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## MICHIGAN RECEIVES CORNETET AWARD

Michigan is one of three states to receive the Lucille Cornet Seminar for Professional Development Award from The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.

The Michigan award is for "Sticks and Stones - Leadership Seminar on Bullying." The goal of the March 2013 event is to join the effort on stopping and preventing bullying. Michigan is among the 49 states that have anti-bullying legislation. Educators know that bullying affects student's academic and social success.

On March 9, 2013, the Alpha Iota State Leadership Development Committee will present a seminar on bullying for DKG members and non-members. Today, educators are professionally and legally responsible for stopping and preventing bullying. Bullying affects a student's ability to focus on learning and to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Michigan teachers are engaged in proactive, innovative, and educationally sound strategies to prevent bullying. Our seminar will deal with varied aspects of bullying and prevention strategies. Four speakers will provide key information about bullying, cyber bullying, self-esteem, and "Empathy For All" while describing how schools, community organizations, and parents can create safe, healthy environments.

Registration is open to the first 100 members and non-members that apply. Participants can earn four state board certified continuing education units.

The registration materials are available on page 15 in this edition of *The Wolverine*.



## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ATTENDS MICHIGAN CONVENTION



International President Dr. Beverly Helms, will be joining us in Bay City to help Alpha Iota State Celebrate 75! As our International Convention Guest, Dr. Helms will be sharing her vision on how we can strengthen our Society now and in the future.



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## President's Message



Alpha Iota State

2011-2013 Biennium Theme

Today's Vision – Tomorrow's Mission

Dear Alpha Iota State Sisters,

### A Few Interesting Notes about Bay City

- Birthplace of Madonna
- Bay City Rollers, Scottish band, was named for Bay City
- Paul Bunyan may have been based on the local lumberjack, "Saginaw Joe" Fournier
- Home of Mary Lydia Doe, leader in the Michigan Suffrage Movement
- Camping ground of Chippewa and Ojibwa Indians
- Home of Aladdin Company that built "homes in a day"
- Ship building businesses

We're excited to return to Bay City for our state convention on May 3-5, 2013! Our headquarters hotel is DoubleTree by Hilton Bay City – Riverfront. We had a very nice experience holding our Fall Conference there a few years ago. Hotel staff is very accommodating and wants our convention to be a success. Plan to come early on Friday so that you can visit the many antique shops near the hotel.



Our convention theme is Celebrate 75! Alpha Iota State has a rich history of seventy-five years and every member should be part of the celebration. On Friday night a combined Executive Board and General Membership meeting is scheduled. There is business to be conducted so all chapter presidents and members present are expected to attend. This year we are honored to have our International President Dr. Beverly Helms as our international representative. Beverly will have an active role in our conference.

Immediately following this meeting will be the Birthday Party. You are invited to be fed, entertained, and amused. Most of all, you will learn more about early history of Alpha Iota State from those who were present in 1938. Have you purchased your 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin? The proceeds will support our party. If you would like to help with the party, please contact Dr. Paula Dent. Her contact information is found elsewhere in *The Wolverine*.



During the convention, many will be recognized. You may have served as a chapter president, state officer, state committee chair or member. If so, you have made significant contributions to Alpha Iota State. **Please note this information on the convention registration form.**

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**Books! Books!** The Celebrate 75 Committee is asking convention attendees to bring children's books to be donated to a local school. Beta Pi Chapter has graciously agreed to assist with this activity.



Our Program of Work committee has scheduled an interesting array of breakout sessions for us. There will be plenty of choices for society business, professional development, and personal growth. State Board-Certified Educational Units will be offered for many of them.

Because of our Celebration, our schedule will be slightly different so watch the Wolverine for further information. Plan for the **President's Procession practice** to be **Saturday** after the last breakout session.

Enthusiastically,  
Olive

## Celebrate 75

### Needs Children's Books

When groups, such as Delta Kappa Gamma, celebrates a milestone 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they need to do three things. First, they must remember the past, such as founders, chapters, and programs from their history. Secondly, members should honor their present.



This could mean showing their esteem for their present officers, new projects, and members. Finally, members should provide for the future. So, at the State Convention in Bay City in the Spring, "Celebrate 75" is asking members to bring a children's book with them. These will be collected at the registration desk and will later be donated to a local school or children's group in honor of our 75<sup>th</sup>. We will place an inscription inside the cover to show that these books are gifts from the educators of Delta Kappa Gamma to all the children who will read them in the future.

## Workers are needed to help us Celebrate 75?

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

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

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

Name/Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Paula Dent:

18691 Bretton Drive, Detroit, MI 48223-1335 ,  
phone 313-838-4506, or FAX 313-837-1491

## Help the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International--Alpha Iota State Celebrate 75!

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

**Deadline for Donations: Mailed by March 15, 2013**

**Choose level of your donation...**

\_\_\_\_ Visionary Level...\$75 and up

\_\_\_\_ Founders Level...\$50 to \$74

\_\_\_\_ Leadership Level...\$35 to \$49

\_\_\_\_ Celebrating Sisters Level...\$15 to \$34

Specify if you want to be listed as a sponsor.

(Circle) YES NO

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**Chapter Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete a contribution form for each donation;**  
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# Membership



## A Special Welcome to Alpha Iota State Initiates

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Pamela S. Jackson

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### Gamma Eta

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Clemenly Pletcher

*Honorary H*



## Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs

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

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

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

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# Membership

## White Roses in Memoriam

### **Mary Ann Elizabeth Seidl, Beta Sigma Chapter**

Born in Chicago, our Beta Sigma sister grew up in that area and graduated from Maria Immaculate Academy in Wilmette before going on to attend De Paul University, receiving her BA in Philosophy in 1958 and MA in 1968. During her 38 year teaching career, Mary Ann taught in six states: Minnesota, Michigan, Louisiana, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa. Our multi-talented sister taught all grades 1-12 during this time but felt her last fifteen years teaching English and Journalism at Menominee HS before retiring were probably her best. Mary Ann served as advisor to both the school's yearbook and newspaper, the *Maroon News*. It was also at MHS that she was granted her Lifetime Michigan Teachers' Certificate. Among her many accolades were the Michigan Golden Pen Award (Journalism), the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship, the Mrs. Federation Award and the Spark Plug Award from her Women's Club. After retirement, her love for the field and the students kept her involved in education. She subbed for her district, as well as, teaching homebound students, Catechism and handwriting skills. Besides being a wife, mom and teacher, Mary Ann was active in her community, both as a worker and in leadership roles. She served as President of Holy Spirit Apostolate, the Menominee Study Club, Beta Sigma Chapter of DKG, and GFWC Menominee Women's Club, as well as, Michigan State Regent and other state offices of the Daughters of Isabella. The American Legion Auxiliary, MI State Grange, Menominee Area Retired School Personnel, St. Ann Sodality, the Legion of Mary, the Menominee County Historical Society, as well as her church, benefited from her hard work and generosity in innumerable ways. Initiated into membership with Delta Chapter, she went on to become a charter member of her new chapter, Beta Sigma, in 1972. She served her new chapter by holding offices, chairmanships and was President from 1978-1980. She served Alpha Iota State as a Second Vice-president.

February 1, 1926 - March 15, 2012

### **Florence M Lightfoot, Beta Xi**

A native Detroit, Florence lived in Grosse Pointe Woods most of her life. She started her post HS career at Albion College, graduating with a BS in Psychology followed by her MA in Education at Wayne State University. She soon headed a bit west to the Chicago area where she did graduate work in Speech Pathology at Northwestern University to become a specialist in the area. During this time, she added the Northwestern Wildcats to her sports favorites to go along with her beloved Detroit Tigers! Her teaching career included two years in Benton Harbor, two years supervising student teachers while at Northwestern, and the Grosse Pointe Public Schools where she was a Speech Pathologist from 1963 until her retirement in 1990. During her career and after, Florence enjoyed traveling, especially with her daughter and later with her grandson, as well as, with friends and other teachers. She spent time touring in Europe, China, Panama and the Canal. An avid reader and

knitter, she belonged to a knitting group at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church where she was an active member. Florence did volunteer work in various classrooms after retirement and was a docent for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Initiated in 1969, she was a charter member of Beta Xi. Florence loved the fellowship she found in DKG and treasured the lifelong friends she made. Her daughter remembers her talking about her going with DKG sisters to the Women in the Arts Weekend that she truly enjoyed, on more than one occasion. She was an enthusiastic and hardworking member of many committees within Beta Xi, always working to help her chapter reach its goals. Florence especially enjoyed her work on the Scholarship Committee and Christmas auctions helping raise scholarship funds for Grosse Pointe girls graduating from high school and going on to study Education.

