

# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

ALPHA IOTA STATE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to your April Newsletter!

It is time to register for the Alpha Iota State Convention to be held May 4-6 in Kalamazoo. You may register online or by using the registration form. Be sure to reserve your hotel room before April 13! There are several events occurring that weekend and rooms will be scarce if you wait too long.

Please complete the chapter sales table application if you wish to sell items at the convention. Send your check for \$10.00 to Judi Fisher by April 25. Please see the included application.

If you will not be able to participate in the procession, let me know who your representative will be. It is important that I have the name in advance. Practice will be on Friday night after the Executive Board/General Membership meeting.

Please send your chapter surveys to Nina Keener, Research Chair at [scakee@aol.com](mailto:scakee@aol.com). She has received 28 and should hear from all chapter presidents. If you need another copy, please contact Nina.

Enthusiastically,  
*Olive*



- If time permits, here are some other balloon questions:
- + If you could travel anywhere in the world by balloons, where would you go?
  - + Whom would you invite to travel with you?
  - + What's a fun thing you've done with a balloon?
  - + Was there an event where you were given balloons as a gift?



## April Rain Song

*Let the rain kiss you.  
Let the rain beat upon your head  
with silver liquid drops.  
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.  
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.  
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.  
The rain plays a little sleep song  
on our roof at night, and I love the rain.*

*~ Langston Hughes*

## Personal Growth & Service Chapter Activity

*Marilyn J. Hopkins, Chair*

*Personal Growth and Services, Alpha Iota State*



During this season, we usually think of winds and kites or colorful balloons flying. Bring several colorful balloons attached with long string to your meeting. Place these balloons around the room. Ask several members to share what types of winds are there? (Tornadoes, steady winds, gentle sea breezes, and calm, still winds) Ask members, "What kind of wind are you in the chapter? And, what would be that wind's effect on a kite or a balloon?" Have women reach and get a balloon. When your balloons are gone, ask those with the balloons to move to the front and make a bouquet with the balloons.

Add as Personal Growth and Service Chair, "It takes all of us to make up a chapter. Working strong, working steady, and with light gentle breezes."



### Reminder: New Officer Training at Kalamazoo

*Jackie Smart, Gamma Alpha,  
Leadership Development Chairman*

Building a lattice of leadership in your chapter takes teamwork and Alpha Iota State is here to help. All incoming chapter officers are invited to attend the state convention and officer training session on **May 5, 2012**.

If you are a president serving a second biennium, please encourage your executive board to attend the training with you. In order to effectively condense one day of training into 3 hours, information has been updated and streamlined. The Leadership Development Committee will begin with a working lunch. Those who plan on attending will need to sign up for the buffet lunch option. Officers will obtain essential information about their responsibilities, as well as leadership ideas and collegial support. There will not be another training session in June as in previous years, so it is imperative that your chapter officers attend.

### Reminder: Presidents' Procession

One of the events that I always look forward to at State Convention is attending the President's Banquet, seeing everyone dressed up in their finest, and watching as the chapter presidents are introduced to the state President and membership. This year, as Past President, one of my responsibilities is coordinating the Presidents' Procession. To make sure things go smoothly, we will have a rehearsal for the procession. The practice will take place immediately following the Executive Board meeting on **Friday, May 4, 2012**.

All **outgoing** and **incoming** chapter presidents should plan on attending this rehearsal. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative to stand in for you. Complete this form and mail (or email) information to:

Jackie Smart  
20158 Southampton Drive, Livonia, MI 48152  
[jackie@mymartfamily.com](mailto:jackie@mymartfamily.com)

I look forward to seeing you in Kalamazoo-zoo-zoo!



### PRESIDENTS' PROCESSION

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Outgoing President: \_\_\_\_\_

Incoming President: \_\_\_\_\_

Name pronunciation, if needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a substitute? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please RSVP by April 1, 2012**





## Schools for Africa : Every Child Deserves a Quality Education

In sub-Saharan Africa, one-third of all children are deprived of the chance to go to school. They miss out because of inadequate school facilities and poor teacher training. In addition, many schools lack gender-separate sanitation facilities, often causing adolescent girls to stay home. Poverty also forces children to drop out of school early to help support their families.



Schools for Africa is a partnership among UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society that is helping more and more girls and boys get a quality education. By providing funds to support this critical program, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — a professional organization of women educators and a longstanding U.S. Fund for UNICEF partner — is helping to secure a brighter future for Africa's children.

With support from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and others, Schools for Africa Program Is...

