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Send to Judy Lester, Scholarship Chair

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Click on Forms in the red box and click on Scholarships.

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ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention
April 11-13, 2014 in Paducah, KY

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA International Convention
July 28-August 1, 2014, Indianapolis, IN

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GET READY!

With the end of the year, comes the time to begin to prepare reports and complete requirements for honors for our upcoming State Convention to be held in April. Here's a few to keep in mind:

- ⇒ I will be preparing your **Healthy Chapter** honors, so keep me informed of your progress.
- ⇒ **Send your updated electronic directories** to Jane Thompson and myself as soon as possible.
- ⇒ **State and International reports** are now on International's website for your access.
- ⇒ **Nominate** programs and individuals for awards such as the **Annie Award, Women of Vision, Rosebud Award**.
- ⇒ **Plan** for your **visual display** at the convention to show how your Chapter has "Shared Our Vision and Strengthened Our Society" as well as your **Chapter page** for the state scrap book.

Karen's Korner

by Karen Martin, State Organization President



It is totally unbelievable to realize that 2013 is almost over. Where does the time go?

This year has been one of many ups and downs for me and my family. From beginning the year with kidney surgery, to being inducted as ALPHA GAMMA STATE's

President, to summer gardening and raising chickens (not sure, good/bad???), to Koko's surgery to traveling and meeting some of the most wonderful women educators across the state, to finally losing two of my most cherished UPSILON sisters over these last few weeks, this year has been one I will not soon forget.

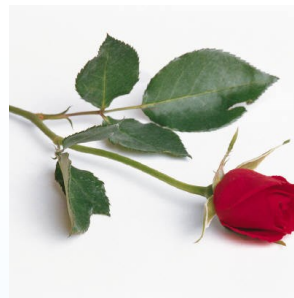
As I continued my travels across the state, I have cherished the many opportunities to meet my ALPHA GAMMA STATE sisters, hear of their many accomplishments, and share ideas about how we can make our Society even better than it already is. TAU Chapter, though small is very active and I was delighted to listen to the essays they were judging for their contest held for National Education Week. Written by middle school students, it was encouraging to hear how these kids value their education and want to help others in the future - by teaching. What an awesome project for these TAU sisters to host!

ALPHA GAMMA sisters invited me to visit and participate in their auction which raises money for their scholarship fund. I was honored to participate in the initiation of a new member and experience wonderful food, good-natured bidding, and Joan Campbell's beautiful voice leading us in song! Since they surpassed their goal on their auction - my participation in the "Tooty Ta" for everyone's delight, was shared by all.

Awesome projects, and fun and fellowship can be

found in Chapters across the state as we continue to focus on our vision of strengthening our ALPHA GAMMA STATE Society. Membership remains our focus, but we are succeeding, step by step. PI Chapter is moving forward, energized by the efforts of Past State President, Jane Thompson, PI Treasurer, Jeanette Brandenburg, and soon to be new President, Debra Coleman. However, I believe that my best gift so far this season is news of LAMBDA's full slate of officers for the next biennium and the renewed enthusiasm seen in their members to energize their Chapter and recruit new members.

As the door opens on 2014, I hope everyone makes a New Year's Resolution to be more involved in their Chapters and to seek out other key women educators who would not only benefit from what DKG has to offer them, but women whose membership would enrich us as we work to fulfill DKG's goals. Together we can make an impact on our communities, fulfill our goals to support key women educators, and share our passion for education with those we meet. As my mentors continue to say, "We can do this!"



Rosebud Award Revitalized

The Rosebud Award will be given to members nominated by their Chapters at the State Convention to be held in April. Nominate a sister with 1-3 years membership who has been outstanding in her participation and contributions to her Chapter.

Nominations should be sent to Karen Martin at Karen.martin0992@gmail.com

Please include the following information for each nomination:

Name _____

Chapter _____

Reason for nomination:

Educational Excellence Report

by Pascal Bailey, 1st Vice President



One of my favorite purposes of DKG is the encouragement to Empower Women Educators. If you have ever fallen victim to a mean-spirited or vindictive boss, you understand how weak our profession can make us feel. DKG

can change that. Membership in DKG is both an honor and a privilege. You can enjoy it and/or you can share it. Your choice, but I hope you choose to share it. Don't look for excuses as to why you cannot share the benefits, but instead, look for opportunities that help to empower potential members.

