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for a very important date!
'Cause it's TIME . . .
for meeting, greeting, eating,
at Alpha Phi State!*



Alpha Nu and Theta sisters are using their TIME to prepare our 2011 Alpha Phi State Convention. They're thinking, planning, and working to make it entertaining, informative, and inspiring.

Take TIME to:

Relax, Refresh, Renew Yourself
(Friday evening)

Celebrate: who we are, how we started, where we've been
(Saturday luncheon)

Honor: Goals, Accomplishments, ΔΚΓ Sisterhood
(Saturday evening)

Reflect and respect those who paved the way,
those we've known and loved
(Sunday morning)

Make TIME, take TIME for our convention this year!
Alpha Nu and Theta sisters want to see YOU there!

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...promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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Cookey's Chatter



how many other Delta Kappa Gamma members have the same problem.

I don't want to forget our Alpha Phi State project. "Fifteen For You" is alive and well and our president, Carol Watson, is trying to get us more exercise bands by writing a grant. Carol has been so instrumental in getting our project started and keeping it going. My hat is off to all those kindergarten and third grade teachers who implement our project every year and make healthy habits a life-long goal for the children in West Virginia. I hope we now reach every school in West Virginia.

Next, I shall write about our wonderful chapters. They are the heart of Delta Kappa Gamma. They are shakers and movers of their communities. They make Alpha Phi State the unique place it is. If it weren't for teachers, no one in West Virginia would know how to read or write. Literacy is so basic for our culture to survive and almost all our chapters promote literacy in some way.

As always, we are ΔΚΓ and we promote personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Always a sister,
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Patty's Pearls



In thinking about this article, I have concluded that I need to provide suggestions that might assist in the strengthening of local chapters. The following paragraphs are simply based on what I personally have found to be important.

Please, do not forget to have fun along with your excellent programs. We all like to be with people who make us laugh. ΔΚΓ meetings should be fun to attend! And we should leave thinking about what an enjoyable meeting we were privileged to share with friends.

Encourage your chapter to reach out to the community. It is important that

the community learns who Delta Kappa Gamma members are by the contributions they make to education and the lives of women and children.

Pay particular attention to the aging ladies who have belonged for many years; sometimes, present chapter members do not know these ladies. Don't just let them fade out of existence. These aging members will have knowledge of chapter history and events that might be important for today. We would be well advised to remember that WISDOM is a gift that normally comes with aging.

All members should learn the names of new members. Please speak to them, calling them by name, at each meeting. In my opinion, it is extremely important that name tags be worn at each and every ΔΚΓ meeting. Remember, we all like to be referred to by name instead of "hey you."

Chapter presidents remember to value each member, recognize them, and involve them whenever possible. But most importantly, remember to say THANK YOU! Those two small words I believe are extremely essential in order to strengthen your chapter as well as friendships.

As chapter membership chairmen, you may not have a copy of *Guidelines for Chapter Membership Committee Chairs*. This book may be ordered for two dollars from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The order form may be found on www.dkg.org.

For Your Information: I received an email from Beth Ann Richey, North-east Regional Representative on The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Membership Committee. She stated that the committee reviewed the orientation guide and included some changes and updates with a goal of enlightening new members to the great benefits of our Society. One exciting addition is a power point that you may use during your new member orientation. This power point will be available in mid-January. She will keep me posted and I will contact chapter membership chairmen.

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Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma

"It's About Time..."

April 29, April 30, May 1 of 2011

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Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

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Chapter Office Title _____ State Office Title _____

Are you a Visitor? _____ Special Guest? _____ Email: _____

It's About Time... to Relax! (Friday Evening Activity) _____ I will attend _____ I will not attend **FREE**

It's About Time... to Honor! Birthday Luncheon, Saturday Noon (*Circle one choice): **\$25**

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OR

* **Turkey Wrap** (Honey Roast Turkey Breast, Applewood Smoked Bacon, Swiss Cheese with lettuce and tomato)

All lunches served with Apple, Chips, Jumbo Cookie and Bottled Water

It's About Time... to Celebrate! President's Banquet, Saturday Evening (*Circle one choice): **\$40**

* **Chicken Saltimbocca** (Hand Breaded Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Mozzarella, Prosciutto and Sage with a Marsala Wine Sauce)

OR

* **Grilled Salmon with Charred Pineapple Relish and Molasses Glaze**

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Dessert: Deep Dish Caramel Apple Pie (Shortbread crust, old fashion custard and Granny Smith apples baked with caramel and butter)

It's About Time... to Reflect! (Remembrance Service, Sunday, 9 am) _____ I will attend _____ I will not attend

Note: Breakfasts will be on your own. If you aren't staying at the suite, tickets (\$10) will be on sale at the front desk if you would like the cooked-to-order breakfast Saturday or Sunday morning. The Sunday Remembrance will be held at 9 am.

