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## DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 5—8, 2016 NASHVILLE, TN

Oh, so close to you wherever you are in Kentucky!

Make your plans now to attend! Let's see just how high a number we can have for Kentucky. Let Pascal know if you are going for a day or the whole Convention. For sure, you want to be there for the Kentucky State photo. Never been to an International Convention before? No problem go to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and register. And, while your on the site, take the time to update your contact information.

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### Newsletter Submission Dates

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

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by Pascal Bailey, State Organization President

## Ya'll Come to Pikeville!



I hope you have made plans to attend our State Convention. All Chapter Presidents or appointed delegate should be in attendance. We hope to get our business done and enjoy ourselves under the leadership of

our Southeastern Sisters of NU, TAU, and ALPHA GAMMA.

As you requested, EVERYTHING is under one roof, so you may park when you arrive and not use the car until you leave. If you haven't reserved a room, check for cancellations at the Hilton or the Hampton Inn which is next door.

Vendor set up begins at 3 and registration starts at 4 on Friday, April 14.

Express Unloading will be provided by UPike football team members. With construction across the street, the unloading area may be crowded, so UPike will help unload and attend to your items while you park and check in. A donation to them will be provided.

Our Project is the Homeless Veterans' Transitional Housing Center of Pikeville. Obviously, they help veterans and you can bring clothing (including suits for job interview), toiletries, TWIN SHEETS, cleaning supplies, non-perishable food, and McDonalds \$5 gift cards.

Our ladies love our baskets, so Chapters may bring a basket or auction item to benefit the Nancy McClure Leadership fund.

On Sunday, the Celebration of Life service will

begin at 9 AM to accommodate the long drive home. Looking forward to an exciting weekend!

## Did You Know...



**Maggie McGatha, XI**, Associate Professor in the Department of Middle and Secondary Education, received a \$375,000 grant from the Kentucky Department of Education. The two-year grant will fund professional learning

opportunities that are designed to improve subject matter knowledge, teaching expertise, and leadership capabilities of mathematics teachers in the elementary grades.



**Dr. Bonnia Fouts, AGS Recording Secretary, ALPHA**, a member of the Disciples of Christ Christian Church and the Disciples Home Missions ministry is one of ten women selected to travel with Woman to Woman Worldwide to

Ghana and South Africa later this year. She stated on "I am earning my way telecommuting and designing curriculum and instructional design. Just got back from a really great leadership conference in Black Mountain, NC. I am finding out what all I need to do before my trip to Ghana and South Africa."



**Crystal Culp, OMEGA**, is the KEA (Kentucky Education Association) Teacher of the Year. She is a member of KEA's First District.



**Kathy Zwanzig, AGS First Vice President, XI**, and her husband, Glenn, were recently honored by the Crimson Mission, an organization of friends and family supporting duPont Manual High School in Louisville, KY. She stated, "We feel lucky just to have had the opportunity to have

worked with the awesome young people who have filled our classrooms at the school."

# Educational Excellence

by Kathy Zwanzig, 1st Vice President



## PICK YOUR PASSION!

The Educational Excellence Committee has been hard at work, reading and scoring all of the submissions for the Annie Awards and the Educational Excellence in the Classroom Award. We are giving Annie Awards for both an outstanding program and an outstanding project this year. We are looking

forward to recognizing those projects and programs and awarding the EEC Award to an outstanding educator who emulates all that DKG represents.

To address the two major goals of DKG International, we are planning to initiate two new statewide projects. The first will be designed to Support Early Career Educators (SEE). The second will be used to support UNICEF, specifically Schools for Africa. The committee will meet during the Convention to begin developing the plans for these projects. And, we invite all convention attendees to join us and to provide your creative ideas and wisdom. But, if you are not attending the convention, just send your contributions to one of the committee members listed below.

If you have not made your reservations yet, I urge you to attend the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. It will occur July 5-9. If you cannot go for the entire week, you can register for one or two days. You will meet Key Women Educators from all around the world! It is such a wonderful experience.

