

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER



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FROM YOUR ALPHA IOTA DKG
LIZ VANWESTENBURG

From President to President

Dear Chapter Presidents,

There are a number of reports we ask that you complete and return to state organization officers and chairpersons as soon as possible. A letter was sent to you regarding those reports. The report forms are available on the Society website: www.dkg.org under "Forms". The deadline is February 1. The individuals at the state level need

your reports to complete their reports to International. The list of reports includes: Membership, Communication, Finance, World Fellowship, Scholarship, Necrology, Program and the report of the Chapter President. You may send the reports electronically or mail paper copies. Now would be a good time to also complete the forms for the Award of the Rose and the President's Award, although those are not due until April 1. Thank you!

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 Spring Conference, May 2-4, 2014 Mackinac Island Grand Hotel
- 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. Register for the Spring Conference.
4. Reserve your room(s) at the Grand Hotel!
5. Consider attending the International Convention

in lovely Indianapolis in July.



From The Communications Committee

This is a friendly reminder that your chapters newsletters are due to Anne Wade by February 1, 2014. The committee has received newsletters from three chapters as of January 1st and we are looking forward to all the rest in the next 30 days. Anne's e-mail is wadeanne@gmail.com and her home address is 1409 Basswood Ct., East Lansing, MI 48823.

“Creating the Buzz” newsletter was recently received from International. Within the newsletter were two articles that are helpful to all chapters. The first article can be used by your newsletter writers and yearbook creators, “Tips on Using Images”. This was good reminder on what images you are allowed to use in your publications so that you are not violating copyright laws. Within the article, the author suggested that you use these websites to find allowed images, Free Digital Photos – <http://freedigitalphotos.net>, Pixabay – <http://pixabay.com> and Wikimedia Commons – <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Categories:images>. The websites also provide information on how the images can be used, whether you have to purchase the images and how to give credit for the images.

The second article from International was detailed information on how to submit articles for

publication consideration in the *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. The Quarterly journal is accepting articles for consideration for the June publication by March 1st. The theme is “Impact of Educational Reforms”. The Fall quarterly submission deadline is June 1st and the theme is “Teaching Performance”.

For more details on the articles described above email Anne Wade at wadeanne@gmail.com and she can send you the newsletter, or visit the international website at dkg.org and you can find the article under the communication tab.

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

Our spring state convention will be held the weekend of May 2-4, 2014 at the Grand Hotel on beautiful Mackinac Island. Chapter presidents are expected to attend the Executive Board meeting on Friday evening at 9 PM. If you are unable to attend, please have a member of your chapter attend in your place. As your biennium as chapter president is coming to a close and new chapter officers are being elected, we will be honoring both outgoing and incoming chapter presidents at the Saturday evening banquet. Encourage your new chapter president and other members to attend the convention. There will be great speakers, interesting breakout sessions, and so much more to do and see while you are there. The convention registration form, hotel registration information, workshop session descriptions and much more will be published in the upcoming issue of the *Wolverine*. Deadlines for registration and hotel accommodations are April 2, 2014, so be sure to send in your forms promptly! I hope to see all of you there!



One Chapter's (Beta) Upcoming Highlights

This information is taken from Beta Chapter's Newsletter, just as an example of what some chapters are doing state-wide.

"We will begin Jan 22 with a Silent Auction and then top off the evening with a short program by one of our sisters, Patti Kuenzel. Patti travelled to Japan last summer and she will share her experiences with us.

In February our speaker will be from W.M.U. Jamie Crandall will share information on the Seita Scholarship. We will also assemble "Ditty Bags (toiletries for InASMuch House) a shelter for Homeless Families here in Battle Creek.

March and April will be dedicated to the Arts. We have a trip to the Battle Creek Art Center March 18 to view art work submitted by the various schools in our city. On April 23 we have a Literacy Night scheduled at Voces. Their mission is to build a community of opportunity, inclusion, and well-being to Latinos/Hispanics of Greater Battle Creek. Earlier this year we donated school supplies. We will be

reading to the children and working with the parents. Every child will take home two books, and parents will be provided with bookmarks and reading strategies hand-outs.

