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### Newsletter Submission Dates

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

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by Pascal Bailey, State Organization President



## Give the Gift of DKG

There are many ways to give the gift of DKG.

You can offer membership to someone who may benefit from membership or would strengthen our Society.

You may give by making a financial contribution to your Chapter, to your State Organization, to the International Society, or to one of the projects you support like Schools for Africa.

The most valuable gift you can give?

Give the gift of your time by making items for auctions, updating your Chapter's membership list on line, creating a Chapter Facebook page, hostessing a Chapter event, and make time for Chapter and State meetings.

All of these ways of giving help DKG, but you will also be rewarded by leadership opportunities, friendship, mentorship, support, loyalty, scholarship, acceptance, community, and an opportunity to dress up!

Give the gift of DKG in 2016. It is too good to keep to ourselves!

## Did You Know...

### First District Officers for 2015

**Sandra Rudolph, CHI**, was elected to the position of District President.

### First District Retired Teachers' Association

**Charlotte Benton, OMEGA**, was elected to the position of President Elect.

**Paula Clark, ALPHA EPSILON**, recently retired after many years.

**Barbara Schaars, BETA**, was ordained at First Christian Church in Lawrenceburg on June 20, 2015. She currently pastors a church in Jessamine County.

## Announcing— ALPHA GAMMA STATE'S 2016 Convention Society Representative—

**Rebecca "Becky" Sadowski**, XI State, TN, Southeast Regional Director. ALPHA GAMMA STATE welcomes you to Kentucky in April.

(Picture and bio coming in the February 15 edition.)

**2016 International Scholarship Applications are due by February 1, 2016**

## Been to [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) lately?

Check out:

- The International President's latest report
- The Nominations page to see who has been nominated for International positions
- The digital calendar for Chapter officers
- How to shop at Amazon Smile

# Educational Excellence

by Kathy Zwanzig, 1st Vice President

**PICK YOUR PASSION!  
SEE Our PASSION!**



Part of the work of THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL is to Support Early Career Educators.

I remember how alone I felt my first year of teaching. But I had no one to turn to, to encourage me or make suggestions of how to approach problems I encountered. And, I

remember how distressed my daughter was her first year of teaching. How she came home crying many days the first few months. My husband and I, both veteran teachers, were sad and concerned that she was not loving her career as much as we did. We encouraged her not to give up. And, by the end of that year, she was loving it. She is now in her sixteenth year of teaching.

Recently, I read a post on Facebook about a young teacher who, disillusioned with how the profession differed from what she had anticipated, resigned her teaching position. I have not been able to get her off my mind or my heart. I wondered if she had had anyone to whom she could have addressed her concerns and who could have helped her find a solution that would not end her career.

This is where DKG comes in. Whether we are still teaching or have retired, we can...NO we MUST be there for these young teachers. Think about what you, as an individual, can do. Discuss within your Chapter, what your



Chapter can do. I want us to create a statewide project to specifically address how we can support young teachers in Kentucky. To accomplish this, we will have a competition, with the winner being announced at the State Convention in April.

We are picking Supporting Early Educators as our Passion! - SEE Our PASSION! Your Chapter Presidents are receiving three applications from me in the email this week for the following:

1. Annie Award in Two Categories: Chapter Project & Chapter Program
2. EEC Award for an Outstanding Teacher in your Region
3. SEE (Supporting Early Educators) Project - SEE Our PASSION!

Put your thinking caps on and give your suggestions to your Chapter President. In fact, you might want to volunteer to complete one of the applications. The Presidents have lots of responsibilities and this would be a great help to them ... and you will be greatly appreciated!

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

## Committee News History

### HISTORY OF ALPHA GAMMA STATE CHAPTERS

Do you know the history of your Chapter? Would you like to read other Chapter histories in Kentucky? Do you know how many Chapters are in Kentucky? Down the road to years in the future, wouldn't you want women to read of the projects, activities, and happenings in your Chapter? Answers to these questions should be extremely important to you as members of ALPHA GAMMA State and the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA organization.

The History Committee requests the historian of each Chapter send an updated history to me: **Faye Gregory, P.O, Box 768, Manchester, KY 40962** or e-mail me at [faygregory@windstream.net](mailto:faygregory@windstream.net) before **March 1,**

# Membership

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



It is hard to believe that the Holiday Season is upon us – wasn't it just yesterday that we were all in Lexington at the Fall Leadership Workshop!

