



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

## Linda Martin Receives Alpha Phi's Achievement Award Honor



**L**inda Martin of Eta Chapter received the 2016 Alpha Phi State Achievement Award, the state's highest honor, on September 17. State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers presented Linda with the Achievement Medallion.

Linda has been a member of DKG for many years. She has served her chapter as president and has been on almost every committee in the chapter as either the chairman or as a member. At the state level, Linda was a regional director and state recording secretary. She was chairman of the Scholarship Committee multiple times and chaired the Finance and Long-Range Planning Committees.

In attendance at ten state conventions, Linda was on the Host Committee for at least two of those conventions. She also attended State Leadership Development Workshops and an International Northeast Regional Conference.

The profession of education has benefitted greatly from the work Linda has completed in the field of mathematics. With a BA degree from Fairmont State College and her Master's Degree from West Virginia University, Linda is certified in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Elementary Education. She has taught in three elementary Schools and one middle school.

Linda has been an active member of NEA, WVEA, and the Berkeley County Education Association. She was a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees (SEPA).

Her contributions to educa-



2016 Achievement Award  
Winner Linda Martin

tion are many, and a few highlights include being a Mentor Teacher, serving on the first RESA Drug Awareness Committee, and being a WV Teachers' Academy Fellow. As a workshop presenter, Linda attended the WV Leaders of Learning Conference with a workshop on Geometry Activities K-12, the Potomac Valley Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the WV Council of Teachers of Mathematics at Fairmont State College.

In 1985, Linda published the book *Problem Solving Experiences in Mathematics for Fourth Grade*. She has also conducted training sessions on how to score the WV-STEP and led workshops for Title I in Logan, Mercer, and Ohio Counties.

Linda assisted with the preparation of a \$25,000 Education First Grant for her school, served on textbook selection committees, and the Advisory Council for WV Department of Education Instructional Materials Adoption Committee.

Honors Linda has received include WVCTM Elementary Mathematics Teacher of the Year (1987); Teacher of the Year in her school and county (1988); a member of the WV Leading Mathematics into the Twenty First Century Taskforce (1990); received the WV Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching (1990); received the National Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics (1990); and received the Ashland Oil Golden Apple Award (1993).

Although Linda retired in 2013, she has not slowed down. She is active in her church, volunteers at "Starting Points," the local

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Soup Kitchen, and is a member of the Red Hat Society.

Linda Martin is an excellent example of a Delta Kappa Gamma "Key Woman Educator."

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# Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President



Dr. Marilyn 'Susie' Rogers

**G**reetings and welcome to the beginning of a new year in Delta Kappa Gamma. We have many new members this year and we want to congratulate our initiates for being invited to become members of Alpha Phi State and for accepting the honor of DKG membership! I have had the privilege of attending chapter meetings around the state and I know there are numerous exciting projects and programs planned for this year.

As we move into the second year of our biennium, let us continue to strive to build our membership and expand our involvement in our local chapters, our state projects and our International commitment to educational excellence and the advancement of opportunities for teachers in our profession who are just beginning a career, for those who are in the classrooms and in leadership roles, and for our retired members who have a wealth of experience to share.

This summer I attended the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN! The drive to Nashville was a reminder of the beautiful country scenes and interesting places in America. It was also a reminder that Siri and Mapquest do not always agree on the best route to take and sometimes a paper map is helpful!

There were sixteen Alpha Phi State members at the Convention and we were so pleased to have Dr. Kay Clawson as the Northern District Director, Joanne Gregory as a presenter for a workshop and member of the Educational Award Committee and Sara Sweeney as a presenter for a workshop and member of the DKGnext project.

Next summer will be the Northeast Regional Conference which will be held in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Be sure your Passport is up-to-date if you plan to attend. You will not need it to get into Canada but I understand you will need it to get back across the border.