We are looking forward to the State Convention, a new slate of officers, and our Scholarship Dinner in May.

I just finished reading an article by Dr. Beverly Helms, our DKG International President. She credits Edward Everett Hale with saying "I am only one, but I can do something and I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can. I find as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma I can always find that "go to sister", the one who will help you with what you can't do or you're afraid to try. As we look for new slates of officers, remember, there is always someone who will help you with that something you might think you can't do. So if asked to serve, step up and know there is always a sister to help you.

Nancy Hood
Co-President"

Coordinating Councils Updates for Spring, 2014

From Dr. Gedy Love,

Chair

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The Alpha Iota State Coordinating Councils have been taking on our 2013-2015 theme, "Education, Our Focus, Our Future." During the Fall Workshop in Clare, all Coordinating Councils were invited to meet and plan their events. Some Councils finalized plans for upcoming events and other Councils began their planning sessions for 2014 spring and fall activities.

As of the writing of this article springtime **Coordinating Council Celebrations** are planned for:

March 22, 2014, the *Capital Area Council* will have a luncheon at Christy's Bistro in the remodeled Crowne Plaza Hotel, formerly, the Lansing Lexington Hotel

off I-496 and Creyts Road in Lansing. The coordinators are: Alpha Lambda Chapter from Ionia. Patty Baldwin can provide reservation details. Her contact information is: Patty Baldwin, 5547 Starflower Dr., Haslett MI 48840, (517) 339-9871, RLBald@aol.com

April 12, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, the *Oakland Coordinating Council*, will have its Birthday Celebration. Contact Sally Garrison for information at wsarahsally@aol.com.

If your Coordinating Council has additional activities, please contact Dr. Gedy Love

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



International Convention

The 2014 International Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN. The first opening session will be the evening of Monday, July 28 and the closing banquet will be Friday evening, August 1. The location is so close to home for many of us in Michigan! The hotel is beautiful and the area has much to offer tourists. This is a terrific opportunity to attend a Society convention and enjoy the

speakers and the sessions, and time with friends both new and old. The registration form for the convention is available on the Society's website at www.dkg.org. There is also a link to the hotel registration. Book early as rooms often fill up quickly. Make plans with other chapter members and friends to travel to Indianapolis and experience the convention!

Distinguished Women: Chapter vs State

The Alpha Iota State Woman of Distinction Award

is a competitive award program. A member nominated for this award should be chosen because she has made significant contributions to education beyond the chapter level member who has been previously nominated, but not selected as Alpha Iota State



Woman of Distinction, may be nominated again. Please remember that a currently serving state elected officer cannot be nominated until her term has ended. Chapter Presidents and/or Chapter Personal Growth and Services Chairs are encouraged to complete the application found on the state website and sent to Jackie Smart, State Personal Growth and Services Committee Chair, by March 15, 2014.

Chapter Woman of Distinction

This provides an opportunity for a chapter to honor a member that has exhibited an outstanding contribution to education, her chapter, and/or her community. Individual chapters decide upon the criteria and method of selection for the Chapter Woman of Distinction Award. Chapters may choose a member for the honor by involving the entire chapter in the selection process or allowing the Personal Growth and Services Committee to decide. Occasionally, chapters select more than one individual as the year's Chapter Woman of Distinction. The name of the honoree is also to be reported to Jackie Smart, State Personal Growth and Services Committee Chair, by March 15. The form MUST be returned by the deadline in order for the honoree to receive a recognition certificate at the State Convention.

Jackie Smart,
State Personal
Growth and
Services Chairman

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.

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Attention Presidents:

Please contact your committee chairs about completing and submitting reports!

Kathy Muench,

Membership Chair,
kmuech1715@comcast.net

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

ATTENTION PRESIDENTS

Your help is needed and needed soon! This is a call for the membership report for your chapter. Are you missing a form? Here is an easy way to get it. Go online to

www.dkg.org . Click on FORMS. Under Forms, go to Chapter Report Forms, and look for Form 36. This form is due to me Feb. 1, 2014. Do your best, as my report is due to International March 1st.