December 23, 1925 - August 15, 2012

### **Faye E. Dykstra, Beta Sigma Chapter**

A charter member of Beta Sigma, Faye called the Upper Peninsula home! Born in Kingsford just across the Menominee River from Wisconsin, she grew up there going on to graduate from Kingsford HS in 1942. By 1951 she had graduated from Marquette's Northern Michigan University with a BA in Teaching and in 1967 received her MA in Education from the same university. She began teaching in Foster City, continued on in Gwinn and Ironwood before settling in Iron Mountain where she taught for 35 years before her retirement in 1986. Faye devoted much of her life to her students, earning the nickname of Dynamite Dykstra, a no-nonsense teacher who expected a lot from her students and made sure she was there to guide them on their educational journey. Outside the classroom, Faye, an avid reader and seamstress, also loved baseball and traveling. Her Beta Sigma sisters remember Faye bringing home various items from her trips to Europe that she would donate for the auction at our DKG state conventions. In addition, Faye served Beta Sigma as President from 1976-1978 and, was treasurer for 24 years. Faye was extremely involved in her community. An active member of her Baptist Church, she served on the Mission Committee, taught Sunday school, helped at Vacation Bible School and with the AWANA Children's Club. She was an enthusiastic member of the church choir and was a familiar face as a longtime volunteer at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. Besides DKG, Faye belonged to AAUW, Iron Mountain-Kingsford Christian Women's Club, Iron Mountain-Kingsford GFWC, and MARSP. Faye left quite a mark on this world during her 88 years here.

September 10, 1924 - October 29, 2012

# Membership

## White Roses in Memoriam

### Eleanor Sheppard, Alpha Tau Chapter

Less than a year from her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Eleanor passed away in Sault Ste. Marie where she was born and spent most of her life. At age 17, she began her educational career by attending and then receiving her teacher's certificate from Chippewa County Normal School in her home town and, in 1965, her BA from Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Her first teaching assignments were in one-room schools, Gladys Elementary and Rawsonville Elementary both in the eastern U. P.. After the consolidation of country schools, she continued teaching mainly at the elementary level at Bruce Township, Soo Township and Washington School in the Sault Area Public Schools. She retired in 1975 one year before losing her beloved husband of 41 years. Before and after her retirement, Eleanor was quite active working with the First United Presbyterian Church on many committees and boards, as a Sunday School teacher for Pine Grove Congregational, as a 4-H leader in a variety of areas and as a Board member of both Chippewa County 4-H and Future Farmers of America. She also loved to knit, travel, read and work in her yard. Our Alpha Tau sister, a member since 1967, besides devoting much of herself to her students and family, was an active member serving her chapter as Corresponding Secretary from 1976-78 and as Chapter President from 1978-80.

August 29, 1913 - November 3, 2012

### Sharon L. Kostelecky, Beta Sigma Chapter

Born in Dickinson, North Dakota, Sharon did not make her way east to the Menominee, MI/Marinette, WI area until after she graduated from Dickinson State College in 1968 with a BA in English Education and minors in Library Science and Journalism. During her 33 years with the Marinette Public Schools, she continued her education at various universities, receiving her MA in English Ed. in 1983. Marinette students in grades 8-12, in all areas of English, including AP, benefited from her expertise. A Department Chair for 5 years, Debate Coach for 5 years, Newspaper Advisor for 7 years and Yearbook Advisor for 10, she also worked for students through DKG via chapter fundraisers and the Scholarship Committee. She was extremely active with the Marinette EA as an officer and member on many committees, was a representative on the ONE Uniserve Council, was a member of the WI and National Council of Teachers of English and presented at the national convention. She was a member of AARP and an active volunteer at her district congressional campaign office and in other political arenas. Besides her focus on students, she devoted much time to her family and friends, being loyal and generous, as well as, a non-judgmental listener who was willing to give of her time and energy to all. Our Beta Sigma sister also loved reading (belonging to

various book clubs), writing, playing board games, doing crosswords, traveling though the USA, Canada and Europe, water walking, swimming and investigating local history. It clearly was fitting that she also served her chapter as History Chair and as Recording Secretary from 2008-2010. Sharon made quite an impact since her initiation in 2004.

September 20, 1947 - November 18, 2012

### Donna Dombrowski, Omega Chapter

Omega Chapter and Donna's fellow staff members and friends at L'anse Creuse Middle School South from which she had recently retired were all saddened to hear of her passing this summer. Donna, who suffered from severe respiratory problems for most of her life due to a childhood illness, had lost her beloved parents with whom she had lived all her life. Her students and fellow staff members for her dedication and hard work loved Donna, a very creative teacher. Omega sisters remember how involved Donna's parents had been with Donna and her classroom activities, participating in many. One sister remembers the day when the Dombrowskis, other sixth grade teachers and she were putting up many of Donna's classroom projects for an elaborate display in the library where an Omega sister worked. Donna wanted her students to be recognized and appreciated for their accomplishments and hard work. This loyal and active Omega member, initiated in 1996, participated in whatever she could until health issues limited her involvement. The impact she made with her courage and determination will remain with her students and colleagues far past her days on this earth.

June 24, 1946 - July 18, 2012



In **Honor**  
of  
or in **Remembrance** of  
a beloved  
chapter and state  
Society members  
consider making  
a contribution  
to your Chapter's Sister to Sister Fund  
a State Scholarship Fund  
or the International Educational Foundation

# State Committees

## Membership and the Rule of Three



Well, it is that time of year again. Dues have all been collected and we have initiated 38 new members across the state, Yeah! I always receive this wonderful report about now, but what I do not receive is the number of people who do not renew and why. In my chapter alone, it was 7. The main reason that is given is that big, bad word, MONEY!

Please let me share with you the Contractor's Rule of Three. If you want a job done, you have three options, fast, good and cheap, but you can only ever have two out of the three options at any time. If it is fast and good, it won't be cheap. If it is fast and cheap, it won't be good. If it is good and cheap, it won't be fast. When there is work to be done and we want it done well and efficiently, we know it won't come without a cost. Sometimes that cost hits us in the pocketbook and a lot of the time it comes with the cost of our time and effort. We all know how to produce a good product and in our world, the product is the students that we give to society to become our next world leaders. We, as DKG sisters, produce quality products and it takes a bit of money and time to be a part of this high quality Society.

For thirty-five cents a day for a year, I've paid my \$83 dues, \$20 fundraiser and have \$27 I can give to my local chapter for other things. If you saved fifty or seventy-five cents or even a dollar, you could go to all the State, Regional and International Conventions and all of this for less than the cost of one pop per day. When you put it into perspective it really isn't that much, is it?

Next time one of our members shares with you that they are leaving us for money, please share the Rule of Three with them, explain our saving plan, and add one more thing. You were CHOSEN to be a member because you were an outstanding teacher who showed wonderful leadership potential. Won't you CHOOSE to stay with us and fully realize that potential?

*Submitted by Nancy Everett, Alpha Xi Chapter,*

## Chapter Communications



To quote the *Go-To Guide* for Chapter Members (found on the International website for free download), "Effective communication at the **chapter level** is one of the keys to a member's satisfaction and a non-member's knowledge of and attraction to Delta Kappa Gamma."

There are many options available for increasing that communication. Here are a few suggestions.

Set up and maintain a **website**. There will be a session offered at the state spring conference on this. Help is also available on the International Website. Click on Committees, then Communications and Publicity, and then Using **weebly.com**. The website can be the first place members go to find out any and all information about their chapter. It can also reduce expenses for your chapter. Newsletters and yearbooks can be posted on the website to reduce printing and mailing expenses.

Publish a **Chapter Newsletter**. Guidelines for completing a quality newsletter may be found on the State Website. Click on Committees and then Communications. Awards are given each year for newsletters sent in to the state. The newsletter will keep members apprised of what is going on in the chapter, meeting dates and times, member news, and recognition of members' achievements.

Publish a **Yearbook**. Guidelines for yearbooks are also found on the state website. Click on Yearbook and then Yearbook Evaluation Form. Awards are also given each year for yearbooks submitted to the state.

Create an **address book**. Although the yearbook contains all the membership information, a small address book that can fit easily in a purse with chapter member contact information, website addresses, meeting dates and times, and committees will make the information easily accessible to members.

Print up **refrigerator magnets** with meeting dates, places and times so it is readily available to members.

Establish a **phone tree** for quickly communicating important news to all your members. This can be especially important if it is necessary to cancel a meeting due to weather, and you're not sure members will be accessing their e-mail on short notice.

Form a **courtesy committee** that will communicate a caring, nurturing attitude toward members. They can be responsible for mailing birthday cards, get well cards, and checking on members who no longer get out often; sometimes offering rides to the meetings. **E-cards** are another avenue these members may use.

Set up a **Facebook account** so your members can network.

Set up a **separate contact list** of chapter members on your computer so news may easily be sent to all e-mail members. Sending newsletters in this way can save your chapter printing and mailing expenses.

For members without computers, the use of **mailing labels** can save time when mailing out newsletters.

