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by Pascal Bailey, State Organization President

would be a good candidate for a state position send a note to one of the members of the nominating committee. Or if you know of a member who would be a great committee chair, send a message to Kathy Zwanzig, Kentucky's First Vice president. Be involved with your chapter, but don't forget about the opportunities available on the state level as well.



Did You Know...

Dear Alpha Gamma State Sisters,

Thank you so much for your donations of yarn, needles, and watercolors. I leave for Atlanta on October 12 where I will go through orientation for my trip to Africa. The next day begins my life changing adventure with Woman to Woman which is supported by the Disciples of Christ. I will be in Ghana the first week and when I make it to South Africa the second week, I will be delivering 132 skeins of yarn to a school in Johannesburg. Yes, you donated that much yarn! My chapter is helping with the extra baggage cost on the flight. If permitted, I will take photos, and I will write about my trip when I return.

Yours in our bond,

Bonnia Cook Fouts, ALPHA



Giving to—

Educate the World



Happy Fall! Goodbye 90 degree temperatures, hopefully. I think I am starting to figure out the State President job, finally. I have looked at it as a job and thankfully, my boss has allowed me to do that as well. I am learning FAR more than I ever imagined.

We have so many wonderful things going on in Kentucky as we are forward moving ever. We have 29 active chapters. Many meet on Saturdays, but more and more chapters are meeting on a set night of the week. One chapter meets on rotating nights of the week so if someone has a commitment on a specific day of the week, they may have to miss one meeting, but will make the other meetings! Our sisters are never too set in our ways to avoid trying something new.

How long has it been since your chapter has hosted a regional meeting, fall workshop or state convention? RHO chapter hosted their first workshop this millennium and our state is better for their participation. ALPHA IOTA is planning to host State Convention 2018 for the first time. ALPHA ALPHA is looking to co- host fall workshop 2018 with PHI, another first. There are other plans in the works.

Are these chapters better than the rest? Are they less busy? What do they hope to gain? When you work for DKG you get far more from DKG than you put into it. Reach outside your chapter and see what opportunities are there for you on the state level.

If you know of someone from your chapter who

Educational Excellence

by Kathy Zwanzig, 1st Vice President



PICK YOUR PASSION!

As I was preparing for the EEC/1st. Vice President Training at the Fall Workshop in Owensboro, I received an email from my roommate at the 2016 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. She writes the blog for DKG in California.

This issue of her blog was my inspiration for a Kentucky EEC project and for my message today.

The blog is about what one California chapter does to support the teachers in their chapter who are still working. This is their story:

Every Spring, members of Delta Lambda Chapter sign up to be "big sisters" to working members. They become sponsors for the upcoming school year by contacting the working members monthly in person, by email or by phone to check out how things are going and to let them know that they are important members of the chapter.

Before school starts each year, the sponsor visits the working member at her school and provides back-to-school support in the form of a hand delivered bud vase, a card, and a check from the chapter. Each vase has one fresh white rose with an artificial red rose so the vase can remain on her desk or in sight all year. Each vase also has a DKG card tied with a red ribbon. On the back of the card a note says "We Value Your Attendance" and lists the dates of the chapter meetings.

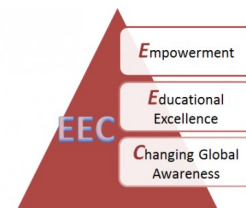
In total for the 2016-2017, year, nineteen Delta Lambda classroom teachers received gifts presented by thirteen Delta Lambda sponsors.

What a wonderful way to support our members and provide a reminder that DKG is a valuable resource to working teachers!

We are asking each Chapter to have a special project to support working teachers. These teachers could be DKG members or non-members, some of whom are prospective members. They could be new teachers or veteran teachers. We have already heard from many chapters who have distributed bags of supplies and gift cards to teachers in their first year of teaching. We must remember to stay in contact with those teachers.

We then want you to share your stories and pictures documenting your activities with us. We will then share your stories. We are looking forward to share your ideas with our counterparts at the International level. We want to show off how great DKG is in Kentucky!

