Sessions.

Ramona Jeffreies, MU presented a session on Non-dues Revenue and recruited volunteers to staff the table in the Marketplace.

Karen Allen and Jane Thompson, BETA presented a session on the new science standards.

Karen Allen, BETA was honored by President Karen Martin at the Southeast Regional Breakfast as Kentucky's newest Star of the Southeast.

Correction: The last AGS News edition reported that Jeannette Alexander, IOTA, was on February 10, 2014 presented with a certificate from Burkesville Chapter #380 of the Order of the Eastern Star and appointed Grand Mother of Burkesville Chapter #380. The name that should have been printed was **Nancy Buchanan, IOTA**. Congratulations, Nancy. I apologize for the error.

Chapter News

KAPPA

Summer is always a fun time for learning, planning and reflecting on DELTA KAPPA GAMMA. The biggest focus this summer is the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA sisters who were unable to attend the Convention had the opportunity to view the Opening Session on Live Streaming. It was great to watch the events as they unfolded. The feeling of unity among sisters around the world was a real blessing. My sister, Bess, a member from North Carolina, was also watching the Opening Session. We will have even more things to talk about as we share our sisterhood on a new level.

The flag ceremony was a wonderful reminder of how sisters from around the world can unite women educators in genuine spiritual fellowship. We were reminded to stay engaged, to keep learning and to accept challenges as they come. It was no surprise that we were reminded we need to change from where we have been to where we are going.

As I heard words like, "You only live once, make the most of it," "Be relevant to all generations," and "Share leadership," I began to think about my KAPPA sisters. I thought of past members like the late Marion Adams who did anything possible for our Chapter. She reminded our current KAPPA sisters to celebrate the history of our Chapter and always plan for the future.

As the gavel is passed from Jeanie Barnett to our new President, Ruby Sneed, the year has begun with shared leadership. Our Officers and Committee members will come together for our KAPPA summer workshop in August. We will take to heart the words of wisdom and inspiration that we heard on the opening night of the International Convention. We will continue to work toward personal growth and excellence in education.

Our first Kappa Chapter meeting for the year will be in September in Hopkinsville. A view of the

bigger picture of DKG will inspire us to dream big and make our dreams come to reality.

BELOW: Outgoing President Jeanie Barnett passing the gavel to incoming President Ruby Sneed



ALPHA BETA

ALPHA BETA Chapter President Judy Reeves finished a highly successful year as she led our final meeting on May 5, 2014. With some 30 members present, Judy connected her laptop to the internet and demonstrated how to "surf" the DKG websites and gain important information. There are multiple links on the website that provide information that includes our Mission and Purposes, Convention and Workshop information, Standing Rules and By-laws and multiple other topics. She also showed all the members how to install Adobe Reader and encouraged everyone to add Adobe to their personal computers in order to more successfully download the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA Newsletters which are in a PDF format. Judy also shared information about Social Media and DKG's Facebook page and needless to say, we learned a lot. As evidenced by the fact that the state DKG Newsletter is now sent electronically, we have moved into the digital age.

The May meeting was also the venue for installation of new officers. The members welcomed our new President Diana Motsch who has been meeting with the other new officers over the summer to get a head start on planning for the new year. The other officers include 1st Vice President, Judy Reeves; 2nd Vice President, Peggy Williams; Recording Secretary, Brenda Logan; Treasurer, Nikki Robinson; and Parliamentarian, Emily Pruett.



We also continue to see individual members who are recognized for their talents outside the organization. **Patricia Brock Blewett's** photograph "Bathed in Sunlight" was juried into Art Comes Alive 2014. Over 1200 artists submitted their work to Art Design Consultants Fine Art Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio. Of those 1200, only 170 artists were selected for this exhibit. At the Opening Night Reception, Patricia was extremely excited to learn that she was a "Purchase Award Winner." She certainly brings those talents into our Chapter!

We will begin our new year by reflecting on the work that has been done in the past and building on those successes. We continually remind ourselves that we are a group of dedicated women who want to make a positive impact on our community. We feel we have, but we will work to strengthen our role in supporting individuals for their service in the field of education.

ALPHA GAMMA



The ALPHA GAMMA Chapter met May 17th at the Letcher County High School Library. The Letcher County Sisters were hostesses and each table was adorned with a single rose. Members from each county brought food and tables abounded with sandwiches, fruit, cakes, pies, etc. The Chapter had guests from Ohio and two members from NU Chapter in Pikeville. The Attendance Rate was 71% which was the best for the year.

An organization sees success when there are committed members. We are proud of all our members for the work they do but we are particularly proud of the ALPHA BETA members who did not miss a single meeting last year. They are: Bonnie Abner, Joyce Cecil, Janet Chase, Marybelle Duff, Diana French, Kathy Jones, Carolyn Kays, Emily Pruett, Mary Wingses and Kim Zingraff. KUDOS to these ladies.

Brenda Spence gave her usual moving devotion that is always inspiring. Joan Campbell then beautifully sang, "Here I Am Lord." The Letcher County Sisters presented a memorial to Patsy Bowen. She dedicated her life to teaching children and later was the Supervisor of the Title 1 Reading Program in Letcher County. Patsy was referred to as "Aunt Pat" and touched many people with her beautiful voice in song. Patsy Bowen was a "lady" in the true sense and an inspiration to all. Our Chapter will truly miss her.

The business portion of the meeting included the following: Presentation by Nominating

Committee on Slate of Officers for 2014-2016, Dates for meetings for 2014-2015, Charlcia Taylor Grant-In-Aid, and Fall Workshop. Carolyn Mayes presented the Historical Moment recounting our first meeting of November 1979 and presented our yearbook.



