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**April 21—23**  
**Elizabethtown, KY**  
**(Hotel information on page 15)**

**2017 Southeast Regional**  
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**July 2017**  
**(More to follow in next issue)**

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## Newsletter Submission Dates

Next issue: articles, pictures, accomplishments, white roses, etc are due by October 1, 2016 for an October 15, 2016 digital release

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by Pascal Bailey, State Organization President

**Felicia Varney, NU**, recently retired from Bevins Elementary School in Pike County after 30 years of teaching. See her reflection on her career on pages 7-8.



**Holly Bloodworth, GAMMA**, recently traveled with five student teachers and their instructor, Bonnie Higginson, to Corozal, Belize, as part of the International Teaching Experience program at Murray State University. She was invited to conduct professional development for the Corozal elementary teachers and principals focused on teacher leadership and literacy skills. "Although I was there to teach and lead, I learned so many valuable lessons from this experience," said Holly in the article she wrote afterward.



## **DKG Kentucky's Wisdom for Early Career Educators**

A few months ago, I started thinking about how much I have learned from our members as I have travelled throughout our state. And, as we are taught to do, I thought about how we could share this wisdom with the women who need it most, Early Career Educators.

At our state convention, I invited our Tulip Poplar to contribute their thoughts on this question.

***What do you need to know to thrive and survive education in Kentucky?***

As the start of the new school year approaches, I believe this booklet or document will help to market our beloved organization and benefit potential members. Please send your thoughts for this publication. It will be made available in print and electronically for immediate access once it is completed. I hope you will consider contributing to this booklet.



**Leslie Combs, NU—Honorary Member**, was recently in Washington, DC at the ARTBA P3 conference presenting KY's P3 legislation in

addition to discussing P3 transportation projects with IN Representative Ed Soliday.

## **Giving to— Educate the World**

### **Did You Know...**

**Barbara Schaars, BETA**, is a proud grandmother to her second grandson.

**Melanie Belcher, NU**, recently retired from Feds Creek Elementary School in Pike County after 29 years of teaching. See her reflection on teaching on pages 6-7.



# Educational Excellence

by Kathy Zwanzig, 1st Vice President



## PICK YOUR PASSION!

What a wonderful DKG summer this has been!! International Convention in Nashville at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel was informative, entertaining, and full of fellowship. I am now preparing for the Fall Leadership Workshop in September. I am looking forward to seeing all First

Vice-Presidents and Educational Excellence Committee Chairs. I have so much to share with these new officers.

The Educational Excellence Committee will have the new and improved Annie Award and EEC Award applications ready. If you have not already begun to think about what projects and programs you want to submit, now is the time!!! Today, I talked to a member of ALPHA BETA Chapter. They already have a program and project in mind to submit. I cannot wait to see the programs and projects you have planned!

Pascal wants each Chapter to plan to identify a school, or faculty, in their area that you would like to "adopt" this school year. We are asking you to find ways to show these faculties that you support them, whether it is "treats" throughout the year or making arrangements to help in classrooms or in other ways at the specified school. Take plenty of pictures and keep anecdotal records to share at State Convention next Spring in Elizabethtown. We would like to use your pictures to make a slide show to be shown during the Birthday Luncheon.

While you are in the schools, be looking for outstanding classroom teachers to nominate for the EEC (Educational Excellence in the Classroom) Award. If you do not get the opportunity to get in the classrooms, ask their Principal. Don't you know that they would LOVE to brag on their best and brightest?! Your nominee does not have to be a member of DELTA KAPPA

GAMMA. They might just be a great prospect for your Chapter!!

Also tell me about how you are Supporting Early Career Educators (SEE). Send me descriptions of your activities. I would love to share them throughout the state and give other Chapters your ideas. Many Chapters take bags of classroom supplies to new teachers. Some get gift cards for them. The Louisville Area Chapters had a table at the New Teacher Institute for Jefferson County Public Schools, giving out membership brochures and chocolate, and having a drawing for 14 goodie bags. They also had the new teachers fill out information cards and will be following up with emails, calls, and invitations to meetings. Let me know what YOU do to Support Early Educators!!

Finally, I am asking each Chapter to make a special effort to collect for Schools for Africa. You may choose to take up a special collection as one specified meeting or at several meetings. Or you may want to do a special project, such as Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Proceeds then can be sent to State Treasurer Shelia Wilkinson to be sent to International as a state contribution.

**We are also asking for donations of yarn, knitting and crochet needles, and watercolor paint kits with brushes for a special project we are supporting as a state organization.**

**State Recording Secretary, Bonnia Fouts, is going to Africa this Fall with women from the Disciples of Christ Christian Church. They are going to take them items with them for women and girls there. Please bring these to the Fall Workshop.**

I will be giving dates and deadlines for reports and donations and applications at the Fall Workshop. I am looking forward to seeing you then!!



# Membership

by Dr. Elisabeth (Beth) Pyle, 2nd Vice President



Summer is nearly over and school is about to begin; where did the summer go? I still have things I want to get done; and so it goes -- the same lament I had last summer and the summers before that. However, despite not accomplishing everything I wanted to do over the summer, I am refreshed and getting ready to begin the new school year.

