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## Plans Underway for Spring Conference

The second Alpha Phi State Conference will be held on April 28 in Morgantown at the Mylan Park Elementary School. This will be an opportunity to reconnect with DKG members from across West Virginia and to become acquainted with the state officers and committee chairmen. You will get an update on state and international goals and projects. Watch the spring Newsette for information about the motivational speaker for the conference.

There will be training for new chapter officers to enable them to step into their positions with confidence and enthusiasm. Officers will learn techniques for working with members, for involving everyone in the business and success of the chapter, and for building cohesiveness within the chapter. There will be tips on organizing, planning, and facilitating a meeting. Participants will get ideas for newsletters, publicity, and chapter scrapbooks. Presidents and parliamentarians will learn the basics of Robert's Rules, and secretaries will pick up tips on what should be included in minutes.

There will be something for everyone. Topics will include programs and community service. There will be time for sharing and pairing successes in one chapter with goals for another chapter.

Although this is a one day Saturday Conference, there will be a Friday evening social for those who choose to come early and stay at LaQuinta Inn and Suites in Morgantown. Please see the attached registration form for details.

The committee would like to hear from members about what they would like to do at the Alpha Phi State Conference. Please send your thoughts to Joanne Gregory at [busyteach@gmail.com](mailto:busyteach@gmail.com).

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## Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President



Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers

**G**reetings Alpha Phi State!

2018! As we begin a new year in Delta Kappa Gamma we are anticipating the election of chapter officers, the initiation of new members and service activities that make DKG such a special society of key women educators. Begin making plans now to attend the Leadership Development Conference to be held on April 28, 2017, in Morgantown, WV. The venue for the conference is Mylan Elementary School and the committee has made arrangements for us to stay at the new La Quinta Hotel for \$79.00 on Friday night.

Workshops will be available for new chapter officers, committee chairs and all chapter members. Leadership development, computer and webpage training, publication and communication ideas, and other opportunities



### DKG...

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

to learn about DKG will also be on the schedule.

Check for details in this issue of the *Newsette*. Make plans now to carpool to Morgantown, reserve a room, meet new friends and renew the spirit of Delta Kappa Gamma across West Virginia!

While you are thinking about welcoming new members into your chapters, check the International website ([dkg.org](http://dkg.org)) and

get the "Recruitment Plan" to assist you. This plan has proven successful in many chapters and can be instrumental in increasing your membership. See more details in an article in this *Newsette*.

May 2018 be the beginning of many more exciting memories in DKG as Alpha Phi State is Growing: Growing in Leadership! Growing in Membership!

**Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers**  
**Alpha Phi State President**

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## Schools in Africa:

### Musings from the First Vice President



Dr. Glenda Wait

At every DKG meeting, we are fined 25 cents if we are not wearing our DKG pin. At the end of the year, our collected funds are sent to Schools for Africa through Delta Kappa Gamma. I never gave this much thought until my husband and I went on a Rotary Mission trip in October. While there I became much more aware of the need for schools and school supplies in Africa.

Our primary mission with Rotary was to promote water and sanitation projects. At every community we visited, we met with the village elders and the members of the community. First, they needed a bore hole for water. Secondly, they wanted Rotary to help with micro flush toilets to replace pit toilets. In some villages, not even pit toilets existed.

Guess what they wanted? After these basic needs were met, they wanted a school. In one community, the chief had given some land for a future school. This was one step ahead of other communities. Many communities did not have a school. In these communities, the older children walked up to seven miles to attend school and the younger children were not able to go to school

at all. We heard impassioned pleas for schools in the communities so their children could get an education.

We visited some schools on our trip and took school supplies to them. In our tour of these very basic schools, up to ninety students could be in one classroom. Some schools had tables or desks but many did not. Students sat in the hard-packed earth and listened to their teachers. All of the young people we observed were very attentive and focused because school was a privilege, not a necessarily a right in Ghana. Ghana is a land of contrasts.

