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International Speaker Fund Awards Michigan Request.

**ISF promotes understanding and
creates friendships across borders.**

The purpose of the ISF is to facilitate exchange of Society speakers among member countries and help unite women educators of the world.

The fund was established in 1982 to mark Delta Kappa Gamma's 30 years as an International Society. Since 1989, interest from the International Speakers Fund has provided travel expenses for eighty-seven International speakers.

The fund is administered by the ISF committee with representatives from the Administrative Board for Canada, Europe, Latin America and the United States. It awards three stipends a year.

Each year State presidents can request a speaker. Olive Horning, our President, has applied for and been on the International DKG speaker circuit in the past. Olive has traveled to different states sharing her portrayal of Corrie Ten Boom. This year Olive requested Dr. Adriana Fishta-Bejko from Calgary, Alberta, Canada who is a Fulbright Scholar and World Fellowship recipient to share her experiences as our Saturday morning speaker.



Although she has now been in North America for a number of years, Dr. Adriana Fishta-Bejko is a native of Albania and has taught in schools and universities on three continents and in numerous countries and brings a valuable international perspective and experience to Ambrose University and the education program. Commenting on the invitation to join the Ambrose faculty, over a year ago, Dr. Fishta-Bejko said that she "...saw it as an exciting opportunity to give my modest contribution to the development of such an exciting program." Her area of expertise being focused on the area of barriers to and opportunities for creating a welcoming school culture for students where English is not the first language (ESL), or who are immigrants to Canada. With elements of the Ambrose program focusing on diversity, Dr. Fishta-Bejko's research is considered as a valuable resource for the Education Department. Dr. Fishta-Bejko is currently an Associate Professor of Arts and Science Education for Ambrose University College, in Alberta, Canada.

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President's Message



Delta Kappa Gamma Today's Vision - Tomorrow's Wisdom

Dear Alpha Iota State Sisters,

You have a special Invitation to attend the Alpha Iota State Conference in Kalamazoo on May 4-6, 2012.

I've got a gal in Kalamazoo.

Don't want to boast but I know she's the toast of Kalamazoo!

We expect to see hundreds of members at this meeting and they are all toasts of Kalamazoo. Each chapter should be sending the outgoing and incoming presidents. You are part of the Executive Board and will be recognized during the conference. You will be introduced as you march in the Presidents' Procession. The dress is dressy such as for a Formal Night on a cruise. All members are expected to participate in the combined Executive Board/General Membership meeting on Friday night. To satisfy our shopping gene, we'll have a lovely selection of small items and baskets to bid on for our Funding Our Purposes auction. Look further in this Wolverine for more information about the conference.

We are honored to have two special International guests with us for the weekend. Our International Representative is Kate York from Great Britain. She is the European Regional Director. Our International Speaker's Fund guest is Dr. Adriana Fishta-Bejko of Alberta, Canada.

Our theme is "Nurturing Our Current Members." This state meeting will indeed nurture us. If your chapter has items to sell, bring them. If you have a member who has never attended, bring her. If you have never participated, come to become immersed in the greater Society expanse. If you come to all state meetings, come this year for the sense of family that we feel.

If you come early or extend your stay, what can you do in Kalamazoo? If you are interested in museums, visit the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, nearby Fort St. Joseph Museum, Gilmore Car Museum, Old Jail Museum. Some of you may enjoy the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo Public Library, or the Book Bug. In addition to shopping at our conference, you may want to find the Kalamazoo Mall in the downtown area. If it is a pleasant weekend, you may enjoy a walking or driving tour of the city.

Enthusiastically yours,
Olive Horning

Membership



A Special Welcome to Alpha Iota State Initiates



Beta

Beth R. Darnell
Debra F. Brousseau

Gamma

Connie L. Erholtz *

Zeta

Mrs. Catherine A. Bender

Delta

Patricia Jerry

Mu

Delynn Miller *
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Mrs. Susan G. Reinbold

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Mrs. Barbara Pearl Brown
Mrs. Susan Lee Nieman

Beta Chi

Barbara Hiscox
Brenda Raymond
Sallie Wilds

Beta Omega

Mrs. Kathryn A. Hagerman
Mrs. Anne M. Munger
M. Joy Shepherd

Gamma Gamma

Mrs. Jennifer L. Greening
Mrs. Barbara J. Theurer

Chapter Presidents and 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 then in **The Wolverine** until Form 6 is sent by the chapter to :

Lynne Elsesser (Gamma Alpha)
20440 Lexington Blvd.
Northville, MI 48167
248-348-0335
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Membership



TAKE PRIDE IN THE BIG PICTURE – EXPLORE NEW MEMBERSHIP POSSIBILITIES

The goal is to broaden thinking and possibilities for new members and answer questions as to who is eligible for membership and where to look for new members.

“An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator at the time of her election or has been retired from an educational position.” (International Constitution)

- **EMPLOYED** is defined as currently hired by an employer and/or paid a salary or fee for specific educational services.
- **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR** is interpreted to include one-to-one and/or group instruction. The chapter decides if a prospective member is classified as a professional educator.
- **CERTIFICATION or LICENSURE** is not required.

It is the chapter's decision as to who is invited to membership.

WHO will be **YOUR** chapter's new members, and **WHERE** will you find them?

WHO?

Traditional educational positions? (CHECK QUALIFICATIONS)

- Educational co-workers from all levels of educational positions: classroom teachers, supervisors, administrators, superintendents, college adjunct professors, professors, department heads, administrators, educational program administrators, etc.
- School counselors, librarians, media specialists, school nurses, local/state/national departments of education employees who provide educational services, paraprofessionals and instructional aides.
- Educators associated with private/charter/trade schools.

Non-Traditional educational positions? (CHECK QUALIFICATIONS)

- Private tutors (educational/dance/drama/music/painting, health program trainers), public librarians, church-school education department leaders, corporate trainers, registered nurses who present educational programs, district/state/national teacher training educators, consultants, seminar leaders, etc...

WHO are others??? Keep the list going...

WHERE?

- Contacts within public/private schools, community colleges, universities, international schools, district service centers, alternative schools, professional development meetings and training centers, and various other facilities. Attend and connect with potential members at board of education activities, educational conferences, conventions, hospital programs with educational emphasis, public workshops, recreation programs, senior citizen centers/facilities with instructional activities, and social and community events, such as health and wellness programs.

Anywhere: Look for possibilities of finding great potential members who meet membership requirements anywhere!

Keep looking, and locating new members for your chapter. Diversity of Membership will give us more “Pride in the Big Picture” as we reach out to both traditional and non-traditional prospective new members who together will impact excellence in education worldwide in a variety of ways...

From the International Membership Committee Memo, June, 2011, Submitted by Nancy Everett, Membership Chair



Chapter 2010-2012 Biennial Reports (Form 36) for DKG membership send to Nancy Everett.
2518 E. Scott Road, Ossineke, MI 49766 or e-mail to - schlmstrsfrm@msn.com

Membership

White Roses in Memoriam

Ruth M. Johnson

Ruth, an Epsilon member since 1959, taught first grade in Kalamazoo for many years and is fondly remembered by the son of one of the Epsilon members as his wonderful teacher. From her birthplace in Greencastle, Missouri, she eventually moved to Michigan where she lived and worked in the Kalamazoo area. She spent her last years living in Overland Park, Kansas near family members.

