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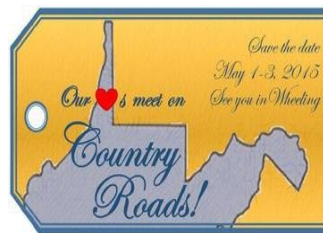
September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1, respectively.

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## Make Plans to Attend the 2015 Alpha Phi State Convention

The northern panhandle is preparing for a "moving" Alpha Phi Convention in Wheeling, WV. The Hampton Inn on National Road is awaiting your arrival with great rooms, free breakfast and parking. Friday evening will be a relaxing evening of



food, music and fellowship. Wheeling Country Day School, a block from the hotel with a beautiful

campus, will host the Saturday meetings, activities and luncheon. After an afternoon break, Wheeling Country Club will be the scenic setting for our annual Presidents' Banquet. Plan now to "move" north for the weekend of May 1-3, 2015.



Front row l-r: Nancy Woody (Pi), Cathy Marino (Theta), Kathy Mounts (Theta), Edna Congleton (Alpha), Deloris Lipps (Mu), Sara Sweeney (Epsilon) 2nd row: Becky Wood (Alpha), Joanne Gregory (Tau), "Cookey" Gunther (A. Delta), Patty Cook (Nu), Carol Watson (Alpha), Susan Marra (Kappa) Dr. Kay Clawson (Epsilon); 3rd row: Charlotte McClung (Nu), Jana Adkins (A. Delta), Dr. "Susie" Rogers (Nu), Elizabeth Vance (Xi), and Judy Rule (Alpha). Attending but not pictured: Harriet Leurant (Beta), Susan Harpold (Beta), and Elaine McClougherty (Tau). [ Photo courtesy of Photographs by Jim]

## *SISTERS BY HEART*

### *Sharing Our Vision. Strengthening Our Chapter*

Chapter presidents, you are about to begin a wonderful experience as well as an experience that might be stressful at times. One thing that can create stress is the declining membership in your chapter. The main question is how to attract and retain younger members? It is critical for the Society to change with the times and stay relevant to each successive generation.

All effective chapters are responsible for four key

- elements:
1. sustaining or increasing their membership;
  2. contributing to service projects that benefit their own community, state, nation, and/or other countries;
  3. supporting Delta Kappa Gamma's mission and purposes through program and project participation;
  4. developing leaders

capable of serving at chapter level and beyond.

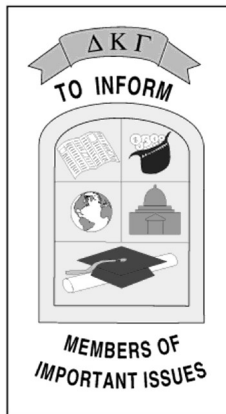
Remember that members have a responsibility to help further Delta Kappa Gamma's growth by encouraging others and recognizing their accomplishments in order to help recruit top-notch members.

Ladies, should you need assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



**Patty Cook**  
Alpha Phi State  
President  
2013-2015

## Chapter Presidents Must Decided on "Hold Harmless Policy"



During the International Convention in Indianapolis, state presidents received a copy of a Release, Waiver, Indemnification, Hold Harmless Agreement along with the request to have the form signed by each state organization and local chapter. This form was

distributed to each Alpha Phi chapter president in August. Note that International has requested the forms to be returned by October 15. Please review the form carefully and discuss the requirements with members of your chapter. You will want to make certain that the officers

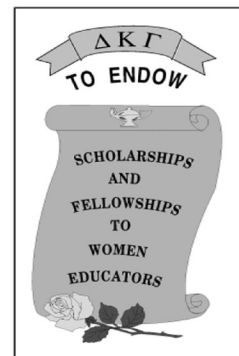
and members are fully aware of the conditions and requirements contained within the agreement.

Any chapter having questions or needing assistance should contact Alpha Phi State President, Patty Cook.

## Alpha Phi State Scholarships Are Available

Are you working on your masters or your doctorate? Did you know that Alpha Phi State offers scholarships to help you meet the cost of furthering your education? Scholarship amounts vary from \$600 to \$1000. For an application or more information, contact Karen Zinn or check out the state website.

The deadline for submission of Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship applications is February 1, 2015. Applications can be sent to Karen Zinn, 3447 Campground Rd., Tunnelton, WV 26444 or by email at [karenzinn@atlanticbb.net](mailto:karenzinn@atlanticbb.net)





Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers  
Alpha Phi State First Vice  
President

### Staying in Touch with Susie

The DKG International Convention in Indianapolis this summer was quite an Adventure! Driving out there I only missed one turn off and that was in Charleston, WV. The hotel was fantastic, the programs were outstanding and the 1400+ DKG sisters were instant friends! What a delightful week.