The teachers in the community schools were very dedicated. If a community has a school the government will assign a teacher to the school. We asked for and were given lists of school supplies. One young teacher desperately wanted stock paper so he could make flash cards. Others had a need for workbooks which they used over and over without ever writing in them. Our team was able to provide some supplies to them. In one school, they had a ceremony thanking us for the supplies we were able to give them.

I do not know what other clubs other than Xi chapter do to donate to Schools for Africa. Take the time to find out what your club does and communicate with all of us. Share ideas in our *Alpha Phi Newsette*.

**Dr. Glenda Wait , Alpha Phi State First VP**



The Rotary Group which includes **Dr. Glenda Wait** (Xi) and some of the villagers they helped in Ghana in October.





## Achievement Award Nominations Due

Do you know a member of Alpha Phi State that has demonstrated outstanding service and leadership in Delta Kappa Gamma at the state and chapter levels? Has this lady been a member for at least five years? Perhaps this is someone that should be honored by receiving the **Alpha Phi State Special Achievement Award**. Think about members in your chapter who are always willing to go above and beyond when it comes to DKG events and has made notable contributions to education. The **Achievement Award** is the highest honor a member of Alpha Phi State can receive and is an appropriate recognition for outstanding service to our organization. The Achievement Award **application is available** on the state website ([www.dkgwv.org](http://www.dkgwv.org)) or by contacting the **Achievement Award Chairman, Linda Martin**, Eta Chapter. The completed application needs to be returned to the state chairman by **February 1, 2018**.

Linda Martin, Eta Chapter, 304-258-3037,  
[dellinmart@frontier.com](mailto:dellinmart@frontier.com)

February 1 Deadline!

## Apply Now for Scholarships

*Are you working on an advanced degree and are looking for financial assistance??* Alpha Phi State has scholarships available for members of DKG who have held membership for at least two years and are working toward a master's degree or doctoral degree. The scholarships will be granted at the Leadership Development Conference with total expenditures not to exceed \$2,000 annually.

1. **Gertrude Roberts Scholarship – (\$1,000)** Awarded for doctoral or post-doctoral study.
2. **State Founders Scholarship – (\$1,000)** Awarded for doctoral or post-doctoral study.
3. **Past State President's Memorial Honorary Award – (\$750)** for a member pursuing a master's degree.
4. **Professional Workshop/Seminar Scholarship - (\$100)** for a DKG member attending an educational workshop or seminar.

Scholarship applications may be requested from the State Scholarship Chairman, **Kathy Arbogast**. The completed application and three letters of recommendation must be returned to the state chairman by **February 1, 2018**.

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### 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 Karen Zinn, 3447 Campground Road, Tunnelton, WV 26444 or email her at [karenzinn@atlanticbb.net](mailto:karenzinn@atlanticbb.net).

# News from the Chapters

## Delta

Delta Chapter met October 7 at the Phelps-Tavener House in Parkersburg for a living history program about the establishment of Wood County and the founding of Parkersburg. Paul Bibbee, retired professor at West Virginia University-Parkersburg, portrayed Isaac Tavener in his presentation. The Tavener family acquired the house in 1823. It is believed to be the oldest house in Wood County, having been built 1799-1800.

During the business meeting which followed the program and a tour of the house, the Literacy Committee reported that books have been ordered for the literacy project which pro-

vides books for pediatricians' offices to be given to their patients. Books donated by Delta Chapter members were collected and were delivered to the local Boys and Girls Club.

Two women were initiated into Delta Chapter at the November meeting. Stacey Smith is a first grade teacher in Ritchie County. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Reading and has 18 years experience. Rose Murphy, a kindergarten teacher in Ritchie County, holds a Bachelor of Art degree in Elementary Education and has been teaching for 24 years. She was the 2013-2014 Ritchie County Teacher of the Year.

Delta Chapter welcomed the Christmas season with a



**Stacey Smith and Rose Murphy** were initiated into **Delta Chapter** at the November meeting.

brunch at the Parkersburg Country Club and were entertained by the Smoot Theater Boys Ensemble. The Holiday Wreath Project was completed with the proceeds going to the chapter literary efforts.

