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Alpha Iota State DKG—Michigan

The 2014 Distinguished Service Award: Twesigye Jackson Kaguri

The Distinguished Service Award is given by Alpha Iota State to an individual who has provided exceptional service to education in our state. This year's recipient is **Twesigye Jackson Kaguri** of East Lansing, Michigan. He was nominated by Alpha Lambda Chapter.

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri was born and raised in Uganda in the small village of Nyakagezezi. At a very young age he demonstrated an unquenchable desire to learn, which led him to study at and graduate from Makerere University in Kampala. During this time he co-founded the human rights organization, "Human Rights Concerns", to help victims of human rights violations in Uganda and to educate the public about their rights. In the 90s he became a visiting scholar at Columbia University where he studied Human Rights Advocacy. Over the years he has been involved extensively in international community efforts as a human rights advocate, fundraiser, and inspirational speaker.

In 2001, Kaguri founded The Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in response to the devastating effects of AIDS in his hometown. The organization, which recently celebrated its tenth anniversary, provides free education to children who have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS. In addition to two schools, it also operates a library, a working farm and nutrition program, medical clinic, clean water system, and a support program for the grandmothers who care for up to 14 children at a time. Since founding the project, Kaguri has also become an author. In "A School for My Village" he shares how he came to build the first school and the struggles he faced during the first few years. In 2010 he resigned as Interim Senior Director of Development in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University to focus full-time on The Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project. Kaguri has been named a Heifer International Hero, recognized in Time Magazine's "Power of One" Series, and spoken to the UN about his work. When not visiting the schools in Uganda or working at his office in Okemos, MI, Kaguri travels the country to speak with students and supporters about the organization.

TJ, as he is affectionately known, shared how he struggled to get an education with his parents' support. How his father broke a pencil into five pieces for each one of his children because they could not afford more than one pencil. TJ gave each one of the convention attendees a colorful book that he authored entitled "*Sitwe Joseph Goes to School*" about an orphan boy who could not afford to go to school and how he found out about the free school for AIDS orphans.

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri is changing futures for persons in his community and touched our lives that day. Alpha Iota State members took up a free will offering and collected \$1100 to buy 114,000 pencils for AIDS orphans in Uganda. Alpha Iota State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International joins other organizations who have honored Twesigye Jackson Kaguri for his selfless caring with The 2014 Distinguished Service Award.



Twesigye Jackson Kaguri, pictured in the center, accepts an \$1100 check from Maria Gonzales (L) and Sharleen Gonzales (R) on behalf of Alpha Iota State members to buy 114,000 pencils for The Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda.

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President's Message



Alpha Iota State

2013-2015 Biennium Theme

Education: Our Focus, Our Future

Let's Support Our Educators!

Just a reminder that one of Alpha Iota's two state projects for the biennium is "Supporting Our Educators". As chapters are preparing and planning for the upcoming year, consider projects and programs that tie in with this theme. Working with our educators can become an ongoing chapter project, or it can be the focus of a single chapter meeting. New and veteran



teachers alike can benefit from our help in the classroom, and from financial and professional assistance. Teachers are still, for a number of reasons, leaving the profession at an alarming rate. By offering our help, we may be able to reduce their burdens and help them grow into seasoned, experienced and prepared educators. In addition, as school districts face more and more budget crises, teachers have fewer supplies and resources for their classrooms. As DKG members, working and retired, we have a great deal of experience and background knowledge we can share with others. Our help, guidance and donations can make a big difference.

Many chapters across the state have participated in this project, and have shared details of their involvement. Retired educators can do some of these tasks. In the schools and in classrooms, volunteers can help by making posters, designing bulletin boards, entering data, sorting and storing supplies, books and resources, and decorating the room for the new school year. Volunteers are often needed at Kindergarten Roundup, Science and Book Fairs, schedule pickup, and open house events. Individuals have helped in school media centers and libraries, checked papers and helped prepare teaching materials and formulate lesson plans. Some have worked on art projects with students, offered one-on-one help with reading and writing, and worked with small groups of music students. Reading to groups of younger children helps foster a love of books and stories. Tutoring older students in mathematics and other subject areas can build the learner's confidence. Reading and working with children in local hospitals is another opportunity to make a difference. Do what you can to help students you know with learning difficulties. All these can give the classroom teacher more time to spend with everyone. (Just a reminder: always follow protocol and rules for building volunteers and visitors.)



Donations of school supplies can have quite an impact. According to Huntington Bank's eighth annual Backpack Index of July 2013, the amount that school employees and parents spend on out-of-pocket supplies and

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activities has increased at a rate higher than the Consumer Price Index, a common measurement of inflation. (*MEA Voice*, September 2013, page 5.) Many classroom teachers spend a considerable amount of money on materials and supplies for their students. Sales on school supplies now start in July. Contact teachers you know or ask in the schools to determine what supplies are most needed. Can your chapter generate funds to buy pencils, glue sticks, paper, markers and such to give to a teacher or teachers in your local district?



You could have a "Back-to-School Shower" for a classroom teacher or a local school. How about gift baskets of supplies for newly hired teachers? Your chapter might also be in a position to award mini-grants to teachers to help fund classroom projects and activities.

Educators, new and seasoned, need to know that their work, time and efforts are valued. Send personal thank-you notes to teachers. How about a gift card to a local bookstore or restaurant? Bring in goodies for breakfast or lunch. It's a chance to chat for a few minutes and find out how we can help and what they need. Give a gift of a pair of movie tickets, a home-cooked meal or cut their lawn when their school schedule is tight. How about a basket of tea, scones and fresh fruit? Take a teacher out for coffee or ice cream. Things like this are a terrific way to say "Thank you. We are thinking of you and value what you do!"



You can also serve as a mentor or sounding board for new teachers. Can you help a teacher research and apply for grants? Can you offer advice on classroom management and discipline? Do you have suggestions for classroom activities? This could be done one-on-one or as a group presentation sponsored by the your chapter.

Make plans this summer to help teachers when the school year opens for the fall. Supporting the educators in your area will benefit not just the teachers, but also the students, their families and the school community. It reflects the mission, the vision and the purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. It is who we are!

Liz VanWestenburg

Alpha Iota State-Michigan President, 2013-2015

A Special Welcome to Alpha Iota State Initiates



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Chapter Presidents and Treasurers - Email Addresses Are Needed!!

For Alpha Iota State Membership Data Base



The government has passed a new law that commercial mailers now have to run all mailing addresses through the **National Change of Address Registry**. During the last mailing of *The Wolverine*, 85 members did not have a forward address card on file. In order for the information highway to flow smoothly we need current email addresses of members. International recently sent out a blast email and had 8000 addresses rejected. Please add and update email addresses to the chapter listings sent to all chapter presidents and treasurers and then send a copy by email or snail mail no later than October 31, 2014 to Loretta Miles, State Treasurer, 7099 Reflection Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI 49321 or [jlmiles1@att.net](mailto:jl miles1@att.net). Loretta will add the information to Alpha Iota State's membership data base and send them to International.

Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Dr. Geraldine Ann Green, Beta Delta Chapter



“Once, twice, three times a lady” describes how Gerry, our Beta Delta sister lived her life. She was always a lady in thoughts, words and deeds. A childhood friend of hers remembers growing up on Woodward Avenue and visiting Green’s Meat Market, the family business, on East Jefferson. She also praised Gerry for always being “such a lady, so refined and intelligent, living by high standards”.

These times are fondly remembered as the innocent times in both the neighborhood and their early school years at St Francis Xavier in Ecorse.

Gerry did not stop with a high school degree from St. Francis Xavier; she yearned for further education and challenges. She graduated with a teaching degree from Marygrove College in 1949 and received her PhD in Mathematics Education from the University of Michigan in 1969. Her teaching career spanned 61 years: 19 years in Detroit Public Schools, 21 years in the Royal Oak District and the final 21 years of her vast educational career at Eastern Michigan University. She retired with Emeritus status in 2010.

Obviously, teaching was very important to her but her involvement in education spread beyond the classroom. A colleague from Bloomfield Hills Schools remembers working with Gerry, “a kind, thoughtful woman”, on various events. Gerry served as President of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics and conducted Math Ed. Conferences at EMU. An EMU colleague who Gerry hired in 1995 described her as a “wonderful friend and mentor”. With offices next to each other, they often lunched together, talking “shop” and, also, about some of Gerry’s other favorites: shopping and the arts.

Our Beta Delta sister loved the arts and was a supporter of art museums in Detroit, Chicago and Washington, D.C. She spent many enjoyable afternoons and evenings at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as well as attending plays and various lecture series. Devoted to her church, Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church in Taylor, she served on the Parish council and the Vicariate Council for many years. Her support of a variety of charities was endless, but those supporting Faith, Education and the Food Pantry were closest to her heart. She believed in sharing all the blessings she had received in her life.

Gerry was a loving daughter, sister and sister-in-law and cousin. She was a special aunt to seven nieces and nephews and great-aunt to nine, all of whom are scattered throughout Michigan, North Carolina, Arizona & Hawaii. Her illness claimed this “small, but mighty woman” very quickly. She wanted everyone to know that she had a good life and was happy. Since she was so strong in faith, she helped select all of her final arrangements including music, readings and attire.

DKG and Beta Delta were also important to her. This year, with great pride, she met her goal of 50 years of membership. A Charter Member, Gerry was considered the “glue” that held her chapter together. Through the years, she held various offices including several terms as President, committee member and Chapter representative for the Detroit Metro Council. In addition, she was active at the State level, attending many Alpha Iota State functions and Conventions. She especially enjoyed conventions at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and regretted that she wouldn’t be attending the event this spring. With this a part of her final thoughts, it was only fitting that she was honored in the lovely *Ceremony of Remembrance/Celebration of Life* that was held at the Grand Hotel in May. Rest in Peace Fine Lady, Rest in Peace.

December 19, 1927 – March 6, 2014

Clarice E. Cummings, Alpha Upsilon Chapter

Our Alpha Upsilon sister was born in Belding, Michigan in between the Great Depression and the start of WWII to English born Clarence Fay and his wife Gladys. After high school Claire graduated from Michigan State University and went to work for the Ionia County Intermediate School District. Her first assignment was teaching at Fairbrook School for Special Children, a one-room school. The empathetic young teacher was so successful with her students that, after two years, she and the students were moved to a larger, three-room building, the first Forest Grove School where Clarice finally had another teacher and an aide. Four years later, the merger of Ionia and Montcalm Counties resulted in building the new Forest Grove School. Clarice became the school’s administrator where she had enough space to meet the needs of her students, and her staff increased by four more teachers. She continued guiding a flourishing program there for five more years during which, in 1967, Alpha Upsilon invited her to become a member.