One thing I did accomplish this summer was going to the International Convention in Nashville. **One of the most significant aspects of the convention**, in terms of membership, was the overwhelming agreement (at least with the general membership) of **the importance of membership at the Chapter level**. Although attending conventions allows us to make and renew connections with members in other states and/or the world, it is still the connections made at the chapter level that drives the meaning of DKG.

As teachers, we know the importance of planning; many of us are in the midst of planning for all that we want to accomplish this school year of 2016-2017. Planning is vital to the success of student learning. And once we have made our unit and lesson plans, and decided on the activities we hope to use to enhance our lessons, we also know the importance of implementation of our plans.

As teachers we understand the importance of planning and implementation. Therefore, let us use these same guiding principles for the upcoming 2016-2017 year in DKG. I invite each of us to plan our part for a successful year in DKG -- create a personal plan as to how you will contribute to the success of your Chapter, our Kentucky State Organization, and our International Society. Perhaps your plan includes bringing in one new member; attending Chapter meetings; attending the Fall Workshop and/or the State Convention; participating in a service project; or, reaching out to another member to let

them know you miss their contribution at meetings. No matter --- make a plan; write your individual DKG plan down on a calendar (just like you write unit/lesson plans down); and, share your plan with others and then implement your plan. Written plans only have the potential of success; the realization of that potential comes through its implementation.

I hope that each of you make attending our ALPHA GAMMA STATE DKG Fall Leadership Workshop part of your individual member success plan. See you in Owensboro!



## White Roses



**Virginia Haynes Allen Miller, 92, ALPHA**

**DELTA**, was a past president and founding member of ALPHA DELTA Chapter in Meade County. In 1947, she became the first home economics teacher of Meade County High School.

Later, she became an eighth-grade teacher at Battletown Elementary. When Stuart Pepper Middle School was built, she transferred there and taught eighth-grade math until her retirement in 1988. She firmly believed in the importance of education and would always say, "Once you achieve an education, no one can ever take it from you."



**Myrtle Coign Woolum, 85, ALPHA DELTA**, was a life long member of ALPHA DELTA Chapter. She and her husband came together to Meade County to further their teaching careers at Brandenburg Central Elementary until their retirement.

Myrtle was a faithful member of Buck Grove Baptist Church where she served as Sunday School Teacher, Discipleship Training leader and loyal member of the Woman's Missionary Union.



**Marilyn Shaver, 78, EPSILON**, passed away following hip surgery in PA. She taught at Ashland Community Technical College from 1990-2008 when she later moved to Pennsylvania.

# Highlights from the 2016 International Convention

## *The Night the Lights Went Out in Nashville . . .*

by Karen Martin, Immediate Past President

What a week! The DELTA KAPPA GAMMA International Convention, held in Nashville was definitely a hit! Enriching speakers, informative sessions, good food and hours spent with renewed and newly formed friendships.

—Who could have asked for anything more???

Friday night, Sisters from Kentucky planned a dinner at the Aquarium, just a short walk to the mall to celebrate. Over forty ladies had attended the convention and looked forward to sharing experiences. Unfortunately, the restaurant could not provide us with one table, so those of us who could attend split up into smaller groups and were seated in different areas of the restaurant.

Nashville had been experiencing storms off and on all week long, but inside the Gaylord complex, we remained cool and dry. Even though possible storms were called for later that night, many of us walked to the mall. Surely we'd get home before any storms hit. Right?

Our group of four ladies were the first to be seated – 8:30 and of course the first to order. Before our food came, however, yep – the storm hit! Not only did it hit, but it knocked out the electricity for the entire mall. Since the Aquarium, with its prized inhabitants needed electricity, the generators kicked in, but only to provide lights and oxygen for the fish!!!

Our food was delivered, but with the kitchen down, many diners decided to leave. Several of our other ladies, received their meals or were served their shrimp cocktails, while others were left to enjoy salads. Most of us stayed to eat our “dinners” and enjoy the beautiful fish swimming in their tanks oblivious of the goings on around them. We were amazed watching the staff scurry around waiting on customers especially when we watched them disappear into the blackened hole which was the kitchen. Not a speck of light showed though – how did they keep from bumping into someone or falling over something? Finally, we were ready to pay our bills. Without

electricity the waiters had to hand calculate all of the tabs. At one of the tables, the waiter sat down and using his phone for light calculated everyone's bill on a table napkin. Those with cash, had no problem, others planning on using credit were worried. Luckily, the waiter brought out a slide credit card reader to run their cards. Haven't seen one of those things is a while!

As we left the minimal light of the restaurant, we found ourselves in a darkened mall. Security Guards were cruising on their Segways, locking doors and ushering patrons out. It was still pouring down rain! Susan Cross and her group had driven, so a few lucky ladies loaded up and rode back to the hotel with them, but promised to return if needed. However, many were left behind. Since the last shuttle had run hours before, Jane Thompson followed the directions of the Security Guards on their Segways and called the hotel requesting a shuttle to rescue the rest of the ladies. After much discussion, one was promised to return. The ladies watched from the door, but when they finally saw a shuttle approach several ran out to flag it down. It drove right by headed back towards the hotel, even with several of the ladies running behind waving for it to stop. (Remember the rain?)

