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REMEMBER TO CELEBRATE 75!



Michigan chapters, are you remembering to celebrate 75 years of Michigan's Delta Kappa Gamma history? This is the year that we will remember the past, honor the present and provide for the future of our organization. Many of our members are making sure that they are having **FUN** as they plan activities to engage every sister in their chapters in this celebration.

The daisy is the flower that celebrates 75. Has someone suggested that you create your own memorial daisy chains for a monthly activity? Have you found information about our State Founders to see how they represent the teachers you've known in your lifetime? Are you making three promises you will try to keep during this year to honor your commitment to DKG? Are you willing to drive a veteran member of your chapter to a Celebrate 75 function so that all members, including the reserve ones, can be there? Are you having fun picking out the music you will listen to and the cake you will have decorated and eat? Have you started collecting your elementary childrens' books to donate at the convention? The Celebrate 75 committee at the state level sincerely hopes so.

But, please remember to take pictures or videos of your activities. Label the activities (big enough so we can read it) so we know what is going on. Be sure to put your chapter name and location on it also. If you are having a good time, the rest of the state wants to share in your fun. Remember, Tamara Webster needs your pictures in plenty of time to put it together for presentation at the state convention in Bay City.

Our state plans are coming together piece-by-piece. We want to let everyone join our big bash. If you are contributing seventy-five cents per member/per meeting to the state celebration, be sure to send those funds to Loretta Miles, Alpha Iota State Treasurer, with a note so we can acknowledge you.

But, first and foremost, be sure to **HAVE FUN** and enjoy this year. It isn't often we get to say that "We're having a party, a 75th celebration!"

Dr. Paula Dent, Chairman, Celebrate 75! Committee

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President's Message



Alpha Iota State

2011-2013 Biennium Theme

Today's Vision – Tomorrow's Mission

Dear Alpha Iota State Sisters,

Often the difference between a successful person and a failure is not one has better abilities or ideas, but the courage that one has to bet on one's ideas, to take a calculated risk and to act. Maxwell Maltz

Fall is upon us and we are looking at supporting Early-Career Educators and increasing chapter membership. Do you remember your first years as an educator? You were faced with meeting expectations of your principal, cohorts, students and parents. Indeed, you also had expectations for yourself.

Maltz' quote can apply to chapters as well as to individuals. Chapters, act with courage and become involved with our state project, **Ten Interesting Women!** Alpha Iota State has a solution for you! Chapters can support Early-Career Educators and simultaneously facilitate membership growth by participating in our state project, **Ten Interesting Women.**

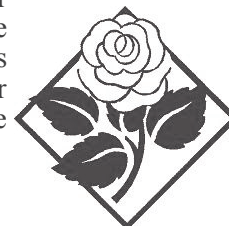
Chapters are able to **adapt** the project according to their membership. It is perfect for small chapters because each member can invite an educator for a social time. For instance, you may wish to **invite** four other professional women and have a table of eight interesting women. The conversation typically is about educational issues and other issues that current teachers face. As stated in the invitation that you will find on our website, the conversation should be interesting and energizing! If your chapter has many retired members, this is an **opportunity to learn** firsthand what is happening in today's classrooms. A member once said, "We spent three decades teaching and we should want to know what's happening in education today."

Some chapters are changing the setting by having a gathering after school or a coffee on Saturday morning instead of a dinner. Your chapter can decide on the time and place that is best for you. Whatever works for you will give you the opportunity to make connections and support new educators.

Remember the focus is on Early-Career Educators! Some of the excellent connections that have been made include Grandparents Day, Gingerbread Houses, Math Games, and School Gardens. DKG members have been asked to come into classrooms to take part in these activities.

An important **benefit** can be an increase in chapter membership. This comes much later after the chapter has been supporting Early-Career Educators with gatherings and classroom activities. Whatever the size of our chapters, we can always recognize other key women educators by inviting them to join.

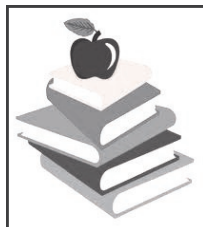
Enthusiastically,



Celebrate 75 Continued

Celebrate 75

Needs Children's Books



When groups, such as Delta Kappa Gamma, celebrates a milestone 75th anniversary, they need to do three things. First, they must remember the past, such as founders, chapters, and programs from their history. Secondly, members should honor their present. This could mean showing their esteem for their present officers, new projects, and members. Finally, members should provide for the future. So, at the State Convention in Bay City in the Spring, "Celebrate 75" is asking members to bring a children's book with them. These will be collected at the registration desk and will later be donated to a local school or children's group in honor of our 75th. We will place an inscription inside the cover to show that these books are gifts from the educators of Delta Kappa Gamma to all the children who will read them in the future.

Is Your Chapter Collecting for Celebrate 75?

Several chapters have already sent money to state treasurer Loretta Miles. How much? Checks have been received for \$75, \$100, and other amounts.

The request was for 75 cents for each member at each meeting, or \$7.50 per chapter member.

Get your chapter's name on the **Celebrate 75 Sponsor List** today. Loretta will be happy to hear from you.

Do you want to help us Celebrate 75?

Workers are needed. If you are willing to help out, please contact Paula Dent and let her know ...

() I can help by (specify what you would like to do)

() I will help, please assign me a task.

Name/Contact Information

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The Birth of Alpha Iota State

Effie M. Downer was the first state president of Alpha Iota State. The initiation of the first members was held in May of 1938. Miss Ruth Barnes, one of the State Founders, served as hostess for the State officers in her home in Ypsilanti. Because of the closeness of summer vacation, only tentative plans were made for the September meeting. Miss Downer writes "For our meeting at Ann Arbor, September 24, we were favored with one of those rare summer days in the midst of autumn. The roadside tables looked just as inviting as they had in June, but we resisted the temptation to stop and arrived in a goodly number, in time for lunch." The major focus of that meeting was the creation of a map of Michigan that indicated where the best possibilities were for the organization of new chapters. For each area, a State Founder was assigned.

The Beginning Chapter Meetings

The first two chapters of Alpha Iota State were Alpha Chapter of Detroit and Beta Chapter of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Alpha Chapter held its first meeting on September 28, 1938. Maude L. Fiero was the president and the members had already formed the executive, program, social and membership committees. They had been hard at work and were organized for the upcoming first year.

Beta held its first meeting September 27, 1938 in the Mary B. Henderson room of the Women's League in Ann Arbor. Their first meeting included the candlelight ceremony for Orma Fitch Butler, one of the State Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma in Michigan, who died even before she could be initiated. Committees were formed and programs outlined for the upcoming year. The next night several members drove to Detroit to join with their Alpha sisters.

Information on the Birth of Alpha Iota State and the first chapter meetings from the State History files.

Pat Charlton, Gamma Chapter, State History Chair



Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Martina (Tina) Claire Burns Bertoni, Beta Xi Chapter

An extraordinary woman, mom, grandma, friend and teacher, Tina Bertoni showed remarkable skill and empathy working with the children entrusted to her care, as well as, devotion to her daughters, her sister and their families. As a Speech and Language Pathologist, she helped a multitude of children overcome their language and articulation difficulties, thus, giving them increased confidence in themselves and enabling them to communicate effectively during their entire lives. With her amazing intellect, subtle sense of humor, engaging smile and work ethic, parents, students and all those around her knew she would do everything she could to help meet their needs whether it involved using large puppets to engage and entrance students in their activities or whether it meant serving on the 2012-13 Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Assoc. Ethics Committee to assure continued quality in her field. Her actual career path began with her graduation from Detroit's Immaculata HS, having earned the prestigious Ford Motor Company Scholarship which paid her tuition and expenses to Northwestern University (her choice out of all the colleges and universities in the country). She then earned her MA at the University of Michigan as a speech and language pathologist. She worked with patients at Hawthorne Center, taught at U of M and Wayne State, at the MI Assoc. for Emotionally Disturbed Children and at Children's Hospital before teaching at the Grosse Pointe Public Schools until her retirement in 2010. After her initiation in 2000, our Beta Xi sister served her sisters in many capacities including President from 2008-2010. She left a void that will be hard to fill.