Sept 16, 1917—July 22, 2011

Beverly Jean Tracy

Though she was born in Chillicothe, Ohio and maintained many contacts throughout that state, our Kappa sister enriched the Detroit area for most of her life. She received her BA and MA from the U of M in 1984 and 1986 respectively, received a second Master's degree and was not only still teaching English at Southeastern HS of Technology in Detroit, but also working on her PHD at the time of her passing. A wife, mother, grandmother, and, of course, teacher, Beverly filled her life with helping others and bringing the joy of learning and reading to countless students—at Pershing, Northwestern and Southeastern high schools in Detroit, Sunday School at Temple Baptist and New Life Baptist churches for countless years, at youth camps, at vacation Bible school groups, as well as, to friends, family and any and all who needed help. Whether it was babysitting for her niece so that her sister could attend nursing school and later on helping that same niece attain her own educational degree or helping, with support and love, a colleague she barely knew who was struggling through difficult times, building and maintaining that relationship even after changing schools, Beverly embodied what is truly important in life. This creative, conscientious, hardworking, intelligent civic-minded woman belonged to the Farwest Civic Association for 20+ years, Pi Lambda Theta (International Honor Society, Gamma Iota Chapter), Beta Sigma Pi, as well as, DKG, Kappa Chapter, where she served first on the Nominations Committee and then on Professional Affairs from 2000 - 2011 organizing a Professional Affairs meeting at the DIA in 2010. As part of her creative legacy, she served as the founding director of Temple Baptist Church's Muppet Ministry beginning in 1973, creating a puppet pattern and holding numerous workshops on puppet construction, all to reach, help, teach, and instill a love of learning about all aspects of life in the children to whom she devoted so much of her life. We all share in her family and Kappa's loss.

October 11, 1943 - September 12, 2011

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

Celebration of Life



Who are we??

It's almost 8:00 AM on a spring morning in Kalamazoo but numerous women are filing quietly into a room at the hotel. Vases of roses adorn the front table and music sets the tone for what is to come, the time when Alpha Iota members of Delta Kappa Gamma honor and celebrate the lives of their sisters who have passed. In what is possibly our most impressive and meaningful ceremony, chapter presidents place a symbolic white rose in the vases while saying a few words about the sister their chapter has lost. Nancy Higgins and her committee work diligently to make everything come together with music, lovely flowers and DKG sisters who honor those who have made us who we are. We anticipate seeing everyone there for a celebration of lives remembered.

A reminder!!

Please send your Form 2, DKG Necrology - 2011

Annual Chapter Reports (paper copy, email attachment, or if all else fails, by phone)

Call Lynne Elsesser, 20440 Lexington Blvd.,
Northville, MI 48167-1338

E-mail ELSESSL2@wowway.com, phone 248-348-0335

Volunteers Needed for Celebration of Life

Wanted!! If anyone has musical talent and would like to share their talent or would like to be a member of the Celebration of Life Ceremony planning committee, please contact Nancy Higgins. She can be reached at nhigs@aol.com



The deadline for submissions of names for the White Roses is February 28th, 2012 in order to allow honorees to be included in the ceremony and recognized in the program booklet.



In honor of
or in remembrance of

our beloved chapter and state Society members
consider making a contribution
to your Chapter's Sister to Sister Fund
or Michigan Alpha Iota State Scholarship Fund
or the International Educational Foundation

State Committees

Nominations for Chapter and State Women of Distinction Reminder

Chapter Presidents and Personal Growth and Service Chairs, please begin the process of naming your **Chapter Woman of Distinction** for both Chapter and The Alpha Iota State nominations. The forms for nominations for both **Chapter Woman of Distinction** and **The Alpha Iota State Woman of Distinction** are on the state website:

www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

Deadline is **March 15, 2012**

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

We Want to Visit with YOU

One of the most valuable rewards for your chapter could be a visit from a state officer. Our President Olive Horning would be most pleased to visit your chapter, as well as, any other state officer. You may select any officer and they will do their best to match your request times.

Forms for requesting a visitation are available online at www.deltakappagamma.org/MI.

You may also call Kathy Muench at (810-694-0706) or E-mail her at: kemuench@sbcglobal.net

Please let us hear from you this year.

Submitted by Kathy Muench, Alpha Omega, State Visitation Chair

GUIDELINES FOR CHAPTER RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Do Not Lose Chapter History

Chapter Should Keep:

1. Chapter Minutes: These are most often kept by the chapter recording secretary. They are a month-by-month account of what your chapter is doing. They will be used by your Bylaws committee when any updating of the bylaws takes place. They will be used by the History committee when they are working on updating your chapter's history.
2. Chapter Bylaws /Standing Rules (current edition): Past bylaws could be used by the History committee when updating your chapter's history.
3. Chapter Yearbook:-Keeping your chapter's yearbooks is essential for: recording the chapter's history including chapter officers through the years, a record of new members, Chapter Women of Distinction, Friend of Education, names of charter members,; completing Form 6 upon the passing of a chapter member; and ideas for programs, etc.
4. Copies of all previous Presidents' Reports and reports for the **previous** biennium, this includes communication from International and state.
5. Correspondence that is of a permanent nature (this can be decided by the chapter).
6. Robert's Rules of Order (11th edition) and those items required by state documents and Chapter Rules.
7. Chapter newsletters that can be used for keeping your chapter's history up-to-date.

Discard:

1. All outdated manuals, forms, and brochures (unless of historical interest).
2. Correspondence that has been evaluated and found of no permanent value.
3. Copies of reports from the previous biennium (with the exception of those reports from the Chapter President and Treasurer).
4. Those materials prior to the preceding biennium that are found to have no historical value.

Submitted by: Pat Charlton, Gamma, State History Committee Chair

Looking for Nominees for Alpha Iota State Distinguished Service Award

Each year, Alpha Iota State honors an outstanding person with **The Distinguished Service Award**. According to our State Bylaws, Article X. Section 5, D, "The awardees will have provided exemplary service to education and/or educators in Michigan. Educators, including members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, are excluded as recipients..." Chapters make nominations and then a state organization committee determines which of the nominees is most worthy of recognition at the state convention. This is a competitive state award, not a chapter award. Nominees may be recipients of a chapter **Friend of Education Award** or may be other persons the chapter wishes to recognize at the state level for their community and/or state support of education.

Please reflect on your chapter's previous **Friend of Education** honorees and other outstanding service-to-education contributors in your community and select one or more to be considered for The Distinguished Service Award.

Please return completed form, found on the state DKG website, and supporting materials to Dr. Dorothy Sample, 3335 Westwood Parkway, Flint, MI 48503 by February 1, 2012. You may email (dorothy.sample1@gmail.com). Nominations received after this date cannot be considered for the award.

Submitted by Dr. Dorothy E. Sample, Mu, Alpha Iota State 2nd Vice president

State Committees

For a Delta Kappa Gamma Member... What is Personal Growth? What are Services?

- P** - Privilege to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma
- E** - Enjoying the fellowship of other members in activities
- S** - Special ways to use our skills
- O** - Obtaining knowledge and information
- N** - New members found and needs of those in the classroom fulfilled
- A** - Accountability
- L** - Leadership in our Chapters. Looking for women with gifts, skills and diversities
- G** - Getting up and moving toward excellence
- R** - Reflecting on what we had done and things we can accomplish
- O** - Optimistic attitude
- W** - Writing a Note of congratulations or thanks
- T** - Time spent in Chapter meetings and projects
- H** - Holding on to our vision and
- S** - Skills found in each member
- E** - Encouraging others
- R** - Rewarding excellence
- V** - Vision for today and tomorrow
- I** - Involvement in chapter, area councils, and state events
- C** - Celebrating what the Chapter is doing
- E** - Evolving
- S** - Stirring up members

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

Personnel Committee Announces Staff Vacancy



The Personnel Committee of Alpha Iota State is announcing staff vacancy for the position of State Treasurer, effective July 1, 2012. Please share this information with your chapter members and encourage interested and qualified individuals to apply. There is information regarding these positions in the Alpha Iota State Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2, F. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2012.

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

*Submitted by Kay Calley-Martin, Beta Alpha
State Personnel Committee Chair*

Funding Our Purposes



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

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

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

Proceeds from the auction go to three funds:

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

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

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

Tips and Tricks from Your Friendly Neighborhood Webmaster...

After the holidays we are all looking for some timesavers, a little more storage, and most of all a way to economize. How to get all three? Try these handy freebies that will save you time and get you a little space (even if it is virtual space).

