



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

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

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**Nominations For State Officers**

Nomination Forms for the Alpha Iota State positions of President, 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and for five positions on the Nominations Committee, and suggested Guidelines for Nomination are included in this mailing. Have you as an individual, and/or, has your chapter taken advantage of the opportunity to suggest outstanding women to serve in these positions? Alpha Iota State depends on chapters and its members to insure the strength of the State Organization. Thank you for all you do as Key Women Educators.

Nomination forms are due October 15, 2010

Send to:

Theresa A. Lorio  
 19229 Rockport  
 Roseville, MI 48066-4516

**Women in the Arts**

There is something for everyone at Women in the Arts this year. Please join us for a magical weekend from October 22 through October 24 at the Ralph McMullan Conference Center at Higgins Lake. The magic of the weekend is believing in yourself as you explore projects with your peers and form lasting friendships. The registration form is in the Summer *Wolverine* or on the state website at [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI). See you in October!



Ranae Beyerlein  
 Theresa Sedmak  
 Women in the Arts Co-Chairs



**Dates**

**September 25**

Deadline for Fall Conference registration

**October 15 - 16**

Executive Board and Fall Conference in Bay City at the DoubleTree Hotel.

**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

**We Need Your News!**

Articles, announcements, or chapter news for the October President's newsletter should be sent to Jackie Smart at [jackie@mymartfamily.com](mailto:jackie@mymartfamily.com) by September 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)

**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*

**ASAP**

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

## From International Headquarters

www.dkg.org

Interested members should download application forms for:

- International speakers
- International Scholarships
- Golden Gift (special stipend)
- Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development
- Educational Foundation Project

Recommendation forms:

- International Achievement Award

Chapter Treasurers will receive Form 18's, computer printouts, and membership cards.



Today, living and learning must go hand in hand.

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## News from the POW Committee

Olive Horning, POW Chair

### Projects and Programs

Presidents and Program Chairs, please check our website for the Projects and Programs document. It can be found under the August/September President's Mailing. Download a copy for future use. If you do not have your program schedule set or if you need a fill in program or an extra project, this is a good resource.

### Fall Conference

Thanks to our committee you will have a nice selection of workshop sessions to attend, with CEUs available for most. On Friday night, docents from the Bay City Historical Society and Museum will present at the alternate session. Gabe Ford, our keynoter at lunch, will give an educational, inspirational address. For you shoppers, we expect a bonanza of baskets to bid on.



## 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.

## Funding Our Purposes Auction

Judi Fisher, Funding Our Purposes Chair

Due to the popularity **and** to provide "shopping opportunities" for our members, plans are being made to conduct another "large and small item" auction at Fall Conference in Bay City. Your donations as individual members or chapters are much appreciated and will count towards meeting one of the criteria points for the Award of the Rose. If you want to help with the auction contact me at:

[judifisher@yahoo.com](mailto:judifisher@yahoo.com)

## Friend of Education

If your chapter awarded Friend of Education certificates this spring, please make sure a Friend of Education form was sent to the state second vice president. Several chapters requested certificates this spring, but only a few forms have been received. The information on the forms becomes a history of the awards given, and is used to put information in the *Wolverine*, thus giving your recipient and your chapter recognition at the state level.

Gloria Richards, State Second Vice President  
3771 Anderson Drive Albion, MI 49224  
[griehard@tir.com](mailto:griehard@tir.com)

## Yearbook Reminder

Please send three (3) copies of your chapter's yearbook to Sally Garrison by the December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered for the 2010-2011 Yearbook Awards.

Sally Garrison, Executive Secretary  
227 Lenox Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-2025  
[wsarahsally@aol.com](mailto:wsarahsally@aol.com)

## Constitutional Changes at Spokane Convention

Submitted by J-Jay Pechta

Every four years at an international convention the constitution is reviewed. International established a committee to thoroughly update the constitution and standing rules to bring them in line with the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order and also to update them in regards to technology (voting electronically, holding meetings electronically, etc.). The entire constitution was presented article by article. Each article was read and then if someone had an objection or an amendment the item was discussed. These were the main items that were thoroughly discussed and then voted upon that relate directly to our state and chapter members.

### Changes in Eligibility for membership

An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator for three years or has been retired from an educational position for no more than five years at the time of her election. The article was passed with the marked out words eliminated. The rationale is that the chapters determine who shall be members of their chapters and they have the flexibility to choose those whom they deem Key Women Educators.

### Changes in Committees at International

Deleted were six standing committees, Personnel, Insurance, Personal Growth and Services and Professional Affairs, Program and Research. The Program of Work committee was renamed Educational Excellence with an emphasis on personal and professional growth. Research is to be conducted by each individual committee as needed.

HOWEVER: State organizations and chapters may fulfill their constitutional responsibilities by establishing committees as needed.

The last debated article was under the Standing Rule and involved Dues.