Please check this issue of the Newsette for the many opportunities available to Alpha Phi members. The 2017 Convention will be held at the Glade Springs Resort where we will be electing new state officers, awarding scholarships, presenting the 2017 Achievement Award winner, considering proposals for changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules, and recognizing the work of our chapter presidents and chapter members. Be sure to bring your chapter scrap books and publications for evaluation.

Our state Disaster Fund was needed when devastating floods hit southern WV this summer. Two Alpha Phi members received critical assistance and three of our members received International support from the DKG Emergency Fund. Chairman Kathy Bennett and

her committee members, Eleanor Effland, Barbara Van Beveren, Lisa Bennett, and Nancy Booth, worked quickly and efficiently to complete the work of the committee.

Good things are happening in Alpha Phi State of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and we are looking forward to a growing membership and greater involvement as we support each other and our profession, and we can truly "Make a Difference" in our communities, our state and our International Society!

Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers  
Alpha Phi State President  
2016-2017



## Important DKG Dates

**December 1, 2016**— Deadline for the winter issue of the *Alpha Phi Newsette*

**February 1, 2017**— Alpha Phi State Scholarship Applications due. Achievement Award Applications due.

**April 28-30, 2017**—**Alpha Phi State Convention**, The Resort at Glade Springs

**July 12-14, 2017**—**NE Regional Conference**, Windsor, Ontario, Canada



# Christy's Contemplations

It has saddened me to learn about all the devastation we have felt from the flooding in West Virginia earlier this year. I know folks will be working on getting "back to even" for a long time!

I have been reading through two Chapter Directories that were sent to me from Delta Chapter (Rita Hennen) and Mu Chapter (Deloris Lipps). They are just lovely: Not only are the members' names and dates of meetings listed, along with the program ideas, but also the chapter projects as well. I

was interested to read the Program Theme as well as the Vision Statement. Each chapter included the dates and times of their various programs...dues gathering, donating children's books to the Ritchie County Library, a program on the state of education in WV, a silent auction, perspectives of international exchange students, and a spring luncheon from one chapter. A membership power point, paper bag auction, county meetings (if the chapter consisted of several

counties, "One Room School," a memorial for Louise Garrett, of course the Founders' Day program, and initiation of new members from the other chapter. Each one listed the chapter officers and committee chairman and one even had the "Obligations of Members."

I would challenge all of you to send me a copy of your chapter directory so that I might send out your ideas to other chapters in the state.

Christy Groves  
Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President



Christy Groves

# The Future of Teaching

My introduction to DKG came when Lambda Chapter (now my own!) honored me as Outstanding Future Teacher in high school. My induction into the Society in the '80's came at a time when young teachers filled the ranks. This year a national survey of college freshmen by UCLA's Cooperative Institutional Research Program reported fewer students plan to major in education than at any time since 1971.

I asked college freshman education majors to share questions about entering the teaching field.

Here are some of their concerns:

How do teachers control a hyper class? How does the teacher create a bond with each student? Can I actually handle teaching in an inner city school? How can I make my students want to learn? Can you truly teach a certain subject if you have to teach to a test?

How do you handle parents? Can the state department fire teachers because of standardized test scores? How do we use technology in class? How do you motivate child to learn? How do teachers handle bullying and violence? What

should be my backup plan if I don't get a teaching job?

Perhaps your chapter can discuss some answers to these questions. Future teachers are future DKG members!

In your service,  
Deborah H. Super  
Alpha Phi State  
2nd Vice President



Deborah Super

# Time to Pay Dues!

It is that time of year again. If your chapter treasurer has not already contacted you about paying dues, she will be doing so soon. Please help her by promptly taking care of paying them. Dues must be paid by October 31. She is REQUIRED to drop anyone who does not pay by then. If you

pay after that, you must complete a reinstatement form.

If you have access to the internet, you can now edit your personal information (address, name, email, etc.) by signing in to MyDKG and changing anything that needs changed. The

change of address/name form does not need to be completed and sent to International if you do this.

