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TODAY'S VISION  TOMORROW'S MISSION

Dear Alpha Iota Chapter Presidents,

What a busy month we've had — our state conference, coordinating council and chapter meetings, initiations, installations, and awards! My head spins just thinking about it.

Our conference couldn't have occurred without the help of many people! The Great Southwest Council assisted with registration, distributing favors, properties, and many other tasks. Nancy Hood and Kay Calley-Martin chaired the conference and made sure that it was successful.

Thanks to our Registrar Patti Kuenzel and Treasurer Colleen Parnell, we have an accurate complete record of conference transactions. Gwen Graham, Dorothy Gregory and Sarah Smith handled the flags in the Presidents Procession. We had touching reflections from Marilyn Hopkins, Gladys Coats, and Gwen Graham. Mary Working prepared a meaningful Founder's Celebration. Our webmaster, Tamara Webster, assisted with technology that speakers needed. Didn't we have beautiful music from our *Rosebud Chorus* led by Marcia Thatcher and Nancy Tetzlaff?

Membership would like to thank Amy Wainwright for not only designing and printing

the Attendance Certificates for Convention but also for doing the calculations!

Presidents have two months left in their biennium and there are things left to do.

 Please email or snail mail me the 2012-2014 Form for Reporting Chapter Officers. At this point my address is 710 North Road, Fenton, MI 48430.

 You have another form for reporting Presidents and Treasurers to International. Please send that information on. Otherwise, your new president and treasurer will not receive vital information.

 Kathy Taylor has posted on the AI website all the items that were in your convention envelopes. Please print those that you need for your files.

 Remember to send *Friend of Education* Report forms back to Dr. Dorothy Sample. She needs them for her reports and we are interested in those important people that you honored.

 Send pictures for the Wolverine to J-Jay Pechta at jpechtadkg@comcast.net.

Enthusiastically,

Olive





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CHAPTER WOMAN OF DISTINCTION PINS



Only \$5.00 for another great way to honor your special chapter women. Contact J-jay Pechta at jpechtadkg@comcast.net

REGISTER FOR THE NYC INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION!

Now is the time to make your plans. Don't be left behind while your adventurous Alpha Iota sisters explore the Big Apple. Our Michigan dinner will be at Rosie O'Grady's on Thursday, July 26 at 6:00 PM.

SPECIAL SESSION FOR FIRST TIMERS IN NEW YORK CITY

Tuesday, July 23, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Get tips for participating in convention activities. Meet new friends from 17 countries. Learn to navigate the Sheraton Convention Center and the Program.

HOW TO TEACH STUDENTS WHO DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU

Register for the Pre-convention Seminar On July 23 from 9-4. Dr. Bonnie Davis will lead this one day professional development opportunity. More information can be found on the International and the AI websites.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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, MIOctober 19-20

Women in The Arts Retreat

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

Summer PAC

Lansing Lexington HotelAugust 25

Executive Board and Fall Conference

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

Annual State Convention, 2013

Doubletree Riverfront, Bay City, MI.....May 3-5, 2013

Annual State Convention

Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI.....May 2-4, 2014

International Convention 2014, Indianapolis, IN

Annual State Convention - Auburn Hills Marriott

Pontiac at CenterpointMay 1-3, 2015





UN-RELATED EVENTS AT THE DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Three UN-related events have been scheduled for Wednesday July 25 and Thursday July 26 at the International Convention in New York. Ramu Damodaran, Deputy Director for Partnerships and Public Engagement in the United Nations Department of Public Information's Outreach Division, will speak on Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Many Society members have commented enthusiastically on Mr. Damodaran's earlier presentations at CTAUN conferences in New Jersey, Atlanta and Austin.

A workshop session on Schools for Africa is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, and a workshop by the Society's NGO representatives is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

Find your answers to membership questions in NYC. Bring your questions and membership ideas to share in this highly interactive workshop.

PLANNING CHAPTER PROGRAMS

It's that time of the year! Chapter officers and members are thinking about programs and meetings for the 2012-2013 year. If you would

like some suggestions and resources for planning and selecting programs for your upcoming meetings, please check the Alpha Iota website, www.deltakappagamma.org/MI, for convention materials that pertain to this task. Check out "See Presentations from State Convention." There is information on steps in the planning process, and lists of ideas for possible speakers and topics of interest. You may find something new and exciting to include at your chapter meetings!

Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota First Vice-President and Program of Work Chair

Quick Facts about the Month of June

-  Birth stone: the pearl.
-  Birth flower: the rose.
-  Astrological signs: Gemini or Cancer.
-  June is the sixth month of the year and one of the four months with a length of 30 days.
-  The month is named after the Roman goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter and equivalent to the Greek goddess Hera.
-  June in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to December in the Southern Hemisphere.





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PERSONAL GROWTH AND SERVICES

During the Alpha Iota State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention in Kalamazoo, we honored 52 women who were nominated by 41 chapters to receive the 2012 Chapter Woman of Distinction Award. Special thanks to the chapter presidents and personal growth and services chairs for submitting these women for their outstanding achievements in their chapters.

The State Personal Growth and Service Committee members are Dr. Barbara Souve, Omega; Christina McGrinson, Epsilon; Laurie Bone, Alpha Omega; and Barbara Fones, Beta Sigma. They selected Jackie Smart, Gamma Alpha, as the Alpha Iota State DKG 2012 State Woman of Distinction which was announced on Saturday evening at the Presidents' Banquet.

Congratulations to all of these outstanding women in Delta Kappa Gamma!

Marilyn J. Hopkins, Chair, Personal Growth and Services

A WONDERFUL YEAR WITH THE COORDINATING COUNCILS

It has been a year of learning for us. We have traveled from one end of our great state of Michigan to the other. The members of our Coordinating Councils have greeted us co-chairs with open arms, broad smiles, wonderful activities, and delicious meals.

We are very impressed by the amount of planning each chapter has done to make each Coordinating Council event so successful. Coordinating Council activities can be very time consuming and sometimes more work than anyone had considered. This is our opportunity to let you know that your Alpha Iota State Coordinating Council Co-chairs appreciate you very much. You provide such effective learning and fellowship opportunities.

Each Coordinating Council has taught us new tips and ideas for programs and for sharing the workload. You can always consult with us and we are very happy to share ideas and to brainstorm with your council. Please feel free to contact Gedy and Julie. We would like to come to your events and we would like to help you with planning.

As we head into the 2012-2013 season, we are asked by Dr. Paula Dent to look for activities that will Celebrate 75. Yes, Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Iota State is celebrating our 75th birthday in 2013. Consider photographing these events to share with your sisters around the state. Send your photos and videos to Tamara Webster, twebster@lawtoncs.org, our Alpha Iota State technology expert.

Remember to keep us updated on your activities and of your new officers so we can help you.

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Julie and Gedy are just an e-mail away:
usher1946@yahoo.com or
drgedy@frontiernet.net. We look forward to an
exciting 2012-2013 season. Celebrate 75!

Dr. Gedy Love and Mrs. Julie Usher

COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS

Watch for Broadcast the Buzz posted on the
Alpha Iota website!

At a recent conference I heard someone say that
they sometimes have trouble getting members
out to their meetings, they forget the date,
location, and time. If you have trouble with
this, you may want to try some of these
communication ideas.

Make sure your newsletter goes out at least a
week before your meeting and have the next
meeting date and program in a prevalent
location.

Create an address booklet that can be easily
carried by your members with the dates, times,
meeting locations, and programs.

Create a refrigerator magnet with the program
calendar printed on it so it is always in sight of
your members.

Develop a phone calling tree like the calling
trees devised by school personnel to inform
teachers of school closings. Remind your
members of the meeting through the phone

chain. Let those who missed a meeting know
they were missed.

Laura Perkins, Communications Chair

SPRING FOCUS ON FINANCE

Finance Chair Shaila Jehle would like you to
read the June issue of Focus on Finance. It
contains useful information for chapter
treasurers including a sample budget.

CHAPTER FUNDRAISING

At the convention session "Let's Make Money",
we had a lively and interactive discussion of
ways that chapters can raise money to
supplement their treasury. Kathy Taylor, former
Alpha Iota Research Chairperson, presented a
detailed list of suggestions from individual
chapters. We also had more information
gathered from other workshops and from other
community groups. The handouts we shared at
the session are now available on the state
website. Look for the convention materials link
on the homepage.

*Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota First Vice-
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*Kathy Taylor, Alpha Iota Corresponding
Secretary*





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NEWS UPDATE

Thursday, May 17, 2012, 01:14 PM

M. P.S. E.R. S. Bill Clears Senate With Defined Contribution For New Hires

After much anticipation, the Senate today passed major reform to the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System by a 20-18 vote with various changes, including a defined contribution for all new hires.

An amendment adopted by the Senate to SB 1040 that was offered by Sen. Mark Jansen (R-Gaines Township) would force all new public school employees hired on or after July 1, 2013 into a 401(k) - style defined contribution system similar to what state employees currently have.

"If we had done something like this in the middle 90s, we probably would have a zero liability," he said, as opposed to the system's \$45 billion unfunded liability. "In the future, legislators will look back on this group as the Legislature that fixed an un-ended nightmare."

Another adopted amendment, presented by Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker (R-Lawton), calls for a 12-month study period in which seven of the state's universities - Central, Ferris State, Lake Superior State, Michigan Technological, Northern, Western and Eastern - would review their annual cost to the retirement system over the past five years of health care coverage benefits provided by MPSERS to the university's retired members.

An amendment by Sen. Phil Pavlov (R-St. Clair) was adopted alongside the S-2 version of the bill that would require a disclosure on the market-value discount rate that is used in calculating system liabilities, as well as the funding status of the system based on the market value of assets. The amendment also calls for a five-year projection of the annual level percentage payroll contribution rate from the state.

Then let us, one and all, be contented with our lot;
The June is here this morning, and the sun is shining hot;
Oh! let us fill our hearts up with the glory of the day,
And banish ev'ry doubt and care and sorrow far away.
~ James Whitcomb Riley



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And an amendment from Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-Canton Township) was adopted that would restore merit pay to final average compensation.

Overall, the other major components of the bill remain. Employees in the basic pension plan, essentially those hired before 1990, would go from making no contribution to their pension to 5 percent of their salary. The bulk of public school employees are in the Member Investment Plan and contribute 3.9 percent of their salary currently; they would see that amount rise to 8 percent. Employees could opt out of those increased amounts by taking a smaller multiplier or switching to a 401(k) -style system for future service.

Retirees would have to pay 20 percent of the premium for their health insurance, up from 10 percent. And new employees will not be eligible for retiree health insurance, instead setting up a 401(k) -type account where the state would match 2 percent of their salary that could be used toward retiree health care costs.

Democratic amendments to provide prefunding of the system were rejected. No prefunding of the system is in the bill. Gongwer News Service had more on this story in the Michigan Report.