We hope to see many of you in Pikeville!

Your Educational Excellence Committee,

Kathy Zwanzig, XI, Chair  
Debbie Duffy, XI  
Alma Benedict, THETA  
Jana Beth Francis, RHO  
Pam Bernard, ZETA

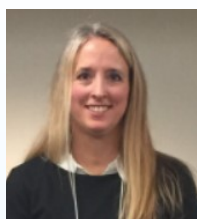
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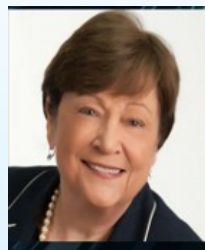
## Did You Know..., con't.



**Lisa Cain, XI**, has been awarded a \$10,000 Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship by the Educational Foundation of the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL. She is one of eight people selected to receive this scholarship. Lisa is attending Bellarmine University in Louisville where she is working on her doctoral degree, majoring in Literacy Education and Social Change.



**Angela Foster, BETA**, was a Presenter at the Reading Recovery Conference of North America in Columbus, OH in February 2016.



**Dr. Judith Rhoads, KAPPA**, has retired after 18 years as CEO of Madisonville Community College where she led the college to be in the top 10% of community colleges in the nation and first in Kentucky for high graduation rates.

# Membership

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



Membership has many facets; although most often the recruitment of new members takes the forefront with retention close behind. However, I would like to take a few moments to discuss the importance of remembrance in the overall picture of membership. I write this because Chapter Necrology reports are due.

These reports help assure that those DKG teachers who died during this past year will be remembered; each made a unique impact on so many students. This is vital for the spirit of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA to continue from year to year, decade to decade. I find it comforting that I, too, will one day be remembered at the Chapter, State, and International levels for the effect I had on students and others in the educational picture. Therefore, please send me your Chapter's Necrology report and, if possible, have a representative from your Chapter attend our State Convention to remember our sisters in the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

In my last article, I mentioned that I would be discussing the "5 Why's Analysis" and the "SWOT" (Analysis of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). Both of these tools are available in detail of the International website, but I wanted to briefly explain the benefits so chapters can utilize them.

The "5 Why's Analysis" tool provides a method for a Chapter to move past symptoms and understand the true root cause of a problem. By asking "Why?" five times you can drill down into a problem deeply enough to understand the ultimate root cause. In addition, because there might be multiple issues with multiple symptoms to investigate, it is necessary to complete the "5 Why's" for each one. The picture that emerges may bring the solution(s) into focus.

Another extremely helpful tool is the "SWOT" analysis. The acronym SWOT refers to a method of analysis used in strategic planning, but it can be used for analyzing any situation or decision.

Basically, SWOT provides a procedure for identifying internal and external factors that are favorable or unfavorable to achieving a certain objective. It is particularly helpful in identifying areas for development. The two main categories for analysis in SWOT are: 1) Internal factors – The strengths and weaknesses internal to the individual/group/organization and, 2) External factors – The opportunities and threats presented to the individual/group/organization by the external environment.

For further information about the "5 Why's Analysis Tool" and SWOT Analysis please refer to the DKG International website:

<http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Committees/Society Business/Membership Assets/Tools for Chapter Strengthening.aspx>

One last thing --- See you all in Pikeville for a weekend of DKG fellowship, friendship and fun!

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## White Roses



There are no White Roses to report this issue!

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## Editor's Note

As of March 31, 2016, I am retired from teaching. If you have been in the habit of sending articles, etc. to my school email, I will not get it. Please use this email [THOMPSON655@roadrunner.com](mailto:THOMPSON655@roadrunner.com) to make sure I get your Chapter's information. Please submit pictures as a jpeg file. Thanks!

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## Chapter News

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

by Ramona Griffin

BETA Chapter started the year in August at Addie's Restaurant at the Woodford Inn in Versailles, KY. The members enjoyed fellowship and discussing their summer activities.