In 1979, Ionia County Intermediate District finished building its own school for Special Children on Harwood Rd called Freedom Acres, and Clarice, her staff and students made one last move to the wonderful facility that today still serves special students and adults. At Freedom Acres, Clarice was finally able to return to doing what she truly loved, being in the classroom with her students.

At age 45, Clarice was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, but she kept on teaching for 10 more years before her increasing loss of physical strength led to her retirement in 1987. Clarice continued to return to various activities at Freedom Acres even when she was in a wheelchair. Her inspiration gave hope and strength to so many.

One of the accolades for Clarice came from the Crandall family who said that “her dedication to and advocacy for handicapped children, from the onset of services to the current programs of today, impacted many children and families in Ionia and Montcalm counties.”

Through the years, Clarice was always involved with her own large family, including eventually 8 great-grandchildren! She also was a member of the Association of Business and Professional Women and, for 47 years, Alpha Upsilon where she held multiple offices through the years and was always an active member. She will be missed.

July 16, 1935 - April 26, 2014

*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

Betty Sue Peters, Gamma Chapter

A Kentucky native, our Gamma sister had a rough beginning to an inspirational, productive life. Unexpected twins, she and her sister, Mary Lou, brought much joy to her family. So, at fourteen months when she and her sister stopped walking and talking, the family was devastated by the news that the girls were two of the three polio victims in the town. Betty Sue was paralyzed on her right side and a trip to a specialist gave little hope for the girls' recovery let alone survival. Their parents took them home and prayed, putting their hope and trust in a higher power to save their daughters. The girls both made it though there were more rough times. They learned to walk and talk again after age two and went on to grow into young women who loved school, sports and especially baseball.

Both girls went on to a Baptist College where Betty Sue studied French and English and her twin studied Biology in hopes of being a doctor though, typical of the times, was discouraged for women. Mary Lou found her calling as a medical missionary to Japan for 37 years. Betty Sue, who had spent a summer at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, trained to be a teacher. She began teaching first at the Louisville Baptist High School and then taught at Cynthiana HS teaching French, English and Public Speaking as well as coaching Cheerleading. Another summer she served as a summer missionary in the mountains and then came back to study at the U of Kentucky, receiving her Master's in Foreign Language in 1960. During her time at Cynthiana, she met her future husband, Gus, who was studying to be a minister. They began their almost 55 years of marriage in 1959, and later started their family. In 1967, they received word the Church was sending them to Michigan to "plant" Southern Baptist Churches there. Though Betty Sue did not want to go to Michigan where their speech and the "Mountain People" they served were made fun of, she went. She and her husband established first Hillsdale Baptist Church and later the present-day church where Gus served as pastor for 25 years.

Betty Sue started her Michigan teaching career at Camden-Frontier by subbing and, when it was obvious she was a caring professional who took no guff from the students, she was quickly hired full time. After ten years, she went to Hillsdale HS where she continued her teaching and being that loving, caring teacher who worked to see that her students expanded their horizons. Betty Sue provided hugs to firmness, pushing the shy to come out of their shells, combining intellectual growth while inspiring them to love learning and the world they were in with trips to Knoxville for the World's Fair, to French Canada and by exposing her students to so much more than just classwork.

Betty Sue and her husband also focused their love and inspiration on their three children who followed in their parents' footsteps; the boys becoming ministers and the daughter, a teacher. Our Gamma sister also loved traveling, visiting 40 countries, and after retiring taught English in Binzhou, China for four summers. Her Gamma sisters also will miss her. Initiated in 1974, she served them as President, World Fellowship Chair and on many other committees. Betty Sue lived her life by her motto, "Today, I will do the best I can, with what I have, where I am, for God's sake."

August 8, 1928 - May 9, 2014



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
- ◆ Jane Goudreault Memorial Grant Fund
- ◆ Betsey Cooper Leadership Development Fund
- ◆ President's International Convention Fund
- ◆ Member Supporting Member Fund
- ◆ International Educational Foundation

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

Chapter Presidents/Membership Chairs

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.

There are many members whose deaths are observed in chapter newsletters but the editor cannot list them in **The Wolverine** until Form 6 is sent by the chapter to:

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Visit the Alpha Iota State Website for:

- ▶ Battle Creek Fall Conference Forms
- ▶ Scholarship and Grant-in-aid Applications
- ▶ President's Mailings and Updates each month
- ▶ Chapter Resource Section

State Committees

Funding Our Purposes Silent Auction



Well, ladies you did it again! Congratulations on another outstanding "Funding Our Purposes" raffle. We had 23 large baskets or items and 23 small baskets or items. We made a record amount for our three funds, over \$3400.

Without your help and generous donations, this project would not be possible. Joyce Daglow, World Fellowship Chair, extends a special "Thank You" to everyone who gave of their time to sell tickets at the auction this year. The committee appreciates your help.

We will be looking for both large and small items for the State Fall Conference in Battle Creek on October 11, 2014. We welcome donations from individual members and chapters. Needed are small items for the auction or you may create a basket. Baskets should have a theme such as gardening books for grandmothers, tea/coffee/chocolate items, Michigan items, a holiday or color theme such as green or blue. Consider using a basket that can be recycled, a laundry basket, a recycle bag, or a covered file box.

Since we are required to provide the State of Michigan with more information on our auction items, we will include a form in the President's newsletter. On this form, each donated item and basket must be described and a value noted. This also helps us determine the number of tables and space needed for the raffle.

Proceeds from the auction go to three funds:

- **Scholarships**
- **World Fellowship**
- **Members Supporting Members**

Your contribution to the auction also helps your chapter earn a point in # 8 criteria for the Award of the Rose.

Again, thank you for your generous participation in this important outreach.

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

*The most important idea
concerning change is that we
have to change twice.*

*Not only do we have to change
things, but we have to change
the way we see things.*

-Lue De Branbandere



A Parliamentary Moment

What Can We Do Now?

Merrilee Fiddlehead has just moved "that Zeta Zeta Chapter support our local students by helping them go to college." Shirley Drowsy seconded the motion and the chair stated it.

Members began to buzz. Nobody wants to vote against helping students, but this main motion itself is badly flawed, so what can we do now? Here are some options.

1. **Withdraw the motion.** Merrilee could say: "I ask permission to withdraw the motion." A majority vote is needed since the chair has stated the motion.
2. **Avoid a vote.** Example: "I move to postpone the question indefinitely." *To Postpone Indefinitely* requires a majority vote. It kills the motion for the rest of the meeting.
3. **Amend the motion.** Example: "I move to amend the motion by striking 'helping them go to college' and inserting 'tutoring seniors in resume writing.'" *To Amend* requires a majority vote.
4. **Offer a substitute motion.** Example: "I move to substitute for the pending motion, 'that the president meet with the middle school principal to see how the chapter can encourage students to go to college.'" *To Substitute* requires a majority vote. Both the original motion and the substitute may be amended before voting to substitute. If the vote *To Substitute* passes, the substitute becomes the pending motion, and the chapter must then vote on whether or not to adopt it.
5. **Refer the motion to a chapter committee.** Example: "I move to refer the question to the Educational Excellence Committee, with instructions to recommend at least three practical ways the chapter can help local students go to college." *To Refer* requires a majority vote.
6. **Delay the vote.** Example: "I move to postpone the question until our next business meeting." *To Postpone Definitely* requires a majority vote. A question cannot be postponed beyond the next business session, and it can be postponed to that session only if it is within 90 days.

*Helen Popovich, Ph.D., PRP
Alpha Iota State Parliamentarian*



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

State Committees

Shaila Jehle Named the Alpha Iota State Woman of Distinction 2014

The rain and cold temperatures for the opening weekend at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island didn't stop 200 key women Michigan educators from attending Alpha Iota State's annual convention. DKG is an international honor society of 85,000 members that promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



Jackie Smart, on the right, presents the Michigan State Woman of Distinction Award to Shaila Jehle.

During the convention, the Alpha Iota State Woman of Distinction Award was presented to Shaila Jehle of Howell.

Jehle taught pre-calculus in Howell Public Schools and has tutored many high school and college students in math. She has been a member of DKG since 1976, serving as chapter president, as well as, other officer levels and chapter committees.

She is active in her district coordinating council and has provided leadership for several events and celebrations. She is often turned to for advice and support by her chapter members.

At the state level, Jehle has been active since 1992, serving on various state committees. She has been the chair of research, coordinating councils, membership/expansion, leadership development, communications, approve minutes and, currently, the finance committee. She has served as registrar for the fall conference in Lansing and was state corresponding secretary.

Jehle is always available to help out at state meetings and events. She has shared her musical talent with the hand bells

and flute. She has participated for many years in the Celebration of Life ceremony and has helped organize the presidents' procession line-up for many years. She has carried a flag, acted as a hostess, and done whatever was needed by offering another hand, strong back or back-up of any kind. She is a go-to person when in need of ideas, labor or support.

At the international level, Jehle has attended Northeast Regional Conference in Traverse City and international conventions in Detroit, Columbus, and Minneapolis.

Family is very important to Jehle. She spent many days commuting from Howell to Hillsdale to care for her mother. She spends quality time with her grandchildren and their school activities and is very active in the United Methodist Church in Howell. She directs and teaches students in the hand-bell choir and often plays her flute during services. The love of gardening has resulted in becoming a master gardener. Hostas are her specialty. Jehle has also helped to organize a large church garden to feed the hungry in her community.

Submitted by Jackie Smart, Gamma Alpha, Alpha Iota State Personal Growth and Service Chair

Anniversary Pins available for sale. Cost \$8.00 each, shipping extra. To order pins contact J-Jay Pechta, information page 2.



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Bright Silver



35 Years Emerald **Green**

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50 Year **Diamond**



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State Committees

2013 - 2014 Chapter Yearbook Awards

This year the yearbook committee greatly enjoyed learning more about the lives of thirty one Alpha Iota chapters. The chapter yearbook was started as a way to share Society, state organization, chapter and coordinating council information with members. As times change, it has grown to include chapter history, programs, special events, member contact information and photographs and a way for chapter members to stay connected. It is a great way for new members to find out about their chapter and the Society and to learn who their members are by looking at their photographs and becoming familiar with them before meetings. It also helps State officers find out what is happening in your chapter and appreciate all that is going on in your area of the state.

There were four award categories. All yearbooks had to be received by Dec. 1st. They could be paper copy, CD or a website and were submitted along with an evaluation form. The Admirable Award was given to those who just submitted. The Praiseworthy Award were to those who gave most of the information in 1-4. The Pacesetter Award was given to those who included all the information in 1-4 and some in 5 and the Exemplary Award was given to those who included all the information in 1-4 and at least 5 of the Optional Inclusions.

