

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER



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FROM YOUR ALPHA IOTA DKG
LIZ VANWESTENBURG

From President to President

Dear Chapter Presidents,

Please note that new members may be initiated any time of the year. Then please send in their initiate form as soon as possible so the woman may begin to receive state and international publications. There are many key women educators out there! Let's not miss a one!

I know that there are some chapters who are struggling

with membership and leadership issues and may be considering dissolution. Please, before you do anything drastic, let us know about your difficulties and we'll see what we can do to help.

We hate the thought of losing a chapter and members, and there are ways we could support the chapter in distress. There is a process to complete before a chapter can be dissolved. A letter of concern to the Membership Chair and to the state president is just the start.

Jump to Page 9 for more information from me. Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

Liz



Check Out the Alpha Iota Web Site for Current Information

The new list of contact information for the officers, the employees, and the committee chairs is available on the state's website:
www.deltakappagamma.org/MI.

Look under "Rosters" in the column on the left.

Check there for information regarding newsletters as well.

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Special points of interest:

- Biennium Theme: **Education: Our Focus, Our Future**
- Alpha Iota Fall Conference, October 25-26, 2013 in Clare
- Biennium State Projects
 - Supporting Our Educators
 - Educating the Whole Child



“Education:
Our Focus,
Our
Future”.

Chapter Presidents' To Do List

1. Please keep track of your members' volunteer hours in the schools. This ties in perfectly with one of our state projects: Supporting Our Educators
2. Schedule the important dates (page 10) on your calendars.
3. Send Loretta Miles (ilmiles1@att.net) a list of email addresses for all members (when applicable).
4. Send J-Jay Pechta (jpechta.dkg@comcast.net) the name and contact information for your chapter yearbook editor.
5. Also send J-Jay the name and contact information for your chapter newsletter editor.

From The Communications Committee

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed with the responsibilities of the presidency of your chapter? Involve others in communicating with your chapter members. Try some of these ideas:

1. Have a **newsletter editor** who will take in information from all your members and committees and type up a newsletter. It may be a quarterly, monthly or whatever length of time works best for your chapter. (If you need help in starting a newsletter, please contact Anne Wade, Communications Chair. I'd love to ensure that all chapters have a newsletter.)
2. Have a **phone tree** established for quickly communicating important news to all your members.
3. To quickly communicate **via e-mail**, when adding contacts to your e-mail account, set up a separate contact list for your chapter. All you need to do is click on that contact list, click on check all, and you're ready to type a quick message to all your chapter members at once. I use this for communicating important news between newsletters.
4. If you have a facebook page, create a separate one just for the chapter – so you can quickly post announcements in the subject and it will go out to all those you let into the

facebook group.

5. Have a committee (or someone) who is willing to send cards to members on birthdays and anniversaries, and flowers or cards to those in your chapter experiencing illness or surgery.

Remember, as president you don't need to do everything yourself. Delegate!

From Anne Wade, Chair

Put a big note on your calendar for the weekend of May 2-4, 2014

Thanks for all you do.

Spring Conference, May 2-4, 2014

Please plan to attend the Alpha Iota Spring Conference at the Historic Mackinac Island Hotel.

As chapter president, you need to attend the Executive Board meeting on Friday, May 2, 2014 at 8 pm.

All members are invited to the conference. If you cannot attend, you must send the name of your representative to me by email or snail mail. Please sign in on the rosters upon entering the room. It is our official attendance record. Your representative must sign **her name** on your line. Please tell your representative **not** to sign your name.



Newsletter Submission Details from Anne Wade

In a Nutshell:

- Submission deadline is **February 1, 2014**
- Submit only 1 (one) copy
- Submission format - choose 1 (one) of the following methods:
 - A paper copy (not recommended, however we realize this may be the right method for YOUR chapter)
 - As an electronic email attachment in either Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx) (a preferred method) OR
 - As an electronic email attachment in Portable Document Format (.pdf) ~ **the preferred method.**
 - On a CD in either Word or .pdf format
 - A link to your document if it can be found on the Internet and if needed a password
 - The newsletter submitted should be from this **late Summer** or all of **Autumn.**

This means an **August, September, October, November or December** newsletter. You choose your best.

