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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA International Convention

July 28-August 1, 2014, Indianapolis, IN

ALPHA GAMMA STATE ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT, KAREN MARTIN challenges each Chapter to send 20% of their membership to Indianapolis. This is your closest opportunity to attend an International Convention in many years. Take the Kentucky Challenge! GO!!!

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Choose one:

1. My State Capitol
2. Indiana War Memorial Plaza
3. Weatherman's Rain Report

Answer available in Indy
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Newsletter Submission Dates

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.

June 1, 2014 / June 15, 2014
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April 1, 2015 / April 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 weekend! Paducah put on a beautiful event, filled with many exciting moments. From the jazz band playing Friday night as members painted the bowls for the 'Empty Bowls' Program, to the moving Memorial Service Sunday morning, the Western

Kentucky chapters, CHI, GAMMA, ETA, and OMEGA, dazzled everyone with their wonderful activities. Dr. Hanna Fowler, our International Guest, shared news from International and was thoroughly delighted by the friendship shown by her Kentucky sisters.

Many chapters and individuals received honors. This year's inductee into the Alpha Gamma State's Hall of Fame, Suzie Keene (NU) and thirty-eight sisters were recognized as Women of Vision. The Annie Award was won by DELTA Chapter for their program remembering retired educators in nursing homes. Finally Healthy Chapter certificates were given to those Chapters who sent their information in to me. Top achievements according to their category went to NU Chapter (78-50 members category), KAPPA Chapter (49-40 members), UPSILON Chapter (39-30 members), ALPHA GAMMA Chapter (29-20 members) and finally, OMEGA Chapter (19-10 members).

It was great visiting with all of the sisters who attended. Much time was set aside for ladies to just visit with one another and share their experiences and concerns. Membership remains a major concern among all of our Chapters. It continues to be up to all members to promote our Society and encourage new members to join us.

Our ladies were also very generous once again.

The silent auction of our baskets brought in \$1,625. It was great fun watching each other over bid their friends. The money will be used towards training our State Officers at the Regional Conference in 2015. Many supplies were brought in for The New Pathways Schools for Teens and close to \$500 was collected through the Women of Vision nominations. These funds will go towards our Scholarship program. One Scholarship was awarded to Lisa Cain, XI to be used towards her doctorate. More sisters are encouraged to apply for not only our state scholarships, but also for those offered by International.

I look forward to continuing my visits to the various Chapters. I have only visited about half of our sisters, and intend to see all 31 chapters. Please contact me soon so that I can schedule your chapter. I also intend to continue to work on strengthening our Chapters and increasing membership. I am already beginning work, along with EPSILON Chapter, on planning our Fall Leadership Workshop which will take place in September during which training will be available for our new 2014-2016 Chapter Presidents and Officers. We are also looking to offer many informative and interesting sessions for the general membership. Hope to see everyone there.

As many of us end our meetings for the Spring, I hope that you take a moment to reflect on your year's activities and programs. As you look forward to planning for your next year of programs, consider where you can improve on your communication, your programs, your recruitment of new members. Get all of your members involved somehow and make them feel important to the Chapter. Let's support our new Presidents and help them with achieving their goals and make their first year in office a true success. Let's all, continue to make ALPHA GAMMA STATE a truly meaningful, interesting and productive organization.



Mary Shortridge, President of EPSILON Chapter, lost her husband on Monday, April 14, 2014. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary and her family for their loss.

Educational Excellence Report

by Pascal Bailey, 1st Vice President



Ten Highlights & Insights from State Convention

If you make it a regular habit to host a Fall Workshop or State Convention, you are a stronger Chapter, you are a better leader, and you are a master hostess! Kudos to OMEGA, ETA, GAMMA, and CHI Chapters for being the BEST! They are experts for all of us to follow.

It was so wonderful seeing so many sisters make the trip all across the state to the most western part of the state. Numbers were stronger than they had been at a far eastern or far western meeting. Some Chapter members drove 7 hours to get there, but the laughter and smiles showed they were rewarded by having such a wonderful time!

Friday nights together before all of the business, was utterly relaxing and enriching. The music was calming to the spirit and the feast was more than a sister could ask for. Appetizers, cheese, tasty nibblers in abundance were spread across a very long table.

Paducah is a beautiful city! I was very sick the last time I was there, so I didn't enjoy much, but this time I was able to take in the lakes, shopping, and eating. The food was so wonderful. My family could endure the drive for the food again and again.