"DKG - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide" - This is the theme that International President Carolyn Pittman has selected for this biennium. Let us honor this theme by supporting classroom teachers in Kentucky!



PICK YOUR PASSION!

Annie Awards Applications and EEC Award Nominations

Applications for the Annie Awards, both for Projects and Programs, and the EEC (Educational Excellence in the Classroom) Nominations are due to Kathy Zwanzig by January 1, 2017.

Submit your best and or favorite Project and or Program. Nominate a classroom teacher who is making a difference. They do NOT have to be members. Your nomination could be just the thing to interest that teacher in membership in DKG.

The applications were distributed at the Fall Workshop in Owensboro and will soon be on the ALPHA GAMMA STATE website. Or you can contact Kathy at kathyzwanzig.dkg@gmail.com and she will send you an electronic and or hard copy of the application.

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.

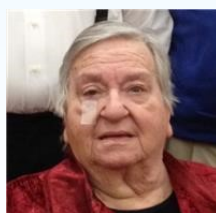
As teachers we understand the importance of planning and implementation. Therefore, let us use these same guiding principles for the upcoming 2016-2017 year in DKG. I invite each of us to plan our part for a successful year in DKG -- create a personal plan as to how you will contribute to the success 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



Joan Young Thro, 78, MU, a long-time educator in Hardin County, died Saturday, August 13, 2016 in Lexington. She was born May 10, 1938, in Harrodsburg, KY, graduated from Harrodsburg High School in 1955 and the University of Kentucky in 1959 with a degree in home economics. She later earned a Master's degree and Rank I status from Western Kentucky University.

Joan began her teaching career in 1959 and spent forty years as a teacher and guidance counselor. During that tenure, she became a "listener" to many young people and adults who needed someone to counsel them. During the days since her death, many past students have commented on how much she helped them.

She and Dr. Ernest Thro were married for 46 years before his death in 2008. Joan and "Ernie" loved to travel. She often shared the excitement of those "adventures" with her friends at MU Chapter. Australia, Italy and New York City for those Broadway shows provided conversation for weeks.

Initiated into Mu Chapter in 1982, Joan served in various ways through the years.

She is survived by a son, Bill, (Julie) of Lexington and three grandchildren. The memorial service conducted by her daughter-in-law Julie was held August 20 at Brown Funeral Home in Elizabethtown.

Caroline Vice Ransdell, 105, ZETA, was a graduate of the University of Kentucky in 1937 and was a former teacher for the Grant County, Dry Ridge, and Williamstown School Districts for more than 30 years.

One of her home economics students remarked, "I was always a pain for Mrs. Ransdell, but she loved me nonetheless." In addition to teaching, Caroline was a member of the Grant County Retired Teachers Association, state representative of Captain John Lillard Chapter of N.S.D.A.R., Williamstown Woman's Club, Grant County Historical Society, and Alpha Delta Theta. She was a lifelong member of the Williamstown Baptist church where she served as a church historian, Sunday School teacher, church library organizer, and BYKOTA Sunday School Class organizer.



Justina Graziani, 94, UPSILON, passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the Baptist Convalescent Center, Newport, KY. Justina, retired after 40 years as a teacher with Campbell County Board of Education and taught at Cold Spring Elementary School. She

also tutored and continued to do substitute teaching after retirement. Justina was very active in the First Baptist and Christ Baptist Churches in Cold Spring, as a Sunday school teacher, the Women's Missionary Union and as a kindergarten teacher. She was past president and a 50 year member of Delta Kappa Gamma and past president of Fort Thomas Women's Club.

Chapter News

ALPHA - LOUISVILLE AREA

by **Bonnia Fouts**

ALPHA Chapter began the year with an ice cream social get together at the Comfy Cow. We also worked with the other Louisville chapters at the Jefferson County Schools new teacher orientation which is a great venue for meeting potential members. Then, six members attended the Fall Leadership Workshop in Owensboro: President, Mary Faye Carr; Secretary, Gwen Hardin; Treasurer, Bunny Nash; and chapter members, Bonnia Cook Fouts, Ann Walls, and Beverly Westphal. We learned from the various workshops and enjoyed the luncheon.

