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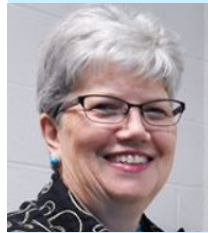
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by Pascal Bailey, State Organization President



**Cherie Mingus, MU**, was recently recognized in the local newspaper in Hardin County for her contributions to both education and the community after her retirement from teaching.



**Ramona Jeffries, MU**, is the newest member of the ALPHA GAMMA State Hall of Fame. She received this honor at the 2016 AGS Convention in Pikeville, KY.



## The Evolution Continues

Another year is coming to a close for our organization. Although our reports run from January to December, offices run July to June. Confusing to say the least. One of my primary goals is to make things

easier for our members and take care of our members as a Circle of Friends.

In Savannah, I learned some states are changing their names to reflect geography. For Example, ALPHA State is known as Texas State Organization of DKG. As a person who does not embrace change vigorously, I have pondered this path for Kentucky. I think of that elevator speech where I introduce myself as ALPHA GAMMA State President of DKG. To non-members, it is totally confusing and to potential members, it signifies a sense of sorority.

Should we embrace this change and become Kentucky State Organization of DKG as ALPHA GAMMA State? Or remain the same? I will present this in Elizabethtown next April, you decide.

## Pictures of Interest

SIGMA Chapter



## Did You Know...



**Tiffany Dix, XI**, is now mom to an 8 lb, 8 oz boy, Christopher.



Former Math student of Kathy Zwanzig, AGS 1st Vice – President

# Educational Excellence

by Kathy Zwanzig, 1st Vice President



## PICK YOUR PASSION!

### Passions of the Past Year

#### 2016 Annie Awards

##### **Annie Award for Program:**

“Women in Education” to ALPHA BETA Chapter, Diana Motsch, President

##### **Annie Award for Project:**

“Growing Successful Teachers” to SIGMA Chapter, Carol Miller, President

**2016 Educational Excellence in the Classroom** (EEC) Award to Laura Kalfas, UPSILON Chapter

#### 2016 Volunteer Hours

- Chapter with Greatest Number of Volunteer Hours, NU Chapter, Judy Lester, President, 46,173 hours
- Individual Member with Greatest Number of Hours, Pat Saros, NU Chapter

We are proud of the accomplishments of the Kentucky Chapters this past year.

I had the privilege of presenting the **Annie Awards** to ALPHA BETA and SIGMA Chapters at their respective meetings this past month. These ladies are so inspiring and burning with **PASSION** for their program and project! ALPHA BETA invited Nannette Johnston of Hardin County Schools to speak to the members about “Women in Education in Kentucky”. Her presentation impressed the members so that they were inspired to do something practical to help their members who were active teachers and to help the brand new teachers in the Jefferson County Public Schools. The members donated enough school supplies for classroom teachers to fill 32 baskets. Three of these baskets were given away at the JCPS new teacher orientation last August. Cards with information about the Society were included and follow up contact has been made to show support to these young teachers. The remaining baskets have been given to teachers throughout Jefferson County and to Chapter members at one of the Chapter

meetings. The members were inspired by Ms. Johnston to find ways to encourage new teachers by sharing her journey through her educational careers.

SIGMA Chapter’s focus was to support new teachers as they begin their teaching career. They noticed that the enthusiasm of these energetic, enthusiastic and creative young people wanes as they struggle to collect supplies and materials for special projects and programs for their classrooms. So they recognized this problem as an opportunity to unite with young women educators to provide selected teachers with moral and financial support. This all started by the chapter honoring a member’s request for help in setting up a library in her classroom. It grew from providing physical support in building it to a book shower at a meeting. Members were then asked to recommend a new teacher who might benefit from extra assistance. As a result of the project, they have initiated three new members and expect to initiate two more. I met these new members at their last meeting, where two of them shared the status of their projects. So much more has been accomplished by this project, which is ongoing.

### Passions of the Coming Year

You can see why I was so inspired!!! And I was so excited as both of these activities address the new statewide project emphasis that we are initiating this year. This year the Educational Excellence Committee, with President Pascal Bailey’s support, want each and every Chapter to find a specific way to Support Early Educators (SEE), an initiative of the DKG Society International.

This is Kentucky’s **PASSION!!!** We are suggesting that each chapter selects a school in their area to “adopt”. Then find ways to support the faculty of that school for this coming school year. Bring supplies, food, treats, help, be creative! Do whatever you can to show your support. Your report to the EEC Committee next year will be a description of what you did, so we can share with International. We will continue this project the next two years!