Superintendents are smarter in the western part of the state! Donald Shively has been appointed Superintendent of Paducah Public Schools. They are blessed to have realism and wisdom all rolled into one person. It is easy to see they set

the bar very high in Paducah and they staff to success.

I love Dr. Hannah Fowler. She is our Southeast Regional Director and her wisdom and guidance are such an asset to DKG. As my kids say "She is real". She is a practical leader and expressed a desire for us to think about our votes at International Convention. She knows the path DKG should follow for stability and growth. I am so very excited we have her in our corner.

On a fun note, there is now an Order of the Fancy Flowing Pants, but I don't know what they do (See ALPHA GAMMA STATE Facebook pictures). The Order of the Rose Tattoo is still in the planning stage; Shelia Wilkinson, MU, has the details. It appears that Mom and I aren't the only ones who leave Paducah and take the "scenic" route! Rosemary Weddington, BETA President did it, too. Even an unexpected "detour" can add to an already beautiful journey.

The Annie Award had stiff competition this year. Results were close, but DELTA won for their program on Remembering Women Educators in Nursing Homes. Every Chapter should submit an application next year and really get the competition going!

The Ceremony of Life can be incredible. When you consider the totality of it, it is THE last place a DKG sister will be honored and remembered on this planet. Think about it. DKG sisters memorialized with such dignity, grace, and passion.

Margaret Clayton, ALPHA GAMMA STATE Past President 1957-1959, was remembered on Saturday night for her 44 years of service to education and her dedication to DKG. Alpha Gamma State collected funds for a donation to her beloved alma mater Lindsey Wilson College. Joyce Miller is still accepting funds for anyone who would like to donate in her memory.

**AGS Fall Workshop
September 12 - 13, 2014, Ashland, KY**

**Best Western River Cities Hotel
Advance Memorial United Methodist Church**

Membership Report

by Kathy Zwanzig, 2nd Vice President



The theme of your Membership Committee for this biennium is **Recruit, Retain, Reinstate**. These are the three actions we need to institute to help us increase and strengthen our membership, and our Society overall. We want to Recruit new members, Retain our current members, and Reinstate members

who have dropped their membership for one reason or the other. Your Membership Committee is here to help you accomplish this task and to make ALPHA GAMMA STATE stand out.

Many resources have been developed by International to assist Chapters with not only maintaining, but increasing membership. All of these can be found on the DKG website.

- * **Membership Memo** - Recommended for Membership Committee Chairs, Chapter Presidents
- * **Members-in-Action** - Recommended for Membership Committee Chairs, Chapter Presidents
- * **"Pride in the Big Picture"**, Orientation Guide - Recommended for Membership Committee Chairs
- * **"Sustaining the Pride in the Big Picture"**, Reorientation Guide - Recommended for Membership Committee Chairs, Chapter Presidents

At the Fall Leadership Workshop this past Fall, Chapter Membership Chairs were asked to download the Member Profile (Form 50) from the DKG website and have members complete it. Then, they were to download the Chapter Profile (Form 80) to tally the members' responses and enter the responses in the Survey Monkey profile using the link at www.dkg.org. Because it is done on-line, the State Committee does not know who has submitted reports and who has not. We are requesting that, if a Chapter has not complet-

ed this task, that they do it by June. We will be sending out reminders to Chapter Presidents and Chapter Committee Chairs.

Training for Chapter Membership Chairs is extremely important. Because of the large amount of information that we need to disseminate, we are planning a two-hour session at the Fall Leadership Workshop in Ashland in September. We will be asking ALL Chapters to send their Membership Committee Chair or a representative.

Every State Organization of DKG is different. Every DKG Chapter is different. The members of DKG come in every size, every shape, every color, and a variety of interests. We speak with varying accents and in numerous languages. But our members all have one thing in common - their love for educating.