Do you have an electronic form of communication for your Chapter? You can set up a private Chapter Facebook page or a distribution list for emails. Twitter? Instagram? LinkedIn? What would work best for your Chapter members? What about a webpage? Only 2 Chapters in our state maintain one. Could this be a leadership project that you could help your Chapter create and manage? You don't have to be an officer to lead this type of project, you just need the desire, ability, and skills. This is a great way for a not-so-active member to support her Society.

Did you know that ALPHA GAMMA STATE has a Facebook page. I encourage you to join even if you have not set up a Facebook account. Call me (502)477-9225 and I will walk you through the process. You can choose your own privacy settings and if at any time you wish, you can close your account. The AGS Facebook page will help you stay informed and also inspire you as to the wonderful things our sisters are doing across the state. Part of our growth is tied to life-long learning and this will be a great learning experience.

Still looking for program ideas? A program

speaker cancels at the last minute? Help members connect electronically in some form or fashion. I suggest Facebook as a start because it has been a great tool for me to stay connected with distant family and former students. Who suggested it? My MU Chapter sister, Shelia Wilkinson talked me into setting up an account and I have been going strong for almost 5 years.

For this piece, I wanted some input, so I turned to Facebook and asked what members liked most about ALPHA GAMMA STATE.

- NU's Cheryl Slater posted, "The awesome friendships I've made in DKG! The time we all spend together at workshops and conventions! THE MEMORIES!!! P.S. I forgot the choir and the great time we had!"
- ZETA's Lucy Riffle enjoys "The many laughs with sisters and the good we do!!"
- UPSILON's Judy Ihrig enjoys "Special friendships that I've made and great fellowship at all DKG meetings/activities/conventions"
- and her Chapter sister, Pam Manker, loves "support and friendship from my DKG sisters, continuous learning, leadership opportunities, meeting new people, and just plain fun!"
- But EPSLONS's Dr. Barbara Walter's summed it up best, "My DKG sisters."

Will you share it with some special teacher?

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

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The Hampton Inn & Suites
3901 Coleman Crossing Circle,
Paducah, KY 42001
270-442-0200

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA International Convention
July 28 - August 1, 2014, Indianapolis, IN
Wouldn't it be great if Kentucky had more members present than Indiana?? Spread the word and mark your calendars now. Let's let them know we're here

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

AGS State Convention 2015
TBA, Northern, KY

AGS Fall Workshop 2015
Invitation can be given in Paducah!

DKG Southeast Regional Conference
July 15 - 18, 2015, Savannah, GA

Membership Report

by Kathy Zwanzig, 2nd Vice-President



The “three R’s” that we want members of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA to take to heart and keep in mind are “Recruit, Retain, and Reinststate”. The maintenance of the membership of The DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL is the responsibility of each Chapter, specifically each MEMBER.

Once we have initiated a member, we want to RETAIN them. We need to involve them, embrace them, and support them so that new members will find the value in their membership in the Society as much as each of us does. Involve new members by asking them to help with a project/committee/office that requires the talents they possess. People need to feel they are contributing to the organization. They will wonder why be in the organization if they don’t ever have anything to do.

Embrace your members. Find ways to get to know them better. Get to know them better on a personal level; their likes, their fears, their joys, their sorrows. Are they married or single, do they have children? Get to know them as a professional. Are they in the classroom? What level do they teach or have taught: elementary, middle, secondary, post-secondary? What subject do they teach? Members will feel you value them as a person and as a professional. At meetings, make an effort to stir things up. Sit with someone you don’t know very well. Get to know that member better.

Finally, all of our members need our support. That is one of the top reasons members give as to why they value their membership in DELTA KAPPA GAMMA. They love having someone who understands not only their passion for their profession, but also the trials of the profession. How can you support them? Send them a card. Give them a call. Send a quick email. Offer to

help them with something. Ask them if they need you to do anything for them. OR just LISTEN. Sometimes we just need someone to listen to us without passing judgment. Since the organization is nothing without its members, try one of these suggestions TODAY. Help RETAIN a strong membership!