The chapter is looking forward to our first big meeting of the year which will be held at Pitt Academy on 7515 Westport Rd in Louisville. ALPHA members will be touring the school and hearing a presentation on how the school operates. Pitt Academy provides an innovative learning environment in which children with a broad spectrum of learning and communication disabilities can reach their own academic, creative, and social potential.

This recent photo is of one of our grant-in-aid recipients: Marsha Michelle High III. (She is with her mom before her graduation.) Marsha earned a B.S. in education and when we spoke with her in July, she had hopes to teach history and/or start on her master's degree. She is very grateful to ALPHA for the financial support that she received.



Way to go DKG!



A White Rose Tribute

by Patsy Young, MU

Dr. Dorine Geeslin, 98, MU, ALPHA GAMMA STATE PAST STATE PRESIDENT



Dr. Doreen Geeslin and her daughter Melanie Van Tassel at her last International DKG event—2011 Southeast Regional Conference in Louisville, KY where she was recognized for 50 years membership in DKG

Dorine Hawk Geeslin, 98, died Monday, August 22, 2016, at Helmwood Healthcare in Elizabethtown, KY.

This past president of ALPHA GAMMA State (1977-79) was initiated into MU Chapter in 1960 and immediately began making a difference. She served in various capacities including MU Chapter president in 1972-74. Dr. Dorine rarely missed an opportunity to be with her sisters in local, regional and international meetings, including attendance at the Northeast Regional Conference in Stockholm, Sweden.

The legacy lives on through her mentorship. Dorine's daughter Melanie Van Tassel received a

recruitment grant from MU Chapter and later became an active member serving as MU Chapter president. In addition, four MU Chapter members—Sue Story, Susan Cross, Ramona Jeffries and Pascal Bailey aspired to the ALPHA GAMMA State presidency with her encouragement and influence. Members throughout the Society will remember her as the authority on DKG history.

A native of Hart County, Dorine graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1938, received her Master's Degree from U of L in 1959 and earned her Doctor of Education from Florida State University in 1967. She retired from WKU as a full professor teaching teachers how to teach.



Dr. Doreen Geeslin (3rd from left in front row) with MU Chapter members at the AGS Convention 2008.



MU Chapter State Organization Presidents: Pascal Bailey (2015—2017), Ramona Jeffries (2007—2009), Susan Cross (2001—2003), Sue Story, (1993—1995, and Dr. Doreen Geeslin (1977—1979)

Chapter News, con't.

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

by Jane M. Thompson

BETA Chapter met on Saturday, August 20 at the Light Center in Lawrenceburg. Donna C. Drury and Brittany Newton were initiated into BETA Chapter. Donna as an honorary member and Brittany as an active member. Donna also presented the program on how the Light Center serves as a faith based organization within Anderson County to help residents who need a helping hand. The Light Center will be the community project for the year as BETA members find many ways to support this center.



On Saturday, September 10, some members of BETA Chapter participated in an art class at the Art Alley in Lawrenceburg. The artist led them in a painting class to learn how to print a rose, the DKG flower.



ZETA - NORTHERN KENTUCKY

by Sally Nimmo

ZETA members are busy supporting others in so many ways that make a difference! They are using their "passion for teaching" to listen, support, mentor, adopt, and volunteer to assist other teachers, classrooms, departments, and schools. First Vice President, June Madison, explained how this can be a focus this year and asked members to keep anecdotal records and take photos of activities when possible.

Some members are already having fun helping. Before she could even offer to help, Sally Nimmo received a Facebook plea from a friend and former co-worker asking if she would adopt her 4th grade class at Glen O. Swing Elementary in Covington. "Yes!" "Thank you!"

Julianne Comerford truly enjoys taking members' donations and putting together New Teacher Baskets. "I love doing this!" See the photo of her with a bucket of goodies ready to make a basket to be delivered to a new teacher.