The EEC Committee is also asking each Chapter to do something specific to collect for the Schools for Africa Project. The proceeds from this will be sent to ALPHA GAMMA State to be sent in by State Treasurer Shelia Wilkinson to International. We would also like you to send a description of how you raised this money, even if all you did was place cups at meetings for donations.

There have been many questions about what time span to cover for Volunteer Hours. We announced at State Convention in Pikeville that we would start tracking them from January 1 to December 31. Then the report would be due to me by February 1. It was suggested this year we would track from March 1 to December 31, so we would not overlap with last year. This would make it the same for all Chapters statewide.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Fall Leadership Workshop in September in Owensboro. This is so very important as we will be training our new officers. This workshop is for ALL members, not just officers. It is not just training, it is professional and personal development and fellowship with our DKG Sisters across Kentucky!



**Alpha Gamma  
State Convention**  
ELIZABETHTOWN  
APRIL 21-23, 2017

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## Pictures of Interest, con't.



XI Chapter's Tina Shawler introduces their new Hall of Fame member, Alice Brandon



XI officers welcome new member, Jane Jones



## Giving to Educate the World



Go to the International website at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) to see how you can contribute and be a vital part of this program.

# Membership

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



School is out and the summer is upon us – time to re-energize; time to spend with children and/or grandchildren; time to read a good book; time to travel; and time to attend our International Convention in Nashville!

Attending the International Convention is a great way to re-energize your inner DKG. I have attended three International Conventions and each time have come away with new insights to teaching and our DKG mission. I am excited to discover new insights at this year's DKG gathering.

The “big picture” really comes into focus at an International Convention; we often get near-sighted about our local chapter's and state's activities, so International Convention gives us a different perspective. Talking with members—teachers from around the world helps us understand that despite the different contexts we share similar challenges and rewards. By sharing experiences with others in attendance, we also learn about new program ideas, new service project ideas, and new ideas on the recruitment and retention of members.

I encourage each member to make an effort to attend the International Convention in Nashville even if just for one day. I guarantee that you will come away with new enthusiasm; an enthusiasm which will pay dividends to you, your chapter, and our state organization.

I look forward to sharing my experiences with you in future ALPHA GAMMA State newsletters.

**See you in Nashville!**

## White Roses



**Eunice Collins, SIGMA**, 94 years old of Louisville.KY

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passed away on March 20, 2016. Eunice was a retired teacher, counselor and former principal in Jefferson County Public Schools. Eunice was a University of Louisville alumna, having been honored as a fifty year Golden Alumni Society Member. She was a charter member of SIGMA Chapter and actively participated for 46 years. She served as President and held other positions in our chapter. She was a long time champion of children's education and a model for women's leadership in education.

**Caroline Ransdall, ZETA**, 105 years old of Williamstown, KY passed away on May 12, 2016. Mrs. Ransdell was a graduate of the University of Kentucky. She was a teacher for the Grant County, Dry Ridge and Williamstown School Districts for 30 years and a member of the Grant County Retired Teachers' Association.



## Pictures of Interest, con't.



UPSILON's Priscilla Roberts displays the gorgeous hat band, a Charlotte Depew creation, on the hat Charlotte donated, during the auction. Laura Kalfas outbid everyone, and, surprisingly, presented the hat to Priscilla as a gift. What an overwhelming speechless moment for Madam President.



UPSILON's newest members, Sarah Graff, Judy Jackson, Sarah Staggs, and Leah Runyon, with their certificate and rose.

# Chapter News

## ALPHA - LOUISVILLE AREA

Bonnie Fouts

ALPHA Chapter recently held their annual birthday, installation, and recognition luncheon at The Bristol in Prospect, KY. All members received a certificate with their exact years of service and received anniversary pins in five year increments. For example, Nancy Schroeder and Rosie Sprawls, who have been members since 2006 and 2003 respectively, received 10-year anniversary pins. This is part of ALPHA Chapter's Strategic Action Plan to help retain our current members – recognition and reward for being faithful members. Officers were also installed: President, Mary Faye Carr; Secretary, Gwen Hardin; Treasurer, Bunny Nash; and Parliamentarian, Rosie Sprawls.

We will have our planning meeting this summer with Mary Faye, who graciously agreed to lead us fearlessly into the new biennium. She has great ideas for the upcoming year and several of us will be participating with the other Louisville chapters. We are looking forward to the International Convention in Nashville and hope to see some of you there. Have a great summer!