Information was given about the benefits of being a DELTA KAPPA GAMMA member and a meeting schedule for the year was set.

Amanda Rice, from Woodford County, the Louise B. Combs Grant-In-Aid recipient joined the



Chapter for lunch. She discussed her summer activities and her plans to major in Special Education at the University of Kentucky.

The Chapter also discussed its responsibilities for the Fall Workshop in September, 2015 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, KY.

Emma B. Ward Elementary in Lawrenceburg, KY, was the setting for the October meeting. This was an informational meeting for teachers interested in learning about DELTA KAPPA GAMMA.

In December, BETA members met with the Bluegrass Area Coordinating Council's cluster of chapters at Spindletop Hall in Lexington, KY, to celebrate the upcoming holiday. Several members of the Chapter brought guests to the Christmas luncheon. Our special guest speaker was Pascal Bailey, AGS President. Pascal's mother and sister joined us as well. In addition, Immediate Past President, Karen Martin attended with Karin Edgington, Karen's traveling buddy. Pascal encouraged the Bluegrass group to invite all of the members of the Tulip Poplar, AGS Past State Organization Presidents, to our Christmas luncheons at Spindletop. She said this would also be a good time for the Tulip Poplar to meet as a group with several Chapters.

During BETA's meeting following the luncheon, the Chapter collected contributions for World Fellowship.

Addie's Restaurant was again the setting for the February meeting. BETA member, Angela Foster presented a dynamic program on Family Literacy and shared material from her website. Angela is a reading teacher with the Anderson County Public Schools. She has presented at many conferences and coordinates



family literacy events at her school.

Upcoming activities for **BETA** include attending the State Convention and the May meeting. During the May meeting, officers for 2016-18 will be installed.

## KAPPA – HOPKINS and CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KY

by Ruby Sneed

Members of KAPPA Chapter held their March meeting at the Hopkinsville Country Club in Christian County. Hostess, Ruth Laturre, decorated our tables in a Saint Patrick's Day theme. She even made cute and edible Saint Patrick's Day Hats for each of us. Ruth enlightened us with the origin of this 'green' holiday.



Encouraging all teachers---both new and those who have been in the classroom for years--- continues to be a focus for our Chapter. Our



members voted to award two \$250 Grant-in-Aid scholarships to new teachers to help them get started in their own classrooms. One of the recipients will be from Christian County and the other will be from Hopkins County. These scholarships were made possible

# UPSILON — NORTHERN Kentucky

by Priscilla Roberts

Through fund raisers and a generous donation from one of our members. Throughout the year we also collect teacher supplies that will be divided between the students in the Murray 2+2 program at Hopkinsville and Madisonville Community Colleges. KAPPA Chapter is fortunate to have both of Murray State's 2+2 representatives as members, Susan Edington (MCC) and Beverly Fort (HCC). During our meetings, these two ladies offer valuable insight into what potential new teachers encounter before they even get to the classroom.

We also are honored to have Madisonville's Community College President and CEO as one of our KAPPA members. Dr. Judith Rhoads has decided to retire and

March 18th was her last day. During her 18 year tenure, she helped MCC achieve some very notable accomplishments. Dr. Rhoads was



instrumental in putting MCC in the top 10% of community colleges in the nation and helped MCC rank first in the state for their highest graduation rate for a two year college. Now that she is retired, she is looking forward to spending more time with her family. As you can imagine, Judy was unable to be at our meeting. She was in Florida celebrating her retirement.

Our program for the day was an entertaining game of Presidential BINGO. President, Ruby Sneed, thought everyone had probably watched enough of the Presidential debates on television and needed another good laugh. Most members soon came to realize they really didn't know their Past Presidents very well. Do you? Which Past President could speed read 2,000 words a minute? After much laughter and the winner was declared, the Bingo pennies that were used as markers were donated to the 'Schools for Africa' project.