Membership is not just the concern of the International Organization. It is not just the concern of the State Organization. It is not just the concern of each Chapter. Each member is responsible for membership. **Membership is EVERYONE'S responsibility!**



History Committee

The History Committee is charged with collecting historical information from each Chapter at the end of each biennium. As this biennium for Chapters comes to a close I would like for each Chapter to submit a ONE PAGE summary of the highlights from the past two years. Please include the following in the summary:

1. Name of Chapter & year it was chartered
2. New members in this biennium
3. Members dropped/deceased in this biennium
4. Highlights and/or major events for the Chapter during this biennium

Again, due to space constraints I must insist that this summary be no more than 1 typed page. It can be sent to me via e-mail at lriffle@twc.com or snail mail at Lucy Riffle, 520 Erlanger Road, Erlanger, KY 41018. If sending by email please put " ____ Chapter History Report" in the subject line.



Did you know...

Paula Armon, Omega Chapter, will retire July 1, 2014 from West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Charlotte Benton, OMEGA Chapter, will retire July 1, 2014 from McCracken County after teaching for 45 years in Business Education at Reidland High School.

Charlotte Benton, OMEGA Chapter, and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, January 11, 2014 with a formal celebration, given by their children, January 12, 2014 at Spring Bayou Baptist Church.



Judy Ihrig UPSILON; Joan Wages, President and CEO, National Women's History Museum; Charlotte Benton OMEGA; and Ramona Jeffries, MU.



Three members of ALPHA GAMMA STATE; Charlotte Benton OMEGA, Ramona Jeffries MU, and Judy Ihrig, UPSILON, represented Kentucky at the recent US Forum - National Legislative Seminar, March 16—19 in Arlington, VA

You can TOO...

Pam Adams, OMICRON Chapter, contributed \$100 to the Nancy McClure Leadership Fund in memory of her mother, Faye Smith Hopper, who served as ALPHA GAMMA STATE President 1975-77.

Jane Thompson, BETA Chapter, contributed \$50 to the Nancy McClure Leadership Fund and \$50.00 to the AGS Scholarship Fund in memory of Margaret Clayton, who served as ALPHA GAMMA STATE President form 1957-59.

Order of the Tulip Poplar

Goals proposed by Karen Martin, AGS President:

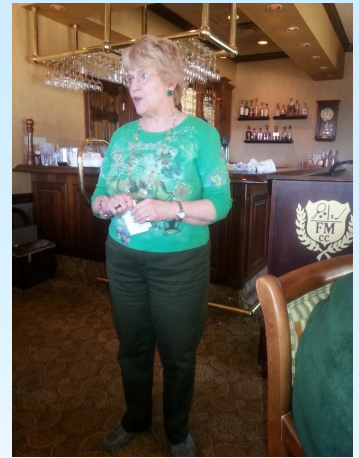
- Give Guidance and support to current State Organization President
- Give assistance to Leadership Committee as they plan workshops and sessions for Fall Workshops and State Conventions
- Assist Membership Committee in building membership
- Adopt one of the 7 regions and work to maintain and strengthen Chapters
- Work with Officers to prevent Chapter dissolutions
- Give assistance to the Expansion Committee to find areas in which to start a new Chapter

(Look for updates/progress in each newsletter.)

Chapter News

BETA

BETA Chapter held their March meeting at the beautiful Ashley Inn Bed and Breakfast in Garrard County on Saturday, March 15. President Rosemary Weddington, encouraged members to attend both the AGS State Convention in Paducah and the DKG International Convention in Indianapolis. Marilyn Hughes conducted a program and shared many of her books made on Snapfish of trips she and her family have taken via tour groups. She provided a list of essential clothing and other tips for traveling. She reported to the group that she has been to 6 of 7 continents. BETA members also contributed generously to the Schools for Africa Project, one of the International projects sponsored by DKG. BETA Chapter's next meeting will be held on May 31, 2014 at Spindletop Hall in Lexington, KY where they hope to have several potential members join them.



LAMBDA

LAMBDA Chapter celebrated its 65th Anniversary Celebration in Corbin, Kentucky, where the first meeting of LAMBDA Chapter was held 65 years ago. Thirteen members were present. President Mary Lou Connor presided at the meeting.

A history of LAMBDA Chapter was presented by President Connor, followed by installation of officers. The new officers for the 2014-16 biennium are President Faye Gregory of Clay County, Vice President Libby Walden of Laurel County, First Vice President Karen Jewell of Laurel County, Secretary Marilyn Schraeder of Harlan County, Treasurer Jayne Hendrickson of Harlan County.

Following the installation service a Memorial Service was held for three former members of LAMBDA Chapter, Janet Cohenour, Lela Brooks and Shirley Bowman.

After a short business meeting President Connor asked for a motion for adjournment.