September 30, 1945 - June 10, 2012

*No one truly dies; they live
on in the hearts of those
who knew them.*

Aileen Mae Klingaman, Epsilon Chapter

Born in Elkhart, Indiana, our Epsilon sister went on to graduate from Elkhart HS and then worked to earn the money to attend Iowa State Teachers' College and later Western Michigan University. In the 1950's Aileen chose a rather non-traditional beginning to her teaching career by going to Caracas, Venezuela to teach 2nd Grade to the children of American oil company workers. During the eight years she and other women teachers traveled extensively throughout South and Central America. Aileen returned to Elkhart, teaching for a couple of years in the same school her niece and nephew attended, before moving to the Kalamazoo area where she taught in the Kalamazoo Public Schools from 1962 to 1995, first in the elementary schools and, then, as an Instructional Specialist for the district. Initiated into DKG in 1966, she served as President from 1980-1982, was Membership Chair for many years, and devoted much of her time and energy to the chapter. Always a passionate advocate of education for women, Aileen planned and promoted an on-going chapter project entitled "The Women's Book Project." Having identified a need for more biographies of women in our schools, she encouraged chapter members to donate books meeting this criterion and distributed them to Kalamazoo area schools. She was honored by Epsilon as their Chapter Woman of Distinction in 1990. Knowing the importance of DKG in her life, Aileen's family requested that donations go to Epsilon to establish a scholarship in her name. Aileen also was a member of the DAR, Kalamazoo Area Retired School Personnel, and actively volunteered in her community. Aileen played golf, cards with her friends, continued her traveling especially to the Caribbean and to Maine to visit her beloved niece and nephew and their families. Aileen was a true educator!

May 12, 1925 - June 2, 2012

Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs

When a member passes each chapter seems to have developed its own way of honoring her. Many attend the memorial services held by the family or hold one of their own at a chapter meeting often using a symbolic white rose.

If possible, it would be good to invite women who may have known your member and who could share with her sisters some of her history that may be unknown to the chapter. Since many times the information about individual members is sparse or even lost as they age, it is important to gather as much as possible while you still can. That would be extremely helpful to the Necrology chair as she writes the obituaries for *The Wolverine* and can help give a chapter closure.

Please share your own chapter's means of celebrating the member and have your Membership chair or president forward them to Lynne Elsesser to compile and to share with all chapters. It is very important that the chapters send **Form 6** immediately following the death of a chapter member. No information can be shared in *The Wolverine* until this form is received.

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White Roses in Memoriam

Pearl V. Lang, Alpha Zeta Chapter

Born in 1933 in Greenville, South Carolina, Pearl Norris and her family moved to the Port Huron area in 1943. She attended Garfield Elementary through 9th grade, a school to which she would eventually return as a teacher, before going on to graduate from Port Huron High. She married her dear husband Ike Lang in 1953 and together they built their lives around the community. Pearl taught 6th grade Math, Social Studies and History in the Port Huron Area Public School district for 20 years, first at her old school, Garfield, and then at Holland Woods when it opened. She is fondly remembered by numerous students as their favorite teacher, as one of the most requested teachers at both schools, as unforgettable - a terrific teacher and an even better person. One student credited her as one of the major reasons for her teaching career, recalling Pearl to her own students every year as her favorite teacher, demanding of and inspiring to those entrusted to her care. As civic minded members of their community, Pearl and her husband were major benefactors to Mercy Hospital, and in 2000 provided the funding for the Lang Health Library. They also joined the Port Huron Hospital Foundation Beacon Society, a group dedicated to improving the quality of health care in the community. Besides being a member of the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church for 71 years, Pearl was a member of the MEA, PHEA and DKG. Initiated into Alpha Zeta in 1984, she served her sisters on many committees. She enjoyed traveling and will be dearly missed by her many friends and family members, especially her brother Raymond, who officiated at her funeral, and his family.

November 5, 1933 - June 27, 2012

Virginia Huntoon, Beta Beta Chapter

For a woman who always said she would rather burn out than rust out, Virginia had a rocky start to a long, fruitful life. Born into a loving family in Michigan Center, she was about four when tragedy struck and her father died in a car crash leaving his pregnant wife and two daughters alone at the beginning of the Great Depression. What followed was some time with a foster family for the girls until mom remarried and life stabilized. Virginia finished elementary school, West Intermediate and Jackson HS, as well as, finding the church that would be the "rock" she would need when her stepfather also died just before she graduated. She went to work for Bell telephone as an operator, eventually meeting her future husband. Married in 1941, it wasn't long before he was drafted into WWII leaving a pregnant wife who spent the war years with his parents. During this time she joined Eastern Star and worked for Sparks-Withington in the office. When the war ended they built a home together, finishing just before the birth of their second daughter in 1948. During the next twelve years, she worked part-time at various jobs while being an active parent, the one who could be counted on to help with anything! Virginia was a great mother and wife, a pianist, a seamstress, did needlework, was a typist, a bridge player, a reader and game-player - a success in so many ways but had always regretted not going to college. So in 1960 she started with one class and then continued on, receiving degrees from Jackson CC and Spring Arbor in Social Work and Spanish. She began using her skills by revamping the youth

programs at the YWCA, setting up the new Head Start program for both Hillsdale and Jackson Counties and becoming Jackson County's first Social Worker. She soon decided she'd rather work with children before they got into trouble so she got her MA from MSU which led to teaching history at Homer HS. She traveled during the summers with her husband to company assignments in Brazil and Mexico and moved with him to Belgium traveling extensively, learning more languages and honing her bridge skills. When they came back home at her church, she took over Trinity Seniors and proceeded, through the next 37 years, to hold about every job at the church except Treasurer. She and her husband of 67 years were also great as grandparents taking the children with them on many trips. The list of her volunteer activities, memberships in organizations, and awards would fill a book of many pages! Our enthusiastic, hard working Beta Beta sister was selfless always, teaching by word and example that everyone has value and that you must always try to make a difference no matter what the outcome. Virginia believed in the power of unconditional love. Such an amazing woman!

June 11, 1922 - May 1 2012

Lois M. Olson, Pi Chapter

Born in Canton, Ohio, our Pi sister, Lois, first moved with her family to Kentucky and then on to the Detroit area before settling in Hudson, MI. She graduated from Hudson HS as Valedictorian at age 16 and went on to MSU where she got her BA and MA in Education before moving to Niles, MI and taking a teaching job in South Bend, IN. On her visits home to Hudson, she loved playing the piano while the other family members cooked, she dearly missed that piano! She met her future husband in the Niles area, and continued teaching in South Bend for 40 years, mainly in Home Economics, even after his death in 1976. She attended the Presbyterian Church, was a member of Toastmasters and the General Federation of Women's Club. Lois was an extremely involved member of DKG. As one of the 12 founding members of Pi Chapter in June of 1948, she dedicated herself wholeheartedly to the organization, continuing her membership for 64 years. She served as Pi's President from 1952 - 1954 and then again from 1986 - 1988. She served on and chaired many local chapter committees during her tenure, as well as, serving on state committees and attending many state conferences. She enjoyed traveling and after retirement visited China with another retired teacher and experienced "in person" the Great Wall she had read so much about and seen so many times in pictures. She later moved to Morenci, MI where she was cared for by her beloved niece Sharon.

