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Alpha Iota State 2013-2015 Biennium Theme Education: Our Focus, Our Future

President's Message - A DKG Campaign

Let's talk about ways to spread the word about DKG! Your outfits and accessories, your actions and your involvement in community projects, your casual conversations with those around you can all spark people's curiosity and open the door for a "DKG campaign."

Wear your member keypin proudly, even if it is not a chapter meeting day or a state event. If you usually wear a pin scarf or ribbon badge, you may wish to purchase an extra keypin to wear. People around you may ask about your pin and the conversation about the Society's purposes, goals, projects and member benefits will begin.



If you have a scarf with the DKG logo, or a scarf with a rose motif, wear that as part of an outfit when you are going to school, work, church, clubs, meetings or out to lunch with friends. The pretty red scarf that many purchased at the convention in New York City is still available at the Society on-line store. (Check www.dkg.org) A rose pin on your lapel or a fabric rose on a purse or bag can also provide an opportunity to chat about DKG.

Carry a DKG tote bag for school, for travel, for shopping. Over the years we have had a number of styles offered, and we have some of the spring convention bags available for sale. (Contact me to ask how you can purchase one.) They are both useful and a terrific way to display the logo and our Society's name.



Many have a DKG charm on a bracelet. The charm and other Society jewelry pieces are available at the on-line store and at state and international conferences or conventions. Alpha Iota State also has a number of very pretty pins for sale. The pins and jewelry declare your pride and membership in the Society.

Use DKG pens, screen wipes, flashlights, and luggage tags to get our name and symbols out there. Use bookmarks with the international and state logos. Here's a thought we need DKG cases for smart phones, notebooks and readers!

When you are out, be ready to explain about the Society. Have your "elevator speech" prepared. The speech should be short, concise, easy to understand, enticing and interesting. It should be about 15-30 seconds in length; the time it generally takes to ride an elevator from one floor to another. It is a brief explanation about who we are and what we are all about.

You might wish to include the facts that we:

- belong to an international honor society of women educators
- recognize and support outstanding women in education
- represent 17 countries around the world
- share membership with 82,000 worldwide
- represent women who are leaders in education and their communities
- provide scholarships, grants, and professional opportunities to network with others
- donate approximately \$3 million annually to educators and education worldwide

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President's Message Continued



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Education: Our Focus, Our Future

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- affiliate with the United Nations Department of Public Information and Economic and Social Council
- involve ourselves in international projects such as UNICEF's Schools for Africa, Supporting Early Career Educators, and numerous state and chapter projects
- provide professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

The speech should be practiced but conversational, memorable and sincere, not canned. Share your enthusiasm for DKG and focus on the benefits for others.

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If you have business cards printed, include your affiliation with DKG. You could include the official name of the Society, "The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International", and you could identify yourself as a "Key Woman Educator" and include the DKG vision: "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide." The Society logos are available in pdf format on the website, www.dkg.org.

When chatting with friends and colleagues, talk about DKG events: chapter meetings, Women in the Arts Retreat, state fall conferences, state conventions, leadership seminars and workshops. Emphasize the professional development and growth opportunities, as well as the social aspects. Share event registration forms with those in schools in your community. Invite women to attend chapter meetings and state events. Talk about the benefits of membership: grants and scholarships, publications, websites and social networks, conferences and conventions, opportunities to network and to speak or publish in a professional environment, and so much more.

Be spirited, vocal and visible as you support chapter, state and international projects. Talk about what you are doing and why. If you volunteer and donate supplies and materials for classrooms and schools, tell those at the schools about DKG and our purposes and projects. Whenever possible, publicize chapter events and projects in local media and in the school community. Share information about chapter meetings and speakers on social media. Twitter, facebook and LinkedIn can reach many people very quickly! Chapter and state organization websites are another valuable source of information about us.

We should be proud of our membership in DKG and make every effort to broadcast our purposes, goals and projects to those around us. Let's spread the word!

*Liz VanWestenburg
Alpha Iota State-Michigan President, 2013-2015*



Membership

Chapter Leadership and Expansion

Congratulations to all of the new chapter presidents and chapter leaders. I used to say every year was a new and different year as I returned to the classroom. There were always new people on the staff and, of course, the students were new.

Such as it is with our chapters. If you are a first time president, take time to look about you and really get acquainted with the membership. Every member holds gifts to share, although some are quiet about them. This is when conversations help via phone or perhaps just a casual meeting of the group. There is always someone to share your thoughts and tasks in some manner.

If you are repeating as a president, take time to consider moving people around to new duties. Change may be hard, but it's good, too. Ask everyone for ideas and you'll be amazed. Being president doesn't mean you need to do it all. When you ask for help, people do step up to the request.

Above all ask. Some years a person may have good reason to say NO when asked to serve, but the following year when asked again, she may say YES. Speaking of asking, it's my turn to ask you a question and in turn ask your chapter members. Do you know of any fine women teachers who live in the Frankfort, Benzonia, or Honor area of Michigan? Benzie County is below Leelanau County and west of Grand Traverse County and adjoins Lake Michigan.

President Liz and I have met with a few good teachers in that area who want to start a new chapter. Perhaps you know someone to recommend. Please let Liz or me know and we'll do the contacting.

Here's hoping your biennium is off to a good start. Be sure to contact me if you have questions or your chapter needs help.

*Kathy Muench, Alpha Mu, State Membership /Expansion Chair
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A Special Welcome to Alpha Iota State Initiates



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Lori Ann Bell*
Ethel Jean Dobson*

Alpha Zeta

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Alpha Omega

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Mary Alice Ross*

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Sandra Kawecki



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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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Honor Members with Pins

Chapter Woman of Distinction. RED Letters are on a gold background. The dark areas are raised gold. The DKG letters are in red on gold

Available at state meetings or via mail with small shipping charge (\$2.50 for up to 12 pins)



Key Woman Educator Pin

Pin shows gold laurel leaves with a diamond setting. An open red r rose with green leaves outlining a black background is in the center. Gold letters read "Key Women Educators."



Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Florence Jean Wilson, Beta Rho Chapter

Family mattered to our Beta Rho sister: her own Ambrose relatives, Florence and husband Larry's clan for whom she planned and held multiple family reunions until 2009, the children she taught, the staffs she worked with, the members of the organizations she belonged to or worked with, especially those in Monroe County. All these people were fortunate to be counted as members of Florence's own extended family. Considering the eight years she gave to the children of the Dundee schools and the 27 years to those in the Ida schools, her influence will live on in the children and families to whom she gave so much.

A graduate of Milan HS, Florence considered becoming a nurse, but after studying nursing at U of M for a year on a Regents Scholarship, she transferred to EMU to become a teacher, earning her BA and MA. Certified in both Special and Elementary Education, she began by teaching special education for a few years but spent the majority of her 35 years in elementary classes before retiring in 1993. One year after that, taking advantage of her new found flexibility, she sailed to England on the QE2 and later flew back on the Concorde.

The Wilsons had always enjoyed traveling and cruising, and their friends and fellow volunteers loved hearing about those experiences. However, their hearts belonged to Monroe County in Michigan where they could be counted on to be smiling ambassadors and hardworking, volunteers for Monroe County Community College and its Foundation, as well as, many other groups. Being interested in the history of the county, Florence was an active member of the Old Mill (of Dundee) Restoration Committee (her memorial luncheon was held at the Mill) and, for 15 years, "was the chief architect of the Dundee German Fest. She also served her chapter, Beta Rho, well for forty years including as President from 1980-1982, secretary and a member of several committees including Scholarship and World Fellowship. Her sisters appreciated this "quiet, unassuming", hardworking member for many things including her quick wit, her great "sloppy joes" served by her chapter each July at the Monroe County ISD's Holiday Camp, and her willingness to share her knowledge of one of her greatest loves - genealogy.