Luncheon was served to those present. Special 65th Anniversary books were presented to each member present.

Faye Gregory informed Officers she would call a meeting of the Officers to exchange materials and make plans for the Fall and Winter schedule of 2014-15.

That date remains open at this time. She will be in contact with incoming and outgoing officers with a date for that to take place.

ZETA



ZETA Chapter of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA met on March 15, 2014 at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club. There were 24 sisters in attendance. We conducted the business of our Chapter which included rules revisions, committee reports, voting on 2 new members, approving a slate of officers to be voted on in May. After the business was complete we enjoyed a wonderful time of food and fellowship followed by a program given by our sister Sharon True about her numerous trips to Ireland. Zeta is excited that we will be initiating 6 new members at our May meeting!!



MU

MU Chapter Meeting March 8, 2014

Our meeting was held at Central Hardin High School in the library. This meeting was our annual silent auction. The theme of the auction was "Spring Fever." We began by catching up and bidding on auction items.

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Pierce. After a moment of inspiration was shared by Byrle Thomas, updates were given on missing members. We were all excited to hear that Laura Pierce-Foster had gone into labor that morning. No news yet about the baby.

Time was given to make bids on the auction items and enjoy some delicious treats from Donna Carter. The auction raised \$605.50 for our Grant-in-Aid fund.

XI

XI Chapter has initiated two new members. Connie Wilcox and Ellen Pfeffer. Connie teaches English at Manual High School in Louisville. Ellen Pfeffer is a pre-school teacher at Breckinridge Franklin Elementary. XI Chapter members are excited to have these amazing women join our chapter.

Snow and ice caused XI Chapter to reschedule December and February meetings, however we were finally able to meet for a lovely brunch at the Cafe on Main in Jeffersontown in late December. Our February meeting was held at the Commonwealth Bank. Our speaker, Josh Kornberg visited from the Volunteers of America. He shared many exciting volunteer opportunities for our members. In partnership with the VOA homeless shelter, we could provide tutoring to school-aged children, play opportunities to for 2 to 9 year olds, or host birthday parties for school-aged children. XI Chapter is deciding on which opportunity to explore further. To thank Josh for his time, XI sisters donated hats, mittens, toys, laundry and personal hygiene items to the shelter. He was overwhelmed by the generosity of our members.

XI Chapter would also like to thank ALPHA Chapter for the wonderful job that they did hosting the Louisville Area Joint Luncheon held at Austin's. It was beautifully done ladies!

UPSILON

Question: What do you get when 24 lovely, lively UPSILON sisters gather together for luncheon, business, and great friendship?

Answer: A room packed full of power, potential, prettiness, and potential! And that's exactly what took place on March 8, 2014 at the Highland Hills Country Club in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. Members Mary Barker, Lynnae Bussell, Charlotte Depew, Karin Edgington, Carol Howard, Judy Ihrig, Benita Lind, Pam Manker, Estelle Martin, Karen Martin, Linda Mauser, Shirley Miller, Elizabeth Mizer, Priscilla Roberts, Roberta Schultz, Patty Smith, Brenda Staggs, Rebecca Taylor, Pam Thomas, and youngest member, Rebecca Thomas enjoyed an informative, interesting, personal imaging presentation by Lynnae Bussell, also a newer member of Upsilon. In addition to our members, prospective member Debbie Grizzell was present, and she brought a friend, Juanita Nelson, whom we trust will join with us in the fall. It was a joy to welcome Brenda Herrick into UPSILON as a transfer from our sister chapter, ZETA.

Before partaking of our delicious chicken salad/fruit luncheon, Lynnae, an Independent Beauty Consultant, asked President Pam Manker and Priscilla Roberts to be models to demonstrate how colors can either draw people toward us and enhance us, or how just the opposite can occur when the wrong colors are worn. Additional information about fashion and a chart about how to choose the right clothing for body shapes brought helpful assistance for the ladies as well. Lynnae is available to assist ladies on a one-to-one basis, as well as giving presentations for workshops and church groups and businesses. All of us were grateful for her time and talent, and information.

Regular reports from Officers was presented and Rebecca Taylor presented Debbie Grizzell's

educational profile as our newest prospective member to be. She and several others will be inducted at our May meeting.

Several members are planning on attending the Spring Convention, and even more members are hopeful about attending the International Convention this summer in Indiana.