Everyone was reminded that KAPPA Chapter looks forward to hosting our State President, Pascal Bailey, at our next meeting on May 12th at the Pennyryle State Park. The meeting was adjourned and those in attendance were encouraged to contact members who were absent.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, our UPSILON sisters joined our ZETA sisters at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club in Ft. Mitchell, KY for a great time together as we welcomed ALPHA GAMMA STATE President Pascal Bailey, and "Mama" Jane Bailey as our special guests.

The sister chapters held their meetings in separate rooms to conduct Chapter business, but afterwards, they joined together in the beautiful ballroom for a delightful luncheon and to hear Pascal share her thoughts and challenges for ALPHA GAMMA STATE.

After Upsilon President Priscilla Roberts called the meeting to order, she shared an inspirational thought from Stories from The Heart, entitled "The Treasure." Nineteen were in attendance, including future members Sarah Graff, recommended by Rebecca Thomas; Judy Jackson, recommended by Cathy Feldmann, and Sarah Staggs, recommended by long-time member Brenda Staggs, who is Sarah's mother.

Recommendations were read and approved, unanimously, by the members. Sarah Graff possesses her Master's in Special Education and has taught at the Ockerman Middle School in Boone County for 13 years. Judy Jackson, recently retired after 30 years of teaching Special Education in the Campbell County School System, holds her Master's in Education and still does substitute teaching. Sarah Staggs has taught for 11 years, and she holds her B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education and is employed by the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission. We gladly welcome Sarah, Judy, and Sarah and look forward to their induction in May. Leah Runyon, Elementary Reading Specialist in the Cincinnati School System was recommended and approved in January, and she will be inducted in May as well. Each of these ladies bring a lot of talent to the table.

Other members present at the meeting were Mary Barker, Vickie Chamberlain, Karin Edgington, Cathy Feldmann, Carol Rae Howard, Laura Kalfas, Pam Manker, Estelle Martin, Karen

Martin, Linda Mauser, Shirley Miller, Rachel Redden, Priscilla Roberts, Brenda Staggs, Pam Thomas, and Rebecca Thomas.

A slate of new officers was presented and voted upon and approved for the next biennium. Linda Mauser will become President; Pam Thomas will become First Vice-President; Laura Kalfas will remain as Second Vice-President; Rebecca Thomas will be Recording Secretary; Mary Barker will become the Corresponding Secretary, and Karen Martin will remain as Treasurer. The office of Parliamentarian will be filled at a later date.



In addition, just before the business meeting, Priscilla introduced and welcome Pascal to our meeting. And, on behalf of UPSILON sisters, she presented Pascal a

beautifully engraved white throw. Pascal responded, "Thank you so very much. This is beautiful, and I especially appreciate your having my name engraved on it because Pascal is a name that I rarely see on items. I will treasure this forever."

Furthermore, Karin Edgington and Cathy Feldmann were recognized for the outstanding work they have done as volunteers this past year. At the Campbell County Retired Teacher's Association (CCRTA) last month, both Karin and Cathy received citations and a gift card from CCRTA. Karin volunteers at the Moore Activity Center in Covington each Monday evening where she serves at the "Train Station." She provides desserts for the children after their dinner. In addition, she tutors 2 elementary students, individually, in math and reading for 45 minutes. Too, she volunteered for the "Back to School" shoe event where she helped 200 students try on new shoes they needed for the school year. Each year, she serves in the Children's Missions Day at her church, helping children to make useful items for missions.

Cathy Feldmann, from the time she purchased baby Zooney, her female Doberman, has been training Zooney to go into schools where children who have reading disabilities read to her. Cathy



shared with us that "Training Zooney was a long and difficult process, but now she loves it and looks forward to going to the various schools to listen to the children read to her. It is a wonderful, rewarding experience to see how the children react to Zooney, and it really encourages the reluctant ones to become better readers." Moreover, not only does Cathy attend various schools throughout

the Northern Kentucky area, but also she takes Zooney to several nursing homes. The elderly love Zooney and look forward to her visits. It's great therapy for the little ones and for the elderly as well. Kudos to Karin and Cathy!