Deloris Lipps  
Alpha Phi State Treasurer





# White Roses

**Eleanor Ann Shirley**  
**Eta Chapter**  
July 22, 2016

*“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

Ms. Eleanor Ann Shirley taught mathematics, driver education, physical education, and coached the girls’ basketball team at Martinsburg High School for 17 years. She served as student council advisor and spent eight years as a math and science supervisor for Berkeley County. Later, she was the Jefferson County Elementary Supervisor and Director of Ele-

mentary Schools. She taught part-time at Shepherd College. She earned her undergraduate degrees from Shepherd and her Master’s in Supervision and Administration from Western Maryland College. She retired in 1989. Eleanor Ann was a past president of Eta Chapter and served many years as the treasurer. On the state level of DKG, she was past recording secretary and second vice president.

## Condolences

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

**Lynn Hammond (Alpha Epsilon)**—on the death of her father Jack Borsting who died in August.

**Mary Binder ( Delta)**—on the death of her stepson.

**Rita Hennen (Delta)**—on the death of her brother.

**Pamela McClain (Delta)**—on the death of her father.

## News from the Chapters



### Alpha Delta

Alpha Delta Chapter member Barbara Heckert was named Jackson County’s 2016 Teacher of the Year. Barbara teaches science at Ripley High School. Chapter President Brenda Martin presented Barb with Roses for her accomplishment.



**Barbara Heckert, Jackson County Teacher of the Year,** receives roses from Alpha Delta President Brenda Martin.

### Welcome New Baby Boy!

Henry Joseph Gaither was born April 8, 2016. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long. Henry’s proud parents are Sara Aylestock and Justin Gaither. Sara is a member of Alpha Beta Chapter in Buckhannon.

### Chapter News Wanted!

Send your photos and articles in to the *Alpha Phi Newsette* for publication. Share your project ideas and successes! Do you have an idea for an article? Email your information to megashby52@gmail.com

### Reporting a Death

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](http://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](mailto:dsuper3688@gmail.com).

# News from the Chapters

State Officer  
Nominations  
Due January 2

## Alpha Beta

Alpha Beta held the first meeting of the year on September 11, 2016 with initiation and dinner at the Virginia Thomas Law Center on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College. Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers was their special guest. Five new members were initiated: Virginia Hicks, Paula McGraw, Sheena Boso, Beth Hollen, and Shana Morgan.



Alpha Phi State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers, with new initiates Virginia Hicks, Paula McGraw, Sheena Boso, Beth Hollen, Shana Morgan, and Alpha Beta President Ann Clem at the September 11 meeting.

## Mu

Carol Williams presented the 2016 Recruitment Grant to Kelana Martin during Roane County High School's awards ceremony in May.

Karen Nicholson attended the Ben Speer's Stamps School of Music near Nashville in July.

## Nu

In August Nu Chapter invited new Nicholas County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Donna Burge-Tetrick to meet the members for lunch at Bob Evans' Restaurant in Summersville. Approximately 20 members welcomed the opportunity to meet Dr. Burge-Tetrick

in a casual setting.

At the first meeting of the year in September, Nicholas County Speech & Language Coordinator Christina Chapman outlined important activities that promote reading success.



New Alpha Phi State Officers for the 2017-2019 biennium will be elected at the State Convention. Offices that require a Nomination Form include president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, recording secretary, and members of the Nominations Committee. For the Nominations Committee there will be one member from each of the 4 WV regions, plus one member from the previous biennium who served on that committee.

Forms are available from chapter presidents, online, or from Chairman Mary Spano Clark and **MUST** be returned no later than **Monday, January 2, 2017** either electronically to [mssc8384@yahoo.com](mailto:mssc8384@yahoo.com) or to Ms. Clark at 777 Quail Valley Drive, Princeton, WV 24740.