A past president of the Genealogical Society of Monroe County, she then became the archivist for the organization helping many in the community trace their roots. She was also the local delegate to the State of Michigan Genealogical Organization. Florence presented sessions on genealogy at various Alpha Iota State conferences and conventions. In her own family, two brothers, Scot and Jon Bruce, remember being spoiled by Aunt Florence who, as Jon said, made not only the best peanut butter brownies but made childhood Christmases unforgettable in many ways.

December 22, 1933 - June 4, 2014

Teressa Delph, Omicron Chapter

Teressa Delph's father was blind, but his daughter saw him overcome this adversity. He stayed active in his community life, helping others and stressing education in the Arkansas city where Teressa grew up. This same selflessness and compassion characterized Teressa's whole life.

After her marriage, she moved to Jackson, MI in 1956 and "became a well-known resident as she pushed to help the community progress across several platforms. As a teacher in the Jackson Public Schools for 24 years, Mrs. Delph worked to promote literacy, equality, and sharing positive values." Always the nurturer, she would sneak a lunch into the locker of a student who didn't have enough money to buy one. "When students teased a classmate with a crooked gait, she turned the situation into a lesson about caring for others and stopped the taunts." Teressa also organized an annual trip to Chicago for her students where they visited museums or places of interest. Under her guidance, her students invited their parents in to sample foods they cooked using the cookbook they created of ethnic/Southern dishes.

Besides being a teacher, she was a member of Jackson's Human Relations Commission serving as a commissioner and mediator for 41 years. Of all her accomplishments there, Teressa was most proud of creating the annual HRC essay and oratorical contest for elementary and high school students that is named after her. She would provide topics such as "What makes a good citizen?" or "Describe the qualities of a great city." Third through twelfth grade students submitted essays and the top finishers spoke and competed for prizes and honors.

Our Omicron sister with "the kind heart and delightful sense of humor" also served her chapter well for 35 years. President from 1992 to 1994, she held almost all the Executive Board positions at one time or another. In addition, she actively participated in many educational and community activities, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Jackson Public Library, being "instrumental in the success of the library system and in planning and organizing numerous reading-related activities," while continuing as an active member of the Second Baptist Church.

This spring she received the Humanitarian Reward from Worldwide Who's Who, commending her for her positive impact on society. Teressa lost her battle with disease, but the influence of this amazing woman who received a myriad of accolades from so many friends, family, community and educational leaders, will never fade.

August 13, 1930 - July 1, 2014

Ann Elizabeth Reeb, Tau Chapter

Born in the village of Owendale in the "thumb" of Michigan, our Tau Chapter sister went on to graduate from Central Michigan Normal School with a MA degree in Education. She stayed in the Mt. Pleasant area after graduation and taught at the elementary level for the Mt. Pleasant School District for over 26 years. Students still remember her as "an absolutely delightful person who enjoyed teaching with all her heart."

Ann married Richard Powell in 1951. Ann and her first husband raised three wonderful children and spent 34 loving years together before he passed away in 1985. Later Ann met and married the second love of her life, Robert. She spent the next 26 years with him, enjoying her stepchildren and their families, as well as, her own. Her daughter-in-law, Kate Reeb, praised her for her generosity to her community both through teaching and volunteering. Kate and her family especially treasure the quilts that Ann, a talented quilter made for them.

Besides being a talented quilter and devoted to her family, Ann belonged to the Mt. Pleasant Women's Club, the Red Hatters and, of course, Tau chapter of DKG where she was an active member, serving on many committees. Ann spent much time visiting with friends at nearby nursing and assisted living homes. She also was quite involved with her church, the First United Methodist, and the Methodist Women's Club. Watching fireworks with Ann and Robert the past two years will always be a treasured memory for Pastor Melissa and her husband. Ann will be missed by so many, but will be held in their hearts forever.

September 12, 1930 - July 20, 2014

Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Sally Cheek, Rho Chapter

A dear friend of Sally, now living in CA, shared the following which she felt epitomized how this devoted teacher, volunteer and loving mother of three lived her life, "May your presence...your very essence...always be a special gift to others."

The Lakeshore School District in Stevensville, MI was extremely lucky that our Rho sister became a teacher there in 1975. Born in Northville, MI, Sally graduated from South Lyon HS and continued on to receive her BA in Special Education from WMU and her MA in Secondary Ed from MSU. Sally first taught Special Education for Lakeshore at the elementary level. As needs changed in the district she moved to the middle school before switching to the high school where she stayed until retiring from the district after over 30 years. A love for children, her undying optimism, her amazing work ethic and her compassion made her very successful in her educational endeavors. Her fellow Special Ed teachers lauded her for her ability to work effectively with the most challenged groups.

Sally's involvement with students and her schools went beyond the classroom. For seven years, she served as advisor to Key Club International of the Kiwanis. The club is the oldest and largest student-led service organization for high school students and teaches leadership through serving others in their schools and communities and in the process helps the young people evolve into good citizens. With patience, humor and optimism, Sally oversaw the weekly meetings, helped the students plan activities and charitable events, sponsored and helped supervise school dances in addition attended many weekend events. She became a class advisor for two HS classes following each one through its four years "overseeing and motivating the planning for Homecoming floats, proms, money raising and graduation activities." For Sally this was a labor of love.

Sally served her community and her DKG chapter well. A Rho member since 1985, she was president from 1996-1998, worked tirelessly on the Holiday Teas and on various other committees including Program of Work, Contact Tree, Sunshine, Scholarship, Personal Growth and Services. She was active in her church, the Red Hat Society, many book clubs, sang in a group called The Misfits and helped on the retired teachers' scholarship committee. Sally volunteered at the Marie Yeager Cancer Center, the Mendel Center, Krasl Art Center, Lakeland Medical Center, and Lakeland Continuing Care Center in Berrien Springs. Sally still had time to devote to her family and three grandsons. Her passing leaves a void but how she lived, her life was a gift to more people than she could imagine.

February 17, 1939 - July 28, 2014

Deanna Hogarth, Epsilon Chapter

Born in Three Rivers, Deanna Jenson Hogarth grew up in the small town of Marcellus, MI. She had fond memories of growing up in a small town, "knowing everyone so life was like one big happy family." However, Deanna found it more "interesting" than most since her father was a classroom teacher and administrator in the town. Class reunions and technology helped keep the friends close when distance and differing career paths separated them.

Deanna attended Western Michigan University and remained in the Kalamazoo area after graduation to teach primarily second grade in the Kalamazoo School District for 28 years. Toward the beginning of her career, Deanna participated in a teacher exchange with a school in South Hampton, England. She did a lot of traveling during that time through the British Isles, and made many friends who were invited to visit her in the USA.

Closer to home, Deanna sang in the choir at Miller Auditorium, helped sell tickets for and attended many events there including one of her favorites, live in Kalamazoo-NPR's "Wait, wait... Don't tell me!" Quite involved in the US-Russia Peace Initiative, she attended meetings around the country and got involved with computers to be able to communicate with people in Russia. Always involved in the Kalamazoo Education Assoc., she was also active in her church, participating in Global Ministries and the Methodist Reconciling Movement in the Kalamazoo area.