- Let us know if the bulk of your recipients gets the newsletter as an electronic file. (Think Green!)
- Identify your editor or editors and provide email address(es) if they are available.

Send your 1 (one) submission by February 1, 2014 to:

[Anne Wade, Communications Chairman](#)

Anne's USPS address may be found in the [PAC roster.](#)

The Process

- The committee will welcome submissions BEFORE the February 1st deadline!

Download a copy of the Scoring Guide. Use it to help make this year's newsletter your best! Find out what elements the readers will be considering. Found at the state website.

Coordinating Councils for 2013-14

From Dr. Gedy Love,
Chair
dgredy@frontier.net

The Cascades Council event of "Four Corners" in Jackson was held on November 9th. The health-related presentations by Shirley Chu of Omicron, Gloria Fisher of Nu, Susan Helser of Beta Rho, and Dr. Gedy Love of Omicron, were followed by a delightful luncheon at the Cascades Manor House. Members planned additional activities and donated many lovely baskets of goodies and other items in the silent auction and raffle.

Gedy wants to thank everyone for all their efforts in making their Coordinating Councils so successful and so much fun. I look forward to attending your events as they are scheduled throughout the year. Also, re-

member that I am always willing to help you out as you plan your events.

Springtime promises many more Coordinating Council events and you will be kept updated. You are always welcome to attend any of the Coordinating Council activities around the state. You will be warmly welcomed and you will certainly connect with new and old friends.

Until then, I wish you a wonderful holiday season!

It would be great to have LOTS of our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters attend!

Spring Convention

Let's each try to bring along one fall conference first-timer.

Give other chapter members a nudge and promote the event: the sessions, the speakers,

the auction and sales, the camaraderie and the fun!

The site is easy to find and the room rates are very reasonable. Bring a car full of people and make it a girls' weekend out! It will be a terrific conference.

For registration information, go to the state Web Site:

www.deltakappagamma.org/MI



A Reminder About Chapter Yearbooks

Please submit three (3) copies of your chapter's yearbook to the address below 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 1 completed copy of the current evaluation form available on the state website.



The details and the checklist for evaluation are available on the state's website at "Yearbook". The committee is excited to see what you have created!

Although yearbooks will be accepted at anytime, only those received by December 1st will be considered for the 2013-2014 Yearbook Awards.

Send completed yearbooks to:

Sarah Shaw Garrison

Executive Secretary

1227 Lenox Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2025

(248) 540-3762 / wsarahsally@aol.com

More About Your Chapter Yearbooks

We know many of you are now working on the contents of your chapter yearbook!.

The information about the yearbook awards and the checklist will be available on the state website.

The new list of state officers and committee chairs and their contact information is listed under "Rosters" on the website.

The new logo will be sent to you via email so you may include it if you wish.

Information pertaining to the International officers and committee chairs, the staff at headquarters and

the international theme and projects remains the same.

The theme for the 2013-2015 biennium is

"Education: Our Focus, Our Future".

The state projects for the biennium are

"Supporting Our Educators" and "Educating the whole child".

Greetings from the Necrology Committee from Lynne Elesser ELSESSL2@wowway.com

These women will be honored in the spring:

Sadie B. Garner, Beta, 5-2-13
Sue Frazier Henriksen, Lambda, 7-5-13
Paula A. Dent, Zeta, 8-12-13
Shirley L. Wyrembelski, Beta Epsilon, 9-21-13
Julia D. Acker, Beta Iota (originally initiated in Rho), 8-9-13
(Their obituaries are in the Fall "Wolverine")

Janet Goering, Gamma, 10-4-13
Margaret Ann (Maggie) Gibbs, Alpha Zeta, 10-8-13

At Women in the Arts last weekend, many women were saddened to hear of the passing of a longtime attendee and wonderful woman, Sue Henriksen, and wished they would have known sooner so they could also express their condolences to the family as I do for the entire group. I conferred with Liz about sending the Chapter Presidents an

update soon after I receive the form 6. That way if there is anyone who may have known our sister and wants me to include something special in the obituary, I would be happy to do it--we want to honor these women who have contributed so much to the world they passed through. Also, you would know about it

before the "Wolverine" comes out to send your condolences. (Just a warning--I sometimes don't receive form 6's for quite a while, especially during the summer. Hopefully, this will meet with your approval and please remember to send in your suggestions as they are always welcomed.

nancyeverettdkg@gmail.com

Program Ideas and Speakers
NEEDED

For the State Convention
Contact
Nancy
Everett

The Program of Work Committee schedules events and sessions for the state convention May 2-4, 2014 on Mackinac Island. We are on the lookout for dynamic speakers and program ideas.