You may E-mail your reports to Kathy Muench,

Kemuech1715@Comcast.net

or mail to me at

11715 Schram St. Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

World Fellowship Auction Items

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.

Joyce Daglow

World Fellowship Chair

Notes on World Fellowship from DKG International and Sigma State (Wisconsin)

The World Fellowship Program is a jewel among all the programs of DKG International. Unlike most of our programs, its purpose is not to help DKG members, but to assist women from other countries who wish to attend school in the USA or Canada. It began just after World War II and helped four women educators from war-torn Germany to attend school in Sweden.

In 1952, the World Fellowship program made an alliance with UNESCO to give help to Korean women. Over the years, there was a gradual expansion in the scope of the awards, including an agreement with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to help us find worthy recipients. In 1972, DKG established World Fellowship as a standing committee, recognizing the importance of continued support for these women.

The number of awards varies from year to year and is dependent on the contributions received. Who provides for this program? Part of the funding comes from a small portion of the dues paid by all members to International. Another chunk of support comes from donations and bequests.

Some Ideas for generating WF revenue:

Potluck lunch (dishes are brought by members, and \$5 is charged for the lunch), used book sale, sell favorite recipes, add a World Fellowship Fund item into your chapter budget, silent auction for nice items like crystal, silver, jewelry, "Bakeless" bake sale, white elephant sale, members contribute the change in their purses (or more), International Foods Super—sell tickets to members and guests, count the shoes in your closet and bring a quarter for each pair.

World Fellowship Tidbits from DKG International

- **858 women benefitted**
- **117 different countries represented**
- **In 2012 20 women were awarded \$4000**
- **15 extensions were given ranging from \$800-\$1000**
- **Topics studied: nutrition, computer science, plant pathology, agriculture, special education and more**
- **Contribute directly at www.dkg.org under forms, #43**

Forms at www.dkg.org DUE Feb 1!

Chapter- Communications and Publicity Comm Biennial Report: # 38
 Chapter-Educational Excellence/ Program of Work Comm Biennial Report: # 26
 Chapter-Finance Committee Biennial Report: # 40
 Chapter-Membership Committee Biennial Report: # 36
 Chapter-Necrology Annual Report: #2
 Chapter-Presidents 2013 Annual Report: #54
 Chapter-Scholarship Committee Biennial Report: #34
 Chapter-World Fellowship Committee Biennial Report: # 42

www.dkg.org

Go to

"Committees,"

"Membership,"

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"Forms" to

Forms 50 and

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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.

From the State President to Chapter Presidents

Greetings to all Alpha Iota Chapter Presidents!

Nomination and Election of Chapter Officers

For your chapter officers, their term of office is coming to a close, and your chapter should be nominating a new slate of officers for election this spring. In some chapters current officers may “move up” to new positions, and new officers are brought on board to fill offices. Everyone in the chapter should, at least once, assume leadership roles and serve as a chapter officer. Plan, build and develop a leadership ladder that involves all members and utilizes the talents and strengths of the individuals in your chapter. Serving as an officer is a good way to get newer members involved and gives them a chance to learn more about the chapter and the Society. There is officer training available and people to help during your term so don't let members hesitate to participate! Urge your incoming chapter president and other officers to come to the state convention in May and attend the leadership training sessions and other breakout workshops.

Seminar in Purposeful Living

The Seminar in Purposeful Living is scheduled for July 23-26, 2014 in Fort Wayne, IN as the Society's Educational Foundation celebrates fifty years. The theme is “Golden Dream in 2014.” There are seminars showcasing storyteller “Johnny Appleseed”, local historian Todd Pelfrey and author and illustrator Lynn Rowe Reed. The West Central Jazz Quartet will open the event with a reception at the Historic Embassy Theatre. Thursday offers a visit to Grabill with walking tours, shopping and sightseeing, and an Amish family-style meal at Nolt Haus. On Friday there are numerous optional tours available: shopping, museums, the Botanical

Conservatory, and the Allen County Public Library. Tickets for a Tin Caps baseball game Friday night will be available for purchase. The Tin Caps, a Class A minor league team, is affiliated with the San Diego Padres. On Saturday morning award-winning artist Gwen Gutwein will share insight about her oil and watercolor work around the world and why she loves capturing the beauty of Indiana's barns. A Golden Finale and brunch at the Grand Wayne will conclude the seminar by noon. Finally, buy a seat aboard the bus to Indianapolis and enjoy the ride to the J.W. Marriott and the 2014 International Convention.