Finally, one of the ladies said she could make it to her car and would make trips. After the second load of ladies left, Linda Jewell and Jane Thompson remained at the door keeping watch, either for the missing shuttle and Jane for the car. Out of nowhere an animal appeared and tried to get across the walkway by the door hoping to get in out of the rain. Jane thought it was a fat cat. Linda shouted, “What was that?” as both ladies scrambled from the door. Later, Linda said it was a fat rat that had come out to of the gutter by the curb. What a fright!

Close to midnight and after five trips, all of the Kentucky ladies made it back safely to the hotel. While it may not have been the way Pascal Bailey, the State President, had hoped her Kentucky dinner would be, it was quite an experience. Still good food and interesting stories were shared. One of the waiters, Steven Gilbert told his ladies that he was an aspiring singer – where else would he be but in Nashville the home of country music! All in all, a wonderful experience to share with our Sisters, “The Night the Lights Went Out in Nashville”.

# Chapter News

## **BETA** - ANDERSON, FAYETTE, FRANKLIN, GARRARD, and WOODFORD COUNTIES, KY

by Jane M. Thompson

BETA Chapter met on Saturday, June 18 in Lexington, KY to celebrate the 90th birthday of Bertha Hoover, reserve member and long time BETA Chapter Treasurer.



Left to Right:  
Ramona Griffin,  
Marilyn Hughes,  
Karen Allen,  
Barbara Schaars,  
Bertha Hoover—  
age 90, Bertha's  
daughter— Mrs.  
Peace, Mary  
Evelyn Poole, and  
Betty Dozier.



## **NU** - PIKEVILLE, KY

### Reflection on Teaching Upon My Retirement

by Melanie Belcher

Teaching is not just a job, it is a “calling” on one’s life. Although I had toyed around with the idea of other professions in my mind, such as, being an artist, or a cartoonist, or an architect, I settled on “teaching” as my field of study at Pikeville College after I had my aspirations squashed by an instructor who pretty much said she did not think I had the talent to become an artist. Looking back on it now, I do not know why I let the opinion of one college teacher sway me from my dream, but I can now say that I am glad that it did because otherwise I would not have had the experience of shaping the lives of a multitude of students for the last twenty-nine years.

I guess you can say that “teaching” was definitely in my blood. Both of my parents were teachers, as well as, several of my aunts in the family. When I started teaching in August of 1987, I was a bright-eyed and bushy-tailed young woman of 21 years of age. It was with the enthusiasm of youth that I started working with my class of second graders at Grapevine Elementary School at Phyllis, KY. After a few years of commuting to that sweet community school, I transferred to Jackson Rowe Elementary School at Steele, KY, just three miles from my home at Feds Creek, KY. It was MY elementary school. I had been a student there in grades Kindergarten through sixth. With the consolidation of the two schools

## **ZETA** - NORTHERN KENTUCKY

by Lucy Riffle

ZETA Chapter recently initiated Debbie Morris. Also pictured are some of the 2016-2018 officers: President. Lynn Mays, First Vice-President June Madison, Recording Secretary Renee McKellogg and Corresponding Secretary Pam Bernard.



(Grapevine Elementary and Jackson Rowe Elementary), my old high school became the new Feds Creek Elementary School in December 2002. Not many teachers can say that they taught where they were a student not once, but twice!

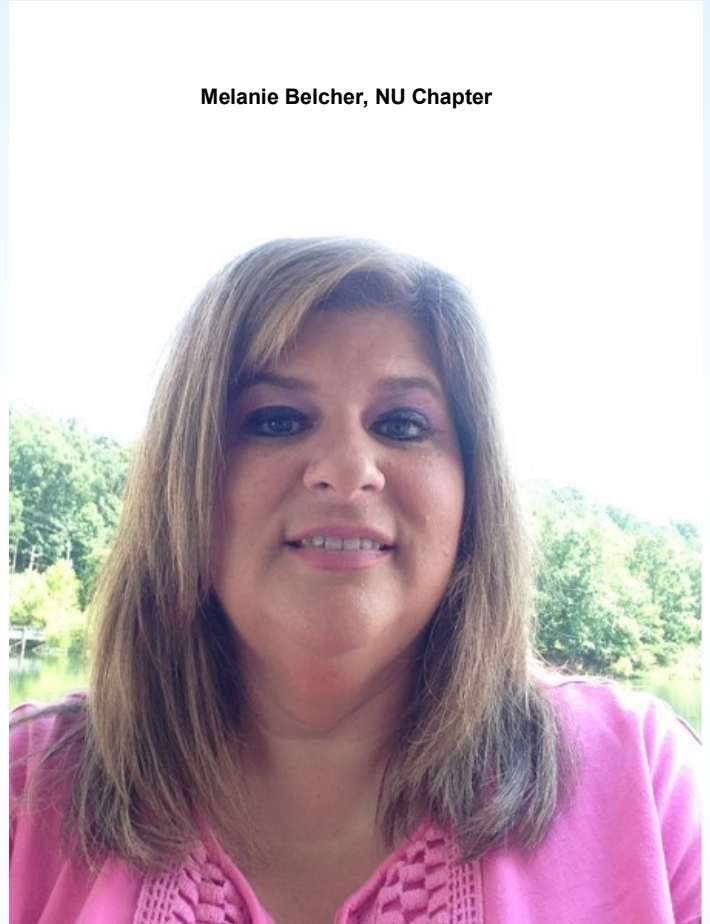
I became a member of NU Chapter of the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL in March 2003. My mother, Wanda Francisco had been a member for over 32 years and encouraged me to join. Growing up, I can recollect my mother going to the Saturday meetings, and I always looked forward to her return because I knew she would bring my sister and me some little trinket or some candy left over from the meeting. She sponsored my membership, and the years of our going to meetings together are memories that I will always cherish. My mother, as well as, the other wonderful ladies, instilled in me a sense of pride in this wonderful organization that does so much excellent work on the behalf of fellow women educators, as well as, other charitable organizations in the Pike County community.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure to work with the most talented teachers, administrators, and students that any educator could ever ask for. I have had so many mentors who have had a major impact on my career—the late Mr. Jerry Waddell, Loren Slone, and Dr. Melinda Willis to name a few. These, and countless others, have either encouraged, challenged, or inspired me in some way to be a better educator. It is because of them, and of course, my students, that I have always been eager to want to know more and to hone my craft. It was this thirst for knowledge that prompted me to work to receive my Education Specialist degree from Morehead State University in December 2010. Since then, I had continued to take Supervision qualification classes up until 2014, when my mother became very ill. It is my hope that retirement will give me the opportunity to take better care of her and my dad, enjoy more quality family time with my daughter and husband, and still work in some capacity (perhaps, tutoring) to help mold young minds.

