



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**Alpha Iota State President's Newsletter**

International President's Theme 2010 - 2012

*Embracing Our Vision: Designing Our Future*

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

State Theme 2009-2011

*DKG Service Sharing Sisterhood Scholarship - We Hold the Key*

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**Chapter Woman of Distinction  
 & State Woman of Distinction**

Chapter Presidents and Personal Growth chairs, please begin the process in your chapter for selecting your Chapter Woman of Distinction. Send your choice to me by March 15, 2011. To find forms for both the Chapter Woman and the State Woman of Distinction, go to the state website at [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI) click on "Forms."

Dorothy E. Sample, PhD  
 Personal Growth and Service Chair



**March 15**  
 Chapter Woman of  
 Distinction Form is due

Applications for the Award  
 of the Rose and  
 President Award are due

**Leadership Seminar**

On March 19, 2011; I encourage you to attend the State Leadership Seminar in Flint. The Leadership Committee, chaired by Gwen Graham, has planned an informative one-day seminar with international keynote speaker Cathy Daugherty whose topic is "Leading Together: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Approach." Mrs. Daugherty is past Southeast Regional Director from Virginia and teaches classical studies at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. The seminar will also have sessions on Time Management, Your Professional Image, The Many Hats of Leadership, Communication, Delegating, and The Key to Successful Leadership. Registration forms are included in the *Wolverine*, the President's Mailings, and on the state website.

**March 19**  
**Leadership Seminar**  
 Grand Blanc  
 \$30  
 There is still room!

**April 15 - 17**  
**State Convention**  
 Crowne Plaza  
 Detroit - Metro Airport  
 8000 Merriman Road  
 Romulus, Michigan 48174  
 Registration info in  
*Wolverine* and our website

**We Need Your News!**

Articles, announcements, or chapter news for the March President's newsletter should be sent to Jackie Smart at [jackie@mymartfamily.com](mailto:jackie@mymartfamily.com) by March 20. The *Wolverine* editor would also like you to share your chapter's activities, news, and happenings with your Michigan sisters. Send news blurbs and photos to [jpechta.dkg.comcast.net](mailto:jpechta.dkg.comcast.net)

**June 11**  
**PAC Changeover**  
 Lansing Lexington  
 10:00 - 3:00  
 \$28.00

**Mission**

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

**Vision**

*Leading Women Educators  
 Impacting Education Worldwide*

**July 20-23**  
**Northeast Regional  
 Conference**  
 Hershey, PA

## State Visitations



If your chapter would like a visit from our State President or any state officer or chairman, please complete an official state visit request form (found on the state web site or in your president packet at Fall Conference) and mail it to me.

Fran Saenz  
State Visitations Chairman

## Funding Our Purposes

State Convention is next month, so it's time for chapters to prepare their donation for the Funding Our Purposes Auction.

Proceeds from the auction go to three funds:

- Scholarships
- World Fellowships
- Members Supporting Members

Remember that your contribution to the auction also helps your chapter meet # 8 of the criteria for the Award of the Rose.

We can always use volunteers to sell tickets for the auction. If interested, send me an email and see you at convention.

Judi Fisher  
Funding Our Purposes Chairman  
[judifisher@yahoo.com](mailto:judifisher@yahoo.com)

## Alpha Iota Rosebud Chorus Needs YOU!



Reserve your spot on the risers and be a part of the 2011 State Convention Rosebud Chorus. The chorus will perform during the Presidents' Banquet on Saturday, April 16, 2011.

The music chosen will be comfortable for you to sing with only one 90 minute practice. To sign up and sing in the choir or if you have instrumental talents you would like to share, contact Nancy Tetzlaff or Nancy Everett, State Music Committee Co - Chairmen.

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## Broadcasting the Buzz



The DKG Society International Leading Women Educators Are Impacting Education Worldwide. Use the Society website ([dkg.org](http://dkg.org)) to find music, programs, projects, PowerPoint presentations, past DKG publications, Go-To-Meeting info, Schools for Africa information.

Have you signed on to the DKG Network? Join the nearly 900 members who have. Click on the DKG Network in the right hand corner of the home page. Enter your email address (if International does not have it, contact Virginia Pearson at International for help), then enter **delta01**. This will allow access.

The Library >Resources >DKG Network Instructions explain how to upload a photo to your profile. This protected site gives members all the advantages of social media sites, yet information is private. These resources and more are at your fingertips as you explore the many facets of the new Delta Kappa Gamma International Web site. Make [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) a favorite on your computer! Promote the site at chapter meetings by sharing the resources that can be found on the new site

*The past is a rich resource on which we can draw in order to make decisions for the future, but it does not dictate our choices. We should look back to the past and select what is good, and leave behind what is bad.*

Nelson Mandela

## Enter to WIN

Win a week in Honolulu, Florida, or the Carolina's in the Members Supporting Members Raffle.

- Details are in the Winter *Wolverine* on page 21.
- Only 200 tickets are available.
- You need not be present to win.
- Drawing is after the Awards Brunch on April 17, 2011.

You may also purchase raffle tickets from any executive board member at the state convention or you can order your tickets by sending your check made out to *Delta Kappa Gamma Members Supporting Members Raffle*.