## Welcome



**C**ongratulations to **Hollie Haddox Vaughan** (Delta) and her husband Adam, who welcomed a little girl into their family circle in October.

## Alpha Iota



Three new members were initiated at the December meeting: **Jackie Switzer** from Beta, **Colleen Vannoy** and **Lois Casto** from Alpha Iota with Alpha Phi State President **Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers**.



Alpha Iota, Beta, and Tau chapters met in December at the Blessed John Retreat Center with Alpha Phi State President Rogers as the guest speaker. The members have been making tie quilts to pass out to children in need.

## News from the Chapters

### Xi



At the October Xi Chapter meeting, **Marcia Dunlap** of Xi Chapter introduces Agnes Reeder Keatley, author of *Uptown Girl*. Agnes delightfully told about her books and the experiences of growing up in the town of Beckley.



**Natalie Coots** (Xi), Captain Larry Lilly of the Raleigh County Sheriff's Department, and **Mary Thomas** (Xi) display the blankets made by Xi Chapter. At the November meeting, Mary introduced Captain Lilly who told of the hardships many children are facing due to drug usage. He expressed his appreciation for the blanket that are used to wrap children when they are being removed from homes. The children benefit both from the warmth and softness that these blankets provide.

### Nu

This fall Nu Chapter has been collecting books, puzzles, and games to help children in need. As part of our Literacy Project, packets containing information that stresses the importance of reading along with board books for young children, have been given to local pediatricians to distribute to parents. Books, puzzles, and games that are appropriate for middle and high school students have been donated to The Kathleen and John Faltis Children's Shelter. The Faltis Shelter provides an emergency shelter to children who are homeless, abused or neglected; many who arrive with few personal belongings.

Nu Chapter also supports the local libraries in Summersville, Richwood, and Craigsville. Monetary donations collected at the December meeting were given to the Craigsville Public Library.

Does DKG International have your up-to-date contact information? If not, please update your information in the "My DKG" Account at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org)



## 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

## Condolences

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

**Casey Kerns** (Delta) on the death of her grandfather.

**Jennifer Price** (Delta) on the death of her brother.

**Helen Jones** (Delta) on the death of her father.

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

**Barbara Phillips** (Delta) on the death of her brother.

**Dottie Bibbee** (Delta) on the death of her aunt.

**Nancy Pfister** (Beta) on the death of her husband.

# Alpha Phi State Delta Kappa Gamma

## Spring Conference

April 28, 2018

**Mylan Park Elementary School**

**901 Mylan Park Lane**

**Morgantown, WV**

*If you plan to come the day before, you must make your hotel reservation by calling: **LaQuinta Inn and Suites***

5000 Gateway Drive

Morgantown, WV 26501

304-241-4501

**Ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma Rate**

**DEADLINE For Hotel Reservation is APRIL 10, 2018**

**Room Rate: \$79.00 plus tax (TOTAL \$89.27) for 2 Queen Beds or 1 King Bed**

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### CONFERENCE & MEAL REGISTRATION FORM

By **April 18, 2018**, make a check for Registration Fee and Meals payable to **Alpha Phi State** and mail with **Conference & Meal Reservation Form** to Susan Marra, Kappa Chapter, PO Box 567, Lumberport, WV 26386

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Office and/or Committee \_\_\_\_\_

State Office and/or Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$15.00 (\$20.00 after April 14) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon (Includes soup, salad, sandwiches, cookies and drinks) \$12.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed for Registration and Lunch \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Training sessions for all chapter officers and members will be offered as well as a surprise guest speaker. The Achievement Award, Publication Awards, and a scholarship may be presented at the luncheon. Bring your scrapbook so you can share your chapter ideas with others.*

**Photo Release**— *By your attendance at this event, you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, or photographed and are granting full use of your likeness and words without compensation.*



# Save the Date!

## Saturday, April 28, 2018

### 2018 Leadership Conference

Mylan Park Elementary School

901 Mylan Park Lane

Morgantown, WV

Special \$79 rate at LaQuinta Hotel for those arriving on Friday.

Activities are planned for Friday evening.

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