

# Alpha Iota State Speaker's Bureau



Dear Members,

Your Program Chairs asked for this information and the following people have agreed to participate. More speakers will be added throughout the year.

Please contact the speaker and offer one or more dates. Speakers know that they will not be paid, but may receive donations for mileage or a meal.

Compiled by Olive Horning, First Vice President and Program Chair

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**Chapter:** Beta Rho

**Area:** (A) B C D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Solving the Reading Puzzle*

Multi-sensory, balanced literacy pre-reading program.

Need computer, projector, screen

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Sandy is a member of Beta Rho and has made presentations at State, Regional, and International meetings.

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**Chapter:** Beta Omega

**Area:** A B C (D)

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Sand + Heat = Glass*

I have the “Sand + Heat = Glass” DVD and a Mac laptop. Need the projector and speakers to use with the laptop, extension cord.

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

I got a “Glass and Clay” badge when I was a Girl Scout. It’s framed and hanging in my studio. The seeds for art were planted early!

Luckily, an opportunity to try glass again as an adult presented itself, and from the first blown bubble I was hooked. Penland School for Crafts in North Carolina was a wonderful place to fall in love with glassblowing again.

My studio, in northern Michigan, is where I love to demonstrate the links shared by Art, Science, and History for school groups, and other visitors. I also teach glass lessons in my studio and through North Central Michigan College.

This “Sand + Heat = Glass” film documents my educational demonstration, and was made possible though a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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**Chapter:** Beta Lambda, Lapeer County

Area: A B (C) D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Sharing SPACE Experiences*

I need a projector to go with my laptop.

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

I have become active in instructing elementary children in space related topics. I attended SPACE camp and raise money to send children to camp. I have experienced weightless flight and even applied to be an astronaut. I self published four books about constellations.

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Chapter: Alpha Tau

Area: A B C (D)

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Leading with Character by Seeing the Possibilities Around You*

This session will begin with a video photographed by Dewitt Jones. Dewitt is a nationally acclaimed photographer for National Geographic magazine. He has now developed some phenomenal leadership materials. We will discuss the possibilities that we are exposed to in our daily lives but do not always take the time or have the mind set to see. Participants will leave this session with renewed energy to recognize abundance, tolerate and appreciate change, help you see your own edge, and help you be the best for the world.

*A Female Teacher in a Male Prison*

This session will explain the day-to-day activities of a female teacher in a male prison. The reality is that there is not too much difference between inmates and middle school social skills.

*Leading With Your Heart*

How many times have we instinctively known the right thing to do? This is called leading with your heart. There have been many research based studies on the topic and we will review those things that we know are the things that teachers, parents, and students need to hear from us.

*The Many Hats of Leadership*

The life of any administrator is always interesting, sometimes frightening, and sometimes energy sapping. During the course of the day, the administrator changes “hats” to fit each situation and occasionally wears clown shoes to stomp out the fires.

I have my own equipment

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Nancy is the governance officer for the Bay Mills Community College’s Charter Schools Office. She is also the department chair for Communications and Criminal Justice, as well as teaching classes. Prior to being Superintendent of Rudyard Area Schools, she was employed by the Michigan Department of Corrections as a teacher, administrative assistant to the Warden, and as an academic and vocational advisor to over 3,500 male inmates. She believes that the pursuit of learning, whether it is in a classroom or in life’s lessons, creates an environment to challenge an individual to think.

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**Chapter:** Alpha Theta

**Area:** A B (C) D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Garden Color with Performing Perennials*

As new varieties are introduced, you can have long blooming plants that compete with annuals and don't need to be replaced every year. Have the colorful garden you want with plants that will thrive in your garden. I am happy to answer your gardening questions, also.

No special equipment needed.

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Shaila Jehle, Master Gardener

Shaila is a member of Alpha Theta Chapter and has served in many state chairmanships.

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**Area:** A B (C) D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*My Shirt Came from Where?*

Using clothing, choose dress for a person. Then, reading labels, find where they were made. Map on a globe or world map and connect the dots. This is all to show our interdependence with the rest of the world. Many lessons can branch off from this exercise, enhanced by interesting discussions. Lesson plans will be provided. It is a fun and informative activity.

A data projector is needed.

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Sharleen is a past Alpha Iota State President, teacher and administrator from elementary through college level, and a geography teacher and trainer.

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**Area:** A B (C) D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Model United Nations - the Classroom*

Sharing ideas for the World History classroom while bringing modern issues to light with an interactive classroom

I need a projector.

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Anne has a BA in History from MSU and an MAT from Wayne State and have been honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards, the Michigan Historical Society, and the local UNA organization in Lansing. She has taught at Williamston High School for eleven years and facilitated the Model UN program at the high school. She used that form of debate for teaching modern issues.