L to R: Ann Walls, past AGS president, member of DKG 49 years; Mary Faye Carr, Alpha President, member of DKG 35 years; and Beverly Westphal, past Alpha President, member of DKG 37 years

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

by Jane M. Thompson

BETA Chapter met on Saturday, May 21 with nine members present at the newly restored Lancaster Grand Theater in Lancaster, KY. This small community of Lancaster is very proud of being able to restore this “grand” theater and to provide cultural events for the area. Lancaster is located in the rolling hills of Kentucky southwest of Lexington, KY and just before the foothills of the Appalachian mountains. You can like them on Facebook or bookmark their website to find out the selections of offerings which will begin again in the fall. This would make a wonderful trip for groups or individuals. Also in the area are several historic sites, including the Owsley House, home to a former Kentucky Governor. Be sure to drive through the town square if you go.

After a delicious catered lunch served on fine dishes, BETA's new officers were installed. President: Jane Thompson; First Vice-President: Angela Foster; Second Vice-President: Trista Kelly; Recording Secretary: Mary Evelyn Poole; Corresponding Secretary: Ramona Griffin. Barbara Schaars accepted the appointment as Parliamentarian.

BETA Chapter voted on four new active members and one honorary member. The members were notified of one reinstatement. BETA Chapter will initiate these members at the first meeting in the fall.

BETA Chapter's Executive Board and all other members will meet on Wednesday, June 22 to plan out projects and meeting types and locations for the next year. Each person attending the Executive Board/Planning meeting has been asked to bring three things: (1) the name of a key women educator, (2) an idea for a community project for BETA to have a presence in the area, and (3) an idea for a meeting type and location. Members have been asked to consider multiple generations for the projects and meetings.

New BETA President, Jane Thompson, has set a goal of doubling BETA's membership from 16 to 32 by the end of her biennium.



The Lancaster Grand Theater where a few people worked on art.



The ramp leading from the front door on Main Street to the theater contains much gorgeous artwork. The restrooms behind this wall take you back to a grander time with the fixtures and architecture.



Right side: Mary Adrienne Davis—2nd from back with Betty Jane Montgomery—3rd from back and former BETA member explain Lancaster's history using the painting in the background. Both serve as volunteers at the theater and helped in the restoration.

# GAMMA – MURRAY AND FAR WESTERN Kentucky

by Donna Whitfield

GAMMA Chapter has had an exciting year. In the fall of 2015, GAMMA Chapter awarded two Grant-in-Aid Scholarships to Murray State University seniors.

In November, AGS President, Pascal Bailey, attended the meeting at Barkley State Park.

At the December meeting we enjoyed a wonderful brunch at Murray State University Curris Center. The members brought many items and baked goods for auction to raise money for our Grant-in-aids for the spring. Members Generously donated enough money for two more Grant-in-aids to be awarded.

The March meeting was held at Draffenville, KY. Members welcomed new initiate, Laura Hill. Laura is a teacher at Graves County High School. She has organized the orchestra program at the school with many honors for the students and school. Members attended the musical production of "My Fair Lady," conducted by Laura. We honored two members with memorials, Carolyn Craig and Helen Bennett.

In April, Donna Whitfield, president, attended the state meeting in Pikeville, a beautiful place to visit.

Our next meeting is June 21, 2016 at the Presbyterian Church in Murray. We will plan for the next biennium and bring salads and desserts. Laura plans to show the PowerPoint presentation of the previous two years to the members.



L to R: Sharon Arant, Laura Hill: new initiate, Donna Whitfield, Patsy Chaney at the March meeting



L to R: Mary Johnson, Melissa Sledd, Ben Helen Burkeen, and Martha Davis at the December meeting with auction items



MCC Student, Autumn Patterson receiving \$250 Grant-in-aid from new KAPPA President, Susan Edington



State DKG President, Pascal Bailey, speaking to KAPPA members at our May meeting.

# KAPPA – HOPKINS/CHRISTIAN COUNTIES, Kentucky

by Ruby Sneed

KAPPA Chapter held their last meeting for this school year at the lovely Pennyryle State Park Lodge on May 12, 2016. Hostesses were Kathy and Martha Parsons. Tables were beautifully decorated with linen table clothes, red runners, and exquisite red rose arrangements.

The meeting included initiating a new member, installing new Chapter officers for the next biennium, honoring Peggy Stirsmen, recognizing the Hopkins Co. recipient of KAPPA Chapter's Grant-in-aid, State Convention report by Jeanie Barnett, and a visit by our DKG State President, Pascal Bailey. KAPPA Chapter will meet with our Executive Board in June to plan for the new biennium. Our new Chapter President, Susan Edington, ended our meeting by encouraging all members to attend the June "Chat and Chew" session and be part of planning process.



KAPPA President, Ruby Sneed, presents certificate to Peggy Stirsmen for State Runner up of the Educational Excellence Award. Peggy is a very dedicated and involved lady. She has chaired many committees and served as President of several organizations, such as the Kentucky Reading Association.