February 10, 1922 - August 20, 2012

*They lived and brought
a bit of beauty, love, and faith.
Now their lives will ever be
reflected in our hearts.*

Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Bess Bonnier, Honorary Member, Alpha Mu Chapter

"Pianist Bess Bonnier came of age during Detroit's golden age of jazz; her contemporaries and friends included Barry Harris, Roland Hanna, and Tommy Flanagan. Bonnier had that fine Detroit touch, a very lyrical approach, and loved those blues changes. She was a warm friendly soul with much talent." Bonnier, who was blind from birth, was known mostly to Michigan jazz fans as she was a divorced mother of three and chose to stay in that area. She first recorded in 1958 for the Chicago-based Argo label and continued to record sporadically, mostly for local labels, throughout her career. She was a regular guest of the Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival and the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College and the first artistic coordinator of the Detroit Institute of Arts "Jazz at the Institute" series. She appeared on many recordings beginning in 1958 with "Theme for the Tall One" on Argo Records. In the 1960's she was the house pianist in the Jack Brokensha quartet in his Detroit nightclub. During the 1970's, she served as artist-in-residence at Detroit's prestigious Cass Technical High School and her video "Jazz History" course, created for Wayne State University's Adult Education Class has been used over and over since it was first recorded. She was the piano soloist for the DIA's Crystal Gallery and played for the After Glow at the DIA's Elizabethan Wassail Feast every December since 1982. "Her last recording, a jazz opera based on the works of William Shakespeare titled "Suite William," was released on her own label, Noteworks, in 1999. In 1986 she received the Michigan Award for Jazz and, in 1990, the State of Michigan Governor's Award. In 1994 she was named "Musician of the Year" by the Southeastern Michigan Jazz Association (SEMJA). A Detroit native and graduate of Northern HS with Tommy Flanagan, Bess went on to study English and Music at Wayne State University before deciding to focus on being a pianist. She became an honorary member of Alpha Mu in 2000, came to various meetings and volunteered during seminars in a local high school near her home in Grosse Pointe. Bess was an amazingly talented and successful woman who accomplished so much in her life and refused to let the challenge of her blindness hold her back! Such a role model for us all!

May 26, 1928 - October 6, 2011

Twenty-Four First Timers Attend Fall Conference in Muskegon

Gayle Amstutz	Katti Kissel	Patricia Spalding
Lynda Bachteal	Penny Krepps	Linda Spencer
Karen Cook	Marilyn Lake	Nancy Spencer
Fran Coulter	Jeannie Matherly	Pamela Stanaway
Joanne Dillman	Judith Nixon	Kathy Sweet
Sharon Gryzenia	Pamela Olech	Sharon VanDusen
Kathy Heatherly	Judith Ott	June VanDonkelaar
Nancy Hood	Linda Pastucha	Sue Walter
Jeannette Johnson	Esther Puckett	



In **Honor**
of
or in **Remembrance**

of our beloved chapter and state Society members. Chapters and individual members can give memorials and gifts to the following Michigan Alpha Iota State Funds:

- ♦ Kathy Cashen NE Regional Fund
- ♦ Katherine Keeling Professional Development Fund
- ♦ President's International Convention Fund
- ♦ Member Supporting Member Fund
- ♦ International Educational Foundation
- ♦ Jane Goudreault Memorial Grant

**Contributions should be sent to State Treasurer, Loretta Miles (see contact information on page 2)*

A Special Welcome to Alpha Iota State Initiates



Beta

Jacqueline Flores
Tina G. Pagnucco

Phi

Beth A. Bynum

Beta Omicron

Judy K. Wiersma*

Beta Rho

Rose Nearpass*



* Reinstated

H Honorary

I hate you are user
 You love you
 What are you to you
 You are beautiful
 You need to lose weight
 You need to love yourself
 You need to love your weight
 You need to love your weight

**STICKS
 AND
 STONES**

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, March 9, 2013, when the Leadership Development Committee will present a seminar on bullying for DKG **members and non-members** at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Staff Vacancies - Applications Wanted

For further information and applications, please contact Kay Calley-Martin, Personnel Committee Chairperson. My home address is 115 Wa Wee Nork Dr. Condo 4B, Battle Creek, MI 49015. You may also contact me by phone at (269) 964-9639 or (269) 209-7992 (cell) or via email at kcmart@sbcglobal.net.

Supporting Early-Career Educators (S.E.E.) is an international project that asks chapters and individual members to aid and assist newer teachers with help in the classroom, assistance with paperwork, and/or monetary donations. As we know, education is a challenging and demanding profession and we are losing many good teachers in the first few years of their career.

You can help in many ways: with lesson plans, bulletin boards, advice and suggestions, providing classroom supplies, books and more. Visit those newer teachers and chat about issues and concerns that they may have. Keep in touch and let them know you are thinking about them and are available to help when needed. Get a list of new teachers/educators from your local school district and/or a list of student teachers in your area to support. Talk to school administrators and see what you can do to help. Further resources are available on the Society website. Check the Educational Excellence Committee page under *Support Early-Career Educators*.

Chapters are asked to keep track of the hours and money members spend in offering that support. There are three forms for your use. One is for individuals to keep track of their volunteer hours. There are **two forms** for the chapter to use to report total hours and monetary donations. At the end of the school year, these are to be sent to the Alpha Iota Program of Work chair. These summary forms are available on the state website and are being provided to each chapter president. Thank you for your support in this endeavor. We can make a difference!

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State Committees

Where in the World

A Chapter Activity

Many members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International attended the international conference in New York City. What an experience for us to visit this multi-cultural city! How about you? Have you ever attended our Alpha Iota State Convention? How about a Fall DKG Conference? Better yet, how about the DKG International? Well, let's get started thinking and doing something about OUR attendance! Yours - Mine - and Ours.

On a half sheet of paper copy a picture of a hot air balloon. Place on the front the following:



1. If you could travel anywhere in the world by hot air balloon, where would you go?
2. Whom would you invite to travel with you?
3. Share with two other sisters.

On the back side, of the paper place 2012-13 dates for your:

1. Area Coordinating Council Meeting
2. Alpha Iota State Convention, Bay City, May 3-5, 2013
3. Northeast Regional Conference, July 24-27, 2013, Portland, Maine
4. DKG Fall Conference, October 25-26, 2013, Clare, Michigan

*Marilyn J. Hopkins, Mu, Personal Growth and Services Chair
State Personal Growth and Services Chair*

Reviewing Chapter's Standing Rules

The Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee reviews each chapter's Standing Rules every six years in order to make sure they are consistent with the Constitution and our state bylaws and standing rules. Help can be found on the DKG Michigan website. Under Resources for Chapters there is a Standing Rules Checklist and also Guidelines for Chapter Standing Rules. A reminder letter is sent out in the fall for those chapters whose Standing Rules will be due the following March.

The Standing Rules for these chapters will be due March 1, 2013.

Kappa	Alpha Rho
Sigma	Alpha Phi
Omega	Beta Iota
Alpha Epsilon	Beta Pi
Alpha Theta	Beta Omega
Alpha Lambda	Gamma Eta

These chapters are past due from either 2011 or 2012.

Nu	Beta Theta
Alpha Omicron	Beta Chi
Beta Eta	Gamma Zeta

If you need help or advice please contact

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Elevator Speeches

One of the ways Delta Kappa Gamma members can spread the word to others about our organization is to develop and practice an elevator speech. An elevator speech is a short explanation of a topic that can be provided in the time it takes to ride an elevator from one floor to another (15-30 seconds). For example, the following is a response to "What is Delta Kappa Gamma?" a question often asked in elevator encounters:

"We are an international honor society of key women educators that recognizes and supports outstanding women in education. We have more than 90,000 members in 18 countries. Our members can apply for scholarships and grants, attend professional workshops and conferences, and enjoy the opportunity to network with women who share their commitment to excellence in their profession. At the International level, we support early educators to keep them in the teaching profession, "Schools for Africa" and World Fellowship; by providing educational funds and scholarships for women from other countries."

I am amazed at how many times I have been asked about Delta Kappa Gamma by friends and acquaintances. I am always glad I'm prepared.