From the emails I have received, it seems that those Chapters which have chosen to utilize the new process for

membership have had great success. I know firsthand, that my Chapter, DELTA, had a good response and initiated two new members in October. We are in the process of following up on others who indicated an interest in DKG.

The suggested membership method is outlined in the July/August issue of the **Alpha Gamma State NEWS**, or you can find all the information for this new member recruitment plan and necessary templates on the DKG website, <https://www.dkg.org/category/committee/membership> However, if any Chapter membership chairs need clarification and/or assistance, please contact me.

Now that your Chapter has initiated new members, your commitment to them is not done – retention must now be the Chapter's focus. It is crucial that the excitement shared by both the new members and the Chapter members at the initiation continues. Here are a few suggestions: stay in contact with each other; involve the new members in smaller projects that have a definite completion date; get new members involved in the meetings (being a greeter, bringing a snack; looking up a resource on the DKG website and reporting about it -- a good refresher for all the members; ask new members opinions on possible projects, speakers, and/or meeting programs; but most important be friendly and welcoming!

Remember, the connection between new members and retention needs to be cultivated in order to make strong links between individual members, the Chapter, the State Organization,

the Southeast Region, and DKG International.

In my next report, I will be discussing the "5 Why's Analysis" and the "SWOT Analysis." But, in the meantime, please keep sending me those membership recruitment successes!



## White Roses

Helen Q. Bennett, GAMMA

Carolyn Craig, GAMMA



## Editor's Note

All Chapter news will appear in Greek order for the most part. Chapter President's and Communication Chairs are busy people, so if articles and pictures arrive via email after I have placed in all other Chapters, I will just add on pages and enter them in the order received so that all other Chapters may know more about your Chapter.

Please remember to email me White Roses and Member Accomplishments as they occur. I file them in a folder so you do not have to wait until articles are due.

Thank you for all submissions. They are read by many in other states and are worthy ideas for those states and their Chapters.



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# Chapter News

## Louisville Area Coordinating Council

—LOUISVILLE, KY

by Kathy Zwanzig, XI

At a meeting of the Louisville Area Coordinating Council, consisting of the five Chapter Presidents from ALPHA, THETA, XI, SIGMA, and ALPHA BETA and the five immediate past Presidents, before the Joint Luncheon last winter, plans were made to work together to market DKG in the area and to support each other. The Chapters planned to do that by scheduling joint meetings, planning joint social activities, and sharing meeting dates so that members could visit other Chapter meetings. We also planned for the Coordinating Council to meet quarterly.

Our first social activity was lunch at Stream Cliff Farm in Commiskey, Indiana, a beautiful drive, just an hour from Louisville. Twenty ladies from the five chapters had a delicious lunch of chicken salad with a delicious lemon dessert in the tea room. Then, they toured the gardens, nursery, and winery.



In September, several ladies gathered at the Georgetown Drive-In Theater, owned by the family of Diana Motsch, ALPHA BETA President. The rain could not dampen their spirits or ruin their fun!

In October, some members met for dinner

followed by a trip through the Jack O'Lantern-Spooktacular at Iroquois Park in Louisville. The display of carved and lighted pumpkins, with a "All The World's a Stage" theme, was awe-inspiring and gave the ladies Halloween fever!



Finally, in November, several ladies, gathered at the Crane House, a center for Asian Culture. There they learned how to do bandana—Indian tie-dyeing. Each of them made their own scarf using garbanzo beans to make designs in the fabric.



Since the Chapters have shared their meeting schedules, members have been visiting meetings of Chapters other than their own. In October, ladies from XI and ALPHA BETA Chapters, attended the meeting of ALPHA

Chapter, whose program was a tour of The Home of the Innocents. In November, several XI Chapter members attended ALPHA BETA's meeting. (They heard there were going to be items for sale!!)

Probably the most exciting outcome of our Council meetings was the opportunity to set up a display at the New Teacher Orientation for Jefferson County Public Schools. Carol Miller, SIGMA Chapter President, was our contact person with the school system. We loaded up the new DKG member brochures and lots of chocolate to share with the new teachers. Chapters also provided baskets and bags full of classroom supplies and gift cards to give away. The new teachers filled out information cards which were divided among the five Chapters to use to contact and provide support to these young teachers. We were joined by ALPHA GAMMA State President, Pascal Bailey, who also brought along a bag of supplies to give away. The Council has decided that we will do this again next year.