Fast forward to the spring of 2016, and I am sitting at the graduation ceremony of our eighth graders at Feds Creek Elementary. They have

given me a plaque in honor of my retirement. Although I am very appreciative of the plaque, I am more thankful for that instructor in college whose words of discouragement made me vow that I would never tell a student that he or she could not do something. It is because of this that I now say that I didn't settle on becoming a teacher, but that I have spent years doing what I love—ENCOURAGING, CHALLENGING, INSPIRING, TEACHING!

Melanie Belcher, NU Chapter



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## Reflection on My Career

by Felicia Varney

Looking back on thirty wonderful years packed with trial and error, motivational tours, inventive ideas and treasured moments I know just how blessed I have been to have developed so many lifelong friendships filled with love and memories of students, colleagues, administrators, and parents, as well as community members.

I can never remember not wanting to be a teacher. My father, my brother, several aunts and uncles and numerous teachers afforded me the pleasure of experiencing many wonderful years of inspiration and led me to becoming a teacher. Teaching allowed me to give back a portion of that experience and I loved every moment of it. Teaching a child to read, write, to enjoy science and math, as well as experience life, develop respect, and create goals in life has brought great pleasure to my life!

During my teaching career from the fall of 1986 to the spring of 2016, I taught Kindergarten, First Grade, K-1, and 1-2 at Runyon Elementary School. Next, I moved to Bevins Elementary, where I was the Read to Achieve Teacher and after that, I finished out my career as the Third Grade Science and Writing teacher. I was blessed to receive the 2016 Teacher of the Year at Bevins Elementary. I am a member of NU Chapter of the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, 24 years in December! While participating in NU Chapter, I get to work with many marvelous friends and



Felicia Varney,  
NU Chapter

colleagues like the teacher who I did my student teaching under as she is the teacher who invited me into this fabulous society. I hope to continue to substitute teach, volunteer in NU Chapter, work and volunteer at church, enjoy my family and treasured friends. Hopefully, I can continue to provide love, respect, and the power to meet our goals, as I have been blessed by God so tremendously in this life!

## UPSILON — Northern Kentucky

by Priscilla Roberts

As members of UPSILON, both veteran members and new members, made their way into the lovely dining room at the Highland Country Club, in Ft. Thomas, on May 14, 2016, they were pleasantly surprised as Juanita Nelson, a very accomplished musician, who was inducted in 2014, greeted them with the beautiful music she was playing on her harp.

President Priscilla Roberts welcomed everyone, had a few minutes for everyone to "meet and greet," and then Rebecca Taylor, Membership Coordinator, called the roll. Altogether, 32 were in attendance, with 6 very special guests who joined us. Then, Judy Ihrig lead everyone in some fun songs just to get everyone warmed-up and ready for a great meeting. By the way, Estelle Martin, member for 29 years, and still an active almost 82-year-old, young-at-heart lady, still attends our meetings on a regular basis, always bringing her pleasant smile and great sense of humor with her! Other members present at this meeting were Mary Barker, Lynnae Bussell, Vickie Chamberlain, Charlotte Depew, Sarah Graff, Debbie Grizzell, Carol Rae Howard, Judy Ihrig, Judy Jackson, Laura Kalfas, Benita Lind, Pam Manker, Karen Martin, Linda Mauser, Jennifer McCrann, Shirley Miller, Juanita Nelson, Priscilla Roberts, Leah Runyon, Beverly Sharp, Brenda Staggs, Sarah Staggs, Rebecca Taylor, Pam Thomas, and Rebecca Thomas.

Afterwards, Debbie Grizzell, another accomplished musician, who has played the dulcimer for many years, also inducted in 2014 joined Juanita Nelson. Together they played some beautifully relaxing pieces of music for us.



How inspiring and entertaining, and what a wonderful way to start our last meeting of this biennium!

The next item on the agenda was to acknowledge 11 "Women of Vision" for their contributions this year, and that included Cathy Feldmann, Karin Edgington, Laura Kalfas, Pam Manker, Karen Martin, Linda Mauser, Shirley Miller, Priscilla Roberts, Brenda Staggs, Pam Thomas, and Rebecca Thomas.

