



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



WV Members Attend Baltimore's Northeast Regional Conference

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The Northeast Regional Conference, held in beautiful Baltimore, MD, was a highlight of the summer for the 650+ members of Delta Kappa Gamma who gathered at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on the Inner Harbor. July 8-11 was a festive time to visit the area and while there were many learning activities, the Maryland ladies were perfect hostesses as they recommended places to shop, eat, and relax.

The West Virginia delegation included 19 members who attended workshops, reconnected with friends from around the region and made many new friends. The theme of "Advancing Our Society" provided a perfect venue for the activities of the week and our state was well represented at the forums, luncheons and banquets.

We were all impressed with the

leadership of the NE Director Dr. Kay Clawson, a West Virginian and a member of Epsilon Chapter in Wheeling. International President Dr. Lynn Schmidt was in attendance, and her friendly smiles made everyone feel welcome and relaxed. The incoming presidents of the states in the Northeast were introduced on Wednesday night and our new Alpha



'Welcome to Baltimore' conference display.

Phi State President, Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers, was introduced and escorted by Elizabeth Vance, Past Alpha Phi State Executive Secretary.

The next Northeast Regional event will be held in Ontario, Canada, in the summer of 2017. The exact dates and location will be announced at a later time. Just be sure your passport is up-to-date!



The West Virginia DKG delegation.

Photo compliments of Photographs by Jim.

Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President



Dr. Marilyn 'Susie' Rogers

With a new school year underway and a new DKG biennium gaining momentum, it is exciting to read about the variety of program ideas from the chapters. It looks like this will be an interesting year for Delta Kappa Gamma members across the state!

While you are making plans, be sure to include the Leadership Training Conference to be held on April 23, 2016, at the Best Western Hotel in Bridgeport.

There are activities scheduled for all chapter members and intense training for the chapter officers.

I have enjoyed visiting with some of the chapters already this year. They have identified the teachers with fewer than five years of experience and have some surprises planned for them. Let us know about the activities your chapter has for your early educators.

The Newsette editor, Meg Ashby, wants to focus on activities of the chapters. We know you

are taking pictures at your meetings for your scrapbooks and we hope you will share some of these photos for the Newsette.

Keep the dates of the upcoming state, regional and international meetings on your calendars. Your experiences at these gatherings will expand your understanding of the Society and the opportunities that are available through Delta Kappa Gamma!

Marilyn "Susie" Rogers
2015-2017 Alpha Phi President

Save these Dates!

April 23, 2016– Leadership Conference

Best Western Plus Bridgeport Inn
Open to **ALL** DKG members and guests.
(The Executive Committee will meet on April 22 at the same location.)

July 5-9, 2016 International Conference

Gaylord Opryland Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee

Christy's Contemplations: Pick Your Passion!



Christy Groves

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As a new member of the Executive Board of Alpha Phi State, I looked forward to attending the Regional Conference in Baltimore, but alas, was unable to attend due to illness in my family. I thank our 2015 Achievement Award winner and member of the Educational Excellence Committee, Rita Hennen, for taking my place at the training and bringing me back information to share with you.

The summer was spent work-

ing on the State Directory—one of my new jobs due to the changes in the state constitution and by-laws.

The new paradigm at International is "Pick Your Passion." We are all encouraged to work on activities we feel most passionate about, thereby attracting new members.

Our new president, Susie Rogers, is encouraging us to use creativity and the arts freely in our meetings to enhance the participation and enjoyment of our members.

Of course, we are still asking chapters to "Support Early-career Educators" (SEE), as well as activities that promote the DKG/United Nations relationship. The Schools for Africa (SFA) is an example of this type of program.

The goals for the EEC are to promote programs and activities that advance excellence in education, empower women, and increase global awareness.

Remember to **PICK YOUR PASSION!**

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Focus on Members This Fall!

Dues are payable to your chapter treasurer on or before October 31. Respect your treasurer’s time and remit promptly. Let her know any change in your name, phone, email, mailing address or membership status. Remember: Officers must be active members, not reserve members.

We had much discussion on attracting and retaining members at the Northeast Regional Convention in Baltimore in July. A point

of concern for all of us, but young teachers in particular, is the cost of annual chapter dues. To make membership more affordable, consider offering an installment plan for payment. Two or more smaller payments instead of one may help keep a member on the roster. Focus this fall on giving every member a role to play. Dues payers are not always “do players.” Those who have a job to do will do it. That’s why they were selected to DKG. Plan programs that will help active teachers in their classrooms. Plan

projects that engage members in volunteer service in the school community. Turn payers into players.

In your service,
Deborah H. Super
Alpha Phi State Second Vice President



Deborah Super



ALPHA PHI NEWSETTE

Dr. Susie Rogers receives the president's rose from former Executive Secretary Elizabeth Vance. (Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim. www.photographsbyjim.com)

Cookey Gunther (Alpha Delta), Jana Adkins (Alpha Delta), and Rita Hennen (Delta) get ready for the conference to begin. Cookey gave the Emergency Fund speech at the conference and Jana presented the Thought For the Day at the luncheon.