Establish a dropbox. You can build the dropbox at www.dropbox.com. There are other free programs that do the same thing but experience says this one isn't complicated. Once you put documents (like pictures of the grandkids) in a dropbox you will be able to login from any internet connected computer to examine those documents again. Going to a convention to do a presentation? Put a copy of the presentation in your dropbox and no matter what happens to your flash drive along the way, you'll have a clean, fresh copy for the webmaster.

Empty your trash or recycle bin. Eliminating files from your computer gets them out of your way, but your computer is still busy thinking about them. Empty that trash and your computer can think about being speedier.

Use your public library. It is the time of year to curl up with a book. As Michigan readers, we can just log into mel.org and use the Melcat link to order nearly any book or book on CD in Michigan sent to our local library. The best thing about library books? Just when it is time to dust them, you can take them back to the library for a friendly volunteer or library staff member to dust.

Want more technology and library books? Come to Kalamazoo in May to stay next door to a nationally recognized library and a world class technology center.

Submitted by Tamara Webster, Gamma Theta, State Webmaster

State Committees

Scholarships and Grants



Are you working on a graduate degree, retraining or seeking an additional endorsement on your teaching certificate? Perhaps you should consider applying for an Alpha Iota State Scholarship.

Award applications for the \$500 Seminar for Purposeful Living (The Capital Experience) is available on the International Website, and are due April 1, 2012.

The Lucile Cornet Award is granted to educators for the purpose of participating in professional seminars, workshops, and other non-degree programs that relate to an educator's professional aspirations. The Cornet Award is granted three times per year: February 1st, May 1st, September 1st. This application is available online at the International website at www.dkg.org. You can apply up to 6 months ahead. Awards vary and will pay registration, travel, meals etc.

Alpha Iota State offers scholarships for educators who are working on a graduate degree, retraining, or an additional endorsement in education. Scholarship applications need to be submitted by February 1st. A plan of study and proof of acceptance at a college/university is required.

Two \$1,000 scholarships, two \$500 scholarships for retraining or additional endorsements, and one \$800 scholarship for graduate study may be awarded at the Spring Convention. Forms and information are available on the Alpha Iota Website: www.deltakappagamma.org/MI

For help or questions contact :

*Gloria Fisher, Nu, Scholarship Chair
1207 Fitch St., Albion, MI 49224, (517) 629-7670*



Wanted: Dissertation Recipients

Alpha Iota State would like to recognize any members who are completing a dissertation as they work toward a further degree.



We would like to recognize these members at the state convention in Kalamazoo in May. If you are working on a dissertation, please send your name, title of your research and the school where the degree will be awarded.

Please send this information to:

Nina Keener, 1215 Kirts Blvd. Troy MI 4084
e-mail scakee@aol.com

Submitted by Nina Keener, Lambda, State Research Committee Chair

Alpha Iota State Supports Chapters' Friend of Education Award

The Friend of Education Award recognizes persons or groups who have given outstanding support and note-worthy service to education in Michigan.

The Friend of Education 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 seal, thus confirming the award at the state level. The chapter determines who, when, how, why, and how many Friend of Education awards will be given.

Guidelines for Friend of Education Certificate

1. The recipient should not currently be an educator or working in education.
2. The support of education by individuals or groups that have an ongoing presence in your community may be awarded.

Awarding the Friend of Education Certificate

1. Certificates may be awarded in whatever manner you deem suitable...at a chapter or public meeting, special awards ceremony or other educational function. Education Recognition Week might be appropriate.
2. Encourage press coverage by arranging for it before the event and sending a press release to your local paper. (Please send copy to state DKG.)
3. Send the report form to the Alpha Iota State 2nd Vice-President who is responsible for the awards and a professionally prepared award certificate will be sent for your presentation or you may request a blank certificate and have someone neatly write the name of the person or organization honored chapter name and date on the certificate. The chapter president also signs the certificate.

*Submitted by Dr. Dorothy E. Sample, Mu
2nd Vice-President, Alpha Iota State*

Looking for Presiders for DKG Conference

I am looking forward to seeing lots of DKG members at the state convention at the Radisson Plaza in Kalamazoo. The state program committee has planned an interesting group of sessions that should appeal to everyone. My committee, Professional Affairs, has the responsibility to find presiders/scribes for each session. The responsibilities of the presider are to make sure the session starts and ends on time, introduce the speaker, stamp any CEU forms if the session qualifies and to write a short summary of the session. If you would like to assist with any session, please let me know. The tentative schedule is in this issue of the Wolverine. Please contact me if there is a particular session you would like to attend as presider. I will look forward to hearing from several of you.

*Kay Tebo, Professional Affairs Committee Chair
heirachy5@gmail.com, 231-627-9530*

State Committees

Communicate to the World thru Press Releases



Are you trying to increase the membership in your chapter? Do you have an exciting program coming up that you'd like to invite others to attend? Are you proud of the service your chapter provides to others? Are you honoring others as a "Friend of Education", chapter "Woman of Distinction", or initiating new members? You may want to get the news out to the general public through a press release.

A press release is a news story written in third person, that seeks to demonstrate the newsworthiness of a person, event or service. It can be sent to an editor by fax, e-mail or snail mail and involves some simple steps to write.

1. First, decide why you are writing the press release and determine your focus. Remember that an editor is looking for a story that will be interesting to his readers.
2. At the top left hand side of the page, write "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE."
3. Provide contact information: Individual to contact, address, phone, e-mail, and website information, if available.
4. Write a Headline that is brief, clear, and to the point. (Not a repeat of the first sentence.)
5. Make sure the first paragraph includes all the vital information: the where, when, why, what, who and how.
6. The rest of the body of the article should build the news by elaborating on the opening paragraph, but should avoid long sentences and paragraphs. Avoid repetition. This could be the place where you tell some additional information about DKG. DKG is not a sorority, but an international organization of key women educators, promoting excellence in education world-wide.
7. Wrap up the last paragraph with a "for additional information" line, a place to find more details. You may want to include our international web site address here.
8. Center these marks, "# # #" at the bottom of the page to indicate the end of your release.
9. Provide an action photo, when possible.

We would like to know of your press releases. Please snail mail or e-mail a copy to Laura Perkins at perkins.laura.k@gmail.com or 2364 Crossings Cir, Davison, MI 48423.

You may find a blueprint for some press releases on our international website. Go to www.dkg.org, click on library, then press releases and finally chapter president.

*Submitted by Laura Perkins, Mu
State Communications Committee Chair*

Coordinating Council Activities



There has been a lot of activity with the Alpha Iota State Coordinating Councils. During the Fall Workshop at the Lansing Lexington Hotel, Dr. Gedy Love and Julie Usher invited all Coordinating Councils to meet and plan their events. Most of the Coordinating Councils were represented and much work was accomplished. Some Councils finalized plans for upcoming events and other Councils began their planning sessions for spring activities.

Gedy and Julie were invited to attend the 2011 Great Southwest Coordinating Council Annual Event in Lawrence; the Cascades Council event of Fun, Fitness, Food, and Fellowship in Jackson; and the Northern Lights Coordinating Council fall activity in North Branch.

The 2011 Great Southwest Coordinating Council Annual Event in Lawrence was held on October 27th at the Van Buren ISD Technology Center. The students at the Technology Center catered for this event. All enjoyed creative hors d'oeuvres and "cocktails" during the silent auction. Dinner was served and was elegant and delicious. After dinner, the Deep Fried Pickle Project entertained us with their music and fun lyrics. The band had us clapping and jumping with them. Smiles filled the room and it was a wonderful evening of fellowship and fund raising.

The Cascades Council held their annual event at the Cascades Manor House in Jackson on November 5th. The theme was Fun, Food, Fitness, and Fellowship. The program was set up into "four corners" in which projects were taught and shared. Participants made a flower pin and a holiday ornament, enjoyed recipe ideas from a local caterer, and learned to stretch and tone. The participating chapters brought many items for silent auction. Luncheon was delicious and everyone had a great time.