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Check out www.embassysuites.com for additional suite information.

Convention Registration (Registration \$15 after April 1) **\$10**

Sorry, No refunds after April 1.

Total Enclosed \$ _____



“For what is it to die, but to stand in the sun and melt into the wind? And when the Earth has claimed our limbs, then we shall truly dance.”

Kahlil Gibran

Indra Bradley Ferrell
Pi Chapter
August 28, 2010

Dorothy Sayre
Alpha Delta Chapter
September 19, 2010

Erma Anderson
Delta Chapter
October 6, 2010

Grace Turley
Delta Chapter
October 24, 2010

Linda Kaczynski
Phi Chapter
October 24, 2010

Betty Sue Lloyd
Eta Chapter
November 6, 2010

Jeanette Williams
Pi Chapter
November 26, 2010

Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following members and their families: in the death of their husbands, **Hilda Via** (Beta), **Marge Sims** (Epsilon), **Irene Hartman** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of their mothers, **Sheila Gibbs** (Alpha Delta), **Debra Bowling** (Alpha Theta), **Robin Hall** (Alpha Theta); in the death of their fathers, **Connie Newton** (Zeta), **Radonna Hess** (Alpha Delta), **Debbie Hall** (Alpha Theta); in the death of their mothers-in-law, **Harriet Kopp** (Eta), **Marie Cure** (Phi), **Cynthia Yokum** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of their sisters, **Sandra “Cookey” Gunther** (Alpha Delta), **Kathy Manning** (Alpha Theta); in the death of their brothers, **Sheila Gibbs** (Alpha Delta), **Zenith Harless** (Alpha Theta); in the death of her uncle, **Carolyn Hatfield** (Alpha Theta); and in the death of her sister-in-law, **Margarette Swimm** (Alpha Theta).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eta
(correction)
Shannon Stephens

Omicron
Debbie Edwards

Alpha Delta
Lorri Juniper
Smantha Skeen

Zeta
Gretchen Harshbarger
Anna Marie Lilly
Dr. Marsha Mead
Laura Hayes Presley

Alpha Beta
Janet Aylestock



Nu
Amanda Deitz
Christina Bailey
Sherry Ward

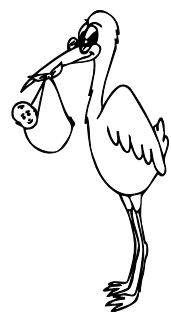
Alpha Theta
Rena Argabright
Sherry Davis
Drema McNeeley
Michelle Morgan
Christy Plumley
Nancy Spolarich
Susan Stewart
Sherry Walker

Welcome New Babies

PI
Congratulations to **Tara White** and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Lila Marie.

Congratulations to **Caroline Hatfield** and her husband on the birth of their son, Maxwell Thomas.

Also, congratulations to **Nancy Bias** (Pi), **Theresa Bales** (Phi) and **Susan Steward** (Alpha Theta) on the birth of a grandson; and to **Debbie Boram** (Pi) and **Jane Kessel** (Alpha Kappa) on the birth of a granddaughter.



Wedding Bells

Best Wishes to Ann Gore (Zeta) and Rev. Kenneth Price on their September 17, 2010 marriage.



R.O.S.E. AWARD

“Recognizing Our Star Educators”

It is a pleasure to recognize these ladies who have the “wisdom to share and the passion to care.”

Barbara Owens – Mu
Cookey Gunther – Alpha Delta
Betty Inskeep – Alpha Kappa
Beverly Mathias – Alpha Kappa

2011 IMPORTANT DATES

Achievement Award Nomination – Feb. 1
Nominations for State Officers – Feb. 1
State Scholarship Applications – Feb. 1
Chapter President’s Report to State President – Feb. 1
Chapter Necrology Report to State 2nd VP – Feb. 1
Alpha Phi State Convention, Charleston – April 29 - May 1
Northeast Regional Conference, Hershey, PA – July 20-23



COMMUNICATION

Chapter projects: I am asking each chapter to please send a summary of their best project to me. Every chapter I have visited is busy. Each chapter has many projects and the potential for many more. But please send a short summary of the “best” project. Of course, I would hope the best is “15/4/YOU” but beyond the state project, what is your favorite or best project?

Communication is important so we need to communicate to and with each other and to people outside the society. We can put these summaries in the Newsette and on the state web page. We are not only communicating but we share ideas with each other. Some project that you think is old may stimulate a new project for another chapter.

Communicate special projects we use in school with our students. Share how we use the “15/4/YOU” exercise bands. We are strong. We are busy. What you may think is old and/or easy for you may be new and helpful to others.

