

Delta Kappa Gamma

ALPHA IOTA STATE PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

For last year's words belong
to last year's language
And next year's words
await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
T.S. Eliot, Little Giddings

Welcome to a New Year!

January is marching on and you will have several opportunities to be busy with chapter forms. I sent you the biennial and annual forms that need to be returned to the respective State Chairs by **February 1, 2012**. Please see that they are returned in a timely manner. I've already received some President's Reports.

Some chapters prefer to complete all the reports together at a meeting. Others have the chairmen complete them individually. Presidents, please do not try to complete the reports yourselves! It is a temptation because sometimes it is easier to do it yourselves. Let them step up to be 212° members. I have given lists of your chapter committee chairs to the State Chairs so that they make contacts.

February 1 is also the deadline for International Scholarship applications. Please encourage members to apply. Always remember that this is one of the benefits of membership.

Now is the time to invite state officers and chairs to your meetings for an official state visit. We love to come to meet your members, learn about your activities, and to answer questions.

REMINDERS

Spring PAC

Lexington Lansing HotelMarch 17

2012 National Legislative Seminar

Comfort Inn Pentagon City, Arlington, VAMarch 18-21

Alpha Iota State Convention

Radisson Kalamazoo CenterMay 4-6

Seminar in Purposeful Living

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

International Convention

Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, NYC.....July 24-28

Alpha Iota Fall Conference

Holiday Inn, MuskegonOctober 19-20

2013 Alpha Iota State Conference

Doubletree Hotel-Riverfront, Bay CityMay 3-5

Please contact Kathy Muench about prospective dates. kemuench@sbcglobal.net

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Resources from International

Pride in the Big Picture: An Orientation Guide for Chapter Membership Teams and *A Reorientation Guide for All DKG Members* are new offerings from International.

Speaking of members, I was pleased to write welcoming notes to 48 initiated or reinstated members this fall. Congratulations!

The new *Go To Guide for Chapter Members* is finished and at the printer. It is a bargain at \$5.00 and will give you answers about our Society.

Do you ask for committee progress reports at your meetings? Committee work is the heart of Society work and achievements, and a growing chapter is well informed.

When you receive the next *Wolverine*, you will find convention documents. Urge members to attend the convention, Seminar in Purposeful Living, and the International Convention.

It is time for the Nominations Committee to seriously consider members for the next slate. Remember to order the president's pin.

As president, you will play a key part in preparing the next president. What example have you set? Will you tell her about the state leadership training? The regional conferences you attended? The International Conventions where you experienced the wider influence of the Society?

Broadcasting the Buzz

Make plans now for A Capital Experience. This is the **2012 Seminar in Purposeful Living set for Washington, D.C. July 19-22 2012**. The event is sponsored by the Educational Foundation and participation is limited to the first 250 registrations.

Registration forms will be included in the January/February NEWS and on the international website in January. Transportation will be available from D.C. to New York City for the international convention.

Participants will tour the U.S. Capitol, view the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery, view historical monuments illuminated at night and have time for activities of choice. Options include the Smithsonian museums, the National Cathedral, and a trip to Mount Vernon. The seminar is held prior to international conventions at locations near the convention city.

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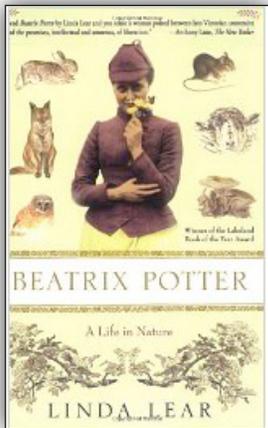
Enthusiastically yours,



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Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature Mirage by Linda Lear, St. Martin's Press, 2007



Beatrix Potter led a far more interesting life that I could have imagined. Raised as a proper young lady, she was assigned by her parents as the manager of their household. She was in charge of the servants and responsible to be sure that everything was done properly and well.

So while she was doing this, she studied by herself and became a rather renowned mycologist, making the breakthrough observation that lichens were a symbiotic relationship between fungi and algae. She was proposed to be a member of the student body at the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. But, of course, as a mere female she was turned down.

So beginning to make some drawings, and writing a few stories she became the J.K. Rowling of her time when she published a book 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit.' She went on to publish another 22 books, and to create a merchandising empire about the characters.