The Northern Lights activity on November 12th was canceled. We had planned to meet at the Lumber Jack Restaurant in North Branch and continue to Tanger Outlet Mall next door for holiday shopping. It was a great idea, but reservations were too few. We look forward to their next activity.

Gedy and Julie want to thank everyone for all their efforts in making their Coordinating Councils so successful and so much fun. We look forward to attending your events as they are scheduled throughout the year. Also, we want to remind you that we are always willing to help you out as you plan your events.

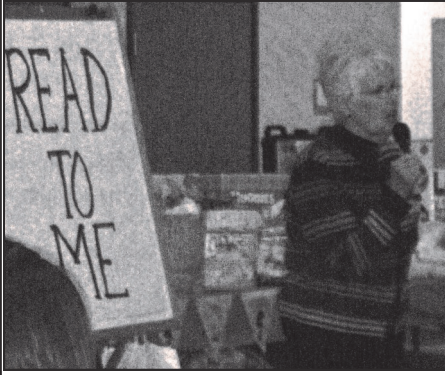
If you have any questions about these events please contact one of our committee members or Julie at usher1946@yahoo.com or call (989) 471-9182 and Gedy at drgedy@frontiernet.net or call (517) 688-3498. If your council is planning an event, please let us know. We want to be there!

*Submitted by Dr Gedy Love, Omicron, and Julie Usher, Alpha Xi
Coordinating Council Co - Chairs*

Chapter News

Beta Tau Chapter Holds a Community Baby Shower.

For several years the Beta Tau Chapter, Sanilac County, has participated in the community baby shower. In November, seventy-five mothers of newborns and expectant mothers received Read-to-Me Packets from Beta Tau Chapter.



Carole Speidel, Beta Tau, is shown here as keynote speaker for the event. She emphasized the importance of reading to your baby to enhance the child's brain development. The book *Llama Llama Red Pajama* (by Anna Dewdney) was given to everyone attending.

Left to right: Barb Hawkins, Marilyn Trainor, Karen Allan, and Beta Tau President, Lorraine Fisher, are shown with the Read-to Me packets and a copy of the *Llama Llama* book that the chapter shared with new mothers in the Sanilac Community.



Lambda Chapter Celebrates their 67th Birthday Giving Thanks to Veterans



In honor of Lambda's November 4, 1944 birthday, President Nina Keener gave us a brief history of DKG followed by the history of our chapter's beginnings.

After Nina's presentation, members of the Lambda chapter crafted cards to celebrate Veteran's Day. Left to right: Chapter members Sharon Snyder, Dora Scarafino, Nina Keener, Sue Henriksen and Sue Fortescue assembled the cards,

added some sentiments and thanks of their own. The cards were delivered to the VA Hospital in Detroit.

Omicron Chapter Turns 65



At the November meeting it was time to celebrate Omicron Chapter turning 65. The celebration, which took place at the Clark Lake Clubhouse, was called to order by President Gedy Love and included dinner, presents, corsages and, of course, a birthday cake with ice cream. The hostesses Margo Fenstermaker,

Shirley Chu and Diane Dray did a chapter history review recalling the history made during each chapter president's biennium. Highlights were the chapter's three State Presidents, Florine Hall, Katherine Keeling, and Katherine Walker, focusing on their State projects. We also shared pictures and looked at the differences between early meetings and those of today. For example, in 1946 dues were \$6.00 and gloves were required at the Saturday luncheon meetings. Omicron members thoroughly enjoyed a look at the past and sharing their own Delta Kappa Gamma memories. Pictured left to right: Chapter members Mary Engle, Mary Schafer, Nadine Sprowl, Theresa Delph, Margo Fenstermaker, Diane Dray, Shirley Chu, Current President Gedy Love, and Linda Dean.

Chapter News

Neighboring Chapters Gamma Zeta and Gamma Theta Meet and Share Ideas



Gamma Zeta and Gamma Theta Chapters Share Resources. Front row left to right - Lydia Gould, Pam Chappell, Jane Wagel Middle row - Sue Conklin, Charlotte Poole. Back row - Sue Kruizenga, Wanda Matson, Tamara Webster, Jennifer Osborn, Sharon Melko (tall blond), Marianne Menck, Dannie Ciastko - Hester.

The purpose of this meeting was to become acquainted with other chapter members and share ideas. The group discussed ideas on how to get and retain new members. All chapters are struggling with meeting the needs of members, attracting new and younger staff, and sharing the workload of being a chapter with a limited number of members. Sue Kruizenga, presented a suggestion from the Fall Conference: **Ten Interesting Women.** Chapter members would invite women currently working in education to a dinner and share what is happening in education today. The idea was discussed and handouts were distributed explaining the project. This is not a recruiting activity. In fact, DKG membership is not discussed at the meeting. Its purpose is to learn how we can be supportive to them. The group decided to sponsor a joint breakfast at The Breakfast Place in Lawton on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. We're calling it "10 at 10."

Tamara Webster and Sharon Melko will be the contacts for the reservations. We will be sitting in groups of 10 or less.

The Chapters Promote Educational Excellence

Gamma Zeta: adopted Dowagiac Middle School by providing volunteer services, donating materials, and serving lunch to the staff in the spring. The members described the luncheons that were given at Sister Lakes and Justus Gage Elementary Schools. Gamma Theta: New Teacher Give Away and Honor, and hosting a meeting with another chapter to share ideas.



Beta Rho Chapter in Monroe County recently held initiation. On the left is Sue Nieman, an active teacher, and on the right is Barb Drown, a newly retired teacher. Both are from Bedford Community Schools near Monroe, MI.

Fun, Fitness, Food and Friendship Highlight Cascades Council Meeting

The Cascades Council members from Beta, Gamma, Nu, Omicron, Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, and Beta Rho held their Four Corners Workshops in November to the Theme of Fun, Fitness, Food and Friendship. Our chapters carried the theme throughout with the mixers, creative table decorations favors, name tags, invitations and program. Great things happen when we work together.



Susan Helser, Beta Rho, helps Pat Charlton and Sue Walter make and decorate paper pin flowers.



Crouch Senior Center Trainer, Julie Weisbrod puts the ladies through flex and stretch chair exercises to do at home.



Shaila Jehle of Alpha Theta Chapter and Gloria Richards of Nu Chapter help in the making of paper star ornaments.

The Chocolate Moose Caterer shared recipes for making quick desserts and appetizers for holidays.



State Convention



IMPORTANT CHANGE!! OFFICER TRAINING AT Kalamazoo-zoo-zoo!

In even years, all chapters elect and install new officers. The Leadership Development Committee is charged with the task of conducting a training session for these officers prior to the onset of their biennium. The committee has read your evaluation comments. In response, we will hold the new officer training session during the State Convention in Kalamazoo on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Since most chapter presidents attend convention, this change means chapter officers won't have to take time from their busy schedules in June and travel to Jackson or Clare for training. This saves time and money for all involved. If you are a chapter officer, please plan on attending the state convention and officer training.

In order to effectively condense one day of training into 3 hours, the Leadership Development Committee will begin with a working lunch. All chapter officers are invited to attend. Those who plan on attending will need to sign up for the buffet lunch option. Officers will obtain essential information about their responsibilities, as well as, leadership ideas and collegial support. Areas that will be covered are:

- Structure of the Society
- State Priorities and the Role of the Chapter President
- Chapter Programs
- Chapter Membership
- Chapter Communication
- Treasurer's Responsibilities
- Secretary's Responsibilities
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Strategic Planning
- Q & A

The Leadership Committee will assist chapter presidents as they enhance goal setting and communication skills; meet the requirements of their Society office; and inspire others in their chapters. Chapter presidents will collaborate, share concerns, seek solutions, pool resources, recognize achievements, and prepare for the beginning of their biennium

*Jackie Smart, Gamma Alpha
Leadership Development Chair*

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL 100 W. Michigan Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49007

From Grand Rapids – US-131

Take US-131 South until you reach exit 38-A, which is M-43 West Main going East. At the exit, you will turn right onto West Main. Close to downtown, West main will become a one-way street called Michigan Avenue. Stay on Michigan Avenue for about 6-7 blocks and look for the Radisson on the left-hand side. The hotel is located on the northeast corner of Rose Street and Michigan Avenue.