Deanna's membership in the First United Methodist Church led to her meeting a fellow parishioner who was a Kalamazoo Social Studies, and History teacher. With a little help from friends getting them to attend the same church services, Gary, a widower with three sons, and Deanna were eventually married in 1983. When Deanna retired, she and Gary continued seeing the world, often on tours with friends or family. Of Danish heritage, Deanna loved visiting the Danish fjords, Scandinavia, Europe, and North Africa.

At home, she continued her volunteering, was active with Epsilon Chapter, which she served for 45 years (most recently on Membership from 2013-14, went out to eat and to shows with friends, was in KARSP and MARSP, and despite health problems, including having to wear a neck brace, she lived her life to the fullest.

June 17, 1941 - August 17, 2014

*They lived and brought
a bit of beauty, love, and
faith.*

*Now their lives will ever be
reflected in our hearts.*

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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Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Sheila M. Collins, Alpha Zeta Chapter

Sheila Collins was born in the Port Huron area graduating from Yale HS before traveling to Kalamazoo and attending WMU. She earned a degree in Political Science but also was quite proficient in English and Language Arts. She started teaching in the Port Huron School District the same year she married her husband Robert in 1968. She later earned her Master's Degree from U of Detroit/ Mercy. Until her retirement in 2011, when her last school, Chippewa Middle School, was closed, Sheila continued "building relationships and trust with each student she encountered" whether they were in her class or not. She knew that education "went far beyond the textbooks and the curriculum" and inspired many students to follow in her footsteps and become teachers.

Sheila taught in several Port Huron schools including Cleveland Elementary (where her son later became the principal), Kimbal School, the Harrison Center and Chippewa Middle School. Praise for Sheila comes from parents and even some grandparents who were thrilled that their children, grandchildren and others had the opportunity to have the same teacher who made such a wonderful impression on them. As her Alpha Zeta chapter said, "she was a very popular teacher with students" and teachers as well, not only academically, "but also was a friend, mentor, counselor, and guide."

One student in her Creative Writing class said "she tried to get through to each and every one of us, and show us that education was about art. She said that any one of us could be a jewel in the next generation of writers." Twenty years later this woman credits Sheila for helping inspire her to write her first book

As an Alpha Zeta Chapter member since 2000, she was there to help whenever she was needed and served on several committees. As part of the Port Huron EA, she willingly served on committees, was a Building Rep and mentor to her colleagues. Her own family was dearly loved and she and Robert were especially proud of their son, his wife and their three grandchildren. Her school families will miss her as will her many "Big Reds" fans. She was always at the games with Jolly Ranchers for the students who came up to visit with her in the stands. She will be greatly missed, but as one of Sheila's former students said, "her legacy lives on in teachers like me who learned how to follow in her footsteps and to do teaching the right way."

March 11, 1946 - September 11, 2014

Grace Mohney, Epsilon Chapter

Born in Lawton in the 20's, Grace received her BA in Education from WMU, specializing in business and later went on to earn her MA from the U of M. She taught in three different school districts before retiring in 1983: Lake Odessa, Eaton Rapids, and in Portage at Portage Northern HS. That may explain why through her 61 years in DKG since being initiated in 1953, she belonged to Upsilon, Alpha Psi and in 1994 to Epsilon. In her 20 years here she remained very active, recently receiving the Longevity Award for her membership. Besides her DKG activities, Grace was an active member of St Paul's United Methodist Church and did a lot of volunteering, especially at local nursing homes.

Our Epsilon sister was described by a friend as a photographer, teacher, woodworker, horsewoman extraordinaire, and one of the brightest, kindest people she had ever met. A former neighbor remembered this vibrant energetic lady who loved life and her horses, always had a hug for you, and, always the teacher, welcomed the neighbor's youngest daughter's visits to learn about and help with Grace's horses. Grace was still showing her Hackney show ponies at competitions well into her 60's. Other friends remember her spirit of adventure; Grace biked throughout Europe earlier in her career.

Her niece lauded her aunt for being: the "family gathering" photographer, a true confidant when anyone needed sage advice or just a willing ear, always there to lend a hand, a great cook and introducing her to grilled peanut butter sandwiches, and willing to share her home for a while when the young woman attended WMU. On summer vacations Grace would take her nieces and nephews camping at Holland State Park on Lake Michigan, and invite them spend a week with her in Portage. Grace didn't limit these activities to her family. She was the advisor for Y-Teens at Portage High. One former student remembers Ms. Mohney renting out camping areas for all the girls at Lake Michigan. The only spaces available were in the family section so she said all the girls were her nieces. Many students still remember Grace as a wonderful typing and shorthand teacher, strict but fun, and they appreciate the lifelong skills she taught them.

January 21, 1922 - September 20, 2014

Funding Our Purposes Silent Auction



Well, ladies, you did it again! Congratulations on another outstanding "Funding Our Purposes" raffle. We had two hours to sell 11 items under \$50 and 13 items over \$50 and we raised, for our three funds, \$1551. 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 Convention in Pontiac on May 1-3, 2015. 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 Joyce Daglow, Gamma, World Fellowship Chair

Leona Wisniewski, Alpha Xi Chapter 1992 Alpha Iota State Woman Of Distinction

Our Alpha Xi sister lived her life by giving “her time and energy to others so that they may have a better society in which to live,” said Sally Garrison in 1992 when presenting Leona as the Alpha

Iota State Woman of Distinction. For Alpha Iota State, Leona was a past Second Vice-President, a PAC member, Chair of the State Expansion/Membership Committee, and, later a member of that committee. She also arranged workshops and workshop sessions for State Conventions and was a regular attendee at State functions.

Leona, initiated in 1962, also served her chapter as President, Parliamentarian, and Recording Secretary, in addition to chairing ten committees and acting as co-editor of her chapter newsletter during her 52 years of membership. For service to her chapter, community and church, she was named Alpha Xi’s Chapter Woman of Distinction in 1977.

A graduate of Alpena Catholic Central HS and Madonna University, Leona also received her MA in Education. She began her teaching career in the Alpena area at the elementary level as a teacher and reading consultant for Lincoln, Bingham, Maple Ridge and Long Rapids Schools, eventually became a principal before retiring. During this part of her professional life, she also served as a Chapter 1 Director, remedial reading teacher, Instructor of Reading at CMU and K-6 Reading Curriculum Chairman while presenting conferences, workshops and professional development sessions in reading and writing. Leona also founded and served as secretary and president of the Thunder Bay “Born to Read Project,” actively participated in the Gifted and Talented Program, was V-P and membership chair of Region 13 MI Elementary and Middle School Principals, and worked for her EA as Secretary, in addition to being on the negotiating team and the Professional Problems Committee. Upon retiring, Leona continued working with and for the children to whom she had devoted her life by becoming the Health Model Coordinator for the Alpena Schools.

Besides her activities with education, Leona used her “free time” to help others in her community. She served on the board of the Besser Museum which many of her Alpha Iota State sisters visited during the Fall Conference in Alpena and also served as the Conference Registrar. She also made time for AAUW, the League of Women Voters, MARSP, and was President of her condo association for years. At her church, St. Mary’s, she was a member and officer of the School Board, served on the Education Commission, Church Council and Finance Committee. Then she was President of the Women’s Club, chaired the Bazaar, worked on the Festival Committee and was active with the Girl Scouts.

Besides her school family, our sister was devoted to her own family. According to her brother, “she enjoyed the company of her many nieces and nephews taking great pleasure in watching them progress through childhood, high school, college and finally to their careers and marriages.” For the last 30 years, Leona had all of the family members over to her home on Christmas Eve to exchange gifts. She especially enjoyed the Hobo dinner on Labor Day, going out to dinner on her birthday and summer Bar-B-Q’s at the lake.