-Laura Perkins, Mu, State Communications Chair

State Committees

Alpha Iota State Project - 10 Interesting Women

We are beginning the second year of our Alpha Iota State Project. Here is how it works:



Five members join together to invite five currently working teachers and/or administrators to meet after work for a light dinner. Each DKG member sends a letter or email to a teacher she *knows* who is teaching or working in education and invites her to the gathering.

The opening line of the letter may say something like this, **“Some other professional educators and I would like to get 10 interesting women together to share about what is happening in education today. I think you are an interesting woman and I would like to ask you to participate.”** The response is typically very good. With no agenda, just share educational experiences. Excellent connections can be made with working professionals and DKG members may find several ways of helping: *i.e.* being grandparents for a day, providing supplies, helping teachers, and other projects. The groups usually meet a couple of times a year. New DKG members may also come from the connection.

See the DKG website deltakappagamma.org/mi to download the PowerPoint Presentation and the Module which give suggestions to help your chapter have a successful **10 Interesting Women** group.

Dr. Dorothy Sample, Mu, State 2nd Vice-president

Funding Our Purposes



We would like to thank you for the wonderful support at Fall Conference, both in the chapter and individual donations. We are always amazed at the generosity of Delta Kappa Gamma members. We raised \$1650 in Muskegon.

The drawing for reimbursement of registration fees for three members from the Member Supporting Member Fund was won by Nancy Spencer, Beta Lambda; Carolyn Wheeler, Lambda; and Kathy Sweet, Beta Tau.

Spring Conference is in May this year, so it's not too early for chapters to think about what kind of donation or theme basket they would like to bring for the Funding Our Purposes Auction.

This is a great way for chapters to show creativity while giving the Alpha Iota members a chance to SHOP!

Theme baskets are great, but you may also donate both small and large items.

Proceeds from the auction go to three funds:

- **Scholarships**
- **World Fellowships**
- **Members Supporting Members**

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

*Submitted by Judi Fisher, Gamma Alpha
Funding Our Purposes Chair*

Invite Any State Officer for a Chapter Visitations

As your Chapter plans for the upcoming year, consider a visit from a State Officer. Any of the officers would be willing to come your way to share news or just be a visitor. Take advantage of this opportunity.

You should now find the new forms for Visitations on-line. After filling them out on-line or on paper, send to Kathy Muench, 11715 Schram St. in Grand Blanc, MI 48439. If you have problems or need me to send you request forms, contact me at 810-694-0706 or kemuench@sbcglobal.net. I'll be waiting for your requests!

Kathy Muench, Alpha Omega, State Visitation Chair

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Articles for

***The Wolverine* about:**

Chapter News

Events/Celebrations

Programs

Good Works

Pictures with captions

Winter Issue Deadline

December 15, 2012

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Correction: We would like to recognize Phyllis Seabolt of Epsilon Chapter who was not listed for the Longevity Award in Kalamazoo. Phyllis has been a member of DKG since April 1, 1963. This April she will be a 50 year Member.

State Committees



Scholarships and Grants Available - Please Apply



Are you working on a graduate degree, retraining or seeking an additional endorsement in education? Have you been a member for at least two years? Are you enrolled in an accredited college or university that confers graduate degrees? Are you an active member of your local chapter? Did you answer YES to any one of these?

If so, you may be eligible for an Alpha Iota State Scholarship.

The **Katherine Keeling Memorial Grant** is available to members who participate in seminars, workshops, research or other activities that contribute to their professional development. The applicant must show active participation in Delta Kappa Gamma at the chapter level. To be eligible for the grant, the chapter designee must submit an application to the state scholarship chair by April 1.

The **Kathy Cashen Grant** is available to one member from each chapter to partially cover the cost of her registration for the 2013 Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine. The amount of each grant will be determined by the number of applicants and the amount of money raised through the 50-50 drawings at out state workshops and conventions. The application needs to be submitted by April 1, 2013. Applicants will be notified by June 1, 2013, of the amount of each grant.

All forms and further information is available on the Alpha Iota Website: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI> Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation awards grants for projects that support excellence in education and further intercultural understanding. The **Lucile Cornet Grant** is awarded to individual educators for the purpose of participating in professional seminars, workshops, lecture series, national certification, on-line courses, and other non-degree program opportunities that relate specifically to an applicant's professional aspirations and/or current educational assignment.

The Cornet application can be found on line under downloads. The Cornet Award is given three times per year. The deadlines are **September 1, February 1, and May 1**. You need to apply no more than six months before the activity takes place.

For guidelines and application forms, see the International Website: www.dkg.org

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding scholarships and grants.

Gloria Fisher, State Scholarship Chair
dkg.gloria@gmail.com .517 629 7670

Wilma Adams Fund

The Wilma Adams Fund was established in memory of a long-time member. The purposes of this fund is to help chapters fund community service projects, money making activities and to provide emergency assistance for members. The maximum amount a chapter can receive is \$300. Chapters may request money for projects at anytime during the year. Requests should be submitted to the current chairman. An application may be found on the state website.

Norrie Slater, Sigma, Wilma Adams Fund Chair
910 West State St., Belding, MI 48809

State and Chapter Woman of Distinction Reminder

Chapter Presidents and Personal Growth and Service Chairs, please begin the process of naming your **Chapter Woman of Distinction**. The forms for nomination for both **Chapter Woman of Distinction** and **The Alpha Iota State Woman of Distinction** are on the state web site: www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

*Marilyn J. Hopkins, Mu,
State Personal Growth and Services Chair*



A new pin is available for honoring your Chapter Woman of Distinction.. The pin is gold with red letters. Available from Olive Horning or J-Jay Pechta. See page 2 for

contact information.

State Committees

Plan Now for Bay City Spring Convention

Twenty-First century Bay City is a living testament to the vision, creativity and hard work of the pioneering people who lived, worked and played here. Please consider joining us in Bay City at The Doubletree Hotel - Riverfront for our Spring Convention on May 3-5, 2013. The hotel is located just two miles east of I-75 on the east bank of the Saginaw River. Liz VanWestenburg and the Program of Work chairmen have planned valuable sessions that will be of interest to everyone. Come early and enjoy Bay City's charm. The Doubletree Hotel is steps from the Riverwalk, unique specialty shops, antique stores, eateries and pubs. The friendly, helpful hotel staff looks forward to welcoming DKG with their special, signature warm chocolate-chip cookie at check-in. Mark these days off on your calendar now and plan on joining your DKG sisters in a 75th Celebration of our Alpha Iota State. We look forward to seeing you and your chapter members in Bay City.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Iota State / Michigan

Chapter / Vendor Sales Application

2013 Alpha Iota State Convention
May 4, 2013 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
DoubleTree Bay City - Riverfront

Person in Charge of Sales: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For Members ...

Chapter /Committee: _____

Topic or Product/s _____

Tables @ \$10 _____ tables Amount Due _____

For Non-Members ...

Product/s _____

Tables @ \$50 _____ tables Amount Due _____

Important Notes:

Return Form due by April 1st, 2013.

Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Please bring all supplies needed to set up your 6 or 8 foot table.

Complete application and send with required payment to ...

Judi Fisher, 20180 Rippling Lane Northville, MI 48167
judifisher@yahoo.com

Top Ten Reasons to Attend the State Convention

Come from north, south, east, and west to meet at the DoubleTree Riverfront, Bay City Michigan. We're looking for a record attendance for the convention on May 3-5, 2013 at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Why should YOU come?

1. The DoubleTree Hotel has wonderful chocolate chip cookies in the lobby
2. You can watch the ships pass by the hotel
3. Join us for fellowship, sisterhood, and laughter
4. Learn about Scholarships We Are the Key
5. You will enjoy a variety of workshops and opportunities to earn SB- CEUs
6. You may be lucky and take home a beautiful basket of goodies
7. Come early on Friday and you can spend hours at the Bay City Antique Center near the hotel
8. For a taste of nostalgia, visit the State Theatre, a sister to Detroit's Fox Theatre
9. You can say that you have visited Madonna's birthplace
10. Get inspired and revitalized for your teaching, your chapter, and your life!