As you plan programs and projects for your chapters in the coming year remember to include "SEE" (Supporting Early-Career Educators) and "SFA" (Schools for Africa). These are continuing projects for our International DKG Society and information is on the International website. When you check this website, click on "projects and programs", then select SEE or SFA. For ideas from other states and chapters, click on "Collection of Program, Project and Activity Ideas for EEC". You will be amazed at the variety of ideas you will find there.

Each West Virginia chapter first vice-president received a packet of materials at the Alpha Phi State Convention in Parkersburg. Included in the folder were forms of the reports to be submitted by the Educational Excellence Committee Chairman. If you would like to complete the reports on the computer, check the DKG website, click on "forms" and scroll down to the appropriate report. Reviewing the reports now will serve as a guide for your activities this year. The *See Chapter report Form* is a list of individual chapter members and how they have assisted Early-Career educators. Encourage your members to start this activity early in the new school year.

Contact me anytime you have a question or comment.

## Three Grants Available to Early Career Educators

Alpha Phi State will be awarding three (3) \$300 grants to Alpha Phi State members in their second through fifth years of teaching. The recipients will be asked to share the documentation of their projects at the 2015 Alpha Phi State Convention. *Please complete and return by October 10, 2014 to Linda H. VanReenen, Alpha Phi State Second Vice President, [lhvanreenen@yahoo.com](mailto:lhvanreenen@yahoo.com), or 758 Denmar Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946. Grant recipients will be notified by November 1, 2014.*

### GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in this position: \_\_\_\_\_ Prior Teaching Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Year initiated: \_\_\_\_\_

College or colleges attended and Degree Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write your plan for the proposed use of the \$300 grant (500 words or less) including timeline, number of students to be served, projected outcomes, budget, and plan for documentation of the implementation of the grant. The project and documentation would be completed by April 1, 2015.

# International Convention 2014 Thru Pictures



**Opening Session and Indiana Night Entertainment (All 4 photos courtesy of Photography by Jim)**



**Second General Meeting and Keynote Speaker**

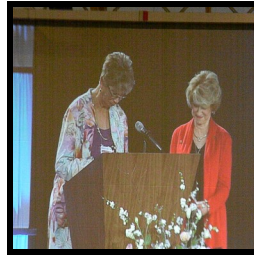


**West Virginia Members Enjoy Dinner**

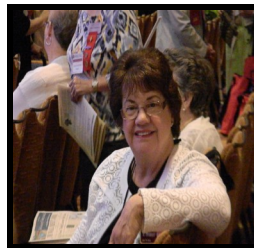


**Third General Meeting and Keynote Speaker (Photo #2 Courtesy of Photographs by Jim)**

# MORE PICTURES OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



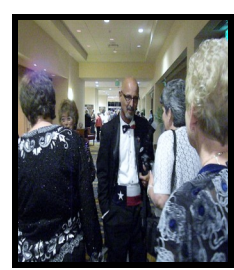
**Celebration Luncheon and NE Regional Breakfast**



**Fifth General Meeting**



**Presidents' Banquet (Photos #2,3,4 courtesy of Photographs by Jim)**



**Members Having Fun! (And lastly—Thank you, Jim, for being a great photographer!)**

## *CHAPTER NEWS*

### ALPHA

Our September project was again school supplies for ECCHO – Eastern Cabell County Humanity Organization. ECCHO's main purpose is to provide food and clothing, free of charge, to the needy who qualify.

In November we will once again support the Huntington High School Food and Clothing Pantry (Cliff's Pantry). The pantry provides food, clothing, bedding, school supplies, personal care items and formal attire.

### BETA

Barbara Tabaretti achieved her certification on Level 1 in yoga this summer and teaches a free class on Saturday morning. Beta is proud to have as our speaker for the first meeting, the Honorable **Gaston Caperton**.

### DELTA

Dr. Toni Devore played the bagpipes and led the May, 2014 candidates for graduation at Ohio Valley University into the alumni gymnasium for the commencement festivities. Dr. DeVore is the chairman of the university's School of Graduate Education.

### ETA

Congratulations are in order to new members Rachael Potts who was named Jefferson County Teacher of the Year and Colleen Stotler who was named Morgan Teacher of the Year. Rebecah Catlett was named a finalist for

Berkeley County Teacher of the Year. We are proud of our ETA sisters!

### KAPPA

Kappa Chapter held a reception for the 57 new teachers in Harrison County. Each new teacher attending received a goodie bag and was entered into the drawing for the five \$25.00 Target gift cards. New Harrison County Superintendent, Dr. Mark Manchin, was present to greet each attendee and gave a brief welcoming speech.

### MU

**Deloris Lipps** presented the 2014 Recruitment Grant to Wirt County High School senior Miriam Smith who plans to attend Marshall University and major in special education.

**Linda DeMoss** and **Karen Minor** attended a WVEA president's meeting in July.

Congratulations to **Mae Stevens** who passed her citizenship test.

