Mark Your Calendars for...

ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention
April 17-19, 2015, Northern, KY
Doubletree by Hilton, Hebron, KY—Registration in next issue!
Hosted by: UPSILON and ZETA Chapters

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA Southeast Regional Conference
July 15-18, 2015, Savannah, GA
The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa

ALPHA GAMMA STATE Fall Leadership Workshop
September 11—12, 2015
Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY—Details coming soon!

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Newsletter Submission Dates

Busy AGS Communication Chairs, Committee Chairs, Chapter Presidents, and State Officers, you can send info in anytime before the submission dates and up to two days before the publication dates. Just put “Newsletter” in the subject line.

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Thanks for continuing to send articles for our newsletter and working to keep our shut in members aware of what is happening with and in our State Organization!
Karen’s Korner
by Karen Martin, State Organization President

Fall has arrived with its brisk winds blowing off the river as I sit on my deck contemplating the months ahead. I look forward to the changing colors, the gorgeous mums in full bloom, the beautiful fall and Halloween decorations and visiting many of my AL-PHA GAMMA State Sisters in Southern and Western Kentucky. I can’t wait!

Looking back, our Fall Leadership Workshop was a huge success! The ladies from EPSILON and PSI Chapters completed a totally awesome job in making all of us feel at home in Ashland. It had been quite some time since we had visited this area of the state and it remains just as beautiful as I had remembered.

Officers received training from their State counterparts and members received information on health issues, membership, generation identities and many other interesting topics. Members shared ideas, concerns and extended their network of friends and fellow educators. As State President, I met not only the newly elected Chapter Presidents, but also many first time attendees to State meetings, and met and reconnected with sisters from across the state. It was a truly awesome and invigorating weekend.

As Chapters look forward to a productive and engaging year, I wish everyone the best. My focus is and has always been on Membership. Everyone needs to take on the responsibility of bringing new members into our organization. Our Society has so much to offer! Scholarships are available on all levels—Chapter, State, and International. The Early Career Educator incentive encourages our members to nurture and assist new educators and many have answered this call. This is where, I believe, we can all make a totally meaningful impact.

Teachers in the classroom have so many issues to deal with that the opportunities for us to become involved and assist them are abundant. Many other offerings are available; leadership training, possibilities to help in community projects and most importantly the potential to build an extensive network with fellow teachers from not only across the state, but also across the country and world.

As a Society we are blessed with many chances to do our part. We are blessed with many beautiful, intelligent and enthusiastic women who are dedicated to this profession and those who follow it today. Let this be our year to reaffirm our active involvement in fulfilling the purposes of this wonderful Society. Are you ready? Let’s do it!

Martin’s Muse
As a former English teacher, the love of reading and literacy has always been my core love in education. For this reason, I have selected as our State project this year, the donation of children’s books to Children’s Inc. in Northern Kentucky for their after-school program. If you would like more information, their contact is childreninc.org. I look forward to seeing everyone in April at the State Convention. Please share in my love of books and donate.

***If you have not yet done so, go to the DKG website and read Dr. Lyn Schmid’s acceptance speech and her goals for our Society.***
Educational Excellence Report
by Pascal Bailey, 1st Vice President

We are in the full swing of fall. The leaves are falling, gardens are withering, and shorts and T-shirts are put away until another year. It is the time of year most people consider the dying-off season because of the weather changes, but I believe it is time to move things indoors and get any and all indoor projects done. DKG can be a part of that process.

Here is your "To Do" list before our State Convention in Hebron, Kentucky next April:

* Collect and record your Volunteer Hours and submit to your Vice-President,
* Collect monies or items for International Projects—Schools for Africa and/or Support for Early Career Educators,
* Do your part for our State Project, regaining members who have dropped by calling or visiting someone who has dropped their Membership within the past 5 years,
* Reflect on and submit your Chapter's best program for the Annie Award,
* Honor a member or (non-member) to receive your Chapter's first Educational Excellence in the Classroom award, this can be a recruiting tool,
* Adopt a Legislator and ask them to speak at a Chapter meeting, and
* Let me know if you or a member of your Chapter is a 30, 40, or 50 year member in 2015—Membership Initiation dates in the years 1965, 1975, or 1985.

This "To Do" list contains seven (7) things to promote your Chapter and be a valuable and encouraging member. Each one of these tasks allows each member an opportunity to do what we do best, support and honor teachers. Be the best DKG member you can be!