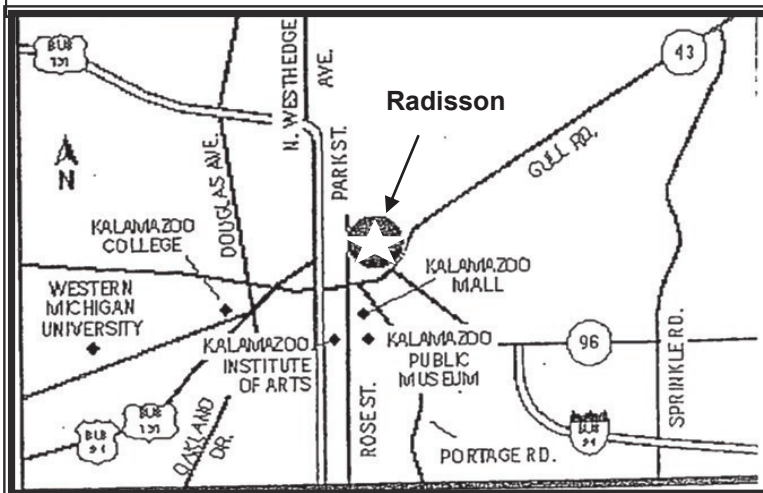
From Indiana – US-131

Take US-131 North through the cities of Three Rivers and Schoolcraft. Take exit 36 – A, Stadium Drive East. Stay on Stadium Drive for about 4-5 miles. Stadium Drive then becomes a one-way street called Michigan Avenue. Stay on Michigan Avenue for about 5 -6 blocks and look for the Radisson on the left-hand side. The hotel is located on the northeast corner of Rose Street and Michigan Avenue.

From Detroit I-94 and Chicago I-94

(From Lansing, Take I-69 South to I94 West)

Take I-94 to exit 76B, Westnedge Avenue North. Stay on Westnedge Avenue for 4.3 miles. Westnedge becomes a one way street called Park Street. You will reach the intersection of Park Street and Michigan Avenue in the downtown area. Turn right onto Michigan Avenue and get into the left-hand lane. The hotel is one block down on the northeast corner of Rose Street and Michigan Avenue.



NEED A ROOMATE?

Are you going to the State Convention? 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.
Phone (248) 540-3762 E-mail: wsarahsally@aol.com

Hotel Reservation - State Convention Kalamazoo

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Iota State
Convention, May 4-6, 2012



The hotel shall hold the room block until 4/13/12. Reservations made after this date or above the contracted block amount are subject to the availability and pricing availability of the hotel.



****Please Note** There is a marathon in town this week-end. Make your reservations early.

Please Reserve : ____ Rooms for ____ # of people

(Credit Card or Advanced Deposit required. If sending advanced deposit please contact reservations department for address of our bank headquarters)

Request room with: 1 King bed ____ 2 Double beds ____

Rollaway (available only with king room) ____

These are requests only, we will do our best to honor them.

For specific needs please contact the reservations department. Email: Reservations@radissonkz.com

The entire property is non-smoking

Name:		Rates:	
Address:		Single: \$129.00	Double: \$129.00
Phone:		Triple: \$129.00	Quad: \$129.00
Email:			
City:	State:	Zip	
Will arrive:	Day:	Date:	
Will depart:	Day:	Date:	
Credit Card #			
Expiration Date			
Card Holder Signature			

Please list names of those staying with you in the same room.

For any questions please feel free to contact us at:

Phone: (269) 343-3333 (In-house reservations hours 8am-4pm)

Fax: (269)226-3158

To Register Online go to

www.radissonkz.com

Group Promotional code for
registering online is DELTA



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Iota State Convention Registration Form
Nurturing Current Members
May 4-6, 2012

Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center

Please Print: Use one form for each person

Name _____ Chapter _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Present Office: Chapter _____ State _____ International _____

Years of Membership _____ Is this your first Convention? Yes _____ No _____

If "Yes", please attend the First Timer's Orientation Friday.

Will you be in the President's Procession? Yes _____ No _____

Check as appropriate Incoming President _____ Outgoing President _____

I will be substituting for my chapter president at Executive Board and Presidents' Procession. Yes _____ No _____

Name that person _____

I plan to arrive Friday evening. Yes _____ No _____

I plan to attend the 5-7 PM session on Friday at the Kalamazoo Public Library. Yes _____ No _____

I plan to attend Saturday's Chapter Leadership Training Session for Chapter Officers. Yes _____ No _____

I am a new chapter officer (state the office). _____

I have previously served as a chapter officer (state the office). _____

Note: Since Leadership Training will occur during the lunch period, you must purchase the lunch buffet.

All participants must register to attend

Please continue on the next page.

Registration Fee	Members \$55	
Postmarked by April 13, 2012	Non-Members \$75	\$ _____
Postmarked after April 13, 2012	LATE FEE \$20	\$ _____
Meals		
Optional Friday Pasta Buffet (6-8 PM)	\$20	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast: Pay by Item (Circle One)	Will you participate?	Yes No
Optional Saturday Buffet lunch (Participants in Leadership Training should sign up for the lunch.)	\$20	\$ _____
President's Banquet: Saturday 6:30 PM All members and guests are invited to attend.	\$45	\$ _____
Awards Brunch: Sunday 9 AM All members and guests are invited to attend.	\$25	\$ _____
Corsage Order (Complete the form on the next page.)	Each \$12	\$ _____
SB-CEUs : Certified Educational Units fee	\$10	
Non-member Fee	\$20	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed: Check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma		\$ _____

Please continue on the next page.

State Convention Page 2 of Reservation Form Kalamazooo

Corsage Orders: (\$12 each) Corsages will be shoulder corsages. Corsages will include 3 red roses, gold trim, and red ribbon

Person ordering _____	Chapter _____
Ordered for whom _____	
Number Ordered _____	Total # ordered @ \$12 each) Total \$ _____ Record \$ on previous page

Dietary Needs:

Dietary needs must be listed on this registration form in order to inform the hotel staff of your special needs. If you sign up for a special meal, please do not switch your selection at the banquet since the meal count is predetermined by registration. Special tickets will be provided in the registration packets of those who indicate the following needs. CHECK DIETARY NEED, IF NECESSARY:

Vegetarian _____

Diabetic: _____

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.

Photo Release: "I grant permission to Alpha Iota State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to use my photograph in the *Wolverine* and/or on the Society website."

(Check one) Yes _____ No _____ Please initial here. _____

In order to earn the State Certified Educational Units (SB-CEUs) you must do the following:

- Register for the Credit on your registration form. (Fee is \$10 for member, \$20 for non-member.)
- Sign in for CEUs at the registration desk when you check in. (State Required Form)
- A sheet will be in your packet. **You must attend a minimum of five sessions for credit.**
- Assure that you are stamped in and stamped out of each session. (You must attend the entire session.)
- Turn in your Official Attendance Sheet and your evaluation sheet.
- There will be a special box at the registration desk.



The Executive Board and General Membership Meeting will be **combined** and will start at 8 PM Friday.

ALL MEMBERS should attend that meeting at 8 PM Friday.

Practice for the Presidents' Procession will be Friday evening following the Executive Board meeting.

Coordinating Councils will meet following the practice for the Presidents' Procession.



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

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

Patti Kuenzel, Registrar, 114 Brentwood Dr. Battle Creek, MI 49015

Phone 269-964-4244 pkuenzel@bcacs.org

Cancellation Policy:

"A person having to cancel will receive a refund provided her written request is posted **fifteen** days prior to the event" which would be **April 19, 2012**. (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 **April 19, 2012**, you should attempt to get someone from your chapter to attend in your place. No refunds can be made after the cancellation date.