Rose Mary Hoffman collected a generous stack of colorful books and twenty-three homemade and hand-stitched bibs made by Donna Mader for the successful Books and Bibs program that encourages new mothers to read to their babies. Sandy Curry is also making bookmarks for the mothers!

As many members paid their annual dues, they rounded UP, adding extra money to their checks to help support Grant in Aid and World Fellowship or other on-going programs. Margaret Hoffman shared lovely thank you letters from two scholarship recipients; and Sharon Jones encouraged members to bring to the November meeting ornaments for the World Fellowship tree and mittens and gloves for local children in need.

Lucy Riffle and Cyndy Jones gave us the highlights of the ALPHA GAMMA State Fall

Workshop and Cyndy brought DKG jewelry for purchase to help the general fund.

Dr. Joyce Fortney Hamberg conducted a special Ceremony of Remembrance for ZETA sister Caroline Vice Ransdell who lived to be 105 years old (November 13, 1910-May 12, 2016).



Patty Poor, Regional Cancer Control Specialist from the Kentucky Cancer Program's Northern Kentucky District Office (eight counties) presented a program with current statistics and helpful information about breast cancer.

Restaurant for its first meeting of the year presided over by Cherie Mingus, President. Members thoroughly enjoyed the social time before the meeting catching up on summer activities. We welcomed Johna Smith, Delta member, who was a guest of Ramona Jeffries.

Becky Bishop and Byrle Thomas shared fall inspiration with the group. Reports from International in Nashville were given, as well as Fall Workshop reports.

Planning was the focus of the meeting. Committees were appointed, meeting dates and places were selected, and goals for 2016-18 were adopted. A project begun immediately was "adopt a school". G.C. Burkhead Elementary School will be the recipient of Mu's attention this year. A major project of the year centers around hosting the 2017 State Convention April 21-23. A steering committee is working and everyone will be involved.

After enjoying a Mexican meal, the President provided German chocolate cupcakes for dessert before adjournment.



First Vice President, June Madison with Patty Poor, Cancer Control Specialist.

OMEGA – PADUCAH

by Charlotte Benton

Members from OMEGA and ETA chapters met at the home of OMEGA member, Candice Griffin, Saturday September 17, 2016, and enjoyed a wonderful potluck meal furnished by members, with ham and drinks by hostess, Candice Griffin. Bonnye Roof, OMEGA President, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and let each person introduce themselves. OMEGA chapter had ten members present and ETA had five in attendance. Charlotte Benton and Lynn Werner presented OMEGA's 40 year history, "A Time of Remembrance." Recognition was given to 12 honorary educators for being initiated into OMEGA chapter May 1, 1976. Society symbol, red roses were placed in the society's vase for honorees: Barbara Allen, Charlotte Benton, Lana Blish, Linda Long, Betty Palmer, and Lynn Werner. White roses were placed in the society's vase of red roses in memory of: Janet Chambers, Gloria Hicks, Hazel Holland, Ann Walden, Evelyn Weig. Additional white roses were placed in the society's vase of red and

MU – ELIZABETHTOWN

by Patsy Young

Mu Chapter Goes Mexican

Mu Chapter met September 29 at Mi Jalisco

roses in memory of OMEGA chapter members who were not charter members. They were: Catherine Boyd, Ann Chambers, and Judy Garrett. Members recited "We Remember Them" as Charlotte Benton read the phrases of "Tribute to Deceased." Honoring charter members, and memorializing deceased members is a privilege OMEGA chapter members did not take lightly.

Today, they had another privilege of merging ETA and OMEGA chapters. Since 1944, ETA chapter had been in existence and they are bringing a wealth of knowledge, expertise, experience, nurturing, and love. ETA chapter organized OMEGA in 1976 and 2016 ETA and OMEGA merged into a chapter of unity, fellowship, friendship, knowledge, and strength, who will be called OMEGA chapter. ETA members signed our initiation book as indication of their merger. OMEGA books for 1976 - 2016 were distributed.

Business meeting was held following the ceremony and proposed budget was presented and accepted.