In addition, Mary Barker, Betty Lusby, and Shirley Green were acknowledged for having been UPSILON members for 45 years, and Benita Lind and Brenda Staggs received certificates and their 40 year pin from ALPHA GAMMA State. Chrysteen Vanover was recognized for her 25 years, and Roberta Schultz for her 20 years. Kudos to each one of these ladies for many years of membership!

Furthermore, for the second year in a row, two members of UPSILON have received the Educational Excellence in the Classroom Award. Rebecca Thomas was the first recipient at last year's Spring Convention, and this year 25 year veteran teacher Laura Kalfas of Main Street Christian School in Alexandria, KY won this prestigious award. Laura's husband, Dr. Mike Kalfas, and their 3 children and their daughter-in-law graced our presence as Laura received this outstanding recognition.

Afterwards, 4 new members - Sarah Graff, Judy Jackson, Leah Runyon, and Sarah Staggs were inducted, and these ladies bring a lot of teaching experience and talent to the table. It is especially interesting to note that Sarah Staggs is Brenda and Sterling Staggs' daughter, and it was most befitting that Sarah joined DKG on her mother's 40th year in Upsilon.

Following that ceremony, our new officers for the next biennium, starting July 1, 2016, were Installed. They are President Linda Mauser, First Vice-President Pam Thomas, Second Vice-President Laura Kalfas, Recording Secretary Rebecca Thomas, Treasurer Karen Martin, Corresponding Secretary Mary Barker, and Parliamentarian Pam Manker. Congratulations to these ladies!

Wow! What a full plate we had at this meeting!

No pun intended! But, after a delicious luncheon, installation of members and new officers, a business meeting and a report from each of the officers present, an auction was held. President Priscilla Roberts presided as auctioneer, and more fun began! Karin Edgington's 5 delicious homemade pies sold for over \$175 in less than 15 minutes, and what a hoot it was to listen to the ladies and several gentlemen (guests, of course) try to outbid one another for these pies.

The pies, along with items that were donated for the auction, brought over \$400, and that money will go towards the Grant-in-Aid recipient. One of the most unique items was a black hat that creative Charlotte Depew brought. She had designed a most beautiful, striking headband to top it off! Bidding started, and the race was on! Five members were trying to outbid one another, but Laura Kalfas won with the highest bid. Surprisingly, she presented the hat to Priscilla Roberts who was absolutely overwhelmed by the gesture, and was left speechless, if you can believe that one! But, that's the truth, and that's the way it was! That hat may make it way to Nashville, maybe. It's surely quite the prize! Thanks, ladies! What a gift!

Moreover, Pam Thomas, chairperson for our recipe book committee, gave an update on our recipe book that we have worked on for 5 months, and she took orders for the book after the meeting. As of this newsletter, the book has been proofed, and the final product will be delivered the middle of June! This book is filled with great recipes and will make a wonderful gift for someone, as well as being a rewarding book in your kitchen! You will want to be sure and order one from Pam Thomas, and you can email her at [rpt268@fuse.net](mailto:rpt268@fuse.net), or call her at (859) 572-9661. She will answer any questions you might have. Proceeds from the book will go for scholarships for deserving future teachers in our local universities. The cost is only \$10. The book really is chocked full of awesome recipes from our members, as well as all sorts of helpful hints and information about cooking, etc.

Finally, announcements were made, and members were encouraged to continue getting more new members, and to try and attend our workshops, conventions, and the International

meeting in Nashville in July. Incidentally, presently, 8 members from UPSILON have registered to attend the International Convention.

Having completed all of this, everyone went away with a full stomach, a good time, and many pleasant memories with our friends. As a reminder of all this, famous author C.S. Lewis once wrote the following: "Friendship (next to family) is the greatest of worldly goods. Certainly, to me it is the chief happiness of life. If I had to give a piece of advice to a young man (or woman) about a place to live, I think I would say, 'sacrifice almost everything to live where you can be near your friends.' I know I am very fortunate in that respect." Our friends are truly a gift from God.

And speaking of special friends, thanks to our special photographer- friend, Sterling Staggs, who was on hand to catch our memories of this meeting. Sterling received a special clock-plaque from the UPSILON members for all of his excellent work in catching these memories for us these past 6 years! We are all blessed, for sure!

## **ALPHA ALPHA** — LEXINGTON, KY

by Carolyn Wells

The June 25, 2016 meeting of ALPHA ALPHA Chapter was called to order by Pascal Bailey, ALPHA GAMMA State Organization President. The meeting was held at The Chop House in Lexington, KY. President Pascal explained that she had called the meeting to take care of some unfinished business which needed to be addressed before June 30th, 2016. This meeting was declared an official ALPHA ALPHA meeting. Pascal had brought cards to be signed and sent to Mildred Purcell and Betty Sue Davis who have been unable to attend due to health reasons. Pascal also reminded members to send cards to those they know who may be in need of a cheerful message.

The roll call of members revealed there were nine of nineteen members present as well as three guests and Pascal. Members included: Gloria Batts, Joyce Clifford, Jan Farley, Sara Hall, Elaine Jones, LeAnn Mullins, Carolyn Wells, Diane Woods and Rachel Wright. Guests

were Jane Thompson and Karen Martin, both a past president of AGS and Jane Bailey, mother of Pascal.