State Convention will soon be here. We shall be working on the new governing documents for Alpha Phi State. Then your job will be to update your chapter rules. These rules will be sent to the state for approval. Alpha Phi State must have the new state governing documents approved by International. So be sure you help the state have documents that are relevant to us.

Chapter newsletters sent to the presidents and other officers are read. If you have not been sending a copy think about sending a copy. State chapters and our local state chapters can use the Internet to send these newsletters. If you attended the 2010 state convention you know the chapter president is asking which members would prefer to receive their state NEWS online. The state editor, Susan Marra, is preparing to put issues of the Alpha Phi State NEWSETTE online. Other states are already using this method to communicate.

Communication: Remember last year and the weather? By this time last year the weather was snowy and this year may be the same, so to open your email or state web page and receive news is cheerful.

Communication by using “Go to Meeting”: If you have a meeting planned, a meeting you must hold and a meeting that is not physically able to meet, then plan to use “Go to Meeting.” This is an online meeting. You can attend by telephone, computer, computer and telephone combination. Call the state president. She will set up the meeting with International. This will cost you nothing. You can hold your meeting. There are no cameras so you can attend in your PJ’s. Everyone has the right to speak. One person is in charge of the meeting. Those attending by computer will be able to see the agenda and to add written additions. Those attending on telephone only can hear all the discussions. The leader of the meeting can send a copy of the agenda by email to those with email.

Communication, an important tool in all areas of your life, is very important to make Alpha Phi State strong. This communication is how we know and tell others about the great society of ΔΚΓ (Delta Kappa Gamma) and why we think it is important. This is about the communication within the society and from the members of the society to others. Please communicate in all areas of your life.

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CHAPTER NEWS

BETA

Nancy Pfister is principal of Chamberlain Elementary which was named one of the nation's National Blue Ribbon Schools.

Billie Brown who is on Beta's literacy committee was a volunteer for the 10th annual West Virginia Book Festival.

The November meeting was hosted by Beta with Dr. Bob Rubenstein speaking about "What Do We Really Want For Our Children?" Also, Beta was hostess for the Christmas Luncheon at the Pastoral Center on December 4th and **Jessie Thompson**, Alpha Phi State SW Regional Director attended and the Horace Mann Middle School Show Choir performed.

DELTA

Delta Chapter honorary member, **Barbara Fish**, who served on the WV State Board of Education from 2000-2009 received the 2010 distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Boards of Education. The award is given annually to a state board of education member for significant and enduring contributions to education. Barbara's work to improve childhood health and nutrition was cited in her selection for the award.

In October members met for breakfast and a business meeting prior to a program/field trip to "The Wilds", an animal preserve near Cumberland, Ohio.

Dr. Toni DeVore has been named Chair of the School of Graduate Education at Ohio Valley University in Vienna, WV.

ZETA

Daveen Denardo was a presenter during the Mercer County August Educator Training on *Everyday Math*, the new elementary mathematics textbook adopted for the county.

Sue Pelts was recognized for her Outstanding Vocational Program in West Virginia.

Dr. Barbara Hudson served as Assistant Coordinator for the summer residential course in the Alexander Technique at Sweet Briar College in Amherst, Virginia.

Literacy Chair, **Judy Woodward**, announced that *Books For Babies* will be Zeta Chapter's literacy program for the year. Board books will be collected and donated to needy mothers at Mary's Cradle, housed at Trinity Church. Donations of money and books will be accepted at all future meetings.

ETA

At the October meeting, Eta Chapter combined fun with business by preparing and decorating Christmas wreaths as part of a holiday outreach project. Members brought slightly 'used' wreaths, a variety of decorations, ribbons, hangers, etc., and by forming an assembly line, created many beautiful items to be donated to long-term care facilities in the area.

In an effort to network with communities and schools in the tri-county area, Eta Chapter has formed a committee to 'get the word out' about Delta Kappa Gamma. A brochure containing information about ΔΚΓ and Eta has been printed to use as a note of appreciation for service to education to various organizations.

The Chapter's annual Christmas Tea was held on Sunday, December 5th at the home of Janice and Gary Kable in Jefferson County. Each in attendance presented a child's toy to be donated to the Women's Shelter of Berkeley County, monies for those members shut-in or living in long-term care, and also supported the *Schools for Africa* project sponsored by the members of the World Fellowship/International Projects Committee.

KAPPA

We began this year's literacy project by donating a one-year subscription of the large-print Reader's Digest to two

of our local nursing homes. Plans were also made to raffle off an afghan during the spring to benefit our Grant-in-Aid.

Our Christmas Tea was held at the historic Waldomore in Clarksburg, on Sunday afternoon, December 5th. **Jane Lynn Squires** and **Cyndi Shaver** served as hostesses. Seasonal music was provided by **Sharon Clagett's** daughter, Bronwyn.