Join your sisters for a weekend of inspiration and fun!

WEAR YOUR PIN WITH PRIDE



Remember we need to carry on with past traditions, but continue to look forward to meet new challenges. Each of us who joins DKG has the same opportunities for Service, Sharing, Sisterhood, and Scholarship.

**“The mediocre teacher tells.
The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher
demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires.”**

State 75th Celebration Committee



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Alpha Iota State Celebrate 75! Contribution Form



The Alpha Iota State Celebrate 75! Committee needs your help in funding our 75th Celebration and in honoring current members, remembering past members and celebrating new members. All donations will be acknowledged in the Alpha Iota State Convention Booklet, Summer edition of *The Wolverine*, and the Alpha Iota State website. **Individuals, chapters, and coordinating councils** can make donations.

Donor/Sponsor. Please Print:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Chapter Name _____

Email Address _____

Choose level of your donation ...

- _____ Visionary Level.....\$75 and up
- _____ Founders Level.....\$50 to \$74
- _____ Leadership Level.....\$35 to \$49
- _____ Celebrating Sisters Level.....\$15 to \$34



Specify if you want to be listed as sponsor – circle YES NO

Please complete a contribution form for each donation, enclose **check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma**, and mail to:

Loretta Miles
7099 Reflection Dr., NE
Comstock Park, MI 49321-9639
email: jlmiles1@att.net

You can mail more than one form in the same envelope and pay them all with one check. We just need a separate form for individual acknowledgements.

Deadline for donations: mailed by March 15, 2013

Thank you, in advance ... Celebrate 75! Committee and Alpha Iota State Members

World Fellowship Committee Shares Ideas for Raising Funds for 75 Events

Chapters are often looking for ways to raise funds for special projects, such as Alpha Iota's 75th Anniversary this year. Some ideas for fund raising are:



"Sock it to Them" - Pass a sock to be filled with loose change; "Trick or Treat" - Pass a plastic pumpkin for collection in October. (Change the theme for different months.) or "World Bank" - Have a world themed "piggy" bank at the sign-in sheet at each meeting. Other ideas are having a "Recycle Sale" - Donate unused DKG or rose items and sell at a chapter or area meeting. "Candy Bar Sale" - Have a selection of candy bars for sales with different colored wrappers. Ask member to donate an amount for the color selected. Example: \$1.00 for gold, \$.50 for silver, and \$.25 for bronze.

The World Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions, and time for making the Funding Our Purposes Auction the success at Fall Conference in Muskegon. Plan now for our 75th celebration in Bay City, May 3-5.

Gloria Richards, Nu Chapter, World Fellowship Chair.



Beta Alpha Chapter Celebrating 75 Monthly

The BETA ALPHA chapter from Battle Creek started celebrating the 75th Anniversary at our first meeting in September with a cake with 75 DKG on it.

We plan on donating 75 items to nonprofit organization at each of our meetings. We donated 75 items of school supplies for Inasmuch House and Voces. These are organizations that help women.

- October - 75 coffee mugs for Cake in a Cup fundraiser
- November - 75 paper products for Inasmuch House
- January - 75 per person to send to state to help with their 75th celebration
- February - 75 Ditty Bags filled with toiletries for Inasmuch House
- March - 75 minutes of reading to children and donating 75 books to Voces
- April - 75 pens or pencils and 75 packs of paper for Voces
- May - 75 baby items for a home for unwed mothers
- June - 75 items for the SNAP child care summer program

Submitted by Liza Pamukcu, Beta Alpha, Past President



Above: Nancy Hood and Kay Calley Martin Co-presidents of Beta Alpha show their birthday cake from their September meeting. Bottom: Nancy Hood is manning the Beta Alpha vendor table in Muskegon where she is selling their "Cake in a Cup" hand decorated mugs.



Visit the Alpha Iota State Website for:

- Scholarship and Grant-in-aid Applications
- President's Mailings and Updates each month

- See the Chapter Resource Section
- Forms, Information, *The Wolverine*

Chapter News

Phi Chapter's Fall Birthday Party and Auction

Phi Chapter began the 2012-13 season with a birthday party! The chapter celebrated the 75th Birthday of Alpha Iota State with cake, party hats and song. Members gathered at the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Conference Center for a soup supper and business meeting. Membership Chair, Jan Updike, presented the informative re-orientation slide presentation that brought everyone up to date on society procedures and rules. It was especially helpful to new member Beth Bynum and guest Mary Courson. Before cutting the cake members joined in singing Happy Birthday. The meeting ended with the DKG song.



L - R: Judy Oien and Rita Sleeman hold up a quilt to be auctioned off for their Geraldine Pagel Grant-in-aid scholarships.



Back Row L - R: Wilma Lemcool, Patty Cox, Nancy Muhlig, Lana Nickels, Jan Updike, Joanne Thomas. Middle Row L - R: Rita Sleeman, Ann Laurimore, Carol Dean, Doris Masserang, Karen McClatchey, Beth Bynum. Front Row L - R: Alicia Sanford, Vickie Keegstra, Judy Oien.

small items. An Order-It-Now area features pre-ordered holiday arrangements and homemade pies. Small plates, desserts and beverages encourage participants to eat, browse and shop for early Christmas and hostess gifts or "just because I wanted it". This year the auction netted \$1,500.00. Members invite friends, relatives and colleagues to increase participation and bidding. Publicity includes press releases, posters, post cards and phone calls to encourage attendance. It is a great fall event that has proved very successful over the years thanks to member support and willingness to volunteer. It takes a Chapter to build success.

Submitted by Rita Sleeman, Phi Chapter

Beta Tau Travels

Beta Tau is a Sanilac County Chapter, located in the Thumb area of Michigan, has many interesting places to visit. For the past four years our chapter's June outings have been to various places within the area. This year our fun and educational trip was to Brown City, Michigan. The trip consisted of a lunch at a local restaurant and a visit to the Firefighters 9-11 Memorial.



L to R: Beta Tau members surround the World Trade Center Beam. Nancy Williams, Marilyn Trainor, Betty Brown, Sally Bassett, Kathy Sweet, Linda Spencer and Mary Beth Tereschuk.

The memorial is near the Brown City Fire Department Hall. It is a park setting in an illuminated fenced area. The area is surrounded by donated bricks. Although September 11, 2001 was a very sad event that we will probably never forget, this memorial has been beautifully done. The memorial is dedicated to the 343 lives lost and a tribute to them as Americans. A huge gigantic beam shipped from New York's Trade Center is one focal point of the memorial. It is a permanent fixture here. The massive size makes for an impressive artifact.

Two memorial monuments also grace the area. One features three firemen erecting the American Flag. The other monument exemplifies the beauty and grandeur of the Twin Towers backed by the New York City skyline along with the Statue of Liberty. If you are in our area be sure to stop and see this impressive sight.



Chapter News

WHO IS 100?



Sigma chapter member Lois Beal celebrated her 100th birthday July 3. She was born in 1912 on a Brimson, Missouri farm. She attended rural school, boarded in town as many girls did to attend high school, and began teaching at age 17. Her mother, uncle and sister were also teachers. She taught rural school for seven years, in Saginaw for five, and in Stanton for twelve. The remainder of her 48 years as an educator were in Greenville as a teacher and principal. In addition, she also served as a student-teacher supervisor for County Normal students while at Stanton.

Lois was invited to join the Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1956 and has been a faithful member since then.

In 1954 she supervised County Normal student-teacher Loraine Ritter who later was asked to join DKG's Sigma chapter.

Lois still lives in her own home, exercises regularly and is still active in DKG and other organizations. Sigma chapter is proud to have this remarkable lady as one of its active members for 56 years.