Our recipe committee, chaired by Pam Thomas, along with Karin Edgington, Karen Martin, Pam Manker, Linda Mauser, Priscilla Roberts, and Rebecca Thomas, has been meeting on a regular basis to review, type, and organize a recipe book that will be published and used as a fund raiser for Grant-in-Aid recipients. Recipes were obtained from all of the members after we shared pot luck entries at our International luncheon last fall. Samples from some of the recipes will be offered at the Spring Convention in Pikeville, and another goal is to sell the book at the International meeting in Nashville. UPSILON will have a vendor table for samples and will take pre-orders for the book.

Our final meeting will be held on May 14 at the Highland Country Club in Ft. Thomas. Not only will new officers be inducted, but also our 4 new members will be inducted into Upsilon. In addition, a lot of fun and entertainment is planned for the last meeting of this biennium, along with a fun auction!



L to R: UPSILON President, Priscilla Roberts, AGS State President, Pascal Bailey, and ZETA President, Lucy Riffle

# ALPHA BETA – LOUISVILLE, KY

by Brenda Logan

The Alpha Beta Chapter continues to connect with local organizations that support our community. Cathe Dykstra, Chief Possibility Officer and President and CEO of Family Scholar House spoke at our February meeting. She had a very interesting story to share with us about her role in the history of “Project Women Sophia” which ultimately became Family Scholar House because of her vision to serve families in the Louisville area. Living facilities are provided for women and families and a few men who stay at Family Scholar House but the adults must be enrolled in college and furthering their education. Between 2005 and 2015 Family Scholar House impacted over 3,000 adults and over 4,400 children. What impressed our Chapter members was Cathe’s tremendous passion for the work she does to improve the lives of families in our



L to R: Marybelle Duff, Cathe Dykstra, and Emily Pruett

community. Her work with the Louisville Family Scholar House has expanded to other communities through her leadership. Our Chapter members stayed busy in 2015 doing volunteer work and logged over 6,000 hours during the year. Emily Pruett announced that Judy Reeves had the highest number of volunteer hours at 677, followed by Kathleen Babb with 600 hours. Marianne Humphries accumulated 504 hours; Idru Vibbert had 437 hours; and Pat Blewett had 425 hours. Congratulations to these ladies and to all others in our Chapter who do so much work for others.

The dedication of all teachers in our Chapter to support children is amazing, and we are very proud of member Diana French who coaches the Junior Varsity Quick Recall Team at Atherton High School in the Jefferson County Public

Schools. In her own words, “I am blessed to work with such bright, motivated students. Parent support for our team is excellent and many of our students took first and second places in their assessed areas and moved up to play in a varsity tournament. One of my JV players advanced to state competition as a varsity team member. Yes, I am very proud of their accomplishments this year and look forward to my continued work with this great group of students.” Diana gives her time well beyond what is expected of her.

Several of our members attended the Louisville Joint Luncheon of the five DELTA KAPPA GAMMA chapters on March 12th which was a “Garden Party” hosted by the XI Chapter. In our President Diana Motsch’s words, “The meal was a feast for the eyes as well as for the belly.” Other ALPHA BETA members who attended were, Diana French, Marybelle Duff, Judy Reeves and Kim Zingraff. Marybelle won two centerpiece baskets, one with a Christmas theme and one with a Star Wars theme, and Diana Motsch won a DKG Teapot Basket. Needless to say that our group had lots of fun.



Front row : Diana French and Marybelle Duff  
Back row: Judy Reeves, Kim Zingraff and Diana Motsch

We have fun yet we continue to support prospective teachers through our grant-in-aid program. We are always so glad to hear from the recipients. Marybelle Duff reported that Hannah Duff graduated from the University of Kentucky with honors. Hannah and Paige Smith sent thank you notes to our Chapter for the support we have given over the years. We also heard that another one of our grant-in-aid



recipients, Emily Dougherty, was named an Excel Award Winner. We are so proud of these young ladies and know that each will make a major contribution in the education field.