**NOTE: HOTEL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 13, 2012
FOR GUARANTEE OF LOWEST AVAILABLE PRICE.**

State Convention



Chapter/Committee Sales Application

Alpha Iota State Convention

Saturday, May 5, 2012,

Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo, 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 _____

E-mail _____

Cost per table: \$10:00

Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma

Return by March 15, 2011 to:

Judi Fisher, 20180 Rippling Lane, Northville, MI 48167-1905

248-808-0477 (cell), judifisher@yahoo.com

World Fellowship Rewards

Don't let them expire! World Fellowship Scholarships are wonderful and Michigan is pleased to have two recipients of those scholarships this year.

When you are at State Convention or Fall Workshop, beautiful gifts are raffled off, as a way to raise money for World Fellowship. I always buy raffle tickets to support our projects. Yes, it's true I've been lucky, in fact, very lucky, but it's because I buy tickets.

This fall I was the winner of a beautiful handmade quilt, two pillows and two pillow cases. How thrilled I was with them, because they fit perfectly in my bedroom which already had a rose theme. When I placed it on the bed, I began to look around and realized our raffles have furnished my room! There is the handmade quilt piece hanging over the bed, a framed cross stitched piece of our DKG crest and for added warmth, a rose fleece over the chair, and now, the quilt.

I wanted to share my happy story and thank all of you who have added something to my home. I also wanted to encourage you to continue your support of Funding Our Purposes and World Fellowship.

Submitted by Kathy Muench, Alpha Omega



**Do Not Miss
Pre Convention Seminar
Friday May 4, 2012
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Kalamazoo Public Library
See Session Information Page 17**



Honor Your Chapter Presidents

Give them each a Corsage

If one of your chapter officers or incoming president is coming to the "Presidents Banquet on Saturday evening, you may like to honor them by ordering a corsage.

There is an order form section on the convention registration form but this form can be used by others.

Corsage Order Form

Corsages will be shoulder corsages. and will include three red roses, gold trim, and red ribbon. The cost is \$12.00, including tax.

You can notify the person being honored by asking them to picked up their flowers at the Registration area after 3 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 5th.

Fill in the following section.

Corsage is for _____

Chapter _____

Individual Ordering (if not above)

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please include check for \$12.00 for each corsage, payable to Delta Kappa Gamma. Mail form and check to

Nancy Hood, 309 Bittersweet,
Battle Creek, Michigan 49015
1-269-968-1824 Bhood@aol.com

When ordering more than one corsage, please duplicate form. For multiple corsage orders, a single check can be written for the entire amount.

Ordering Deadline is April 19, 2012

State Convention

Presidents' Procession

One of the events that I always look forward to at State Convention is attending the President's Banquet, seeing everyone dressed up in their finest, and watching as the chapter presidents are introduced to the state President and membership. This year, as Past President, one of my responsibilities is coordinating the Presidents' Procession. To make sure things go smoothly, we will have a rehearsal for the procession. The practice will take place immediately following the Executive Board meeting on **Friday, May 4, 2012**. All outgoing and incoming chapter presidents should plan on attending this rehearsal. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative to stand in for you. Complete this form and mail (or email) information to:

Jackie Smart
20158 Southampton Drive
Livonia, MI 48152
jackie@mysmartfamily.com

I look forward to seeing you in Kalamazoo-zoo-zoo!

Presidents' Procession

Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center

May 4 - 6, 2012

Chapter _____

Location of Chapter _____

Outgoing President _____

Incoming President _____

*Indicate if you are a substitute

**If needed, include name pronunciation help.

Please **RSVP by April 1, 2012** to Jackie Smart.

Join the Alpha Iota State Rosebud Chorus



Nancy Tetzlaff and Marcia Thatcher, Music Co – chairs, invite you to be a part of the Alpha Iota State Convention chorus in May.

Please come and join the chorus during our one and only rehearsal time Saturday afternoon at 3:40 p.m. Our music is quite simple and easily put together in about ninety minutes time. All you need is a love of singing and sisterhood.

If you have instrumental talents or vocal talents you would like to share, please contact Marcia Thatcher at rthatcher@frontier.com

Join Us at the

**Radisson Plaza in
Kalamazoo,**

*(Sung to the tune of
"On Moonlight Bay")*

I'll be cruising along
toward Kalamazoo.
I will hear my tires a-spinning
as mileage grew.
I'll be eager to see
members anew,
As I travel on my way
to Kalamazoo.

A fantastic, fun town
with loads to do.
There's a city marathon
and skies of blue.
All self-parking is free
for me and you.
Bistros, shops, sights, outings all
seek our review.

State conventions are filled
with learnings new.
Take advantage of an option,
earn a CEU.
Workshops, meetings and meals,
there are a slew.
There'll be time to network as
it's what we do.

As I travel back home
from Kalamazoo,
I'll be smiling and recalling
the hours that flew.
To dear friends and good times
I'll bid adieu;
Cherished mem'ries of my days
in Kalamazoo.



State Convention Tentative Sessions



Kalamazoo State Conference May 4 - May 6, 2012 Nurturing Current Members Tentative Sessions



Friday, May 4, 2012 5-7 PM Pre-convention Session

Let's Explore the Kalamazoo Public Library! It's More Than Stacks and Books!

Marti Fritz and other members of the library staff will present information on the features of the Kalamazoo Public Library, technology and library science.



A four member panel will discuss the following: the library's very extensive website, which recently won a state history award, the library's e-reader services and downloadable audio and print books, the library's use of social media and networking, and the current course of study for media specialists. The presentation will be followed by a tour of the facility. Information will be of interest to educators at all grade levels and will offer ideas on using the library and technology with students, in preparing lessons and in post-graduate coursework and professional development.

2 SB-CEU UNITS

We Honor Our Veterans

Patriotism is a Core Democratic Value that is being taught in Michigan Schools and especially in American History classes. Jodi Ring, Gamma Gamma Chapter member, will show participants how teachers and their students can be made aware of programs that honor our men and women who are military Veterans. They were ready to serve our country, and we can express our thanks for that service. One such program is the "Honor Flight Program" which focuses on those who served during World War II. Jodi's father, a veteran, recently participated in the program. She will talk about his experience and share photos of his trip to the Pentagon. Writing letters to these Veterans for their Honor Flight Mail



Call is a wonderful activity for the classroom and at the chapter level. This session is designed to inspire us all, and the information can be used in both elementary and secondary classrooms. SB-CEU

Leadership...What Does It Mean? Who Can Do It?

If you are interested in being a stronger leader either in your classroom, school, district or community, this session is of interest for you. Nancy Berkompas of Alpha Tau Chapter, and former Alpha Iota State President, will discuss with participants different perspectives of leadership and strategies that you can use to become that leader that you always wanted to be. Now, are you saying that leadership is not in your horizon? Remember we lead every day just by being our own drummer. Learn how you can beat your own drum and lead with your own style.



The information gleaned from this session could be used in strengthening classroom management skills, developing and implementing the SIP within the school and preparing for leadership positions. SB-CEU

Legislation: It Impacts Us All!

Join Judy Foster, Upsilon Chapter, and the Legislation Committee to find out what is happening in Lansing regarding new legislation that affects education. What is being proposed? What is the reasoning behind the proposed bills? What is the impact on schools, teachers, students and retirees? How can you make your voice heard? This will be a thought-provoking and practical discussion of the law-making process and democracy in action. Information shared will be of interest to us all and could be used in social studies classroom presentations and discussions. SB-CEU



The ABC's of Women's Health and Safety



This workshop will try to cover the alphabet of issues women face. Nancy Higgins, nurse educator and member of Zeta Chapter, will present basic ideas and suggestions on how to stay healthy and safe. The topic of domestic violence and the impact on women and young girls will also be discussed. This session is applicable to women of all ages, and the information will be of value to teachers, counselors and administrators.