State Representative Leslie Combs was our speaker. This is her eighth year as Representative. She is a member of the Pikeville Chapter of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA as well. Leslie spoke of the recent legislation and the Mountain Parkway Project. President Karen Clark presented Leslie with a monogrammed bag.



President Clark then honored past Presidents of ALPHA GAMMA Chapter and there were seven in attendance. She presented each with a beautiful quilt.

The next meeting will be July 24th at the Perry County Library.

The ALPHA GAMMA Chapter met on Thursday, July 24th at the Perry County Library. The Owsley/Breathitt County Sisters were the hostesses. The program theme was "Death by Chocolate" and tables were adorned with brown tablecloths and decorated with cake pop buckets, miniature candy bars, and jars of candy.

The officers for 2014-2016 were installed as pre-

sented at the previous meeting.

Joyce Herald then gave a presentation on making Cake Pops, demonstrating the process, decorating tips, and then each member dipped their own cake pop.

The Attendance Rate was 59%. Marla Dell gave an inspirational devotion, "A Star in the Apple" stressing that if we cut an apple in a different way we would see a star. She stated that we often overlook dimensions in other people and fail to see their star.

President Clark informed members of the passing of another member, Doris Shepherd. Doris was one of our founding members and will be greatly missed. We will plan a memorial for her later.

The business portion of the meeting included the following items: Fall Workshop, Charlcia Taylor Grant-In-Aid, Early Education Project, New Members, Auction, and the Chapter Project. School supplies were brought by members and will be donated to the Bethany Christian Mission School in Wolfe County.

The Owsley/Breathitt County Sisters then presented a short program on Chocolate. Activities included: Guessing Games – Number of candies in jars, Chocolate Trivia Game, Chocolate Quotes, Candy Bar Riddles, and Chocolate Jokes. Cake Pop Buckets were given to winners and President Clark presented two door prizes to Maria Edwards and Eileen Sanders.

The next meeting will be November 1st.

ALPHA DELTA

Summer Social

Local chapter, ALPHA DELTA, of THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, met at the Meade County Public Library for their annual Summer Social. Sixteen members attended the gathering. All the women brought delicious food for the brunch/meeting.

President Alison Doutaz called the meeting to

order. Reading of the minutes was suspended.

Amy Bogard gave the devotional.

Jessie Trotter said there was an app for DELTA KAPPA GAMMA for their website.

Susie Harreld told about a 2 year grant designed to train parents in teaching their children in order to prepare them for pre-school. Several members said they wanted to volunteer to help; there will be 6 sessions at both Brandenburg Primary and Flaherty Primary.

Plans are underway to update a list of members and their addresses and phone numbers.

The trip to deliver goods to the school for the New Opportunity School for Women in Berea, KY was delayed, but some of the members plan to deliver the supplies in the fall.

ALPHA DELTA will continue to donate Newspapers in Education and school supplies to the Family Resource Centers in the county school system. Emphasis was given to donate children's shoes or funds to secure shoes for children in need in our school system; shoes will be purchased at Shopko. Also, plans to help a deserving senior girl with graduation expenses are being considered.

New officers were voted in: President: Jessie Trotter, Vice-President: Ann Hartman, Recording Secretary: Peggy Darnall, Corresponding Secretary: Bev Morrison, Treasurer: Denise Mudd, and Parliamentarian: Joan Wilson.

Members were encouraged to nominate new members at the September meeting. The induction ceremony would take place before the first of the year.

An information table will be set up on teacher's opening day at the breakfast at the high school.

Members then informally discussed books that they have found interesting and/or are currently reading.



Bottom Row: Ann Hartman, Donna Funk, Joan Wilson, Alison Doutaz, Pat Allen, Louise Jenkins, Margie Gregoriades
Back Row: Bev Morrison, Suzy Harreld, Jessie Trotter, Suzannah Whitfield, Julie Mofield, Ilene Aebersold, Amy Bogard, Janet Powers, Anita Seymour

Committee News Non-Dues Revenue

By Ramona Jeffries, Chair

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Go to scrolling announcements on dkg.org.
Click **Shop at AmazonSmile**

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1. Go to scrolling announcements and click **Shop Goodsearch.**
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7. To shop, click **Goodshop.**



Finance Committee

Chair, Pamela Adams asa reminder

Members can will their DKG pins to their respective Chapters. These pins can then be given to another Key Women Educator during the Initiation ceremony. Many DKG ladies have received such pins—Chapter member pin and Chapter President pin. The pin who was worn by a former member or President provides great meaning and appreciation for the new wearer in very special way.

INDY 2014

International Convention Highlights



Kentucky
2014 DKG International Convention
Indianapolis, Indiana



**Opening Session-Top: Presentation of the United States flag and
Bottom: The flags of DKG**

**Right: Pascal Bailey, MU;
Jane Thompson, BETA; and
Kathy Zwanzig, XI at a General
Session**



**Below: Golden Gift 2014 Reunion—some of us
Mississippi, Netherlands, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, South Dakota,
Arizona, Hawaii, Texas**



**Left: Lee Ann Mullins and
Cathy Fugitt, Alpha Alpha
after Celebration of Life
Ceremony**



**Wish you could have been
here with us. We missed you!**

Opening Session after a music presentation by member from Japan.



AGS President Karen Martin prepares to announce Kentucky's Star of the Southeast and the Southeast Regional Breakfast



Right: Kentucky's youngest members and Early Career Educators at Convention. They will be going again!



Below: Our Past International Presidents at the Banquet



Good food and good friends—dinner before the Opening Session and Indiana Night