LEFT: New member, Stacey Burns, being initiated

RIGHT: KAPPA members 2016

We were much honored to have Elsie Hollander join us for this meeting. She has been unable to attend lately.





# MU, ALPHA DELTA, ALPHA ZETA

—HARDIN, MEADE, and BRECKINRIDGE COUNTIES, Kentucky

by Bev Morrison

## DELTA KAPPA GAMMA Tri-County Luncheon hosted by ALPHA ZETA in Harned, Kentucky

On February 26, three Chapters of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA came together to celebrate sisterhood in education. Representatives from Hardin County's MU, Meade County's ALPHA DELTA, and Breckinridge County's ALPHA ZETA Chapters enjoyed a beautiful luncheon in the fellowship hall of Harned United Methodist Church.

ALPHA ZETA's President, Kari Critchelow, welcomed guests and members. Special entertainment was provided by local student, Joseph Grimes. Guest speaker Rev. Paul Gibson, pastor of Hardinsburg Baptist Church, whose parents were both teachers, shared not only his parents' experiences in education but his own frustrating and heartwarming experiences during his five years of teaching and coaching prior to his entering seminary and becoming a pastor.

It was a wonderful time meeting other members and catching up with old friends.



Meade Co. ALPHA DELTA President Jessie Trotter, Breckinridge Co. ALPHA ZETA Member Ann Tritschler and Hardin Co. MU President Cherie Mingus enjoy the social time at the Tri County luncheon.



Breckinridge Co. ALPHA ZETA member Mary Gibson Brown, 91 years old, was guest of honor. Shown here with her daughter Meade Co. ALPHA DELTA member, Gibbie Horsley



Front: Shelia Macy, Nancy Howell, Shirley Jones, Cherie Mingus, Mary Gibson Brown, Bev Morrison, Jessie Trotter, Sue Story, and Joan Wilson

Back: Becky Monarch, Marcella Miller, Joann Butler, Ann Tritschler, Suzie Harreld, Donna Stith, Nancy Mitcham, Mary Lois Roberts, Gibbie Horsley, Donna LaGrange, Ann Hartman, Janet Powers, Peggy Darnall, Wanda Tate, Brenda Ledridge, Barbara Miller, and Pat Allen



Meade County's ALPHA DELTA representatives at the luncheon  
Front: Gibbie Horsley, Jessie Trotter, Joan Wilson, Janet Powers, and Pat Allen  
Back: Bev Morrison, Shirley Jones, Ann Hartman, Donna Stith, Nancy Mitcham, Peggy Darnall, and Suzie Harreld

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 BETA – LOUISVILLE, KY

by Brenda Logan

Under the leadership of President Diana Motsch over the past two years, the ALPHA BETA Chapter has seen success in so many areas. This was evidenced when Kathy Zwanzig, Vice-President of ALPHA GAMMA State, joined our May meeting to award our Chapter the “**Annie Award**” for outstanding Chapter Program of the year, an award that was shared with another Louisville area chapter—SIGMA. We were so very honored to receive this award and congratulate our sister chapter SIGMA also. Kathy has been tapped as the next new State President, and we wish her well in that leadership role.

In order to receive this award, it takes not only great leadership, but also a group of ladies who make certain that a support network is in place. It takes consistency in attendance and 14 of our members were awarded perfect attendance certificates at the May meeting. Those members are: Joyce Cecil, Janet Chase, Marybelle Duff, Ann Hafling, Barbara Hicks, Carolyn Kays, Betty McKay, Diana Motsch, Joan Shepler, Idru Vibbert, Mary Wingses, Kim Zingraff, Marianne Humphries, and Emily Pruett. We congratulate these ladies and also the many other members for their contributions. At the same time, we continue to increase our membership. Peggy Williams presented two new candidates at our May meeting for membership, both of whom were unanimously accepted and will be initiated in the fall.

Awards in several areas of our Chapter were noted, as Ann Hafling received recognition for 40 years of membership in ALPHA BETA. Ann is

also a leader in state work. Kathy Zwanzig presented the “**You Are Key**” award to Marybelle Duff for her significant contributions in planning and executing the program for the **Annie Award**. Mary Wingses and Janet Chase were recognized as **Women of Vision**, and Joyce Cecil won the **Volunteer of the Year Award** from JCRTA. Volunteer work often is passed from generation to generation. Marianne Humphries recently received the Volunteer of the Year Joseph O. Thomas Award given by the Downs Syndrome of Louisville for her outstanding volunteer work. As a charter member of ALPHA BETA, Marianne’s mother Mary Carter began this focus on Down’s Syndrome children as she was convinced that early intervention is necessary if a child is to see success. Marianne’s, and her mother’s, dedication have contributed to the success of many Down’s Syndrome children whom they helped successfully see adulthood because of their support.