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**Chapter:** Beta Omicron

**Area:** A B (C) D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Writing Your Memoirs*

Presenting various ways of sharing your memoirs with family

No equipment needed.

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Mary has been a member of DKG since 1971. She is a past state president and has served on various state and chapter committees. Mary is presently chapter President and Treasurer.

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**Area:** A B (C) D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Legislative Topics that Relate to Teacher Retirement*

No equipment needed

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Judy is a past Alpha Iota State President. She has been a member and chair of several International Committees. Currently she is State Legislative committee chair.

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**Area:** (A) B C D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Mail to the Military*

No equipment is needed.

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Jodi completed 31 years of teaching in Plymouth Canton Schools, elementary and middle levels. She earned her BA in elementary education from MSU and a MA in Reading from EMU.

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**Area:** A B C (D)

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Math Music and Manipulatives*  
*Rocking Rhythm and Reading*  
*Rosie, the Little Red Hen, Rewrites the Story*  
*Fancy Footwork* (Folk dancing tied to language)

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Nancy is a member of Alpha Xi Chapter in Alpena. She is state co- chair for Music and has been a soloist at several International Conventions and Regional Conferences.

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**Chapter:** Gamma Beta

**Area:** A B (C) D

**Program Titles, Descriptions, and Equipment Needed:**

*Corrie's Reflections*

This is a first person impression of Corrie ten Boom who worked in the Dutch Underground during WWII. This inspirational story will touch your heart. This program is based on *The Hiding Place* and personal letters from Miss Ten Boom.

*Leaders Make Time*

If you want a job done, ask a busy person. Have you heard that? Learn tips about organizing your time in order to get everything done. Help your leadership team to do the same.

*The Art of Clowning*

For more than twenty years, I used clowning to build self esteem and confidence in my special education students. Listen as I tell you how to be innovative in your classroom and still have an educationally sound program.

No equipment needed

**Brief Biography/Introduction:**

Olive is a 21 year member of Gamma Beta Chapter. She has held many chapter and state level offices. Currently, she is Alpha Iota State First Vice President. Olive has presented at State, Regional and International meetings.

## Non Member Section

**Long Term Care**

Lamont Smith  
NEA Members Benefit  
3340 Aurora Dr.  
Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-6479

**Long Term Care**

Damon Wilson  
P. O. Box 2573  
East Lansing, MI 48826  
1-800-292-1934



Long term care available to MEA-Retired members

**Health Issue and medications**

**Fitness and Learning**

**Dietary Supplements – What Works and What Doesn't**

**Getting the Most from Your Doctor Visits**

**“Know Your Numbers, Fix your Numbers” on prevention of heart attacks and strokes**

Dr. Steve TePastte

1216 Kendale Blvd.

P.O. Box 2573

East Lansing, MI 48826

1-800-292-1934 Ext 4028

**Aging and the Immune System**

Dr. Mary Ann Shannon

Lake Superior State University

650 Easterday Ave.

Sault St. Marie, MI 49783

906-632-6841

**Blue Cross Blue Shield and Medicare Advantage**

Branko Bojicic

MPSERS Customer Service Administrator

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**Retirement Issues and Legislation**

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### **Antique Road Show**

Have members bring to the meeting a special antique they own. Have a local antique dealer and appraiser come to the meeting and discuss antiques and appraise items members brought.

### **Historical Society**

Ed Glotelty  
7119 N. Indian Trail  
Oscoda, MI 48750  
989-739-3178

**Contact the local Historical Society in your area.**

### **Estate Planning**

Steven Hicks  
Hicks and Millbrook, Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
209 Bridge St.  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
517-627-2044

### **Estate Planning**

James Bacarella  
1228 East US 23  
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## **Saving the Great Lakes**

Ken Beaussart

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website: Michigan Office of Great Lakes

Governmental efforts to monitor and protect public water resources.

## **Great Lakes Center**

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## **Senior Issues**

### **Five Wishes**

Video Tape (purchased)

P.O. Box 1661

Tallahassee FL 32302

[www.agingwithdignity.org](http://www.agingwithdignity.org)

An explanation of the program of five end-of-life projects that ease the final arrangements by loved ones.

### **African Adventures**

Dan Donarski

404 Golf Court

Sault St. Marie, MI 49783

906-632-1947

[huntershornadventures.com](http://huntershornadventures.com)

Writer and traveler who owns an African Based business

### **Trip to Ryuo-Cho Japan**

Judy Goetz

31807 Tourist Row

Drummond Island, MI 49774

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A PowerPoint show of her trip to Japan

