

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER



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FROM YOUR ALPHA IOTA DKG PRESIDENT,
LIZ VANWESTENBURG

From President to President

Hello to all our Alpha Iota chapter presidents,

First, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season. I know you are busy, but we would like to share a few items of interest with you.

Think about having a January meeting of your Executive Board. Together you can continue to plan for the remainder of the year, and complete the few reports your state and international officers would like to have. The annual report of the Chapter President and the Necrology Report are needed by February 1st. It does not take much time to fill these out, and working together on these can result in a lively and productive discussion

about chapter practices, policies and projects. Also take a moment to look at the checklist for the Award of the Rose. I'm sure you can check "Yes" for many of the tasks. Note the other requirements on the list and make plans to complete them. I would love to have every chapter in the state receive this award!

January is also a perfect time to help classroom teachers in your district with tasks and supplies. Those pencils and markers they had in September are long gone, and much of the school year is ahead. Can your chapter spare the funds to provide some supplies and materials for classrooms?

—Liz

Please see pages 4 and 9 for more from me!



Our Focus, Our Future
2013-2015

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DKG Alpha Iota
Dates, go to
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Special points of interest:

- Biennium Theme: Education: Our Focus, Our Future
- 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:
2. **Check the important dates and the DKG International Monthly Guide for Chapter Leaders on**
3. **Attend Alpha Iota Leadership Seminar on March 28.**

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Woman of Distinction

Does your chapter select and honor a “Woman of Distinction”? Celebrate a member of your chapter for their work in education, in the chapter and DKG, and in the community. Also think about presenting a Friend of Education Award to an individual, a group of people or a business in your community. It is an award given to recognize and thank those who have strongly backed education, schools and students through their actions and support. Information about these honors and awards was in the packet of materials you received in Battle Creek at the fall conference. I have also sent these out electronically. If you need more information, please contact me or check with Jackie Smart about the Woman of Distinction and

Bernice Haglund regarding the Friend of Education Award. Their contact information is on the list for officers and committee chairs.

from
Personal Growth & Services

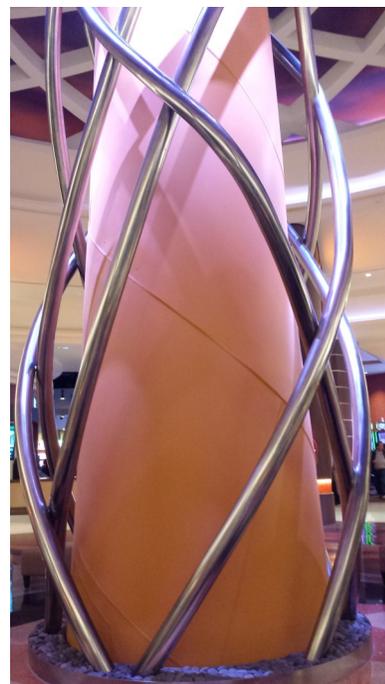


Spring Convention, May 1-3, 2015

Please plan to attend the Spring Convention May 1-3.
See your Wolverine for Registration and Information
Come One, Come All!



Above shows the Marriott. Photo at the right shows the FireKeepers Lobby. On the previous page is a photo of a portrait in the parlor at the Delta Kappa Gamma Headquarters in Austin, TX.



Note from Liz regarding Spring Convention (May 1-3) and NE Regional (July 8-11)

Dear Presidents,

Looking ahead, please plan on attending the state organization's convention May 1-3, 2015 at the Auburn Hills Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac.

Then, in July, take a trip to exciting Baltimore, Maryland (July 8-11, 2015) for the Northeast Regional Conference. Both events offer great speakers, interesting and fun breakout sessions and a chance to meet other members of DKG.

If you have never attended an International DKG convention or conference, make this the year to do it! The planners for the regional conference are seeking speakers and presenters on a variety of topics: technology, educational practices, personal and professional growth and Society business.

I know we have many talented and wonderful speakers in this state! If you or a member of your chapter would like to submit a proposal for a breakout session in Baltimore, please look for the application on the website at www.dkg.org. There is a link on the homepage and under the "Events" tab, "Conferences", "Northeast Regional". We have had a number of women from Michigan speak at Society conferences and conventions. May we add your name to that distinguished list?

—Liz

It was great to have LOTS of our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters attend the DKG Fall Conference in October at the FireKeepers.

World Fellowship Raffle Information

Hello, Chapter Presidents!

