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Alpha Iota State President's Newsletter

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Announcements

Corsages can be picked up at the registration desk at 3:40 p.m.

Ceremony of Remembrance will take place Sunday morning (April 17) at 8:00 a.m. Please encourage your chapter members to attend.

A **group picture** will be taken of the Chapter Women of Distinction after the awards breakfast.

Award Distribution: In order to expedite the Awards program on Sunday, we are asking that Committee Chairs give all awards to the State Recording Secretary Kathy Muench at the Friday night Executive Board meeting.

Chapter Presidents: After the Awards Brunch, someone from each chapter can collect all awards received.

Program of Work Committee meeting will be held on Sunday after brunch for current and next biennium state committee chairs.

History Committee: It is still not too late! If you have current information on your chapter that you would like to be kept safe at the state level, please see that it is sent to Pat Charlton before June 1. If you are sending photos, please remember to label them.



**June 10
 New State Officer
 Training
 Lansing Lexington**

**June 11
 PAC Changeover
 Lansing Lexington
 10:00 - 3:00
 \$28.00**

**July 20-23
 Northeast Regional
 Conference
 Hershey, PA**

**August 27
 PAC
 Lansing Lexington
 10:00 - 3:00
 \$28.00**

**October 7- 9
 Women in the Arts**

**October 21 - 22
 Fall Workshop
 Lansing Lexington**

We Need Your News!

Articles, announcements, or chapter news for the July President's newsletter should be sent to Jackie Smart at jackie@mysmartfamily.com by June 20. The *Wolverine* editor would also like you to share your chapter's activities, news, and happenings with your Michigan sisters. Send news blurbs and photos to jpechta.dkg.comcast.net

Mission

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision

*Leading Women Educators
 Impacting Education Worldwide*



State Visitations

If your chapter would like a visit from our State President or any state officer or chairman, please complete an official state visit request form. Forms can be found on the state web site.



Fran Saenz
State Visitations Chairman

Parliamentary Note

- The By-Laws/ Standing Rules Committee will make a motion at Executive Board to approve the entire package of changes.
- Any member of the Executive Board may support the motion, but request that any items may be pulled from the proposals and discussed separately. If no one requests an item or items to be discussed, voting takes place.
- The presiding officer restates the question to place the motion before the assembly except the items to be discussed. It takes a 2/3 majority of voting members to pass.
- Discussion of the excluded or pulled item(s) takes place. At the conclusion of the discussion the presiding officer restates the question and voting takes place. A 2/3 majority of voting members is required to pass.
- All items passed at Executive Board allows the proposals to go to the General Membership meeting on Saturday for consideration.
- The same procedure will be followed at the General Membership meeting.
- Any member present may vote and be part of the discussion. A 2/3 majority of voting members is required to pass.

Funding Our Purposes Auction

Donations for the Funding Our Purposes auction should be brought to the Apollo Room on Saturday morning. The "Funding" room opens at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to label your donation and indicate the chapter and/or individual donating the item(s). Chapter sales, vacation raffle tickets, and pin sales will also be held in the Apollo Room on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:40 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the auction. If you would be willing to give one hour of your time please look for the sign up sheet at the registration desk.

Judi Fisher,
Funding Our Purposes Chair

Meeting Icebreaker: Photo Scavenger Hunt Sheet

Directions: Everyone has at least one picture of their loved ones with them or in their phone. Fill in the name of someone at you meeting who has a particular photo. Don't forget to ask who is in the photo.

Pet _____

Vacation _____

Family Portrait _____

Graduate in cap and gown _____

Bride and Groom _____

Girlfriends _____

Baby/Toddler photo _____

Significant other _____



Donna Colaianne, Gamma Alpha

Hershey, Pennsylvania **The Sweetest Place to Be This Summer**

Whether you are a chocoholic or not, Hershey PA is “Where It’s At” during the Northeast Regional Conference (NERC) July 20-23 at The Hershey Lodge and Conference Center.

While Alpha Iota State’s President, First Vice-president, Program and Membership Chairmen, plus state employees, go early for leadership development training. Other members can arrive there early, too, to participate in Tuesday and Wednesday pre-conference tours of the Quilt and Textile Museum and Heritage Center of Lancaster; Eisenhower’s home and Gettysburg National Military Park; QVC Studio, Wendell August Forge Store/Workshop and Twin Brooks Winery; or Derry Church Fine Chocolates and Meadowbrook Gourds.