Leona accomplished all this despite having a problem with normal movement throughout her life. After an accidental fall in her early teens, the surgery left her with one leg shorter than the other, requiring special shoes and causing her unusual gait. However, this amazing woman, a role model and an inspiration to all, didn’t let this or any adversity stop her from achieving her dreams.

July 30, 1934 - August 9, 2014



A Note from the Necrology and Ceremony Of Remembrance Committee



Remembering our deceased sisters is extremely important, not only because they were wonderful women, but also for the energy, support and hard work they gave to our chapters during their membership in the Society. Chapters have developed a variety of ways to honor their departed sisters. Some chapters attend the memorial services held by family and/or hold one of their own at a chapter meeting. A helpful suggestion for a chapter memorial service is to invite women who may have known the deceased member and could share some of her history that otherwise may be unknown to the chapter members. A white rose, symbolizing the deceased member, is often placed in a vase.

Having members annually update their biographical information for the chapter is an important step in having accurate and detailed information for the memorial service and obituary. Since information about individual members can be sparse or lost as they age, it is important to gather as much information as you can while members are still able. Remember to send **Form 6** immediately following the death of a member to **Lynne Elsesser**, Necrology Chair. Including detailed information regarding the deceased member along with **Form 6** is very helpful for composing the “White Roses in Memoriam” that is published in *The Wolverine*.

The Alpha Iota Ceremony of Remembrance-Celebration of Life will be held the morning of May 3, 2015. Please share the date with your chapter members and mark your calendars to attend the 2015 Alpha Iota State Convention and Ceremony of Remembrance-Celebration of Life at the **Centerpointe Marriott Pontiac**. If you have a member who has passed away since February 1, 2014 and before February 1, 2015, that person will be remembered in the 2015 ceremony. The chapter president or designee from the chapter will carry a rose and light a candle when the deceased person’s name is read. We hope you will honor those who have passed on by attending the ceremony.

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State Committees



A Parliamentary Moment New DKG Rules Directly Affecting Members, Chapters, and State Organizations

The 2014 International convention adopted several amendments to the DKG governing documents that directly affect members, chapters, and state organizations, including:

1. Authorizing the publication of a collegial magazine, in addition to the DKG NEWS and The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

The Bulletin will be a formal publication in which members can publish articles based on their scholarly research. The collegial magazine will be an informal publication of interest to women educators. In it members can publish articles on classroom or DKG chapter practices and initiatives; viewpoints on current issues related to women, children, education, and DKG; reviews of books related to women's issues and education; reviews of technology useful to the woman educator; letters to the editor; and member's own creative writing.

The Bulletin will be published three times a year, rather than four; and online only. The collegial magazine will be published twice a year in hard copy; issues will be mailed to members.

2. Eliminating the requirement that a person must have been a member for three years before she is eligible to apply for an International scholarship for studies other than doctoral studies. **Note Scholarship article

3. Reducing the honorary membership fee from \$50.00 to \$49.50, which will enable DKG to offer honorary membership to those U.S. government officials who are currently prohibited from accepting gifts of \$50.00 or more.

4. Permitting International Speakers Fund awards to be used for both travel and other related expenses.

5. Stipulating that nominees for trustees for The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation Board should have state organization leadership experience, be computer literate, and be prepared to administer the financial, marketing, fundraising and legal issues associated with the foundation.

6. Eliminating both the obligation and funding for state organizations to host a state night at regional conferences.

A complete list of adopted amendments and an updated issue of the governing documents will be available to members after the International Constitution Committee verifies the exact wording of each adopted amendment and approves the release of the information.

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

Scholarships and Grants



If you are working on a graduate degree, retraining, or seeking an additional endorsement in education or just looking for enrichment, then

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

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 number of years of membership was reduced for International awards.

The Lucile Cornetet 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 \$6,000. 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 to 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
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State Committees

Hear Ye Hear Ye

Staff Vacancy– Applications Wanted



The Personnel Committee of Alpha Iota State is announcing a staff vacancy for the position of State Treasurer, effective July 1, 2015. Please share this information with your chapter members and encourage interested and qualified individuals to apply. There is information regarding this position in the Alpha Iota State Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2, F. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2015.

For further information and applications, please contact:
Kay Calley-Martin, Personnel Committee Chair,
 240 Ashton Lake Dr, Battle Creek, MI 49015
 phone (269) 963-1109 or (269) 209-7992 (cell)
 email at kcmart@sbcglobal.net.

Members Completing Dissertations

Each year Alpha Iota state recognizes members who have completed their dissertation. These members are honored at the state convention. Any member who completes their dissertation between March 15, 2014 and March 15, 2015 is eligible for this award. Applications must be returned by April 1, 2015. If you will be completing your dissertation this year you can get an application for the award from Nina Keener, 1215 Kirts Blvd. Unit A, Troy MI 48084 or by her e-mail scakee@aol.com. If you have any questions, please send a message.

Submitted by Nina Keener, Lambda, State Research Committee Chair

Friend of Education Award



Has your chapter honored someone for being a Friend of Education? This is a reminder to chapters to let us know your Friend of Education honorees and they will be recognized in the quarterly issues of this publication.

The Friend of Education Award recognizes persons or groups who have given outstanding support and note-worthy service to education in Michigan. The award may be given by any chapter to an individual or community group that the chapter deems worthy of such recognition.

Chapters have the autonomy in determining who is to receive the award and how the award will be presented. It is totally up to the chapter to establish criteria, to nominate, to confirm, and to present. Alpha Iota State supports your chapter's award by providing **The Friend of Education Certificate** with a gold seal, and signed by the State President will be sent to you, thus confirming the award at the State level.

For the **Report Form**, please see the information under **Friend of Education** on the state DKG website www.deltakappagamma.org/MI Look under the Resources button, then select the state form.

If questions, contact bernicehaglund@gmail.com or see page 2 for address.

*Submitted by Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta Chapter
 Alpha Iota State 2nd Vice-president*

First Timers

Attend Fall Conference in Battle Creek

Sharon Smith	Epsilon	Karen Blaskowski	Alpha Tau
Connie Peltier	Nu	Judy Montych	Beta Alpha
Melanie Wheeler	Nu	Cecily Savick	Beta Beta
Maria Arnold	Pi	Mary Ann Callens	Beta Epsilon
Wyvonne Johnson	Pi	Sharon Throm	Beta Rho
Sinie Bass	Rho	Debbie Newman	Beta Chi
Eleanor Rauner	Rho	Brenda Raymond	Beta Chi
Aileen BeMent	Alpha Rho	Sandy Baxter	Gamma Gamma
Patricia Carson	Alpha Rho	Mary McGrath	Gamma Gamma

**KEY
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Visit the Updated and Certified Alpha Iota State Website :

- ▶ Leadership Seminar Forms
- ▶ Scholarship and Grant-in-aid Applications
- ▶ President's Mailings and Updates each month
- ▶ Resource Section for forms

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Legislative Seminar Report



What a trip we were on! That trip during March, the National Women's History Month, was the **2014 U.S. Forum** of the DKG Society International in both Arlington, VA and Washington, DC. The format of the seminar and the appropriateness of the topics in a jam-packed agenda, left us with new and

significant information to think about, but more importantly, the desire to act upon it.