SB-CEU

Beyond Photos for Scrapbooks

Learn some basic photography techniques to take more interesting shots with any camera. Discover the best and worst times of day to photograph outdoors. Jazz up your photographs for use in more than just scrapbooks. Use software programs and online services to edit your photos and make them "pop." Create coffee table books, calendars, cards and more. Join Margaret Meehan, member of Beta Rho Chapter and learn to click and shoot. The skills shared could be utilized in helping students with presentations and projects and open the world of photography to learners young and not so young. SB-CEU



Let's Make Money!



Is your chapter a bit cash-strapped? Do you need funds to support programs, speakers and projects? How can your chapter deal with this issue? Kathy Taylor of Beta Iota Chapter and Liz VanWestenburg of Gamma Gamma Chapter will share some ways for chapters to raise funds without raising dues. Ideas gathered from Alpha Iota chapters and from sessions at the recent Northeast Regional could offer the solution to the problem. Participants may also share their suggestions and successful ventures. Let's see if we can balance that bottom line.

Therapy Dogs - Sharing Smiles and Joy



Did you ever have a desire to train a therapy dog? Barb Marshall, Gamma Gamma chapter member and retired math teacher from the Plymouth-Canton School District, will give you lots of information and answer your questions about what it takes to train your dog to become a therapy dog. As an educator, YOU already have the skills required to "teach" a dog to become a therapy dog! Barb will be accompanied by her 6-year-old black lab, Sable. Barb and Sable trained to become a registered therapy dog team after Barb retired and they have been sharing smiles and bringing joy to people in the hospital and retirement communities since June, 2011. Therapy dogs are often used in the classroom, especially in classes where there are special need or at-risk students. It is important for all students to understand WHY the dog is used and it is important for the teacher to reinforce appropriate behavior of the students when around the dog. It is an amazing educational experience for all, and it can teach responsible behavior of the students and respect for dogs and what they are trained to do. A discussion of therapy dogs and service dogs could follow in the classroom and lead to follow-up reports and investigation into the different types of therapy and service dogs there are. Perhaps a field trip to a training center (i.e. Leader dogs for the Blind, etc) might follow. Dogs can also be an amazingly calming force for hyperactive students and are used in reading programs as well. **SB-CEU**

Writing...It's Not A Mystery! Or Is It?



Richard Baldwin, Popular award-winning author of Michigan fictional mysteries, will take us through the steps of writing a mystery novel. Of course it begins with an idea, but then comes the writing, the unique characters, research into the world of detectives and CSI, plots with a twist, and often a surprise ending. Rich not only writes stories that are fun to read, but he tells about his experiences with humor and style. Rich has written 13 novels with *Murder at the Cherry Festival: It's the Pits* coming out in June of

2012. Participants will enjoy his unique storytelling and learn about the writing process. This material could be used in the classroom, especially in the area of Language Arts, and could inspire would-be authors to put pen to paper! **SB-CEU**

Warm Fuzzies For Special People

Judy Foster and Joanne Gardner, of Upsilon Chapter, will lead this make and take session. This workshop is designed to



present you with an array of relatively simple and inexpensive projects to help you create ideas to say "Thank You," "Thinking of You" or "Happy Mother's Day." Participants should bring a pair of scissors. These projects require no special skills and can be made by people of all ages. The items can be used for a number of occasions. Ideas can be used in classrooms by students at all levels and emphasize creativity and artistic skills. Chapters could make these warm fuzzies to share with educators in their schools and in supporting early career educators. We'll have fun and come away with terrific ideas to make and share. **SB-CEU**

Chapter Leadership Training: It's All About You!



The Michigan Department of Education states that professional development builds the culture for motivating educators, expands the learning community, and forms the foundation for the future. This professional development session is designed to fulfill the context and process standards of the leadership and collaboration and is intended for chapter officers elected for the 2012-2014 biennium. The first year of the chapter biennium is just beginning. Officers will obtain essential information about their responsibilities, as well as, leadership ideas and collegial support. The Leadership Committee will facilitate participants in this session through substantive conversation, and connections to the world beyond the classroom. They will assist chapter presidents, as they enhance goal setting and communication skills; meet the requirements of their profession and Society office; and inspire others in their schools and chapters. Chapter presidents will collaborate, share concerns, seek solutions, pool resources, recognize achievements, and prepare for the

beginning of their biennium. This session begins during lunch. Those who plan to attend should sign up for the buffet lunch option on the registration form since it will be a working lunch. **3 SB-CEUs**

WIAR: Women In The Arts Retreat. What's It All About?



Theresa Sedmak of Alpha Theta and Dr. Ranae Beyerlein of Alpha Mu, Co-chairs of the Women in the Arts Committee will share with us highlights of the 2011 retreat, and give us details about the 2012 event.

The weekend retreat is an enjoyable time and offers participants a chance to create fun, and easy make-and-take projects. In addition, art therapy can be used as an educational format and can positively impact illness and recovery. Art Therapy is psychotherapy that incorporates the production of visual art in order to understand one's feelings through the process and interpretation of self-expression. The arts can be both entertaining and beneficial to children and adults, and should be a part of every curriculum. **SB-CEU**

Calling Incoming Treasurers, Secretaries and Parliamentarians!

Join Dr. Helen Popovich, Alpha Iota State Parliamentarian and Loretta Miles, Alpha Iota State Treasurer as they share with you the secrets of successful treasurers, secretaries and experts on *Robert's Rules of Order*. "Minutes Made Easy" will focus on how to take and format chapter minutes. Learn what should be included and excluded. Get tips for dealing with unfocused discussions, helping your chapter make clearly stated motions, and handling special situations. "Treasurer's Tips" will explain the tasks and requirements of the position and provide handouts of pertinent information. There will be time for questions and answers, and you'll be ready for that first chapter meeting.



Fall Conference Highlights

World Fellowships- Empowering Women One at a Time



Corne Lotter, World Fellowship recipient from South Africa, attends Michigan State.

Have you ever wondered what becomes of the money donated to World Fellowship and asked yourself if the money is well spent? This session, presented by Gloria Richards, World Fellowship Chair, answered those questions. Gloria's powerpoint presentation filled the attendees with information on former World Fellowship recipients, and what they are doing today as a result of the grants given by DKG. After completing their education in the U.S., these recipients have gone back to their home countries and now work to positively influence others. In this way, World Fellowship has truly impacted education worldwide.

Those attending the session were also introduced to Corne Lotter, a World Fellowship recipient now attending Michigan State University. Corne shared a bit about herself and expressed her gratitude to DKG.

Laura Perkins, Mu, President

Golden Gift and Seminar for Purposeful Living



Presenters: Nancy Everett and Kathy Muench

Kathy Muench started the presentation telling about going to the Seminar for Purposeful Living. She brought several photo albums telling her stories of the trips. She said the application can be found in the DKG News or on line. The enrollment is limited and grants are available to help with the costs.

Nancy Everett then spoke about her experience attending the Leadership Management Seminar. She was a Golden Gift recipient

in 2010 and traveled to the University of Texas in Austin. For two weeks of training. Nancy suggested that every DKG member have a resumé so when applying for any scholarship or grant you have the information available and not have to rely on your memory.

Both of these learning experiences are held on even years prior to the International Convention.

Marcia Thatcher, Upsilon, President

Note of Thanks: Alpha Iota State Fall Conference was held at the Lexington Lansing Hotel in Lansing, MI. It was attended by 120 members from 45 chapters. There were 16 first timers. Thanks to Patty Baldwin who was registrar and Shirley Mason who was treasurer, both from Alpha Lambda Chapter in the Lansing area, for an outstanding job.



Communicate to Create a Buzz Let your chapter voice be heard



Create a Buzz based upon your chapter project. Take pictures. Write an article and send the picture and article to the local newspaper. Newspapers look for these types of stories which feature local people doing important activities. Be sure to write the story using the inverted pyramid approach. Send articles and pictures to *The Wolverine* to continue broadcasting the buzz..

Send to J-Jay Pechta, Editor, at jpechta.dkg@comcast.net. Spring deadline is: February 15, 2012.