- Benefiting nearly 5 million children, with a special emphasis on girls, orphans, and children living in extreme poverty
- Increasing access to basic quality education in 11 of Africa's neediest countries: Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, South Africa, and Zimbabwe
- Building and rehabilitating almost 1,000 schools
- Training nearly 100,000 teachers
- Supplying notebooks, pens, desks, chairs, and other essential school materials • Making sure schools have clean, safe drinking water and separate bathrooms for girls and boys
- Creating schools that offer a protective environment

## CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS

### Omicron Chapter

We will have our former mayor of Jackson, Karen Dunigan, meet with Beta Beta and us on April 10th, 4:30 p.m. at the Jackson Women's City Club to share "100+ Women Who Care." For our May 8th meeting, we will conduct our annual spring auction of plants and gardening related items. I am the auctioneer and we have lots of fun.

*Dr. Gedy Love, President of Omicron Chapter*

### Beta Omega Chapter

Beta Omega has its annual "Sock It Away" fundraiser, where between a couple of meetings, one puts their spare change in a small sock.

The socks/funds are collected (it's surprising how those spare coins add up) and donated to a local non-profit, like the food bank or women's safe house.

*Lynn Dinning, Beta Omega*

*If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. ~ Anne Bradstreet*







Alpha Iota State Convention  
Chapter/Committee Sales Application  
Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Radisson in Kalamazoo

Chapter/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: (Sales table or type of exhibit) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: bring all supplies needed to set up your 6-8 foot sales table.

Person(s) in charge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cost per table \$10. Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma

Return by April 25, 2012 to:

Judi Fisher  
20180 Rippling Lane, Northville, MI 48149  
[judifisher@yahoo.com](mailto:judifisher@yahoo.com)

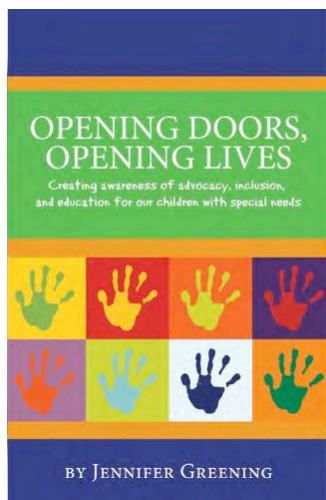


*The sun was warm  
but the wind was  
chill.*

*You know how it is  
with an April day.*

*~ Robert Frost*

### APRIL BOOK HIGHLIGHT



Jennifer Greening has been a teacher for 23 years in grades K-5. She is currently an Intervention Teacher. She enjoys working part-time in a public school. She also enjoys speaking to advocacy groups, parent groups, and universities about educating children with special needs. When she became the parent of a child with disabilities 14 years ago, she learned about including children with disabilities in their neighborhood schools.

Jennifer is the author of *Opening Doors, Opening Lives: Creating awareness of advocacy, inclusion, and education for our children with special needs*. Her book has received positive reviews from the Autism Society of Michigan and received 2010 Best Book Awards Finalist in the category of education. She was awarded the 2010 Member of the Year by The Arc of Northwest Wayne County for the work she has done on behalf of people with disabilities.

Jennifer and her husband Paul live in Plymouth with their three beautiful children and is an member of Gamma Alpha Chapter. [www.jennifergreeningbooks.com](http://www.jennifergreeningbooks.com)





## Jane Goudrealt Memorial Grant

Jane's son and daughter are offering a grant proposal to Alpha Iota State for first timers to attend international conventions. Jane was a longtime member of Upsilon Chapter and always had international interests.

Our Upsilon sister was born as one of six children in Battle Creek. In 1950 she married and joined her husband, a Foreign Service Diplomat for Brazil, Mexico and Chile, on his travels there and throughout the world, welcoming all into their home. "They were global citizens, spoke several languages, and forged lifelong friendships wherever they went." Jane listened to people wherever she was, counseled them and treated all kindly as was her way - all attributes needed by a good teacher.

To this end, Jane graduated from the University of Michigan and remained a loyal supporter of the school and its sports teams throughout her life. She taught at Eastern HS, Bellevue, Olivet Schools, and Olivet college as well as serving as an administrator in the Olivet schools. A member of DKG since 1961, Jane was a mentor for all the members of Upsilon through the years, serving on many committees and was serving as communications chair when she passed.

Presidents, we'll be voting on this grant proposal at the Executive Board meeting on May 4 in Kalamazoo. I'm including this information about Jane so that you will be well informed about her and her interests in Delta Kappa Gamma before the vote is taken.