Keeping the Chapter abreast of current directions of education and our role in those changes brought Stephanie Greathouse to our meeting as our featured speaker in May. She is a former teacher in the Jefferson County Public Schools and has extensive skills in the area of technology. She shared the pros and cons of technology, and that “4 degrees of separation” has connected the entire world through technology. She certainly increased our knowledge of ways technology can be positively used through the assets of the Google Calendar applications. She also discussed how technology is being misused among young people and that we should be aware.

We end this year with a special thank you to the officers who have served the past two years. Those are: President Diana Motsch, First Vice President Judy Reeves, Second Vice President Peggy Williams, Secretary Brenda Logan, Treasurer Janet Chase, and Parliamentarian Emily Pruett. We welcome our new officers: President Judy Reeves, First Vice President Diana French; Second Vice President Peggy Williams, Secretary Diana Motsch, and Parliamentarian Pat Wilhelm. Former ALPHA BETA President Betsy Holton installed the officers. Ann Hafling carried the DKG banner, and Barbara Hicks played the piano for the installation. Kathy Jones led the Chapter in singing the DKG song.

We are very proud of all these ladies who volunteer their time and talents to ensure that our Chapter remains successful!

It is difficult to thank everyone in the Chapter who has led to its success, but the Committee Chairs have also done a tremendous, and often “behind the scenes,” job as they have taken on strong supporting roles. Each of these chairpersons knows who they are and we are thankful for their hard work. We fully realize that success is a team effort, and we feel our ALPHA BETA sisters have combined to work hard and success will continue. We end the year by once again, however, giving special recognition to outgoing President Diana Motsch for her outstanding leadership over the past two years. Thank you, Diana!



Kathy Zwanzig also presented the plaque to President Diana Motsch. This plaque now has our Chapter's name engraved on it.



Our two guests that night: (L) Stephanie Greathouse our speaker and Kathy Zwanzig our ALPHA GAMMA State 1st Vice- President



Kim Zingraff won the door prize presented by Diana French.



Kathy Zwanzig came to present the *Annie Award* to ALPHA BETA Chapter for the Best Program of the Year



Joyce Cecil was named the JCRTA (Jefferson County Retired Teachers' Association) Volunteer of the Year for 2016.

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## ALPHA GAMMA—JENKINS, KY area

by Joyce Herald

The ALPHA GAMMA Chapter met on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Perry County Library. President Karen Clark called the meeting to order and welcomed members. The Perry County Sisters were hostesses; table favors included seed packets, pencils, and chocolate. Refreshments included a wonderful breakfast casserole, fruit and dip, granola, banana and applesauce breads, peanut butter roll, and drinks.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Emma Jean Beasley, Joan Campbell, Joyce Campbell, Karen Clark, Marla Dell, Maria Edwards, Leslie Fields, Patricia Hamblin, Joyce Herald, Peggy Rice, Eileen Sanders, Brenda Spence, Judy Spencer, Katherine Thompson, and Julia Wilson for a 63% Attendance Rate.

Katherine Thompson led the Chapter in the reading of the COLLECT.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Joyce Herald. A correction was made, adding the name of Carolyn Bevins as a visitor from NU Chapter. Peggy Rice made the motion to correct and accept the minutes with a second from Joyce Campbell. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Maria Edwards. The beginning balance was \$4502.97. Deposits included \$499 for the Auction. Expenses included \$200 for the Charlcia Taylor Grant-in-Aid recipient ,Abby S. Gabbard, and \$25 for the US Fund for UNICEF— Schools for Africa. Balance to date is \$4776.97.

Joyce Herald reported Correspondence included cards sent to the State President Pascal Bailey, Marla Dell, and Loretta Smith. Karen Clark read a thank-you note from the Hope Lodge in Lexington for the microwave the Chapter purchased for them.

Joys/Concerns included the following:

- Judy Spencer will become a grandma again in July.
- Joyce Campbell became a great-grandmother to twins this past winter.

Joan Campbell then led the Chapter in the song "I'm in DELTA KAPPA GAMMA."

In Old Business, the following items were discussed and actions were taken:

- The Chapter had 18,850 volunteer hours.
- The microwave purchased for Hope Lodge in Lexington has been delivered.
- Owsley County presented their "adopted" teacher with a \$50 gift certificate to Outback.
- Joyce Herald reported that her family donates school items to a teacher in Perry County.

In New Business, the following items were discussed and actions taken:

- Registration for the State Convention is due by March 30th.
- Alpha Gamma Chapter will assist in providing food for Friday night, April 15th. Food items will include cake pops and chocolate fountains with fruit, cake, chips, etc. A motion was made by Leslie Fields with a second from Katherine Thompson for each member to donate \$5 for food and the remaining balance will be paid from the Chapter. Motion carried. Members donated \$95 for food for the Convention.