The Devotion was given by Sara Hall. Her first reading was related to the simple truths of Forest Gump, the movie character. When asked how many days of the week begin with "T", he answered "Two" which are "Today and Tomorrow". When asked to tell how many seconds are in a year, he answered "12" and started naming them - January 2nd, February 2nd, etc on through December. When asked the third question, "Who is God's best friend?", he answered "Andy". When asked how that could be he started quoting the words to a familiar old hymn - "And He (Andy) walks with me, and He (Andy) talks with me, and He (Andy) tells me I am his own" Her second reading emphasized that among the highest professions of all the career options, teaching is the highest because educators teach all the other professions— knowledge that persons need to do their various jobs. Her third reading was from a book mark. The book mark told "Why God made Teachers" - so all the other professions could be successful.

The minutes of the last meeting were given by Diane Woods. Questions were raised about the business of ALPHA ALPHA Chapter: (1) whether the Day Care program, as well as the giving of a book written by a Kentucky woman author might be discontinued if such an action would provide more money for the Grant-in-Aid program in our Chapter, (2) the reason this meeting was called - a possible merger of PI Chapter with ALPHA ALPHA or, individual PI members transferring to ALPHA ALPHA, and (3) when will the By-Laws and Standing Rules be revised? It was suggested that these items be addressed as either Old Business or New Business as per the traditional agenda for conducting meetings. This was informally agreed by consent of members attending.

The Treasurer's report and the Proposed Budget, prepared by the treasurer, Connie Wason, were presented to the members. After some questions and discussion, Diane Woods made a motion that the treasurer's report with the proposed budget be accepted. Carolyn Wells seconded the motion. Joyce Clifford then initiated questions regarding the two projects:

presenting a book written by a Kentucky woman author to a library in our membership area, as well as presenting money to a preschool within our membership area. The discussion centered around whether we might want to discontinue these two efforts in order to give more money to our grant-in-aid project. It was pointed out that we had not had an applicant the last two years, and that we need to review this program as to the money necessary to operate it as originally determined.

At this point, Jan Farley proposed that we table the discussion relative to these particular questions until the Executive Board meeting for ALPHA ALPHA could be held and all issues could be more formally addressed. LeeAnn Mullins seconded the motion and all members attending voted yes and the motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

Jane Thompson reported that the Bluegrass Coordinating Council—BETA, OMICRON, PHI and ALPHA ALPHA will be meeting together to at the December meeting at Spindletop on December 10th, 2016. BETA Chapter will be the hostess chapter this year. BETA will get the information distributed. ALPHA ALPHA's silent auction will be conducted as in previous years.

#### **New Business:**

Joyce Clifford reported that the Grant-in-Aid application was revised. Joyce passed the revised document around the table for perusal. The forms will be distributed by Joyce Clifford to be used immediately for awarding a Grant-in-Aid for an eligible applicant. The current applicant, Marie Bowen, graduated from Harrison County High School. She is majoring in teaching music and will be attending Covenant College in Georgia for her degree. LeeAnn initiated discussion whether to increase or decrease the amount of money to give to the Grant-in-Aid. Jan Farley discussed whether to drop some things we were doing to provide more money for the grant. A question was brought up about which of these things best fulfilled the DKG seven purposes. It was quickly agreed that the grant seemed most aligned with our key mission for key women educators.

A plan of action for securing more members as well as for recruiting applicants for grants would

be to work with the local schools and go to Counselors of high schools as they are the ones with the information that we need to be successful in this endeavor. Sara Hall called for the question. Joyce Clifford made the motion to keep the funding of the grant at \$1,000.00 per year (\$500 per semester). Sara Hall seconded it and all votes approved the motion. Joyce presented the grant applicant information and made the motion to accept this applicant. Sara Hall seconded and all votes were for approval.

The question as to when the By-Laws and Standing Rules would be revised, the answer was that changes by International would be completed after the International Meeting in Nashville, TN and State and Chapter By-Laws and Standing Rules would be revised after that time.

President Pascal Bailey was then given the floor to discuss her proposal regarding PI Chapter's members. Her focus is on taking care of the members as to their needs. PI has struggled for some time and many have fallen by the wayside and no longer participate in Chapter activities as there have been no meetings for some time. She presented the options for PI— either maintaining membership, allowing PI to dissolve, allowing PI merge with another Chapter of their choosing, or allow individual members to transfer their membership to another Chapter. Pascal read a letter she has written to each known member listing their options and asking for their input as to how we can best help them. The discussion focus was to extend membership to support their efforts in remaining a DKG Sister!

After much discussion ALPHA ALPHA voted to support the efforts of President Pascal and PI Chapter. It was pointed out that a recent roster showed that most remaining members are split between Berea and Beattyville. ALPHA ALPHA could easily take in any members who would want to transfer to us and the members up near Beattyville could easily transfer to ALPHA GAMMA nearer them. The choice would be theirs. ALPHA ALPHA will support and accept the decision made by them.