## Scholarship Deadline Announced

Alpha Phi Scholarships will be available in 2017 for members who are completing a master's degree, doctoral degree, or graduate study. Other scholarships are available to attend a professional workshop/seminar or to attend an international convention/NE regional conference as a workshop presenter or first-time attendee.

Available this year: One Gertrude Roberts Scholarship, \$1000; One State Founders Scholarship, \$1000, doctoral or post doctoral; One Past President Memorial Honorary Award, \$750, master's

degree work; One Master's Plus, \$600, graduate work beyond a master's; One Professional Workshop/Seminar attendee, \$100; One International convention/NE regional conference first time attendee, \$300.

Deadline for application is February 1, 2017. Forms may be requested from State Scholarship Chairman Kathy Arbogast, PO Box 192, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411; Telephone 304-258-3664.

More information can be found on page 60 of the 2015-2017 Alpha Phi Directory.



Enjoying one of the last days of summer, Mary Dale Cruse, Dr. Donna Burge-Tetrick, Patricia Cook, Charlotte McClung, Lauren Jarroll, Betty McMillion, and Betty White get ready for lunch at Bob Evans' Restaurant with Nu Chapter.

## Award Deadline

### Set for February 1

The Alpha Phi State Achievement Award is the highest honor for a member of Alpha Phi State of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This award is presented each year at the Spring Conference/Convention. Any Chapter or individual can nominate someone across the state for this award.

Applications are on the WV website ([www.dkgwv.org](http://www.dkgwv.org)) or can be requested from Lora Sturm, chairman of the Achievement Award committee. Nominations are to be submitted on the prescribed form.

Deadline for applications to be mailed or sent electronically is February 1, 2017. Questions may be directed to Lora Sturm, 801 Carnian Ford Road, Ripley, WV 25271; 304-372-5894.

Guidelines may be found on page 61 of the *2015-2017 Directory* or on the website.



## Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Epsilon Chapter took a field trip to Adaland Mansion in Philippi on Sunday, July 24. Six members—Carolyn Baumgardner, Shirley Clark, Janet Judd, Janet Mundell, Patty Rushford, and Pat Spangler—and three guests—GIA recipient Lucy Scotti, Lucy's mother Lynn Clough, and Shirley's granddaughter Drue Schneider enjoyed tea and a tour of the mansion.

Ten members met August 10 at Barnes & Noble in Morgantown to plan the upcoming year.

## Alpha Mu

In June, we participated in a Yard Sale at St. Jude Parish Hall in Glen Dale. We sold many "treasures." Treasures not sold were packed up and delivered to Marshall County Animal Shelter for their annual yard sale. This fundraising activity was led by Linda Brinkman and benefits our Recruitment/Scholarship Fund.

July brought our Executive Committee together for a luncheon/planning session. Our delicious lunch was served by Bonnie Grisell, member and past Alpha Mu Co-President, who operates the beautiful Bonnie-Dwaine B & B in Glen Dale. Alpha Mu made a monetary donation to the school flood victims of southern WV. The committee decided to make an ongoing year-long project of collecting classroom materials and books for these devastated schools. We will also take slightly used magazines to local hospitals and will continue our mentoring and service projects. Lara Himrod, Mary Louise Wharry, Whitney Healy, Tammy DeWitt, Bonnie

Grisell, and Lynn Hellstern attended this meeting.

August had us stuffing lunch bags with back to school goodies for our current chapter teachers and newly hired women teachers. All items were donated by chapter members. As part of our mentoring project, these bags were delivered on the first day of school. Some members also worked at a Back to School Fun Fair held

at the former prison in Moundsville. This yearly event provides school supplies and much more to every school age child in Marshall County, regardless of income.

We expect to have eight new members initiated at our September meeting: Stephanie Brown, Kristen Espina, Lori Healy, Carol Hill, Jonette Holmes, Erin Parson, Denise Radaker, and Becky Wilson.