UPSILON — NORTHERN KENTUCKY

by Priscilla Roberts

A new chapter president, a new venue, and new members! That's how members of the UPSILON chapter of Northern Kentucky began their first fall session on Saturday, September 17 in the President's Room at the newly renovated Campbell County Library in Newport, KY. After President Linda Mauser welcomed everyone with an inspirational thought, she introduced our special speakers Arica Chatterley and Tanner Hensley from NECCO. Arica and Tanner shared much information how NECCO, an independent family-owned caring organization, exists not only in the state of Kentucky, but also in Ohio, West Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina. It is a family run business that has assistance for Child Welfare, Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Juvenile Justice. According to Arica, "Presently, we have over 200 children in our Northern Kentucky counties where we have placed over 200 children in foster homes. The need is great for these children and teens to be

placed in homes where they can be in a good environment with caring and compassionate families." Both Tanner and Arica have been working for NECCO for about 2 years, and Tanner shared that he "really enjoys my job because I know that I am helping many children who are in abusive or trying situations to find a place where they know they can be cared for in a compassionate way, regardless of the time they spend in a caring atmosphere."

After this informative session, UPSILON members presented Arica and Tanner a huge variety of clothing articles, for both infants and young children, that they had brought to the meeting as their special project, a service project that Brenda Staggs, assisted by her daughter Sarah, continues to oversee for UPSILON. Arica and Tanner expressed their sincere thanks for such useful, needed items for the children.

Moreover, just before the NECCO presentation, Linda Mauser shared several thoughts about her highlights at the International meeting in Nashville this past July. One was meeting a former DKG Texas past-president who purchased several of our colorful recipe books at the vendor center. She shared with Linda how she would place our UPSILON cookbook in the University of Texas archives where the book would be stored, among other cookbooks from outstanding chapters from across the nation. This is quite an honor, thanks to all of our committee members who worked on the book, and to all of our wonderful members who contributed their recipes for production. By the way, Pam Thomas, who chaired our recipe book committee, informed us that we still have around 50 books to sell out of the 220 copies we had published. Pam can be contacted at (859) 572-9661 if you would like to order additional copies, and we hope you will. These books make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, and other occasions. The book is definitely an accomplishment for which we all can be proud.

In addition, Linda, during this time, stated that another highlight was seeing Priscilla Roberts receive the Kentucky "Star of the Southeast Award" that Pascal Bailey, state president, awarded Priscilla at the DKG International Convention, at the Southeast Regional Breakfast on Thursday, July 7. Pascal honored Priscilla for

her dedication, devotion, and accomplishments for DKG state, and, in particular, for UPSILON since her induction in 2002.

Next on the agenda was our induction service, and members welcomed Elizabeth Collins, an elementary teacher from Boone County, and Dr. Pat Knochelman, a retired teacher/principal from the Cincinnati, Ohio public school system, into the chapter. We are excited to welcome our two new sisters aboard, and another induction service will be held in November to add several more members to the group. Regretfully, we are losing one of our faithful members, Beverly Sharp, who will be moving to a permanently new location in the state of Florida. We will miss Beverly, and we wish her the very best in this new move.

Moving right along, after a detailed business meeting, members (in alphabetical order) Mary Barker, Karin Edgington, Catherine Feldmann, Sarah Graff, Debbie Grizzell, Brenda Herrick, Robin Hoskins, Carol Rae Howard, Judy Jackson, Elizabeth Mizer-Lambert, Marylyn Majancsik, Pam Manker, Estelle Martin, Karen Martin, Linda Mauser, Shirley Miller, Priscilla Roberts, Angie Schlueter, Beverly Sharp, Brenda Staggs, Sarah Staggs, Rebecca Taylor, Pam Thomas, and Chrysteen Vanover, enjoyed a tasty catered luncheon while catching up on news about what everyone had done or seen over the summer months. One of the saddest days occurred this summer when Justina Grazi-ani passed away. Just 2 years ago, Justina received her 50 year pin. Ironically, Justina had just celebrated her 94th birthday in August, and she quietly passed several days later. We will surely miss this lovely, dedicated, precious member, and a special tribute will be paid to her at our next meeting.