ALPHA ALPHA invited Past State Presidents Jane Thompson and Karen Martin to assist with the ceremony for installation of the incoming

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Woods; First Vice President Jan Farley; Second Vice President LeAnn Mullins; Secretary June Tompkins-installed in absentia; Treasurer Connie Wason-Appointed; Parliamentarian-to be Appointed. Roses were given to the newly installed officers as well as to all members attending. Favors were given to all attendees to show appreciation for their coming to this important meeting and supporting State President Pascal Bailey in her efforts to help our PI sisters. A gift bag was given to the three State Presidents (current and past) for their attention and assistance in keeping our ALPHA ALPHA Chapter on track and up-to-date! Meeting dates were decided upon for October 20th and December 10th, 2016, and other dates will be given at a later time after the next meeting. The meeting adjourned after a nice luncheon at The Chop House in Lexington.



TOP: ALPHA ALPHA members in discussion to ensure the Chapter moves forward as Pascal Bailey, President and Karen Martin Immediate Past State President provides support.  
 BOTTOM: Jane Thompson, Past State President, leads the Installation of new Officers—Diana Woods, Jan Farley, and LeeAnn Mullins.



# ALPHA BETA – LOUISVILLE, KY

by Diana Motsch

Our sisters from Tennessee said, "Ya'll come!", so Ann Hafling and Judy Reeves decided to attend the International Convention held at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, TN. The meetings were informative, the speakers insightful, and friendships were renewed. They even took a boat ride through the Delta and, with the special glasses, found the monkeys hiding everywhere. Be sure to notice the glasses in one of the photos that Judy provided!



Ann was especially impressed with the opening ceremonies, and she loved the flag displays. She commented upon the outstanding talent that exists in DELTA KAPPA GAMMA. She said that we are truly lucky to have such inspiring leaders who emphasize positive thinking. She quoted, "Have an attitude of gratitude!" Both Ann and Judy said that if you have never gone to one of these conventions, you should plan to go. They said that you won't be disappointed, and that you will learn a lot, too!

I am sure that Ann and Judy will make a full report to the members of ALPHA BETA Chapter at our meeting on August 1st. We are all so proud that we had such excellent representation in Nashville, and we look forward to sending more of our members to the Fall Leadership Workshop in Owensboro!

Judy Reeves says, you never know who you will run into at an International Convention...





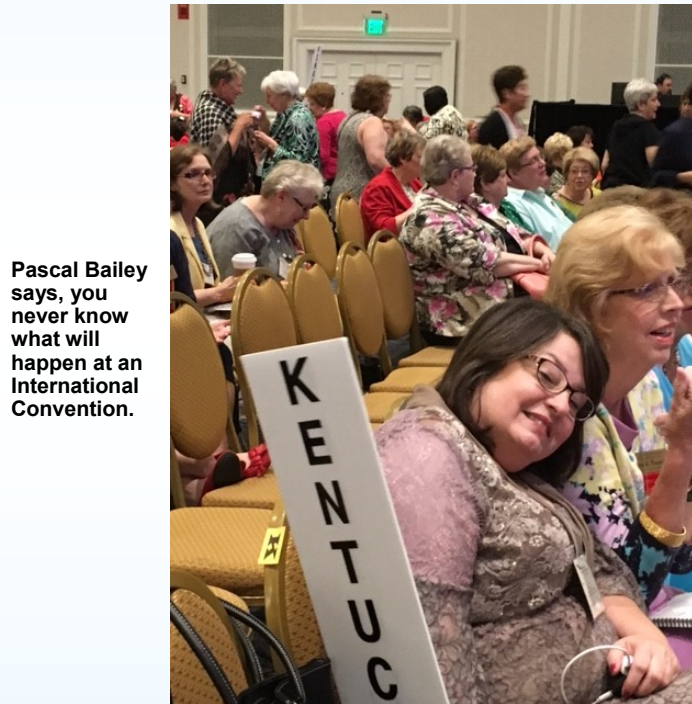
And Ann Hafling says, you never know what you'll see at an International Convention.

opened with "Any Dream Will Do" and later sang "Close Every Door". Jalen Hardcastle who played Judah did a great job singing "Benjamin Calypso". Narrator Lillie King belted out favorite songs and harmony. Jeremy Chambers who played Pharaoh ended the medley with his bring the house down Elvis rendition of "Song of the King". ALPHA DELTA members gave them a standing ovation and marveled at the talent that Meade County High School provided. Musical Director, Derek Crafton, accompanied the performers on piano. We wish to thank Mr. Crafton and Ms. Shaune Rebilas for preparing the students for this incredible entertainment.



Entertainment for the luncheon by cast members of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Music Director, Derek Crafton, Jake Beavin, Lillie King, and Jeremy Chambers. Not pictured Jalen Hardcastle.



Pascal Bailey says, you never know what will happen at an International Convention.

Next, we had a prayer and let our entertainers go through our brunch line first. The food, as always, was delicious. Devotional was given by Kim Clutts, as she shared her thank you note to her mentor, Betty Barger, who retired this year. Door prize for most years taught went to Margie Vance Gregoriades, who taught for 43 years; her first year was at Meade County High School in 1963-1964 and some of our members had her as a teacher. The next door prize went to the teachers who had taught in the greatest number of different schools; speech teachers, Suzie Harreld and and Kelly Butler tied with 8 different schools.

State President, Pascal Bailey, blessed us with her presence and her wisdom. We were amazed to learn that our State President was currently teaching in the classroom. She told us of her background and upcoming international meeting in Nashville July 5-9 and our next state meeting in Elizabethtown in April 21-23.