Beginning Wednesday with the First-timers’ Session, First General Session and Pennsylvania Night, members will join together to learn, celebrate, and enjoy one another. Guests are, of course, invited to join in the good times the NERC provides, but may also choose to swim, play golf, visit Hershey Park, a nearby amusement park with 55 world-class rides, and spend time at Hershey Gardens or The Hershey Story, all a mere shuttle away.

Throughout the conference world renowned speakers and presenters, Society and professional workshops emphasizing education in the digital arena, vendors and exhibits, receptions and delicious meals will delight us all. Built into each day’s schedule is morning exercise and plenty of free time to sightsee, shop and mingle with new or old friends. Friday’s Night on the Town options include Dinner with the Amish; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Sight and Sound’s Millennium Theatre; Horse Racing and the Hollywood Casino at Penn National; or a Great American Picnic at Hershey Park, including a Twilight Pass to the rides, shows, concerts, water parks, and Zoo America.

Our traditional Saturday night banquet will be preceded by a reception, then, we will proudly watch our own Michigan State Organization President as she is presented to all before we relish the food and camaraderie for the last time before departure for home.

Want to learn more about the Northeast Regional Conference? Go to the International web site (DKG.org); follow the path to Events, Regional Conferences, Northeast Regional where you will find the schedule, activity descriptions, and registration forms. As you explore the provided information, you will see that there is plenty to do at the Northeast Regional Conference. Hershey. PA definitely is “The Place to Be” this July.

Sally Garrison, State Executive Secretary



Get Smart!

State President - Jackie Smart



Chapter Presidents and PAC Chairmen,

Welcome to the State Convention at the Crowne Plaza Detroit Metro Airport and the combined 2011 State Executive Board and General Membership Meeting. At this convention we are celebrating the 73rd anniversary of the founding of Alpha Iota State. Michigan's founders would be happy to see how DKG has grown. We recognize outstanding women educators as well as support their personal and professional growth by offering SBCEU for workshop sessions.

As the second year of the biennium begins for Chapter Presidents, I thank you for all your dedication and work. Michigan has a vibrant group of women educators who truly **Hold the Key** to making Delta Kappa Gamma great.

A special thank you to the many volunteers who have helped make the preparations for this convention. Thanks go to the convention chair, Liz VanWestenburg; convention registrar, Judi Fisher; and convention treasurer, Cindy Dietz. Thanks also go to:

- Zeta Chapter for flowers and promotions
- Alpha Chapter for being out greeters and pointing us in the right direction
- Gamma Gamma and Alpha Rho Chapters for coordinating our properties
- Kappa Chapter for the Founders' Celebration
- Lambda and Beta Delta Chapters for making our Awards Brunch favors
- Lastly, a big shout out for my chapter Gamma Alpha. They have supported me wholeheartedly throughout my biennium. They organized registration packets prior to convention, manned the registration table, carried numerous boxes, computers, data projectors from my car, passed out banquet favors, and will be selling the leftover favors Sunday morning after the Awards Brunch. It definitely takes a village behind you to be State President. I love each and every one

of you. Please see all the credits on pages 9 and 10 of the convention program.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the past presidents, my state officers (who have become real sisters to me,) and state committee chairman who has served on the Executive Board during the past biennium. You have earned my appreciation and respect as you have carried on the work of our Founders by making our state organization stronger. As you look back, take time to enjoy your accomplishments. As you look forward to your future in the Society, consider new opportunities of service within the state and also at the International level.

I hope many of you will treat yourselves to the Northeast Regional Conference, July 20 - 23, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Please see the international website or February/March International Δ K Γ News for details on tours and registration for the Northeast Regional Convention in Hershey. Deadline for registration is June 20. Be aware there is a \$48 penalty for registering late.

To facilitate a smooth transition and to assist the newly appointed state committee chairman, I urge current state officers and committee chairmen to attend the change-over PAC meeting in Lansing at the Lexington Hotel on June 11th. It is extremely important that as a Key Woman Educator that you mentor and assist the new person for the next biennium by sharing the responsibilities of the job with your successor.

The 2009 - 2011 biennium seems to have come and gone so quickly. This must be due to an unknown law of Physics - "Time moves faster as you grow older." This has been a wonderful experience and I thank your all for your support, dedication, commitment and passion for our Society. My theme for the biennium has been ***Δ K Γ Service, Sharing, Sisterhood, Scholarship - We Hold the Key.*** I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State President. It has been a privilege working with the state officers, past state presidents, and committee chairmen.

Jackie