I am looking forward to the World Fellowship Raffle at the 2014 Alpha Iota State Spring Convention at Mariott Centerpoint in Pontiac. Funding Our Purposes Raffle and Chapter sales will take place from 8:00 am until 3:10 pm on Saturday, May 2. This year we also will need to know the Chapter name and approximate retail value of your donation. This is a new requirement from the state. All this information must be reported to the State of Michigan after the auction has taken place. Donations can be dropped off at the auctionroom with your completed information form on Friday evening before 8 pm or beginning at 7 am on Saturday, May 2. I also need volunteers to sell tickets on Saturday. Your chapter members can volunteer by signing up on Friday night or by e-mailing me at:

jdaglow@frontiernet.net prior to the convention. Just a reminder that your contribution to the auction helps your chapter earn a point in #8 criteria for the Award of the Rose given at the Spring Convention. Thank you in advance for you generous donations. I look forward to seeing you at the convention. Sincerely,

Joyce Daglow, World Fellowship Chair

Please complete the form and submit with your raffle donation.

World Fellowship Donation Information

Name of the chapter donating this Item:

Chapter Location: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Description of the Item(s):

Retail Value of the item(s) _____

All donated items must have this form completed before they can be accepted for

Jackie Smart, Gamma Alpha, Personal Growth and Services Chair
PG&S Committee:

Esther Loskowske,
Gamma Alpha

Colleen Retherford,
Gamma Alpha

Elizabeth Frazier,
Kappa

Diane Frangie,
Kappa

Nancy Jewett, Zeta

Christina
McGrinson, Epsilon

Fran Coulter, Alpha
Phi

Cheers for Our Chapter

The Personal Growth and Services Committee would like all chapters to promote themselves and their community. We would like you to create a "Cheers for our Chapter" display board that would be exhibited at the Spring Convention. Included on the board might be the following:

- Brief chapter history
- Members photos/and meeting photos
- Community Service Projects
- Chapter informational trifold
- Friend of Distinction awardees
- Grant Awardees
- Newspaper articles about chapter activities

The PG&S Committee would like to thank you in advance and look forward to viewing the boards.



Chapter Visits

As your Chapter continues to plan your meetings and programs 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 doing something special that you would like to share. Take advantage of this opportunity!

You should find the 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

san-
dradowns412@gmail.com

I'll be waiting for your requests.

From the State President to Chapter Presidents

Chapter Activity Suggestions from Liz

The Society's website offers a terrific calendar for officers at all levels. In the scrolling list on the right side of the homepage, find the calendar to download. It offers reminders of deadlines and suggestions to keep your chapter running smoothly. For example, there is a reminder of the February 1, 2015 deadline to apply for international scholarships. These are amazing scholarships of \$6000 and \$10,000!

Lastly, please be very careful to follow copyright laws when using articles, poems, music and songs, quotations, artwork and photos in your newsletters and publications. Be sure to have written permission from the author, the creator or those photographed. Materials that come from the Society leadership may be used when offered to you, but other phrases, writings, designs, etc. may belong to someone else and cannot be used freely.

Have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Stay safe and take care of yourself!

Think about field trips to museums, libraries, art exhibits, musical and dance events in the community, botanical gardens, and other sites of interest in your area. The trip can be almost impromptu; no business meeting is required. The women can enjoy time together and learn more about the city or town. Visit nearby colleges and learn more about the programs and degrees available-for us and for students with whom we work. Offer to help at a food bank or kitchen, or at a hospital or senior residence. These times spent together are lots of fun and help your chapter become more cohesive.

Liz VanWestenburg

Alpha Iota State President, 2013-2015

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Thank you for all you do for your chapters, for Alpha Iota and for DKG! You are Awesome!



**Leadership Seminar
March 28, 2015**



Tap, Drag, Swipe: Are you using the Right Digit?
A Seminar about Technology in Education
Members and Non-members welcome.



*Each participant is asked to bring
a laptop or tablet.*

Registration Form Deadline: March 7, 2015

Name _____ Position _____

Chapter/Other Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

**There is a \$35.00 registration fee which includes:
Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Snack Break**
Please indicated with a check mark if you need a special meal
_____ Vegetarian _____ Diabetic

Mail completed form and check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma for \$35.00 (Add \$10) if you are applying for SB-CECH credit



The registration deadline is March 7, 2015

**Mail or e-mail to the Registrar:
Marilyn Kropf, 5657 Bartonville Rd., Belding, MI 48809
Phone 616-794-2372, e-mail bigmaplefarm90@yahoo.com**

Hotel Reservations?
Bavarian Inn Lodge
One Covered Bridge Lane
Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734
Phone 989-652-7200

Membership Committee News

Let's talk membership for a moment. There are so many talented, strong women educators in our communities. Think beyond just the classroom. Church school teachers, women who teach private music and dance lessons, day care providers, women who tutor or teach at learning centers are all potential new members for your chapter. Be sure to include pre-school educators and those who teach at colleges and universities in your area. Send a note to these candidates and host a welcome reception. Tie the reception into your chapter's support of our educators. Ask the candidates what you can do to help in the classroom, if you can serve as a mentor, and what they need. When your chapter member volunteers are in the school buildings, other teachers will see them and ask, "Who is that? Why are they here? What is DKG?" The Society's website store offers a very inexpensive but informative brochure that answers many of the questions about DKG. Look for the "You and Us" pamphlet that will be available soon. Also remember that a chapter can initiate new members at any time during the year, at any meeting or event. It's a perfect time to have members talk about why they joined and what they see as the most valuable aspect of DKG.

