

Welcome to your March President's Newsletter.

Please consider applying for the Chapter *Award of the Rose*. This award recognizes chapters that have worked together to meet state and international goals. It was established during Sally Garrison's biennium, 1995-97. Please send your application to me by April 1, 2012.

Another important award given by Alpha Iota State is the *President's Award*. The purpose of this award is to recognize chapters that have increased their membership by recruiting, retaining, and reclaiming members. Please send your application to me by April 1, 2012. The applications are posted on the Alpha Iota State website.

Please print out the Minutes to bring to the State Conference in Kalamazoo. The document is on our website and some copies will be mailed.

You received conference materials in the winter Wolverine and the registration form is now online. As Tamara says, "All the cool kids register online."

State Project: Ten Interesting Women

Many chapters are reaching out to educators through our state project. Members find that the conversations are informative and give them an opportunity to support educators.

Have you made plans to try it? Dr. Sample and Mu Chapter members have posted information for you on the website. If you have already had a group gathering, let Dr. Sample know.

Thank you for sending me your President's Reports. I found them interesting and helpful to read. Several chapters indicated that they needed "energizing." I have several ideas that I'll be sharing with you as I visit your chapter.

Enthusiastically yours,

Olive



DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring PAC

Lexington Lansing HotelMarch 17

2012 National Legislative Seminar

Comfort Inn Pentagon City, Arlington, VA March 18-21

Alpha Iota State Convention

Radisson Kalamazoo Center.....May 4-6

Seminar in Purposeful Living

Washington, D.C.....July 19-22

International Convention

Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, NYCJuly 24-28

UP Conference

Bay Mills Community College, Brimley, MISept. 29

Alpha Iota Fall Conference

Holiday Inn, Muskegon.....October 19-20

Women in The Arts Retreat

Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center,
Higgins Lake, MINovember 2-4

2013 Alpha Iota State Conference

Doubletree Hotel-Riverfront, Bay CityMay 3-5





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Grants for NYC International Convention

The 2012 International Convention Grant is available for those attending the International Convention for the first time. This grant will not completely cover all convention expenses. The application is available on the MI website and is due to the Scholarship Chair on April 1.

~ Gloria Fisher, Scholarship Chair

New DKG Items from Alpha Omega

Alpha Omega is still selling the jacket style sweatshirt with hood and front pockets. They are available in several colors and all have the new DKG logo stitched on the left front. The shirts sell for \$28-36 depending on the size.

We also have new items for sale. Mouse pads and ornaments bearing the new logo in a new design will certainly fit your needs. The mouse pads sell for \$7.50 and the hanging ornament sells for \$5. Both will make nice gifts.

This summer Alpha Omega will be presenting the 4th Annual Summer Science Camp for Girls at Longway Planetarium in Flint. Our sales help us to keep our camp an ongoing project. They will be available at PAC and State Convention.

~ Kathy Muench, Alpha Omega

**May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.**



~ Irish Blessing



Successful Beta Epsilon Fundraiser!

Beta Epsilon's annual fundraising effort raised \$1000 for student scholarships and grants. "Have A Heart" raffle tickets were sold by members and staff of the Van Dyke Public Schools in Warren, Michigan whose students benefit from the fundraiser.

The drawing took place on February 16th at a dinner meeting at Michelle's Restaurant in Sterling Heights. The winner received \$150 in gift cards, \$80 cash, and \$20 in lotto tickets. Everyone enjoyed the dinner. Members were very pleased with the results of the raffle!

Last year, twelve high school students were selected to participate in summer workshops paid for by Beta Epsilon. One student experienced a week-long design technology camp, ten students attended a Leadership Academy, and another attended a yearbook camp.

When asked to evaluate their experience, one of the recipients commented: "It helped out a lot when I was put in leadership situations. Thank you for letting me experience this!"

It is gratifying to be able to encourage our young people in their pursuit of excellence.