Jennifer Bay-Williams, XI Chapter—elected to serve on the NCTM Board of Directors
Dale Jackson, OMICRON Chapter-retired as a Kindergarten teacher in May 2013 from arden Springs Elementary in Fayette County
Holly Bloodworth, GAMMA Chapter, and 3rd grade teacher at Murray Elementary School in the Murray Independent school district,- named the 2014 Kentucky Teacher of the Year
Jane Thompson, BETA Chapter– featured in the Kentucky Teacher and The Anderson News for innovative methods in teaching science and leading students to develop a growth mindset.



Order of Tulip Poplar

Sisters Lend Leadership and Support

The Order of Tulip Poplar, a relatively new “committee” established by former President Jane Thompson, is looking to support our Society. Members include our Past Presidents who are knowledgeable and willing to assist in all things ALPHA GAMMA STATE. Their experience and expertise make them an excellent source of information and support for any member or Chapter.

These ladies are available to lend support, give advice, or visit if possible wherever needed. Recently, Susan Cross, MU (2001-2003) and Sue Story, MU (1993-1995) traveled to LAMBDA Chapter to share ideas and support, and Jane Thompson, BETA (2011-2013) has been working with PI Chapter to recruit new members. Sandra Smith, XI (2009-2011) visited GAMMA with Kathy Zwanzig, 2nd Vice-President, to encourage membership growth.

Chapter News

Bluegrass Coordinating Council



BETA, OMICRON PI, PHI, and ALPHA ALPHA met in their annual joint meeting on Saturday, December 7 at Spindletop Hall in Lexington, KY. Pascal Bailey, ALPHA GAMMA STATE 1st Vice President represented AGS President, Karen Martin who had another Chapter commitment. Pascal spoke on how we need to support teachers

who experience daily events that “they didn’t teach us in teacher school” and the importance of the fellowship within our state organization.



Pascal’s mother, Jane Bailey was a hit with the Chapter Presidents. BETA Chapter, this year’s host Chapter, initiated two members. Pictured are Kim Harris, Young Career Educator, Kim King, KY State Representative, and Jane Thompson. ALPHA ALPHA held a silent auction to raise money for their scholarship projects.

PHI chapter issued the invitation to hold our next joint meeting at Beaumont Inn in Harrodsburg, KY sometime in Fall 2014. OMICRON ladies bagged up hats and mittens that all Chapters contributed for PI Chapter and the Berea area schools.

GAMMA

GAMMA Chapter hosted a social on Saturday, December 14 in Murray, KY. Kathy Zwanzig, ALPHA GAMMA STATE 2nd Vice President and Sandra Smith, Past State President and Order of the Tulip Popular represented Karen Martin, AGS President who was committed elsewhere in the state.



Kathy spoke on the importance of getting into the schools and attracting young teachers. At the meeting, GAMMA Chapter President recognized Holly Bloodworth who was recently named Kentucky’s 2014 Teacher of the Year.

ZETA

ZETA Chapter of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA and ALPHA GAMMA STATE met at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club on November 16, 2013. With 34 members in attendance, ZETA had a busy meeting filled with lots of fun and fellowship. During this meeting Lynn Mays led a memorial service for one of our members, Anna Mary Faulkner who just passed on Tuesday, November 12th. Afterward, we joyfully initiated 4 new members into ZETA Chapter!!! Three other new members were unable to be in attendance and will be initiated in March.



ZETA also held their annual Christmas tree ornament sale for the grants in aid fund. Marie Lancaster organized this event again this year. Janelle Clinkenbeard brought the new teacher baskets to be distributed by sisters to the first year teachers that they nominated. One was able to be in attendance at the meeting to receive her basket. After concluding the rest of the business, the sisters enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and were able to chat and “catch up,” ending their time together with a program given by Janet Flerlage, Children’s Assistant at the Covington branch of the Kenton County Library. Janet shared quite a bit of information as to how the library can help teachers with programs and needed resources. Zeta would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and even Merrier Christmas!!



IOTA

On September 28, 2013, members of IOTA Chapter of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA met on the campus of Somerset Christian School. The meeting was called to order by President Jeanette Alexander at 10:00AM. After the Business portion of the meeting, Mrs. Kerri Adkins, science teacher at Somerset Christian School, gave a very informative talk and overview of the school addressing academics, leadership, athletics, Parent-Teacher Fellowship and spiritual emphasis.