This article highlights the legislation H.R./S.398. The bill was introduced in 2013 to establish a Commission to study the potential creation of a National Women's History Museum. Why? Well, did you know that half of our history is missing? Only 1 in 10 figures in today's history textbooks is a woman; less than 8% of the statues in our national parks are of women; and in our Nation's Capitol Building, only 13 of the 217 statues are of women leaders. As a matter of fact, the "Portrait Monument to Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cody Stanton and Susan B. Anthony", 3 pioneers of the women's suffrage movement, which won the right to vote in 1920, was presented to the U.S. Capitol on behalf of the women of the United States on February 21, 1921. It was assigned to the Crypt until 1997 when it was finally brought out of the basement and displayed in the Rotunda. The edges of that monument are surrounded by rough-hewn marble to symbolize the unfinished writing of women in America's history.

On May 7, 2014, HR 863, on a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass as Amended, passed the House on a vote of 383 to 33. This motion is to establish a Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a Women's National History Museum.

The museum has been in existence since 1996 through private funding. Once a physical site is determined for the building, hopefully along the National Mall, an application will be made to the Smithsonian for an affiliation. This will enable the women's museum to borrow objects for their exhibitions. The museum will educate, inspire and recognize women's accomplishments in a location where America celebrates what it honors. It will create a site in which we can pay respect to all of the women who have shaped this nation, as they so richly deserve.

Susan B. Anthony said it this way: "It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens, nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the union."

Track this bill and others at www.govtrack.com, congress.gov, house.gov, senate.gov.

Visit the Facebook U.S. Forum Page to discuss legislation at www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum.

DKG members wishing to subscribe to a FREE newsletter, U.S. Forum Connection, should send a request to Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com.

Submitted by Kay Tebo, Gamma Eta, Seminar Attendee

Newsletter Evaluations for 2014 - 2015



Over the summer the Communications Committee worked on revising our rubric for scoring the newsletters. Most of the rubric is the same, but the changes made it easier, we believe, for scoring the newsletters and giving more opportunity for creative articles. Some of the changes included the format to landscape, listing types of creative articles and more points for member news since our purpose is to keep up with members. A big thanks to Joan Dillman for her efforts in leading the change. Chapters can earn up to 28 points on their newsletter and on the rubric we added the information on the scoring, 25-28 points will earn an "Exemplary", 22-24 points will earn an "Outstanding", 20-21 points will earn a "Praiseworthy" and 19 or less will earn an "Admirable". You can find the newest form on the Michigan Alpha Iota website. Look under the *Resources* button and choose *fill out a state form*.

On another note, taken from the International Communications publication "*Strengthening the Buzz*," is how your chapter can increase its communication to your members in creating a Facebook Page that would be updated with upcoming events, legislative issues, and member details. This past summer, International sent out instructions for how to create your Facebook group. In order to see the updates from the chapter members have to join Facebook, but they do not have to participate in Facebook. The person who creates the group is the site administrator. The administrator must start at her home page and follow these steps: 1) Locate Groups on the left hand side of your page and select "Create Group"; 2) Click on Create Group - Add group name in the top box and members' names in the second box; 3) Choose your privacy setting, such as Friends; 4) Click Create. Your page is now created and you can add a group description, pictures, events and files. New members can be added to the group upon request. This is a great way to communicate with your chapter privately and may be a great way to recruit new members! To see the full article type this link into your browser <https://www.dkg.org/content/strengthening-buzz-marchapril-2013>

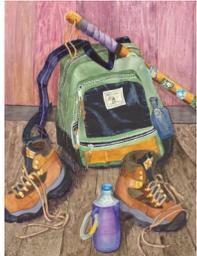
*Submitted by Anne Wade, Alpha Lambda,
State Communications Chair*



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Art Work Accepted by DKG International Gallery of Fine Arts

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Arts & Humanities Jury is pleased to announce the publication of *Take A Hike* and *All Tied Up*, watercolor paintings by Kathleen Rodak in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art



and letters at www.dkg.org. Rodak, a resident of Farmington Hills, Michigan, and a member of Zeta Chapter. Her artwork will be on display in the Gallery, for a period of 6 months.



Kathleen retired from teaching picked up her brushes, started taking watercolor classes and has not stopped since then. She is an active member of the Farmington Art Foundation and VAAL (Visual Arts Association of Livonia). Kathleen had three of her watercolors chosen for the first gallery which opened in May of this year. She has had paintings accepted in various juried art shows, including the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in Chicago in 2010.

**“SUCCESS WILL NOT LOWER
ITS STANDARD TO US.
WE MUST RAISE OUR STANDARD
TO BE SUCCESSFUL.**

Articles Wanted

For *The Wolverine* about:
Chapter News
Events/Celebrations
Program Ideas and Resources
Good Works
Pictures with captions and names
*Winter Issue Deadline
December 15, 2014*
e-mail-jpechta.dkg@comcast.net

Coordinating Councils

Welcome to Our 2014-2015 Season!

The Coordinating Councils are busy planning their annual meetings and workshops!

Although a family wedding kept me from the Fall Executive Board Meeting and Workshops, I was there in spirit. Thank you to Dr. Barbara Souve for standing in for me. Dr. Barbara did a great job and she tells me that many of you had time to confirm your 2014-2015 plans for your Coordinating



Councils.

The **Cascades Council** welcomed us to **Geocoaching: It's Fun-cational Scavenger Hunting!** Joyce Betz of the Jackson District Library shared the ins and outs of Geo-caching, a fun tool to discover places in and around any city. She led the group on a treasure find which was hidden in the adjacent Cascades Park. This workshop was held on Saturday, **November 1, 2014**, at Cascades Manor House, 1970 Kibby Road, Jackson MI, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Alpha Theta Chapter is hosting the **Capital Area Coordinating Council** which is scheduled for Saturday, **March 14, 2015**. We will meet at Cleary's Pub and Restaurant in downtown Howell, Michigan. A local historian will take us on a tour of a bygone era. Our resident actress, Melissa Gilbert, has written a cookbook with "Little House" recipes and we are hoping to have her attend. Lunch will be catered and the cost is \$20.00. More information is coming with reservation details, map and other information. The Capital Area Coordinating Council is hopeful that many of us will attend and enjoy beautiful Howell.

If your Coordinating Council has additional activities, please contact Dr. Gedy Love at drgedy@frontiernet.net. Gedy likes to share the news!

The **Sub-committee** for our Alpha Iota State Coordinating Councils welcomes YOU. The roles of our Sub-committee members include attending local Coordinating Councils and sharing the fun. Sub-Committee members may serve as Gedy's representative. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Coordinating Councils Sub-committee. Please contact Gedy, she can use your help.

Coordinating Council leaders, please remember to update Gedy on your next event including time, date, place, and program information. We are looking forward to another exciting season of "Education, Our Focus, Our Future!"



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Geographical Boundaries Committee Reminder

The Alpha Iota Geographical Boundaries booklet has not been updated since 2005. This year Nina Keener, Research Chair and Nancy Halmhuber Navarre, History Chair, have agreed to update this publication.

The information needed from each chapter president is:

- *Places of Residence:* Where your members live
- *School Systems:* Where they teach or taught
- *Historical Notes:* Any other data you find interesting to capture the flavor of your chapter
- *Membership:* Active (number), Reserve (number)

The information is helpful to new members, members who relocate (from in-state or out-of-state). Additional information was in the President's Letter of September 2014 is available on the State website.