Last, and very importantly, Karin Edgington, Chair for the 2014 Nominating Committee, presented the slate of new officers to be voted upon, and the vote was unanimous. New officers for the 2014-2016 biennium are: President, Priscilla M. Roberts; First Vice-President, Linda Mauser; Second Vice-President, Laura Kalfas; Secretary, Elizabeth Mizer; Treasurer, Karen Martin, Rebecca Taylor will continue as Membership Chair; Brenda Staggs will remain as Chair for our Special Service Projects; and Pam Thomas has been asked to remain as our World Fellowship coordinator. We are grateful that all of these ladies are willing to serve for the next 2 years. Additional committees will be formed at a later date to assist in other capacities. Already, planning meetings have occurred for the 2015 Spring Convention that will be co-hosted by UPSILON and ZETA in Northern Kentucky. That's exactly one year from this month, and we are planning another inviting, exciting time for all of our DKG sisters from across this great state of Kentucky.

OMEGA

Order of the Tulip Poplar Sisters lend leadership and support. OMEGA Chapter Lynn Werner served as convention chair for ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention for 2014 and Charlotte Benton served as treasurer for ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention which was held in Paducah, KY April 11 - 13, 2014. In preparation for the convention, Charlotte and Lynn met with Vicki Ramey and Karen White, CHI Chapter, Chris Krueger and Ann Rushing, ETA Chapter, Patsy Chaney, GAMMA Chapter, Karen Martin, ALPHA GAMMA STATE President and Karin Edgington, UPSILON Chapter to make plans and work out details for the convention. Lynn and Charlotte had several meetings to work out final arrangements. Many emails and phone calls were ex-

changed during the process.

OMEGA Chapter met February 22, 2014 at Lone Oak Church of Christ at 10:00 A.M. The meeting was called to order by president, Charlotte Benton, minutes were read by Recording Secretary, Betty Thompson. Minutes were approved and the treasurer's report was given by Emily Perry, Treasurer. Bonnye Roof, First Vice President, collected volunteer hours of service to send to ALPHA GAMMA STATE First Vice President. Betty Thompson presented the Chapter's Strategic Plan. After discussion, the Strategic Plan was adopted concerning membership, which included ways to communicate with present members and absent members. Two prospective Chapter members, who are non-tenured, will be selected and given \$100 each for classroom supplies and their membership dues will be paid for two years by Omega Chapter. They will be invited to our May meeting where our State President will be in attendance, as well as a joint meeting with CHI, ETA, and OMEGA Chapters.

Bonnye Roof discussed the items to be sold by OMEGA Chapter at ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention. She presented samples of possible items to be sold and asked for volunteers to help make items and work at the vendor table. Lynn Werner presented the standing Rules for OMEGA Chapter, questions were discussed and Standing Rules were adopted. Rules will be sent to State Rules Committee for approval. The business meeting was adjourned.



Box lunches were ordered from the Parlor. After lunch, the fun began, we started putting the finishing touches on projects for the Alpha Gamma State Convention. We worked until after 2:00 PM on State Convention then we scheduled another work day for our Chapter, March 22nd at the KEA office in Paducah, KY. We had collected items for State Convention bags for attendees. We spent several hours stuffing the bags and having lots of fun and fellowship. Our Chapter has learned that hosting a State Convention will bring your Chapter members closer together as you plan, delegate, meet to complete jobs, attend the Convention, and see your labor of love come to fruition.

ALPHA BETA

Much like our sisters around the state, the ALPHA BETA Chapter braved extreme winter conditions and held our meeting on February 17th at Treyton Oak Towers. The meeting was arranged by Mary Wingses. Our meal was provided for us, so that gave Chapter members the opportunity to donate \$10 each to support both the servers at Treyton Oak and also our Scholarship fund. After the meeting was called to order by President Judy Reeves, a wonderful devotion was shared by Peggy Williams.

All Chapters in our state work to become healthy, and becoming a healthy chapter can take many directions. The speaker for our February meeting was Dr. Kim Carpenter, a local Chiropractor and Nutritionist who presented her Wellness 101 Workshop. It was evident from the information she provided that we all can develop habits that will improve our bodies and increase our life expectancy. Information made us think about how we live our daily lives, the eating choices we make, and the way we need to think about how to live an overall healthier life. Each of us was challenged to think about what we need to change and to develop action steps to make those changes.