**Mail to:**

Kathy Muench  
11715 Schram Street  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

## **The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation**

Do you want to help early career educators? Are you concerned about bullying? Do you support literacy efforts? Consider making a donation to the Educational Foundation.

- Make A Miracle Campaign - \$500
- Make A Miracle II - Additional \$500

Donations are 100% tax deductible .

Past State President from Virginia, Jane Williams stated, “Contributing to the Foundation took on new meaning for me when I was able to obtain some funding for a state project that would honor new teachers and give them deserved recognition as they began their careers in education. I have come to appreciate the diversity of funded projects when I see in each year’s award listing that funds will be used literally all over the world.”

For more information, go to international’s website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) Find the Educational Foundation tab at the bottom of the page.



### **A New International Committee**

The international Educational Excellence Committee is a brand new committee established by the 2010 international convention. Throughout the Society members have raised questions about this new committee and how it intends to carry out the responsibilities assigned to it in the DKG Constitution and Standing Rules. The room buzzed with excitement as the 15 members of the new Educational Excellence Committee met for the first time to build on the wisdom of the past as it charted its new course.

Focusing on the Society’s mission and vision statements, the committee adopted a self-definition, which will be equally appropriate for state organization and chapter committees: “The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide.”

For the Society to have the greatest impact on education, chapters and state organizations need to focus on no more than two Society-wide initiatives. In addition, chapters and state organizations will benefit from resources for programs and activities that encourage educational excellence by addressing the professional and personal growth of women educators and the diverse interests of members.

To embrace our vision, “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide,” the Educational Excellence Committee urges every chapter and state organization throughout the Society to focus on two major initiatives: Support for the Society’s official Schools for Africa project, and Support for early-career educators. Information on these initiatives is readily available on the DKG website and in its publications. UNICEF will maintain records of DKG’s support for the Schools for Africa project. Chapters, on the other hand, should maintain a record of the money and the number of hours members spend in support for early-career educators. Recognition for support of both initiatives will be showcased at the 2012 convention. To assist chapters, the Educational Excellence Committee will use the DKG Web site library, the DKG Network and Society publications to offer ideas for programs and activities that focus on educational excellence, promote the DKG/UN relationship, increase members’ global awareness, impact educational law and policy, and increase members’ personal and professional pride.

Join the excitement! Unite with other Delta Kappa Gamma members as we become a global force in achieving educational excellence.

Helen Popovich, Chair of the Educational Excellence Committee

## Get Smart!

State President - Jackie Smart



Chapter Presidents and PAC Chairmen,  
I want to thank the chapters that sent in their President's Reports. Fifty-nine of the 63 chapters took the time to share their concerns in the reports. The top three issues facing chapters were:

**Membership** (aging membership, retaining current members, and the inability to attract and initiate early career educators)

**Leadership** (lack of interest in serving as an officer and lack of interest and involvement beyond the chapter level)

**Finances** (loss of members because of dues increase and the necessity to hold non-dues fundraisers)

More information regarding the President's Reports will be in my annual report in the convention program.

Chapters are encouraged to send a representative to the **Leadership Seminar** March 19. There is still room for participants. Late registrations will be accepted. It will be well worth your time.

Have you made your reservation for the 2011 **State Convention** that will be held in Romulus? I hope to see members from the many chapters located in the Detroit Metro area. The convention is nearby and there are many good reasons to attend. Please take the time to register and encourage your chapter members to attend as well. Registration information is on the state website and in the *Winter Wolverine*.

Be sure to send your Chapter Woman of Distinction, application for the President's Award, and the Award of the Rose in by March 15 if you want recognition at this year's convention. Chapter Woman goes to Dr. Dorothy Sample and the last two should be sent to me. All forms and applications are on the website [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI) under "Forms" and were also included in your October packet from Fall Conference.

*Jackie*

## Rethinking Membership

I was reading one of the many the state newsletters that I receive. This particular newsletter was from Indiana. The article address some ideas that chapters might use to increase membership. Please check out these simple steps to see if your chapter can benefit from any suggestions.

- Just ask someone.
- Advertise your chapter's good points.
- Contact principals and superintendents. We need administrators in our organization.
- Also send a note if a member receives recognition from DKG.
- Invite 2-3 women from the same school. Friends and co-workers help in an unfamiliar situation.
- Do you know a noted educational speaker who would be a good prospective member?
- Keep the business portion of the meeting short!
- Don't sit in cliques. Providing mixers might help.
- Have program ideas that teachers can use in the classroom.
- Change your thinking - i.e., a martial arts program. Check new ideas from chapter newsletters and the international website.
- Offer mini-grants from your chapter.
- For retirees, meet at their facility or see to it they have transportation to the meeting.
- Have members fill out a form that includes: "Five friends I would like to invite." Then encourage action on their responses.

Lorna Van Meter, Alpha Omicron - Indiana  
State Membership Committee

## Presidents' Procession

The rehearsal for the Presidents' Procession will take place immediately following the Executive Board meeting on Friday, April 15, 2011. All chapter presidents should plan on attending this rehearsal. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative. Please complete this form and mail or email it to:

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Presidents' Procession  
State Convention at Crowne Plaza Detroit-Metro Airport  
Romulus, MI  
April 15 - 17, 2011