As we begin to approach the end of the program year, we are already planning for next year. We extend our thanks to Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church and Treyton Oak Towers for welcoming us to their facilities for our meetings.

## ALPHA DELTA – LOUISVILLE, KY

by Bev Morrison

### ALPHA DELTA Chapter Hosts 5th District Senate Candidate Leslie Stith

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 28 members of Meade County's ALPHA DELTA attended a meeting at Brandenburg Primary School. The Finance Committee hosted the meeting.

President Jessie Trotter introduced Leslie Stith, candidate for State Senate, District 5, who shared information about his educational, professional, and family background. Growing up in Meade County and graduating from Meade County High School in 1977, he hails from an old pioneer family whose roots go back 150 years. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Agriculture Education/Business and worked in business for 27 years. Leslie highlighted his work with two initiatives, Farmers Change Lives and the Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. He also discussed Teachers



Change Lives and spoke of several Meade County teachers who had impacted his life. As the spouse of Donna Stith, Chapter member and retired educator, Leslie stressed his support for public education and expressed his desire to represent Meade County in Kentucky's Senate.

Suzannah Whitfield said what many of the educators were thinking, "I am very excited about Leslie's candidacy! I think he will help bring much-needed changes to Frankfort, including funding the state's pension fund. Since he is a Meade County resident, he will be another voice in Frankfort looking after our local needs."

The devotional was then given by Missy Tabor. Minutes which were e-mailed were then approved and Dennise Mudd gave the treasurer's report of \$633.75.

Members then began their fun crazy auction. The activity raised almost \$400 for the senior scholarship at Meade County High! Members were told to bring an item they've made or a white elephant that they believed someone else would like. They also brought \$5, \$10, or \$20 to buy their choice in a very dirty Santa auction. \$5.00 donations get drawn to choose first, then the \$10.00 donations who may select a new item from the table or take a previously chosen item, and finally the \$20 donations get their turn.



Front Row: Michele Miller, Leslie Wilson, Bev Morrison, Suzannah Whitfield, Ellen Funk, Jessie Trotter, Donna Funk, Anita Seymour

Back: Melissa Tabor, Ann Hartman, Pam Corum, Darlah Zweifel, Dennise Mudd, Amy Bogard, Nancy Mitcham, Allison Doutaz, Suzie Harreld, Margie Gregoriades, Joyce Miller

Not pictured: Joan Wilson, Donna Stith, Margaret Benham, Gloria Bertrand, Amy Berry, Andrea Pike-Goff, Janet Powers, Ginny Cox, Peggy Darnall

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 4:00 PM at the Meade County Public Library hosted by the Educational Excellence Committee. In addition to the program, there will be the election of new officers at that time.

# *DKG Educational Foundation Hosts Nashville Event at the Wildhorse*

Dust off your western wear and boots as you pack for Nashville this summer! The DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) will sponsor Call Me Country at the world-famous Wildhorse Saloon during the 2016 DKG International Convention. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the convention, either online ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) or using the registration form found in the Jan./Feb. issue of the DKG News.

Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7th in the Wildhorse Saloon located in the heart of Nashville's entertainment district. This three-level historic warehouse has been converted into a 66,000 sq. ft. country music dance hall, restaurant, concert hall, and TV production site. Horse sculptures and murals dominate the décor with many positioned for optimal "selfie" opportunities! The extensive "all-you-can-eat" buffet on levels two and three features award-winning BBQ selections and numerous side dishes.

The first floor features space for performances by a live band and a DJ, as well as line dance instruction for those wanting to kick up their heels. Besides dining seating, the second and third floors include cash bars and a variety of entertainment venues ranging from billiards to shuffle board to big screen TVs. Use your visit to the Wildhorse as an opportunity to wander in and out of all the famous clubs and shops located in the area – with a ride home to the Opryland Hotel provided at your convenience.