International Website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Michigan (Alpha Iota State) Website: [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI)

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



# State Committees



## Guidelines For Chapter Records Management 2013

Do Not Lose Chapter History

### Chapter Should Keep:

- ♦ **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, including meeting attendance. 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 working to update your chapter's history.
- ♦ **Chapter Bylaws /Standing Rules:** (current edition). Past bylaws could be used by the History committee when updating your chapter's history.
- ♦ **Chapter Yearbook:** Keeping your chapter's yearbooks are essential for recording the chapter's history (chapter officers through the years, a record of new members, Chapter Women of Distinction, Friend of Education, names of charter members, etc.); completing Form 6 upon the passing a chapter member; ideas for programs, etc. If saved on a CD please send a copy to the State History Committee.
- ♦ **Copies of all previous Presidents' Reports** and reports from the **previous** biennium. This includes communication from International and state.
- ♦ **Correspondence** that is of a permanent nature. This can be decided by the chapter.
- ♦ **Robert's Rules of Order** (11<sup>th</sup> edition) and items required by state documents and Chapter Rules.
- ♦ **Chapter newsletters** that can be used for keeping your chapter's history up-to-date.

### Discard:

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

*Submitted by: Pat Charlton, Gamma Chapter,  
State History Committee Chairman*

New Pin Available for honoring  
Chapter Distinctive Women.

Gold with Red Letters

Available at Convention

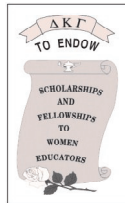
Or Contact J-Jay Pechta, see page #2 or info



## Scholarship News

### Application Deadline February 1st

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, and September 1st. This application is available on the International Website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)



Are you working on a graduate degree, retraining or seeking an additional endorsement in education? Scholarship applications need to be submitted by February 1st. A plan of study and proof of acceptance to college or university must be included.

### What types of scholarships are available from Alpha Iota State?

Each year Alpha Iota State may award:

- ♦ Two \$1,000 scholarships which honor Effie M. Downer and Ola B. Hiller
- ♦ Two \$500 scholarships for retraining and/or additional endorsements in education
- ♦ One \$800 Past-President's Scholarship for graduate study

These will be awarded at the Spring Convention.

**Forms and information are available On-line**  
**[www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI).**

*Submitted by Gloria Fisher, Nu Chapter, State Scholarship and  
Grants Chairman*

### Nominations Needed!!

Chapter Presidents and Personal Growth and Services Chairs, are YOU going to nominate a woman from YOUR chapter as **Chapter Woman of Distinction**? Have you started the process of naming the woman? **HURRY**, the deadline is: **March 15, 2013**

### Reminder

Have you considered nominating a woman for **State Woman of Distinction**? Deadline is: **March 15, 2013**.

You can find the both forms and guidelines on the state website: [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI)


The forms should be mailed to: Marilyn J. Hopkins, 709 Whisperwood Trail, Fenton MI 48430 or sent by email to: [hopkins709@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hopkins709@sbcglobal.net)

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



# State Committees

## Diamonds from the Coordinating Councils



The Alpha Iota State Coordinating Councils have been celebrating the Alpha Iota State 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and organizing interesting programs this season. During the Fall Workshop in Muskegon, Dr. Gedy Love and Julie Usher invited all Coordinating Councils to meet and plan their events. 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 October 27, 2012, Kenowa Coordinating Council Annual Event in Big Rapids. There, the attendees toured the Flite Museum and the Jim Crow Display. Later, the Kenowa Council enjoyed a celebration of Alpha Iota State's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and a lovely luncheon at the Ferris State University Food Court. This is an active Council and many joined us on that sunny Saturday.

The Flint Coordinating Council had a presentation of the Flip Classroom on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Attendees enjoyed a demonstration of the Flip Classroom and delicious refreshments. The idea behind the Flip Classroom is that the teacher prepares or finds skill building lessons for the students to download at home. The classroom time is used for assisting with the assignments and the learning of the concepts taught in the tutorials.

The Cascades Council event in Jackson, of "Solving the Reading Puzzle," was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The presentation by Sandy Wuwert of Beta Rho, was followed by a delightful luncheon at the Cascades Manor House and a celebration of Alpha Iota State's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. Members planned additional activities and donated many lovely baskets of goodies in the silent auction and raffle.

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.

Springtime promises many more Coordinating Council events. We will keep you updated.

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



## Professional Affairs Committee

### In need of Presiders at Convention

I am looking forward to seeing lots of DKG members at the state convention at the DoubleTree in Bay City. The state program committee has planned an interesting group of sessions that should appeal to everyone. My committee, Professional Affairs, has the duty of finding presiders/scribes for each session. Responsibilities are: make sure the session starts and ends on time, introduce the speaker, stamp any CEU forms if the session qualifies and 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, Gamma Eta, State Professional Affairs, Chairman  
hierarchy5@gmail.com

## Funding Our Purposes Auction Action

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



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

Theme baskets are great, but you may also donate both small and large items. We welcome donations from individual members, as well as chapters.

Proceeds from the auction go to three funds:

- **Scholarships**
- **World Fellowship**
- **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*

**"We make a living  
by what we get,  
but we make a difference  
by what we give."**

# State Committees



## Oh, No! What Can We Do? A Parliamentary Moment

Fairalee Foggy just moved that the chapter present Superintendent Bubba Bighead with a plaque commending him for outstanding leadership and service to education. Many members question the quality of Superintendent Bighead's leadership and service, but you believe it is unwise for the chapter to go on record as opposing the motion.

How can you help the chapter dispose of this embarrassing motion without voting on it? *Robert's* gives three answers:

1. You can rise immediately, before the chair states the question, and say, "I object to the consideration of the question." If at least two-thirds of the members vote not to consider the question, it is dismissed without a vote for the remainder of the session (RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), pp. 267-70).
2. If the chair has already stated the motion, you can rise and, when recognized, say, "I move to postpone the question indefinitely." If the majority votes to postpone the question indefinitely, it dies without a vote for the remainder of the session (RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), pp. 126-30).
3. In debate, you can speak against the motion, express your concerns about voting on it, and urge Ms. Foggy to withdraw her motion. If she agrees and the chapter allows her to withdraw the motion, either by unanimous consent or a majority vote, it can be withdrawn without a vote (RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), pp. 295-97).

**Note**, however, it is not appropriate to try to kill or to avoid voting on the motion by moving to lay it on the table. "The motion to *Lay of the Table* is not in order if the evident intent is to kill or avoid dealing with a measure" (RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), p. 210, ll. 10-11).

Also, anyone can re-introduce the motion at a future session, if she chooses to do so.

*Submitted by Helen Popovich, Alpha Iota State Parliamentarian*



## Chapter Visitations

Chapters should arrange for a state visitation each biennium.

Many chapters and several councils have received official state visits from state officers this biennium. There is still time to arrange for a visit to your chapter or council before June, 2013. You may request any state officer. If you would like a visit, please make arrangements through the chapter visitations chairman, Kathy Muench, 11715 Schram St., Grand Blanc, MI 48439-1319 kemuench@sbcglobal.net

Application forms are available on the Alpha Iota State web site.

*Kathy Muench, Alpha Omega Chapter. Chapter Visitations Chair*

## Friend of Education Reminder

This is a reminder to chapters to let us know your Friend of Education honorees.

**The Friend of Education Award** recognizes persons or groups who have given outstanding support and noteworthy 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 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.

For **Guidelines** and **Report Form**, please see the information under **Friend of Education** on the state DKG website [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI)

*Submitted by Dorothy E. Sample, PhD, Mu Chapter,  
Alpha Iota State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president*



## State Dissertation Award

Alpha Iota State wants to honor members who continue their education and complete a dissertation. This should be completed between March 15, 2012 and March 15, 2013. This is not a competition but a recognition of those members who continued with their studies. The applicant should submit the title of the dissertation and the school attended to the chairman of the state Research Committee. The members will be honored at the state convention in May at Bay City. The information should be sent to:

Nina Keener, Lambda Chapter, Research Committee Chairman. 1215 Kirts Unit A, Troy MI 48084  
scakee@aol.com , 248-362-1627

# State Committees

## The Distinguished Service Award

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

Chapters make nominations and then a state organization committee determines which of the nominees is most worthy of recognition during the Alpha Iota 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. If your chapter has nominated previously someone who was not selected, please submit your nominee again.

Please see the information under **Distinguished Service Award** on the state DKG website  
[www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI).

*Submitted by Dorothy E. Sample, PhD, Mu Chapter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president*

## A NOTE FROM THE NECROLOGY AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE SISTERS



First, our White Roses are extremely important to us, not only as wonderful women but also for all the energy, support and hard work they gave to our chapters during their membership. When we honor them at the

Convention in May, please have your president(s) attend or a chapter representative present to carry the rose in honor of our sister(s). If it isn't possible, please let one of us know ahead of time by email or phone. We hope to see you there a little before 8:00 AM on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the Celebration of Life and Remembrance lovingly put together by Nancy Higgins, Dorothy Nagel, Theresa Lorio and a host of talented volunteers, singers and musicians.

Secondly, be sure to file your **form 2** listing any deaths in your chapter from January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012 as soon as possible after January 1, 2013. Even if you have had no deaths, please let Lynne know because she needs the information for International. If you have issues with the form or any questions, please let her know by phone (248-895-9598), email ([ELSESSL2@wowway.com](mailto:ELSESSL2@wowway.com)) or US mail at the following: Lynne Elsesser, 20440 Lexington Blvd., Northville, MI 48167

Thirdly, all members whose **form 6's** are received on or before February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 will be honored on May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have a problem or a death right around then, please contact Lynne ASAP.