Students Luci Borkes, Abi Hutchinson, and Sarah Flinchum each gave an overview of what the schools means to them, both personally and educationally. Afterwards, each girl served as a guide, conducting tours and answering question about the school. THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY promotes educational projects, awards, scholarships, and provides opportunities for the professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.

On November 9, 2013, members of IOTA Chapter met on the campus of Somerset Community College in the Hal Rogers Community Room. The meeting was called to order by Jeanette Alexander. During the business section, President Alexander reminded the members that the Nominations Committee would present the proposed slate of officers for the 2014—2016 biennium at the next meeting which will be held on March 15, 2013 at the Carnegie Community Arts Center located at 107 North Main St., Somerset.

Mrs. Margaret Mauney, Vice-President, introduced the program speaker, Mrs. Mary Belle Duff of Louisville. Mrs. Duff is a former member of IOTA Chapter. Mrs. Duff, in full time appropriate attire of



the early 1900s, portrayed the founder of THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY, Annie Webb Blanton. Giving a brief summary of the accomplishments of Dr. Blanton, Mrs. Duff highlighted that in 1916, Dr. Blanton was the first woman to be elected President of the Texas State Teachers Association. She was instrumental in furthering the appointments of women in higher positions of education. Dr. Blanton's leadership abilities and zeal let to the swift growth and expansion of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA after the first initiation on May 11, 1929. There are now DKG chapters in most if not all of the 50 states. There are many countries worldwide that have organized Chapters of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA. THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY provides members with fellowship, friendship, and support. It offers mentors to women educators providing mutual support and interaction in all educational fields and at all levels.



KAPPA

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park served as a beautiful setting for KAPPA's November meeting. Becky Clark, naturalist, provided the program on "The Great Outdoors." The park provides a program called "Naturalist Program for Educators," available either at the park or in the

classroom. Following a delicious meal, President Jeanie Barnett led KAPPA in the special events of the meeting. "Happy Dollars" continues to be a fun activity to collect money for Schools for Africa. The annual silent auction and nut sale were both successful and enjoyable. In support of Early Education, members are collecting items for student teacher "goodie bags." Members were excited to welcome an early career educator to the last meeting.

Members brought children's books to donate for the ongoing dyslexia project. The books will be given to students for rewards for reaching their goals. Members also donated several reams of paper for the project. KAPPA's own Ruth Lature, Director of the Dyslexia Association, signed copies of her new book, *Dyslexia: A Teacher's Journey*. KAPPA lost one of their oldest members. Marion Lee Adams, age 83, departed this life on Thursday, November 28, 2013, following a brief illness. She had been a music specialist in the Hopkinsville and Christian County School systems for 43 years. Marion joined DELTA KAPPA GAMMA in 1958 and continued to be an active member throughout the remaining 55 years of her life. She held several



offices in KAPPA Chapter including President. Outside her professional life, she was very active in her church and community. Marion Adams exemplified through her life the ideals of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA.

Loyalty and trust e'er heeding
Mindful of our Sisters needing
Aid and guidance from those leading
Helpful may we be!

She will be missed by all who knew her.



LAMBDA

LAMBDA Chapter met on December 7, 2013 for their Christmas luncheon/tea meeting. The meeting took place at First Christian Church, Main and 7th St., London, Kentucky. Hostesses were Susan Slusher, Tommie Lou Walden and Phyllis Burkhart. Eight members were present. President, Mary Lou Connor presided over the meeting. Susan Slusher gave a devotional/program about the Memories of Christmas. Favorite Christmas memories were



shared by members attending. Susan closed with a prayer for the blessings of shared Christmas memories and for the food that had been prepared. President Connor then presided over a business meeting. The next meeting date is set for Saturday, March 15 in Corbin. Members will celebrate the 65th anniversary of LAMBDA Chapter on that date along with a Memorial service for members who have died since last year. Letters and e



-mail will be sent out in advance of our 65th Anniversary meeting in Corbin in early March.