White Roses
Mary Crenshaw, DELTA, member since 3/1/1964
Dr. Mary Lucille Wiss, NU Honorary member since 8/1/1983

Committee News

Nominations
By: Dr. Mary Evans, Chair

The Nominating Committee is developing a slate of new officers for election at the ALPHA GAMMA STATE Convention next April. If asked, please be willing to serve. If you wish to nominate someone, please send that name to the Nominating Committee. As a reminder, anyone who is nominated needs a letter of support from their Chapter.

Communications
By: Jane Thompson, Chair

Chapter Presidents will receive an update document of the Front Matter, Part A, of our Directory. The changes include information from International since the installation of new Officers and other pertinent information.

Soon, I will begin a rotation of Chapter updates to Part B of the directory. This section includes member contact information. As I am ready to update each Chapter, I will send out an email for any changes you have received. Once all Chapters have replied and updates are finished, I will send out a new document to all Chapter Presidents.
Membership Report
by Kathy Zwanzig, 2nd Vice President

YOU are the KEY/ YOU are KEY
This is our membership theme for this year. Each of you are the KEY to DELTA KAPPA GAMMA. Each of you are the KEY to the teaching profession. Most importantly, each of you are and have been the KEY in the lives of many young people.

Each of you can make a difference in your DKG Chapter. You can invite Key Women Educators to join your Chapter. You can attend meetings. You can serve on a Committee in your Chapter. You can serve as an Officer in your Chapter. YOU are KEY!

Each of you can contribute to DKG through ALPHAGAMMA State. You can attend the Fall Leadership Workshop. You can attend the ALPHAGAMMA State Convention in the Spring. You can serve on a State Committee. You can make a presentation at the workshop or convention. YOU are KEY!

Each of you can contribute to DKG on the International level. You can go to the Regional Conferences in Savannah, GA, July 15-18, 2015. You can attend the International Convention in Nashville, TN in July, 2016. You can make a presentation at the Conference or Convention. YOU are KEY!

YOU were invited to become a member of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA because you are a KEY Woman Educator. Someone saw you being a leader or recognized leadership potential in you. YOU are KEY. You are the KEY!

Look around you. Share this honor with another educator who would be an asset to Delta Kappa Gamma. Do you know a Chapter member who has stopped attending meetings? Call them and invite them to your next meeting. Let them know that they are KEY, too!

Remember, You are the KEY to DKG!

Did you know…

Dr. Elizabeth “Beth” Pyle, DELTA, has an article that was selected for print in the Fall 2014, Volume 81-1 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. Her article is entitled, “Out with the Old and In with the New: One University Department’s Experience with Revisions of the Tenure-and-Promotion Policy.”

Marilyn Schraeder, LAMBDA, was selected as the Kentucky Music Educators Association’s High School Teacher of the Year for 2014. She received a beautiful crystal plaque and $500 for her music program.

To celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Harlan Musettes this past June, she conducted a performance of Musette Alumnae at the Relay for Life and a concert on Saturday June 21st. At the reunion concert the Harlan Alumni Association inducted Marilyn into their Hall of Fame where she has taught for almost half a century. Marilyn was also recognized for her award at a SESC Board of Directors Meeting with another plaque, "Congratulations on this achievement recognizing the excellence and distinction with which you have served your community and region". LAMBDA Chapter is so very proud of Marilyn. She has devoted her life to teaching music and going above and beyond for the Harlan students. The fruits of her labor are evident in those students who have gone on to excel in music. Beginning her 46th year of teaching speaks for itself, she still loves kids and teaching them the appreciation of music.

Jane Thompson, BETA, attended the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX this past summer.

Kimberley Harris, BETA, part time Technology teacher was hired to be a full time 3rd grade teacher at Saffel Elementary in Lawrenceburg.

Karin Edgington, Karen Martin, Judy Ihrig, Pam Manker, Shirley Miller, and Priscilla Roberts, UPSILON, received the "Women of Vision" award.
Chapter News

ZETA

ZETA Officers and Chairpersons gathered in Erlanger, Saturday, August 30th, at the home of President, Lucy Riffle, to socialize, share ideas, and make plans for the year.


Zeta Staying Current


UPSILON

Great Sisters! Great Meetings! Great Times! Great Teas!

