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### Newsletter Submission Dates

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

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by Pascal Bailey, State Organization President



Ladies, Sisters, and Friends,

Time to get down to our End of Year business, which I am proud to say that your Executive Board has streamlined to a minimum of 2!

**DEADLINE January 1**

Educational Excellence in the Classroom for outstanding classroom teachers to First Vice President Kathy Zwanzig

Annie Award for Outstanding Projects to First Vice President Kathy Zwanzig

**DEADLINE February 1**

Scholarships to our Scholarship chairs Pricilla Roberts & Jessica Beasley

30, 40, 50 year membership to Second Vice President Beth Pyle

**DEADLINE February 28**

State Hall of Fame nominations to Ruby Sneed and Ramona Griffen

Women of Vision to honor chapter members at our State Convention to Sandra Smith

**REMINDERS**

No Volunteer Hours collected on State Level

Please update your chapter member information

at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under MY DKG tab. It is the easiest way for you to find mailing information and phone numbers for our members AND we save the cost of printing a directory

Consider asking one of your members to start a Facebook Page for your chapter AND join our Alpha Gamma State page

Google Calendar list any dates you would like to have listed for DKG. Send them to me!

Merry Christmas and let's make it a Happy New Year



**White Roses**



**Mary Jane Roser, 96, BETA** passed away on August 8, 2016 After graduating from Bethel College she earned her Masters degree from Eastern Kentucky University. Mary Jane spent thirty years as a teacher, the majority of that time at Jessie Clark Middle School in

Lexington, KY. She also served her country during World War II enlisting with the WAVES—U.S. Navy—in 1943. Her other interests included Bingo and being an avid UK and Cincinnati Reds fan. Mary Jane was a member of Hunter Presbyterian Church for over fifty years where she served faithfully as an Elder, Sunday School teacher, Circle Leader and as a member of the Flower Guild



***Giving to—  
Educate the World***

# Educational Excellence

by Kathy Zwanzig, 1st Vice President

## PICK YOUR PASSION!



Are you a Pioneer? Or maybe I should ask HOW are you a Pioneer? Or how can YOU be a Pioneer? Or do you have a Pioneering Spirit? For DKG in your Chapter or on the State, Regional or International level? These are questions I asked Thanksgiving week as we travelled the Natchez Trace, from Nashville, TN to Natchez, MS, then on to Little Rock, AR.

By definition, a Pioneering Spirit is a willingness to endure hardship in order to explore new places or try out new things and a Pioneer is a person who is among those who first enter or settle a region, thus opening it for occupation and development by others, or one who is first or among the earliest in any field of inquiry, enterprise, or progress..

I was inspired by a young woman, of the Yuchi Indian tribe in what is now the northwestern corner of Alabama, who was named Te-lah-nay. She was displaced by the Trail of Tears, the forced evacuation of Southeast Native Americans after the Indian Removal Act of 1830 when she was just 18 years old. But she was not happy in Oklahoma and wanted to come home. It took her five years to make the trip, completely on foot, from Oklahoma to Alabama. Her dream was to return home and she made that dream come true, through many hardships. But she was determined and she persevered. Te-lah-nay was an inspiration and an example to her descendants and others who came after her. Her great-great-grandson, who is now 90 years old, has even built, by hand, a rock wall memorial to honor her.

Then we visited Central High School in Little Rock, AR. In September, 1957, these nine brave young African American high school students proved to be pioneers in the efforts to

desegregate public schools in our country. Their fight was different from that of Te-lah-nay, but the conditions were extremely difficult and full of personal danger for each of these young students. And then there was Daisy Gaston Bates, president of the Arkansas NAACP and co-publisher of the Arkansas State Press, an influential African-American newspaper. She helped to prepare them with the adversity they would face and she personally escorted the nine students to school. These ten people were all pioneers and their actions and bravery have had a lasting impact on our public school system.

Now ask yourself again, "Am I a pioneer?". Have you been a pioneer at any time in your life? Have you been a pioneer for education? Have you been a pioneer for DKG? How can you and/or the members of your chapter be pioneers for education and educators? Or for DKG?

We can be pioneers through our programs. We can be pioneers through our projects. We can be pioneers by Supporting Early-Career Educators. We can be pioneers by initiating and/or legislation that effects education.