Making yet another switch in later life, she became a gentleman farmer raising prizewinning sheep and cattle.

Ms. Lear has done a splendid job in writing this book.

State Project: 10 Interesting Women

Our state project, **10 Interesting Women—Finding a Way to Connect** is accomplishing our goal of encouraging teachers to stay in the profession. Mu Chapter, Flint, Michigan, continues to find new teachers who are pleased to have the help and support of DKG members. Other chapters are starting groups. Please tell us your stories.

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Remember, it just takes five of your chapter members who are willing to invite five currently working teachers and/or administrators to meet after work for a light dinner. Please download the 10 Interesting Women PowerPoint Presentation or the module from the state website for help in making the groups successful. —Dorothy E. Sample, PhD, State Project Chair, 2nd First Vice-President, Alpha Iota State DKG

January is named after Janus (Ianuarius), the god of the doorway; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (ianua) – January is the door to the year. Traditionally, the original Roman calendar consisted of 10 months, totaling 304 days, winter being considered a monthless period.

Around 713 BC, the semi-mythical successor of Romulus, King Numa Pompilius, is supposed to have added the months of January and February, allowing the calendar to equal a standard lunar year (365 days). —Wikipedia, “

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Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is pleased to have submitted the name of Sally Garrison for the position of Northeast Regional Director. She is most qualified for this position and we wish only the best for her.

No other names were submitted to the committee for consideration to fill international positions for this biennium.

The committee would like to encourage members to consider the possibility of serving the Society in a leadership position in the near future.

Alpha Iota State nominations will be due no later than Oct. 15, 2012 for the 2013-2015 biennium. Information will be going out early in the spring.

Nominations Committee:

Joanne Gardner, Chairman

Eileen Rodak

Anne Wade

Pamela Chappell

Deborah Noss

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THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Please reflect on your chapter's previous Friend of Education honorees and other outstanding service-to-education contributors in your community and select one or more to be considered for The Distinguished Service Award.

Chapters make nominations and then a state organization committee determines which of the nominees is most worthy of recognition during the Alpha Iota State Convention. This is a competitive state award, not a chapter award. Nominees may be recipients of a chapter Friend of Education Award or may be other persons the chapter wishes to recognize at the state level for their community and/or state support of education. If your chapter has nominated previously someone who was not selected, please submit your nominee again.

Please see the information under Forms on the state DKG website www.deltakappagamma.org/MI. —Dorothy E. Sample, PhD, 2nd Vice-President, Alpha Iota State DKG

The January edition of the Schools for Africa (SFA) Newsette will be posted on the Alpha Iota State web site. Please share the information about Niger with your chapters. How are chapters supporting this International initiative? Look for fundraiser ideas in the Newsette.

The January/February edition of As the SAP Rises will be posted on the state web site. It has an update on Strategic Action Plans and will be helpful in creating chapter plans.

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Friend of Education Reminder

This is a reminder to chapters to let us know your Friend of Education honorees.

The Friend of Education Award recognizes persons or groups who have given outstanding support and note-worthy service to education in Michigan. The award may be given by any chapter to an individual or community group that the chapter deems worthy of such recognition.

Chapters have the autonomy in determining who is to receive the award and how the award will be presented. It is totally up to the chapter – to establish criteria, to nominate, to confirm, and to present. Alpha Iota State supports your chapter's award by providing The Friend of Education Certificate with a seal, thus confirming the award at the state level. The chapter determines who, when, how, why, and how many Friend of Education awards will be given.

For Guidelines, please see the information under Forms on the state DKG website —Dorothy E. Sample, PhD, 2nd Vice-President, Alpha Iota State

Alpha Xi Fundraiser

Alpha Xi sells packaged beans for bean soup. There are 12 different kinds of beans included in the package. They are \$2.50 a package and make a delicious soup. There is a recipe included in the package. The person to contact is Joy Shoemaker.

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Snowball

I made a little snowball
As perfect as could be.
Thought I'd keep it as a pet
And let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas
And a pillow for it's head
Then last night night it ran away,
But first- it wet the bed.

by **Shel Silverstein**

January is:

- * National Bath Safety Month
- * National Blood Donor Month
- * National Braille Literacy Month
- * National Hobby Month
- * Hot Tea Month
- * National Oatmeal Month
- * National Soup Month
- * National Book Month