## ALPHA DELTA — MEADE COUNTY, KY

by Bev Morrison

Local Chapter, ALPHA DELTA, opened their summer social with the universal language of music. A few members of the spring musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, blessed us with highlights from the production. Jake Beavin, who played Joseph

Thank you to our Communications Committee who hosted this event. Bev Morrison, Kim Clutts, Suzannah Whitfield, Allison Doutaz, Pam Corum, and Bonnie Wardrip.



Front Row : Bev Morrison, State President Pascal Bailey, Mary Lou Jenkins

Middle Row: Kelly Butler, Allison Doutaz, Renee Miller, Suzannah Whitfield, Pam Foushee

Back: Andrea Pike-Goff, Lorie Craycroft, Mandy Richardson, Amy Allen, Kaylin Benham, Suzie Harreld, Anita Seymour, Ilene Aebersold, Joan Wilson, Donna Funk, Bonnie Wardrip, Peggy Darnall, Pam Corum, Shirley Jones, Kim Clutts, Darla Zweifel, and Margie Gregoriades

## Committee News Social Media

by Dr. Bonnia Fouts,  
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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ALPHA GAMMA STATE BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES.

Article VIII –  
Committees  
Section I.  
Standing Committees  
C. Other

#### Add Social Media

Section 3. Duties of Committees  
C. Other Committees

Add number 10. The Social Media Committee shall provide a method of monitoring and maintaining the Social Media Usage Plan, maintaining fluid communication from International through Alpha Gamma State to the



### Alpha Gamma State Chapters.

Goals include:

- a. revising the Social Media Usage Plan to reflect achievements of goals completed and to update the plan as new goals and activities arise and changes are seen at the International level.
- b. maintain a fluid method of communication between International, Alpha Gamma State and the Chapters.
- c. assisting chapters in the development of their own Social Media Usage Plans, reviewing these plans and personal assistance by the committee members.
- d. Communication between members of the committee, the Alpha Gamma State Executive Board and Chapters will be done electronically, through the Alpha Gamma State News and the Alpha Gamma State Website.

Rationale: The Social Media Usage Plan is a living document and needs constant evaluation and input, so as to not become stagnant and lost. Additionally, Chapters need support in developing and maintaining their documents as well.

Financial Cost: Financial cost to Alpha Gamma State should be minimal if any.

Presented by the Social Media Ad Hoc Committee, to be approved at the Alpha Gamma State Convention, 2016.

### Social Media Usage Plan 2016

1. Continue to research the types of social media used by members of Alpha Gamma State (AGS).
2. To research how many members are on Facebook and Twitter.
3. Continue encouraging all members who are current Facebook users to join the AGS Facebook Page.
4. Assisting chapters in developing their own social media usage plan (creating a Facebook page, for example).
5. To encourage members to tweet positives about DKG on Twitter.
6. To listen and respond to ongoing needs submitted by chapters regarding social media usage.

# Archives

by Dr. Rosemary Weddington, BETA

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ALPHA GAMMA STATE BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES.

Article VIII – Committees

Section I. Standing Committees

C. Other

**Add Archives**

Section 3. Duties of Committees

C. Other Committees

**Add number 9. The Archives Committee shall provide a method of maintaining and storing the history of the chapters and showing the relationship through Alpha Gamma State chapters to Alpha Gamma State.**

Goals include:

- a. Revising the Archives Maintenance and Storage Plan to reflect achievements of goals completed and to update the plan as new goals and activities arise and changes are seen at the International level.
- b. Deciding the materials needed to preserve the history of our society.
- c. Locating a safe place to store and back-up the items.
- d. Providing a user-friendly system for indexing what is preserved.
- e. Sharing the index of preserved items in a fashion that can be easily found on the storage media. (CD, Memory Stick, Chip, etc.)

Rationale: The Archives Maintenance and Storage Plan is a living document and needs constant input, so as to not become stagnant and lost. Additionally, Chapters need support in developing and maintaining their documents as well.

Financial Cost: Financial cost to Alpha Gamma State should be minimal if any.

Presented by the Archives Ad Hoc Committee, to be approved at the Alpha Gamma State Convention, 2016.

### Archives Maintenance and Storage Plan 2016

1. Encourage chapters to appoint a chapter

historian.

2. Research what materials are to be filed.
3. Assist chapters in developing their own set of historical documents.
4. Listen and respond to ongoing needs submitted by chapters regarding their maintenance and storage of historical documents.

## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHAPTER TREASURERS

by Shelia Wilkinson, AGS Treasurer, MU

***Please make plans to attend the Fall Workshop in Owensboro on Sept. 10, 2016.***

On Saturday, a breakout session will be held for all Chapter Treasurers. Computers will be available to assist you in accessing some new features of the DKG International Website. At this session, you will receive training regarding collection of dues, submission of required forms electronically and setting up Excel spreadsheets for your Chapter's finance records.

It will great to see each of you at this workshop.



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LEFT: Congratulations to Priscilla Roberts, UPSILON, ALPHA GAMMA State's newest *Star of the Southeast!*

Here she is pictured the moment Priscilla knew she had been selected by ALPHA GAMMA State President, Pascal Bailey.

Right: Some of the KENTUCKY group gets together for a meal in Nashville.



Louisville Chapters host an informative session at the new Teacher Institute in Louisville, KY.