*Submitted by Lynne Elsesser, Gamma Alpha Chapter, State Necrology Chair, and Nancy Higgins, Zeta Chapter, State Celebration of Life Chair*



## An Invitation to Alpha Iota State Members to Consider Nomination to an International Office

Positions available in 2014 for an International office will be: President, First and Second Vice President, Regional Directors and area representatives, all positions require having served as a state organization president, and experience on an international committee, except for area representatives, who should have participated in at least one international, or regional conference. Members-at-large should have international committee experience. Members of elected committees of The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation should have chapter and state organization experience in the areas for which they are seeking nomination. There are other requirements, as well, which can be located on the nomination information found on the Delta Kappa Gamma web site. Members of the Nomination Committee – one member from each region - will serve for four years. **Members of the Finance Committee – two nominees - will serve a four year term.**

An Alpha Iota State member who is considering a nomination for an International Position in the Society, and is interested in State support, will need to submit a Letter of Intent and Interest, to the Chairman of the Nomination committee by April 1, 2013. An individual may, of course, always submit own materials and seek nomination support from other individuals or chapters.

When an individual submits a letter, to the committee seeking state support for a nomination, the committee will decide on the support being sought. Upon approval of the committee, the chairman, or her representative, will make a motion at the 2013 State Spring Convention Executive Board, that Alpha Iota will support the nomination of the individual for the position of interest. If the motion passes, a nomination form will be filled out in late June or July.

*Submitted by Joanne Gardner, Upsilon, Nominations Chair,*

## U of M INTERESTING WOMEN'S GROUP

Another exciting "10 Interesting Women's Group" has been formed in Flint by members of Mu Chapter and is off to a dynamic start with excellent discussions. Members of Mu chapter, who are on the University of Michigan teaching staff or who have retired from there, plus one who has three U of M degrees, invited professors to get together for lunch near the university. The stimulating discussion motivated the women to suggest another gathering before the holidays. Two additional professors/lecturers joined the group for dinner in December. Even though most groups only meet two or three times a year, this group wants to meet more often and have set a dinner date in February. Two of the teaching professionals have been in their jobs three years or less. Mu members have learned from these professionals and have been able to encourage these working women. Mu members see amazing possibilities of friendship, support, mentoring, and, perhaps, new DKG members.

*Submitted by Dr. Dorothy Sample, Mu Chapter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president*



# Nominations Committee Presents Slate (2013-2015)

## **President, Liz VanWestenberg, Gamma Gamma, Area A**



Elizabeth (Liz) Van Westenberg has been recommended as the nominee for Alpha Iota State president. Liz is a member of Gamma Gamma, and splits her time between Canton and Kalkaska. Since her initiation in 1992 she has served three terms as chapter president, one term as chapter secretary and six years as chapter treasurer. She has also served actively on numerous committees as chairman. Liz has been Yearbook editor for twelve years and has been outstanding in her service to the chapter. On the State level, Liz has served as Nominations Chair (2005-2007), Research Committee Chair (2009-2011) and First Vice-president (2011-2013). She has attended nearly all Alpha Iota Fall workshops and State Conventions, plus Regional Conferences, in the last eighteen years. Educationally, Liz holds a Bachelor and Masters Degree from U of M, and an Ed. Specialist Certificate from Wayne State University. Teaching H. S. mathematics provided her with a wide range of instruction ranging from remedial math to advanced placement courses. She has presented workshops,

was a member of the North Central Accreditation visitation teams, and has served on the selection committee for the National Honor Society. Liz received two "Extra Miler" Honor Awards presented by the Canton Board of Education. Liz is also active in gardening and other community activities.

## **First Vice-president, Nancy Everett. Alpha XI, Area D**



Nancy was initiated into the Alpha XI Chapter in September, 1996. Here she served on many committees, often as chairman. She became Chapter President in 2002-2004. At the state level she was Music Co chairman for 4 years and is currently Membership Chairman. Nancy has taken part in such activities as preparing newcomer bags, leadership development conferences, presenter at Conventions and Workshops and of course her involvement with our Rose Bud Choir. Nancy was president of the Northern Lights Coordination council from 2005-2009. In 2010 Nancy was honored by being asked to participate in the International Choir and was a soloist. During the months of June and July of 2010 Nancy applied for the Golden Gift Leadership Conference and was accepted. Nancy attended Marygrove College, Saginaw Valley and Livingston University, majoring in music. She currently is teaching k. - 6 music in 3 elementary schools in Alpena.

## **Second Vice-president, Bernice Haglund, Beta Beta, Area B.**



Bernice Haglund has been recommended as the nominee for Alpha Iota State Second Vice-president. Bernice is a member of the Beta Beta Chapter and resides in Jackson, MI. Bernice has served in many positions within her chapter, including president for four years and is currently serving as co-president. She has been a member and President of Cascade Council since 2008. At the state level Bernice served as Recording Secretary and as Chapter President – at – large on the President's Advisory Council.

Professionally Bernice is a member of Orton Dyslexia Society and is an Orton Gillingham trainer. She was an adjunct professor at Northern Michigan from 1996 to 1998. Bernice taught in the Houghton Public School system in the early 1970's. She moved into teaching at Michigan Center Schools at first grade, then second grade and, then, into Reading. She continued at Michigan Central Schools from 1974 until 2008. Currently Bernice is a travel agent and has been a member of Business Professional Women since 1974 to the present. She has been a member of University Women of Retired Teachers since 1975; representing

area 23 for MARSP, the Jackson Chapter (JCARSF). and also in charge of Storyfest at one site in 2012.



# Nominations Comittee Presents Slate Continued

## Recording Secretary, Gloria Richards, Nu, Area B



Gloria Richards was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1972. She has served on numerous committees as a member of Nu Chapter and was Chapter President from (2002 – 2006). At the State level she was Research Committee Chair from (2003 -2005) and Corresponding Secretary form (2007 – 2009). At the International level she has attended Northeast Regional and International Conventions and has served as a scribe for workshops. Gloria taught for 32 years, in the Albion Public Schools in grades pre-K through second grade. She was involved with the HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed) program and since retiring has taught an Early Childhood Education class for Kellogg Community College. She has also been involved with AAUW, the Albion Education Association, and MEA. Currently she is co-president of Calhoun County MEAR. Gloria is the Elections Chair for Clarence Township in Calhoun County and served as Census Coordinator for the township in 2009-2010. Her extra time is spent at the local community center teaching kids to quilt, and with the Bell-Clarence 4-H Club as project leader.

## Corresponding Secretary, Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu, Area A



Ranae has been nominated to serve as corresponding Secretary. She served her chapter as Secretary 2005 – 2007 and as President from 2007 – 2011. She has served at the State level as Co-chair of Women in the Arts 2009 – to the present. Ranae has been teaching HS Chemistry and Biology from 1991 to the present in the Grosse Pointe South High School. She was an adjunct Professor for the Michigan State Department of Ed. Leadership in 2009-2010. She has been involved in the Grosse Point Education Association as Vice-president in 1994-2005 and as President 2008-2012.

## Slate for Nominations Committee 2013-2015 Biennium

### Past State President – Jacquelyn Smart (Jackie), Gamma Alpha Chapter, Area A



Jackie was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1990. She has served on many committees and served as president of Gamma Alpha Chapter during the (1998-2000) and the (2006-2008) bienniums. As a member of the Detroit Metro Coordinating Council she has serves as either president or secretary since 2000. At the state level she has been a member of numerous committees and chair of several. Most recently she has served the State as First Vice-president in (2007-2009) and as President in (2009-2011). At the international level she has attended Northeast Regional and International Conventions. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and two Master of Arts degrees in teaching and special education. Her teaching experience includes teaching at the first, third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade levels, in a LD/EMI/EI self-contained room and also as a teacher consultant for the Wayne-Westland Community and Maywood Public School systems. Gamma Alpha's Newsletter and Yearbooks took State awards several times when she served as editor. Gamma Alpha also recognized her as Chapter Woman of Distinction in 1997 and State Woman of Distinction 2012. She volunteers binding Braille books and works with at-risk students in literary education.

### At large/State experience – Gloria Fisher, Nu Chapter, Area B



Gloria Fisher lives in Albion and is a member of Nu Chapter. She has served as Chapter President and became the current treasurer in July 2011. At the State level she chairman of the Approve Minutes Committee (2009-2011) and chairman of the Scholarship Committee (2011-2013). She was a special education teacher and administrator from 1979 to 2008. Gloria was on the AAUW State Board of Directors serving as the treasurer from 1988-1992. Currently she is on the Women's Conference Committee for the Diocese of Lansing.