Karen Clark strongly emphasized that she wanted us all to be friendly to everyone at the Convention.

Directions to Convention are to take Route 23

and then take Exit #23. The Hilton is nearby.

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers at the next meeting and they will also be installed at that meeting.

Leslie Fields presented an application for a new member, Juanita Collier-Spangler. Juanita is a teacher member of the KTRS and a member of several committees in school and the community. Joyce Campbell made the motion to accept Juanita with a second from Emma Jean Beasley. The Chapter voted to accept Juanita and she will be initiated at the next meeting in May. Also, there may be other members to be presented for vote and initiated at that meeting. Karen Clark will be attending teacher meetings at Powell County, Leslie, and Knott Counties. Joan Campbell reported that Stella Fugate, a teacher from Owsley, has been recognized as the Language Arts Middle School Teacher of the Year.

The next meeting will be at the Perry County Library and the Letcher County Sisters will be in charge of the program and be hostesses.

Leslie Fields was recognized as being a member of the Educational Professional Standards Board.

Joan Campbell then led the Chapter in the song "We're Here For Fun".

The Chapter then made a circle and Emma Jean Beasley read a moving selection "God Won't Ask You" that listed 15 things He wouldn't ask us. Joan Campbell then led the Chapter in The "DELTA KAPPA GAMMA" song.

Eileen Sanders reported on computer info on the State Convention. To access DKG online, members must provide their ID# which is on their membership card.

Patti Hamblin then entertained the group with a Historical Moment about the last meeting. The Patti & Joan Travels & Escapades with Chauffeur Brenda Spence entailed their day of attending our meeting and other hilarious accounts of the day and travels from Booneville to Hazard to Stanton to Beattyville and then finally back to Booneville.

Door Prizes were won by the following: Eileen

Sanders, Julia Wilson, Joyce Campbell, Joyce Herald, Emma Jean Beasley, Brenda Spence, and Patti Hamblin.

Karen Clark then presented officers with a Delta Kappa Gamma necklace.

A motion was made by Marla Dell to adjourn the meeting and with no second needed, the meeting adjourned.

The ALPHA GAMMA Chapter met on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Big Blue Smokehouse in Hazard. Hostesses were the Letcher County Sisters. The presentation table was adorned with a gold tablecloth, red roses and candles. A framed document listed the Charter Members. Favor bags decorated with DKG emblems included mints, hand sanitizer, and a DKG magnet. Donuts were provided by the Letcher County Sisters.

Brenda DePriest gave a beautiful prayer. Brenda Spence then delivered a devotional on "Coincidence" and she used the life of Joseph as an example who had God-given dreams. Joseph could interpret dreams and through God he saved the nation of Israelites. God never left Joseph. Brenda emphasized that nothing is coincidence – it is always God's plan. She closed with prayer.

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Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Joyce Herald. A correction was made, stating that Judy Spencer's grandbaby will arrive in October.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Maria Edwards. The beginning balance was \$4776.97. Deposits included \$30 for Auction/projects. Expenses included \$25 to ALPHA GAMMA State Nancy McClure Leadership Fund. Balance to

date is \$4781.97. Karen Clark reported that the \$95 collected by the Chapter for State Convention food expenses would be returned to the Chapter.

Joyce Herald reported Correspondence included cards sent to Loretta Smith and Patti Hamblin.

Joys/Concerns included the following:

- Joyce Campbell's granddaughter graduated from HCTC and another granddaughter graduated from Owsley County High School.
- Joyce also reported that the Owsley County Board of Education had received the PEAK award (Public Education Achieves in Kentucky). Some activities of the Board include Online classes, a farm program, non-traditional snow days, and a program for At-Risk students. Joyce is Chairman of the Owsley County Board of Education.
- Kara Duncil's son and Karen Clark's grandson Dillon graduated from Wolfe County High School and on September 6th will enter the Marines.
- Karen Clark's husband Kindel has a broken vertebra and will undergo surgery.
- Juanita asked for prayer for a family member.
- Members need to remember Patti Hamblin recovering from her car accident and Loretta Smith's husband Paul who is recovering from a fall.

The Chapter was pleased to initiate Juanita Collier-Spangler of Letcher County. She was presented by Leslie Fields. Juanita has taught for 25 ½ years and is a diligent worker at school and in church. Karen Clark stated that we were honored to receive Juanita. Karen Clark and Carolyn Mayes then talked about the 7 Purposes of the Society and Karen reflected on commitment to the Purposes. She then asked Juanita if she could commit to those Purposes and her reply was yes. Julia Wilson and Carolyn Mayes spoke of the meaning of the symbols of the Society. Karen then referred to the 3 candles which symbolizes loyalty, cooperation, and symbols of the Society and asked Juanita to light the small candle and place it in the triangle of candles which she did. Juanita then signed the register and accepted her membership certificate. Karen welcomed her to our Chapter.