We also stay healthy through our “service work” in our local community. Emily Pruett reported that our Chapter logged 5,666 hours of volunteer work over the past year. Members Marianne

Humphries and Pat Blewett took top honors as each served 540 hours to support different organizations.

Several of our members attended the ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention this April and came back with a renewed vigor for the work that the entire state does. Judy Reeves, Diana Motsch, Ann Hafling and Bonnie Abner were among the attendees. The theme was centered around quilts and how our common goal of education weaves all of our differences into an organization that supports the work of our educators. Among other topics, there was an emphasis on moving into 21st Century social media and how to make that work for each Chapter. This is certainly an area that our younger generation students lean on heavily as they participate in the new communication loops and as educators, we need to be a part of those loops.

Our members who attended shared other information about the convention. They visited the Quilt Museum. They were entertained by the Paducah Jazz Ensemble at an evening reception. They attended the Saturday sessions that had a focus of “Dream for Tomorrow.” They divided and some of the sessions they covered included: “Social Media Is Here to Stay;” “Setting the Tone for Your Chapter: The Ripple Effect”; and they managed to fit in a Zumba Class session. There were so many sessions and activities that our Chapter members attended and they expressed what the Convention meant to them in various ways. In summation, they came back energized, filled with new knowledge, and ready to end this year with the beginning of next year already taking shape. They expressed that they came back as “sisters” in a very real sense and that the time together made them feel closer to other sisters throughout the state. Building those kinds of relationships certainly supports the challenge guest speaker Hanna Fowler discussed. We all need to work together to build DKG membership throughout our state. As President Judy Reeves ends this year with a great enthusiasm about Chapter work, our incoming President Diana Motsch summed this up when she said, “We need to make that commitment to continue to build our Chapter and pay it forward. There

should be no excuses, and I am fired up.” The collaborative challenge from our State Leadership is that all Chapters work toward the goal of building membership. Our Chapter is grateful for our long-time members who stand ready to mentor the new educators who will become a part of our Chapter.



ALPHA EPSILON

**(Past articles lost in TWC Cyberspace
My Apologies to Alpha Epsilon)**

ALPHA EPSILON Chapter of THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY met August 24, 2013, at Crittenden Drive Church of Christ, Russellville, Kentucky. President Sherrie Pryor welcomed the twenty-five members and one guest who were in attendance. A delicious pot luck brunch was enjoyed by everyone.

Jackie Powell presented the thought for the day. In keeping with the theme, “Cherish Yesterday,” she shared fond family memories and the devotional thought, “Be Counted Worthy.” Hostesses Becky Page and Jackie Powell had decorated the tables with fall colored cloths, antique napkins, and cloths with embroidery and tatting, jars of garden fruits and vegetables, and photographs of older family members.

A musical program under the direction of Melanie Manley was presented by a group of Logan County Middle School musical students. The group was made up of students from all five Logan County middle schools. The “Leader in Me,” program began three years ago and is sponsored by the FRYSC centers and supported by grants, donations, and sponsors. Since the middle schools have no choir or music except band this

has given the students a way to express themselves and has allowed them to make new friendships. They perform for school groups and do community performances. Today the group performed clips from some of their past performances which included, “Suessical Jr.,” “Aladdin,” “The Little Mermaid,” and “Cinderella.” ALPHA EPSILON members were inspired by the wonderful talent shown by these gifted students.

President Pryor called the business session to order. Committee reports were given. Everyone was reminded of the upcoming Fall Workshop to be held in Central City on August 27th. The next meeting will be November 9, 2013. This will be our annual Christmas bazaar.

ALPHA EPSILON Chapter of THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY met November 9, 2013, at First Christian Church, Guthrie, Kentucky. The meeting was our annual Christmas bazaar. A silent auction of donated items raised money for ALPHA EPSILON’s Grant-in Aid which goes to an undergraduate college female majoring in education.

President Sherrie Pryor welcomed the nineteen members in attendance. She thanked the Robert Penn Warren Society for serving a delicious brunch which everyone enjoyed. Mildred Bellar shared the thought for the day. She read a selection from the book, *Be Still and Let Your Nail Polish Dry*. The entertaining selection was written by Loree Lough and entitled, “Black Friday Fat Pants.”