MU

Allison Miller is on a state committee which is working on the Common Core Standards in Math.

Becky Gilchrist took a group of students to a speech and debate tournament on September 25th.

NU

In September Nu Chapter recognized two members with the longest years of service in Delta Kappa Gamma. Recognized were **Ardith Groves**, a business education teacher at Nicholas County High School who was initiated in February 1967 and **Ann Blackshire**, a teacher and principal at Craigsville Elementary School who was initiated in May 1969.

In support of the new teachers in Nicholas County, Nu Chapter members prepared a booklet of "Tips for Teachers" with members offering valuable advice for classroom success. The members also prepared "Survival Kits" with items useful for new teachers. The bags included everything from pencils, tablets and chocolate to bandages and tea bags.

Nu Chapter members continue to be generous with school supplies that are collected at each meeting and distributed to schools in the county and the Faltis Shelter, a Summersville residential facility for youth in crisis.

OMICRON

Omicron Chapter held a joint Dues Tea on September 26 at the Baptist Temple for members of Beta, Chi, Omicron, Tau and Alpha Iota.

CHAPTER NEWS

Our October and November meetings were also with Beta and Chi. We take turns planning programs and serving refreshments and break away for our business meetings.

We gave \$200 to Kanawha County Schools Clothing Fund and we rang bells for the Salvation Army on November 9.

PI

Several Pi Chapter members recently attended the West Virginia Reading Conference. The State Reading Conference was held November 18-19, 2010 at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs. Those in attendance were **Debra Harless**, **Susan Hottle**, **Theresa Cocheran**, and **Nancy Woody**. The theme of the conference was "Reading: The Bridge to Learning." Everyone had a great time.

PHI

Amanda Fragile was named Title 1 Director for the McDowell County Schools. She is also serving as the Technology Integration Specialist for the county.

ALPHA BETA

Pam Martin was inducted into the 2010 Buckhannon-Upshur Athletic Hall of Fame on September 25. Pam retired from Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School after 35 years of teaching girls' physical education and coaching.

ALPHA DELTA

Barbara Heckert spent the summer in a National Science Foundation Institute at WVU for two weeks. She studied fuel cells at the University of Birmingham in Birmingham, England, and four weeks analyzing climate change data at WVU.

Lora Sturm was recognized as the outstanding AdvancED educator for the state of West Virginia at the 2010 National Meeting of AdvancED Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia.

ALPHA THETA

The initiation of eight new members on October 26 at Westside High School Library conducted by **Freda Harless**, president, **Camy Crouse**, 1st Vice President and **Vicki Clay**, membership chairman took place without electricity. A power outage in the vicinity for several hours did not delay our initiation – instead we had a beautiful candlelight service that was quite enchanting.

ALPHA KAPPA

The first fall meeting of Alpha Kappa Chapter was held on October 16, 2010 in Mineral County.

Cindy Veach, local massage therapist, gave an informative lesson on the benefits of massage therapy with free upper body massages for members in attendance.

The November meeting was held on the 13th at the Romney Middle School. Technology in the Classroom – Chalkboard Goes Global was the title of the program expertly presented by **Sue Alkire**.

Sisters were enlightened on the new technology tools available for today's teachers.

Melinda Chambers was guest speaker for an author luncheon at WV Reading Association Conference.

ALPHA MU

Alpha Mu was busy in November with two service projects. For an auction to help with the restoration of our community theatre The Strand, we decorated a Christmas tree in red and gold ornaments that are examples of the thoughtful kinds of gifts we teachers receive from our students. Also, our literacy committee has collected books suitable for improving the libraries in our kindergarten classrooms and organized a group of high school students to read the new books to the kindergarten students.

2011 Convention Special Publication Exhibits

Time is fast approaching to begin planning the publications to be exhibited at the Alpha Phi State Convention. The same four categories will be judged this year: the scrapbooks, bulletin/newsletters, newspaper clippings, and the single displays. Rules and guidelines remain unchanged. Guidelines and other information will be mailed to all the chapter presidents sometime in January.

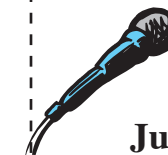
We would love to see more chapters displaying items at the convention. We hope that every chapter will want to display events and activities that they have been involved in during the year. Members love to see what their counterparts in other areas of the state are doing. All entries will be displayed at the convention, and all will receive certificates and recognition.

Again this year we will need volunteers to help judge the exhibit entries. So PLEASE consider helping judge this year, and when the information is sent to the chapter presidents, please list at least ONE person that can help. It would be greatly appreciated. Judging is not hard and is a great way to see how innovative members can be, to see what activities are going on, and to get ideas for future entries.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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