The DELTA KAPPA GAMMA song was led by

Kara Duncil.

In Old Business, the following items were discussed and actions were taken:

- Karen expressed a Thank-You for all the help at the State Convention. The refreshment table was beautiful and she thanked all of those in attendance. Fifteen members attended the Convention.
- The Chapter had 18,850 Volunteer Hours and ranked 2nd in the State. Joyce Herald, Karen Clark, and Emma Jean Beasley had the most hours and each was presented with a beautiful gift from Karen. This year we will keep account of our volunteer hours from April 1st to December 31st.

Karen Clark then spoke of the Circle of Friends and recognized her Circle of Friends—ALPHA GAMMA Chapter Officers: Eileen Sanders, Peggy Rice, Maria Edwards, Joyce Herald, Carolyn Mayes, and Kara Duncil. Members received a DKG notebook.

Maria Edwards presented Karen with a card and a bracelet with a rose and a DKG charm for her four years of service to the Chapter. She has spent many hours, money and was extremely dedicated to our Chapter.

Several members recognized teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. The Wolfe County Sisters presented teachers with a strawberry pie, teacher apron, mug, lunch bag, and teacher figurine. Joyce Herald gave goodie bags to teachers at East Perry Elementary. The Jenkins Board of Education which includes Eileen Sanders and Brenda DePriest sponsored a breakfast for the Elementary School and a cake for the High School. The Owsley County Board of Education which includes Joyce Campbell did several things and even brought in a massage person for teacher stress.

The Historical Moment was presented by Carolyn Mayes. She explained the framed document that displayed the Founders of the International Society, State Organization, and ALPHA GAMMA Chapter. Our Chapter was organized in 1979 and DELTA KAPPA GAMMA was organized in 1929.

In New Business, the following items were discussed and actions taken:

- Emma Jean Beasley of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2016—2018. A motion was made by Julia Wilson to accept the nominations with a second from Brenda DePriest. Motion carried.
- Karen reported that the poem furnished by Eileen on Founders' Day was used at the State Convention Luncheon. Emma Jean presented the devotion at the luncheon.
- Dates for the 2016-2017 year meetings include:
  - ⇒ July 23rd: Owsley/Breathitt Counties
  - ⇒ November 5th: Wolfe County. Auction for the Charlcia Taylor Grant-In-Aid
  - ⇒ March 18th: Perry County
  - ⇒ May 20th: Letcher County. Founders' Day.
- Karen Clark thanked members for donations to the veterans. She will deliver those to Pikeville. Karen also received two roses at the State Convention: one from the Second Vice-President, Beth Pyle, and one from Judy Lester of NU Chapter for her hard work on the State Convention.
- Eileen reported there were no updates on the Web.

The Installation of Officers for 2016-2018 was conducted. Karen Clark, Brenda DePriest, Joyce Campbell, Emma Jean Beasley, and Brenda Spence spoke of the duties and responsibilities of the officers and then presented officers with roses after the installation. The following officers were installed:

President: Leslie Fields  
 1st Vice-President: Eileen Sanders  
 2nd Vice-President: Peggy Rice  
 Treasurer: Maria Edwards  
 Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Joyce Herald  
 Parliamentarian: Kara Duncil  
 Historian: Carolyn Mayes

Karen Clark again spoke of the founding members of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA which was organized of 1929 and spoke of its symbols, song, and purposes. Karen then handed the President's Gavel to the new President Leslie Fields. Members then sang "Hello Founders."

Door Prizes were won by Kara Duncil, Brenda DePriest, Juanita Collier-Spangler, Karen Clark,

and Maria Edwards.

Emma Jean gave a moving tribute to Karen Clark and spoke of her dedication, loyalty, and effort to ALPHA GAMMA Chapter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Leslie Fields and with no second needed, the meeting adjourned.



L to R: New member Juanita Collier-Spangler, President for 2016-2018 Leslie Fields, and President Karen Clark.

## ALPHA EPSILON—JENKINS, KY

by Judy Chick

ALPHA EPSILON Chapter met March 19, 2016, at the Bob Kirby Branch Warren County Public Library, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. It was the annual joint meeting with DELTA Chapter who served as host. DELTA Chapter President Beth Pyle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mary Evans introduced the guest speaker, Mary Lucas who is a history instructor at Western Kentucky University. She presented the history of Pauline Tabor who was known as the "Madam of Bowling Green" from 1933 -mid 1960's. Mrs. Lucas provided interesting information. She also included a clip of Pauline Tabor's book promotion appearance on the Dick Cavett Show.