Your ticket (\$165) includes:

- transportation (buses will run every 20 minutes between the Wildhorse Saloon and the Opryland Hotel)
- access to all levels and activities
- entertainment -- DJ, live band, line dance instruction, dance floor

- dinner buffet
- a tax deductible donation to the Foundation

Purchase tickets for the DKGEF Call Me Country event on the Convention Registration Form and join your friends for a "get-down good time" at the Wildhorse in Nashville!



## ***Giving to Educate the World***



Alpha Gamma State Convention  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
April 18, 2015  
Erlanger (Boone County), KY  
Executive Board and General Business Session

## Call to Order

The Executive Board and General Session of the State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Gamma State was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015, by Alpha Gamma State President **Karen Martin** (Upsilon). An Inspirational Thought was given by **Lucy Riffle**, Chapter President (Zeta). The Welcome was given by **Priscilla Roberts**, Convention Co-Chair (Upsilon). Response to the Welcome was given by **Kathy Zwanzig**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Xi). Introductions of the Head Table were given by President **Karen Martin** (Upsilon) and included -- **Lucy Riffle** (Zeta), Convention Co-Chair; **Shelia Wilkerson** (Mu), Assistant State Treasurer; **Pascal Bailey** (Mu), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; **Cathy Daugherty**, International Representative; **Jane Thompson** (Beta), State Editor and Parliamentarian; **Kathy Zwanzig** (Xi), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; **Beth Pyle** (Delta), Recording Secretary; **Stephanie Greathouse** (Theta), State Webmaster; **Priscilla Roberts** (Upsilon), Convention Co-Chair; and **Cyndy Jones** (Zeta), Convention Co-Chair.

Roll call was read by State Recording Secretary **Beth Pyle** (Delta) -- five state officers; ten past state presidents; and eighteen chapter presidents or their representatives were present constituting a quorum for the Executive Board Meeting.

Minutes of the 2013 Alpha Gamma State Convention were presented in Convention Book of Reports; minutes were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Assistant State Treasurer, **Shelia Wilkerson** (Mu) as it appeared in the Convention Book of Reports. The Treasurer's Report was approved and filed for audit.

No correspondence was reported.

## Committee Reports

### Society Business Committees

Communications – State Editor **Jane Thompson** (Beta) submitted committee report to the Book of Reports and reminded everyone to be sure to send in Chapter news.

Expansion – **Lisa Cain** (Xi) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Finance – Assistant State Treasurer Shelia Wilkerson (Mu) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Leadership Development – Beth Donnelly (Theta) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Membership – Kathy Zwanzig (Xi) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Nominations – Jonna Smith (Delta) gave report on behalf of Dr. Mary Evans (Delta). The following slate of officers for the 2015-2017 biennium was presented:

President: Pascal Bailey (Mu)  
1st Vice-President: Kathy Zwanzig (Xi)  
2nd Vice-President: Beth Pyle (Delta)  
Recording Secretary: Bonnia Cook-Fouts (Alpha)  
Corresponding Secretary: Rosie Weddington (Beta)  
Parliamentarian – Karen Martin (Upsilon)

**Karen Martin** (Upsilon) removed her name from the position of Parliamentarian after which it was determined that the position of Parliamentarian is an appointed office. The slate of officers was approved; **Ramona Jeffries** (Mu) was appointed parliamentarian for the 2015-2017 biennium.

### Society Mission and Purpose

Educational Excellence – **Pascal Bailey** (Mu) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports. She also commented on the start and end date of volunteer hours; although each chapter could determine these dates, a good rule of thumb would be January 1 – December 31. This would help with the timely submission of reports by the chapters.

World Fellowship – **Tina Shawler** (Xi) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports. She reported that the amount received is now \$1500.00 since monies came in after the report was submitted.

