



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA



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SEE YOU AT THE ALPHA IOTA FALL WORKSHOP OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2011

Vision without action
is merely a dream.
Action without vision
just passes the time.
Vision with action
can change the world.
by Joel A. Barker

NOTES FROM OLIVE

EXCITING AND CHALLENGING TIMES

This is an exciting time for Alpha Iota State! Each member has a dream about what the coming year will bring. Some of us are facing family or employment challenges. Some of us have accepted new positions in our state organization. We are challenged to recruit committee members and determine a mission for our committees.

Chapter officers are facing challenges of their second year. Meetings will be scheduled, programs will be planned, and prospective members will be contacted. Yes, we have dreams! We are key women educators who can make those dreams evolve into vision with action in order to pursue our mission.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Hershey, PA was the place to be for our Northeast Regional Conference! Thirty-two Michigan members registered for the conference and we scurried around to attend general sessions and breakout sessions. Some state chairs attended trainings that began before the actual conference and will use that information to lead us in this biennium.

Wednesday night found us being entertained at Pennsylvania Night with tap dancers and dueling pianists. The evening was topped off with a buffet of Pennsylvania food.

FALL CONFERENCE

I am excited to be meeting and working with you chapter presidents in a new way. Please plan to attend the Fall Conference on October 21-22 at the Lexington Lansing Hotel.

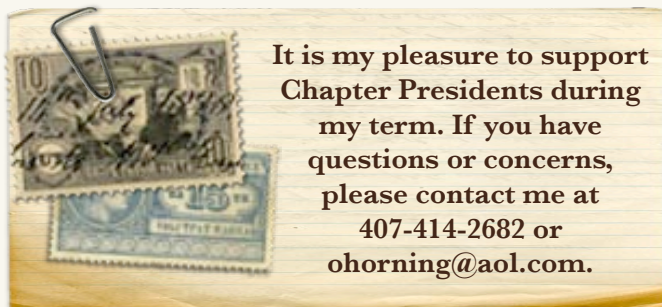
One of your responsibilities is to attend the Executive Board meeting on October 21. It is where you will be receiving information from our new state committee chairs to take to chapter members. Please remember that if you cannot attend, you must send a representative. I would appreciate knowing that well before October 21. In order that I may be able to lead Alpha Iota State, I need your help.

OUR STATE PROJECT

Our state project is Ten Interesting Women. Dr. Dorothy Sample will be coordinating this project. You will see more information in the newsletter. This is a project in which every chapter can participate.

CHAPTER PROJECTS

You will be continuing to lead your chapters successfully while engaging in International and Alpha Iota State project initiatives. Our two International projects are Schools for Africa and Support for Early Career Educators. (continued...)



It is my pleasure to support Chapter Presidents during my term. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 407-414-2682 or ohorning@aol.com.

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(President's Notes, cont.)

We are limited to sending funds for Schools for Africa. For example, \$10.00 will buy a learner kit for one student in Mali and Mozambique. It contains a bag, stationery, a mini atlas and math tables. The DKG website offers many suggestions for chapters or members to support this project.

Teachers Helping Another Teacher (THAT) is a program that chapters can select to use to nurture Early Career Educators. Each chapter is urged to keep track of time and monies spent in support of Early Career Educators. A phony check will be presented to a governmental official in Washington DC in the summer of 2012 representing the amount of support that our Society given to education.

CHAPTER WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Chapter Presidents and Personal Growth and Service Chairs, please begin the process of naming your Chapter Woman of Distinction. The forms for nomination for both Chapter Woman of Distinction and The Alpha Iota State Woman of Distinction are on the state website: www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

Marilyn J. Hopkins, State Personal Growth and Services Chair

CHAPTER YEARBOOKS

This is just a reminder to all chapter presidents and editors that we would like the opportunity to see your chapter's yearbook.

Please send three (3) copies of your chapter's yearbook to Sally Garrison by the December 1st due date. Yearbooks may be on paper, CD or your chapter website. If we need a password, please volunteer it.

Please also send one completed copy of the current evaluation form available on the state website.

Although yearbooks will be accepted at anytime, only those received by December 1st will be considered for the 2011-2012 Yearbook Awards.