The committee would like to thank each of the 31 editors for the all of their time, hard work and dedication in putting together their chapter yearbooks and for sending them in to our committee for our enjoyment in getting to know your Chapter better. I also would like to thank my committee members for their hard work, time and energy spent on this project.

Members of the Yearbook Committee are:

Julie Kowalski, Alpha Xi
Sharron LaHaie, Alpha Xi

Admirable Award

Sigma

Praiseworthy Award

Lambda

Beta Alpha

Beta Epsilon

Beta Eta

Pacesetter Award

Nu

Phi

Alpha Epsilon

Exemplary Award

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Mu

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Alpha Alpha

Alpha Gamma

Alpha Zeta

Alpha Kappa

Alpha Lambda

Alpha Mu

Alpha Rho

Alpha Tau

Alpha Phi

Alpha Omega

Beta Beta

Beta Kappa

Beta Rho

Beta Sigma

Beta

Gamma Alpha

Gamma Gamma

Gamma Eta

*Submitted by Nancy Everett, Alpha Xi,
Alpha Iota First Vice-president and Program of Work Chair*



Alpha Iota State Needs :You! Consider A State Officer Position

Deadline October 15, 2014

It is never too early to be thinking about holding an Alpha Iota State office, or you may know of someone who would be a great candidate. Alpha Iota State nominations will be due no later than October 15, 2014, for the 2015-2017 biennium. The **Guidelines** and the **form** can be found on the state WEB site under "forms".

Therefore, right now is the time to be thinking about outstanding women to nominate from your Chapter, Coordinating Council, or even yourself to serve as one of our State leaders.

The positions open for nomination are:

- ◆ President,
- ◆ First Vice President,
- ◆ Second Vice President,
- ◆ Recording Secretary.
- ◆ We also need five nominees for the Nominations Committee with each region being represented.

We are very fortunate to be a Society of "Key Women Educators" with a vast array of talents. Begin thinking, talking, and encouraging the idea of becoming a leader in our Society. Our State organization depends on the participation of chapters and individuals for its strength now and in the future.

Don't forget, the deadline is Wednesday, October 15, 2014. What a great opportunity and experience!

If you have questions please contact me by mail or email to:

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*Submitted by Kathy Taylor, Beta Iota
State Nominations Committee Chair*



State Committees

Coordinating Councils:



The Coordinating Councils were very active this springtime! I was able to enjoy the sisterhood and the creative programs during March and April.

On March 22nd, the **Capital Area Coordinating Council** hosted Matinga Ragatz, Michigan Teacher of the Year (2010-2011) to learn of her current contributions to the international field of education. Mrs. Ragatz's lessons for us are: "embrace cultural changes, make new goals, learn new skills, stay relevant, live what you teach!"

On April 5th, the **River Lake Coordinating Council** held its Birthday Celebration at the Lakeview Hills Golf Resort in Lexington, Michigan. These ladies really know how to have a wonderful and joyous time. They planned many activities which showcased their loving senses of humor. The venue and the food were perfect, as was the sunny day. All of us left glowing with Delta Kappa Gamma sisterhood.

On April 12th, the **Oakland County Coordinating Council** held its Annual Birthday Celebration at the Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. Carol Murphy of Operation School Bell shared her volunteer activities in the greater Detroit community. The brunch was delicious and was served with elegance. Our Oakland County DKG sisters were delightful hostesses!

On April 26th, three Coordinating Councils held their annual meetings: **Detroit Metro Council** held its *Birthday Celebration* at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth, that featured Nancy Geiger, the Apron Lady and "The Stories that Aprons Tell;" the **Flint Area Council** held its Brunch and Birthday Celebration at Atlas Country Club in Grand Blanc; and a surprise event was organized by the **Konawa Coordinating Council**.

I was able to travel to Grand Rapids, to the Grand Rapids Women's City Club (GRWCC) to enjoy a delightful historical role playing by the current president of the GRWCC, Marilyn Brune and our Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters of the Konawa Council. Mrs. Brune portrayed "Desdemona Sweet," the original matriarch of the lovely home where the celebration took place. Many of us wore our lovely hats, gloves, and gowns as we were taken back more than 100 years to learn the history of the Sweet family and the history of Grand Rapids. Many period photographs punctuated the presentation as our imaginations took us back to those early days of adventure. The luncheon was delightful as was the enjoyment of each other's company.

Thank you very much for including me in your Coordinating Council events. Each event left me glowing with the appreciation of my hostesses and the gratitude for being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. We are very, very fortunate to belong to such a warm, inviting, stimulating group of professional, women educators.

SAVE THE DATE: November 1, 2014: The Cascades Council will meet at the Cascades Manor House, 1970 Kibby Rd., Jackson MI 49203

Dr. Gedy Love, Omicron, State Coordinating Councils Chair

Alpha Iota State Convention Chapter/Committee Sales Application Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Firekeepers Hotel Battle Creek, Michigan

**Chapter/
Committee:** _____

Topic: (Sales table or type of exhibit)

**Note: bring all supplies needed to set up your 6-8 foot sales table* _____

Person(s) in charge _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**Cost per table \$10. Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma Return by September 25, 2014
Judi Fisher, 20180 Rippling Lane
Northville, MI 48167, judifisher@yahoo.com**

Three Members Complete Dissertations



Alpha Iota State is proud to announce that three members completed their doctoral dissertations during the year. These three members were recognized during the Awards Brunch at the state convention at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Dr. Pamela S. Jackson, Zeta Chapter, received her PhD from Wayne State University. The title of her dissertation is : Factors that are associated with Workkeys assessment scores of inmates in Michigan Department of Corrections Community and Employment Readiness Training Program and Michigan State Industries Program.

Dr. Cathy M. Johnson, Zeta Chapter, received her PhD in Educational Studies from the University of Michigan. The title of her dissertation is: Making a Case for using Visual Inquiry Discussion in preparing Elementary Social Studies Teachers.

Dr. Sarah Miriam Kempainen, Delta Chapter, received her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree from Central Michigan University. The title of her dissertation is: An Applied Ethnography of Organizational Culture and District Practice.

We extend sincere congratulations to these members on the completion of their doctoral programs and are proud to recognize their achievement as members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Nina Keener, Lambda, State Research Committee Chair

State Committees

Personal Growth & Services Icebreaker

Icebreakers can play an important role in helping people integrate and connect with one another in a group environment. Icebreakers can also enhance your meetings by stimulating cooperation and participation. They can provide positive momentum for small groups by:

- ◆ Helping a new group get to know one another
- ◆ Helping new members to integrate into a group
- ◆ Helping people feel comfortable together
- ◆ Encouraging cooperation
- ◆ Encouraging listening to others
- ◆ Encouraging working together

Name That Person



Give each person a blank piece of card. Ask them to write five little known facts about themselves on their card. Collect the cards. Draw a card from the pile and read the facts.

Have members try to "Name That Person" in a few clues as possible. You can keep score if desired. Five points if one guesses the name on the first clue, then 4, 3, 2, 1, 0. The person with the most points wins. (Note: if the reader selects the most obscure facts first, it will increase the level of competition and general head scratching!)

Invite Any State Officer for a Chapter Visit

As your chapter plans for the upcoming year, please consider and schedule a visit from your president and other officers. Any of the officers are willing and eager to come your way to share news or just be a guest. Perhaps you are doing something special that you would like to share, a new member initiation, a birthday celebration, a special speaker or program. Your president and state officers would like to spend time with your chapter members. Take advantage of this opportunity!

You should find the forms for visitations on the state website, www.deltakappagamma.org/MI After completing the forms, send them to:

Sandy Downs
4775 Vistas Cr. N.
Canton Mi. 48188

If you have problems or need me to send you a request form, contact me at 734-340-4229 or e-mail me at sandradowns412@gmail.com

I'll be waiting for your requests.

Submitted by Sandy Downs, Gamma Gamma, State Visitation Chair

President Liz Visits Alpha Xi Chapter in Alpena

In late May, Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota State President, traveled to Alpena to join in the lovely Alpha Xi meeting held at River's Edge Golf Club. Two awards were presented to scholarship winners, one a recent high school graduate and the other a college student. Janice Melville was announced as Alpha Xi's Woman of Distinction. She was very surprised and very deserving. Nancy Everett installed the 2014-2016 chapter officers.



Pictured L to R: Front Row: Marilyn Frank, Carol Kindt, Carolyn Schalk, Janice Melville (Woman of Distinction), Betty Wright, Melba Herbek, Sandy McLennan, Betty Masters
Middle Row: Beckie Thomson, Ilene Larson, Beverly Slayton, Mary Ann Mulka, Pauline Buchner, Marion Huey, Mary Kay Griswold, Myrna Kelly, Midge Connon, Sharon LaHaie(Alpha Xi President), Liz VanWestenburg (Alpha Iota State President)
Third Row: Joy Shoemaker, Jane Sylvester, Nancy Everett (Alpha Iota First Vice President), Julie Kowalski, Debbie Wojda, Sylvia Dartt, Marty Cantleberry, Leona Wisniewski

Oakland Coordinating Council 40th Birthday Celebration

In April Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota State President, Sandy Downs, Alpha Iota State Visitation Chair, and Dr. Gedy Love, Alpha Iota State Coordinating Council Chairperson, had a lovely brunch with the Oakland County Coordinating Council at Forest Lake Country Club in West Bloomfield. OCCC was celebrating their 40th birthday. Carol Murphy was the Keynote Speaker sharing her experiences with Operation School Bell Assistance for SE Michigan students. Sally Garrison, from Lambda, gave a moving speech about the 40 years that Oakland Coordinating Council has been in Alpha Iota State. There were also three Women of Distinction announced and introduced: Kelly O'Melia of Alpha Gamma, Brenda Raymond of Beta Chi and Karen Seitz of Beta Eta. It was a beautiful spring day with bright sun that increased the smiles and good friendship.

State Committees -

WOMEN IN THE ARTS RETREAT



Theme: Wild West



Friday, October 17 – Sunday, October 19, 2014
Arrival 4:00 PM (or later) – 10:30 AM Sunday
Ralph McMullan Conference Center, Higgins Lake
Roscommon, Michigan
(989) 821 – 6200

REGISTRATION FORM
Deadline September 15, 2014

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Chapter _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Roommate Preference _____

\$175.00 - Lodging and 4 meals at Straits (due to increase by the Center)

\$17.00 - Friday Night Dinner – 5:30 PM (optional)
(Dinner hour over at 6:15 PM)
Please mark your choice _____ Chicken _____ Shrimp

\$192.00 - Total including Friday Dinner
Single room, add \$40.00 Total Remitted: _____

In late September you will receive a communication listing activities and other pertinent information about the weekend.