### PI



Pi Chapter member, Susan Hottle is Boone County Schools Teacher of the Year. Susan has been teaching for 29 years and is currently teaching at Brookview

Elementary. She has been a member of Pi Chapter for 8 years.

### TAU

The Mabel C. Merial Grant-in-Aid in the amount of \$500.00 was presented to Jordan Losh, a Hurricane High School graduate, by **Elaine McClaugherty**, President.

### ALPHA DELTA

DKG Grants-in-Aid were given to Talia Martinez of Ravenswood High and Jenny Gibes of Ripley High.

### ALPHA MU

Members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Alpha Mu Chapter recently volunteered at the Marshall County Back to School Fun Fair at the Alan Mollahan Center in Moundsville. Backpacks, school supplies, hygiene products, haircuts, lice checks, and numerous other services were offered to all students in Marshall County free of charge thanks to various sponsors. Approximately 1200 students took advantage of the event. DKG members worked in a variety of capacities and handed out bookmarks to students and pamphlets offering reading tips to parents.



Alpha Mu members, Rachel White and Charlotte Nadolski distributed materials at the Marshall County Back to School Fun Fair.

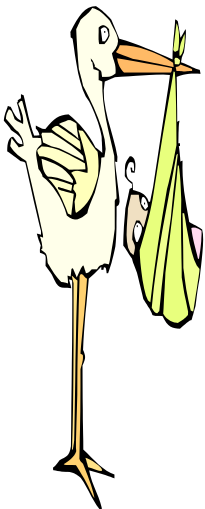
### White Roses



Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following members and their families:

In the death of her husband, **Carolyn Burnside** (Kappa); in the death of her mother, **Patty Cook** (Nu); and in the death of her grandfather, **Adena Barnette** (Alpha Delta).

**\*Note: Members' names are not listed in our White Roses section until a Form 6 has been received by the State Membership Chairman.**



### Welcome New Babies

Congratulations to **Donna Turner** (Beta) on the birth of a grandson; to **Sue Flanigan** (Eta) and **Barbara Wyatt** (Tau) on the birth of a granddaughter and to **Gerry Wyatt** (Tau) on the birth of a great-granddaughter.

#### NOTICE

Executive Secretary, Elizabeth Vance has moved to South Carolina. Her temporary address is:  
7 Darby Creek Court,  
Bluffton, SC 29909

After Nov. 1 her address will be:  
31 Wild Strawberry Lane,  
Bluffton, SC 29909.

## CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

ETA	KAPPA	MU
Cathie Burke	Anita Ballard	Deloris Lipps
Cindy Woods	Karla Smith	
Regina Sherman		
Rev. Dr. Kathy Sptizer		
Debbie Thomas.		



### 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."



Jana Adkins—Alpha Delta



### Nominations for State Officers Due Soon

The Nominations Committee has reviewed the form for nominations and made minor changes. It is available online on the state website. The completed Nomination Forms sent to the chairman via the postal service **MUST** be postmarked **no later than Monday, January 5, 2015.** Forms sent electronically must also meet the same deadline.

Jo Ann Harman, Chairman, can be contacted at [isharman@frontiernet.net](mailto:isharman@frontiernet.net),

phone: 304-749-7322,

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5294 Patterson Creek Road,  
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#### MISSION

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

## Call for Bylaws and Standing Rules Changes

During the 2015 Alpha Phi State Convention, the membership will vote on any proposed bylaws and standing rules changes. Forms for submitting proposed amendments to the Bylaws or Standing Rules may be found on the Alpha Phi State website. If you need to have forms mailed to you or if you have questions, please contact the Alpha Phi State Bylaws and Standing Rules chairman, Joanne Gregory at 304-382-6414.

The procedure for amending Alpha Phi State Bylaws and Standing Rules is explained below as copied from "Bylaws of Alpha Phi State, West Virginia, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International," as printed in the Alpha Phi State, West Virginia 2013-2015 State Directory, page 51.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### Section A. Amending Procedure

These Bylaws may be amended in the odd-numbered years at the Alpha Phi State Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present provided notice of proposed amendments shall have been presented to the membership in printed form not later than the SPRING issue of the *Alpha Phi Newsette*.

#### Section B. Amendments to Bylaws

Proposed amendments to the *Alpha Phi State Bylaws and Standing Rules* may be submitted to the Bylaws Committee chairman by any board, chapter, or individual member no later than January 1 of odd-numbered years.

#### Section C. Amendments to Standing Rules

In the odd-numbered years at the Alpha Phi State Convention a standing rule may be added, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote, a quorum being present, if the notice of the proposed change has been published in the *Alpha Phi Newsette*. An amendment that has not been published will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote, a quorum being present.

#### Section D. Presentation of Proposed Amendments

All proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Executive Board and Convention by the chairman of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee or her designee.

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**West Virginia Website: [www.dkgwv.org](http://www.dkgwv.org)**