## U. S. Forum Connection - SPECIAL EDITION

### AN INVITATION TO THE *PARTIES OF YOUR CHOICE* GALA IN NYC

April 2, 2012

Complimentary tickets are available to any Delta Kappa Gamma member wishing to attend. Honorees include Senator Olympia Snowe and Sandra Fluke.

The gala is sponsored by the Women's Campaign Fund which is a bipartisan entity supporting women running for political office. Sam Bennett, President and CEO of the Women's Campaign Fund, was a speaker at the recent National Legislative Seminar.

She has extended this invitation to the gala and has provided a means of getting complimentary tickets to the reception, click on [www.wcfonline.org/comptickets](http://www.wcfonline.org/comptickets). Feel free to share this link with other DKG members! Sam says, "We would love to have them." To learn more about the reception, visit [www.wcfonline.org/reception](http://www.wcfonline.org/reception).



*Dr. Angela O. Bedenbaugh*

*The University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry*

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Room	ALPHA IOTA WORKSHOPS-AT-A-GLANCE				
Kalamazoo Public Library	<b>Friday, May 4, 2012</b> <b>5:00 PM – 7:00 PM PRE-CONVENTION SEMINAR:</b> Please meet in the hotel lobby at 4:45 PM. <b>Let's Explore the Kalamazoo Public Library! It's More Than Stacks and Books! *2 SBCEUs</b>				
Kalamazoo Room	<b>Friday, May 4, 2012</b> <b>FIRST TIMERS MEETING 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM</b>				
Kalamazoo Room	<b>Friday May 4, 2012 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b> <b>COMBINED EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING</b>				
Kalamazoo Room	<b>Saturday, May 5, 2012</b> <b>8:00 AM – 8:30 AM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> <b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Keynote Speaker: International Guest Dr. Adriana Fishta-Bejko *SBCEU</b>				
Kalamazoo Room	<b>9:45 AM – 3:45 PM Funding Our Purposes Auction and Chapter Sales</b>				
	<b>Session 1</b> 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Session 2</b> 11:10 AM - 12:10 PM		<b>Session 3</b> 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Session 4</b> 2:40 PM - 3:40 PM
Great Lakes I	<b>Beyond Photos for Scrapbooks</b>  <i>Margaret Meehan</i> *SBCEU	<b>Love What you Do-- Bring Back the Joy in Teaching</b>  <i>Nancy Berkompas</i> *SBCEU	<b>12:20 PM -1:20 PM Buffet Lunch or Lunch on Your Own</b>	<b>Beyond Photos for Scrapbooks</b>  <i>Margaret Meehan</i> *SBCE	<b>WIAR: Women in the Arts Retreat</b>  <i>Theresa Sedmak Dr. Ranae Beyerlein</i> *SBCEU
Great Lakes II	<b>Inclusion Patterns in a Diverse Classroom</b> <i>Dr. Adriana Fishta-Bejko</i> *SBCEU	<b>The ABC's of Women's Health</b>  <i>Nancy Higgins</i> *SBCEU		<b>Have you Lived Before?</b>  <i>Pam Chappell</i>	<b>The ABC's of Women's Health</b>  <i>Nancy Higgins</i> *SBCEU
Great Lakes III	<b>Legislation: It Impacts Us All!</b>  <i>Judy Foster</i> *SBCEU	<b>Therapy Dogs-Sharing Smiles and Joy</b>  <i>Barbara Marshall</i> *SBCEU		<b>Warm Fuzzies for Special People</b>  <i>Judy Foster &amp; Joanne Gardner</i> *SBCEU	<b>Legislation: It Impacts Us All!</b>  <i>Judy Foster</i> *SBCEU
Great Lakes IV / V	<b>We Honor Our Veterans</b>  <i>Jodi Ring</i> *SBCEU	<b>Writing: It's Not a Mystery! Or is it?</b>  <i>Richard Baldwin</i> *SBCEU		<b>Leadership Training: It's All About You! (Begins at 12:30: Bring your lunch)</b> <i>Leadership Committee</i> *SBCEU	<b>Leadership Training: It's All About You! (Continued)</b> <i>Leadership Committee</i> *SBCEU
Oaks	<b>Let's Make Money!!</b>  <i>Kathy Taylor &amp; Liz VanWestenburg</i>	<b>The Role of an Induction Tutor in England</b>  <i>Kate York</i> *SBCEU			<b>Treasurers, Secretaries and Parliamentarians!</b> <i>Loretta Miles, Dr. Helen Popovich &amp; Brenice Haglund</i> *SBCEU