Cara Marie Spagnuolo, Director of Operations

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Across

3- Rose
7- Juno
8- Allyson
9- Fathers
10- Cleaver
12- Flag
13- Taylor
14- Haver

Down

1- Mission
2- Henry
4- Cancer
5- Pearl
6- Cash
7- Jordan
11- Vonnegut

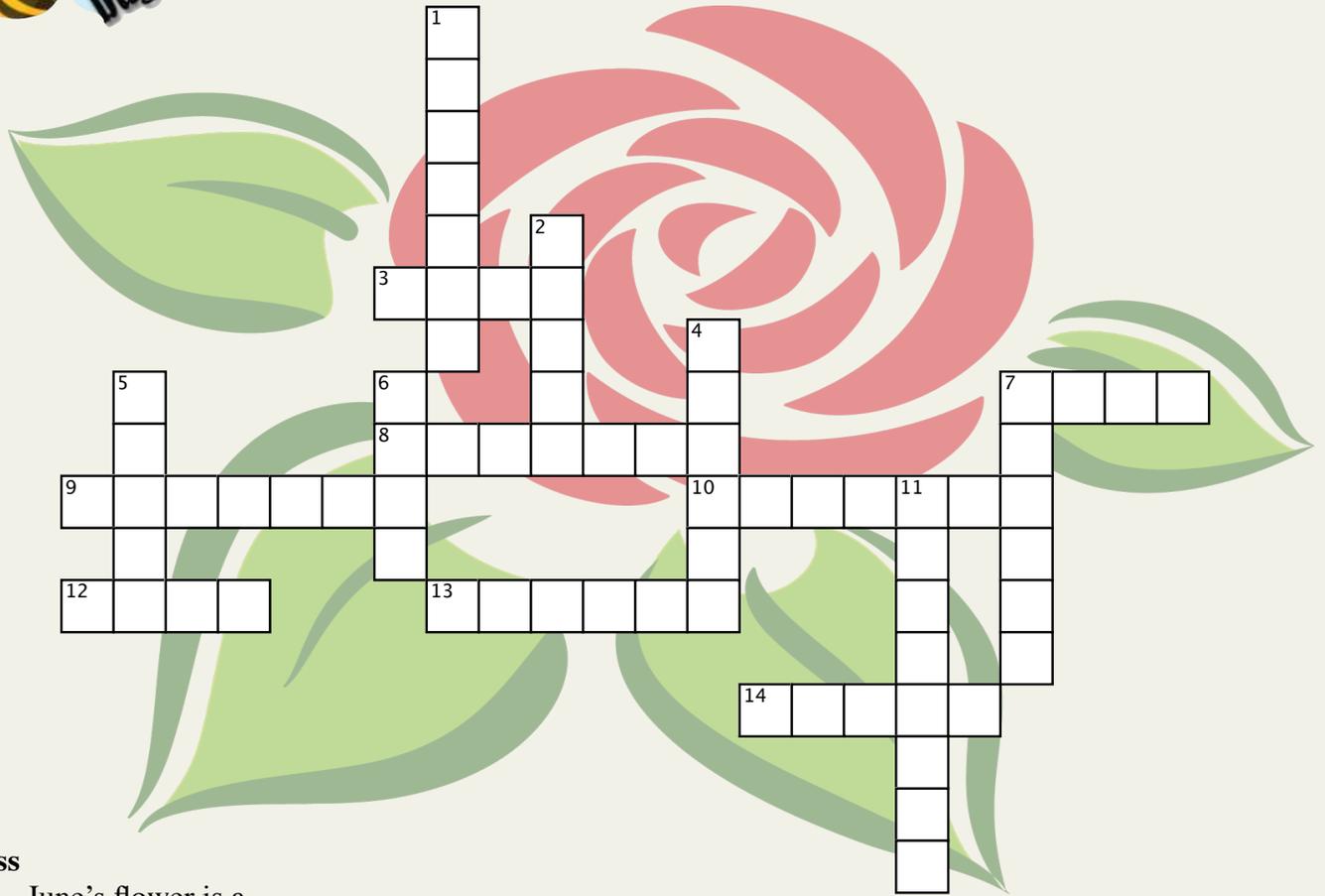
CELEBRATE — 75!

Plan to devote at least one activity or program to celebrate the 75th birthday of Alpha Iota State. A program relating to one of the seven purposes would be appropriate. Let us know if you need suggestions.





Puzzle



Across

3. June's flower is a ____.
7. An off-beat movie, released in 2007, starring Ellen Page as a pregnant teenager.
8. June ____ (1917-2006) An American actress who played (among many roles) Jimmy Stewart's wife in the movie, *Glenn Miller Story*.
9. This year, June 17th is ____ Day.
10. June ____ was the mother's name on the TV show, *Leave it to Beaver*.
12. June 14th is "____ Day."
13. June ____ (1917-2004) An American choreographer, best known for her dancers on various Jackie Gleason TV shows.
14. June ____ (1926-2005) An American actress and glamor girl. She was married to actor Fred McMurray.

Down

1. Today's Vision, Tomorrow's ____.
2. "____ and June" is a novel by French author Anais Nin (1903-1977)
4. One of the two astrological signs in the month of June.
5. June's birthstone.
6. June Carter ____, (1929-2003) An American singer, songwriter who was married to Johnny.
7. June ____, (1936-2003) An American poet, novelist, journalist, dramatist and teacher.
11. "Happy Birthday, Wanda June" is a play by Kurt _____. It was released as a movie in 1971.

