



Delta Kappa Gamma

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Today's Vision

Tomorrow's Mission



Message from the President

*The autumn leaves drift by my window...
The falling leaves of red and gold.*

Autumn Leaves, Lyrics by Johnny Mercer

This is the season for enjoying the vibrant colors of nature's paintbrush! Isn't it wonderful that we have eyes to see the beautiful leaves, ears to hear them rustle, and the sense of smell to identify the different fragrances in the air!

Presidents, you want chapters and members to be as vibrant as the leaves! This is the time to support your yearbook editor as she completes this important document for the chapter.

I want to remind you of two important registrations: Women in The Arts Retreat and our Fall Conference. Registration forms are online.

I do hope that you will consider applying for the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar to be held in Austin in the summer of 2012. It is limited to 30 women worldwide and I know that some of you should apply! It is a life changing experience. Please contact Nancy Everett or any of previous recipients for suggestions about completing the application. Information is on the International website.

Please begin thinking about participating in our state project, "Ten Interesting Women." Information

is online and Mu chapter members will be presenting a workshop at the Fall Conference. Participation will count toward the Award of the Rose.

Dr. Paula Dent asks that you send chapter Strategic Plans to me by March 1, 2012. You will receive a point toward the Award of the Rose. One note, you do not have to update each year. If you updated for 2011, just send the same plan.

NEW

Coordinating Councils will meet in Round Tables after the Executive Board meeting. Look for the information that Dr. Gedy Love and Julie Usher submitted.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta Chapter, as Alpha Iota State Recording Secretary. Dr. Dorothy French regretfully resigned due to unforeseen circumstances.

I recently appointed Sharron LaHaie, Alpha Xi Chapter, as President at Large from Area D. Welcome to the President's Advisory Council!

Presidents, please share this newsletter with your chapter members!

Enthusiastically yours, *Olive*



- Women in the Arts Retreat, Ralph McMullan Conference Center, RoscommonOctober 6-8, 2011
- Alpha Iota Fall Conference, Lexington Lansing HotelOctober 21-22, 2011
- Spring PAC, Lexington Lansing HotelMarch 17, 2012
- Alpha Iota State Convention, Radisson Kalamazoo CenterMay 4-6, 2012
- International Convention, NYC, NYJuly 24-28, 2012





Alpha Iota State Project: 10 Interesting Women — Finding a Way to Connect

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. Attached to the President's mailing and on the website is the Alpha Iota State Project Module for use by your chapter for beginning 10 Interesting Women Groups. Also, please download from the website the PowerPoint presentation, *Alpha Iota State Project: 10 Interesting Women*. If you need help or encouragement in doing the project, feel free to contact the state chair, **Dr. Dorothy Sample**, dorothy.sample1@gmail.com

Alpha Iota Fall Conference

Please save the date, October 21-22, for the Alpha Iota Executive Board meeting and fall conference. The event will be held at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing. Many people, including the members of the Program of Work, the officers, and our Executive Secretary have put together a terrific program for the conference.

There will be workshop sessions on a wide variety of topics, with CEUs available for most. Lunch is included in the registration fee and will feature a keynote speaker. The raffle organized by the *Funding Our Purposes* Committee will lure in shoppers with many splendid gift baskets and items. Check the state website for the registration form and more workshop information. Plan to join us for a fun and informative weekend! Submitted by **Liz VanWestenburg**, State First Vice President and Program of Work Chairman

Striving for success without hard work
is like trying to harvest where you haven't
planted. — David Bly

Thinking Chapter Yearbooks?

As chapter Presidents and yearbook editors put together their chapter yearbooks for the upcoming year, please note the following:

- Yearbooks should include information that members need regarding Chapter, State and International events, projects and resources. It should be, along with the international and state websites, a member's "Go To" guide.
- Keep in mind that there is a great deal of information on the state website. This material may be omitted from your yearbook as you so choose.
- In today's world of technology, yearbooks need not always be printed in hard copy form. For some members, the yearbook can be sent electronically and saved for future reference. The yearbook may be made available on a chapter's website. Other members may prefer a printed copy. Use the publication method, or methods, that work best for your members!
- For the 2011-2012 Alpha Iota chapter yearbook evaluations and awards there will be no changes made in the previously used list of items to be included.
- We will, however, be offering one more economical and environmentally friendly way to submit your chapter yearbook for the purpose of evaluation. Chapter editors may now email their yearbooks, and checklist, in a Word format. This can save paper, postage and money and make it easier to submit your yearbook by the deadline. Just a click and it's sent!
- Submission of your chapter yearbook is not required, but it is appreciated. The information is of value to the officers and chairmen, and the committee looks forward to seeing the wonderful documents that are created. We hope to receive a yearbook copy from every chapter!

More detailed information and the evaluation form are on the state website. Submitted by **Liz VanWestenburg**, State First Vice President and Program of Work Chairman



The Personnel Committee of Alpha Iota State is announcing staff vacancy for the position of State Treasurer, effective July 1, 2012. Please share this information with your chapter members and encourage interested and qualified individuals to apply. There is information regarding these positions in the Alpha Iota State Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2, F. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2012.

For further information and applications, please contact Kay Calley-Martin, Personnel Committee Chairperson. Home: 115 Wa Wee Nork Dr. Condo 4B, Battle Creek, MI 49015. You may also contact me by phone at (269) 964-9639 or (269) 209-7992 (cell) or via email at kcmart@sbcglobal.net.