Members of UPSILON Chapter have been, as the old adage goes, "As busy as a cat in a roomful of rockers," and we ain’t just whistling "Dixiel!" In July, members Nicole Coppes, Karin Edgington, Judy Ihrig, Laura Kalfas, Pam Manker, Karen Martin, Linda Mauser, Shirley Miller, Kim Nealon, Rachel Redden, Priscilla Roberts, and Rebecca Thomas attended the International Convention in Indiana and came home with new friendships and new ideas and "pumped" for a new year of vim, vigor, and vitality for UPSILON Chapter. From opening night with memorable music by The Wright Brothers, to around town attractions, to excellent speakers and workshops to closing night with the President’s Banquet, the lasting memories the members made linger on. According to UPSILON’s youngest member, Rebecca Thomas, initiated in 2013, "This convention was awesome. I’m so glad I was able to attend this and to meet so many interesting members. The workshops I attended were so informative; I can hardly wait until we get to Nashville for the next one.” Kim Nealon, also initiated in 2013, Special Education teacher at Beechwood Independent Schools, commented, "I never realized how wonderf ul this convention was going to be, and I am so glad that I had the privilege to attend and hear such excellent speakers."

After the convention, in August, President Priscilla Roberts met with Service Projects Coordinator Brenda Staggs, SAR Chair Karin Edgington, Parliamentarian Shirley Miller, State President Karen Martin, Judy Ihrig, First Vice Linda Mauser, and Corresponding Secretary Pam Manker to fill crates with a variety of teacher school supplies to surprise and award these supplies to first year teachers, Alyson Dainczyk, Rachel Bauer, and Danielle Andrew, at Kenton Elementary in Kenton County on August 21. Later, on Friday, September 19, Karen Martin and Priscilla Roberts traveled to Dixie Heights High School and surprised first year Special Education teacher Eva Haben with a crate filled with supplies for her. Eva remarked, "I am so surprised and honored that you would choose me for this gift, and I am really grateful. Thank you so very much." These events were coordinated with Kenton Elementary Principal Mary Beth Huss, and Dixie Heights Principal Karen Herrick. Both principals expressed their gratitude to UPSILON for their encouragement and gifts to these first year teachers.

The Fall Workshop was another delightful, enjoyable event that members of UPSILON participated in, and EPSILON President Mary Cath Flath and PSI President Jessica Beasley, and our sisters in Ashland and Morehead, KY did a fantastic
job with the reception, the Friday night events, the informative workshops, and the delicious luncheon. Members of UPSILON and ZETA did a zany skit on Saturday morning to get the ladies energized and to promote the Spring Convention that will be held at the DoubleTree Motel next to the Northern KY/Greater Cincinnati Airport on April, 17, 18. 19, 2015. Kudos to the "Sistas" in Ashland!

When September 20 rolled around, AGS 1st Vice President Pascal Bailey and family, Emma Jane, and Jana Bailey rolled in from Taylorsville, KY to meet, greet, and share their expertise on teas at the Roberts' home in Alexandria. What a fabulous time! While President Priscilla Roberts made introductions, announcements, and led the meeting, Pascal, Emma, and Jana served various teas to the ladies. After a brief business meeting, everyone lunched, munched, and listened to Pascal and Jana tell about the differences and values among the tea types. To top it off, "Mama Emma Jane" brought along her delicious scones for everyone. Altogether, there were 30 ladies present, including special guest Lindsey Plewsy, fifth grade teacher at Campbell Co. Middle School, who works with the New Hope Ministries. Members of UPSILON gave very generously to New Hope by providing all sorts of baby items for this worthy organization. If you are looking for a warm, wonderful time for a meeting, perhaps you should contact the "Bailey Tea Trio" for an event to be remembered!

The next big event for UPSILON is the Fifth Anniversary of the "Chalk, Walk, Talk" that will be held on Saturday, October 18 at the Environmental Nature Center in Alexandria, KY. A day filled with fun and activity will keep the members involved. The morning starts with a breakfast, warm-ups for the walk, and then a wreath-making event led by Aubrie Forrer of the UK Extension Office, after the walk concludes. To date, approximately $2,500 has been raised and pledged for scholarships for deserving future teachers in Northern Kentucky. UPSILON members are alive, well, and on the move, and new prospective members will be initiated in November. Remember Ralph Waldo Emerson’s words, "Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm," and so it is with the lack of it!
NU

NU Chapter began the 2014-2015 year with an Executive Board meeting on June 17, at the L & M Restaurant. Following lunch, we planned meeting dates, locations, community projects, fundraisers and discussed programs for the year. Each member was given a calendar of the Pike County Schools and Pikeville Independent Schools, a list of holidays and of course, a University of KY football calendar! We work diligently to avoid holidays, major sporting events, days schools are not in session, etc when planning our meeting dates.

The first meeting of the year was held at the L & M Banquet Room on Thursday, September 4 at 5:30 pm. Thirty-four members and six guests were in attendance. Following a call to order for the meeting by President Judy Lester, a devotion was provided by 2nd Vice President Rita Scott. The business meeting was tabled for the induction ceremony and dinner.