Make check payable to: DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Send to: Nancy Higgins
11305 Island Lake Road
Dexter, MI 48130
734 426 2914 nhigs@aol.com

Cancellation Date: September 30, 2014 to guarantee a full refund

Would you be willing to present an activity? _____

If so what one? _____

Come join your Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters at the lovely Ralph MacMullan Conference Center on beautiful North Higgins Lake for a relaxing weekend.

You do not need to be a member to come. Guests are welcome!

This year we will be staying in the luxurious Straits Lodge, where you share a bathroom with 2 rooms and larger rooms. Some may stay at the traditional lodges.

The price is all-inclusive and includes two-night lodging.
10/17 Check In
Optional Dinner for \$17.00

10/18 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner 10/19 Breakfast Only



Scholarships and Grants



Are you working on a graduate degree, retraining, or seeking an additional endorsement in education?

Delta Kappa Gamma may have some financial help in the form of a scholarship for you.

Alpha Iota offers two \$1,000 scholarships, two \$500 scholarships for retraining and/ or additional endorsements in education, and one \$800 scholarship for graduate study.

The Katherine Keeling Memorial Grant supports Michigan members who wish to participate in seminars, workshops, research, and other work designed to contribute to their professional development.

This coming year, the Kathy Cashen NE Regional Grant is available, to partially cover the cost of the registration fee for the 2015 Northeast Regional Conference to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, July 8-11, 2015. One person from any chapter may apply.

Information and application forms for any of the Alpha Iota scholarships can be found online at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI>

At the International level, the Society offers grants that support excellence in education and further intercultural understanding.

The Lucile Cornet Award for **Professional Development** is an individual award granted to educators for the purpose of participating in professional seminars, workshops, lecture series, national certification, on-line courses, and other **non-degree** program opportunities. Grants are awarded for up to \$2000.

The Golden Gift Fund is used to support an \$800 stipend for members to attend a two week Leadership/Management Seminar, taught by world recognized faculty. This seminar is valued at over \$6000. The next Seminar will be held in the Summer of 2016, in Austin, TX. Plan now as the deadline is Dec. 1, 2015.

Twenty-six scholarships of up to \$10,000 are awarded annually for members who are pursuing doctoral studies.

Guidelines and application forms for the International grants and scholarships can be found online at www.dkg.org. For Alpha Iota see www.dkg.org/MI.

Submitted by Gloria Fisher, Nu, State Scholarship Chair
1207 Fitch St., Albion, MI 49224, (517) 629-7670
dkg.gloria@gmail.com

State Fall Conference – Battle Creek, MI



Do Not Miss Pre-Conference Seminar
Friday, October 10, 2014
8:00-10:00 P.M.

**Session “The Temple of Health”-
 The Battle Creek Sanitarium**

By Mary Butler of the Battle Creek Historical Society

The Battle Creek Sanitarium grew from a small water cure establishment to a world-famous health reform spa under the direction of the innovative, but idiosyncratic, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg. Dr. Kellogg pioneered many health reform ideas which are mainstream now. Join Mary Butler, archivist, author and editor of Heritage Battle Creek Historical Society, as she traces the history of the Sanitarium and why this extraordinary “health resort” attracted tycoons and royalty from around the world to Battle Creek. See full description on page 17.

***2 SCECH’s**

Fall Conference Weekend in October



Come join us in Battle Creek, October 10-11, 2014, for the Alpha Iota Fall Conference. It will be held at the beautiful Firekeepers Hotel, located just

off I-94. It is easy to get to and it offers delicious food and well appointed guest and meeting rooms. There will be interesting sessions and speakers, and the surrounding area begs visitors to extend their stay to explore. Some of the region’s attractions include: the Binder Park Zoo, the Art Center of Battle Creek, Leila Arboretum, the Dr. John Harvey Kellogg Discovery Center, an historic Adventist village, Kimball House and Kingman Museum. It will be a beautiful time of the year to experience the orchards, the wineries, restaurants and shopping.

We encourage everyone to pre-register for the optional meals. The Friday evening buffet will include soup, salads, sandwiches, dessert and coffee or tea. Saturday’s optional breakfast will be a delicious breakfast sandwich, fruit and beverage. The costs include gratuity and tax. Meal purchases by our group can help offset the rental costs of the meeting rooms. It is also the perfect opportunity to chat with your DKG friends and meet new people.

On Saturday, following the breakout sessions and the Funding Our Purposes Auction and raffle, we will all enjoy a hot plated luncheon with salad, dessert and coffee or tea. The keynote speaker will be State Representative Kate Segal.

The registration form, information on the hotel registration, a tentative schedule and session descriptions are included in this issue. Make plans with your DKG sisters to come to Battle Creek and enjoy the conference weekend!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Alpha Iota State Fall Conference Schedule October 10-11, 2014

Firekeepers Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan

“Let’s Focus on Education!”

Friday, October 10, 2014

2:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration (Closed during Executive Board Meeting)
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM	Buffet Dinner (pre-register-tickets)
7:20 PM - 7:45 PM	First Timers’ Meeting
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Pre-Conference Seminar “ <i>The Temple Of Health</i> ,” Mary Butler, Battle Creek Historical Society; *2-SCECH’s
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting/All Members Welcome to Attend
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Conversation, Camaraderie, and Coordinating Council Meetings

Saturday, October 11, 2014

6:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Breakfast in Ballroom D (pre-register)
7:30 AM - 12:30 AM	Registration
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	General Membership Announcements
8:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Funding Our Purposes Raffle and Chapter Sales
8:55 AM - 9:55 AM	First Workshop Sessions
10:05 AM - 11:05 PM	Second Workshop Sessions
11:20 AM - 12:20 PM	Third Workshop Sessions
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Reflection and Luncheon
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	General Membership Meeting
	Keynote Speaker, “Making the Legislative Journey”, State Representative, Kate Segal; *1-SCECH
	General Announcements
	Funding Our Purposes Raffle Drawing
	The Delta Kappa Gamma Song
3:15 PM	Program of Work Committee Meeting

Saturday Keynote Speaker State Representative Kate Segal



Kate Segal is serving her third term as State Representative for the 62nd House District, which covers much of Calhoun County and includes the cities of Battle Creek, Springfield and Albion, and seven townships: Albion, Bedford, Clarence, Convis, Lee, Pennfield, and Sheridan.

For the 2013-2014 session, Segal was selected to serve as the Democratic vice chair of the House Insurance Committee and also serves on the House committees on Health Policy and Michigan Competitiveness. Segal was previously the House Democratic Floor Leader for the 2011-2012 legislative session.

Prior to being elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, Segal served on the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners from 2002 to 2008, serving as chairwoman in her final term. She was also a founding member and past chair of the Calhoun County Health Plan, which is now called Community Health Care Connections.

Segal is a graduate of Kalamazoo College, where she received a bachelor’s degree in sociology, with a concentration in public policy and urban affairs. She lives in Battle Creek with her husband, Mike, and their daughter, Elise.

State Fall Conference Registration - Battle Creek



*Our Focus, Our Future
2013-2015*

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Alpha Iota State Fall Conference Registration Form

Let's Focus on Education

October 10-11, 2014

FireKeepers Casino Hotel

11177 Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49014

877.352.8777 / www.firekeeperscasino.com

Please print. Use one form for each person.

Name: _____
Last First Title

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Chapter: _____ City: _____

Present Office(s) Held:

Chapter: _____ State: _____ International: _____

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND

		Amount	
Registration Fee:	Member	\$50	
(Postmarked by September 24, 2014)	Non-member	\$60	
Note: Saturday lunch is included in the registration fee.			
Late Fee	(Postmarked after September 24, 2014)	\$15	
Friday Night Dinner Buffet Opportunity	6:00 PM – 7:45 PM All Inclusive	\$25	
Includes Gratuity and Taxes			
Saturday Breakfast Opportunity	6:45 AM – 8:15 AM Includes Gratuity and Taxes	\$12	
SCECH Units: Certified Educational Clock Hours Fee	Member	\$10	
	Non-member	\$20	
Total Amount Enclosed		Total Due	

Make checks payable to *Delta Kappa Gamma*

Is this your first Fall Conference? _____ Yes _____ No

* *The Executive Board meeting will begin at 8:00 PM Friday night in Ballroom D.*

* *Coordinating Councils will meet following the Executive Board meeting.*

* *To help us "go green" please bring your neck wallet name badge holders. If you do not have one or forget yours, plastic holders will be available.*

We encourage you to pre-purchase the Friday evening meal and the breakfast. Meal purchases by our group can help offset the rental costs of the meeting rooms and save us money. It is also a great opportunity to socialize with your DKG sisters!

Registration Form will NOT be valid unless both sides are completed

State Fall Conference Registration - Battle Creek

Page 2 Registration Form for Alpha Iota State Fall Conference, Battle Creek, MI

Dietary Restrictions:

If you have dietary restrictions, please check the appropriate space. Diabetic Vegetarian

Photo Release: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Handicap Assistance:

There is elevator service to guest rooms. If you require special guest room accommodations, please notify the hotel staff directly when you make your overnight reservations.

SCECH Information

In order to earn State Continuing Education Clock Hours SCECHs, you must do the following:

1. Register for the Credit on your registration form. The fee is \$10 for DKG members \$20 for non-members.
2. Sign in for SCECHs at the conference registration table when you check in. (State required form.) A sheet will be in your packet.
3. Attend a minimum of three sessions for credit.
4. Assure that you are stamped in and stamped out of each session. You must attend the entire session.
5. At the close of the conference, turn in your Official Attendance Sheet, your stamped sheet, and your evaluation sheet. There will be a special box at the conference registration table for SCECH documents.
6. For credit be sure to use your e-mail address registered with the State Department of Education.

Please mail this completed form and your check, payable to *Delta Kappa Gamma*, to:

**Judy Evers, Registrar
1266 N. Edon Rd.
Allen, MI 49227
517-869-2257
jevers@dmci.net**

Cancellation Policy: "A person having to cancel will receive a refund provided her written request is posted **fifteen** days prior to the event" – September 25, 2014 (Standing rule 7:01 of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.) Requests for cancellations must be sent in writing to the same person to whom the registration form was sent. You must personally cancel your hotel accommodations. If it is necessary to cancel after September 25, 2014, you should attempt to get someone from your chapter to attend in your place. No refunds can be made after the cancellation date.