**Getting ready for the Alpha Mu Fun Fair** are, front row (back to front) Linda Gardill, Whitney Healy, Hune Geiger, and Debbie Takach. Back row, left to right, Marlene Montes, Mary Louise Wharry, Kathy Vani, Jane McNinch, and Lynn Hellstern.



**Meeting at Barnes & Noble** in Morgantown were, front row, Darlene Fink, Janet Judd, Janet Mundell, Nancy Krynicki, and Karen Berry. Back row: Patty Rushford, Vera Graham, Linda Stalnaker, Shirley Clark, and Carolyn Baumgardner.



# West Virginia - Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma

Hosted by Xi Chapter of Raleigh County

**April 28-30, 2017**

**Daniels, West Virginia**

Make Reservations Now @ **The Resort at Glade Springs**

by calling **1-877-814-7316** by March 31, 2017

Room Rate: \$119.00 (Breakfast is Included)

Note: Rooms rates are subject to sales tax and occupancy tax. Rooms are Non-Smoking and most credit cards are accepted.

**Friday Night Activity** Special Guest: Cody Wickline from The Voice and S'mores by the Campfire

**Founder's Day Celebration Luncheon Saturday @ Noon**

Lunch Buffet includes Cornmeal Crusted Catfish, Pulled pork BBQ, Assorted Buns, Southern Style Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad with Peas, Country Ham, Tomatoes, Buttermilk Dressing, Green Beans, Sliced Seasonal Fresh Fruit



## **Adventures in Education Activities TBA**

Visit Beckley Exhibition Coal Mines

Visit New River Gorge Bridge and River Expeditions White Water Rafting Grounds

Free Time to Explore Glade Springs (Workout Center, Spa, Swimming, Bowling)

## **President's Banquet will be on Saturday Evening**

Dinner Entrée includes Choice of 6oz Petite Filet with Bordelaise Sauce or 6oz Breast of Chicken, starch, fresh vegetable, and dessert

**Red Delta Kappa Gamma Souvenir T-Shirts will be sold for \$10.00.** You will be able to order t-shirts on the registration form and they will be available for pick up at registration.

***Free Whitewater Rafting Trip for 2  
to be given to one lucky attendee.***

# Alpha Phi State Members Attend International DKG Convention

In July, 2016, fifteen member of Alpha Phi State and several WV guests attended the DKG International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. The beautiful Gaylord Opryland Resort Hotel was the setting for a week of making new acquaintances, renewing friendships, and conducting Society business!

One highlight of the week that was a favorite of WV ladies was a trip to the “Wildhorse Saloon” in downtown Nashville. Over 500 convention attendees enjoyed the ‘boot scootin’ night out where they enjoyed learning new line dances and listening to live bands perform country music.

Attending the DKG Convention from West Virginia were Dr. Kay Clawson, Dr. Mary Lynn Cocco, Judith Ditlow, Kim Dulaney, Joanne Gregory, Jean Hinzman, Vicki Jenkins, Deloris Lipps, Catherine Marino, Susan Marra, Linda McGraw, Kathleen Mounts, Dr. Marilyn Rogers, Sara Sweeney, Janet Lohr, and Elizabeth Vance. Guests of the WV attendees included Mrs. Janet Andrews and Mrs. Nancy Rogers.



Enjoying a light moment at the Convention, the 2016 attendees included, front row: Dr. Kay Clawson, Deloris Lipps, Dr. Marilyn “Susie” Rogers, Susan Marra, Joanne Gregory, and Elizabeth Vance. Middle row: Dr. Mary Lynn Cocco, Catherine Marino, Vicki Jenkins, and Jean Hinzman. Back row: Kathleen Mounts, Sara Sweeney, and Linda McGraw.

Not only were the ladies attending general sessions, luncheons and a variety of workshops, they were also leaders and presenters throughout the week. Dr. Kay Clawson was Northern District Director and a presenter for workshops on leadership. Sara Sweeney was a member

of the DKGNext project for young members and presented workshops. Marilyn Rogers participated in the International Chorus and Joanne Gregory, a member of the International Education Awards Committee presented a workshop on the work of her committee.

