



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

State Theme 2009-2011

DKG Service Sharing Sisterhood Scholarship - We Hold the Key

www.deltakappagamma.org/MI



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Yearbook Reminder

Please send three (3) copies of your chapter's yearbook to Sally Garrison by the December 1st due date. Yearbooks may be on paper, CD or your chapter website. If we need a password, please volunteer it. Please also send one completed copy of the current evaluation form available on the state website. Remember, there will not be a penalty if you are not using the new logos.

Although yearbooks will be accepted at anytime, only those received by December 1st will be considered for the 2010-2011 Yearbook Awards.

International Communications chair reminds us to be sure to change the fifth **Purpose** to read: "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to nonmember women educators."

The statement on **membership** now reads: "An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society."

Send copies of your yearbook to:

Sally Garrison, Executive Secretary
 227 Lenox Road
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2025
wsarahsally@aol.com

Disciplining yourself to do what is right and important, although difficult, is the high road to pride, self-esteem, and personal satisfaction.
 Margaret Thatcher

We Need Your News!

Articles, announcements, or chapter news for the November President's newsletter should be sent to Jackie Smart at jackie@mysmartfamily.com by October 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

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*



Dates

October 22 - 24
 Women in the Arts
 Retreat

October 31
 Deadline for chapter dues
 to chapter treasurers

November 1
 Deadline for By-Laws and
 Standing Rules changes

December 1
 Deadline for chapter
 yearbook evaluation

ASAP

Chapter Presidents
 Send list of committee
 chairmen, whether new or
 the same, to Kathy
 Muench
 11715 Schram St.
 Grand Blanc 48439-1319

Bioglyph Icebreaker

Bioglyphs are symbolic characters that can convey meaning nonverbally. This bioglyph icebreaker can help your members get to know one another a little better in a fun way. Give each member a blank sheet of paper, a pencil or markers, and the sheet of symbols. Members draw their self-portrait based on the symbols. Members have fun reading each others' bioglyph. You can add other symbols in order to get more information about members.

Face:	Married Single	Bioglyph
Nose:	Associates Bachelors Masters Masters +30 Doctorate	
Eyes:	Elementary Middle High College Other	
Eyebrows:	Administrator	
Glasses:	Retired	
Ears:	One ear for each state you have lived in.	
Earrings:	• stud on ear for each son ○ hoop on ear for each daughter • stud on nose for each grandson ○ hoop on nose for each granddaughter	
Mouth:	Active Member Chapter Officer State Officer or Committee Chairman	
Hair:	One hair for each year in education. Type of Hair: Less than 15 years ΔΚΓ))) 15 years or more in ΔΚΓ	
Neck:	Pet Owner Necklace: If you ♥ your pet.	
Jewels:	Dog ○ Cat △ Other	

Members Supporting Members

Members Supporting Members is a Michigan project that is building an endowed fund for special speakers at state conventions and conferences. The fund also covers registration costs for three members at state events. We sell lapel pins to fund this project. They can be purchased at state events or from any member of the executive board.

We are also raffling off a week in Honolulu, Florida, or the Carolina's for a week at accommodations owned by Wyndham Vacation Resorts. You'll receive a brochure

when you purchase a raffle ticket that explains all of the details. Only 200 tickets have been printed. You may purchase them 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 Member Supporting Member Raffle*.