**PLEASE NOTE:
FOR GUARANTEE OF LOWEST AVAILABLE PRICE
HOTEL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2014**

State Fall Conference-Firekeepers Hotel Form



HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Iota State Fall Conference*
Group Access Code # 101014DELT

**Rate \$ 119.00 for up to 4 people in one room.
6% Sales Tax plus 6% Hotel/Tourism Tax adds \$14.28**

RESERVATIONS:

To make a reservation you may **either call** 1.877.352.8777 or **go online** at www.firekeeperscasino.com
To book **online** click the **STAY** tab and then **BOOK NOW** tab. At the top of this page select **GROUP CODE**.

Enter the code that is indicated at the top of this page and follow prompts to confirm this reservation.

****Note:** Mailed reservations with credit card information will **not** be accepted.

GUEST AMENITIES AND SERVICES:

- Deluxe standard rooms with one king or two queen beds.
- Multi-level pool area with fountain, hot tub, sauna and steam room.
- State-of-the-art fitness center featuring Precor equipment
- Complimentary 24 hour business center
- Flat Screen TV
- Clock radio with iPad docking station
- In-room refrigerator, coffee maker and safe
- Hair Dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Newspaper delivery
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- ADA-accessible room available upon request
- Complimentary self and valet parking
- Bell service
- Dry cleaning and laundry service
- 24-hour in room dining
- Wheelchairs are available on a first come, first served basis. A driver's license must be presented in exchange for the wheelchair

HOTEL POLICIES

- Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.
- Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.
- Any requests for early check-in or late check-out must be made with the front desk and are not guaranteed
- Must be 21 or older to check in
- Credit cards taken at check-in will authorize for the room and tax plus a deposit **unless otherwise noted**
- The deposit is \$50.00 per night
- FireKeepers Casino Hotel will drop authorization of unused funds within 24 hours of check-out
- **All** guests staying in the hotel must be registered on the reservation
- **No** outside alcoholic beverages are allowed
- Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times, including but not limited to Guest Sleeping Rooms, Event Center, Pool, Lobby, Meeting Rooms, etc.
- No one under the age of 21 is allowed anywhere in the gaming Floor or in the eating areas accessible only through the gaming floor
- No firearms are allowed on property

GETTING TO FIREKEEPERS:

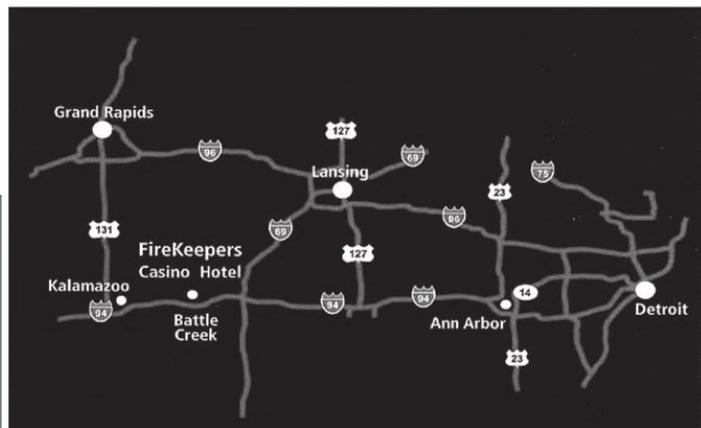
Location: I-94 to Exit 104

Address: FireKeepers Casino Hotel
11177 Michigan Avenue
Battle Creek, MI 49014
1.877.352.8777

Reservations must be received before 5:00 p.m. September 24, 2014 to guarantee group rate.

Room prices hold from October 9th to October 12th.

Cancellation must be within 24 hours prior to arrival time for refund. No show charged one night's room plus taxes.



State Fall Conference Sessions – Battle Creek

October 10, 2014
Friday Night Alternate Session
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

“The Temple of Health”- The Battle Creek Sanitarium presenter Mary Butler-Battle Creek Historical Society

Between the end of the Civil War and the beginning of World War II, the Battle Creek Sanitarium grew from a small water cure establishment to a world-famous health reform spa under the direction of the innovative, but idiosyncratic, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg. Dr. Kellogg pioneered many health reform ideas which are mainstream now, including temperate habits, vegetarian diet, therapeutic values of fresh air and sunshine, exercise to music and more. Join Mary Butler, archivist, author and editor of publication of Heritage Battle Creek Historical Society, as she traces the history of the Sanitarium and why this extraordinary “health resort” attracted tycoons and royalty from around the world to Battle Creek. Prepare to compare Dr. Kellogg’s innovative ideas of the day with your Michigan Health Model content expectations and bring some fun historical content to your health classes by seeing just how “on target” he was for “the times.” (MDE Health Education Grade Level Content Expectations- Grades 5-8) *2 SCECH’s



and learn how the students from your community can become involved in the STEM Geekend for Girls.
 * SCECH

Legislation and How It Affects Us All- Judy Foster-Upsilon Chapter

Be in the know! Find out what is happening in state politics today. This session will include the latest on legislation dealing with children, education, women and retirees, and how those bills will impact education in our state. The Alpha Iota State Legislative Committee, with chairperson, Judy Foster, member of Upsilon chapter and MEA-R State President, will bring you up-to-date on the political happenings in Michigan. Find out what you can do to become involved and make your voice heard. This will be a thought provoking and educational presentation with practical information on the legislative process and democracy in action. The processes and details learned will be of interest to us all and can be used in social studies classroom presentations and discussions. This pertains to content standards for Civics, teaching students about governmental authority, how citizens can impact governmental decisions and how government will protect political and economic freedoms of citizens. *SCECH



President.



Exploring Social Media Together Michigan teachers need to understand the global issues and responsibilities in an evolving digital culture. This session will provide educators with the knowledge they need to navigate the world of social networks. They in turn can teach their students and their colleagues how to use the networks to gather information, communicate and collaborate with others, and become better researchers. Learn how to connect with other DKG teachers and share ideas and websites for great teaching ideas. Join Anne Wade, Alpha Lambda, State Communications Chair and other technologically savvy members as they bring fascinating aspects of communication and technology together. Bring your laptop, tablet, I-phone, or other small devices and explore the power of social media through the use of centers. *2 SCECH’s



Charter Schools: Who, What, Where and Why?

Attend this session for a presentation of information on charter schools in the state of Michigan. A group of four women involved with charter schools in four different ways will form a panel to discuss the formation of charter schools, the authorization process involved in that structuring, a description of a school, and the involvement of the School Board. The presenters include Nancy Berkompas, Kathleen Muench, Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, and guest Lisa Leimeister. *SCECH

October 11, 2014
Saturday Conference Sessions

“STEM” Geekend for Girls.

Lisa Sauerbrey of Nu Chapter will explain how she motivates girls in grades 4 through 8 to get excited about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics aka STEM. She gets their mothers, aunts, grandmothers, high school female mentors, college female math, science and computer engineering club members and majors plus Delta Kappa Gamma female teachers all involved in a fascinating day of Math and Science activities. Learn the recipe for a successful STEM weekend held for the last two years in Albion, Michigan. Participants are asked to bring a female mentor with them, but many female adults are there to volunteer for those students who need a mentor. A presenter from the Math and Science center and a group of MSU computer engineering club members taught the mothers, aunts and daughters basic computer programming. Join Lisa Sauerbrey



What Does It Mean To Me?

How will the 2014 amendments to the DKG Constitution affect me and my chapter? Come have your questions answered by Dr. Helen Popovich, Beta Kappa and International chair of the Constitutional Committee, at this workshop as it focuses on the rationale for the amendments and on the implications for the changes for Alpha Iota State Chapters and individual members



Leadership Development for Chapter Officers



The Leadership Jigsaw

You are a few months into your biennium. Have questions? We are ready and willing to share experiences and provide some answers. Each member of the Leadership Development Committee has served as a chapter president and would appreciate hearing how you are growing in your office. This session will be lead by Olive Horning, Immediate Past State

Dyslexia –A Classroom Perspective- Dyslexia is the largest learning disability affecting approximately 15-20% of the population. It is a neurological condition that requires an educational treatment. Please join Judy Vanzanten director of the Binda Dyslexia Center as she focuses on what is dyslexia, how does it manifest itself in the classroom, its emotional, social, and academic impact on students and their families, identification and treatment, instructional strategies and classroom friendly accommodations that can be put in place to help students be successful. This session is designed for K-12 teachers. *SCECH



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State Fall Conference Sessions – Battle Creek Pg.2

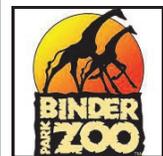
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Journey to Japan



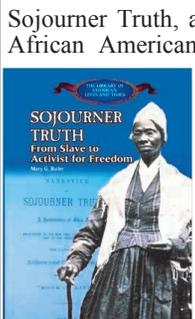
Take a virtual journey to Japan as you delve into Japanese culture, daily life and the modern day educational system as experienced by Patti Kuenzel of Beta Alpha Chapter. Through an exchange program with Battle Creek sister city, Takasaki, Patti and four American high school students were able to immerse themselves in the Japanese way of life by actually staying with a family of Japanese educators. See many wonderful artifacts and points of interest in the presentation and make an origami project to take back and teach your students about Japan. *SCECH

“It’s a Zoo Out There!”- Educating the Community on Wildlife & Wild Places- Amanda Bailless-Learn what Binder Park Zoo has to offer your classroom! Join Amanda Bailless, Binder Park Zoo Education Specialist, as she takes us on an exploration of wildlife and conservation designed for interactive, age appropriate programming for groups and individuals ages 18 months and up. Binder Zoo is dedicated to creating experiences that foster a sense of wonder, share knowledge and advocate active involvement with wildlife and wild places. What’s a program about a zoo like without a few furry friends to join us? Don’t be a “sloth”, come see for yourself! * SCECH’s



Sojourner Truth, arguably the most famous African American woman in 19th century America, chose Battle Creek as her home for the last 27 years of her life. This workshop examines how this illiterate former slave transformed herself into a leading advocate for social justice, traveling around the nation for more than 40 years delivering her passionate message supporting the abolition of slavery, temperance, women’s suffrage, the abolition of capital punishment, and more. What drew her to this small Midwestern town and where does she fit into the pantheon of social reform leaders of