I challenge each of you to hone your Pioneering Spirit, through your career. I challenge each of you to hone your Pioneering Spirit, through your membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

### **Reminders from the EEC Committee.**

**Applications** for Annie Awards are due to Kathy Zwanzig by January 1, 2017. You can submit applications for Projects or Programs, or both! Include any program/project taking place January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

**Nominations** for the EEC (Educational Excellence in the Classroom Award) are due to Kathy Zwanzig by January 1, 2017. The nominees can be members of your chapter or a nonmember who might also be a perspective member. The nominee should be a classroom teacher (traditional or non-traditional classroom). This is your opportunity to recognize teaching excellence. We very rarely get that opportunity. We will be recognizing all nominees at the state convention.

We also want each chapter to share the following with the EEC Committee so that we can share them with all of the chapters.

1. Activities benefitting Schools for Africa or other educational activities in Africa.
2. Program and project ideas
3. Activities for meeting SEE (Supporting Early-career Educators) goals, such as
  - ⇒ Adopt-a-Faculty,
  - ⇒ Mentoring First-year Teachers,
  - ⇒ Teachers Helping Teachers (helping members actively teaching in the classroom), etc.

Applications/Nominations/EEC activity sharing can be sent to Kathy through email at the following address: [kathyzwanzig.dkg@gmail.com](mailto:kathyzwanzig.dkg@gmail.com) or by USPS at the following address: Kathy Zwanzig, 311 Pearl Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47130

## Membership

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



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

to begin the new school year.

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

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

activities we hope to use to enhance our lessons, we also know the importance of implementation of our plans.

As teachers we understand the importance of planning and implementation. Therefore, let us use these same guiding principles for the upcoming 2016-2017 year in DKG. I invite each of us to plan our part for a successful year in DKG -- create a personal plan as to how you will contribute to the success of your Chapter, our Kentucky State Organization, and our International Society. Perhaps your plan includes bringing in one new member; attending Chapter meetings; attending the Fall Workshop and/or the State Convention; participating in a service project; or, reaching out to another member to let them know you miss their contribution at meetings. No matter --- make a plan; write your individual DKG plan down on a calendar (just like you write unit/lesson plans down); and, share your plan with others and then implement your plan. Written plans only have the potential of success; the realization of that potential comes through its implementation.

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



## White Roses, con't

Alice Kennelly Roberts, 96, ZETA



member for 65 years of Covington, KY passed away on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at her home. She spent half a century in teaching and administrative educational positions in Holmes High School in Covington, KY and later at Oak

Hills High School in Cincinnati, OH. Her published books of poetry include *Bluegrass* (1949), *Bluegrass Junior* (1952) and *Bluegrass Seasons* (1959). She wrote *Shamrocks and Bluegrass* (1998) and she held key offices in the local Christopher Gist Historical Society. Alice had a featured column for many years in the Kentucky Times Star, the Kentucky Enquirer, the Kentucky Post and the Cincinnati Post. Alice was a member of Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati, OH.



# Chapter News

## ZETA - NORTHERN, KY

by Sally Nimmo

### ZETAS: POSITIVE, BUSY, AND CURRENT

A Member Moment was given by our president, Lynn Mays who talked about the importance of having a positive attitude in order to live her best life. She also depends on support from family, church, and friends, and stays busy doing the many things she enjoys: choir, tutoring, book clubs, sewing, and crocheting. She encouraged us to prevent Type II diabetes and become an organ donor.

Vice President, June Madison, reminded us to support sisters in every way we can and suggested we communicate with the teachers and schools to learn their needs.

New member, Daniele Novak, was inducted into ZETA chapter by president, Lynn Mays, and Membership Chairman, Dr. Joyce Fortney Hamberg. Daniele is an English Learner consultant who works in West Virginia, Pendleton County, Bellevue, Ludlow, and Fort Thomas providing direct services to students and professional development to school districts. She also tests students and writes PSPs.

Ryle High School math teacher, Kim Hockney, presented the program, "Standards-Based Grading." She explained how she and her team are using a more informative approach, replacing memorizing for the moment with learning for a lifetime; seeing what students do know and helping them decide what to do next, avoiding "failure."



At the World Fellowship table, members brought mittens, hats, and scarves to be donated to local children in need this holiday season. They also donated and purchased ornaments at the little Christmas tree.

(Left) Kim Hockney, math teacher at Ryle High School, presented the program, Standards-Based Grading.

Dr. Joyce Fortney Hamberg, shown on the right, volunteers making blankets for mothers and children who have to reside at Welcome House.



Recording Secretary, Renee McKellog, goes the extra mile for teachers new to the profession, by making special, personalized journals for each of the New Teacher Baskets.

Jenny Tompkins, co-chair of World Fellowship, is with Marlena Shoup at the World Fellowship tree where members shop for Christmas ornaments.