~ Joanne Saucier, Beta Epsilon President





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Alpha Phi Chapter

Annual Fashion Extravaganza

Saturday May 19, 2012 - 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center
6015 East 10 Mile Rd.
Warren, MI 48091

Following Luncheon, Fashion Presentation by:
JCPenney at Waterside Marketplace

Ticket Cost: \$30.00 — Cash Bar Available

Deadline for ticket sales: Friday May 4.

Reserved seating for groups of 10. For tickets
and information, call: Janine Hendershot at
586-716-2802 or jandkhendershot@comcast.net

Beta Omega Chapter

Beta Omega chapter has it's 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 Chapter

*The air is like a butterfly
With frail blue wings.
The happy earth looks at the sky
And sings.*

~ Joyce Kilmer, Spring



Omicron Chapter

Omicron's next activity for raising funds will be
our Elder Beerman coupon fundraiser. Elder
Beerman gives us coupon books to sell for \$5.00
each. In these coupon books are many bargains
that can be had at Elder Beerman, so it is a very
good deal for people to purchase these. We keep
all the proceeds from selling the booklets and we
also are given a percentage of total sales for the
weekend designated as "Community Days" in
April.

Our Omicron members not only purchase the
booklets themselves, but also spend hours of
volunteer time selling these in the Elder
Beerman store in Jackson, Michigan. As we are
really not saleswomen, this activity can be
difficult, yet our members continue to support
this event twice per year.

Omicron uses the proceeds of this fundraiser to
support our academic scholarships and our
project, "Jake and Friends," in which we send
special needs individuals to summer camp.
Mary Shafer coordinates this fundraiser every
year.

Omicron will have another fundraiser in May.
We will hold an auction of spring plants and
related items during our May meeting. I seem to
be the designated auctioneer and we have a lot of
fun with this. The proceeds of this event go to
our project, "Jake and Friends."




Funding Our Purposes

Please remember to bring items to the Spring Convention in Kalamazoo for the Funding Our Purposes Auction. Large items, small items and baskets are welcome. Seeing the creativity and craftsmanship of chapters and individuals is fun, as is the shopping!

Proceeds from the auction go to Scholarships, World Fellowship, and Member Supporting Members. Your contribution to the auction also helps your chapter meet # 8 of the criteria for the Award of the Rose.

REMINDER: New Officer Training at Kalamazoo

If you are a chapter officer are invited to attend the state convention and officer training on May 5, 2012. There will not be another training session in June as in previous years. In order to effectively condense one day of training into 3 hours, 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.



**Not present in the year
at any other period
When March is scarcely here.**
~ Emily Dickinson

The Leadership Committee will assist chapter presidents as they enhance goal setting and communication skills; meet the requirements of their Society office; and inspire others in their chapters. Chapter presidents will collaborate, share concerns, seek solutions, pool resources, recognize achievements, and prepare for the beginning of their biennium.

~ Jackie Smart, Gamma Alpha
Leadership Development Chairman

Nominations Committee

On October 15, 2012 nominations will be due for the Alpha Iota State leaders who will take office at the 2013 Spring Convention. Chapter Presidents will receive the forms along with the Guidelines, in the President's Packets to be handed out at our 2012 Spring Convention. The Form and Guidelines may also be found in the Spring Wolverine, or on line.

Right now is the time to be thinking about outstanding women to nominate from your Chapter, Coordinating council or even you, to serve as one of our State leaders.

We are very fortunate to be a Society of "Key Women Educators" with a vast array of talents. Begin thinking, talking and encouraging the idea of becoming a leader in our Society.





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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 the form and mail (or email) information to: **Jackie Smart, 20158 Southampton Drive, Livonia, MI 48152 — jackie@mysmartfamily.com**

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

Presidents' Procession 2012

Chapter _____

Location of Chapter _____

Outgoing President _____

Incoming President _____

Indicate if you are a substitute

*** If needed, include name pronunciation help. Please RSVP by April 1, 2012

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

~ Charles Dickens





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Chapter Visits

Has your chapter scheduled a visit from one of the State Officers yet? Our President is waiting to hear from you and to schedule a visit to your Chapter. She has so much to offer as a speaker or would even look forward to just a visit with you. There are several dates available for the months of May and June.