We feel that this collaboration has been beneficial to our five Chapters and encourage other Chapters work together with Chapters in their region/area.

## **GAMMA**—MURRAY, KY

by Karen Crick

GAMMA Chapter met Saturday, November 4, 2015 at Barkley Lodge overlooking beautiful Barkley Lake. Donna Whitfield, President of GAMMA Chapter, presided. ALPHA GAMMA State President, Pascal Bailey, presented an overview of the programs and updates for the current biennium. Chapter members enjoyed having President Bailey and her mother, Jane Bailey, visit.

Members brought shoe boxes filled with toys and other items for "Operation Christmas Child" for children in South America and Africa.

The next meeting of GAMMA Chapter will feature the annual Christmas Auction, which supports the grant-in-aids that will be awarded in the fall.



AGS President and GAMMA President, Donna Whitfield

## **ZETA** —NORTHERN KY

by Sally Nimmo

### **ZETA Chapter's Christmas Tea**

On Saturday, December 5th, ZETA Chapter sponsored an old-fashioned Christmas Tea at the lovely, country home of Margaret and Rose Mary Hoffman located in Walton, Kentucky. Responding quickly to invitations, reservations were made for the two seatings (morning and afternoon) that realized a capacity crowd of ninety.

Guests entered a beautiful, festive environment designed by the Hoffmans where they dined in the old-fashioned way with fine linens and china and all the accoutrements. The extensive tea menu included savories, tea sandwiches, desserts and two delicious, hot teas. In addition to the Hoffmans who prepared their home and a large portion of the menu, many people helped. Valet parking or shuttle service was provided by husbands and friends of ZETA sisters, and many ZETA members were busy helping the Hoffmans behind the scenes in the lower level preparing the offerings and filling attractive trays. Others were servers; and still others provided entertainment: playing a flute, leading a few songs, or sharing a poem or story.

After expenses, \$2000 was realized from this event! The money will provide funding for ZETA Chapter's Grants-In-Aid, scholarships to future women educators; and the Books & Bibs Program. In the Books & Bibs program ZETA sisters

give talks to teen parents and young parents at local high schools and various agencies about the importance of reading to young children. These parents are also given hardback children's books, booklets expressing the importance of reading to young children and handmade bibs or sippy cups that say "Read to Me." Nearly 200 parents are reached yearly.

Guests delighted in the opportunities the Christmas Tea provided. Violette Fausz, a reading specialist who taught for nearly 40 years, brought her granddaughters to the tea because she knew it would be very special. She is very supportive of one of the projects the tea helps fund: "I encourage all parents of newborn babies to read daily to their children as well as talk constantly to them. We all love reading!" Lynn Mays, Vice President, commented, "This tea has helped us get to know our sisters better." Carol Beirne, Assistant Director, Alumni Programs at Northern Kentucky University, requested, "Please include me if you do this next year. I loved it and feel your projects are very important to our community."



ZETA members enjoying the Christmas Tea



Margaret and Rose Mary Hoffman

## LAMBDA –CORBIN, LONDON, MANCHESTER, KY

by Faye Gregory

Members of LAMBDA Chapter met at the Season's Restaurant in Corbin, Kentucky for their September 7, 2015 meeting. LAMBDA is very happy to report we have increased our

membership by eight new members, one reserved member and more to join in the spring. Isn't that wonderful for a Chapter who was dying less than two years ago? Thanks to persistent members and their hard work in recruitment efforts, it finally paid off.

A short business meeting was conducted by President Faye Gregory to discuss the Scholarship Selection Procedures and other issues. As a result of this move, it was decided that we review all the By Laws to determine if other amendments were needed in Chapter operations.

Anne Shelby, a story teller and writer, with the Kentucky Chautauqua group of the Kentucky Humanities Council did a presentation portraying Aunt Molly Jackson, a mid-wife and activist for the miners in Eastern Kentucky. Aunt Molly was referred to as the Pistol Packin' Woman. Since most of our members are from Eastern Kentucky, it was a very interesting, informative program.

A Silent Action was held to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. This activity rendered \$381 for the cause. Members also donated \$75 for the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA designated project, the Education of Children in Africa.

After lunch, an Initiation service was held for the new members who were able to attend.



President Faye Gregory with new members: Barbara Colter, Ramona Hibbard, Sandra Harbin, Judy Maricle, and Jeannie Clem.