New member, Daniele Novak

# UPSILON - NORTHERN, KY

by Priscilla Roberts

## **UPSILON Celebrates 45 years of Consistency And Honors Memory of Beloved Justina Graziani**

On November 12, 2016, members Mary Barker, Vickie Chamberlain, Karin Edgington, Cathy Feldmann, Sarah Graff, Carol Rae Howard, Judy Ihrig, Judy Jackson, Beth Mizer-Lambert, Pam Manker, Karen Martin, Linda Mauser, Shirley Miller, Rachel Redden, Priscilla Roberts, Sarah Staggs, Rebecca Taylor, Pam Thomas, Rebecca Thomas, and Chrysteen Vanover, along with special guests Martha Hause, Mary Jacobs, Theda Kearney, Rachel Kinter, and Angie Maddox, not only enjoyed a delightfully tasteful potluck luncheon and Upsilon's 45th birthday celebration, but also a time of remembering our beloved Justina Graziani who passed in August of this year.

After President Linda Mauser's opening remarks, she introduced our special guests, and she presented Rachel Kinter, new teacher at Reiley Elementary School in Alexandria, KY, with a teacher's basket and a handsome gift certificate for her school supplies this year. Since UPSILON's inception, members have been faithful to support young educators by supplying them with teacher baskets, and by encouraging them with helpful suggestions.

Past UPSILON President and Past State President Karen Martin chaired the 45th Anniversary celebration. With assistance from Past Presidents Karin Edgington, Judy Ihrig, Pam Manker, Shirley Miller, and Priscilla Roberts, information and pictures were gathered from UPSILON's past, and newer member Rachel Redden assembled a slide presentation that everyone enjoyed viewing. Thanks to Rachel and her husband, Shawn, for their efforts on this slide presentation down memory lane!

In addition, after tasty pot luck dishes from among the members were imbibed, Karen Martin and Karin Edgington served delicious cake and ice cream to top off this auspicious occasion. Moreover, Karen presented each past president with a beautiful glass rose and Hersey's kisses, just to sweeten the event even more! (Thanks,

Karen, for your wonderful work and stirring committee)

Afterwards, Pam Manker lead in the special tribute to our beloved Justina Graziani who passed away in August of this year, just a few days after her 94th birthday. Chysteen Vanover, daughter of Justina, received a beautiful white rose and vase from the members, and Judy Ihrig and members sang "We Remember" as part of the tribute. When Pam invited members to share thoughts about Justina, Karen Martin stated, "Justina was a tremendous encouragement to me. As a relatively new member and elected chapter president, I can still see her pointing her finger at me and saying, 'Karen, you can do this! I know you can do this.' She believed in me and always gave me good advice." Shirley Miller, another past-president, said, "Justina was a wonderful friend and mentor, and I always knew if I had questions about anything, Justina would always be ready and willing to stir me in the right direction. She was a most delightful, dedicated person in everything she did." Finally, Priscilla Roberts, another past president, shared this about Justina. "Justina was a truly godly mother, friend, and member. I will always be impressed by the sharpness of her mind, memory, and positive outlook, right up to her last days. Although she spent many of her last years in the nursing home, she never complained and was always grateful for our visits. I cherish her memory and the day that Brenda and Sterling Staggs went with me to the nursing home to present her with her 50 year membership pin. She was thrilled, and we were honored. What a great lady she was!"

To conclude this eventful day, Karin Edgington presented Charter member Mary Barker with a beautifully hand crafted rose she had made and placed in a vase. President Linda Mauser reminded everyone of our January breakfast at Bob Evans, to be followed by a presentation from Bonita Fouts at our local Ft. Thomas Library. Bonita will share her experience and travels to Africa and how our DKG support is helping the less fortunate in Africa.

Until then, on behalf of all of your UPSILON sisters in Northern Kentucky, we wish all of you across the state a very Blessed Merry Christmas and a bright and beautiful 2017!



## Photos courtesy of Sarah Staggs

Rachel Kinder receives a teacher's basket and gift certificate from President Linda Mauser



The Happy Birthday cake



**Left to Right:**  
**Front Row:** Mary Barker, Rebecca Thomas, Pam Manker, Pam Thomas, Judy Ihrig, Shirley Miller, Sarah Staggs, Linda Mauser, Judy Jackson, Sarah Graff, and Priscilla Roberts.  
**Back Row:** Carol Rae Howard, Vickie Chamberlain, Cathy Feldmann, Karen Martin, Beth Mizer-Lambert, Rebecca Taylor, Rachel Redden, and Karin Edgington.

# ALPHA BETA—LOUISVILLE AREA

by Diana Motsch

As we enjoy this beautiful fall weather, our chapter has been busy conducting business and living life to its fullest! We are so proud to announce that we increased our membership by initiating Vicki Lete at our October meeting. Our speaker for that evening was Mary Faye Carr, retired librarian and president of ALPHA Chapter. We had heard many good things about her presentation “Good Reads You May Have Missed”, as she had also presented this topic at the International Convention and Fall Workshop in Owensboro. Mary Faye was so generous to give us all a special ink pen, so that notes could be made on the list that she distributed. We all appreciated her suggestions, as it will be cold weather soon, and curling up with a good book always warms you up!

At our November meeting, several celebrations were shared after our business meeting, but before our annual auction: Pat Wilhelm’s daughter received a law degree and teaches on-line at U of L, even though she lives in Illinois! Ima Johns announced that she is engaged to a retired lawyer/judge, and that she will be a great-grandmother in the spring! Peggy Pryse was proud to announce that she is already a great-grandmother, but Idru Vibbert topped the list with three great-grandchildren! Also, Idru has asked for everyone’s vote for one of her great-granddaughters, Penelope Burkhead, on Facebook. Penelope is entered in the “Gerber Cutest Baby for 2016” contest and needs all of our votes to win! (Be sure to see her photo!)

Our own Pat Brock Blewett invited everyone to visit one of the five venues across the state that is featuring two of her photographs, “Color Reflection” and “Water Pattern”. The Kentucky Arts Council’s traveling exhibit, titled *Ways of Seeing*, depicts artwork of an alternate reality. This is the feature of the exhibit and is abstract, conceptual, fantasy-based and experimental. The exhibit will run from October 2016 through December 2017.

Here are the venues:

## October — December 2016

Appalachian Artisan Center Hindman

## January — February 2017

Eastern KY Univ. Center for the Arts, Richmond

## March — May 2017

Whitley County Arts, Williamsburg

## June — August 2017

Center for Rural Development, Somerset

## September — December 2017

Glema Mahr Center for the Arts, Madisonville  
Community College, Madisonville

Also, those of us that live in the **Louisville area** can visit **KORE at the Mellwood Arts Center** to view Pat’s work. We are so proud of Pat’s artistic skills!

Another celebration is the fact that we are all so glad that Vicki Lete became a member in October, as she didn’t let any grass grow under her feet. She went to work right away as our auctioneer at our November meeting, and what an excellent job she did! She would say, “If you have a dollar, no holler!” If an item didn’t sell, she would really reduce the price. Soon nothing was left! The Silent Auction table was a real time saver because all Vicki had to do with those items was to announce the winning names! Our annual fundraiser cleared \$1,132.45 that night, and there may be more to come, as some of our members couldn’t attend that meeting and may donate next month! This auction helps us fund Grants-in-Aide, traveling expenses by our president, and various other items in our budget. Chair Marybelle Duff is so proud of her Ways and Means Committee that she wanted me to publicly thank them for their hard work: Susan Quinlan, Kathy Jones, Peggy Pryse, and Vicki Lete.

Marybelle made the auction so much fun. She started the festivities by ringing an old-fashioned brass school bell and asking for the person, guest or member, who had the most children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to raise her hand. President Judy Reeves’ mother, Louise Stevenson, said that she had a total of 17! No one could top that, so Marybelle awarded Louise a door prize. Then, Marybelle asked who had traveled the longest distance to attend the meeting. Betty Luscher had driven in from Frankfort, so she was also awarded a door prize.

Then, we were turned loose to shop. The bell was rung throughout the evening, giving Vicki a



# BlueGrass Area Chapters at Spindletop Hall

## BETA, OMICRON, PHI, ALPHA ALPHA

Photos by: Angela Foster, BETA

short break, and door prizes were awarded. It turned out that everyone received a door prize! After the auction was officially over and our hard-working treasurer, Janet Chase, announced the amazing total, Marybelle wanted to know who had spent the most. Janet announced that Diana French had spent \$164, so Marybelle surprised everyone by presenting Diana with a beautiful 3-piece LED candle set!

Even though our meeting was held the night before Election Day, no one even mentioned politics. We were all too busy bidding, smiling and having fun with one another!



Auctioneer Vicki Lete saying, "If you have a dollar, no holler!"



Diana French was awarded this prize for spending the most at the auction.



Vote for

Penelope Burkhead

Cutest Baby on Facebook