Other State Officers are willing to visit chapters too. Do you have a special meeting in your near future? Invite your State Officers to come and participate, share, or help you or just to introduce them to your chapter members.

Call or E-mail Kathy Muench at Kemuench@sbcglobal.net or 810-694-0706.

Coordinating Council News

Activities in the Alpha Iota State Coordinating Councils continue to provide opportunities for planning, training, and fellowship. Dr. Gedy Love and Julie Usher have attended the fall activities and are now anticipating the spring activities of the Coordinating Councils.

Detroit Metro Council (Area A)

President: Alice Andre

Treasurer: Cindy Dietz

April 21, 2012, Birthday Luncheon, at Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 26356 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights.



Flint Area Council (Area C)

President: Delores DiGiacomo

Treasurer: Claire Rettenmund

April 28, 2012, Spring Luncheon, at the Flushing Valley Country Club, Flushing MI.

Oakland County Council (Area A)

President: Deborah Conti-Newman

Treasurer: Sally Garrett

April 21, 2012: Annual Birthday Celebration, 10:00 AM, Forest Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Hills MI

Riverlake Council (Area A)

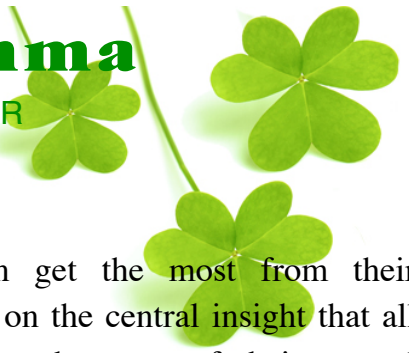
President: Donna Gauthier

Treasurer: Ann Elmer

April 21, 2012: River Lake Council Birthday Luncheon, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Vintage House, Fraser MI

Gedy, Julie and the members of the Coordinating Council Sub-committee thank everyone for all their efforts and look forward to attending these spring events. Also, we want to remind you that we are always willing to help you out as you plan your events.

Contact Julie at usher1946@yahoo.com and Gedy at drgedy@frontiernet.net.

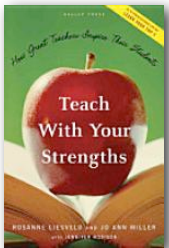


Programs for Muskegon

The Program of Work committee is beginning to plan programs for the October fall workshop in Muskegon. We are looking for programs on Society business, professional topics and personal interest. If you or a chapter member would like to present a session, please let us know. Alpha Iota has many talented and interesting members. Let's share their expertise and knowledge with others. We would also like to hear about teachers and other speakers from the community, especially those in the Muskegon area.

~ Liz VanWestenburg, Program of Work Chair
svanwesten2@yahoo.com

2006 DKG Educator Award Book



Teach With Your Strengths: How Great Teachers Inspire Their Students by Roseanna Liesveld, JoAnn Miller, and Jennifer Robison. Gallop Press, (2005)

Now, *Discover Your Strengths* introduced millions of Americans to the unique, personal strengths that they could use to succeed in life. *Teach with Your Strengths* expands upon the best-selling *Now, Discover Your Strengths* and shows how anyone who teaches — from classroom instructors to coaches to business

executives — can get the most from their students. Focusing on the central insight that all great teachers make the most of their natural talents, *Teach with Your Strengths* shows teachers how to avoid the pitfalls that lead to mediocrity and work best with what they have. The book is written by teachers with a combined 70 years of classroom and consulting experience. It includes real-life examples of how great teachers use their strengths to solve problems, battle bureaucracy, and reach all of their students. For anyone who has ever wanted to be a better teacher, *Teach with Your Strengths* offers proven techniques to help readers get the results they want.

MONTH OF MARCH — QUICKLOOK

Birthstone: Aquamarine, Bloodstone

Flower: Jonquil

Astrological Signs: Pisces: February 19 - March 20, Aries: March 21 - April 19

March is National Women's History Month

March 2: Read Across America - Dr. Suess' Birthday

March 8: Purim

March 10 - 16: Girl Scout Week

March 11: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 20: First Day of Spring