“Searching for Truth”- Extraordinary Life of Sojourner Truth- Mary Butler- Battle Creek Historical Society *1 SCECH



the 19th century? Learn fascinating information to bring back to your 19th Century U.S. Studies classes as they work on units about the growth of Antebellum American Reform Movements. Join Mary Butler, author of a biography on Sojourner Truth written for middle school students which received the Carter G. Woodson Award from the National Council for the Social Studies as she leads us on this journey and also does a short textual analysis of different versions of Truth’s most famous speech, “Ain’t I a Woman?” (19th Century U.S. Studies U4.3.1- U4.3.5 Reform Movements-Public School Curriculum C2- National Geography Standard 6, p.154) *SCECH

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“Welcome to Cereal City”- How Battle Creek Became the Cereal Capital of the World-

How did Battle Creek come to be known as the “cereal city” and what are the connections to the Seventh-Day Adventist church, which began here? This presentation, by Mary Butler of the Battle Creek Historical Society and , archivist and editor of the publications *Heritage Battle Creek*, will examine the historical roles of the extraordinary entrepreneurs who led the food revolution including Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, his wife, Ella Eaton Kellogg, C.W. Post and W. K. Kellogg, not to mention the hundreds of would-be millionaires who flooded into town to seek their fortunes in this “cereal boom town.” It will also touch on the role this major industry has played in the State of Michigan as well as the U.S. both in historical and contemporary times. (Mi. State Standards for SS Grade 3-IV.2.3) * SCECH



“DoD STARBASE”- What’s it All About

Bruce Medaugh, Director of the Department of Defense STARBASE Battle Creek, shares how you take fifth grade students and expose them to the technological environments and positive role models found on military bases, then you provide them 25 hours of exemplary instruction using a common core curriculum that meets or exceeds the National Standards and you will nurture a winning network of collaborators and build mutual loyalty. The goal is to motivate



them to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) as they continue their education. The target group is students who are inner city or rural, socio-economically disadvantaged, low in academic performance or have a disability. Students are encouraged to set goals and achieve them. Join Bruce Medaugh as he engages you in a few of the “hands-on, mind-on” experiential activities used in STARBASE. He will show you how the inquiry based curriculum applies abstract principles to real world situations by leading tours and giving lectures on the use of STEM in different settings, careers and different branches of the military, making the experiences highly varied. Learn how your community schools can participate in a STARBASE program. * SCECH

Keynote Speaker Saturday Afternoon Making the Legislative Journey- State Representative Kate Segal (D. Battle Creek)

Ever wonder how a bill becomes a law? Join State Representative Kate Segal, D. Battle Creek, as she takes us on the journey of her recent House Bill 4656, a proposal sponsored to allow graduates of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA) to complete the mentorship portion of their program and begin working full-time. How was it written and proposed? What steps did it have to go through in order to become a law? What roadblocks did it meet along the way and why was it needed in the first place? Find out why it was signed into law on June 3, 2014 and became Public Act 144 of 2014. This keynote address will share firsthand, great practical information on the legislative process and democracy in action to take back and share with your classrooms, and also show what Representative Segal has done to help Public Education in her district during her terms in office. *SCECH



Need a Roommate?

Are you going to the State Fall Conference in Battle Creek?

Do you need a roommate?

If you plan to attend any DKG function and need an overnight roommate, contact Sally Garrison.

She will try to pair you up with someone else in the same situation.

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Chapter News

Detroit Metro Coordinating Council



Left to Right: Gladys Coats representing Dr. Geraldine Green, Beta Delta; Linda Pastucha, Zeta, Alpha Iota State President Liz VanWestenburg, Lynne Elsesser, Gamma Alpha; and Alice André, Alpha were honored as Chapter Women of Distinction by their respective chapters.

Detroit Metro Coordinating Council held their annual spring gathering at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth. The guest speaker was Nancy Geiger, "The Apron Lady." Nancy brought her collection of beautifully homemade aprons. She said, "If we listen to the stories that aprons tell, we can learn about women's historical roles, fashion trends, and 20th Century American culture." Table favors, programs, and the door prize used the apron theme. Many members wore their aprons to the luncheon.

During the luncheon, Chapter Women of Distinction were honored by State President Liz VanWestenburg. Each chapter shared the reasons for selecting the honored member. Honorees were: Alice Andre, Alpha; Linda Pastucha, Zeta; Marcia Ellis, Kappa; Dr. Geraldine Green of Beta Delta (posthumous); and Lynne Elsesser, Gamma Alpha.

A celebration of life ceremony was held to honor our friends, colleagues, and members - Dr. Paula Dent and Dr. Gerry Green. During their lifetime, these women were all the Society represents - key woman educators. They lived a full life as professionals and as members of Delta Kappa Gamma. They were educators who changed the lives of the children, parents and others with whom they came in contact. They were educational leaders. They have left us a legacy that we must embrace, the mission of our Society, to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Phi Chapter Supports Area Young Writers Conference



Phi chapter members pack goodie bags for the Young Writers Conference. From L to R: Alicia Sanford, Karen McClatchey, Lana Nickels, Judy Olen, Ann Laurimore, and Beth Bynum.

The Traverse City Phi Chapter had a unique opportunity this spring. They were asked to support and participate in the Traverse City area's first Young Writers Conference in May. The conference was being coordinated by one of their fellow members, Karen McClatchey and sponsored by Northwestern Michigan College (NMC). At their April meeting, members assembled goodie bags containing 8 items for distribution to each conference participant. Phi members were also asked to volunteer on conference day as greeters and guides, at registration and as student chaperones. Phi Chapter *Phi Lings* Newsletter editor, Rita Sleeman, was the official photographer for the conference.

The Young Writers Conference began as the dream and the brain child of Phi member Karen McClatchey who several years ago pitched the idea to NMC. Almost four hundred attendees in the five county area were present, on the Northwestern Michigan college campus. Students in 3rd through 5th grade, teachers, and parents had an opportunity to meet children's author and Newberry winner, Lynne Rae Perkins and also Jeffery Schatzer, another recognized children's author. Students spent the whole day on campus. They also heard other widely recognized authors and illustrators, bloggers, song writers, film makers, and many other genres. Before lunch students shared their polished pieces of writing or book in small groups that was facilitated by area high school students.

NMC is now in the planning stages for another conference in 2016 as it takes reserving ahead two years to book nationally recognized authors. Phi Chapter will be asked to continue to play a valuable role in the next conference as Karen McClatchey is continuing as coordinator. Thanks Phi Chapter members for saying "Yes" and for a job well

Chapter News

Gamma Zeta Chapter Celebrates 30 Years



Members present L to R front row: Charlotte Poole (Charter Member), Sharon Melko, Maggie Husa, Carrie Muessig
Back Row L to R: Dannie Hester, Lydia Gould, Cathy Morton, Wanda Maston

Congratulations to Gamma Zeta Chapter. Formed as part of Aunt Paula Dent's membership drive on June 16, 1984. The chapter recently held their annual planning meeting, potluck brunch, and 30th birthday celebration. Sharon Melko read us the history of our chapter and there are three of the twelve charter members who still

are active chapter members. Charlotte Poole was the only charter member in attendance. We sang Happy Birthday to Gamma Zeta and enjoyed our Chocolate Kaluha cake and ice cream.

Upsilon Chapter Picnic and Planning Meeting

In early June Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota State President, and Sandy Downs, State Visitation Chair, traveled to Grand Ledge to share in a picnic meeting of Upsilon Chapter at member Marilyn Hansbarger's home and gardens. Along with the picnic, Liz installed the Chapter Officers for 2014-2016. There was also an informative presentation by Pat Williams of the Capital Area Literacy Coalition. There was a touching and heartfelt time remembering recently deceased member Dorothy Carpenter with lovely thoughts given by member Mary Slag. Fun was had by all also in the planning of programs for the next year.



L to R Standing: Marilyn Hansbarger, Liz VanWestenburg (Alpha Iota State President), Judy Nixon (Upsilon President), Mary Slag, Lola Wilson, Judy Foster, Eileen Harrison; Kneeling: Carolyn Shoaps and Carrol Finchbaugh

Gamma Chapter Book Project Honors 75 Years

Gamma Chapter of Hillsdale and Branch counties recently celebrated its 75th birthday along with Alpha Iota State. This double celebration needed special recognition and Gamma chapter chose to celebrate by donating books to local school libraries.

Schools in both counties were contacted requesting book titles. Members replied to the challenge with either a book or monetary donations. The schools that replied received up to ten books for their students to enjoy reading. In all, 118 books were donated. What a fitting way for Gamma Chapter members to celebrate two major anniversaries of their Society.



L to R - Angela Maddox accepts books on behalf of Jonesville Middle School from JoAnne Miller, 75th Book Project Chair for Gamma Chapter



Chapter News

Alpha Kappa Chapter Awards Mini-Grants

Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Muskegon area recently granted four, two hundred-fifty dollar mini-grants to area teachers. This is the first year that mini-grants have been part of the scholarship/grant program for the chapter. The mini-grants were to help enhance the classroom, provide additional classroom materials, or help with field trip transportation.

- ◆ Beth Donovan of Lakeside Elementary took 67 third grade students to the Muskegon Museum for a weeklong study of Michigan's natural resources. The grant provided transportation and materials to complete hands-on projects.
- ◆ Johnathan Allen of North Muskegon Schools increased his supply of scientific calculators for his math classes.
- ◆ Kathi Kissel of Muskegon Catholic Schools, and an Alpha Kappa sister, used her grant money to enhance her reading area with additional seating and to purchase non-fiction books.
- ◆ Danielle Risley of North Muskegon Schools will be training staff members how to use brain breaks in their classrooms which will add movement to increase core strength for the students. Danielle will purchase equipment with the grant.

Submitted by Jan Hyllard, Alpha Kappa

**Delta Chapter Hosting
Upper Peninsula Fall Conference**



The Upper Peninsula Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 in Marquette, Michigan. The day will be filled with exciting and interesting workshop sessions and speakers.

It is a perfect opportunity to get together with DKG sisters. Plan to attend the conference and enjoy the beauty of the fall along the shore of Lake Superior. Registration information and more details will be sent to chapter presidents to share with members.

Sigma Chapter News

Norrie Slater, Sigma Chapter member, and a member of Ionia County Literacy Council helped give away hundreds of free books to students at Woodville Elementary School to encourage children to read during the summer.

Lynn Mason an active Sigma member who recently retired from Belding Middle School as a 30 year physical education teacher is also serving her fourth term as Ionia County commissioner. Lynn is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 86th State House seat in the upcoming election this fall.

Alpha Theta Members Earn Red Noses



Alpha Theta Chapter traveled to Detroit, in May, to tour the Parade Studio. The Studio is the home of the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade. It is housed in the old Chrysler factory that was designed by Albert Kahn. We saw many of the floats from this year's and past parades. All the famous "Big Heads" were there, too. The Studio is a year-round business that builds floats for events all across the country. They also have a costume department to suit up all the volunteers.