Officers for the 2014-2016 biennium

President: Faye Gregory- Manchester
 1st Vice President : Libby Walden - London
 2nd Vice President: Karen Jewell - London
 Secretary: Marilyn Schraeder - Harlan
 Treasurer: Jayne Hendrickson - Harlan



The meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed a lunch of finger sandwiches, scones, cheese ball/crackers, pretzel salad, homemade peanut butter and chocolate fudge with hot

spiced tea and coffee. Ladies purchased Christmas ornaments with money going to our scholarship fund.

MU

MU Chapter's September Meeting was held at Central Hardin High School in the Consumer Science Classroom. It was very cozy and felt just like a nice visit with friends around the kitchen table. The meeting began with a memorial service for Garnet Wilson and Iris Hodge. Melanie Van Tassel and Sue Story did a beautiful job sharing memories and stories from the lives of these two lovely and inspirational women. President Lois Pierce than shared with us some of the goals from the new State President. One of which was reinstating members. Many ideas were tossed around on how to get new members as well as reinstating members. The favorite suggestion was inviting them to the

November Meeting, a Social, at Tony's on Main in Glendale. Susan Cross then shared about the Southeast Conference. Several of our members traveled to Florida and had a fabulous time playing piano and sharing treats from Kentucky. Ramona Jefferies shared about the Fall Workshop where MU Chapter had 8 members in attendance. The meeting concluded with refreshments from Dot Graham and a wonderful program on the health and wellness benefits of massage therapy. The information was shared by therapist Linda Taylor.

Tri-Chapter Meeting

ALPHA DELTA of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA hosts the Tri-Chapter Luncheon

On Saturday, October 19, approximately 30 members of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA met at the First Baptist Church in Brandenburg for the Tri-Chapter luncheon. Even though the weather outside was dreary and cold, the mood inside was happy and warm! The following chapters are part of the Tri-Chapter group: MU Chapter (Hardin County), ALPHA ZETA Chapter (Breckinridge County) and ALPHA DELTA Chapter (Meade County) Patsy Young of MU Chapter thanked ALPHA DELTA for hosting the luncheon. She also spoke of MU being the mother chapter to ALPHA DELTA and grandmother chapter to ALPHA ZETA. Allison Doutaz, President of ALPHA DELTA, opened the meeting followed by the invocation given by Pam Corum. A delicious salad buffet lunch was provided by Home Plate restaurant followed by carrot cake, chocolate ganache, banana caramel and key lime cupcakes provided by Ann Denner. Beautiful fall centerpieces were arranged by ALPHA DELTA member, Pat Allen. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing and visiting with friends over lunch.

Following lunch, Shirley Jones introduced Shawn Smith Rebalis and the Meade County Soundwaves. The Soundwaves entertained with "Jai Ho" from award winning movie, Slum Dog Millionaire, "Cups" from the movie, Pitch Perfect, "Just the Way You Are" by Bruno Mars and "Some Nights" by Fun. The Sound Waves were very entertaining with their blend of upbeat music and snappy choreography. They will be performing at the recently reopened MCHS cafeteria on Friday, October 25 during the MCHS Chorus's annual Chili Supper.

Allison Doutaz presented Joyce Miller, ALPHA DELTA member and also treasurer for ALPHA GAMMA STATE with a certificate honoring her as a "Woman of Vision" for her exemplary efforts promoting women and girls in education. Joyce introduced Karen Martin, State President for ALPHA GAMMA STATE, who came from Union, KY. Karen spoke of the need to involve and support young, active teachers. The meeting concluded with Allison Doutaz sharing the lyrics from the Girl Scout song, "Make New Friends": "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold. A circle is round, it has no end. That's how long I want to be your friend. Here is my hand, and here is the other. Let's put them together and we have each other." Thank you to Allison Doutaz, Pat Allen, Mary Lou Jenkins, Suzy Harreld, Shirley Jones, Peggy Darnall, Leslie Wilson and Nancy Mitcham for a job well done.