Five new members were inducted: Donna Anderson, Ginni Bowen, Terri Clem, Suzanne Henson and Heather Ratliff. After the induction, Roma Lou McClanahan led the group in the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA song. We are very excited to have these ladies join our society!! An Italian themed buffet, with homemade cream horns and several delicious desserts were served.

Following the dinner, the business meeting was reconvened. The secretary’s report was read by Recording Secretary Jone Goodman and the treasurer’s report given by Treasurer, Helen Kirk. The group voted to continue the project of welcoming 1st year teachers to education with a red gift bag containing a $25 Staples gift card, a flash drive, pens, sticky notes, chocolate and hard candies, DKG brochures and a welcome letter from NU Chapter inviting them to the October meeting and lunch at Peking.

The program, “Paint Pikeville Pink” was provided by NU Chapter member Kelli Thompson, one of the founders of the event. She encouraged all NU sisters to participate by walking, running, entering the various contests or assisting with the event. Kelli shared the statistics from 2013, and why the event was started in 2011. She thanked NU ladies for “manning” the water stations for the 5K since its conception and asked for their help again in 2014.

On Saturday, August 23, Helen Kirk, AGS Hall of Fame Committee Chair and Judy Lester, AGS Scholarship Committee Chair traveled to Spindletop Hall in Lexington. During the Executive Board meeting, AGS President Karen Martin shared plans and concerns for the upcoming year with State Officers and Committee Chairs. Prior to their return home, the representatives from NU managed to get in several hours of shopping!!

Cheryl Slater, Helen Kirk and Judy Lester traveled to Ashland, KY on September 12—13 for the ALPHA GAMMA Fall Leadership Workshop. Several others from NU Chapter had planned to attend the meetings but due to family issues were unable to make the trip. The workshop sessions were informative, the luncheon meal delicious, the entertainment very enjoyable and the keynote speaker enlightening and entertaining. Thanks to our sisters from EPSILON and PSI for a great weekend and for strengthening our “Ties That Bind”!
ALPHA BETA

Beginning the new program year with great enthusiasm describes the DKG ALPHA BETA Chapter members who gathered on August 4th to lay out the plan for the coming year. We also paused as Bonnie Abner brought a devotion that focused on letting God’s love be the model of our lives as we work to make our community better.

Our new President Diana Motsch led the meeting as Committees worked to plan what will be a very exciting year. She reviewed the rules regarding the formation of committees and how members rotate off as New committees are formed. There was no hesitation by the Membership to assume Committee responsibilities which will make our Chapter stronger and our work more meaningful.

A feeling of fellowship permeated the meeting as members pledged their continued support of our Chapter and recognized outstanding members for their contributions. As a result of Joyce Cecil, Emily Pruett, Ann Hafling, and Judy Reeves working with our President over the summer, several awards that were due to members were given out at the meeting. Betty McKay received her 50-year certificate as a DKG member and Joan Shepler for her 40 years of membership. Doris Yochim was recognized as one of our founding members.

Attracting new members continues to be a goal. Diana French and Peggy Williams suggested to the members that each of us should reach out to potential new members and invite them to visit one of our meetings, and they presented several ideas. Diana graciously hosted a gathering of potential members in her home. Suggestions were also made regarding how to support teachers in our Chapter who because of their workload often find it difficult to attend all meetings and who often need classroom help for their children.

Judy Reeves, Nikki Robison, and Diana Mosch attended the Fall Leadership Workshop in Ashland this past September. The theme of the workshop was “Ties That Bind” a celebration of the relationships that bring us strength, purpose, and joy. The workshop was designed to make all of us stronger in our commitment to the Society, to teach us how to promote the Seven Purposes of DKG, and to bring joy into our Chapter Meetings.

That trip also provided an opportunity for conversation and Judy and Diana learned that Nikki wanted each of her students simply to own their own book. Nikki teaches special needs children who need a lot of support with their reading and she feels that owning a book will help them improve their reading skills. Through the suggestion of our President, our Chapter voted to adopt DKG member Nikki Robison’s class as our project for October. It was suggested that we donate picture books and easy chapter books or perhaps make a monetary donation to purchase books. Diana suggested that we deliver the books to Nikki’s school and include in each book that DELTA KAPPA GAMMA donated the book. That could possibly encourage other teachers in her school to join a wonderful professional group. That decision by our Chapter members helps us to actualize our purpose and our commitment and certainly builds stronger relationships among our members. Helping Nikki’s students in this way will encourage her students to understand the joy of reading and for us to feel the joy of giving.
ALPHA DELTA

Educational Society ALPHA DELTA makes plans for the upcoming year

On Tuesday, September 16, 2014, twenty-two local educators, current and retired, met at Brandenburg Primary School to socialize, discuss education topics, and nominate perspective members.