The next meeting will be a Holiday Brunch, Saturday, December 12th, 11:30 a.m. at the home of President Faye Gregory in Manchester.

All active, reserved, potential members and their guests are invited. Any known former members, who are considering reinstatement, are also welcome. President Faye will extend a special invitation to the Kentucky ALPHA GAMMA State officers to join us for our holiday celebration of LAMBDA Chapter.

## MU –ELIZABETHTOWN, KY

by Angie Isaacs

MU Chapter of DKG met Saturday, November 7 at Mark's Feed Store for a time of food and fellowship. President Cherie Mingus called the meeting to order, and then took roll call by having everyone share a word that showed what DKG met to us. The common theme was friendship, relationships, and support.

Afterward a moment of inspiration was shared by Byrle. She encouraged us to remember that each and every day is a gift and that we can choose each and every day to make it a happy one or not.

The budget for the coming year was passed, and three new potential MU sisters were introduced. Cherie shared a DKG Orientation PowerPoint which was very informative, and then lunch was served. A time of eating and fellowship followed.

## UPSILON –NORTHERN KENTUCKY

by Priscilla Roberts

Members of UPSILON Chapter met on Saturday, November 14th in the Fellowship Hall of Christ Baptist Church in Cold Spring to participate in an International luncheon and to induct 4 new members. Pam Thomas, member since 2012, and our World Fellowship Coordinator, birthed the idea of an International luncheon where members would bring a favorite International entree or dessert, and then submit their recipe with it for a recipe book that would be produced, hopefully by Spring. What a great idea this turned out to be, and the foods that the members created were exceedingly tasteful. Needless to say, not many morsels were left because



everything was so delightfully delicious. Moreover, all of us enjoyed reading and discussing the book, *I Am Malala*, a book that was most befitting for our International luncheon. At our September meeting, Pam Thomas had arranged through our local librarian to have a copy for each member so they could have time to read it and be prepared to join in a discussion about it as part of our luncheon theme. First Vice-President Linda Mauser prepared everyone with a good summary of the book before discussion began, and some very insightful ideas came out of the discussion about the book. One thought is for certain: We are truly blessed to live in a country where we have unlimited freedoms and opportunities for education, among other freedoms, and after reading *I Am Malala*, it reminds each one of us how very blessed we really are. If you have not yet read it, it is a "good read" for everyone.

Moreover, to add some zest to the rest of the afternoon, Judy Ihrig led us in some fun songs that entailed moving us around the room to burn up a few of those calories that had been imbibed from all of those tasteful treats. Also, we are grateful that Judy was able to coordinate our meeting at the Fellowship Hall, always a pleasant atmosphere!

Before President Priscilla Roberts called the business meeting to order, she had a color-coordinated card activity where members paired up with one another to introduce themselves to one another and to answer three questions: (1) "Where and how long have you been a teacher;" (2) "Who recommended you to join DELTA KAPPA GAMMA UPSILON," and (3), "What do you like most about our Chapter?" In just a matter of minutes, interesting facts surfaced about members that not only helped us to get to know one another better, but also to realize that some of our veteran teachers had taught some of our younger members some time ago. No doubt, having a former student share how that teacher-member had influenced them into education was most memorable for everyone.

Afterward, the Business part of the meeting was called to order, and reports were presented from the officers. The President challenged each

member to continue reaching out to prospective teachers who could become members. One of the most successful tools for reaching new members is to educate them about what we are all about, and then invite them to attend one of our fruitful, fun-loving meetings so they can really get a taste of what we are all about. This method has been pretty successful these past few years: however, getting our name out in the public and letting the community know who we are and what we do proves to be very beneficial as well. That old adage about "Seeing is believing" has been effective when potential members are invited to our meetings and observe exactly how we function and what fruitful, fun-loving meetings we enjoy. A really great camaraderie exists among our sisters, and we certainly want to maintain that type of feeling among us!