Scholarship – **Judy Lester** (Nu) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports; it was noted that the Scholarship Committee received only one application. **Judy Lester** (Nu) made a motion to award **Christy Lynn McCrory** (Nu) a \$1000.00 scholarship toward the renewal of her National Board Teacher certification; **Lucy Riffle** (Zeta) seconded this motion and the motion was passed.

Music – **Karin Edgington** (Upsilon) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports. A music/stretch break was lead by **Judy Ihrig** (Upsilon).

### Other Committees

History – **Lucy Riffle** (Zeta) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports; she also reminded chapter presidents (2013-2015) to submit the chapter biennium one-page history.

Rules – **Lynn Werner** (Omega) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports; Revision of each Chapter's Standing Rules was encouraged.

Hall of Fame – **Helen Kirk** (Nu) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Technology Support/Webmaster – **Stephanie Greathouse** (Theta) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports; we were also reminded that all information for the State website must first go to President for her approval and that the President will then forward the information to the Webmaster for inclusion on the State website. A Chapter Spotlight and a Member Spotlight have been added to the website. She encouraged Chapters to create a website and would guide those interested.

Strategic Action Plan – **Donna Goodin** (Xi) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports; it was also noted that since the entire Strategic Plan document can seem overwhelming, a simpler version may be needed to encourage chapters to start a plan. **Cathy Daugherty**, International Representative, reported that International is also considering a simpler version of the Strategic Plan.

Non-Dues Revenue – **Ramona Jeffries** (Mu) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports. She encouraged shopping with the convention vendors.

Order of the Tulip Poplar – **Susan Cross** (Mu) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

Archives Ad Hoc – **Rosemary Weddington** (Beta) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports. She discussed the work that had been done at the repository (University of Kentucky) of Alpha Gamma's archives. A motion was made by **Rosemary Weddington** (Beta) and presented in writing that the Archives Ad Hoc committee be designated as a permanent standing committee of Alpha Gamma State. The motion was passed.

Social Media Ad Hoc – **Bonnia Cook-Fouts** (Alpha) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports. A motion was made by **Bonnia Cook-Fouts** (Alpha) and presented in writing that the Social Media Ad Hoc committee be designated as a permanent standing committee of Alpha Gamma State. The

motion was passed.

## Individual Reports

U.S. Forum Report – **Charlotte Benton** (Omega) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports.

State President's Report – **Karen Martin** (Upsilon) submitted committee report printed in the Convention Book of Reports and spoke briefly of her travels visiting chapters throughout Kentucky.

## Introduction of International Guest – Pascal Bailey (Mu)

**Cathy Daugherty**, International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, brought greetings from the International President and all the International officers and staff. She briefly explained the new secure log-in on the International webpage

to register for such events as Regional Conferences. She also told us about a new International publication, Collegial Exchange and encouraged members to submit 'articles.' She then talked Intellectual Property issues and explained the importance of "hold harmless" forms being completed by each state organization and each chapter. Lastly, she mentioned a new initiative for members 35 & younger – a breakout session at the Regional Conventions and a webinar by the International President.

## Unfinished Business

Assistant State Treasurer **Shelia Wilkerson** (Mu) explained the addition of a new line item of \$500.00 to the 2014-2015 budget. This was added to help defray the mileage expenses for members of the Order of the Tulip Poplar as they assisted with making chapter visits. This new line item was approved.

## New Business

### Call for Invitations

2015 Fall Leadership Workshop	September 11-12, 2015	Lexington, KY
2016 Fall Leadership Workshop		Owensboro, KY
2016 State Convention		Pikeville, KY
2017 State Convention		Elizabethtown, KY
2015 Southeast Regional Conference		Savannah, GA
2016 International Convention		Nashville, TN

## Announcements

Due to the business meeting running longer than scheduled breakout sessions will need to be shortened about 5-10 minutes for the Birthday Luncheon to begin on time.

## Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 by President **Karen Martin** (Upsilon).

Respectively Submitted,  
Beth Pyle  
Recording Secretary (2013-2015)