Alpha Omega Sponsors Girls Summer Science Camp

It was year number four at Flint's Longway Planetarium for Alpha Omega's Summer Science Camp for girls. The theme was Zoology. The three days were filled with animal related activities.

The camp started with a young female veterinarian speaking to the girls about her career. Following each activity, the girls were encouraged to record events and ideas in their journals. Even the Language Arts activities revolved around animals. During the three days the girls learned about the Audubon Society and its beginning. This was followed by viewing photographs of birds, then having the opportunity to draw and paint.

Highlights of the camp were animals brought from Potter Zoo in Lansing. After learning about an owl, the girls dissected owl pellets. On the final day they walked to Mott Community College and visited a lab where they were able to dissect a sheep's eye. At first, the girls were not so sure of the dissection activities, but once they were finished, they were proud of their accomplishments.

The girls were 4th-6th graders. Some girls have attended all three years, making this year's leaving difficult. This camp experience has been most rewarding for the girls, their parents, and all the Alpha Omega members who were able to be involved.

Submitted by Kathy Muench, Alpha Omega Chapter

Recent Happenings ~ Lambda Chapter

Lambda chapter collects Happy/Sad Dollars at every meeting to celebrate members' successes or joyous events and to enable members to support one another over sad happenings. This practice allows us to get to know one another better while adding funds to our chapter treasury for special projects.

Happy Dollars have recently been contributed honoring the following:

*Gamma Delta Chapter members celebrated their transfer into Lambda Chapter. "What a good fit! Lambda's members and projects are just what we wanted."



*Sue Henriksen's framed needlepoint Society crest and pin, created in 1990, were awarded to the new state organization in Japan. Sue continues to make needlepoint kits that are available for sale at State and International events.

*Sally Garrison was named September Volunteer of the Month at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland. Starting in the Gift Shop in 2002, Sally has been Scholarship Chairman since 2004. This committee awards scholarships to graduating high school students who will be attending a MI college or university to study in the health care field.



*Our "Thirty-One" fundraiser was a roaring success. The Chapter's Scholarship Fund increased by over \$250, while many of us got some Christmas shopping done.



Starting with Marilyn Shier seated in front and moving clockwise are: Sue Henriksen, Camille Harris, Sally Garrison, Linda Wright, Mary Lou Tallant, Dora Scarafino, Nina Keener (standing), Ann McDonald (seated) Carolyn Wheeler, Suzanne Fortesque and Nada Northey.

Chapter News

Homeless Students Find a Champion

During the last five years, Omega Chapter has worked diligently to assist the Macomb Intermediate School District by supporting their Education Project for Homeless Children and Youth. "The MISD Homeless Project works with all the county districts to assure that homeless students are identified and assisted with meeting some of their most basic needs, such as food and clothing and transportation to school." The program also provides school supplies, acts as a liaison between families and school personnel, and coordinates referrals to community agencies for food, medical, dental and optical care.

In the 2009 school year 614 students were assisted compared to 1,126 in the 2012 school year. As we watched the numbers grow, the members of Delta Kappa Gamma-Omega Chapter continually increased their support of the program.



Front to Back: Gretchen Cousino, Omega; Sue Pavlakos and Alice Zecker from Alpha Phi, at the Gratiot Cruise.

On June 16, 2012, along with members of Alpha Phi Chapter in Roseville, we had a presence at the Gratiot Cruise Eastpointe. We sold Macomb County Discount Restaurant cards and participated in the Gratiot Cruise 50/50 Raffle. This netted us an additional \$572 for the cause

At our September meetings, members generously donated backpacks and school supplies to be delivered to the MISD. Since our involvement with the MISD project began, it is conservatively estimated that Omega Chapter members have given \$2,500-\$3,000 in donations.

When it became clear there would be many more students without a place to live, we upped our efforts for a second year fundraiser at

Cloverleaf Restaurant and Bar in Eastpointe, Michigan. The restaurant was very busy for the entire four hours. Cloverleaf agreed to donate 20% of every sit-down and take-out meal ticket. We also had a \$1.00 a slice cake sale in celebration of DKG's 75th birthday. In addition, there were four 50/50 raffles, a Color Me Home children's playhouse and an auction. Miscellaneous donations, donation cards, a \$750 check from the Gratiot Cruise and a \$500 check from the Eastpointe Rotary rounded out the evening. In total, we raised \$2,629.

Omega Chapter members are very committed to the MISD Homeless Education Project. As educators and advocates for children, we believe every child deserves all the tools necessary for success in school: food, shelter, supplies, warm clothes, knowledge that someone cares, most of all, hope. We are pleased and proud to help provide them with those tools.

Submitted by Patricia Andrews, Omega Chapter



Roseann Tadaro, Omega, takes donations for coloring the home.

Mary Jane Dockeray, Beta Omicron The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Inductee



Mary Jane Dockeray was initiated into Eta Chapter in Grand Rapids in May 1956. Anna Nelson, who had been her science teacher at Oakleigh School in rural Grand Rapids, sponsored her into DKG. Mrs. Nelson waited the necessary 5 years of Mary Jane's professional

career to be able to sponsor her. She was soon chapter vice-president and then president when Eta had some 80 members. In 2005, she transferred to Beta Omicron chapter.

For 19 years she was Curator of Natural History at the Grand Rapids Public Museum- having received a B.S. degree in geology from Michigan State College in 1949 and, later, a combined master's and doctorate in conservation education. Besides working on exhibits and in-house programs, her principal activity was presenting natural science programs in the Grand Rapids schools, which included field trips and school camp outings.

Dockeray has long been an advocate for West Michigan's environment and environmental education. The naturalist spearheaded efforts to develop Blandford Nature Center on the city's West Side in the mid-1960s. The environmental interpretive center has grown from 10 acres to 143 acres and is now known as a leader in environmental programs for school children and adults featuring natural trails, family programs, diverse habitats, and festivals. At one time she received the Annie Webb Blanton International Scholarship to assist with this project.

Dockeray doesn't show signs of slowing down anytime soon. When she's not helping at Blandford, she's teaching classes at Aquinas College, lecturing for the Natural Audobon Society, or doing water aerobics at the YMCA. In the fall she co-lead a trip of a dozen people to Isle Royale to teach about the area's geology.

She had no idea she'd be creating a place where outdoor education would flourish, or that she'd be recognized for it. Her pioneering has recently landed her a spot in the 2012 The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame



Submitted by Mary Tracey, Beta Omicron Chapter

International Convention – New York City



2012 International Convention In New York City

It's time to "start spreading the news..." about the 2012 International Convention in New York City. The 27 Alpha Iota Sisters (6 of them first-timers!) began arriving several days before the beginning of the convention to take advantage of the many available sites, sounds, and tastes that New York City has to offer.

The Convention began with Opening Meeting Tuesday night. The Presentation of the Flags was a beautiful reminder of our international reach, and we voted to open our ranks to one more country - Japan - giving Delta Kappa Gamma representation in 18 countries. A feature at each General Meeting was to hear from new members tell why their membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is important. Then, past international presidents, including Dr. Paula Dent, told what they accomplished in their biennium. Both new members and past presidents gave us a view of our present theme, *Embracing Our Vision - Designing Our Future*.

Following this meeting we were treated to the many styles of New York's tastes, music, dance and heritage.

All speakers at the General Meetings were outstanding and most inspiring.

Over 2021 members in attendance conducted the business of the Society by listening to committee reports and voting on the International Standing Rules Committee recommendations.