Dr. Kay Clawson (Epsilon), Northeast Regional Director, presided over the conference.



A Glimpse at the Northeast Conference



Husband Joe and Dr. Kay Clawson dance to music by "Sir Rod."



Joanne Gregory presenting at the Educators' Book Award Committee booth. Joanne also presented a workshop for the members.

Sean McComb, 2015 International Teacher of the Year, inspired the conference attendees.



Sara Sweeney (Epsilon) received the \$10,000 Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship at the Confer-



Susan Marra (Kappa) and Elizabeth Vance (Xi) enjoy a laugh at breakfast. A huge thank you to Susan Marra, past Alpha Phi State Editor, for the beautiful photographs from the Northeast Conference.



Make Plans Now to Attend the New Spring Conference

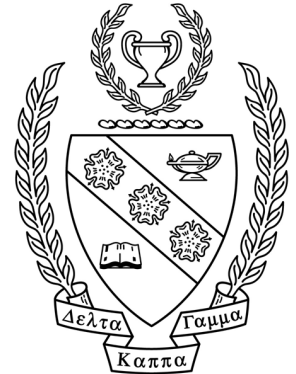
Alpha Phi State will be conducting a Leadership Development Workshop at the Best Western Hotel in Bridgeport on April 23, 2016. This one-day event is being planned for ALL members and for new Delta Kappa Gamma chapter officers. Workshops will include training for chapter presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers. In addition, a web page workshop for chapters will have computers accessible for hands-on experience (see related article on this page).

A workshop to discuss newsletters, scrapbooks, and other publications will be held with direct access to the publications that were judged at the conference that morning. All chapters will bring their scrapbooks, displays, newsletters, newspaper clippings to the conference and certificates will be presented to the chapter presidents during the luncheon.

A complete list of events will be published and sent to the chapters as soon as final ar-

rangements have been made. Chapter members should plan to carpool and attend this informative and entertaining one-day event. Rooms at the hotel will be available for any members who would like to arrive on Friday for the Saturday Extravaganza.

Susan Marra is chairman of the Leadership Committee, and members of her committee are JoAnn Harman, Alpha Kappa; Jean Hinzman, Delta; Sharon Burns, Omega; Joanne Gregory, Beta; and Linda Campbell, Delta.



Top 5 Reasons Your Chapter Should Have a Webpage

Have you ever thought that your chapter needs to have a webpage? Here are the top 5 reasons your chapter should have a webpage:

Connecting members. Keeping up to date on chapter activities and meetings can sometimes be difficult. For busy educators it is nice to have an online resource for upcoming meetings and important dates such as state convention; grant/scholarship information and deadlines; etc.

Publicity. Building a free webpage is a great way to publicize your chapter creating more reach and visibility. This allows the public to know that DKG is all about and how we are leading women educators.

Recruiting. A professional looking website can help attract new members to your chapter.

Digital Archive. Having a place to store photos and documents is important for our history. Creating a digital archive through your webpage allows each chapter a place to safely store their history.

Leadership. A professional looking webpage will show

your chapter's credibility and passion for impacting education worldwide.

I will be hosting a hands-on website training at the State Leadership Conference on April 23, 2016, in Bridgeport, where you can begin to build a free website for your chapter. Building and maintaining a chapter website is much easier than you might imagine, and I hope you will come join me to learn how to promote both your local chapter and DKG worldwide! If you are interested in your chapter's webmaster job, please attend the conference. Or, please encourage another member to become the webmaster. Remember, if you're not the woman for the webmaster job, please encourage another member. Being a chapter webmaster is a great way to become more involved in the organization. Watch our state webpage dkgww.org for more details.

Sara Sweeney, Epsilon
State Webmaster



White Roses

*“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

Freda Ann Cook-Harless
Alpha Theta Chapter
April 20, 2015

Mabel C. Sarver
Alpha Gamma Chapter
May 7, 2015

Norene Amy Young
Alpha Gamma Chapter
May 23, 2015

**Carol Ann ‘Toni’
McCallister**
Alpha Chapter
May 25, 2015

Shirley Jean Coomes
Alpha Delta Chapter
June 10, 2015

Mary Ellen O’Dell
Kappa Chapter
June 13, 2015

Eulalah V. Harris
Tau Chapter
July 18, 2015

Janice H. Kable
Eta Chapter
July 22, 2015

Doris Dawn Harrah
Beta Chapter
August 9, 2015

Condolences

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

Carolyn Hatfield (Alpha Theta) in the death of her father, Arnold Harless.

Zeneth Harless (Alpha Theta) in the death of her husband, Arnold Harless.

Angela Bowles (Alpha Theta) in the death of her mother.

Betty and Amy Powell (Alpha Theta) in the death of their brother.