# Nominations Committees Presents Slate Continued

## Slate for Nominations Committee 2013-2015 Biennium

### Past Chapter President – Dorothy Sample, Mu Chapter, Area C



Dot Sample has been a member of Mu Chapter since 1977. She has chaired and served on numerous committees including Mu's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program. Dot has been Second Vice-president, First Vice-president and President of Mu Chapter. She has compiled Mu's Member Spotlight Series for the Mu Newsletter and has been working with the history committee to save Mu's history on e-files. At the State level Dot has attended many state conventions and fall conferences through the years and made presentations at both. She served on several state level committees and served in (2011-2013) as the Second Vice-president. At the International level Dot has attended several DKG International Conventions and Northeast Regional Conferences. In her profession, with five college, university and seminary degrees, including AB, MA, and PhD from the University of Michigan. Dr. Dorothy Sample has had a varied career in gifted education, psychological counseling and leadership. After earning her PhD, Dot worked as a child and family counselor for five years from 1976-1981. Dr. Sample piloted and then taught in Flint's secondary gifted program until her retirement in 1995. Dr. Sample was awarded the

Golden Apple – Teacher of the Year Award three times. Dot served as liaison the City-wide Gifted Steering Committee. She also led conferences at the State Gifted Conference. Dr. Sample has been president of three national/international church women's organizations: The National Woman's Missionary Union; the North American Baptist Women's Union of the Baptist Alliance (1989-1992) and Global Woman.

### At Large/State Experience - Julie Usher, Alpha Xi Chapter, Area D



Julie Usher is an active member of Alpha Xi Chapter and lives in Ossineke, Michigan. She has been President and First Vice-President of her chapter, Alpha Xi where she also served as membership chair. Julie is the chairman of the Professional Affairs Committee at the chapter level and is enjoying the opportunity to co-chair the State's Coordinating Council Committee with Dr. Gedy Love. Professionally, Julie is a retired primary teacher from the Alpena Public Schools. She is an Elder at the Presbyterian Church and Presbytery Commissioner for Mackinac Presbytery. She is a member of the Alpena Regional Medical Center Development Council. She also enjoys being a board member of the Founders for The Jesse Besser Museum.

### Current Chapter President – Kathy Taylor, Beta Iota, Area D



Kathy Taylor has been nominated to serve on the Nominations Committee. She is currently the president of Beta Iota and has been the chapter secretary. At the state level she has served on several committees and this last biennium was Corresponding Secretary. She has served as the President of the Northern Lights Coordinating Council. Kathy was the AFT Faculty Secretary at Kirkland Community College for 12 years. She created a new way of teaching called FLEX (Flexible Learning Experience). She received Excellence in Teaching Awards at the state and national levels. She is secretary and treasurer of the Surline School PTO and is involved in soccer and Girl Scouts.

### *Submitted by the Nominations Committee:*

Joanne Gardner, Chairman, Upsilon, Area C

Eileen Rodak, Past State President, Zeta, Area A

Anne Wade, Current Chapter President, Alpha Lambda, Area C

Pamela Chappell, State Level Experience. Gamma Theta, Area B

Deborah Noss, Member-at-large, Alpha Tau, Area D.



## You're invited to the 2013 "Sticks and Stones - Leadership Seminar on Bullying"

Partial funding by

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The Society promotes professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education.*



### What?

#### ***Sticks and Stones - Leadership Seminar on Bullying***

The effort to stop and prevent bullying continues to grow. Anti-bullying legislation now exists in 49 states, including Michigan. Today, educators are professionally and legally responsible for stopping and preventing bullying. Bullying affects a student's ability to focus on learning and to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Bullying is a concern to all who work with children and young adults. Michigan teachers are engaged in proactive, innovative, and educationally sound strategies to prevent bullying. Our seminar will deal with varied aspects of bullying and prevention strategies.

### Why?

The sessions will provide information about different forms of bullying and self-esteem, and explain how schools, community organizations, and parents can create safe, healthy environments.

### When?

**Saturday, March 9, 2013**

8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sessions Lunch included

### Where?

Genesys Conference and Banquet Center  
810 Health Park Blvd.  
Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439

### Perks!

And ... if that's not enough, how about a filled-to-the-brim gift bag of things you'll actually use, a continental breakfast & lunch, conversations with speakers and key women educators?

**Four \*SB-CEU credits available**

### How to Register?

Register online at: [www.deltakappagamma.org/MI](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MI) OR

Complete the registration form and mail by **February 16, 2013**

### Cost?

**\$30 registration fee**

(Additional \$10 fee for SB-CEU)

The workshop capacity is limited to the first 100 registrations.



## "Sticks and Stones - Leadership Seminar on Bullying"

*Workshop Registration Form*



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter / Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed form and a \$30 check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma by February 16, 2013**

**(Add \$10 if you are applying for SB-CEU credit)**

Registrar: **Gwen Graham, 819 W. Shiawassee Ave. Fenton, MI 48430**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**March 9, 2013**

**Genesys Conference and Banquet Center, 810 Health Park Blvd.**

**Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439**

#### ***Need Hotel Accommodations?***

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# State Convention Bay City



## DO NOT MISS PRE-CONVENTION SEMINARS

**Friday May 3, 2013**

**4:50 to 5:50 P.M.**

### **Legislation: It Affects Us All**

Be in the know! Find out what is happening in state politics today. The session will include the latest on legislation dealing with children, education, women and retirees, and how those bills will impact education in our state. The Alpha Iota State Legislative Committee, with chairperson Judy Foster of Upsilon chapter, will bring you up-to-date on the political happenings in Michigan. **SB-CEU UNIT**

**6:00-7:00 P.M.**

### **Opening Doors, Opening Lives: Creating Awareness of Advocacy, Inclusion, and Education for our Children with Special Needs**

Award-winning author and Gamma Gamma Chapter member, Jennifer Greening, whose book is required reading in university classes across the country, shares her unique perspective of being a general education teacher and a parent of a child with special needs. **SB-CEU UNIT**

2013 Alpha Iota State Convention  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Doubletree Riverfront, Bay City, Michigan  
May 3 - 5, 2013

#### **Corsage Order Form**

All corsages will be a red rose with gold ribbon. Please note the corsage you prefer on the form below. All prices include 6% MI Sales Tax. Corsages may be picked up at the Registration area in the afternoon on Saturday, May 4, time to be announced.

Please note the type of corsage you are ordering below.

| Corsage     | Style  | Number Ordered | Cost      | Total Due |
|-------------|--------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Red Rose    | Pinned | _____          | @ \$11.00 | _____     |
|             | Wrist  | _____          | @ \$11.00 | _____     |
| Total Order |        |                |           | _____     |

Corsage is/are for (Please list)...

Individual Ordering (if not above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please include check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma. Mail form and check to ...

Pamela Marchuk  
6399 Morrish Rd.  
Swartz Creek, MI 48473  
810-635-7241 / pmarchuk@hotmail.com

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

**Corsage Order Deadline: Apr. 9, 2013**

## **PRESIDENTS' PROCESSION**

**RSVP BY APRIL 1, 2013**

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. As Past President, one of my responsibilities is coordinating the Presidents' Procession. To make sure things go smoothly and all of the names are included on the state PowerPoint, we will have a rehearsal for the procession. The practice will be on Saturday afternoon **after the last session**. All 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 Southhampton Drive,  
Livonia, MI 48152

I look forward to seeing you in Bay City.

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### **Presidents' Procession State Convention DoubleTree Bay City -. Riverfront May 3 - 5, 2013**

Chapter  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Chapter  
(Geographically) \_\_\_\_\_

Current  
President \_\_\_\_\_ or

Co-President \_\_\_\_\_

\*Indicate if you are a substitute \_\_\_\_\_

-If needed, include name pronunciation help.

## **Come join the Rosebud Chorus**



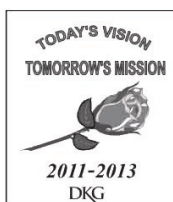
Please come and join the chorus during our one and only rehearsal time. Our music is quite simple and easily put together in about ninety minutes time. All you need is a love of singing and sisterhood.

If you have instrumental talents or vocal talents you would like to share, please contact:

Nancy Tetzlaff at [natetzlaff@yahoo.com](mailto:natetzlaff@yahoo.com) or  
Marcia Thatcher at [rthatcher@frontier.com](mailto:rthatcher@frontier.com)



# State Convention Bay City Registration Form



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
**Alpha Iota State Convention - Celebrate 75**  
**Registration Form**  
 May 3-5, 2013  
 DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, Bay City - Riverfront



Please Print: Use one form for each person  
 Registration will NOT be valid unless completed on both sides.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Office: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ International \_\_\_\_\_

**All participants must register to attend.**

|   |                                     |                    |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Registration Fee</b><br>Postmarked by April 12, 2013                                       | Members \$55<br>Non-Members \$75    | \$ _____           |
| Postmarked after April 12, 2013   | LATE FEE \$20                       | \$ _____           |
| <b>Meals:</b> Optional Friday Dinner Buffet<br>(5:45 - 7:45 PM) Menu <b>FYI</b> next page     | \$20                                | \$ _____           |
| Celebrate 75! Celebration<br>After Executive Board Meeting                                    | Will you join us?                   | Yes _____ No _____ |
| Saturday Breakfast: Pay by Item   | Will you participate?<br>Circle One | Yes _____ No _____ |
| Optional Saturday Buffet Lunch  | \$20                                | \$ _____           |
| <b>President's Banquet:</b> Saturday 6:30 PM<br>All members and guests are invited to attend. | \$45                                | \$ _____           |
| <b>Awards Brunch:</b> Sunday 9 AM<br>All members and guests are invited to attend.            | \$25                                | \$ _____           |
| SB-CEUs : Certified Educational Units fee   | \$10                                | \$ _____           |
| Non-member Fee  | \$20                                | \$ _____           |
| <b>Total amount enclosed:</b><br><b>Check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma</b>                    |                                     | \$ _____           |

**Celebrate 75! Society Membership/Leadership History:**

Years of Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Convention? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

I will be in the Presidents' Procession. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I will substitute for my chapter president at Executive Board and Presidents' Procession. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle all positions held and honors received during your years of Society membership.