Front Row L to R: Liz VanWestenburg, Olive Horning, Dr. Paula Dent, Dr. Dorothy Sample. **Second Row:** Eileen Rodak, Joan Miedema, Bernice Haglund, Judy Foster, Dr. Helen Popovich, Loretta Miles. **Third Row:** Barbara Hawkins, Dee Lapekas, Lynn Wilhelm, Sally Garrison, Marilyn Hopkins. **Back Row:** Lynda Bachteal, Mary Roley, J-Jay Pechta, Pat Charlton, Pat epley, and Janet Davidson. **Missing from photo:** Olga Albert, Delores DiGiacomo, Gloria Fisher, Marilyn Kropf, Lynn Mason, Kathy Muench, Delphine Hetes, Norrie Slater

Photo by Jim

New officers elected for the 2012- 2014 Biennium included President, Dr. Beverly Helms, Florida; First Vice president, Carolyn Pittman, Arkansas; Second Vice president, Dr. Lynda Schmid, Pennsylvania; and Northeast Regional Director, Mary Lee Makinen, Maryland. Members were offered 120 Breakout Sessions to attend. Our own Alpha Iota sisters, Barbara Hawkins, Beta Tau, gave a well attended breakout session titled "Children's Activities Using the Books of Laura Ingalls Wilder." J-Jay Pechta co-presented for the International Communications and Publicity Committee. Olive Horning co-presented Great Camps of the Adirondacks

The Celebration Luncheon was a great time to meet and visit with new Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters as we recognized all who received doctorates or National Board Certifications. The new 2012 Educators' Book Award went to Donna Hicks, Ph.D. for her book *Dignity: The Essential Role It Plays in Resolving Conflict*. Alice Carrier, Vermont received the International Achievement Award. After the luncheon, time was spent in the market place with 37 vendors offering their wares while others took in a Broadway show.

The highlight of the Northeast Regional Breakfast was the invitation to Portland, Maine July 24-27, 2013. and in 2014 to Indian polis, Indiana for the International Convention.

The President's Banquet was a success and a beautiful way to close out a jam-packed five (or more) days of fun, challenges, music, inspiration, fellowship, business and forsee a great future of Delta Kappa Gamma International. With the passing of the gavel from Dr. Jensi Souders, TN, to Dr. Beverly Helms, FL, ensures another great biennium of inspiring leadership and success for the Society. Dr. Helms theme is *Sharing Our Vision ~ Strengthening Our Society*.

International Convention – New York City



Recipients of the International Presidents Fund Grant to attend the convention in New York City were (L to R) Lynn Mason, Sigma, Joan Miedema, Beta Omicron, and Pat eppley, Alpha Zeta.

1st Time Attendee at DKG International Convention

For years I have watched my teaching colleagues in DKG grow professionally and personally. They have been encouraging me to attend local and regional DKG events with them. Now, I too, have experienced an International Convention and have seen first hand dedicated women uniting for education.

There were many excellent speakers and presenters at this conference. I now hope to be a mentor for young women educators in our area and to help lead them into this society where they too can learn, gain power, and give!

Thank you to all DKG sisters who make this Society so welcoming.

Submitted by Lynn Mason, Sigma Chapter

Is There an App for That? 2012 Best Travel and Packing Tips

What are the best booking sights? What should I pack? How do you not stick out like a sore thumb in a foreign country? All these questions were answered by Carolyn Taylor, our presenter from Memphis. She has traveled to over fifty countries and has frequently traveled solo. She recommended the best travel magazines, Budget Travel and International Travel News, and showed us the travel cubes she uses for efficient packing.

One of the valuable discussions was on travel insurance. She suggested that American Express and the American Nomads provide less expensive alternatives to group insurance. A member of the audience also suggested the Away From Home Protection Plan that covers you for life whenever you travel. The session was quite informative and I plan to buy *The Global Soul* by Pico Iyer, a book suggestion for all readers and lovers of travel.

Submitted by Lynn Wilhelm, Alpha Zeta, Chapter

“Improve Your Memory” by Dr. Lucy Smassanow

As we age, we may tend to forget things, misplace items, etc. There are exercises and other lifelong living styles we can incorporate into our lives to help us improve our memories.

Our body and mind is two-sided: right = creative, or left = organized/logical. Each person has one side that is more dominant. Conation is a mental process involving the will or desire to do something. We must keep the neurons (specialized cells in the nervous system that transmit information from one part of our body to another) and dendrites (tree like branches which are short, highly branched that are specialized for receiving information) healthy and active.

Several ways to do this are to get proper sleep, water, fruits, vegetables, and to sing and laugh. Another way is to practice ARA (acquire, remember, apply). We could learn new word concepts, use kinesthetic movement with new abstract learning - see it, say it, do it!

Some exercises we could do are:

- ◆ Read a story = one forward and one backward
- ◆ Write your name with your non-dominant hand (left to rt) and your dominant hand (rt. to left)
- ◆ Wear your watch on your other arm
- ◆ Put your arms in front of you and cross them over each other quickly several times
- ◆ Touch your ears, chin, waist, hips, crossing arms and uncrossing arms each body part
- ◆ Do anything to cross the midline of your body, and to keep neurons moving (tap your fingers on the table and cross your hands back and forth)

To exercise your brain:

- ◆ Learn a new language or sign language
- ◆ Word puzzles or number puzzles (examples= crosswords, Sudoku)

Have Fun! Keep using your brain!!

Submitted by Pat eppley, Alpha Zeta Chapter



Liz VanWestenburg, 1st Vice-president, visits with Dr. Helen Popovich, State Parliamentarian and International Constitution Committee Chair, at the Michigan's delegation dinner, Rosie O'Grady's in New York City

Upper Peninsula Conference Highlights

Color Your World UP Fall Conference

The U.P. Fall DKG Conference, *Color Your World*, was bathed in fall color and plenty of sunshine. Bay Mills Community College on the Bay Mills tribal reservation in Brimley, Michigan graciously permitted the use of their main classroom facility, Mikanuk Hall - Turtle. The sessions were interesting and informative.

Sue Harrison, a local author turned weaver, demonstrated her craft; Barbara Ogston, a member of Alpha Tau showed her spinning wool techniques learned since retiring; Cindy Butler, a member of Alpha Tau, had her attendees do a make-and-take which stimulated much friendly chatter; Kevin Wozniak, from the local gardening shop answered many questions about planting shrubbery and trees that grow best in the cold weather of the Upper Peninsula; Judy Foster, Alpha Iota State's past president, did a legislative update which perked up the ears of all participants; lastly, author Ellen Airgood explained what motivates her to write books whose characters live in the Upper Peninsula region.



Mikanuk Hall-Turtle at Bay Mills Community College



Nancy Berkompas, UP Conference coordinator

This conference, coordinated by former state president, Nancy Berkompas, Alpha Tau, was a wonderful experience where new and old friendships were renewed and formed. UP chapters represented were Alpha Tau, Eastern Upper Peninsula Beta Sigma, Escanaba Area: Delta, Marquette Area; and Beta Omega, Petoskey Area. Nancy ended the conference with a keynote presentation.

Alpha Iota State President, Olive Horning, expressed appreciation for the conference: In *Legislative Updates*, Judy Foster gave us information about the six proposals that we'll be voting on in November. The pros and cons of each were given for us to consider how we should vote. She told us of changes in health insurance premiums and how they would affect active and retired educators. There was an informative question and answer time as Judy patiently answered our questions.

Ellen Airgood, *South of Superior*, told us that her book was 21 years in the making. She had many rewrites and consultations with editors before the book was published. One important lesson she learned was that she needed to get an agent before contacting publishing company. Hearing about this process from a germ of an idea to the conclusion of publishing was very informative.



Weaver Sue Harrison tells about the art of weaving and demonstrates the working of her loom

Sue Harrison, *Weaving*, had done a lot of research about fibers, looms, and the history of weaving. She brought samples of flax, wool, goat hair, to mention a few. At the close of the session, we had an opportunity to work on her loom.

Kevin Wozniak, *Gardening Up North*, fielded questions from participants on a variety of topics, such as lilacs and other shrubs, perennials, re-blooming daylilies, types of fertilizers, and lawn care. He also discussed trimming techniques for different shrubs. People left with detailed notes on many gardening issues.