Sharing Space Experiences Part II. Who has stars in her eyes? Why Cindy Mitchell, that's who! Beginning in 2000, she began her very own "Space Odyssey." In an effort to better teach her students and to fill in the gaps in her knowledge of space, she participated in a NASA sponsored teacher education program learning up-to-date information not covered in her district text books. Today she presents workshops for teachers, students and parents based on her experiences. Her workshop involved stories, pictures and hands-on activities that introduced participants to some teacher and student NASA programs.

Margaret Meehan, Beta Rho, President

Fall Conference Highlights



To encourage teachers to stay in the profession, Mu Chapter, Flint, Michigan, has found an effective way to connect with teachers who are still working. The Collaborative Connections Committee has developed the - *Ten Interesting Women* model. Mu Chapter members presented their chapter project which is now the State Project "Ten Interesting Women." Front row: Delores DiGiacomo, Laura Perkins; Back row: Alice Bristle, Dr. Dorothy Sample, Pat Hatch.



Suetie King and Phyllis Swonk, Alpha Rho Chapter, Ann Arbor area, show how the Little Dresses for Africa are constructed from pillow cases and patterns. They shared tips and tricks of how they work with groups to make the dresses.



A panel of early career educators and DKG members. From the left, Jennifer Crabill, Kappa, Carolyn Frangie, Kappa, and Marcy Jaques, Beta Kappa, share the challenges, frustrations, and educational issues that our new classroom teachers are facing. During the session members were told what they can do to help early career educators reduce the frustrations and increase the rewards of teaching.



Judy Foster, Upsilon, shared what is up in Lansing regarding new Michigan legislation dealing with education, children and retirees. She shared what and how members can impact what is happening.

The Program of Work Committee meets after the fall conference to review evaluation forms and suggestions from members as they work on planning the spring Convention for Kalamazoo. Left to right: Liz VanWestenburg, Gamma Gamma, Chair; Marilyn Hopkins, Mu, Personal Growth and Services Chair; Judy Foster, Upsilon, Legislation Chair; Marcia Thatcher, Upsilon, Music Co-chair; Nina Keener, Lambda, Research Chair.



2012 International Convention



Plan to attend the DKG 2012 International Convention in the the "Big Apple"—New York City, July 24-28. Outstanding speakers, entertainment, break out sessions, information, shopping and more, fill the schedule. And here's something exciting: Attendees will be in the crowd outside the Today Show.

You could be there, too, waving to the folks back home. Check the web site www.dkg.org for more information.

Professional Development Seminar

"How to teach students who don't look like you," a professional development seminar, will be presented Monday, July 23, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sheraton New York Hotel where the convention is to be held. The cost is \$50 for members and includes lunch and book.

Register at www.dkg.org. It is sponsored in part by the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund.

A Capital Experience--July 19-21 The Seminar in Purposeful Living

Remind members in your state to **register for the seminar early**, as enrollment is *limited to 250 members*.

This is a perfect time to **check out the sights of Washington, D. C.** They will visit Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknowns, the Capitol Building, National Cathedral and the Smithsonian Museums on the National Mall. Did you know there are 14 Smithsonian buildings?

Relax and enjoy a tour of the monuments and National Mall which is illuminated at night. There is also the opportunity to sign up for some tours of your choice.

On Sunday **ride the bus to the "Big Apple"** for the International Convention in New York City.

DKGEF.ORG

Visit the New Foundation Website

The Educational Foundation has created a new website, dkgef.org with Diane Moose, Texas, as the webmaster.

This new site replaces Educator Edge and is linked to the Society website. Check it out today!

You will find information about projects, individual professional development awards and seminar awards. You will find the Liaison Survey Report with results from last year, as well as, slides of Washington, D.C. historical sites promoting the Seminar in Purposeful Living.

New Membership Materials Available

There are many new and exciting changes coming from International in regarding membership. There are new materials to use when recruiting new members, as well as, re-orientation for current members. You can find these by clicking on the Library Tab from the Main Menu.

There is a PowerPoint slide show with handouts called "Pride in the Big Picture: An Orientation Guide for Chapter Membership Teams." These are excellent and very user friendly. You can download them from the DKG web site for chapter use.

Additionally, the Initiation Ceremony has been updated and is available for you to use. Take time to review the new Contemporary Initiation Ceremony on the DKG web site. Go to www.dkg.org, click on *Committees* and then on the *Membership* icon to access the ceremony. There are many positive comments from those who have tried the new ceremony.

How to Teach Students Who Don't Look Like You

Professional Development
Seminar with Bonnie Davis, Ph.D.
includes lunch and book
\$50 Members
\$75 Non members

Monday, July 23, 2012
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers

International News



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National Legislative Seminar

March 18-21, 2012
Comfort Inn Pentagon City
Arlington, VA

Registration deadline Feb. 18, 2012

For detailed activities visit:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/documents/documents.html>

Join us on The Plaza for the TODAY SHOW in New York City!

When you register for the International Convention, be sure to purchase your DKG scarf custom designed for 2012 convention attendees.

Not only is this a beautiful silk scarf but its rich red color will also identify you along with hundreds of other DKG members at the TODAY Show in New York City July 26!

We will convene at Rockefeller Plaza on Thursday morning during the convention to celebrate NBC News, the winner of the DKG 2012 International Media Award. DKG will honor NBC News because they have brought the world balanced, objective and in-depth coverage of American education through the *Education Nation* series. The series has raised the consciousness of citizens to both the strengths and weaknesses of our educational system. This ongoing educational series creates interest in education and makes it a major topic of conversation in our society today, as it should be.

When you register, remember to purchase your scarf. Scarves are \$15 and can be picked up when you arrive at convention.

Join us on the Plaza!

Taken from Jan/Feb 2012 issue of *DKG News*



The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

Seminar in Purposeful Living

Washington, DC July 19-22, 2012

Would you like to ...

See the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery?
Sit on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and view the Washington Monument?
Experience the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument?
Follow a legislator into the U.S. Capitol?
Touch the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall?
Walk in George Washington's footsteps?
Marvel at the national monuments illuminated at night?

Do you know ...

What amazing artwork is inside the Washington Monument?
How many museums make up the Smithsonian?
What watches you from atop the National Cathedral?

Come to the Seminar in Purposeful Living next July!
It will be "A Capital Experience." www.dkg.org

Tours available at the 2012 International Convention in New York City Pre-register by July 6, 2012

Monday 23

New York City Bus Tour (also on Tuesday)
Central Park Walking Tour (also on Saturday)
Lincoln Center, Meet the Artist

Tuesday 24

Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island
Downtown & 9/11 Memorial
(Also Saturday and Sunday)
Chelsea Art & Gallery Tour
Broadway Behind the Scenes

Wednesday 25 - (Men & guests only)

West Point Military Academy & lunch
The Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum

Friday 27

Bateaux Dinner Cruise
Blue Note Jazz Club
Theater Ticket Link

Saturday 28

The Cloisters Museum Tour

Sunday 29

Harlem Gospel Tour
New York Waterway Boat Tour

Tours are explained in the Jan/Feb 2012 issue of *DKG News*. You will also find the registration form and information on the speakers. Go to www.dkg.org and read the *DKG News*. A note: the easiest way to find the *DKG News* is to type Jan/Feb 2012 *DKG News* in the search box at the upper right.



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Did you know that the first letters in
Delta **K**appa **G**amma are the first
letters in the Greek words for
Teacher, Key, and Women?

Dates to Remember

March 17, 2012

President's Advisory Committee Meeting
Lansing , Lexington Hotel

May 4 - 6, 2012

Alpha Iota State Convention/Conference
Radisson Plaza Hotel
Kalamazoo, Michigan

July 19-22, 2012

Seminar in Purposeful Living
Washington, DC

July 24 - 28, 2012

International Convention
New York City, NY
Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers
(Seventh Avenue)

October 19-20, 2012

Alpha Iota State
Fall Conference & Executive Board
Holiday Inn, Muskegon, MI