In addition, after the business meeting, it was really fulfilling to induct your new members into UPSILON. Two-year member, Rebecca Thomas, recommended Vickie Chamberlain, Special Education teacher, who teaches in the Bellevue School District in Bellevue, KY. Pam Manker had recommended Cathy Feldmann, recently retired, at our meeting this past May, and we were happy that Cathy joined us this November. Robin Hoskins, member since 2014, who teaches at Main Street Christian in Alexandria, KY, recommended Angela Schlueter, Librarian Media Specialist, and Angie teaches in the Boone County School System in Erlanger, KY. Long-time DKG member Benita Lind, who moved to Kentucky from California, transferred her membership into UPSILON in 2012, and she recommended Madhu Shah, a native of Nepal, now a U.S. citizen, and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. Madhu is employed at Union College. Benita added a nice touch to the ceremony when she presented Madhu with her own DKG pin.

Following the induction, members were reminded to sign-up for the "Breakfast at Bob Evan's" followed by a trip to The Taft Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio on January 9th. In addition, we are looking forward to our March meeting with our ZETA sisters. We will meet at the Ft. Mitchell Country Club, and State President Pascal Bailey will grace us with her presence and with her

challenges and goals for our Chapters throughout the state. We are looking forward to having Pascal with us.

To conclude, members were reminded to sign up to serve on various committees, and to look forward to May when we will have a different fund raiser and luncheon and induction of new officers at the Highland Country Club in Ft. Thomas. Also, members were urged to attend the State Convention in Pikeville, KY, and to gear-up for the big International meeting in Nashville in July.

Finally, as we near the end of another year, may each one of us reflect on all of the many blessings we have enjoyed this year. Yes, many of us have faced health issues, deaths in our families, and challenges that some may not know about. Still, we of all people, are most fortunate to live in our great country, and we should never take these blessings for granted. Thus, having said that, may each one of our sisters throughout the state have a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God grant us good health and wisdom and a desire to do our very best each day we awaken to another day to enjoy our family and friends.

# ALPHA BETA –LOUISVILLE, KY

by Brenda Logan

ALPHA BETA sisters are forging ahead into the program year and a great deal has already taken place. We were extremely fortunate to have as our guest speaker for the October meeting the President of ALPHA GAMMA State, Pascal Bailey. Pascal's passion for DELTA KAPPA GAMMA was so very obvious as she focused her talk on the "Evolution of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA" and as she discussed the guidelines in an in-depth way. She asked our members to focus on enriching our organization and to not be afraid of change in order to ensure a rich future.



ALPHA BETA President, Diane Motsch thanks AGS President, Pascal Bailey

Materials were shared regarding recruitment and retention of members and all our sisters participated in an activity entitled "What and Who We Are" as a Chapter. This gave us an opportunity to reflect on what DKG has meant to each of us, as well as what we can do as DKG sisters to enrich the lives of our members. In conjunction with this topic, member Pat Wilhelm suggested that we as a Chapter support any member who either cannot afford to pay yearly dues at this time or long-time members who are ill and want to continue membership but may not have the funds. To date, members have contributed over \$150 to this fund.

Supporting prospective teachers continues to be a main focus. The membership voted to sponsor two grant-in-aid candidates and each will receive a \$500 scholarship that is funded by contributions from our members. Our November meeting also provides an opportunity to raise



scholarship dollars as we hold our annual holiday auction and sale, as well as provide dollars to support other project initiatives. This is a fun time for members to show their baking skills, craft skills, sewing skills and their overall creative skills.

This meeting also provides an excellent time to invite prospective members who are interested in becoming a part of DKG and other guests who can support this worthy mission. Members brought everything from home-baked cakes and hand-made infinity scarves to store-bought Christmas decorations and recycled books to be auctioned off. Also, the Ways and Means Committee brought door prizes that were given out to several lucky attendees. Among the door prizes were mugs of Lady Godiva chocolate and cute magnetized pads of note paper. Our auctioneer June Wade made the evening so much fun for everyone with her witty comments.



Our members and four guests supported the auction but we extend a special thank you to Marybelle Duff and Peggy Pryse who did the major planning and organizing for the auction.

As we near the end of the calendar year, our members are busy calculating the numbers of volunteer hours each has accrued over the year and reporting those to Emily Pruett. We are always anxious to know not only the numbers of hours that have been logged in by our members, but more importantly, to keep in mind that we as ALPHA BETA members continue to help others in our community through our volunteer work.

As we close the 2015 program year, the ALPHA BETA Chapter wishes to extend to all DKG members across the state and to our state leadership a very happy holiday season!