In the meantime, at our November 12 meeting, UPSILON members will enjoy celebrating their 45th Anniversary with all of the bells and whistles! Steering Committee members Karen Martin, chair, along with Shirley Miller, Mary Barker and Pam Thomas are about their business gathering information for this big event. Priscilla Roberts is in charge of all communications and publicity for the program. It will be a great event, and all members are encouraged to attend and participate in this

exciting chapter of our lives!



Top: Elizabeth Collins, new initiate.

Bottom: Shirley Miller, 49 year member.



Guest speakers: Arica and Turner from NECCO

More pictures on page 13!

ALPHA BETA – LOUISVILLE AREA

by Diane Motsch

President Judy Reeves and I have often joked that “you don’t have to be short with grey hair to be President of ALPHA BETA”, since this is Judy’s second stint as President! However, we are certainly excited that she has agreed to lead us again! She has so many new ideas that she learned at the International Convention.

After our deliciously catered meal at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, President Judy Reeves opened the August 1, 2016 meeting with an Ice Breaker: Have you ever met anyone famous? It turns out that several of our sisters have had a brush with fame. Did you know that Rosie Young was kissed by the Fonz? Did you realize that Joyce Cecil is an honorary Pip (with Gladys Knight)? Could you guess that Diana French has met both Lee Majors and Bing Crosby? Barbara Hicks, Carolyn Kays, Kathy Jones, Joan Shepler and Idru Vibbert all shared similar stories. What a fun activity!

One new technique that President Judy Reeves learned was to limit discussion to five minutes per topic, and she implemented this for these three topics: Biennium Project, Meeting Dates, and Meeting Locations.

Biennium Project: Because we had all met Cathe Dykstra as our guest speaker at the February 1, 2016 meeting, it didn’t take much discussion to agree that we should adopt the Family Scholar House as our Biennium Project - 2016-2018. This means that we will donate various needed items for the next two years to only the Family Scholar House. We can mentor them, tutor them, etc.

Meeting Dates: After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the February meeting date should be changed to a Saturday. The time and location will be determined later. Motion carried. This is a change to our By Laws, as we have always met on the first Mondays of August, October, November, December, February, and May at 5:15 p.m. However, for various reasons, it was agreed that we would try this and see how it works for us.

Meeting Locations: Various members voiced their suggestions, and, after some discussion, a decision was reached. A motion was made and seconded that we will meet at Treyton Oak Towers for this October 3rd, and that we will continue to meet at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church in November, December, and May. Motion carried. February still needs to be finalized.

Then, President Judy Reeves put a strict time limit on our Committee Planning Sessions. When time was up, Judy asked for each Committee Leader to report on their committee’s ideas. Now we know the direction that our chapter will take in each of these areas for the upcoming year.

I don’t want to leave the impression that it was all work and no play at this meeting. President Judy Reeves recognized the members that have had a birthday this summer, and we all sang the Happy Birthday song to them! Some of the other celebrations that our members shared were: Diana French will be a grandmother this December! Pat Wilhelm announced that her nephew married on her 44th Wedding Anniversary! Our two guests were recognized: Grace Florence and Vicki Lete. Hopefully, they will be initiated at our October meeting!



Joan Shepler, Ruth Boone, and Ann Hafing are filling their plates with the delicious food prepared by the caterer at Harvey Browne.

All in all, I just want to say that we are so glad

Editor's Note

This is a copy of a notice that I put on Facebook on October 4, 2016.

*Ladies,
Yesterday, I sent an email to our state officers that I will be giving up the position of AGS State Editor. My term will end in June 2017.*

I have held this position for 4 years and I think it is now time to pass this leadership opportunity to someone else. That is the goal of AGS in order to provide more members with the opportunity to serve. I have enjoyed the last 3 1/2 years reading your articles and seeing your pictures before the rest of the state.

IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DOING, PLEASE LET Pascal Bailey, Kathy Vaughn Zwanzig, Beth Pyle, or Karen Martin know.