Please send the information listed above by e-mail to either

Nina Keener
scakee@aol.com

or

Nancy Halmhuber Navarre
nancy.halmhuber@emich.edu

*Submitted by Nancy Halmhuber Navarre, Ph.D.
Gamma Gamma, State Historian*

Wilma Adams Fund

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

Diane Dray, Omicron, Wilma Adams Fund Chair
388 Richard St., Spring Arbor, MI 49283

WEAR YOUR PIN WITH PRIDE



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

Beta Delta Celebrates 50 Years



Late in June, Beta Delta Chapter held its final meeting at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan. Members present were Gladys Coats, Mary Roley, Elaine Freeman, Marie Green (sister-in law of Gerry Green), Koula Pervanis, Rose Hauck, Liz VanWestenburg, our state president, and Jean Wright. Also attending was Evelyn Inempolidis, daughter of Koula Pervanis.

At this meeting we honored Dr. Geraldine Green who passed away in March. She was our current president and charter member of Beta Delta which had its beginning 50 years ago. Gerry was a devoted member and actively participated in Delta Kappa Gamma at various levels. Her caring commitment in leading our chapter was an inspiration to us all.

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
47755 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

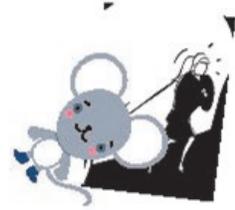
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State Leadership Seminar Registration

Leadership Development Committee Presents a Seminar About Technology in Education.



Leadership Seminar
March 28, 2015



Tap, Drag, Swipe: Are you using the Right Digit?
A Seminar about Technology in Education
Members and Non-members welcome.



*Each participant is asked to bring
a laptop or tablet.*

Registration Form Deadline: March 7, 2015

Name _____ Position _____
Chapter/Other Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

There is a \$35.00 registration fee which includes:
Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Snack Break
Please indicated with a check mark if you need a special meal
_____ Vegetarian _____ Diabetic

Mail completed form and check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma for \$35.00

(Add \$10) if you are applying for SCECH credit

The registration deadline is March 7, 2015



Mail or e-mail to the Registrar:

Marilyn Kropf, 5657 Bartonville Rd., Belding, MI 48809
Phone 616-794-2372, e-mail bigmaplefarm90@yahoo.com

Hotel Reservations?
Bavarian Inn Lodge
One Covered Bridge Lane
Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734
Phone 989-652-7200

State Leadership Seminar in Frankenmuth

Leadership Development Committee Presents a Seminar About Technology in Education

Tap, Drag, Swipe: Are you using the Right Digit?



A Leadership Seminar about Technology

March 28, 2015 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, Michigan

\$35.00 made out to Delta Kappa Gamma by March 7, 2015

(add \$10.00 if applying for SB-CECH credit)

Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and break snacks.

Program for the Day

Session 1: The Big Picture

The role technology has played in education and should it be playing. What are our responsibilities to prepare students for a work world that doesn't yet exist? They will show how to attempt to integrate teaching and technology in the professional development of teachers.

Session 2: Peeking Behind the Curtain

A look at how an 11th grade teacher uses technology to enhance and extend his classroom. Examining tools such as Google, Doceri, and Remind 101 and how they can help us support our students and cultivate a meaningful community of learners.

Session 3: Online Testing and What it Means for Our Students and for Us

The elephant in the room is getting bigger: districts must have the tech infrastructure and students must have the tech skills in order to succeed on the impending national exams. We will look closely at the exams and consider how to navigate this new landscape.

Session 4: Playful Learning

We will explore the possibilities and present examples of integrating technology and play into learning, with a focus on the power of simulation. Through demonstration and hands-on experiences we'll consider how a playful spirit of learning can be leveraged for the benefit of our students, giving them opportunities to bring to the table a wider variety of skills and ways of thinking.

The presenters are Dr. Jeffrey Stanzler and Rory Hughes from the U of M School of Education.

They bring enthusiasm to the possibilities of technology uses in the classroom for students and teachers.

Dr. Stanzler is an instructor for seminars on technology instruction, curriculum, support materials, and evaluation and professional and outreach activities.

Rory Hughes is an English Language Arts teacher and Department Chair at Thurston High School in Redford, Michigan. He trains faculty focusing on curriculum mixed with technology and coordinates that training. He was a nominee for Michigan Teacher of the Year 2014.



Chapter News

Beta Eta Chapter Visit

Alpha Iota State President, Liz VanWestenburg and Alpha Iota State Visitation Chair Sandy Downs, joined Beta Eta Chapter at new chapter president Diane Hanaway's home in Orchard Lake for their first meeting of the year. There was a ceremony for the installation of new chapter officers; plus a short talk from a member of "Book Stack" about how much money Beta Eta made this last year working for them and how they can help again this year. This their fundraiser provides scholarships at Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College. A buffet followed with lots of friendly conversation and stories about their summers. Liz and Sandy had a wonderful time with their sisters of Beta Eta.



L to R: Alpha Iota State President Liz VanWestenburg, with Beta Eta leaders: Past President, Estelle Kalakailo, Liz VanWestenburg, chapter President, Diane Hanaway, Treasurer Pam Mincher



Travels With President Liz



Phi Chapter Visit

Liz VanWestenburg, Alpha Iota State President, traveled to Traverse City to join Phi Chapter at their kickoff dinner of the year. Members reflected upon the past year's activities and what was planned for the new year. They have three fundraisers, including an October auction, a May garage sale and every other year they house sit for the Parade of Homes. These fundraisers support a Teacher-to-Teacher grant providing \$250 for non-consumables for a qualifying teacher and two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who are pursuing careers in education.



L to R: Front row: Ann Laurimore, Karen McClatchey, Liz VanWestenburg (Alpha Iota State President), Alicia Sanford, Dolores Hibbard, Lana Nickels; Back row: Rita Sleeman, Doris Masserang, Vickie Keegstra, Nancy Muhlig, Jan Updike, Shirley Snare, Judy Oien, Mary Jean McMaster, Vonnie Seidel, Beth Bynum, Margie Pease-Groenwald (guest), Marilyn Gushen (guest)

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." ~Oliver Wendell Holmes

Chapter News

Beta Sigma Chapter's Snapping "UP" Historic Moments

The Delta Kappa Gamma Beta Sigma Chapter's meeting led by second-time President Christine Sericati included writing cards to an honorary birthday girl; catching-up with a craft project of painting tiles taught by Eileen Kaukola for those who missed the previous meeting, and a moving memorial ceremony recognizing the loss of extremely active and young Mary Myllyla.

A Thanksgiving meal (Yes, turkey, et al), including, "Founder's Day" cake, was prepared and served by the Escanaba/Gladstone/Bark River and Rapid River/Wells members. Beta Sigma remains an outstanding point of pride to Delta Kappa Gamma members where women are as vastly impressive as where they live in the UP!



This UP (Upper Peninsula) DKG Beta Sigma chapter had a "take it" moment as DKG member, Judy Reid, clicked this historic moment on Founders Day.



L to R: Showing the chapter State Award of the Rose is Chapter President Christine Sericati, holding the Outstanding Newsletter Award is Blizzard editor Dolly Salmi. displaying the Exemplary Yearbook award is Janet Terwillinger.



Celebrating Sue Youngberg as the Beta Sigma 2014 Woman of Distinction whose Delta Kappa Gamma achievements parallel her active life style. With (Note: Dorothy Occhietti is not only Sue's original mentor but an original Beta Sigma chapter pioneer and our 1st Beta Sigma President).