Author Ellen Airgood of Grand Marais, MI shares her adventures and newest book "South of Superior"



Kevin Wozniak tells about plants and garden issues in the Upper Peninsula climate

UP Conference Highlights Continued

Color Your World UP Fall Conference

Make and Take: Cindy Butler and her team, Babs, Karen and Kathy, helped us make beautiful autumn-themed greeting cards. We had a variety of stamps in leaf shapes and acorns, and a pretty array of ink colors to use in creating our own patterns, adding dimension with paper leaves and string. It was lots of fun, and we had the opportunity to chat with each other while we worked.

Spinning Wool: Barbara Ogston explained and demonstrated the steps in preparing fibers and wool for spinning. She had samples of different fibers: raw lamb's wool, dog hair, yak hair, mohair. She took us through the lengthy process of washing the wool, creating rovings (long, full strands of cleaned wool), and showed us how the rovings are fingered, then spun on the spinning wheel. Barbara had several tools of the trade.



Barbara Ogston shared how she prepares the fibers and spins wool



Mary Galer and Melanie Bolton, Alpha Tau, make autumn greeting cards in the Make and Take workshop

Liz said, "We spent a wonderful day at Bay Mills Community College, with beautiful fall colors and the water as a sparkling backdrop. It was wonderful to meet and chat with the women who attended. The conference was well planned, the sessions were excellent, and the speakers passionate and excited about their subject."

Dot Sample, second vice-president, said that her favorite part of the conference was getting to dialogue personally with the chapter presidents--Pam Stanaway and Karen Cook (Alpha Tau), Christine Sericati (Beta Sigma), Patricia Wittler (Delta), and experiencing the enthusiasm and

warmth of the DKG sisters.



L to R: Alpha Tau members Melanie Bolton, Jodi Cornwell, Pat Hunter and Karen Carlstedt pack goodie bag for UP conference attendees



L to R: Alice Harwood and Karen Cook, Alpha Tau, man the registration desk



Nancy Berkompas, Alpha Tau, conference coordinator, State President, Olive Horning, and Cindy Butler conference registrar

Alpha Zeta Chapter Awards Friend of Education Award

The Alpha Zeta Chapter has honored Linda Charles, right, with the Friend of Education Award. Linda retired after many years as a teacher and principal for the both the Port Huron and Yale public schools. She continued her involvement in various community services, including tutoring through St. Clair County RESA, Reading to the Blind, and working with the adult literacy program at the St. Clair County Library. She duplicated the 'Peace Mobile,' an idea she was introduced to at an out-of-state conference and scheduled the Peace Mobile at numerous elementary schools, to teach children the importance of solving their problems and expressing their feelings in a peaceful way.

Submitted by Pam Naplin, Alpha Zeta Chapter



Alpha Zeta Chapter member Deb Cone with her aunt, recipient of the Friend of Education Award

State Convention Highlights



State President, Olive Horning, presiding at the Executive Board Meeting

Note of Thanks: Alpha Iota State Fall Conference was held at the Holiday In - Harbor Hotel, Muskegon, MI.. It was attended by 130 members from 48 chapters. There were 26 first timers. Thanks to Rosemarie Johnson, who was registrar and Doris Coles, who was treasurer, both from Alpha Kappa Chapter, Muskegon area, for an outstanding job. Thanks also to Kay Ostrom from Alpha Kappa for her time and talents. Alpha Kappa provided all the goodies and the table decorations as well. Alpha Kappa members should be proud of how well they showcased their chapter and their community. Another chapter that helped to make the convention a success was Beta Omicron, which tended the properties room..



Elaine Christensen, Alpha Mu, opened the Executive Board Meeting with Her Reflection on "Our Purposes Seven Reasons for Being"



Clayton Hardiman, 30 year columnist for the Muskegon Chronicle, was introduced by Kay Ostrom, conference coordinator, as our luncheon keynote speaker



"Meet You Under the London Eye" Avid traveler Vicki Reis, Gamma Gamma Chapter, St. Augustine Florida, shared her tips and tricks to traveling. How to avoid missing your plane, keeping your documents and money secure and which airlines to take



Nancy Everett, State Membership Chair, hands out goody bags to members attending their first fall conference

"Reclaiming the Legacy of the Hunger for Knowledge"
 Storyteller Clayton Hardiman reminded us we are the product of choices made by our ancestors. The value they placed on education is still alive in us today. Clayton credits his success to the importance of hearing and believing in the words of his mother "When you go to college..." As teachers we see everyday, that expectations yield results.
Presider: Amy Wainwright, Alpha Gamma Chapter



Christina McGrinson, Epsilon, is working on making greeting cards at the art therapy workshop

Jeannette Johnson, Sigma, shares her delight with the design she has chosen for her greeting card with Dr. Ranae Beyerlein., Woman in the Arts Committee Co-chair



State Fall Conference Highlights



Frauenthal Center of the Performing Arts Tour

"Shall we see the grandeur of the theater?", asked Eric Dykman, technical director of the Frauenthal Theater." "Yes!" answered the 23 members. Our tour of the theater included a mini organ concert, by Diane Shull, a music teacher from Beta Rho, ghost stories, a chance to be on the stage, and a trip up to the projector booth. The theater is truly an asset for the Muskegon community.



Kay Tebo, Gamma Eta, Cheboygan, leads the group in exercises

Seniors and Students Against Spandex

Kay led the group in a series of exercises that increase flexibility and relieve stiffness and pain while strengthening our muscles around the joints thus giving us a greater range of motion and also improving our balance. One member reported that the exercises were easy and everyone can do these for 20 minutes everyday in your own home.



Culinary Institute of Michigan Tour

Rob White, Dean of the Culinary Institute of Michigan, affiliated with Baker College was our tour guide for twenty members. We visited all three floors, some of the labs and got a complete description of the program.

Students are offered courses, personalized instruction and hands-on training for all ages. The school offers it students free lifetime employment. We ended by visiting the school's "Sweet Shop."



Pictured is Dave Sipka, Muskegon, ISD Superintendent, with Judy Foster, Alpha Iota Legislation Chair

Legislation: The process and the Impact.

Dave Sipka, the superintendent of the Muskegon County Intermediate School District, used the Muskegon Heights Public Schools as an example to discuss the Emergency Manager Act (Public Act 4), which is an issue in this years election. Through a very long and difficult process, the Muskegon Heights Schools have become the first charter public school in the United States. This is an attempt to enable them to pay back their accumulated debt.



Be Happy and Healthy in Your Own Body

Beth Spencer, West Michigan author, artist and teen anorexia survivor discussed her days as a disordered eater and how she finally found her order - got off compulsive dieting and reached a place of peace with her body and its natural weight. Beth is the author of Pea Soup: Recipes for Body, Mind and Spirit from a "Kitchen Table Gourmet," a feast of her favorite recipes that now she loves to eat!



Nancy Berkompas, Alpha Tau, shared the need to assist young teachers to seek the positive and "Ride the Changes."

The Joy and Excitement of Being an Educator

Nancy Berkompas shared a video of Dewitt Jones, photographer for National Geographic. "Celebrate What's Right with the World." The message, - we need to focus on the positives. "Believe it and then you'll see it." Sort, for the good, and there is no time for the bad.

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*Elizabeth N. Garner, Beta state organization, Alabama,
Former Southeast Regional Director 2010-2012*

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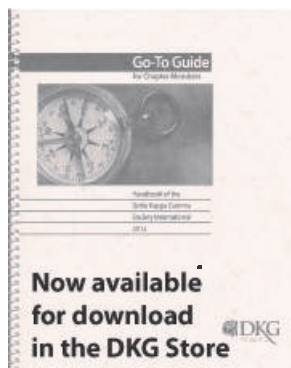


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