Our chapter president, Pam Olech, was a volunteer at the last parade. She arranged our trip so we could share in all the fun. The red noses are our souvenirs!

Front Row 2nd person from the left: Ellen Schwemmin, Pam Olech, Shaila Jehle, Kathy Zents, and Connie Ouellette

Beta Alpha Chapter Happenings



Beta Alpha initiated three new members. Left to Right: Theresa Brown, Laurie Nierman, and Lori Seita



Nancy Hood presents Jackie Luke with the Chapter Woman of Distinction Award



Beta Alpha New officers: Jan Ludwig, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy Hood and Judy Montych, Recording Secretaries; Vice-president, Arlene Lents; Co-Presidents Joan Dillman and Colleen Parnell

Chapter News

Alpha Xi Chapter Reaches Their Goal For Historic One-Room Schoolhouse

Retired teacher Midge Connon remembers a time when creature comforts like running water and indoor plumbing were not automatic givens at country schools throughout the Alpena School district. “There was no indoor plumbing and no running water whatsoever,” said Connon of the one-room Green School she attended from first grade through eighth grade.



Those days are long gone, but not Connon’s memories of learning in a one-room setting, which she gladly shares with young students of today. So too, do her fellow Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Xi chapter members, who for many years now have taken on the historic Green School as a pet project.

Constructed in 1895 in Green Township, the school operated continuously through 1961. In April 1981 the wooden structure was donated to the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan. Funds were raised and the school was moved 18 miles to its current location on the museum grounds.

To enhance the experience of students visiting the museum, DKG members researched the history of

the school’s old-time curriculum and developed an educational packet around it.

“Some of the subjects taught were ornithology and agriculture,” Connon said. “That’s all on record at the state archives. In the early days of school, students only went for 180 days because of planting and harvesting.”

While on field trips to the museum, today’s teachers use the packets developed by DKG to teach their students about what school was like in the Alpena area 100 years ago. The packets were updated in recent years to also reflect current educational requirements in the state curriculum.

DKG’s commitment to Green School remains ever strong. Upon learning that the school was in need of some major repairs, including repairs to windows, siding and doors, and giving the structure a fresh coat of paint, they took ownership of raising the necessary funds.

“Members of DKG greatly value the educational and cultural heritage Green School brings to our community, and have been earnestly working to raise money for the repairs needed to preserve the one-room schoolhouse,” said Besser Museum Director Chris Wituski.

Over the past 12 months, DKG members secured both private donations and grant funding from a Rural Partners of Michigan Community Grant, the Women’s Giving Circle, the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan and through a recent newspaper plea for the last \$1400 of the \$7200. Alpha XI Chapter was finally able to reach their goal. They are pleased that they could preserve this unique piece of history that played an important role in the lives of so many others in Northeast Michigan and it will continue to impact the future of students who come to Besser Museum to experience what life was like in a one-room school house.

Submitted by Sharron LaHaie, Past President Alpha Xi

Michigan Artists and Writers Need To Apply

The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts (see www.dkg.org) has two representatives from Michigan. We have many talented artists and writers in Michigan. Categories for submissions include literary works, performance arts, two and three dimensional art, photography and craft art.

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The next submission period is **September 1 – October 1, 2014**. Procedures for submission and the Application Form are available on the Society web site. Michigan artists please reply! Share your talents with all of us!

State Convention Highlights



Left to Right: Julie Usher, selling pin scarves for Alpha Xi Chapter, and Pi Chapter's Vice President Janet Gertsler and President Marilyn Maurer are selling officer pins.



Delta Chapter member Mary Bengry is helping the convention registrar Pat Wittler, Delta, look up some information on her tablet.



Left to Right: Taking a turn at manning the sales table for Wilma Adams Scholarships is Norrie Slater, Sigma Chapter; while Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta; and Nancy Hood, Beta Alpha Chapters are in charge of sales for Member Supporting Member and the Scholarship Committee.

 ★ **Note of Thanks:** Alpha Iota State Convention was held at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI. It was attended by 197 members from 50 chapters. There were 14 first timers. Thanks to Patricia Wittler, of Delta Chapter in Marquette, MI who was registrar, and Sandra Downs from Gamma Gamma Chapter, Plymouth/Canton area who was treasurer, for an outstanding job. Thanks also to Convention Chair, Dr. Nancy Navarre, from Gamma Gamma for her time and talents. Other chapters who helped to make the convention a success were Delta, Alpha Xi, Alpha Tau, Beta Omega, and Gamma Eta.
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Mackinac Island Historical Parks and The Architecture of Summer Cottages

Nina Keener with Steven Brisson, Deputy Director of the Mackinac State Historic Parks, who gave the history of Mackinac Island. His slide presentation covered about three centuries. The Native Americans were the first to come because of the fishing. The history included the French missions, the fur trade, the English and Indian problems, and wars involving all three. Because of its strategic location, the island has evolved over the years as an historical tourist location. Later that day, Mr. Brisson shared information on the Architecture of Mackinac Island's summer cottages. The quintessential ingredient for a Mackinac Island summer cottage is a large wraparound porch with direct entry to the great room. A cottage lacks a grand staircase and plaster walls that would crack in winter weather. Wicker furniture is a must so the summer breezes can cool the occupants properly. Mr. Brisson highlighted the following styles: Carpenter, Gothic, Queen Anne, Shingle Style, Classical Revival, and Prairie.

Submitted by Nina Keener, Lambda and Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha

State Convention Highlights



Receiving Longevity Awards for being a member for more than 40 years: Back row from the left: Joanne Saucier, Beta Epsilon; Nina Keener, Lambda; Theresa Lorio, Zeta; Mary Tracy, Beta Omicron, Sharleen Gonzalez, Gamma Beta; Frances Robbins, Alpha Tau; Elizabeth Van Dongen, Eta from Beta State Canada; Sally Garrison, Lambda. Front row from the left: Dr. Betty Brogan, Alpha Phi, Mary Galer, Alpha Tau; Helen Popovich, Beta Kappa, and Loretta Miles, Beta Omicron



Barbara Whiting thanked us for inviting her as our International Guest. She is a member of the Society's International Administrative Board, as Member-at-Large for 2012-2016



Alpha Iota State was pleased to have our Canadian Beta State Ontario sisters from Eta Chapter join us. Pictured from the left: Helen Lamos-Parker, Joan Wolfe, Eta Chapter President, and Elizabeth Von Dongen.



Nancy Everett, Alpha Iota State 1st Vice-president and program Chair introduced Bob Tagatz, hotel historian, who shared many stories about the rich history of the Grand Hotel which he claimed is equal parts folly and miracle. He explained the "crooked yet solid" construction and exuberant color scheme of the décor.

The Grand Hotel has fiercely fought over the years, to establish and maintain its reputation as a grand destination offering more than clean rooms, good food and a pretty place. Over the years the hotel has boasted gas lights, working elevators, a dog track, speakeasy, and slot machines. The Grand Hotel has survived by carefully crafting summer memories that last a lifetime.

Submitted by scribe; Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha



Jackie Smart's presentation Jane Austen: "Are the Only Good Men Fictional?" was informative and fun. Jackie dressed in a Regency costume. She spoke about Jane Austen's short but fulfilling life in the Regency period. Jackie emphasized how Austen wrote only six complete novels that remain popular today, because the themes are real and even relevant.

Submitted by scribe; Esther Loskowske, Gamma Alpha

Articles Wanted

- For *The Wolverine* about:
- Chapter News
- Events/Celebrations
- Program Ideas and Resources
- Good Works
- Pictures with captions

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Convention Awards

2013– 2014 Alpha Iota State Longevity Award

Membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma International is an honor and a distinction for all of us. There are a number of individuals who were in attendance at the state convention and who have been DKG members for 40 or more years. These women were recognized with the Alpha Iota State **Longevity Award**. For those who have reached milestones of 40, 45 or 50 years in the Society, they received a special pin.

Theresa Lorio	Zeta	40 Years
Elizabeth VanDongen	Eta/Beta Ontario State	40 years
Sharleen Gonzalez	Gamma Beta	41 Years
Nina Keener	Lambda	41 Years
Joanne Saucier	Beta Epsilon	41 Years
Gloria Richards	Nu	42 Years
Mary Tracey	Beta Omicron	43 Years
Sally Garrison	Lambda	44 Years
Francis Robbins	Alpha Tau	44 Years
Elizabeth Brunner	Gamma Alpha	44 Years
Alice André	Alpha	45 Years
Dr. Betty Brogan	Alpha Phi	48 Years
Loretta Miles	Beta Omicron	50 Years
Dr. Helene Zimmerman	Tau	53 Years
Dr. Helen Popovich	Beta Kappa	54 Years
Mary Galer	Alpha Tau	54 Years

Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota State President

2013 - 2014 Alpha Iota State Award of the Rose

The Award of the Rose was initiated during Sally Garrison's biennium, 1995-1997. The Award of the Rose recognizes chapter achievement and excellence. It encourages chapters to participate in state and international activities, as well as, meeting state and international deadlines and goals. Chapter Presidents were asked to apply for recognition by April 1.

The twenty-two chapters receiving the Award of the Rose are:

Gamma	Alpha Zeta	Beta Lambda
Zeta	Alpha Kappa	Beta Rho
Lambda	Alpha Mu	Beta Sigma
Mu	Alpha Tau	Beta Tau
Omicron	Alpha Omega	Gamma Alpha
Sigma	Beta Alpha	Gamma Gamma
Upsilon	Beta Beta	Gamma Eta
Alpha Alpha		

Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota State President

Scholarships/Grants Awarded

The 50/50 raffle money to assist in funding the Past Presidents' International Convention Scholarship Fund was won by Nancy Higgins of Zeta Chapter.

Three members will be receiving the Past Presidents' International Convention Scholarship. Each member will receive \$125, the cost of the convention registration. Patricia Hatch, Mu; Esther Loskowske, Gamma Alpha; and Sandy Edwards, Beta Lambda are the three recipients this year. These ladies are sure to enjoy the sessions and networking at the convention.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, grant money will be available for the July 8-11, 2015 Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Look for details in future *Wolverines*.

Submitted by Gloria Fisher, Nu, Scholarship/Grants Chair

2012-2013 Alpha Iota State

President's Awards

This year the President's Award was given to those chapters that achieve the specific goals during the past year. Chapter Presidents were asked to complete the President's Award application and submit it by April 1. This year the President's Award is being given to nine chapters that increased their membership by recruiting, retaining and reclaiming members.