Reach out to former chapter members who may now have time and energy to devote to the organization. Invite them to a chapter event and let them know what you are doing. They may volunteer to help with a project or a program and get hooked again! There is no fee to re-instate membership. All you need is a warm welcome, a short reinstatement form completed and the member's dues.

Strengthen the ties among members by including, in your newsletter, biographical articles about the women in the group. When people know each other, they are more inclined to work together and build a stronger and healthier foundation for the group.

Kathy Muench, Membership
Chairman

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Alpha Iota State: **Important Dates**

Date	Event	Further Information/Contacts
March 28, 2015	Leadership Development: Tap, Drag or Swipe: Are You Using the Right Digit? Frankenmuth Barvarian Inn Lodge	Marilyn Kropf bigmaplefarm90@yahoo.com
May 1-3, 2015	Alpha Iota State Spring Convention at Mariott Centerpoint in Pontiac	Nancy Everett (Alpha Xi) D nancyeverettdkg@gmail.com
July 8-11, 2015	Northeast Regional Conference Baltimore, MD	www.dkg.org
September 25-26, 2015	Alpha Iota State Fall Workshop H Hotel in Midland	Next Elected First VP
April 15-17, 2016	Alpha Iota State Spring Convention Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites in Kalamazoo	Next Elected First VP
May 5-7, 2017	Alpha Iota State Spring Convention Doubletree by Hilton Bay City-Riverfront	Next Elected First VP

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Hello Chapter Presidents,

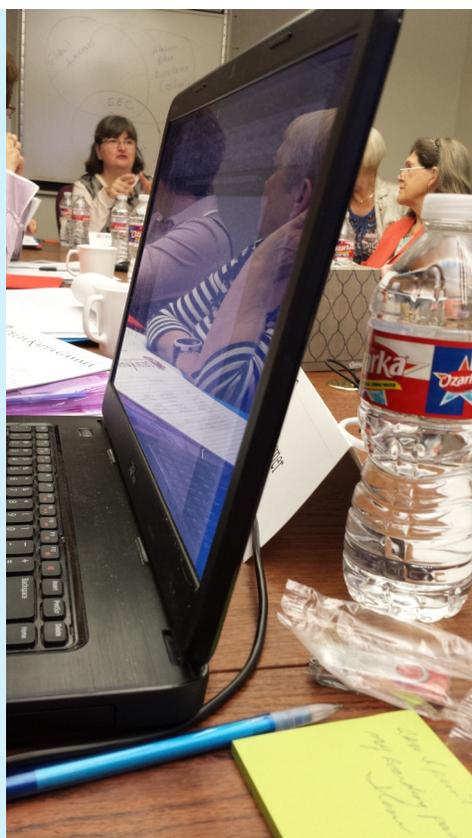
E-mail addresses are needed for all members.

The chapter treasurer receives two chapter master membership lists.

She is instructed to give one to the chapter president.

Please check all information with chapter members so we can work to have accurate names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Thanks from Loretta



Look for an article coming soon about the DKG International Educational Excellence Committee, shown here at work.

**ALPHA IOTA DKG PRESIDENT,
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Coordinating Councils: *Our Focus, Our Future*

Dr. Gedy Love

drgedy@frontiernet.net

There has been a lot of activity with the Alpha Iota State Coordinating Councils. During the Fall Workshop in Battle Creek, Coordinating Councils met and planned their events. Dr. Barbara Souve organized this activity for Gedy. Some Councils finalized plans for upcoming events and other Councils began their planning sessions for spring activities.

The Cascades Council held its annual workshop on November 1, 2014 at the Cascades Manor House in Jackson, Michigan. Participants enjoyed an interesting seminar by Joyce Betz, Staff Development and Training Coordinator for the Jackson District Library. She presented a program on Geocaching, which is a treasure hunting game that utilizes GPS and technology. Participants had a practical experience and were able to find their treasure in Cascades Park. The luncheon and auctions added to the enjoyment and success of the day.

The Capital Coordinating Council will be meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Cleary's Pub and Restaurant in downtown Howell, Michigan. They are planning on a local historian for the program with a possible appearance of Melissa Gilbert. There may be an optional tour of the Historic Opera House after lunch for those who are interested. Look for updates in our Delta Kappa Gamma Wolverine and Newsletters as plans are finalized.

The Flint Area Coordinating Council will be hosted by Chapter Alpha Alpha to a Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 22, 2015. The Brunch will be held at the GISD Davis Center in Flint, Michigan. More information will come out as the date gets nearer.

Gedy thanks 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, I want to remind you that I am always willing to help you out as you plan your events.

Springtime promises many more Coordinating Council events. You will be kept updated. Until then, have a wonderful holiday season!