President Allison Doutaz called the meeting to order and Anita Seymour gave the devotional. Bev Morrison read the minutes which were approved. Dennise Mudd gave the Treasurer’s Report showing the current balance of $328.84. She handed out notices of 2014-15 membership dues. Those not at the meeting will receive theirs in the mail.

The International Convention was held July 28-August 1 in Indianapolis, IN. Joyce Miller was in attendance.

ALPHA GAMMA Fall Workshop was held in Ashland September 12-13. Our new Vice-President, Ann Hartman was able to attend. It was noted that some Chapters have disbanded due to lack of attendance while others flourished. Those who have been successful indicated that the most important thing a Chapter can do is to help new and current teachers.

A big thank you to the sisters, Jessie Trotter, Anita Seymour, Renee Miller, Bev Morrison, Janet Powers, and Donna Funk who prepared items and manned the DKG tables in an effort to inform and generate interest from fellow teachers at the Opening Day Breakfast for Meade Co. Schools.

Suzy Harreld and Andrea Pike-Goff explained the Born Learning grant for Brandenburg Primary and Flaherty Primary. This program is designed to help parents prepare their children for kindergarten. It teaches parents how to teach their children through everyday life experiences. There are 6 different sessions; parents may attend anytime and every time as sessions will vary. Childcare will be provided. The program will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Flaherty Primary and the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Brandenburg Primary beginning in October. Fun programs such as musical instruments, role-playing, and other fun lessons should keep it lively. The program starts with a dinner at 5:30 and concludes at 7:00 PM. Several of the members signed up to help with this endeavor to help facilitate, provide child care, etc.

New officers Jessie Trotter and Ann Hartman were then sworn in during a candle light ceremony.

Membership Chairman Joan Wilson then asked for nominations of perspective nominees for membership. Members filled out the necessary forms for nomination. If members want to nominate anyone else they need to send those names to Joan Wilson no later than October 15.

The officers will meet to update the 2014-15 yearbook and form new committees.

DKG’s ALPHA DELTA will meet on Monday, October 20 at 3:45 at Brandenburg Primary library to vote on nominations for new membership.

2014-2015 Alpha Delta of Delta Kappa Gamma officers L to R. Treasurer Dennise Mudd, President Jessie Trotter, Vice-President Ann Hartman, Parliamentarian Joan Wilson, Corresponding Secretary Bev Morrison, not pictured Recording Secretary Peggy Darnall.
ALPHA EPSILON

ALPHA EPSILON Chapter met Saturday, August 23, 2014, at Crittenden Drive Church of Christ, Russellville, Kentucky. President Sherrie Pryor welcomed everyone. Nineteen members were in attendance.

The theme for the meeting was “Cherish Yesterday.” The thought for the day was presented by Connie Tipton. President Pryor offered the prayer. Everyone enjoyed a delicious pot luck brunch.

President Pryor called the business session to order. She announced the names of the 2014-2015 officers:
- Sherrie Pryor—President
- Jackie Powell—1st Vice-President
- Connie Tipton—2nd Vice-President
- Carole Sindorf—Recording Secretary
- Alice Chastain—Treasurer
- Eloise Hadden—Parliamentarian

She also expressed a special thank you to our outgoing officers.

President Pryor reminded everyone of the Fall Workshop on September 12th and 13th in Ashland, Kentucky. She encouraged anyone interested to attend.

President Pryor shared an interest in designing a shirt for ALPHA EPSILON Chapter. She asked for suggestions. A project for the Chapter was suggested by President Pryor. She suggested that we find ways to assist new teachers.

In keeping with the theme, “Cherish Yesterday,” President Pryor presented copies of the article “85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life.” The article was written by International President Lyn Schmid.

Alpha Epsilon’s next meeting will be held on November 8th. It will be the annual Christmas Bazaar to raise funds for our Grant-In Aid which is given to an undergraduate college female majoring in education.

ALPHA IOTA

President Kay Turner and Recording Secretary Dorris Robison plan ALPHA IOTA’s year

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Fall Leadership Workshop

Left: Kathy Zwanzig, AGS 2nd Vice President made these.
Below: Made at one of the workshop sessions.

Friday evening fun and fellowship!

Saturday’s Luncheon

Saturday Opening Session

Miscellaneous