## ALPHA GAMMA—JENKINS,KYAREA

by Joyce Herald

The ALPHA GAMMA Chapter met on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Greg and Noreen Wells Hospice Center in Hazard. President Karen Clark called the meeting to order and welcomed members from NU Chapter, Judy Lester and Cheryl Slater; the State President Pascal Bailey, and her mother, Jane Bailey. The tables were decorated with Christmas jars and refreshments included cheese balls, vegetables/dip, fruit, donuts, pecan pie, banana pudding, chicken croissants, polish sausages, chocolate pie, and pop, water, and orange juice.

Karen led the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to Joyce Campbell and Patti Hamblin. Then, Joan Campbell sang a beautiful song thanking God for many things.

Roll call was taken and members were asked to list something they were thankful for. The following members were present: Emma Jean Beasley, Joan Campbell, Joyce Campbell, Karen Clark, Marla Dell, Brenda DePriest, Kara Duncil, Maria Edwards, Leslie Fields, Patti Hamblin, Joyce Herald, Carolyn Mayes, Peggy Rice, Eileen Sanders, Loretta Smith, Brenda Spence, and Judy Spencer for a 71% Attendance Rate. Members were thankful for family, God, friends, and ALPHA GAMMA Chapter

Leslie Fields led the Chapter in the reading of the COLLECT.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Joyce Herald. With no corrections, the minutes stood approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Maria Edwards. The beginning balance was \$4214.72. Deposits included \$1525 for dues and Chapter projects. Expenses included: \$62.75 to Awards Concepts for Chapter supplies and a President's pin, \$1174 to DKG for membership dues for 2015

-2016 for 22 active and 2 reserve members. Balance to date is \$4502.97.

The Charlcia Taylor Grant-In-Aid was presented by Joan Campbell on behalf of the Owsley County Sisters to Abigail Shoemaker Gabbard. Abby is a brand new 2nd grade teacher. Words used to describe her were sweet and kind.

Joyce Herald reported Correspondence included a card to Glenn Baker thanking him for being our speaker at the last meeting. Karen read a card from Jackie Yates.

Joys/Concerns included the following:

- Rachel Wright has breast cancer and has completed treatment.
- Kara Duncil urged members to take colonoscopies and mammograms.
- Patti Hamblin reported that her grandson Ethan has purchased a new car through a program for college graduates.

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

- Karen reported that the microwave for the Hope Center in Lexington had been purchased and would be delivered.
- Wolfe County Sisters reported the things they had done for teachers to offer encouragement, support: flowers, candy, cards, etc.
- Marla Dell was recognized as the "Rosebud of the Year". Marla has been a valuable addition to our Chapter.

The Historical Moment was presented by Carolyn Mayes. She spoke of our meeting at Jackie Yates' home years ago. Members were given handbells and directions and surprisingly enough came up with beautiful music. Carolyn told of a member going to the bathroom which was dedicated to UK and how Rick Pitino's picture was hanging above the commode.

The State President Pascal Bailey was our speaker. She is working and holding the office at the same time. Her theme is "Circle of Friends". She stated that DKG is our circle of friends, who we are, and what we can offer. She urged us to reach out to those under 35. Pascal is working on the calendar on the website so all members can know about different meetings in the state.

DKG is in the process of evolution. We need to be progressive and not cling to the past. We need new members. She challenged members to stand up for leadership. Look at it as an opportunity. Members were instructed to fill out the Social Media Survey. State Convention will be at Pikeville on April 15th-17th. ALPHA GAMMA will help provide refreshments for Friday night. Pascal stated from now on there will only be one report to send to the state. Karen presented Pascal with a beautiful throw with her name, ALPHA GAMMA Chapter, "Circle of Friends" monogrammed in red.

Six members were recognized for Perfect Attendance for 2014-2015: Emma Jean Beasley, Joan Campbell, Karen Clark, Maria Edwards, Peggy Rice, and Eileen Sanders.

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

- Karen presented Leslie Fields with a gift and thanked her for attending and helping at the Fall Workshop meeting.
- She also presented Peggy Rice with a gift and thanked her for getting locations for our Chapter meetings.

Judy Lester spoke of the upcoming State Convention at Pikeville in April. Vendor space is available. There will also be Bingo Friday night.

The Auction was then conducted with Loretta Smith as auctioneer. There were many items available and the amount raised was \$ 425.

Members then went into the hall and made a circle for our "Circle of Friends". Emma Jean then read a story and members were instructed to either pass the Christmas jar to the right or left. Eileen Sanders won.