To answer a question that might arise: NO, I am not sick. In fact, I'm healthier now than I have been in years.

With my retirement from teaching, new opportunities have arisen. I was recently invited to and did join another group that does a great deal of service projects in the community as well as raise money for scholarships.

I now have the opportunity to be more involved in mission projects in my church. I seek opportunities to give people a HAND UP and not a HANDOUT.

And, most importantly, I now have the time to take more trips with our senior group at church as well as just get up and go as the mood strikes my husband and I without having to check the calendar.

I will still be attending AGS and DKG events as well as try to help my Chapter grow, so I'll still see everyone at those. And, now you may even see my husband out and about with me when I go to those. He is definitely getting the travel bug.

God is faithful and good and my life is great!

If you know someone who would like to do this job, encourage them!

All in all, I just want to say that we are so glad that Judy is "back in the saddle again!" She kept the meeting focused, and we even got out 20 minutes earlier than last year! We can't wait to see what all she has learned at the Fall Leadership Workshop. I'll bet we'll find out at the October 3rd meeting!



President Judy Reeves and Barbara Hicks are busy planning for our meetings this coming year.



Kim Zingraff, Janet Chase (Treasurer), Joyce Cecil and Mary Wings (back of her head) are discussing the budget for next year.



Dr. Pat Knockleman, Upsilon's new initiate.



Gamma Chapter Officers

GAMMA – MURRAY, KY

by Donna Whitfield

The GAMMA Chapter met at Kenlake State Park on Saturday, September 17 for our first meeting of the new biennium.

Pasty Chaney, past president 2010-2014, led the installation of the officers for the next biennium. President, Donna Whitfield, called the meeting to order. Treasurer, Karen Crick, collected dues and gave a report of monies spent and collected. GAMMA Chapter has donated money to Murray State Foundation in memory of five members. Recording Secretary, Sharon Arant, reviewed the minutes from the June meeting, a salad and dessert planning meeting.

Sharon had skillfully prepared our new yearbook. Copies were available for all members. Second vice-president, Milissia Sledd, agreed to review membership records to give a report for those who have 30, 40, and 50 years of membership.

Grant in Aid Mission, Mary Johnson, announced the recipient of the 2016 scholarship, Kristina Mills.

A delightful lunch was enjoyed in the beautiful garden room overlooking Kentucky Lake.

Good Reads You May Have Missed!

by Bonnia Cook Fouts, ALPHA

What's this? Did you miss some good reads? Possibly, but what you may have really missed is Mary Faye Carr's presentation on "good reads." Many of us had the pleasure of hearing Mary Faye in Nashville. Her workshop on great books to read was forthcoming, full of wit and humor, and very cleverly presented. When she was in Nashville at International, she had 111 women in her workshop. As the room was only set for 80 attendees, many women took seats on the floor. And sisters asked for several hours when her workshop might be presented again. Mary Faye presented a second time in Owensboro at the Fall Leadership Workshop and, again, was well received. By the time you are reading this, she will also have presented at ALPHA BETA's chapter meeting. So what was this workshop all about? Mary Faye toted many books with her and then told us enough of the plots to warrant our wanting to read the books.



A very full house in Nashville at Mary Faye's workshop on "Good Reads You May Have Missed!"

And what kinds of books did she mention? Three of her "good read suggestions" are listed here.

We Die Alone by David Howarth – Mary Faye told us that this book is based on a true story from World War II and insisted that we must read this book if we would like a second career in espionage. Smile. Seriously, the CIA uses Howarth's book in their trainings.

Bruno, Chief of Police by Martin Walker – Mary Faye states that this is an excellent mystery set in Southwest France. And if you enjoy a continued story, multiple sequels are available.

And Only to Deceive by Tasha Alexander – This is a Victorian London mystery. Widowed Lady Emily solves a mystery involving forged Greek antiquities. It, too, has multiple sequels.

And just maybe, we can talk Mary Faye into giving us another "Good Read List" down the road. She is an avid reader and will graciously tell you about any book she is currently reading. Thank you, Mary Faye Carr!