Dr. Kay Clawson introduces International President Dr. Lyn Schmid at the Northeast Breakfast.



Dr. Lyn Schmid, International President



# Scenes from the Convention

Joanne Gregory ( below, right) catches up with old friends at the “Be the Change” luncheon.



Sara Sweeney and Dr. Kay Clawson spend a moment together before their presentation “Energizing DKG Chapter Members.”



Alpha Phi State President Dr. Marilyn “Susie” Rogers gets ready to join the DKG choir before the banquet.

Judy Ditlow and Kim Dulaney enjoy the Northeast Breakfast.



Deloris Lipps, President Rogers, Jean Hinzman, and Susan Marra WV Members learning steps for the “Moment for Dance” line dance.



Above. Kathy Mounts and Cathy Marino wait for the Northeast Breakfast to begin.



Deloris Lipps, Kathy Mounts, Jean Hinzman (front) and Cathy Marino (back) anchor the West Virginia location for the other members.

*Photos of the International Convention courtesy of Susan Marra, Kappa Chapter.*

Guest Janet Andrews and her daughter, WV DKG member Janet Lohr, listen to the speaker.



# Try a Little Music in Your Classroom

As we head back into our classrooms, teachers will be looking for new ideas to inspire and engage their students. Music can be used to inspire, invigorate, or calm students. Download these songs to your iTunes and try them with your students this school year.

## Songs that Invigorate

Use these when students come into your classroom, in the afternoon for a pick-me-up, or when you want your students to work quickly.

- Happy—Pharrell Williams from *Despicable Me 2*
- Shake it Off—Kidzobop
- Party in the USA—Kidzobop

- All About that Bass—Kidzobop
- Uptown Funk—Kidzobop
- Kidzobop 80's album—Kidzobop
- I Like to Move It—Crazy Frog
- Shout—The Temptations

## Songs that Inspire

Use these in the morning or during morning announcements.

- Roar—Katy Perry
- Fight Song—Rachel Platten
- Don't Stop Believin'—Journey
- Rise—Katy Perry

## Songs that Calm Down

Use these at dismissal time or when students need redirection.

- Count on Me—Bruno Mars
- Here Comes the Sun—The Beatles
- Pleasant Valley Sunday—The Monkees
- In My Life—The Beatles
- Lost Boys—Ruth B.

**Disclaimer**—Kidzobop music is specifically written for children. Please preview other songs before using them with students. There are songs that may seem appropriate for young ears, but are not. Listen to the whole song before playing it in your classroom to avoid any unwanted surprises.

*Contributed by Gamma Chapter Member Connie Boggs*

## Rule Change Ideas Wanted by Jan. 1

Proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules can be submitted for consideration at the 2017 State Convention. The application to propose changes can be found on the website at [www.dkgwv.org](http://www.dkgwv.org) or from the chairman and must be returned to the bylaws/standing rules chairman by **January 1, 2017**.

The proposed changes will be printed in the Spring issue of the *Newsette* and distributed to all members. Proposed changes can be made by any DKG board/committee, chapter or member. Chairman Terry Nicholas, Delta Chapter, 3508 6th Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101;



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## How to Access the DKG International Website

The Delta Kappa Gamma Website is a resource available to all members. Information about committees, ceremonies, forms, and program ideas will assist all officers, committee chairs, and members. To access the website go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). You will need to have your 6-digit member ID number (this is the number on your membership card.) The first time you want to go on the website, you will also be asked for a password. The default password will be **dkg2014society**—all lower case, no spaces. After you sign in the first time you will be given the opportunity to enter your own password.

The website will enhance your knowledge of DKG and provide resources that will assist your chapter and Alpha Phi State as we work together to “Make a Difference.”