Joan Campbell then led the group in "Silent Night".

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

# ALPHA DELTA —BRANDENBURG, KY

by Bev Morrison

On Saturday, November 14, twelve ALPHA DELTA sisters met at the Brandenburg United Methodist Church for fellowship, great food, and a chance to show their artistic skills. The hospitality committee hosted the event. Tacky Palette, an Elizabethtown art gallery, hosted the event. Instructor Shannon Crase walked the women through the process of creating a unique acrylic Christmas ornament picture. A good time was had by all as they all marveled at their newly discovered talents.



Front: L to R Joy Trotter, Lori Craycroft, Libby Richardson, Mandy Richardson  
 Back: Jessie Trotter, Ann Hartman, Suzannah Whitfield, Suzy Harreld, Leslie Wilson.  
 Not pictured: Kelly Butler, Amy Allen, and Maura O'Donoghue

ALPHA DELTA's next meeting will be the January Tri-Chapter luncheon comprised of Meade, Hardin, and hosted by the Breckinridge County Chapter of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA.

## ALPHA EPSILON-

RUSSELLVILLE, KY

by Judy Chick

ALPHA EPSILON Chapter met Saturday, November 15, 2015, at First Christian Church, Guthrie, Kentucky. The meeting was also the Annual Christmas Bazaar. Proceeds from the bazaar go toward the Chapter's Grant in Aid which is awarded to an undergraduate female majoring in education. The recipient must be from Todd, Logan or Butler Counties.

President Sherrie Pryor welcomed the twelve members who were present. Connie Tipton blessed the meal. A delicious brunch was catered by the Robert Penn Warren Society.

President Pryor had members share their favorite Christmas songs. Everyone enjoyed the activity. It helped to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. Paula Clark was recognized on her recent retirement. President Pryor presented her a gift.

President Pryor called the meeting to order. She gave an update from the Fall Workshop. She shared the new recruitment plan for new members. She also encouraged checking out the ALPHA GAMMA State website. Members were reminded that the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA International Convention would be held in Nashville, Tennessee, next July. Anyone interested was urged to try to attend.

Recording Secretary Carole Sindorf had updated the ALPHA EPSILON Standing Rules and Procedures with current information. Copies were available. ALPHA EPSILON greatly appreciated her time and effort to bring the Chapter up to date.

The next meeting will be March 19, 2016. ALPHA EPSILON will be looking forward to the meeting because it will a joint meeting in Bowling Green, Kentucky, with our sister Chapter DELTA.

### History Committee con't.

Question: Would you like to receive a check in the amount of \$100 for your Chapter? To be eligible for the drawing at the ALPHA GAMMA State Convention, I must receive the history before March 1, 2016. You will be reminded again to do this before the deadline.

The ALPHA GAMMA State History Committee cannot do this alone, your help is needed to accomplish the goal: **All 31 Chapters have their updated histories in the proper state hands for inclusion in the Kentucky archives at UK.**

Last question: Can we do it 'Circle of Friends'? YES, WE CAN!!!!!!!!!!!!

Faye Gregory, LAMBDA , Chair  
 Maria Dell, ALPHA GAMMA  
 Amber Tongate, IOTA  
 Janice Farley, ALPHA ALPHA  
 Karen Allen, BETA

# DELTA—BOWLING GREEN, KY

by Dr. Beth Pyle

DELTA Chapter's October meeting was very successful; not only did we have a very interesting and informative tour of the historic Hobson House, but we also initiated two new members. In addition, we brought personal toiletries which were given to the Medical Center Hospitality House as part of our service endeavors this year; and, I also need to mention that our members provided a variety of delicious food for our lunch.

wonderful way to start the Christmas holiday.



Below: The preferred dessert of the five Chapters in the Bluegrass Coordinating Council group when they meet at historic Spindletop Hall in Lexington, KY.



Top: One of several trees at historic Spindletop Hall.

Below: ALPHA GAMMA State President with two past presidents. Spindletop is a favorite location of all State Presidents when meeting with any or all of the Bluegrass Chapters.

I should point out that our initiates were a result of the new member recruitment plan and we highly recommend this new membership process.

On December 7, DELTA Chapter had a Holiday Open House at a member's home. We continued our service project with more toiletries for the Medical Center Hospitality House. The best part of the evening was enjoying a bountiful array of scrumptious goodies provided by our members while visiting with our DKG sisters -- a truly