The theme for the day was “Live Today.” President Pryor gave each member a red cut out Christmas tree. She then asked each of us to think of one word to describe a personal Christmas memory and a second word to describe the upcoming holiday season. We wrote the words on our trees and shared them and our reasons for choosing them with the group.

President Pryor called the business session to order. Committee reports and other business items were discussed. ALPHA EPSILON is looking forward to the next meeting which will be our annual joint meeting with DELTA Chapter.

ALPHA EPSILON

ALPHA EPSILON Chapter met on March 8, 2014, for the annual joint meeting with DELTA Chapter. The meeting which was hosted by DELTA Chapter was held at the Eloise Houchens Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

DELTA 1st Vice President Deanna Lively welcomed everyone. The thought for the day was presented by Jennifer Mantlo. She shared a selection entitled, "Power of One." Bonnie Hartley led the blessing of the meal. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

The guest speaker was Brenda McGown. Mrs. McGown gave an informative report on current legislative actions that were pertinent to teacher retirement and education.

After the joint meeting the Chapters met separately for their Business Meetings. President, Sherrie Pryor called ALPHA EPSILON Chapter to order.

Personal Growth and Services Committee Chairperson, Ann Seidler reported that ALPHA EPSILON had turned in a total of 7410 volunteer hours. Nominations Committee Chairperson, Sarah Flowers presented the proposed officers for 2014-2016. They are President-Sherrie Pryor; 1st Vice President-Jackie Powell; 2nd Vice President Connie Tipton; Parliamentarian-Eloise Hadden; Recording Secretary-Carole Sindorff; Corresponding Secretary-Wendy Decker; Treasurer-Alice Chastain.

President Pryor encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming conventions. ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention will be in Paducah, Kentucky, on April 11th-13th. DELTA KAPPA GAMMA International Convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 28th-August 1st.

The next meeting for ALPHA EPSILON will be on April 26th. The new officers will be installed. Also new members Crystal Britt and Julie Cox will be initiated

ALPHA DELTA



Front: Bev Morrison, Suzannah Whitfield, Renee Miller, Margie Gregoriades, Joan Wilson Back: Anita Seymour, Shirley Jones, Allison Doutaz, Susie Harreld, Denise Mudd, Gibby Horsley

On Saturday, March 1, 2014, local Chapter Alpha Delta members of Delta Kappa Gamma met for their Sister Social at the home of Anita Seymour. Members brought their favorite dishes, and a delicious brunch was enjoyed by all. The membership consists of both retired and current teachers.

Local Chapter projects include providing Newspapers in Education and donating school supplies through the Family Resource Centers at Meade County Schools. They also support new teachers with a gift bags containing various school supplies. They provide financial assistance every year to an outstanding female senior at the local high school. Four local meetings with one being a social gathering are conducted throughout the year.

Internationally, DKG's purpose is to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education. They endow Scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant Fellowships to women educators from other countries. They stimulate the Personal and Professional growth of members and encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action. They also inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

AGS CONVENTION Highlights in Paducah

Do you know where your dues money goes?

You pay your dues each fall to your Chapter Treasurer who then sends in \$51 to the State Treasurer who then sends in \$40 to International. ALPHA GAMMA STATE operates on \$10 per member, \$1 Scholarship fee, and other monies raised by Non-Dues Revenue and the Nancy McClure Silent Auction, and all other Contributions, and interest generated by our assets. Recently, our interest generated is like everyone else's—small. Your State Treasurer, Joyce Miller, State Organization President, Karen Martin, along with the State Finance Committee are dedicated to detailed bookkeeping and ensuring that Kentucky is always a State in compliance with IRS regulations. It was reported by Dr. Hanna Fowler, that Kentucky is in compliance and thanked us for working to keep it that way. A special thanks goes to each Chapter Treasurer who takes the time to fill out and send in the required forms by the mandated deadline. Kudos to all those involved.

Your State Officers receive training and attend both the Southeast Regional Conferences and International Conventions. AGS pays all of the State Organization President's expenses to SER and IC, conducts State Convention, and oversees Fall Workshop, as well as other expenses throughout her biennium as she travels to Chapters, in some cases, more than once to assist those who need it. Your other officers receive a set amount of money for both SER and IC and cover all other expenses out of pocket, including when they travel with or for the State President or to conduct training at the Fall Workshops. The set amount of \$700 is provided for training at SER meetings for updates and to represent AGS at IC is provided to 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, State Editor, and State Webmaster. All other expenses are covered by the Officers. Tulip Poplars travel at the request of the State President and currently receive no monies for expenses, except for Liability Insurance in the event of an accident. The Immediate Past President receives \$500 for SER and IC to fulfill all duties,

support the current State President and attend any functions required. All other expenses are paid out of pocket.