Sally Garrison, Executive Secretary

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ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SPEAKERS AND PROGRAM IDEAS

The Program of Work Committee is putting together the schedule of events and sessions for the state convention to be held May 4-6, 2012 in beautiful Kalamazoo. We are on the lookout for dynamic speakers and program ideas.

Along with sessions pertaining to Society business, we would like to offer presentations on topics of both professional and personal interest. We would like to showcase the skills and talent of Society members, and we are asking chapter presidents to let us know of women in their group (including themselves) who would be willing to present a workshop session. In addition, please let us know of speakers in your community whose area of expertise would be of interest to our members. We would particularly like to find presenters on the following topics, but there are many other intriguing subjects as well.

Zumba Gold or Tai Chi, Autism, Women's Health, Internet Safety, Local Places of Interest (Kalamazoo area or Michigan) Personal Safety/Self Defense, The Economy: Impact on Families and Students, Classroom Technology. Thank you for your help!

Please send ideas and names to me at:

svanwesten2@Yahoo.com

Liz VanWestenburg - Gamma Gamma - Alpha Iota State
First Vice President

WOMEN IN THE ARTS RETREAT

October 6-8, 2011

Don't forget to register for the Women in the Arts Retreat by October 1, 2011. Ladies, leave your ordinary world behind because this year the Women in the Arts Retreat is going to be a Wild Wild weekend of crafts. The theme for this year's retreat is African Safari. Find your Lioness, your Cougar, your Elephant and craft with pride and animal prints custom to your inner wild side. Your guides for this excursion will be Ranae and Theresa.

The itinerary includes 3 days 2 nights. Your arrival time should be 4:00 pm October 6, with departure around 10:00 am on Sunday October 8, 2011. Our Pride will meet upstairs in the conference room after dinner to discuss the itineraries for the migration to your craft selection. So pack your duffel bag. Shop for fabric, beads, paper, fleece, feathers, duct tape, and sweatshirts of animal prints to set off for a weekend of friendship, discovery, adventure and creativity. Don't forget to plan ahead for the Saturday night skits and entertainment around the campfire. Come with some intriguing stories of voodoo to tell as we beat our homemade bongo drums and rain-sticks. We will be collaborating on one project, to create journals for charity. — Fill out those forms and send a check to Ranae.

Ranae Beyerlein, rbeyerlein@ameritech.net and Theresa Sedmak, tsedmak@sbcglobal.net

10 INTERESTING WOMEN: FINDING A WAY TO CONNECT (Alpha Iota State Project)

One of the International Society initiatives is to encourage teachers to stay in the profession. A Collaborative Connections Committee has developed the "10 Interesting Women Model" which Alpha Iota State has chosen as the state project.

The model works this way: Five DKG members join together to invite five currently working teachers and/or administrators to meet after work for a light dinner. (The goal is to eventually focus on women who are young in the profession, but start with the ones you know.) Each DKG member sends an email or a letter to someone she knows who is teaching or working in education and invites her to the gathering. The recommended opening line for the letter is *"Some other professional educators and I would like to get 10 interesting women together to share about what is happening in education today. I think you are an interesting woman and I would like to ask you to participate."*

Have no agenda—just sharing about educational experiences. DKG members will learn from working professionals and also find ways they can be supportive of them. Excellent connections will be made. Keep the motive focused: To encourage the working teachers/administrators to remain in the profession. Make each one feel that it is an equal sharing group.

The groups meet two to four times a year and, after one year, continue to divide and add more DKG members and other working professionals. (Ask your invitees to encourage new professionals to participate.)

New DKG members may eventually come from the connection, but do not promote the gathering as a DKG activity with the working professionals invite. (If you do so, they will think you are out to get them into the organization and that will destroy the equality of the gathering.)

Please send reports of your successes to Alpha Iota State President, Olive Horning, and to *The Wolverine*.

Dorothy E. Sample, PhD, State Project Chair/Second Vice-President, Alpha Iota State, DKG

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TODAY'S VISION
TOMORROW'S MISSION
2011-2013



OLIVE'S WEBSITE RECOMMENDATIONS



DKG - Alpha Iota State
www.deltakappagamma.org/MI



DKG - Home Website
www.dkg.org



DKG - Alpha State - Texas
www.alphastatetexas.org



Inspiring Teachers
www.inspiringteachers.com



Women in Leadership
www.guide2womenleaders.com



Simple Truths - Motivational Gifts
www.simpletruths.com