Susan Stewart-Smith (Alpha Theta) in the death of her father.

Susan Marra (Kappa) in the death of her husband.

Doris Weekley (Mu) in the death of her father.

Karen Nicholson (Mu) in the death of her mother.

Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs: Reporting a Death

Chapter presidents and/or membership chairs are to report the death of a member immediately to International and Alpha Phi State. Please send **Form 6** (available at www.dkg.org under *Forms*) to the International Membership Administrator, and a copy to Alpha Phi State Second Vice President Deborah Super at 104 White Oak Lane, Elkins, WV 26241 or dsuper3688@gmail.com.

Welcome to New Babies



Congratulations to **Karen Minor** (Mu) on the birth of her new granddaughter.

Congratulations to **Jerica Wesley** (Beta) on the birth of her daughter, Brielle Marie Wesley o weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. when she was born August 21.

Congratulations to Kyle and **Kristen Friend** (Eta) on the birth of their daughter, Sylvia Morgan, who was born July 3rd and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Scholarship Deadline February 1

Scholarship applications must be in the hands of the scholarship chairperson by this date. The application and requirements are available online.

For more information please contact

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News from the Chapters



Eta Chapter member Linda McGraw, Margaret Nowosulakin (Maryland hostess), Alpha Phi State President Susie Rogers, and Eta Chapter President Vicki Jenkins enjoy a moment together at the NE Regional meeting in Baltimore.

Eta Chapter

Congratulations are in order to Linda McGraw who was selected as a Woman of Distinction by the National Council of Girl Scouts. She will be honored in October at the Holiday Inn.

Joan Willard was named Executive Director of RESA VIII.

Vicki Jenkins and Linda McGraw attended the NE Regional meeting in Baltimore.

Tau Chapter

Tau Chapter gave a \$500 Grant-in-Aid to Danielle Keeton, a 2015 graduate of St. Albans High School to pursue a degree in education.

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Alpha Mu members help at the Marshall County Fun Fair.

Alpha Mu Chapter

Co-President Bonnie Grisell hosted an Executive committee luncheon at her home in Glen Dale. Committee members Co-President Debbie Takach, Co-1st Vice Presidents Lynn Hellstern and Jennifer Yates, Co-2nd Vice President Christie Robison, Secretary Cassie Sherman, Treasurer June Geiger, and Past President Linda Gardill mapped out the chapter meeting dates, speakers, and projects for the coming year.

Thirteen Alpha Mu members helped at the annual Back-to-School Fun Fair in August. Members welcomed and registered over 1200 Marshall County students this this 15-year tradition, in

which students from pre-K through 12th grade received free backpacks, school supplies, as well as haircuts, dental assessments, and other services.

The Mentoring Committee initiated the distribution of "goodie bags" to more than twenty beginning female teachers in Marshall County in memory of member Rachel White, who had dedicated nearly 40 years to the county classrooms. Treat bags were also assembled by the chapter's retirees and given to our "working/teaching" members to welcome them back to the school year.

Mu Chapter

Carol Williams was elected president of the Roane County Association of Retired School Employees.

Jeannie Bennett has accepted the position of Chief Operational Officer for Student Services with the Calhoun County School System.

DKG Continues to Provide Hope for Children

Delta Kappa Gamma has partnered with UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Peter Kramer Stiftung group to support Schools for Africa. The premise backing the program is that Every Child Deserves A Quality Education. Education is the most basic insurance against poverty and represents opportunity. Education empowers

people with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to shape a better future.

The monies donated by DKG members and chapters are dedicated to increasing access to quality education for millions of children in 13 African counties. Hopefully the organization is helping to secure a brighter future for Africa's children.

The donations are used for early childhood development, access

to quality primary, lower secondary, and non-formal education; retention, HIV prevention in schools, and Education in emergencies. Donations, specifying your DKG membership, should be sent to US Fund for UNICEF, Att. NGO Department, 125 Maiden Lane, New York NY 10038.

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Schools For Africa

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



World Fellowship Benefits Top \$80,000 for 2014-2015

The World Fellowship program began in 1946 at the National Convention in San Francisco. At that time four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden. Today DKG partners with the Institute for International Education, a Fulbright program in awarding these grants.

During the 2014-15 year, the program awarded nineteen girls \$4000, and four girls received an extension of \$1000

each. The total amount given this year was \$80,000 to women in 17 countries. These girls come to the US or Canada to further their studies. This program supports the advancement of teaching worldwide, one learner at a time. The World Fellowship Program is making an impact on women, their lives, and their countries.

Since its inception in 1946, the program has impacted education for 900 women in 120 countries with a total of awards

exceeding \$3,300,000. Collections received for World Fellowship amounts to \$3,800,000.

Your chapter or individual members may make contributions to Headquarters in Austin, Texas. A brochure describing the program is available on-line free.

Becky Wood
World Fellowship Chairman