Following the program Mary Evans blessed the meal provided by DELTA Chapter. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food.

After the meal the chapters met separately for the business sessions. First Vice- President Jackie Powell called ALPHA EPSILON Chapter to order. Fourteen members were in attendance. Membership Chairperson Doris Carver reported that new officers would be installed at the next meeting. Personal Growth and Services Chairperson Ann Seidler reported that the Chapter turned in a total of 9402 volunteer hours.

The next meeting will be on April 30th.

ALPHA EPSILON Chapter met April 30, 2016, at Crittenden Drive Church of Christ, Russellville, Kentucky. Paula Clark and Becky Page served as hostesses.

Paula Clark presented an inspirational thought for the day. She shared references from the Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule as suggestions for practical living. Bonnie Hartley gave the blessing of the meal. Members enjoyed a delicious brunch. President Sherrie Pryor welcomed the fifteen members in attendance. As this was her last meeting as President she expressed her appreciation for the Chapter's support.

Sarah Flowers presided over the program which was the installation of our 2016-2018 officers which are:

- President: Carole Sindorf
- First Vice-President: Jackie Powell
- Second Vice-President: Connie Tipton
- Recording Secretary: Doris Carver
- Corresponding Secretary: Sherrie Pryor
- Treasurer: Becky Page
- Parliamentarian: Sue Carol Browning.

Jackie Powell was recovering from knee surgery and unable to attend the meeting. She will be installed at a later date.

President Pryor called the business session to order. Professional Affairs Chairperson Carole Sindorf announced that Mollie Thompson was this year's recipient of the ALPHA EPSILON Grant-in-Aid.

ALPHA EPSILON voted to make Sarah

Emberger a lifetime honorary member. Mrs. Emberger is a charter member and now unable to attend due to her health.

President Pryor encouraged all who were interested to attend the International DELTA KAPPA GAMMA meeting in Nashville. Plans to travel together were discussed.

ALPHA EPSILON will be looking forward to next year's activities.





# Committee News Technology

by Dr. Mary Catherine Flath

## Get Fit, Stay Fit, Stay Connected with Fitbit

Dear Sisters, regardless of your athletic abilities, I can say with confidence, that each of you can benefit by using a health & fitness tracker. My preference is Fitbit, but any one will get you started on the road to a healthier you! One of the best features Fitbit offers, is the ability to keep fit and connected with your friends & sisters, at the same time! I've been a Fitbitter, since February 2014, and I've enjoyed the experience wholeheartedly. Not only does Fitbit help you track your daily steps, mileage, stairs climbed, active minutes, and sleep (see Dashboard sample below left), it allows you to setup a food plan, exercise plan, and most importantly, you can setup your own fitness friend network (see some of my friends below right). DKG sisters currently in my circle of fitness friends, include Kathy Zwanzig (AGS 1st VP) and Rebecca Thomas (UPSILON), and we help cheer one another on. We can challenge one another to various step competitions, and we can use Fitbit as a messaging tool, like Facebook messenger. Another great feature Fitbit offers, is AWARDS; you earn achievement badges, every step along the way. It seems like I receive one of those special boosts, just when I need it most, and it encourages me to "keep walking, sister"! As we all know, positive reinforcement goes a long way! You can purchase a Fitbit at almost any retailer these days (\$40-\$150), or go straight to [fitbit.com](http://fitbit.com), which I think is best. Fitbit has a full year warranty, for nearly all wear and tear, except water damage; it is water resistant, not water-proof. And that might be its only negative feature? I'm pretty tough on my Fitbit, so I'm on my 4th bracelet, but I've only had to purchase two. That's why I think it's best to purchase directly from [fitbit.com](http://fitbit.com), so they have your purchase receipt on file. I'm pleased to report that each of my trackers were replaced immediately, and customer service is stellar!

I hope you're energized and ready to get and

stay on the road to a healthier you! Once you have your Fitbit tracker, your setup is quick and easy, using any type of electronic device, and you'll be ready to get steppin'! If you have any comments or questions, I am happy to help; call or text me at 606.331.0286. Kathy, Rebecca, and I look forward to adding many of you to our Fitbit Friend Network very soon! Blessings, Mary Cat

PS. I walked 3.2 miles and 6132 steps, while typing this communication.



## Pictures of Interest, con't.

UPSILON'S Judy Ihrig leads the Chapter in some fun songs to start the meeting on a happy note.

UPSILON'S Estelle Martin, Pam Manker, and Linda Mauser enjoy making a delightful trio.