The exchange of the Board from Iron Mountain/Kingsford/Norway, MI to the Oconto/Peshigo, and Marinette, WI, and Menominee/Daggett/Wallace/Cedar River, MI team lead by Marilyn Pfister, second-time President. L-R: Sue Seidl, Kimeen Scott, Katherine Murwin, Marilyn Pfister, Noreen Johnson, Ann Christophersen, Marilyn Packmayer, Christine Sericati, Jody Harrison.

*Pictures submitted by Judy Reid
Script Susan K. Seidl*

Chapter News



Beta Lambda Chapter's program on "Laughter is the Best Medicine" was presented by (L to R) Judy Periat, Denise Michalczuk, and Sandy Edwards



Beta Lambda Chapter in Lapeer County started the year out with a potluck followed by a program on "Laughter is the Best Medicine." We enjoyed a good laugh by dressing up. Pictured L to R: Front row: Sharon Sigler, Susan Grosenbach, Karen Rykhus, Joanne Marjerle, Sandy Katzmark. Back Row: Nancy Mutch, Liz Friedberg, Dina Miramonti, Sally Herman, Cindy Mitchell, Patty McCormackbert, Gretchen Orr, Cindi Schaffer, Chris Perry, Sue Sexton, Carolyn Thompson, Carol Hunt

Zeta Chapter News

The Zeta chapter had their September meeting with a meal of appetizers, provided by the members. We had a great meeting followed by a card making session. It was a preparation for Women in the Arts in a month.

The cards were for members who could not attend the meeting and the card contained a magnet with this year's schedule of meetings. Members made a card for themselves and for other members not present.



Alpha Omega Chapter met at the Autism Center of Genesee County. Members wore pink to show their support for Cancer research. Program included an inspirational reading about not giving up and enjoying life to the fullest regardless of the circumstances, as well as, learning about autism and strategies that work with autistic individuals.



Beta Alpha Chapter News

We started the year off with a Potluck at Binder Park Golf Course. Beta Alpha President Joan Dillman introduced our speaker, Julie Tindol, on the left, talked about "The First Tee" Program.



Our chapter is going to continue the "Rookie Reach Program" which supports teachers with 1-3 years of teaching experience. "Beta Bait" bags are filled with school supplies for these beginning teachers.

Other interesting programs for the year include a tour of the new Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center *Welcome Tea* for prospective new members. In February our sister Jackie Luke will share highlights of her summer trip to Sweden, and in March we are planning a Literacy Night for Spanish and Burmese students.



Epsilon Chapter welcomes Sharon Smith as its new President and a first time officer! She was installed at our September meeting and is excited to begin this new biennium! Shown here from (L to R) is Smith, 1st Vice-president, Dee Lapekas & Recording Secretary, Bonnie Briggs.

Women in the Arts



Thirty-seven women attended the Women in the Arts Retreat which was held in October at the Ralph MacMullen Conference Center on Higgins Lake. The theme this year was "The Wild West." Participants made greeting cards, ornaments,, home made jewelry, no sew snowmen, wreaths, pumpkins made out of cloth, water color paintings, baskets, and other projects in the potpourri class. On Saturday night skits made everyone laugh. Sunday morning was show-and-tell time and a safe trip home. Please mark on your calendar for next year's retreat in order to enjoy a relaxing weekend with creative women in the arts.



Carole Ford, Alpha Eta, making a no sew snowman



Judy Fisher, Gamma Alpha, working on knitting a scarf



Pam Husson, Gamma Alpha making greeting cards



Theresa Sedmak WITA Co-Chair, Alpha Theta, Mari Walker and Mary Hartman, Omega, making baskets



Joanne Gardener and Judy Foster writing we miss you notes to absent Upsilon Chapter members



Alpha Omega Members Jeannie Matherly, cowgirl, and Indian Claire Rettenmund performing



Gamma Alpha Chapter members stirring up the "Wild West" with laughter on skit night Saturday evening

International Convention Highlights



Front Row L to R: Kathy Muench, Elizabeth Bunner, Linda Dobrzeniecki, Judy Periat, Sandra Edwards, Eileen Rodak, Kathleen Rodak, Diane Frangie, Esther Loskowski, Elaine Christensen. Second Row: Dr. Ranae Byerlein, J-Jay Pechta, Gloria Richards, Nancy Everett, Liz VanWestenburg, Olive Horning, Bernice Haglund, Loretta Miles. Third Row: Rita Gorang, Lynne Elsesser, Connie Klug, Anne Wade, Joan Miedema, Marilyn Hopkins, Dr. Dorothy Sample, Judi Fisher, Jackie Smart, Pat Charlton, Gloria Fisher, Nancy Tetzlaff, Pat Eppley, Pam Chappell, Cheryl Cryan, and Pat Hatch



Dancing at Indiana Night to the music of the Wright Brothers are L to R: Pat Eppley, Renae Byerlein, Liz VanWestenburg, Marilyn Hopkins and others



International President, Dr. Beverly Helms, presides over the general session meeting. Her Colt's cap allows her to see the audience in spite of the bright lights.



The Flag Bearers, wearing their native costumes that represent their country, enjoy the evening music.



Dr. Helen Popovich reading the constitutional amendments and revisions at the general sessions before voting



Esther Loskowske, Gamma Alpha, Sandy Edwards, Beta Lambda, and Pat Hatch, Mu, receive their one time Past Presidents International Fund Grant for attending an International Convention.



Pat Hatch, Alpha Omega, and Diane Frangie, Kappa, working at the Michigan sales table in the Market Place

Upper Peninsula Fall Conference Highlights

A Superior Gathering



The trees had donned their coats of many colors, the air was an autumn crisp, Lake Superior was kicking up its October surf and Delta Chapter captured it all. Treats at registration, pumpkin muffins and friendly smiles opened a day of excellent programming. Many members from the four U.P. chapters, (Delta, Chi, Alpha Tau, Beta Sigma) were able to attend. Three of the Alpha Iota State officers were there, President Liz VanWestenburg, First Vice-president Nancy Everett and Second Vice-president Bernice Haglund. Other chapters were also represented.

The day began with a warm welcome and general session. The "Poetry Out Loud" group from Marquette Public Schools recited from Byron, Shakespeare, Milton and others. Their scholarship winner, Sarah Massey, complimented the group for its support of



Delta Chapter President, Pat Wittler, presenting Pan Christensen, Peter White Public Library Director, with the 2014 "Friend of Education Award"



Darley Kemppainen, Delta Chapter member is presenting Sarah Massie, our Delta Scholarship recipient with her second \$500.00 scholarship. Delta Chapter gives a 4-year scholarship to a deserving student. Sarah, from Ishpeming, is a sophomore at Michigan Technological

Public Schools who was selected by Finlandia University to lead a group of 10 to Finland to immerse themselves in Helsinki Schools. Finland was top in the world in education for several years, however, they are now second to Canada. Sarah choose to use the letters of Superior to guide us through their experience.

The conference was a delightful and informative day, offering DKG sisters an opportunity to meet and make new friends.

higher education. Pan Christensen was awarded the "Friend of Education" award by Delta Chapter. This was followed by a number of breakout sessions.

Dr. Schott, representing Senator Casperson, spoke on the state legislative issues that impact education. He detailed the bills that are under consideration.

Award-winning photographer Jack Deo shared a part of his collection of historical images of Marquette and the surrounding areas, Ishpeming and Negaunee. He has acquired many original negatives from The Childs Art Gallery, and has created a series of programs illustrating the history of the mines, downtown Marquette, Copper Country and the western Upper Peninsula. Wearing 3D glasses, we experienced the history and development of the city of Marquette. Jack told us stories of the businesses, the people, and the changes in the downtown area, showing us photos of then and now. Many of the beautiful old buildings are still standing and the architecture and design are still evident. Mr. Deo is both an accomplished historian and a renowned photographer. His presentation was an interesting, comprehensive walk through time.