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
- Internet Safety
- Classroom Technology
- Autism
- Women's Health
- Places of Interest (Kalamazoo or Michigan)
- Personal Safety/Self Defense
- The Economy: Impact on Families & Students

Thank you for your help! Please send ideas and names to me at svanwesten2@yahoo.com

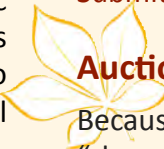
Submitted by Liz VanWestenburg, Gamma Gamma, Alpha Iota State First Vice President.



Communications Committee

The Communication Committee is in the process of revisiting and making changes to the scoring guide for Newsletters. We hope to have it completed and on line by the end of next week (September 24).

Submitted by Laura Perkins, Communications Chair



Auction! Funding Our Purposes

Because of continued popularity and to provide "shopping opportunities" for our members, plans are being made to conduct another "large and small item" auction at Fall Conference in Lansing.

Your donations as individual members or chapters are much appreciated and will count towards meeting one of the criteria points for the Award of the Rose. If you want to help with the auction contact me at: judifisher@yahoo.com.

Submitted by Judi Fisher, Funding Our Purposes Chair.



Luncheon with Dr. Paula Dent and Jean Gray, Past International Presidents and Sally Garrison, our Executive Secretary.





News from the Alpha Iota State Coordinating Councils

As our year begins, Julie and Gedy have been busy organizing the Coordinating Council Subcommittee. They are pleased to welcome:

Phyllis Swonk Cascades Council swonkp@hotmail.com
Sally Garrison Oakland County Council wsarahsally@aol.com
Dr. Barbara Souve Riverlake Council barbarasouvre@att.net
Norrie Slater Kenowa Council norrie24@yahoo.com
Jackie Smart Metro Council Jacquelyn.smart@gmail.com
Maria Gonzalez Flint Council mgonzalez6bhfs@yahoo.com

The Great Southwest Coordinating Council is having its Annual Event on October 27, 2011 at the Van Buren ISD Technology Center, 250 South Street, Lawrence MI. The Great Southwest Coordinating Council has planned an evening of fellowship, fund raising, and entertainment. The "Deep Fried Pickle Band" performs "jugabilly hokum music." This council is celebrating its eleventh anniversary. Pamela Chappell will share her musical talents, too. If you wish to attend, contact Dee Beaumont at 1354 Honeysuckle, Niles MI 49120. Make your check for \$19.00, payable to Delta Kappa Gamma. The Great Southwest Coordinating Council welcomes all of us!

The Flint Area Coordinating Council met on August 18, 2011. This council is planning its next event.

All Coordinating Councils will have the opportunity to meet at the Alpha Iota State Workshop in Lansing on Friday, October 21, 2011, after the Executive

Board Meeting. Gedy and Julie will be there to update and to help. There has been some interest in developing a Mid-Michigan Coordinating Council in the area of Midland-Bay City-Saginaw-Mt. Pleasant. Interested Chapters can meet at the same time as the Coordinating Councils.

Please remember to contact Gedy or Julie with your Coordinating Council events and news. Julie can be reached at usher1946@yahoo.com or (989) 471-9182. Gedy can be reached at drgedy@frontiernet.net or (517) 688-3498. Gedy will cover: Cascades Council, Great Southwest Council, Kenowa Council, Oakland County Council, and Riverlake Council. Julie will cover: Capital Area Council, Detroit Metro Council, Flint Area Council, Northern Lights Council, and Upper Peninsula Council. Gedy and Julie look forward to hearing from you soon.

Submitted by Dr. Gedy Love and Julie Usher.



Northeast Regional State Presidents at our training.



Personal Growth and Services “WHY”

As we begin a new chapter year in DKG, some may ask, “Why am I attending my chapter meeting?” We want to know the ‘purpose’ or ‘reason’ for our meetings. Since you are the Personal Growth and Services Chair, may I suggest an activity for the beginning of one of your fall sessions.

This activity will permit members to become more acquainted with old, new, or returning members. It will also allow chapter officers to hear and know why women are attending and what they hope to receive from the meeting.

Prepare the following information on a single sheet of paper and distribute as members arrive and ask each to fill in the blanks. Ask members to move around the room and share these responses with at least two other members. At the conclusion, if time allows, read some aloud. Also, collect the sheets for future planning and evaluation.

Submitted by Marilyn J. Hopkins, Chair, Personal Growth and Services

Two Outstanding Awards

The Distinguished Service Award is given by Alpha Iota State DKG from nominees submitted by chapters. The award goes to an individual who is not an educator who has provided exemplary service to education or educators in Michigan.

The Friend of Education Award recognizes persons or groups who have given outstanding support and note-worthy service to education in Michigan. Every chapter has the privilege of honoring individuals, organizations, or businesses.

About you...

- My name is _____.
- I’m from _____ (birth state).
- I laugh when I think about _____.
- My favorite room in my home is _____.
Why? _____.
- The reason I’m here is because _____.
- Right now I’m feeling _____.
- At this meeting, I hope to learn _____.

The information for these awards may be found:

- In the President’s Mailings section on the state DKG website. www.deltakappagamma.org/MI
- In the President’s Packet handed out at the Fall Workshop.
- Under Forms on the state DKG website www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

Please give recognition to outstanding individuals or groups in your community. Submitted by Dorothy E. Sample, PhD, 2nd Vice-President, Alpha Iota State