Mail to:

Kathy Muench
11715 Schram Street
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Forms, Forms, Forms

I would like encourage Chapter Presidents and interested members to take advantage of the benefits of being a member of DKG. Download application forms for grants, scholarships, and special stipends from the International website at www.dkg.org for the following applications:

- Golden Gift Special Stipend Chapter President Recommendation Form (**December 1*)
- Golden Gift Special Stipend Application (**December 1*)
- Educational Foundation Project Grant Application (**January 3, 2011*)
- Cornetet Award for Professional Development (**February 1, May 1, September 1*)
- Cornetet Professional Development Seminar (**November 1, 2010*)
- Scholarship Application (**February 1, 2011*)

** indicates due date*



Program of Work

Olive Horning, State First Vice President,
Program Chairman

Your Program of Work Committee prepared sessions for the Fall Conference in Bay City. The mission of this committee is to provide stimulating programs outside of the school setting for key women educators. Our goal is to meet the personal, professional, and creative needs of ALL members. With that in mind, we are planning stimulating workshop sessions for the state convention in Romulus. Please complete the volunteer form if you are willing to present a session or know a speaker willing to present a session. We will publish a tentative list in the Winter Wolverine.

Program of Work Committee

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Standing Rules Deadline

November 1 is the deadline for proposing changes to the Alpha Iota State Standing Rules. The amendment form is on the website and can be submitted to:

Ann Elmer
15817 Cambridge
Clinton Township, MI 48038
or email to: elmerann@comcast.net

State Visitations

Fran Saenz, Gamma Alpha
State Visitations Chairman

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) and mail it to me. FYI, Jackie will be unavailable for a visit in November because of knee surgery.

*Teaching is not a lost art,
but the regard for it is a lost tradition.
Jacques Barzun*

Puns for Educated Minds

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
4. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
5. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Get Smart

State President - Jackie Smart



Dr. Beverly Helms, International Second Vice President; addressed chapter presidents in the September Buzz Tip newsletter. I feel it is worth repeating. As you begin your new biennium, Dr. Helms asks chapter presidents to consider ways to actively **involve** and **recognize** current **members** as well as regularly inviting and initiating new ones. She states:

- ◇ Chapters initiate in large numbers, but, overall, lose as many members as they gain.
- ◇ Never let a meeting end until every member feels that it is important for her to be there.
- ◇ Encourage and nurture all members, while also looking for new members.
- ◇ Develop mentoring constellations.
- ◇ Communicate in as many personal ways as possible.
- ◇ Don't rely solely on email even though it is often easier and faster.
- ◇ Assign a member to take a photo of different groups at each meeting to put in the local media.
- ◇ Consider how your chapter can contribute to the community and gain visibility with a service project.
- ◇ Recognize other outstanding educators and invite them to membership.
- ◇ Take care of yourself as you care for the members of your chapter. Remember, as the chapter goes, so goes the Society.

The theme for this year's Fall Conference is *Sharing Our Scholarship - We Hold the Key*. International president, Dr. Jensi Souders challenges chapters to award mini-grants to early-career educators through their third year. She suggests that chapters could change the focus of their grant-in-aid awards and offer monetary grants for classroom supplies. She stated that retired DKG members can support new teachers in the classroom by volunteering, tutoring students, helping young teachers do bulletin boards, whatever they need to make their early years in education a success so they will gain hold and make a career of education.

Delta Kappa Women **do** hold the key to a successful conference. Preparing interesting, informative, and fun sessions is easier when so many of our members are willing to share their expertise and talents. Take time to fill out the evaluation form and think about *Sharing Your Talent* at State Convention in Romulus in 2011. A big thank you to all of our presenters and session presiders

In your packets are hard copies of forms/applications/information from the State Committee Chairmen. Some dues dates and criteria have been changed. Some information can be used in your chapter newsletters. If you need extra forms, you can visit the state website at www.deltakappagamma.org/MI. I encourage you to go through your materials and share information with your chapter. Let them know how informative and user-friendly our state website has become. Kudos to Tamara Webster, State Webmaster.

Jackie

From the History Committee to All Chapters



Is your chapter's file up-to-date with the state history committee? Does your file have names of all Chapter Presidents, Chapter Women of Distinction, Friend of Education recipients, chapter members who have held State office positions, chapter members who have received scholarships/grants, chapter members who have received recognition from the community, their peers, or state/national educational associations? Please take a moment and find out.

My email is: pcharlton@frontiernet.net