The chapters receiving the President's Award are:

Gamma	Nu	Alpha Kappa
Alpha Mu	Beta Alpha	Beta Beta
Beta Omega	Gamma Gamma	Gamma Eta

Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota State President

2014 State Convention Attendance Awards

Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

Alpha Iota State Spring Convention 2014 Attendance Awards for Chapters having 10% or more of their members in attendance.

Submitted by Kathy Muench, State Expansion/Membership Chair

1. Alpha	15. Alpha Alpha	29. Beta Omicron
2. Gamma	16. Alpha Gamma	30. Beta Rho
3. Delta	17. Alpha Epsilon	31. Beta Tau
4. Zeta	18. Alpha Zeta	32. Beta Omega
5. Kappa	19. Alpha Theta	33. Gamma Alpha
6. Lambda	20. Alpha Mu	34. Gamma Beta
7. Mu	21. Alpha Xi	35. Gamma Gamma
8. Nu	22. Alpha Tau	36. Gamma Zeta
9. Omicron	23. Alpha Omega	37. Gamma Eta
10. Sigma	24. Beta Alpha	38. Gamma Theta
11. Tau	25. Beta Beta	39. Eta Chapter of Beta State Ontario
12. Upsilon	26. Beta Delta	
13. Phi	27. Beta Epsilon	
14. Omega	28. Beta Xi	

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Communications Committee Presents Chapter Newsletter Awards

Ann Wade, Alpha Lambda, Communications Chair

This year, 29 chapter newsletters were submitted to the Communications Committee for evaluation. The purpose of the evaluation is to give chapter news editors feedback on their publications and suggestions for improvement. Based on a 25 point scoring guide the newsletters were judged on appearance and content by all members of the Communication committee: Anne Wade, Joanne Saucier, Joan Dillman, Linda Pastucha, Sharon LaHaie and Pam Naplin. We were pleased to receive many submissions and note that so many chapters have "gone green" and distribute their newsletters electronically. It was also nice to see the variety of articles shared in the newsletters. Exemplary Awards received 23 – 25 points, followed by Outstanding Awards with 20 - 22 points, Praiseworthy with 18 - 19 points, and 17 points and under the Admirable Award. The following chapters received a certificate and detailed evaluation of their newsletters.

Chapter Name Award		Chapter Name Award		Chapter Name Award		Chapter Name Award	
Gamma	Outstanding	Phi	Outstanding	Beta Alpha	Outstanding	Gamma Gamma	Outstanding
Zeta	Exemplary	Alpha Alpha	Praiseworthy	Beta Beta	Outstanding	Gamma Zeta	Outstanding
Kappa	Outstanding	Alpha Gamma	Praiseworthy	Beta Epsilon	Outstanding		
Lambda	Outstanding	Alpha Zeta	Exemplary	Beta Eta	Outstanding		
Mu	Exemplary	Alpha Lambda	Praiseworthy	Beta Kappa	Outstanding		
Nu	Praiseworthy	Alpha Xi	Outstanding	Beta Lambda	Exemplary		
Omicron	Admirable	Alpha Rho	Outstanding	Beta Rho	Outstanding		
Sigma	Outstanding	Allpha Tau	Praiseworthy	Beta Sigma	Outstanding		
Upsilon	Outstanding	Alpha Omega	Admirable	Gamma Alpha	Outstanding		



Personal Growth and Services Committee Presents Chapter Women of Distinction Awards Jackie Smart, Chair, Gamma Alpha

Alpha Alice André	Omicron Linda Dean	Alpha Gamma Kelly O Melia	Alpha Upsilon Peg Christopher Fell	Beta Omicron Kay McComb
Beta Carol Osterling	Pi Marilyn Mauer	Alpha Epsilon Jane Wright	Alpha Phi Ellen DeMunnik	Beta Rho Kathy Heatherly
Gamma Joyce Daglow	Rho Judy Ott	Alpha Zeta Jeanne DeHenlau	Alpha Omega Jane Matherly	Beta Sigma Sue Youngberg
Delta Dr. Sarah Kempainen	Sigma Lois Beal	Alpha Theta Pam Olech	Beta Alpha Jackie Luke	Beta Tau Betty Brown
Epsilon Cheryl TenBrink	Upsilon Carolyn Shoaps	Alpha Kappa Kathi Kissel	Beta Beta Esther Puckett	Beta Chi Brenda Raymond
Zeta Linda Pastucha	Phi Beth Bynum	Alpha Lambda Anne Wade	Beta Delta Dr. Geraldine Green	Gamma Alpha Lynne Elsesser
Kappa Marcia Ellis	Chi Judith Pleshe	Alpha Mu Jennifer Laethem	Beta Epsilon Valerie Dutton	Gamma Eta Donna Watkins
Mu Kim Confer	Omega Lynne Hendricks	Alpha Xi Janice Melville	Beta Eta Karen Seitz	Gamma Theta Gari Voss
Nu Pam Strope	Alpha Alpha Kathy Saunders	Alpha Rho Orelia Dann	Beta Kappa Dr. Helen Popovich	Pin Available for honoring Chapter of Distinction Women. 
		Patricia Stejskal Cynthia Caviani	Beta Lambda Carolyn Thompson Sandra Edwards	
		Alpha Tau Pat Hunter	Carol Hunt	

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Alpha Iota State - 2013 - 2014 FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARDS

The Friend of Education Award may be given to an individual or community group that a chapter deems worthy of such recognition. Chapters have the autonomy to determine who is to receive the award and how the award will be presented. Alpha Iota State thanks the following people and organizations for their dedication and the chapters that recognized them.

Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta, State Second Vice-president

FOE Honoree	Chapter	Service
Inspiring Hearts for Autism	Beta Lambda	Promotes awareness of Autism in the Lapeer Community
Coleen Lamonte	Beta Lambda	Representative Lamonte has consistently supported educational issues and educators through her position
Emily O. Wood	Gamma	Mrs. Wood has worked countless hours in Hillsdale Community Schools as a volunteer and officer for the PTO, Booster Club, and Hillsdale School Educational Foundation. She was instrumental in designing and funding the "Study Cup" business for the Business Professionals of America.
Hillman Education Foundation	Alpha XI	Has made outstanding monetary contribution in support of the New Mothers Book Project in Alpena Regional Medical Center.
Stacy Metz	Nu	Ms. Metz volunteered as PTO President, Read-in Coordinator, and Playground Coordinator in the Albion Schools.
Natalie McLaughlin	Gamma Gamma	Ms. McLaughlin is the representative from Community Financial Institution and works with all Plymouth-Canton elementary and middle school students on how to manage a savings account. She also trains the older students to be tellers in the bank which builds responsibility. The best lesson is how to save and build a savings account.
Carolyn Shopps	Epsilon	Ms. Shopps has volunteered in Charlotte Elementary School for nine years in kindergarten and first grade.
Maggie DeLapas	Nu	Ms. Delapas is valued as a wonderful volunteer. She works daily with individuals and small groups of students in Albion public Schools. She also helps with fund raising and helped to move the library when the elementary school moved..
David Hockenbrocht	Omicron	Mr. Hockenbrocht helps send special needs children to camp
Patricia Hunter	Alpha Tau	Ms. Hunter is a special volunteer who is very supportive of community projects.
Kate Segal	Beta Alpha	Worked as the House Democratic Floor Leader 2011/2012. Is very supportive of education and educators.
Angels of Action	Beta Kappa	Angels of Action have given 14,000 book bags of food to children of Mecosta County.
West Branch Optimist Club	Beta Iota	West Branch Optimist Club works in the community to sustain positive support for the youth.
Kiwanis Club of West Branch	Beta Iota	The Kiwanis Club supports students of all ages in the community of West Branch.
Laura Marentette	Beta Iota	Ms. Marentette served as registrar, fund raising chairperson and president of the Peter Pan Pre-school.
Julie Elliott	Beta Iota	Ms. Elliott is very involved with students at St. Joseph's Catholic School and the Ogemaw Heights High School.
Janet Ralph	Sigma	Ms. Ralph writes a column for the Greenville Daily News, A supporter of local schools and urges parents to be involved .
Sandy Tromp	Sigma	Ms. Tromp is the ultimate volunteer, helping students and teachers alike. She is better known at school as Ellis Angel.
Amanda A. Schafer	Tau	Presently Executive Director at Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation. She is very involved volunteering in the community.
Meer Apartment Residents	Beta Chi	Senior Reading Buddies who weekly listen to children read at Pleasant Lake Elementary and West Bloomfield Elementary Schools.
Karen Fritz	Beta Tau	Ms. Fritz has volunteered for seven years in the classroom at Deckerville Elementary School.
Robert Eager	Beta Tau	Mr. Eager helped our chapter acquire a Facebook account so we can participate in the on line Give Where You Live Fund Raiser. Supported by the Sanilac County Community Foundation.

International News



DKG Educational Foundation

Giving to educate the world

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- **Give a dollar for each year - just \$50 for 50 years -** and your name will be cited among the celebrants of the Golden Anniversary of the DKG Educational Foundation on the dkgef.org website.

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Go to: www.dkgef.org

Click on Professional Development

Click on Individual Awards Application

**Check out previous recipients and see the
variety of grants.**



Schools for Africa is a joint campaign founded by UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society to promote education for children in Africa. The campaign will increase access

to quality basic education for children with special focus on girls, orphans and vulnerable children. UNICEF is working with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners.

What your Money can Do

- ♦ Build and rehabilitate 1,000 schools
- ♦ Create schools that offer a safe and protective environment where children can learn and play
- ♦ Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities in schools
- ♦ Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials
- ♦ Train 100,000 teachers to provide children with quality education and basic life skills
- ♦ Educate children, parents and the community at large about proper hygiene and HIV prevention,

Visit www.schoolsforafrica.com or under UNICEF and see a video and slide show

Supporting Early Educators

An international initiative and major focus for chapter programs and projects this biennium has been Support for Early Career Educators.

This is a second International project. The efforts include but extend beyond mentoring and provide help for new teachers to maintain enthusiasm, inspire networking among new teachers, reduce the feeling of isolation, provide nurturing and support, enhance self esteem and invite those with potential for distinctive service to membership in DKG



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Dates to Remember

August 23, 2014

President's Advisory Committee Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lansing, MI

October 4, 2014

Upper Peninsula Fall Conference
Marquette, MI

October 10 - 11, 2014

Alpha Iota State
Fall Conference & Executive Board
Firekeepers Hotel, Battle Creek, MI

October 17 - 19, 2014

Women in the Arts Retreat
Higgins Lake, Michigan

February 7, 2014

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May 1-3, 2014

Alpha Iota State Convention
Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac at Centerpoint