Other budget items include: Postage and Printing, Treasurer expenses, Treasurer bonding and auditing fees, Committee Fees, Hospitality Events at SER and IC, Miscellaneous, and monies set aside to assist New Chapters. When interest is too low in the area of Scholarships, money has to be transferred for us to continue to give them. If you have any questions or desire to know more on how your money is spent, see your Chapter President for a copy of the budget and checkbook balance in the Book of Reports or email Joyce Miller. She is very well versed in how we manage funds at AGS. This year AGS will operate on \$9800 plus Silent Auction plus Non-dues Revenue, plus Contribution, plus Interest. Thank you Joyce for your work and keeping us in compliance and always in the black.



**DELTA
President,
Beth Pyle
receives
Annie Award
for
Remembering
Women
Educators in
Nursing
Homes**



**Lisa Cain, XI
receives \$1000
ALPHA GAMMA
STATE
Scholarship to
pursue her
doctorate at
Bellarmine
College**

XI Chapter



Charlotte Benton, OMEGA with Dr. Hanna Fowler, SER Director

BETA Chapter



GAMMA Chapter raising funds for Scholarships



Karen Martin, State President and Dr. Hanna Fowler as she receives a gift from AGS



XI members sell items for AGS—Non Dues Revenue



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

**AGS State Convention 2015
Doubletree Inn, Northern, KY**

**AGS Fall Workshop 2015
Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY**



**NU and ALPHA GAMMA Chapter members
drove 6 to 7 hours to attend this Convention.
Let's support them in 2016 in Pikeville!**

New for AGS in 2014—The Order of the Fluffy Pants!



Karen Martin, President calls the Business Meeting to Order

Alpha Chapter



Thank you OMEGA, CHI, ETA, and GAMMA for being such gracious hostesses and giving us a wonderful State Convention weekend!

CHI Chapter



UPSILON clowns around with Dr. Hanna Fowler at the photo booth.



Supporting Paducah's Empty Bowls Project on Friday Night



Thank you Dr. Hanna Fowler for having fun with us and reminding us why DKG is important to all teachers, including the ones we have not yet met!



MU Sisters



Zeta Sisters

Having Fun at the Photo Booth



NU and THETA ready for Business Meeting (above)

ETA and UPSILON at Business Meeting (below)



Dr. Hanna Fowler, with Immediate Past State President, Jane Thompson



Sandy having fun!

Empty Bowls Glazing →



GAMMA Chapter



Reception



Paducah Tilghman Choir, Concordia Entertains at the Luncheon ↓





At the end of the 2014 State Convention, ALPHA IOTA President Betty Thomas congratulates State President Karen Martin for her excellent work helping the ALPHA IOTA Chapter prepare the 2013 State Fall workshop in Greenville.

International Convention Speakers

Make plans to attend. Don't miss out on these exiting session!



Sarah Sladek

**"The End of Membership as We Know It"
Monday Evening, July 28**



Betty Thomas, (right) President of ALPHA IOTA Chapter, poses with newly elected President Kay Turner for 2014-2016 term at the DKG State Convention Paducah. They are displaying their entry showing the review of their Chapter's activities in 2013-2014.



Ellen Kennedy

**Executive Director of
"A World Without
Genocide"**

Ron Rosenberg:

**"Hidden Secrets to
Doubling Your
Memory"**

**Convention Key Note
Tuesday, July 29
Morning Session
&
Afternoon
Breakout Session**



And the Honor goes to...

Roberta Schultz is a DKG member and is in our UPSILON Chapter. We're very proud of Roberta's talents. She is one of the singers in the trio Raison D'Et're which many of you heard at the 2011 Fall Workshop hosted by UPSILON and ZETA in NKY. Congratulations, Roberta, for being published again this year in the Pine Mountain Sand and Gravel publication.— Pamela Manker, President, UPSILON

It is with great gratitude that I accept all of your congratulations and best wishes on being accepted into this year's Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. I am humbled by your best wishes. Jane M. Thompson, BETA