1. International active dues shall be U.S. \$40.00 and international reserve dues shall be U.S. \$20.00 (No Change)
2. Beginning in 2012, international active and reserve dues *may* be adjusted each biennium based on the U. S. Social Security Administration's Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) average for the previous two (2) years, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. (under current times \$1.00)
3. The amount of international dues to be voted upon by the convention shall be presented to the membership in printed form no later than the March/April issue of the *ΔKT NEWS* in the year of the convention. (Any increase has to be voted by the membership)



## Alpha Iota Fall Conference



**October 16, 2010**  
**DoubleTree Hotel**  
**Bay City, MI**

### Chapter/Committee Sales Application

Return by September 15, 2010 to:

Jackie Smart  
20158 Southampton Drive  
Livonia, MI 48152  
[jackie@mysmartfamily.com](mailto:jackie@mysmartfamily.com)

Chapter/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic: (Sales table or type of exhibit)

*\*Note: bring all supplies needed to set up your sales table.*

Person(s) in charge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost per table \$10**

Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma

### M&M Icebreaker

Pass around a bowl of M & M's, and ask each member to take one or two M & M's. Depending on the colors chosen, discuss two of the following:

- Red - tell something about family
- Yellow - favorite hobbies
- Blue - favorite thing about DKG
- Brown - favorite memory as an educator
- Green - favorite flower and animal
- Orange - favorite song



## Get Smart

State President - Jackie Smart

“Back to School” sales, new lunch boxes with the latest super hero, fresh haircuts, crisp new clothes, hot days, and the big box of Crayola crayons signal the start of a new school year for me. Each fall, as I looked at the eager first graders waiting in line outside my room, I knew the year was going to be filled with endless possibilities, energy, and excitement. Make a promise to keep this excitement and energy alive in your chapters as you make plans for the coming year. The chapter is the heart of the Society and an indicator of the health of the international organization. As president, you determine how effective your chapter will be. Make it a strong one!

Seventeen hundred women attended the International Convention in Spokane, WA. Twenty-five members traveled to Spokane from Michigan. Some Michiganders were in Tacoma the week prior to convention for the Seminar for Purposeful Living. Nancy Everett, State Music Co-Chair sang beautifully during the Birthday Luncheon, Northeast Regional Breakfast, and at the Presidents’ Banquet. Barb Hawkins and Sandy Wuwert presented workshop sessions that were well received. Elaine Christensen was a passionate speaker at the U.S. Forum session regarding legislation to increase the length of hospital stays following a mastectomy.

I hope you have had a chance to settle into your role as chapter president during the summer months. For those unable to attend the leadership training in June, the PowerPoint presentations and handouts are available on the state website under “President’s Mailing.” Your first executive board meeting will be in Bay City on October 15. Registration information is in the summer *Wolverine* and on the state website under “Events.” Please adhere to the registration deadlines.

Postal mailings of Presidents’ materials will occur prior to Fall Conference and State Convention. That way the official

## Professional Affairs

Please let your chapter members know that help is needed presiding sessions at Fall Workshop. Presiders do the following:

- Start the session on time
- Introduce presenter
- Distribute materials as requested
- If workshop offers SB-CEU credit stamp participants’ forms both in and out
- Write up brief summary (50 words or less) of the session for the “Wolverine”

Contact Nina Keener, Professional Affairs Chairman, (scakee@aol.com) if you are interested in presiding a session.

minutes and the budget can be studied before Executive Board. So, this first “snail” mailing includes my newsletter, Executive Board minutes, and the proposed budget. At Fall Conference in Bay City, the President’s Packet will include hardcopies of the updated PAC roster, Presidents’ roster, Friend of Education certificates, information regarding State and Chapter Woman of Distinction, President’s Award and Award of the Rose criteria, the yearbook and newsletter evaluation information, and all of the necessary forms from committee chairmen. This information will also be available on the state website.

Please note new International theme appearing on the masthead of this newsletter - *Embracing Our Vision - Designing Our Future*. DKG has also added a Vision statement - *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*. You may want to incorporate these statements in your publications.

Be sure to read the article by J-Jay Pechta about the Constitutional changes that took place in Spokane on page 3.

Take time to complete this questionnaire about the President’s Mailings.

**Yes**, I am willing to receive my President’s Mailing online. I will access it at the state website after I receive the email message from the State President at:

**[www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI)**

**No**, even though I have email, I do not want to access the President’s Packet mailing on the website.

**No**, I do not have email and wish to continue receiving my printed and mailed copy.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact the corresponding secretary and let her know how you would like to receive your President’s Mailing. Send the completed form to:

**Shaila Jehle  
2323 Melton Road  
Howell, MI 48843**

Or better yet, email your response to:

**[fredandsha@comcast.net](mailto:fredandsha@comcast.net)**

**\*Please keep Shaila informed about email changes.**