Committee chairman: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ International \_\_\_\_\_  
 Officer: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ International \_\_\_\_\_  
 President: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ International \_\_\_\_\_  
 Woman of Distinction: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Distinguished Service Award \_\_\_\_\_

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FYI: The Conference Committee has arranged for a Friday night/ dinner buffet with beverage for \$20.00 (including 6% tax and 21% gratuity) We have also arranged for a pay-by-item, Saturday breakfast.

## Other Information Of Note:

- I plan on arriving Friday evening. Yes \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_
- I plan to attend the 6 to 7 p.m. Session Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_  
If you are planning on getting the full credit you need to attend this session (1 SB-CEU Available) Only 4 offerings will be available on Saturday.
- The Executive Board and General Membership Meeting will be *combined* and will start at 7:45 PM Friday evening.
- ALL MEMBERS should attend Executive Board/General Membership Meeting at 7:45 PM Friday.
- Practice for the President's Procession will be Saturday afternoon following last workshop.
- See page 16 in this *Wolverine* for the corsage order form.

## 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.

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

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

**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:

Judi Fisher, Registrar  
20180 Rippling Lane  
Northville, MI 48167-1905  
Phone: 248-349-7105 / Cell: 248-808-0477  
judifisher@yahoo.com

## 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 18, 2013. (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 18, 2013, 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 12, 2013 FOR  
GUARANTEE OF LOWEST AVAILABLE PRICE.**

# State Convention Hotel Reservation Form

## Reservation Request Form

### Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2013

Group Room Rate: \$99.00 plus 11% tax per room, per night

Cut Off Date: April 12, 2013

Check-In Time is 3:00PM

Check-Out Time is Noon



**Please Note:** Reservation request must be received in our office by midnight on the above cut off date in order to guarantee the group rate. Requests received after the above date will be subject to availability, and the group rate is not guaranteed. All reservation requests must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed by a major credit card. Rooms will not be reserved unless secured by one of the above methods.

\*\* If you need to cancel your reservation, please do so 24 hours prior to arrival.

## GUESTROOM PREFERENCE (Subject to Availability)

If more than one room is requested, please enclose a list of names and addresses, indicating which guests share rooms.

If you would like a confirmation sent to you via email, please provide your email address below.

### # of Rooms

\_\_\_\_\_ Standard Room – 2 Beds \_\_\_\_\_ Standard Room – King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People in Your Guestroom

**Special Requests (Please check)** \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Accessible \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Impaired

## GUEST INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DAY/DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DAY/DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME OF CARD HOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_

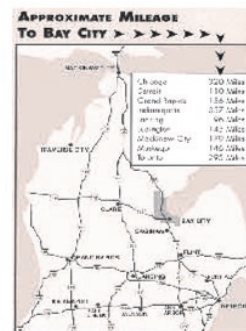
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing/Fax Information:**  
Doubletree by Hilton Bay City Riverfront  
Attn: Reservations Department  
One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, Michigan, 48708  
Phone: 989-891-6000 Fax: 989-891-9680

### Directions to the DoubleTree Hotel

**From I-75**, at exit 162A, take M-25 East, over the Veteran's Bridge to Downtown Bay City. The first stop light will be Saginaw St. Take a left on Saginaw; the Doubletree Hotel will be two blocks up on the left hand side.

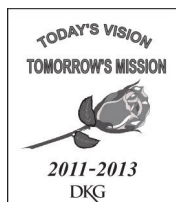


INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA



# State Convention Workshop Sessions



## Bay City State Convention

May 3 - 5, 2013

Celebrate 75!

Tentative Sessions



**Friday, May 3, 2013**

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Pre-Conference Seminar:**

### Opening Doors, Opening Lives: Creating Awareness of Advocacy, Inclusion, and Education for our Children with Special Needs



Award-winning author and Gamma Gamma Chapter member, Jennifer Greening, shares her unique perspective of being a general education teacher and a parent of a child with special needs. Have you wondered how to successfully educate a child with special needs in their neighborhood school? For the past 23 years, Jennifer has been a classroom teacher while raising a child with autism and disabilities. Experience the personal, heartwarming journey of a child with special needs and learn how educational research helps to create an outstanding education for students with special needs. Jennifer's work supports a variety of groups including The Arc Michigan, Michigan Alliance for Families, Oakland Community College, Head Start, Michigan Reading Association, TASH, The Autism Society of Michigan, and the Autism National Committee. Jennifer's book, *Opening Doors, Opening Lives: Creating awareness of advocacy, inclusion, and education for our children with special needs* is required reading in university classes across the country and is available for purchase at the convention.

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**Saturday, May 4, 2013**

### Open Forum with the Leadership Development Committee



What can the Leadership Development Committee do to further enlighten, encourage and help you? The LD committee will facilitate an "open forum" session. Open forum implies the open exchange of ideas and information, usually to better the common good. Chapter leaders will share success stories and have an open exchange of ideas and information. Problems or concerns will be discussed and the group will brainstorm possible solutions. Chapter presidents can share practices they have employed in their chapter to solve a similar problem. Join the Leadership Development Committee and Alpha Iota Chapter Presidents and other interested members for substantive conversations about your chapter.

#### Communication:

#### Let's Talk About It!

Effective communication is essential in personal relationships, classroom teaching, and in working with colleagues and parents. It is the way we share information, give directions and instructions, ask questions, voice opinions and learn about life and one another. It is important in everyday life, in the workplace, and is a way of getting things done and sharing what's happening. Learn skills and gather ideas to improve your style and means



of communicating, and minimize confusion and misunderstanding. Sharleen Gonzalez, Gamma Beta Chapter, will talk about the importance of effective and efficient means of communication, and offer suggestions and ideas for use in your classroom and in everyday life. **SB-CEU**

#### Laugh It Up!

Love to laugh? Come join the fun in a demonstration of a laughter club session. You will learn about the medical and psychological benefits of laughter; interact with others in a positive uplifting way through laughter exercises; and discover the benefits of the daily practice of "good-hearted living." Presenter Patricia Olsen is a retired reading specialist, with many varied experiences working with students of all ages. She received training and certification as a laughter leader from the World Laughter Tour. Participants will leave with a collection of activities that can be used with students to lighten their day, help them relax and be receptive to learning, and ease their internal and external anxiety that may come from higher educational expectations, increased testing and subsequent placement and advancement in school. The information can be a part of a lesson on classroom behavior and expectations and can help make group and partner activities less stressful for students. You can also share these ideas with colleagues and brighten the mood at department meetings and such! **SB-CEU**



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### Saturday Sessions Continued

#### What's In A Website?



Bring your laptop and get started building a chapter, social group or classroom website with Margaret Meehan of Beta Rho Chapter. We will be using Weebly, a free web hosting service that includes an education section for classroom teachers. If you can use a word processor, you can create a stylish website for your chapter or classroom. For chapter sites, find out what is required for your site to be certified by International. Learn how to prepare and post pictures. Upload newsletters and yearbooks for members to download. A website can be a valuable asset in enhancing communication with chapter members and promoting your chapter to prospective members. For teachers, it can be a terrific way to share information with students and parents. A website can be used by classroom teachers and other educators to share coursework and assignments, and to offer a source of help with student questions regarding homework and projects. Photos and links to appropriate sites can be shared, and solutions and samples of projects, essays and assignments can be made available to those in the class. Whether it is for your chapter, your classroom or others, come and see how easy it is to get started! **SB-CEU**

#### Bigger, Stronger, Last Longer!

##### What's New in the World of Gardening?

If you haven't shopped for perennials recently, you may be surprised at what is being offered this spring. With hybridizing and tissue culture techniques, the possibilities are endless. There is



'Lemmonn Vista', a day lily that blooms for up to 185 days a year. A Baptisia 'Solar Flare' has not blue, but creamy yellow flowers along 18-inch spikes. You can have less maintenance and more beautiful and bountiful gardens this season. Master Gardener, Shaila Jehle, Alpha Theta Chapter, will share some of her finds along with ways to solve problem areas, pruning and propagating techniques, and other gardening topics.