Dr. Sandra Imdieke, from Northern Michigan University, presented a session entitled "Superior Sisters: Strong Children's Literature Females" which was unique. She related the female characters to our DKG attributes. Courage was Ann Marie in *Number the Stars*, Loyalty was Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*, Learning was *Where Are You Going, Manyoni?* and Ida in *Secret School*, as well as, Maddie in *A Northern Light*. Perseverance was Grace in *Amazing Grace*, Gago in *The Day Gago Went to Vote* and *Extra Yarn* with Annabel.

Ms. Jesse Shirtz, from the Ishpeming Public Library spoke on the topic of genealogy. Plus, a hands-on session directed by Claire Young, produced beautiful fall table decorations. Participants filled cute small pumpkins with silk flowers, leaves of many colors, and added pretty organdy bows as the final touch. The centerpieces were a lovely keepsake of the conference.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Sarah Kemppainen, a member of Delta Chapter and a teacher in the Marquette



Darley Kemppainen and her daughter Dr. Sarah Kemppainen are both members of Delta Chapter. Sarah was our Keynote speaker and our Chapter Women of Distinction. Sarah spoke on Superior Lessons from Finland. She spent Spring break in Finland with a group of representatives from the UP and Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan.



Liz Van Westenburg, Alpha Iota State President, and Donna Barto, Delta chapter member, making fall table decorations

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State Fall Conference Highlights



L to R: Gloria Richards, Nu, State Recording Secretary picking up her goodie bag and registration materials from Martha Godfrey, Conference Treasurer, and Judy Evers, Conference Registrar



Gloria Richards, Nu, checking in a basket of "Michigan Made Goodies" for the "Funding Our Purposes Auction" with Joyce Daglow, Gamma, State World Fellowship Chair



Nancy Hood, goes over her check list with Beta Alpha Chapter members Judy Montych and Julie Pease making sure all last minute changes are in order

Note of Thanks: Alpha Iota State Conference was held at the Firekeepers Casino Hotel, Battle Creek, MI. It was attended by 131 members from 40 chapters. There were 18 first timers. Thanks to Judy Evers, Gamma who was registrar, and Martha Godfrey from Gamma, who was treasurer. Nancy Hood, Beta Alpha, and Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta, coordinated the schedule for greeters and property room coverage. Nu Chapter members Gloria Richards and Gloria Fisher furnished the luncheon table decorations. Beta Alpha provided the goodie bags. A special thanks to all these Cascades Council members for their time and talents.

"Welcome to Cereal City"

How Battle Creek Became the Cereal Capital



Through an amazing, story-telling style, Mary Butler of the Battle Creek Historical Society and archivist/editor of *Heritage of Battle Creek*,

shared the historical significance of the Kellogg family and C. W. Post in making Battle Creek, Michigan, the home of the "cereal boom."

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg ran the Battle Creek Sanitarium, which was a health institute famous for educating people on how to get and stay healthy by eating a healthy diet, getting exercise and fresh air, and taking a water cure. His wife, Ella Eaton Kellogg, ran the experimental kitchen at the "San" where a ready-to-eat flaked wheat cereal was developed.

John Harvey's younger brother, Will Keith Kellogg, managed the "San's" food company where health foods were manufactured for patients to continue eating healthy once they went home. In 1906 W.K. decided to form his own cereal company, the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company, that sells to the general public, not just those who had been to the "San."

C. W. Post came to the "San" for its health treatments and later opened his own spa, LaVita Inn. He developed Grape-Nuts cereal.

With the success of these entrepreneurs, more than 40 cereal companies were formed. Thus, Battle Creek became known as the "Cereal Capital of the World."

Prisider Mary Oram, Gamma

State Fall Conference Highlights



Making the Legislative Journey

Ever wonder how a bill becomes a law? State Representative Kate Segal, D, Battle Creek, took 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. Using a free YouTube Civics Lesson Cartoon For Kids - How A Bill Becomes a Law - from Schoolhouse Rock as the back drop, Rep. Segal shared how a bill is written and proposed. What steps did it have to go through in order to become a law? What roadblocks will the bill meet along the way? After the students and teachers testified, the bill was signed into law on June 3, 2014 as Public Act 144 to continue funding for the Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy. The academy is a boot camp for academically or socio-economically disadvantaged students that helps them develop strong self esteem and provides students with career motivation.

Dyslexia: A Classroom Perspective



Judy VanZanten, director of the Binda Dyslexia Center in Battle Creek, shared that dyslexia is the largest learning disability affecting 15 to 20% of the population. Dyslexia was not taken seriously as a diagnosis until functional MRI's showed concrete proof that people with dyslexia used different parts of their brains to process reading.

Dyslexia requires a medical diagnosis but an educational treatment. She led the audience through several activities to help them appreciate how much more energy and effort students with dyslexia expend when performing classroom and homework assignments.

Presider Amy Wright, Gamma Alpha

It's A Zoo Out There

Binder Park Zoo, in Battle Creek, began in 1977 with a gift of 433 acres from Charles Binder. The zoo's primary purpose is to nurture, educate and conserve nature. It is the ninth largest cultural attraction in Michigan. Yearly 30,000 people benefit from their formal and informal education programs. Our presenter, Amanda Bailiff, Education Supervisor for the Zoo, informed us of their programming which includes: Knee High Naturalist, Teen Zookeeper, Wild Africa Family Sleepover, Scout Badge-A-Day, and Birthday parties. The Zoo welcomes school groups and also has a Zoo Mobile that visits classrooms, school assemblies and senior centers..

The other Amanda, an animal handler from the Zoo, allowed us to visit with South American "Stevie," the parrot; "Radar," a Flemish Giant Rabbit, a two-year-old armadillo from South America, and "Ellie" a two-year-old tortoise that will grow to 550 pounds and live to 100 years and older.



Presiders Kay Ostrum, Alpha Kappa and Carol Dean, Phi



Ann Wade, Alpha Lambda, State Communications Chair, checking with presider Cynthia Moore, Gamma, before Anne's presentation on "Exploring Social Media Together"

"Searching For Truth"-Extraordinary Life of Sojourner Truth

Those attending this session presented by Mary Butler of the Battle Creek Historical Society, were treated to a riveting presentation of the life of one of the most fascinating figures of the 19th century. Through a power point presentation and her narration, Ms. Butler, an award winning author for a biography about Sojourner Truth, took us back in time to experience the life of this former slave who became a voice for social justice and lived in Battle Creek for her last 29 years.

Submitted by Pat Charlton, Gamma

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Gallery of Fine Arts

The Arts and Humanities Jury is entrusted with the organization and implementation of **The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts**, an *online* publication and display of DKG members' creative works. The online Gallery includes: Literary Efforts, Two-and-Three Dimensional Art; Performance Art, Photography, Crafts.

Alpha Iota State has a lot of creative and talented members.

Look at the various submissions online at dkg.org.

Encourage chapter members to apply.

The next submission period will be

January 1-February 1, 2015.

Make Plans Now to Attend the NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE



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Dates to Remember

February 7, 2015

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

May 1-3, 2015

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

June 13, 2015

President's Advisory Council Meeting
For all Outgoing (2013-2015) and Incoming (2015-2017)
State Officers and Committee Chairmen

July 8-11, 2015

Northeast Regional Conference
Hyatt Regency
Baltimore, Maryland

October 25-26, 2015

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