The seminar offers opportunities to develop and renew friendships, enjoy cultural activities and seminars, grow professionally and personally and support education. The registration form is available on the Society Website (www.dkg.org). There are limited spaces available and participation is first come, first served. Sign up today!

Liz VanWestenburg

President, Alpha Iota State-Michigan

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
February 1, 2014	Submit Membership Form 36	Kemuech1715@Comcast.net Kathy Muench 11715 Schram St. Grand Blanc, MI 48439.
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.	
March 15, 2014	Chapter and State Women of Dis- tinction Award forms due	Jackie Smart, Chair of Personal Growth and Services
March 22, 2014	Capital Area Council luncheon Christy's Bistro in Crowne Plaza Hotel	Patty Baldwin (see page 4)
April 12, 2014 10 am	Oakland Coordinating Council Birth- day Celebration	Sally Garrison (see page 4)
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 28-31, 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 Garri- son (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)



You have the opportunity to submit—and possibly have published—an original work which you have created. You might need to publish to meet tenure or advancement goals. Perhaps you are eager to share some knowledge or perceptions you have developed on a topic, or perhaps you are delighted to display your creative talents. The following DKG International Publications accept submissions:

The **Bulletin** is a juried publication for scholarly manuscripts. This academic journal is listed in Cabell's and Ulrich's and can be accessed by members and others through university subscriptions and the Internet. The **Bulletin** is published four times a year, in print in the fall and spring and online in the summer and winter. The Summer 2014 issue, which has a submission deadline of March 1, 2014, focuses on the theme *Impact of Educational Reforms*. Possible topics for this theme include *NCLB, Common Core Standards, International Initiatives, Organizational Change, and Cultural Change*. The theme for Fall 2014, with a submission deadline of June 1, 2014, is *Teaching Performance*. Possible topics for this theme include *Issues of Quality, Professional Teaching Standards, Assessment, Teacher Evaluation, Tenure, and Professional Growth*. Submissions should be sent to bulletin@dkg.org.

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US Forum December Highlights

This free newsletter is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an organization of leading women educators with over 90,000 members. Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. We urge you to share this newsletter with other interested individuals who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma or members who do not subscribe to this publication.

WOMEN AND CONGRESS – ERROR IN LAST ISSUE

Senator Debbie Stabenow is from Michigan not Minnesota.

RAPE IN THE MILITARY

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (HR 3304ENR) passed by both the House and the Senate and signed by the President on December 26, 2013 changes the way in which rape in the military is to be handled. The bill would strip commanders of their ability to overturn or modify sentences handed down by judges and/or juries.

POSTAGE RATE CHANGE

Starting on January 26, 2014 the cost of a stamp for a letter weighing less than 1 ounce will go from \$0.46 to \$0.49.

CHANGE IN WEB SITE FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

In the past if one wanted to find information about anything to do with the U.S. Congress one would go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>. This is in the process of changing with a new web site being created. The current address of the new site is <http://beta.congress.gov/>. Both sites will continue to operate for a while. The new site offers some educational resources such as nine videos which explain common legislative stages as well as videos of some historical documents.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

The National Legislative Seminar (NLS) organized by DKG's U.S. Forum Committee occurs biennially. The next NLS will be held March 16th-19th, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, National Airport, 2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202. The NLS registration form and hotel contact information is available at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/File%20Sharing/files/2014%20NLS%20Reg%20Form.pdf>. After February 16, 2014 the registration fee will increase from \$160 to \$185.