#### Essential Oils 101

Therapeutic Essential Oils are the aromatic liquids of plants, trees, leaves, fruits and flowers. These oils have the ability to prevent and relieve the discomforts associated with a wide variety of health problems. Sue Reasner, Beta Phi Chapter, will present details on these oils and their effect on us and the world around us. Everyday we inhale, touch and taste harmful chemicals and toxins. Synthetic ingredients are in virtually every item in the home from personal care products to food additives to cleaning solutions. Learn about essential oils that can replace some of the chemicals you are using for headaches, stomach issues and toothaches. We will discuss skin issues like burns, cuts, scrapes, insect bites and scar tissue. We will learn how lavender, peppermint, lemon, marjoram, rosemary, geranium, frankincense, wintergreen and many other oils can be added to your classroom first aid kit to create a healthier environment for you and for your family. You'll get recipes for tooth powder, bath salts, joint pain, sore muscles and headache relief. Why should you change your personal care products? If you can't eat it, don't put it on your skin!! This information can be an important part of science classroom lessons on environmental issues, as well as, impacting general health and wellness. **SB-CEU**



#### Keep Your Meeting Running Smoothly



Discover how easy it is to use parliamentary procedure in your classroom or chapter meetings and how it can help to keep meetings and discussions running smoothly and efficiently. This workshop, presented by Dr. Helen Popovich, Alpha Iota State Parliamentarian, will take you through simple steps for handling complicated motions and amendments, turning poorly thought-out ideas into clearly worded motions, and dealing with indecorum and those bolts from the blue that can reduce a meeting to shambles. Your questions and horror stories will be welcome in this interactive session for presidents, administrators, parliamentarians, and others who want short, effective business meetings. **SB-CEU**

#### Charter Schools: Who, What, Where and Why?



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

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### Saturday Sessions Continued

#### Legislation: It Affects Us All



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

#### Make and Take: Creating Greeting Cards

Have you ever looked at a handmade card and thought to yourself, "So beautiful! I wish I know how to make my own greeting cards." Join Grace Morgan, Gamma Alpha, and she will share her love of card making. You will leave this session with three cards you have made for various occasions. These ideas and activities can be used in classrooms with students of all ages and abilities. The process enhances creativity and appreciation of the arts



and encourages people of all ages to use their imagination. Engaging in the artistic process can improve concentration, teamwork, and refine artistic and motor skills. Cards could be made for chapter members, parents and family members, and other teachers in support of early career educators. This session is open to the first 25 participants who sign-up at the Registration Desk. Grace provides paper, embellishments, and other card making supplies for the small fee of \$5.00 payable at the session. **SB-CEU**

#### It's All About "I"

Alpha Iota Webmaster and educator Tamara Webster will present information on the use and importance of the iPad in the classroom and in everyday life. The new iPads and tablets are becoming more commonplace in schools and in homes. They can be a more affordable option for school districts choosing to put more technology in the hands of students and teachers. These tablets can lead to changes in teaching styles, homework expectations, and classroom activities. This technological device can be a valuable tool in the classroom, offering students a way to gather, and share and report information. This can offer students opportunities to engage in tutorials, create presentations and projects. Using the iPad builds confidence and ability in using technology. It engages students and offers different teaching and learning styles. Students are now expected to use a variety of technological tools and apps and demonstrate their skills in using them. It is also becoming a staple of many households. Let's learn all about its uses and explore the applications available and the educational apps that are out there. Please bring your iPad or tablet and follow along in the presentation and discussion. **SB-CEU**



### The Music and Reading Connection



Nancy Tetzlaff and Marcia Thatcher, Alpha Iota Music Committee Co-Chairs will speak on the connection between music and reading. There is research that shows a link between music and word processing in the brain. Music can also improve speech and reading skills by helping people distinguish between different sounds. The speakers will provide materials and show how they enhance and support the reading program, and explain why music is so important in our curriculum. There will be information on materials that can be purchased to build the ties between music and language. Using simple and "Piggy Back" songs, , as well as, new songs, one can strengthen a child's reading skills, vocabulary, patterns of language and word usage. Classroom teachers, music teachers, teachers of children with special needs, and parents will find this session valuable and useful. **SB-CEU**

#### It's an Ad Campaign!

This workshop will go through a step-by-step guide for creating your own brochure lead by Laura Perkins, Mu Chapter and State Communications Chair. A brochure can be created and used for many groups and organizations, for conferences and



programs that teachers and other educators plan and present for the district or the community. A brochure can be used to introduce students to your school or classroom, and highlight classroom activities. Students could help create the articles and the photos used in the brochure, encouraging an interest in journalism

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# State Convention and Chapter News

## Saturday Sessions (Continued)

and writing. Do you have concerns about decreasing membership in your chapter? Are you wanting to “get the word out” about Delta Kappa Gamma? Public Relations is the key. One of the ways recommended to achieve this goal is to create a chapter brochure that can be placed in public places and schools in your area. This calling card can be given to a prospective member, offering a glimpse of what and who we are. The international biennial report that chapters must submit for Communications and Publicity has asked the question, “Has your chapter created a brochure?” Be able to say “yes”! . SB-CEU

## Flip Teaching: A New Way to Teach and Learn

Maria Gonzales, of Gamma Beta, will speak on the topic of “Flip Teaching”, a relatively new teaching and learning technique being utilized to allow for more student-teacher interaction time in the classroom. Students are generally responsible for first exploring a topic or lesson (often using technology as a teaching tool), demonstrating their acquired knowledge to the teacher and allowing the teacher to then tutor the student when necessary. Classroom time can be more effectively used for additional learning, differentiated instruction and projects. There is more hands-on time with the teacher, who can then connect the learning to new topics and applications. Maria is utilizing this teaching style in her classroom, and she will explain the techniques and expectations, the potential pitfalls to avoid and the successes achieved by her students. SB-CEU



## NEED A ROOMMATE?

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

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Alpha Iota State / Michigan

## Chapter / Vendor Sales Application

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

Person in Charge of Sales: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### For Members ...

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

Topic or Product/s \_\_\_\_\_

# Tables @ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ tables Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_

### For Non-Members ...

Product/s \_\_\_\_\_

# Tables @ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ tables Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_

### Important Notes:

Return Form due by April 1st, 2013.

Make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma.

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

Complete application and send with required payment to ...

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



## Alpha Iota State Needs YOU!!

### Join the Fun! Sign Up for a Committee!

With the next biennium just around the corner, members have the chance to become a part of one of the many state committees. These groups make the decisions and set the stage for the state activities for 2013-2015. Our goal is to have each chapter represented at the state level. You could volunteer to work on the Society Business committees: Membership, Personnel, History, By-Laws, and others. The Program of Work committees are: Legislation, Music, Women in the Arts, Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs, and Research. We also have the Educational Services committees: Communications, Scholarships, World Fellowship, and Wilma Adams, for example. You have a chance to meet new and interesting people, reconnect with sisters you already know, and make a difference in the day to day operations of Alpha Iota and the future direction of our state organization. May we add your name to the list of committee members? Let us know!

Thank you.

Olive Horning, State President; ohorning@aol.com

Liz VanWestenburg, Program Chair; svanwesten2@yahoo.com 231-258-5633



# Chapter News

## Sheridan Teacher Supported by Local Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter

Sheridan Elementary second grade teacher Erin Sarki-Fate has been adopted by the local Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international educators organization.

Earlier in the school year, the organization gave Sarki-Fate a “shower” of classroom materials, books and educational games. The mission of the group is to support teachers through funding, mentoring and encouragement, according to local chapter president Sue Blevins of Petoskey.

Although Sarki-Fate has 4 1/2 years of teaching experience, this is her first year of having her own classroom. She has spent time as an academic tutor, long-term substitute teacher and summer school teacher in the Petoskey district since 2008. She also taught at the C.A. Frost Environmental Science Academy in Grand Rapids during 2008. Sarki-Fate obtained a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University with a focus on integrated science and an elementary education minor. She is married to Matthew Fate and lives in Petoskey.

"I have had the privilege of working in the district over the past four years, subbing and filling in for teachers on maternity leave," Sarki-Fate said. "I am so excited to have my own classroom here, build rapport and meet new students and their families. This year is going to be one I will learn a tremendous amount and always look back on."

*Submitted by Julie Bernstein, Beta Omega, Chapter Petoskey*



**Erin Sarki-Fate working with her second graders at Sheridan Elementary on “rounding up” two-digit numbers**

## Rho Chapter Awards Friend of Education Award

Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma recognized the Silver Beach Carousel and Museum in St. Joseph with the Friend of Education award. The Silver Beach Carousel and Museum is well known in the communities of Southwestern Michigan and deserves to be recognized with our Friend of Education Award. Many students and groups have been welcomed to the carousel and Silver Beach Amusement Park Museum for an enjoyable learning experience. The rounding boards of the carousel show the stories of the local community; the children's presentations about the local history are tailored to the age group that visits the museum.



**Rho past president Pat Nordberg, on the left, presenting the award to Suz Schalon, president of the Silver Beach Carousel Society**

## The Great Southwest Coordinating Council Awards Grant to Rho Chapter

The Great Southwest Coordinating Council, at their October board meeting decided to honor Alpha Iota State's 75th birthday by presenting each member chapter with \$75, to be used in some way that will benefit children. Rho Chapter voted to give their \$75 to Calling All Colors, a local group which pairs up white children with African-American children for enjoyable activities to promote racial harmony.