Along with sessions pertaining to Society

business, we like to offer presentations of both professional and personal interest. We showcase the skills and talent of Society members.

Chapter presidents please let us know of women in your group (including yourself)

who would be willing to present a workshop session.

Additionally, please let us know of speakers in your community whose area of expertise would be of interest to our members.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is looking for volunteers to serve from each of the State Areas.

We need volunteers from Areas A, B and D. If you are interested and willing to serve, we would

welcome you. Good things can happen with volunteers from around the state.

Kathy Muench,
Membership Chair,
kmeunch@sbcglobal.net

World Fellowship Auction Items

First, a huge thank you to all the chapters that sent a gift for the World Fellowship Auction in Clare. Through your generous donations, we were able to raise more than \$1,600 dollars for the support of World Fellowship. Thank you also for the many buyers of tickets. Without your financial support, we could not go forward! Thanks, as well, for my great help selling tickets—you ladies were awesome!

Second, just a reminder that in May at the Grand Hotel we are suggesting that items for World Fellowship be smaller, and lighter in size since they must be carried over (and back) on the ferry. If you intend to donate gift cards, remember that they should be for a statewide (rather than local) retail establishment. As creative as chapter gifts were in Clare, I look forward to the possibilities for the May conference.

Finally, just a reminder that there are two categories for the World Fellowship Auction donations. Items that have a value of \$50 or less are given yellow tickets and they are sold at 6 tickets for \$5. Items valued over \$50 are green tickets and are sold at 3 tickets for \$10. We need items for each category. It might be helpful for members purchasing tickets to bring self-adhesive address labels to put their information on the back of the tickets. It will save lots of writing time! We anticipate great gifts for the auction. Thanks again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Joyce Daglow

World Fellowship Chair

- **Funds from World Fellowship provide scholarships for teachers from developing countries to receive higher education.**
- **Thanks for your generosity**



PAC List Updates

The PAC list is one of the most frequently accessed files on the Website.

The most current list is located in the state yearbook on the website.

Remember that this personal information is password protected.

Remember that the password is the first two words of our song typed in as

all one word. If you have any difficulty with remembering that password, check your chapter yearbook for the words to the song.

Go to "Committees," "Membership," And then "Forms" to Forms 50 and 80, the member and chapter profiles.

Chapter Member Profiles

The International organization would like each member to complete a brief member profile (Form 50). The form is available on the Society website. See address at left box.

The data from the

individual members is then compiled and recorded on the chapter profile, Form 80.

The state organization will then compile that data. This will provide the international Membership committee

a picture of who we are.

I would appreciate it if you could devote a few minutes at a chapter meeting in September or October to complete this task.

Chapter Visits

As your Chapter plans for the upcoming year, please consider and schedule a visit from a State Officer. Any of the officers would be very willing to come and would like to spend time with your chapter members.

Perhaps you are do-

ing something special that you would like to share. Take advantage of this opportunity!

You should find the new forms for visitations on-line in August. After completing the forms, send them to:

Sandy Downs, 47755 Vistas Cr. N., Canton Mi. 48188
734-340-4229
sandradowns412@gmail.com

I'll be waiting for your requests.

A Beautiful Fall Looking to Spring

Greetings to all Alpha Iota Chapter Presidents,

Wishing you all a beautiful fall season! The conference in Clare was quite a success. Business was accomplished, baskets and other items were won, Funding Our Purposes raised money for World Fellowship, scholarships and Member to Member. Three lucky women won the drawing for registration reimbursement so their conference fee was refunded. One very lucky member won the 50-50 drawing and took home a nice chunk of change, as they say! Chapter sales were a success too. The breakout sessions were well attended and received great reviews. Those present enjoyed the luncheon and our keynote speaker, Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to organize the conference, especially Pat Little, conference registrar and Suellen Gifford, conference treasurer. Beta Kappa and Tau chapter members served as greeters and made the table decorations for the luncheon. I had a wonderful time. I hope you did too!

Please be reminded that we would like to have each chapter complete the Member and Chapter Profiles (see information on page 8, to your left or above).

We would like to have the ability to send out information electronically when possible. It's a cost cutter! Please send that information requested on the To Do List on page 2.

Please note that new members may be initiated any time of the year. Then please send in their initiate form as soon as possible so the woman may begin to receive state and international publications. There are many key women educators out there! Let's not miss a one!

I would so enjoy visiting your chapter! Please contact Sandy Downs, Chapter Visitation Chair, to arrange a visit to one

of your events or a meeting. It is a chance for me to meet members, hear about your programs and your concerns and spend a pleasant afternoon or evening with great ladies!

I hope you are making plans to attend the spring state Executive Board meeting and convention May 2-4, 2014 at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. It will be a wonderful event! Don't miss it!

Also-check out the calendar on page 10 for a quick and easy way to keep organized with DKG!

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2013-2015

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Thank you for all you do for your chapters, for Alpha Iota and for DKG! You are a valuable member of the team and I appreciate your efforts.



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Alpha Iota State: Important Dates

Date	Event	For More Information, Contact
December 1, 2013	Submit Chapter Yearbook	Sarah Shaw Garrison 1227 Lenox Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2025 (248) 540-3762 wsarahsally@aol.com
February 1, 2014	Submit Chapter Newsletter	Anne Wade (Alpha Lambda) C 1409 Basswood East Lansing, MI 48823 517-333-4529 wadeanne@gmail.com
February 8, 2014 Meeting at 10 am	President's Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting in Lansing Note-this meeting is only for PAC members; not all chapter presidents must attend.	Chapter Presidents At Large: Nancy Hood (Beta Alpha) B bchood@aol.com Dorothy Blackwell (Alpha Lambda) C dotblackwell@hotmail.com Patty Baldwin (Alpha Lambda) C rlbald@aol.com (RLBald@aol.com) Sharron LaHaie (Alpha Xi) D sharron06@charter.net
May 2-4, 2014	Alpha Iota State Spring Conference at the Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island	FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: Nancy Everett (Alpha Xi) D 2518 E. Scott Road Ossineke, MI 49766-9747 989-464-9992 (cell) nancyeverettdkg@gmail.com
July 27-31, 2014	DKG International Convention JW Marriott Indianapolis, IN	https://www.dkg.org/category/events/conventions
August 23, 2014	PAC in Lansing	Presidents at Large or Sally Garrison (see above)
October 10-11, 2014	Alpha Iota State Fall Workshop Firekeepers Hotel Battle Creek	Nancy Everett (Alpha Xi) D (see above)
May 1-3, 2015	Alpha Iota State Spring Conference at Marriott Centerpoint in Pontiac	Nancy Everett (Alpha Xi) D (see above)
September 25-26, 2015	Alpha Iota State Fall Workshop H Hotel in Midland	Nancy Everett (Alpha Xi) D (see above)
April 15-17, 2016	Alpha Iota State Spring Conference Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites in Kalamazoo	Nancy Everett (Alpha Xi) D (see above)
May 5-7, 2017	Alpha Iota State Spring Conference Doubletree by Hilton Bay City-Riverfront	Nancy Everett (Alpha Xi) D (see above)



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History Committee: Looking for You?

The Alpha Iota History Committee is looking for stories about the women of your chapter. The focus of the History Committee is to document the accomplishments of our members. (Just for clarification the Historical Document Storage is keeping printed items like Wolverine electronically.) This committee is looking for stories about individuals that reflect all that we do and our influence in our respective communities.

As women in your chapter are recognized for their hobbies, volunteering, church activities, community service, new careers, etc. Send a copy of the newspaper article, website address or copy of the proclamation to the History Committee. We also accept stories about individuals retroactively, so if a woman in your chapter has been previously recognized for an outstanding contribution let us know!

Looking forward to reading your amazing stories.

Nancy Halmhuber Navarre, PhD.
Alpha Iota History Committee, Chair
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DUES INFORMATION

Dear Chapter President,

Your chapter's dues should have been paid already in October. If previous members submit their dues late, contact me for reinstatement.

Thank you.

Loretta Miles,
State Treasurer