LtoR: Ramona Jeffries, Anita Seymour, Pat Allen, Mary L. Jenkins, KY State President Karen Martin, Joan Wilson, Gibby Horsley, Dot Graham, ALPHA DELTA President Allison Doutaz

UPSILON UPSILON Experiences



Goodness, Gladness, and Some Sadness

On a brisk, early Saturday morning, October 26, UPSILON sisters gathered at the Campbell County High School to prepare a tasty continental breakfast not only for our members, but also for the members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Club, from the high school, and special guests, who joined heads, hearts, and hands to help with this fourth annual walk to raise monies for deserving future teachers in Northern Kentucky. The goodness and gladness that permeated among the group continued throughout the morning. Meeting, greeting, chatting, jok-



ing, and exercising with everyone before the walk created strong esprit de corps among the 45 in attendance. President Pam Manker stated, "This is a great turn out," and First vice-president Karin Edgington remarked, "This one is the best one in 4 years." After the 3 mile trek from the high school down old route 27 to Reiley Elementary and back, the group returned to enjoy more goodies and drawings for prizes. Everyone received more than just a fun morning together. Drawings for prizes included gift certificates from local restaurants, retailers, and supermarkets, and everyone in attendance received a gift of sorts. Founder of the walk and Director of Communications, Priscilla Roberts commented that "The walk takes a tremendous amount of time, good will and effort from everyone, but it has surely paid off these past 4 years. Our local businesses are always willing to help us with this noble cause. Just knowing we are helping deserving teachers makes it worth it all. Besides, we always have a rewarding experience working with everyone who participates. A special thanks goes to Principal Renee Boots, an UPSILON member, Brooklee Boots, her daughter and President of FCCLA, and the FCCLA sponsors, Debbie Issacs and Kaitlyn Tyre, and to ALL of the UPSILON members and special guests who participated." Mitesh Oswal was our photographer and special guest of Rebecca Thomas.



The November 9 meeting at Christ Baptist Church in Cold Spring created another glad crowd. Pam Manker called the meeting to order and introduced Linda Bauer, nutritionist and guest speaker. Linda shared valuable information about how selecting the right foods and exercising creates a better mind, body, and soul. She displayed foods that are effective for an overall well-being, and she offers a free telephone conversation on an individual basis for those who seek a healthier way of living. The information is really helpful! Another great highlight was the induction of new members Kim Nealon, Patty Smith, and Rebecca Thomas. This brings the total of new members for 2013 to 9, and we hope to secure even more next year. Kim teaches at Beechwood Independent Schools in Ft. Mitchell. Patty just recently retired from Campbell Co., but she's actively involved in teaching students and adults how to play the dulcimer. Rebecca Thomas, our youngest member, has a long-term subbing position at Ft. Wright Elementary in Ft. Wright, KY. We welcome the new members, thrilled by what they bring to the table. Pam Manker, Brenda Staggs,

Rebecca Taylor, and Priscilla Roberts lead the induction service. Other members present were Mary Barker, Lynnae Bussell, Charlotte Depew, Karin Edgington, Carol Howard, Judy Ihrig, Laura Kalfas, (who gave an inspiring devotional) Marylyn Majancsik, Estelle Martin, State President Karen Martin, Linda Mauser, Jennifer McCrann, Shirley Miller, Rachel Redden, Roberta Schultz, Paula Sinclair, and Pam Ann Thomas. John Nealon, Kim's husband, was our photographer. Katy Nance, another special guest and our grant-in-aid recipient, was in attendance to thank the members of Upsilon for her scholarship money. She's a single mom of 4 who hopes to complete her degree in elementary education at Northern Kentucky University this year. Members provided a variety of tasty foods for our luncheon, and after the luncheon we had our annual silent auction to add to our grant-in-aid fund. In addition, we are honored to have Karen Martin, our UPSILON sister, as our State President. She shared data about recent trips across our great state, and her efforts to encourage Chapter members on how to reach new members and how to keep the active ones involved. Last, it is with much sadness that Lila Dicken, 94, and Rosalee Nagel, 86, passed away in November within two weeks of one another, just past our November meeting. These beloved sisters were very actively involved in our UPSILON Chapter until these past few years when their health began to decline. Their inviting personalities, their good sense of humor, their devotion to their families, friends, God, country, and community have left a memorable impression and legacy to all who knew them. To cite the Psalmist in Psalm 116:15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." We will surely miss these dear UPSILON sisters!

OMEGA

OMEGA LEARNS ABOUT AFRICAN EDUCATION

On November 4th, Melissa Burch presented a wonderful presentation to Omega Chapter about "Education in Africa." Our meeting was held at Immanuel Baptist Church's fellowship hall at 5:00 PM. Melissa has been to Africa five times and has taken her family several times. She showed a Powerpoint on "Schools in Africa" and had many items on display that were made by the Africans. As you know, their education system is very primitive, but during Melissa's trips she has seen much progress. She showed pictures of Paducah High School, which is staffed with professionals who offer a variety of classes. The Paducah High School was funded by money generated from our area. Her presentation also showed preschool classes, and elementary classes, African culture, language, and music and food. She served OMEGA MEMBERS rice, beans and milk product which was prepared in a five gallon buckets which the students usually eat from. However, she served members food in individual bowls, glasses, and allowed them to use spoons to eat rather than eating with their hands like the children have to do. As members listened to Melissa they hung on to every word because she had experienced the devastation. While they watched her presentation, OMEGA was so thankful for her time of sharing with the Chapter. She had jewelry for sale which was made by

Africans. The money generated from the jewelry will be used to fund additional projects in Africa. Earlier in the year when she went to Africa she was able to help fund and build a well for the village where she stayed. The well cost \$12,000.00 to build. They now have three wells in the village. OMEGA Chapter was able to make donations to help advance "Schools in Africa."

The nominating committee will present a slate of officers for 2014-2016 at the February 22nd meeting. Also, OMEGA Chapter members will be busy finalizing plans, making decorations, and working on projects for the ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention. OMEGA Chapter is looking forward to seeing you at ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention, April 11 - 13, 2014 in Paducah, KY.

ALPHA BETA

Vice President Diana Motsch began our October meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking the members for their contributions of toiletries for the women at the Home of the Innocents. The Chapter enjoyed a wonderful dinner and meeting at Treyton Oak Towers where Mary Winges resides and who made arrangements for our meeting to be held there. The highlight of the evening occurred when Ruth Boone shared her experience while in the Peace Corps. Ruth applied to the Peace Corps in 1962, soon after the Peace Corps Act was passed during the administration of President Kennedy. Ruth applied and was accepted and found herself at a training center in Hilo, Hawaii, along with some 80 people who were in the area of education and some 40 assigned to community development. She taught language to students in the early primary grades. She shared that there were three major goals established by the Peace Corps: learn about another culture; share your own culture; and bring back information about the other culture. Her impact was seen in her own family when two of her sisters also joined the Peace Corps. The work she did in the Philippines lives on through the students she taught, and many of her fellow Peace Corps members continue to get together every five years to stay connected. Ruth said this was definitely a life-changing experience for her.

Our November meeting provided the venue for our annual Holiday Auction and Sale. Members donate items and proceeds from the sale of those items support our grant-in-aid scholarships for aspiring teachers. Items ranged from baked goods to handmade table accessories that included a basket filled with a holiday table cloth, napkins and decorative salt and pepper shakers. There are many talented members in our chapter who make and donate items and none is more talented than our own Pat Blewett. Pat makes lovely note cards by capturing beautiful photographs. She currently has three art pieces installed in the Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, a new facility where an Artist Reception was held on July 13, 2013 and she was recognized. Pat was also the Kentucky Arts Council's featured artist for this past June. She exhibited a new show "Color Explosion" in Gallery Janjobe in Louisville in conjunction with the 2013 Louisville Photo Biennial. The show opened September 26th, and ran through November 15th.

She was the featured artist of the day on a daily website presented by Louisville Visual Art Association. Pat was a dedicated elementary teacher and communications teacher at South



Park and Minors Lane in Jefferson County for some 30 years. She has also served as the treasurer of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association and currently is on the Board where she is Technology Chairperson, maintaining their website and Facebook page. We are very proud of Pat's accomplishments. Our Chapter looks forward to the holiday season and time we can spend with our families! And we wish all our DKG sisters a very wonderful holiday season!



“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 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

ALPHA GAMMA STATE's Top Ten Wishes for the New Year

10. Invitations from AGS Chapters for visits to their meetings.
9. Explosion in social meeting across the state.
8. Locations for future Fall Workshops (2015 on) and State Conventions (2016 on).
7. A return of those sisters to membership who have dropped.
6. Full slates of officers in all Chapters for the upcoming 2014-2016 biennium.
5. Crowds and crowds of sisters attending the 2014 State Convention in Paducah
4. Increased communication, sharing of ideas and support among and between Chapters.
3. A membership EXPLOSION!
2. Renewed dedication and involvement on the Chapter and state level by all members.
1. Good health and Happiness to all ALPHA GAMMA STATE Sisters.



A \$50 gift to mark the Educational Foundation's 50th anniversary will be noted with your name and a candle on the Educational Foundation website at www.dkgef.org



White Roses

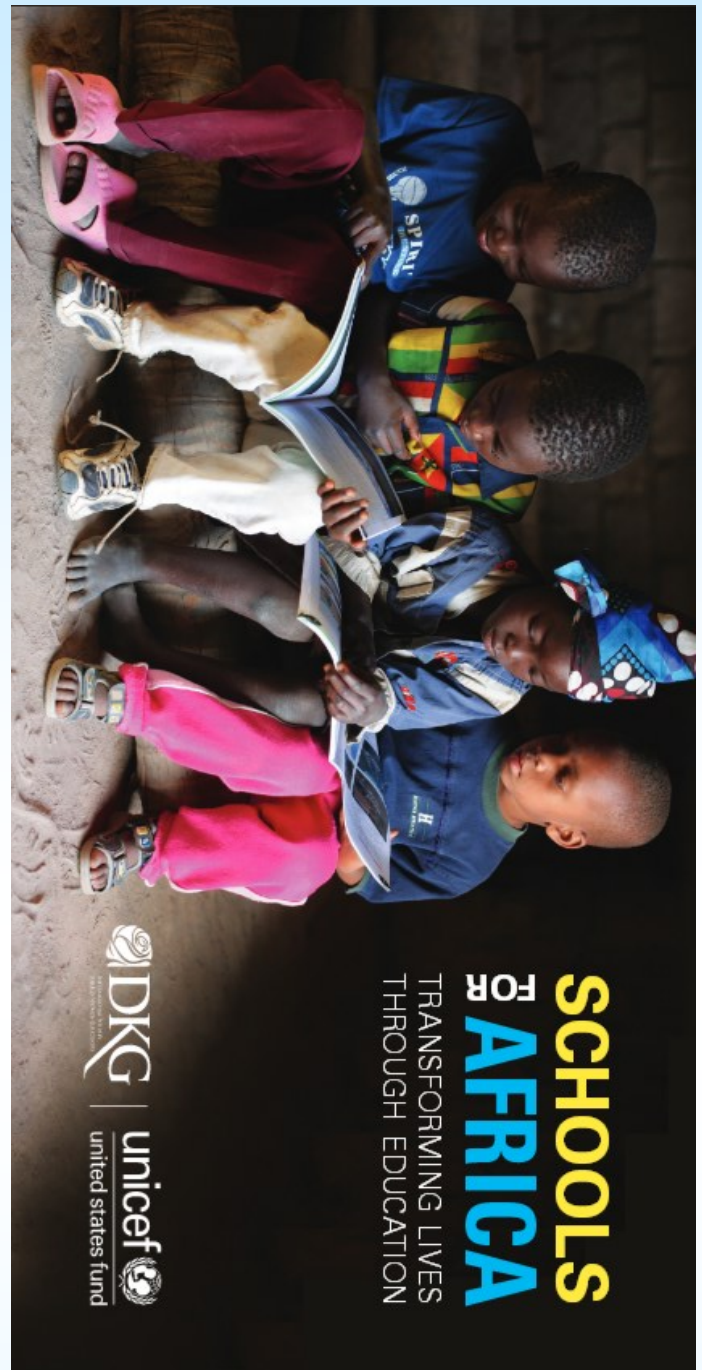
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Marion Lee Adams, KAPPA
Garnet Wilson, MU
Iris Hodge, MU

Jane Thomas, XI
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Rosalee Nagel, UPSILON
Joanna Fox, ALPHA IOTA



Message from International President, Dr. Beverly Helms

*Join me for the 2014 International Convention
at the J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana,
Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1, 2014.
Let's keep Sharing our Vision ~ Strengthening
Our Society*



MARTIN'S MUSE

The critters' are fed, Jeff and I are snuggling on the couch in front of the fire and sneaking peaks out the windows at the lit deer decorations standing in the five inches of snow outside. Tis the season . . . right? Our deepest wishes to all for a very peaceful, safe and healthy holiday season and New Year.