*Submitted by May Sisson,  
Rho Chapter*



**Barbara Peeples, on the left, a Calling All Colors board member, receiving the check from Rho treasurer Nancy Hemingway**

Gamma Alpha's Annual Holiday Auction was a wonderful event. Members and guests began arriving around 4:00 p.m.. The banquet room at Laurel Manor in Livonia was beautifully and festively decorated! Upon checking in and finding their seats, everyone began to browse the three auction tables (raffle ticket cups, silent auction, and live auction) and chat with friends. Gamma Alpha members donated lots of terrific auction items! The 73 attendees browsed the tables, bought raffle and 50/50 tickets, made silent bids on items, enjoyed a glass or two of wine, and ate some veggies and dip before dinner. President Lynne Elsesser welcomed the group and

## Gamma Alpha Holiday Auction

had members introduce their guests. Carol Palk followed with an explanation of the three types of auctions. Colleen Retherford led us in a few carols. Jackie Smart and Esther Loskowske shared the "Top Ten Best Things About Christmas" before dinner. Laurel Manor prepared and served a delicious meal for us. Our grand total for the auction was just over \$2000 (\$600 more than last year!) Proceeds will be used in part for scholarships given to women continuing or seeking a degree in education, for Early-Career Educators, and for our community service projects. Thanks to all for your continued generosity.

# Chapter News

## "Read to Me" Grant Awarded



**Lee Cork, co-chairman Sanilac County Community Foundation, presenting a check for \$1,340 to Carole Speidel of Beta Tau**

Beta Tau promotes the "Read to Me" project. Books are bought and distributed to pre-schoolers. Parents are also given helpful hints on how to work with their children. The importance of music, rocking, reading to children, and rhymes are emphasized.



## Beta Tau Celebrates

The Sanilac County Beta Tau Chapter recently met at a local restaurant. The event celebrated Alpha Iota State 75th birthday and Beta Tau's 40th birthday.

Past members were invited to join current members. Several past members graciously accepted and attended the festive party. Each person gave a brief narrative. Food was ordered off the menu and conversation was enjoyed by all. A decorated birthday cake commemorated this wonderful occasion. Mary Beth Tereschuk shared the history of Beta Tau.

The program was presented by DeDe Tibbits, a talented musician who played the dulcimer and harp with an emphasis on Christmas music.

Beta Tau's service project was the collection of hats, gloves, mittens and socks for area school children. It was a super successful project and many items were brought for distribution.

*Submitted by Marilyn Trainor, Beta Tau Chapter*

## Beta Omicron Celebrates DKG Anniversary

The first fall meeting for Beta Omicron captured the essence of Delta Kappa Gamma's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. After eating decorative orange cupcakes adorned with the number 75, the members shared their memories of sisterhood and support that sorority membership provides for them. Beta Omicron's charter member Marilyn Galer recalled the events leading to the founding of the chapter in 1962. Loretta Miles, who just recently received the Longevity Award for 48 years of DKG membership, spoke about the early days of the Psi chapter.

Next, members of both chapters recalled the changes in the last 75 years. What changes have occurred? Although we miss the splendor of the formal attire and the impact it made on the participants, the dress code changed as society changed. Maybe it was the economy and maybe it was the attitude of the community, but suddenly white gloves and long dresses no longer were required. Other memories filled the discussion as members recalled all of the traveling they were able to enjoy. Whether it was a convention to Nashville or New York or trips to Europe, these experiences held a special moment in the lives of our members. As we talked about successes, loss of members, personal losses, and the fun we have had through the years, we appreciated the inevitable differences that occur in an organization after seventy-five years. Society and education have changed, but the joy of the sisterhood has remained. As one member stated, "When I joined, I realized I had found a group of women who were experiencing the same kind of day that I had just endured. Our commonality helped me make it through the night."

Although practically all of our members have retired from the classroom, we never retire from our commitment to education. As a way to establish a link with current educators, President Mary Tracey suggested that members remain involved by making sure these classroom heroes realize the support that DKG can offer them. As the evening of memories came to an end, we left the celebration holding fast to the thoughts of our lifelong friends. "

*Submitted by Elle Keur, Beta Omicron Chapter*



**Mary Galer showing 75th Anniversary cupcakes**

*God gave us memories that we might have roses in December"*

J.M. Barrie



# Women in the Arts



Twenty-six people attended this year's Women in the Arts Retreat at the Ralph MacMullen Conference Center at Higgins Lake. The weather was very balmy for November 16-18. The party enjoyed the comfort of staying in the newest lodging facility, the Straights of Mackinac, which includes semi-private bathrooms. Because the group was so small, we were able to hold all of our arts activities in the common room in our cabin. The advantage to that was we did not have to move items from one building to another, but the downside was that we did not utilize the newly built luxurious and spacious educational center. The food and the creativity were as inspirational as ever and all of the resident artists enjoyed Saturday evening's entertainment. This year's projects included t-shirt tote bags, designer clip boards, greeting cards, wreaths, crocheted scarves, glass painting, festive ornaments, and jewelry. All members and their guests are invited to join us next year. Please make a spot on your calendar, October 18-20, 2013.



L to R: Dorothy Nagle, Zeta; Sharon Snyder, Lambda; Shaila Jehle, Alpha Theta admiring their many projects with Kathy Herrington in the back who is a guest of Carole Ford, Alpha Eta



Dressed for the Tropical Talent Show Sue Henriksen, Lambda; and President, Olive Horning, Gamma Beta

L to R are Pam Marchuk, Claire Rettenmund and Jeannie Matherly sharing jokes during their Tropical Talent skit, "The Alpha Omega Pirates" Featured



Judi Fisher, Gamma Alpha is busy making a Jewelry necklace while her friend Vivian looks on



On the right Esther Loskowske and Cindy Dietz of Gamma Alpha looking over the glass painting projects





# International News

## The Educational Foundation --

The Educational Foundation will be 50 years old in 2014. Members may add to the celebration by contributing in several ways: become a Miracle Maker by contributing \$500 over five years, light a candle on the celebration cake by contributing \$50. Honor or memorialize someone special by contributing any amount. Those gifts of money fund projects that benefit education and children around the world. Go to [dkgef.org](http://dkgef.org) to find out more.

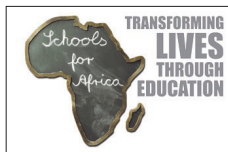


## 2013 Northeast Regional Convention

Plan to attend the DKG 2013 Northeast Regional Convention in Portland, Maine, July 24-28, 2013. Outstanding speakers, entertainment, break-out sessions, information, shopping and more, fill the schedule. Check the web site [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) for more



## Schools for Africa



Schools for Africa remains an international project for the new biennium 2012-2014. In September 2011, an additional agreement was signed which extended Schools for Africa into eleven countries including Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia and Madagascar. In these countries, as well as; the new additions, UNICEF is working with governments, local authorities and communities to:

- Build and rehabilitate 1,000 schools
- Create schools that offer a safe and protective environment where children can learn and play
- Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls in those schools
- Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials;

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION



### Fifty \$1000 Awards Available

Do you know members in Alpha Iota State who could use \$1,000 for classroom or community projects? In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Delta Kappa Gamma Foundation, fifty \$1,000 grants will be awarded. Award applications will be available on the Foundation website ([www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org)) on May 1, 2013. The deadline for application will be November 15, 2013. The award checks will be presented at the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis to those awardees who attend. Awardees not attending the convention will receive their checks after August 1.

## Need Money

### For Professional Development ?

Travel, hotel,  
meals, substitutes,  
conference/seminar expenses?



Have we a deal for you!

## Cornetet Professional Development Awards

Available to members and  
non-members

Up to \$2000

Three award cycles:

September 1, February 1, May 1

Go to: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Click on Contact Us

Click on Educational Foundation Fund

Click on Cornetet Awards for information and application

There is no better way to bring Africa to your chapter meeting than through viewing YouTube videos down-loaded at [www.youtube.com/user/UNICEFUSA](http://www.youtube.com/user/UNICEFUSA) or the video link on the UNICEF site, [www.unicefusa.org/news/video](http://www.unicefusa.org/news/video).

Visit the Schools for Africa Site in the DKG Library and use one of the *Newsette* lesson plans for your chapter meeting.



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**REISTRATION DEADLINE  
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FEBRUARY 16TH**

**CONVENTION AND  
HOTEL**

**APRIL 18, 2013  
"without penalty"**

## Dates to Remember

**March 23, 2013**

Mini-PAC (Committee Meetings Only)  
Lansing, Crown Plaza, formerly Lexington Hotel

**May 3 - 5, 2013**

Alpha Iota State  
Convention & Executive Board  
Celebrate 75! Party  
DoubleTree - Riverfront Hotel  
Bay City, Michigan

**June 8, 2013**

Changeover PAC  
Outgoing/Incoming Alpha Iota State Officers/Chairs  
Lansing, Crown Plaza

**July 24-27, 2013**

Northeast Regional Conference  
Holiday Inn By the Bay  
Portland, Maine

**October 18-20, 2013**

Women in the Arts Retreat  
McMullen Center, Roscommon, Michigan

**October 25-26, 2013**

Fall Conference  
Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan