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'Sowing Seeds of Sisterhood' Convention Plans Set For April 26,27,28

Alpha Beta Chapter is looking forward to hosting the 2019 West Virginia State Organization DKG Convention at the Days Inn at Flatwoods. Our state officers have an action-packed agenda planned, but we have a few things planned too. If you are arriving Friday afternoon or evening, we will have a hospitality room on the second floor with some simple snacks to enjoy. Our social activity will be "Watercolor the West Virginia hills. Perfect for all levels of experience" from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. We will have 3 sessions of watercolor instruction beginning at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00. There will be a limit of 25 per session and each session will be approximately 45 minutes each.

If you arrive early, paint early then enjoy dinner; if you arrive later, enjoy dinner then come, relax and paint. If you want to just observe, that would be fine too.

During the afternoon Saturday, there will be a few breakout sessions. Our chapter is leading one of the sessions. It is "a Share-a-thon of favorite lessons and/or best practices." Be ready to share your successes and maybe take home some ideas that will become future favorites. And, of course, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, when you have some time, there is the outlet mall across the interstate and places of interest you might want to check out on your own. Information will be in your totes when you register. See you there! Jackie McDaniels Convention Chairman

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International Director To Attend State Convention



Phyllis Hickey

West Virginia State Organization DKG welcomes our International Society's Business Director Phyllis Hickey to the 2019 Convention April 25, 26, 27. Members will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Mrs. Hickey and hear her message from the Society during Saturday's luncheon. She will then present a workshop for all chapter treasurers to help transition the new financial rules. Following the workshop she will host a round table discussion with all chapter presidents.

Originally from Massachusetts, Mrs. Hickey graduated from Annhurst College in Connecticut where she received a BA in Behavioral Sciences and a certification in elementary education in grades 1-8. She earned her MA in Computer Education from Eastern Connecticut State University and is a graduate of the Norwich Principals' Leadership Academy and completed *ASAE Business of Meetings Certificate Program*.

Mrs. Hickey taught primarily math in 7th and 8th grades for 16 years, including 8 years of technology. She also served 12 years as principal of a pre-K-8th grade school. She was initiated into Theta Chapter in Connecticut in 1986 and transferred into Alpha Chapter in Austin, Texas in 2009. She has been a presenter at local, national, and international conferences for educators, been a member and chair of state and New England Accreditation teams, served on the steering committee for the Austin CTAUN conference, and formerly on the New York CTAUN and a Member-at-large on the Advisory Board.

At the state level, Mrs. Hickey has been President, First Vice President, Leadership Development Chair, Connecticut State Ambassador, and the 2001 Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award recipient.

In Texas, Mrs. Hickey has been very active with DKG International where she has served on the Personal Growth and Services Committee, Nominations Committee, Primary NGO **Representative to the** United Nations, Administrator of the PROMAYA Child Friendly School Project in Chiapas, Mexico, Coordinator and Administrator of the Afghanistan Project, and is a Graduate of the 2001 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar.

Susie's Thoughts: "Sewing Seeds of Sisterhood"

*S*ewing Seeds of Sisterhood



Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers

What a wonderful theme for the West Virginia State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention! The Days Inn in Flatwoods will be bustling with excitement on April 26-28, 2019, as our DKG sisters gather to celebrate our accomplishments, meet new members and renew friendships. Every chapter needs to

be represented at this event as we elect new state officers, review the new changes to the Constitution and have the opportunity to meet our International guest, Phyllis Hickey.

Pay close attention to the articles in this issue of the *Newsette* for information about the convention. Reserve your room and order your meals ASAP to be included in the excitement of the weekend.

Chapter Presidents will be introduced at the Saturday Luncheon as we honor our chapters and the work they do to "... promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education". I'll see you in April!!

**Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers
West Virginia State Organization President**

Dues Deadline Changes to Spring

As I am sure most of you have heard, membership dues will be collected in the spring starting this year. The dues you paid last fall were for the current year (2018-2019). The dues you will be paying this spring are for the 2019-2020 year. It is important to remember that although you are paying dues twice this fiscal year, you will not pay dues in the fall of 2019. Dues will now be collected each spring.

The change in the time of the year aligns the payment of dues with the Society's fiscal year which is July 1-June 30. The collection of dues will be completed by the beginning of the fiscal year rather than several months into it.

Please help make your chapter treasurer's job easier by promptly paying your dues when she contacts you this spring. They will need to be paid in full by June 30.

Deloris Lipps, West Virginia State DKG Treasurer

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 under *Forms*) to the International Membership Administrator and a copy to our Alpha Phi State Second Vice President: Karen Zinn, 3447 Campground Road, Tunnelton, WV 26444 or karenzinn@atlanticbb.net

YOU are Invited to

Sing in the Choir at Convention!

Greetings ladies of Delta Kappa Gamma! I hope you are looking forward to the state convention as much as I am! I am honored to have been selected to be the music chairman again for this biennium. In the past few years, our numbers for the choir have been dwindling. I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to participate in this year's choir. While being in the choir can be a little hectic with the time restraints, I believe singing in the choir is well worth the effort and rewards you will experience. If you have sung in the choir before, I challenge you to

continue your participation and bring another person from your chapter. If you would like to receive the music ahead of time please email me at bandlady55@gmail.com. Please include your mailing address and your chapter. If you do not need music early, just show up at our first rehearsal (TBD). Remember, "Music is a piece of art that goes in the ears and straight to the heart." Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sherry Poole

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

Musings from the Vice President

The “Thirst for Learning” Project



Dr. Glenda Wait

Last Summer, Margie Turley from Alpha Iota and a member of the State Educational Excellence Committee, contacted me and asked for help with a chapter project focused on providing textbooks for a school in Africa.

In the fall of 2017, my husband and I went to Ghana as part of a Rotary International Team headed by Walter Hughes, Rotarian. Our mission focused on microflush toilets, clean water and schools. We visited many remote areas to review projects already completed and to recommend projects still to be done.

After Margie’s request, I put her in touch with Walter. He introduced her to Tonasunoa Elementary school in Ghana. Alpha Iota heard about Tonasunoa Elementary School at their September 11 meeting. This school, built by a church in Virginia and dedicated in February of 2017, does not have enough money for textbooks or library books. Rotary had already put in two boreholes for water. Another school being built in the Tain District in the Brong Ahafo region of Ghana is the Tainono Elementary School. Our Rotary group was driven to this site over nearly impassable roads and streams. Until the school is finished, children over twelve years of age walk six miles each way to attend school. Children under twelve do not go to school. The younger children get some instruction around the campfire at night. There is no electricity. The new school will have solar lights.

The Beckley Rotary Club and other Rotary clubs have donated money to help build the Tainono Elementary School. The school will have six classrooms and be supplied with books, desks, chairs, and tables. The total project budget is \$60,000. Both Tonasunoa, Tainono and other schools still need textbooks and library books. What better way than a partnership between Rotary and Delta Kappa Gamma to provide books to schools in Africa? This is how DKG can help.

Alpha Iota has shared a creative money-raising project with me as well as several members of nearby chapters. Margie sent me a small water bottle that has been transformed into a “Thirst for Learning” bottle. When filled with dimes, this bottle holds \$100. Alpha Iota has one full bottle and hopes to have another to share during the Founder’s Day Luncheon at our state convention. Beta Chapter, Tau Chapter and Xi Chapter are also participating. Xi has filled a bottle and I am sure that Beta and Tau will have bottles too. The bottles are passed around at chapter meetings and find themselves going to Rotary meetings, Mahjong games (lots of dimes appear when we play), book clubs, Margie’s Philanthropic Educational Organization and other community events. With this project, not only do we spread the word about Delta Kappa Gamma, we raise money for textbooks and library books for Ghana.

Alpha Iota, the chapter spearheading this project, will collect all bottles and send a check each year to Walter Hughes. If you want more information about our partnership with Rotary International, con-

tact walterhughes@gmail.com. Feel free to use my name.

Alpha Iota, Beta, Tau and Xi chapter wish to share this project idea with all of the chapters in West Virginia. It is our hope that most or all of the DKG chapters will eventually participate in raising money not only for books in Tonasunoa Elementary but for other schools like Tainono Elementary School in Ghana. Margie said that Alpha Iota will be able to bring “Thirst for Learning” bottles to Flatwoods. We will give one to any chapter that wants to participate.

Next year at our Leadership Conference, we can again bring the bottles to Alpha Iota. If you want to hear the passion and enthusiasm surrounding this project, contact margieturley1@aol.com. If you do not want to wait for your “Thirst for Learning” bottle, Margie will probably send one to you now.

Thank you to Margie Turley and Alpha Iota. What a way to make an impact!

Dr. Glenda Wait
Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President



Officers' 2019-2021 Slate Announced for Convention Vote

President: Dr. Glenda J. Wait, Xi



Dr. Glenda J. Wait has served students and educators in various capacities. She has been a diagnostic remedial specialist, special education teacher, director of special programs and educational services, and an administrator. She was the Superintendent of Schools for Belleville Henderson Central School in New York. Dr. Wait also served as

an adjunct professor of Educational Administration at the State University of New York from 2001 – 2004 and at Concord University from 2004 – 2008.

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Educational/Professional Experience: BA-Science & MA-Science, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY; Certificate Advanced Studies, SUNY Brockport, Brockport, NY; Doctorate Educational Administration, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Dr. Wait has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 21 years. She has served on Founders Day and Nomination committees at the chapter. She has also led the chapter as recording secretary and president. At the state level, Dr. Wait has served on the Educational Excellence committee and is currently the 1st vice president. She was instrumental in the success of the 2017 state convention in Glade Springs and participated in the 2018 State Leadership conference. At the International level, Dr. Wait attended the 2017 Northeast Regional Conference.

Community and/or Professional Organizations: Dr. Wait is a member of the Beckley Rotary Club, the Beckley Concert Association Board of Directors, and the Glade Springs Women's Golf Association.

Personal Leadership Statement: "I seek opportunities to teach, serve, and provide leadership for teachers and administrators. Delta Kappa Gamma will benefit from my strong educational and organizational background."

1st Vice President: Linda Arbogast, Epsilon



Linda taught 2nd grade at Beech Bottom Primary, 4th grade at Wellsburg Primary, and Title I Reading at Hooverson Heights. She retired after 35 years of service to students, parents, and educators in West Virginia.

Education: BA, West Liberty University, West Liberty, WV; MA, West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: At the chapter level, Linda was on the World Fellowship and History committees. She has been president, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, and recording secretary of Epsilon chapter. At the state level, Linda has been on the Bylaws and Standing Rules committee and was the Northwest Regional Director.

Community and/or Professional Organizations:

Linda has served as a leader in the Brooke County Education Association and the West Virginia Education Association. She has been a member of the PTA, the Kiwanis, and the WV Committee on Political Education through the West Virginia Department of Education.

Personal Leadership Statement: "I value my membership in Delta Kappa Gamma because I have met so many outstanding women educators. The experiences of working with these women have taught me to meet tasks with enthusiasm and efficiency in seeing them to completion. It is through the sharing of ideas and cooperation we are able to accomplish so much to benefit our Society and others."

2nd Vice President: Vicki Jenkins, Eta



Vicki Jenkins taught at Berkeley Springs High School and served as Assistant Principal and Director/Principal of the James Rumsey Technical Institute.

Education: BA-Home Economics, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV; MA-Family Resources & Principalship Certificate, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV; ABD Educational

Administration & Certificate in Public Health Administration- West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Vicki is the immediate past president of Eta Chapter. She has served as president, 1st vice president, and recording secretary of her chapter. She has been chairman of the following committees: Professional Affairs, World Fellowship, Scholarship, Scrapbook, Nominations, Program, Legislation, and State Convention. At the state level, Vicki received the state Rose Award in 2012. She has been on the state executive board, the leadership committee, and the nominations committee. She has attended state conventions and was a state scholarship recipient.

Community and/or Professional Organizations: Vicki has been a member of the WV State Board of Licensed Professional Nurses, the Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce, the Panhandle Health Inc. Board of Directors, the Rotary Club, the American Career & Technical Association, and various other organizations. She is affiliated with the Hedgesville Presbyterian Church and Toastmasters.

Personal Leadership Statement: "I have served in a variety of leadership positions where I managed people and made key decisions within the organizations I served. My most recent experience as Eta Chapter President afforded me the opportunity to work with members in all areas of DKG."

Officers' 2019-2021 Slate Announced for Convention Vote

Secretary: Vickie Skavenski, Alpha Kappa



Vickie's professional experience includes 34 years in secondary education teaching English Language Arts, yearbook, newspaper, theater, and Appalachian Literature and Culture. She has been a classroom and satellite instructor of English for Eastern WV Community and Technical College as well as an adjunct professor for Potomac State College. She spent five years with the Upward Bound program at Davis and Elkins College.

Education: BA-Speech & Drama, English, WV Wesleyan, Buckhannon. MA-Speech Communications, West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Vickie has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 18 years. She is currently serving as chapter president and has been engaged in chapter programs and projects.

Community and/or Professional Organizations: Vickie was the chairman of the Pendleton County High School English department. She was also the Reading Language Arts coordinator for Pendleton County Schools. She has worked with the RESA VIII Fine Arts Team, the WV English Language Arts Council, 4-H Clubs, Pendleton County Senior and Family Services, and the Pendleton County CEOS (Community Educational Outreach Service). Vickie has done numerous literature and author presentations.

Personal Leadership Statement: Vickie wants to serve as secretary of West Virginia Alpha Phi State to learn more about Delta Kappa Gamma at the state and international levels. Experience as "secretary for many different organizations" will enable her to "competently serve in that office" at the DKG state level.

Nominations Committee Nominations

Southwest region: Dr. Bridget Phillips, Beta



Dr. Phillips has worked in the Kanawha County Schools for 18 years: 14 years as a classroom teacher and Title I reading interventionist, three years as a reading specialist for special education, and is in her first year as a curriculum specialist.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Dr. Phillips has been a member of Beta chapter for seven years and has participated in projects and assisted with committee work. At the state level, Dr. Phillips has been on the publications committee as a member and is now the chairman of the committee. Dr. Phillips was the recipient of a state scholarship in 2017.

Education: BS-Elementary/Early Childhood Education Edinboro University of Pennsylvania; MA-Reading Education and Ed.D. - Curriculum & Instruction-Marshall University; Reading Specialist-WV Certification.

Phillips (cont'd) Personal Leadership Statement: "I exhibit strong leadership skills. I have a lot of different experiences in education at different levels. I have experience working with teachers in my capacity as a curriculum specialist. I keep myself involved in educational research."

Southeast region: Rebecca G. Wilson, Phi



Rebecca is a retired business education with 35 years of experience. She impacted students, parents, and her peers during her teaching career.

Education: BS-Business Education, Concord College, Athens

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Rebecca is an active member of Phi chapter. She has served as chapter president and worked on various committees.

Northeast region: Mary Beth Cornell, Eta



Mary Beth has been an educator for 35 years. She is currently a READ 180 teacher at Hedgesville Middle School.

Mary Beth is the chairperson of the Hedgesville Middle School social committee. She is a member of the LSIC, SAT team, yearbook advisor, and mentor teacher in Berkeley County.

Education: BS-Elementary/Early Childhood Education (1-6), Shepherd College, Shepherdstown; MA-Special Education, Specific Learning Disabilities (Grades 1-12), West Virginia University, Morgantown.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Mary Beth was inducted into Eta chapter of DKG in 2012, and she has served as the Berkeley County area coordinator, and as a member of the literacy committee. She is currently chairperson of the community awareness committee.

Personal Leadership Statement: "I love EVERYTHING about Delta Kappa Gamma, most importantly the special relationships I have formed with my beautiful 'Sisters By Heart.' In order to be a good leader, I believe one needs to be a positive and upbeat role model. I try every day to keep smiling, even when the days are dark and troubling."

NOTE :

This slate of officers for the 2019-2021 Biennium is respectfully submitted to the members by the 2017-2019 Alpha Phi State Nominations Committee : Joanne Gregory, Beta, SW; Susan Hardy, Phi, SE; Mary Spano Clark, Phi, SE; Jaime Pettit, Alpha Mu, NW; and Rebecha Catlett, Eta, NE;

White Roses



Margaret Clark (Alpha Gamma)
November 4, 2018. Over 50 year member & charter member of Alpha Gamma Chapter.

Doris M. Radabaugh (Delta) February 9, 2019. Past president of Delta Chapter.

"For what it is 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

Condolences

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

To Jay Russell and Liz Eppinger (**Eta**) in the death of their brother Richard Russell.

To Kandy Kulus (**Eta**) in the death of her mother Shirley Anne Bushman Pentoney.

Alpha Theta

The Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held a bake sale during the Town of Pineville Hometown Christmas to raise money for their school supplies scholarship program. Each spring, Alpha

Theta gives a female student at both Westside and Wyoming East High Schools who plans to major in education at a college or university a Staples gift certificate to purchase school supplies for their upcoming school year.



Alpha Theta members Vicki Knight Clay, Carolyn McCoy Phillips, Pam Bailey, Sheila Mann, and Sue Dixon during Hometown Christmas. Not pictured: Misty Lyons, and Debbie Bowling

Baskets Needed For Fundraiser

Each chapter is asked to participate in a basket auction at the state convention in Flatwoods on April 26-28. We are asking each chapter to donate a themed basket to the auction. Please create small or medium sized baskets so they are easier to handle. If your chapter usually does a large basket, you could consider doing two small ones instead. We look forward to seeing your creativity in selecting themes for the baskets.

We are also having two 60/40 raffles this year. Envelopes will be on the banquet tables for those who wish to make a donation to the state scholarship or disaster fund.

Beta Chapter



Steve Tuck, CEO of Children's Home Society visited with Beta Chapter members to discuss how they could help. Member Lori Ray shared her story of living in foster homes before she was adopted.

NOTICE!

The Alpha Phi Newsette Editor Position
Is Now Open. If interested, contact
President Rogers for details.

Eta Chapter

The members of ETA Chapter are excitedly looking forward to their first meeting of 2019. Eta member, Mary Maroney, will present the program, "The Whys and Hows of Planning Fun Food-Free Events." The program's purpose is to raise awareness of the need for food-free alternatives for students with dietary needs and/or allergies. Eta members will work together to fill hundreds of Easter eggs with non food items, such as stickers, erasers, and small

toys. The Easter eggs will be donated to support a free community Easter egg hunt for children across the WV Panhandle region. Eta will also be celebrating our Chapter Birthday, and collecting new and gently used children's books for donation to DHHR and other programs in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties. We look forward to seeing our DKG friends from across the state at the Alpha Phi State Convention!

West Virginia – Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma
Hosted by Alpha Beta Chapter of Upshur & Webster Counties
April 26 – 28, 2019



Make Reservations @ The Days Inn & Suites in Flatwoods, WV by calling 1-866-700-7284 by April 16, 2019 to get the DKG room rate of \$89.00 + tax for two double beds for 1-2 people; \$99.00 + tax for two double beds for 3- 4 people. Please mention DKG State Convention.

Convention and Meal Registration Form

Send this form with a check made payable to DKG – Alpha Beta Chapter to:
Sara Aylestock – PO Box 904, Buckhannon, WV 26201

Please print the following information:

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email (for reservation confirmation) _____

Chapter Office Title _____ State Office Title _____

Registration \$15.00 (\$20.00 if postmarked after April 13) \$ _____

Friday Night Activity (Growing Your Inner Artist) I will attend Yes _____ No _____

(All breakfasts are in the Visions Restaurant - included with room rate or can be purchased if commuting.)

Founders' Day Celebration Luncheon (Saturday @ Noon) \$ 22.00 \$ _____
Crispy Garden Salad w/chicken and favorite dressing, homemade Soup du Jour, fresh baked bread, ice cream & Birthday Cake, coffee, iced tea and ice water. Price includes tax and service charge.

President's Banquet (Saturday Evening) \$ 35.00 \$ _____
Dinner buffet of grilled chicken breast, baked steak/gravy, chef's choice of potato, vegetables, tossed salad, fresh baked bread, dessert and drinks. Price includes tax and service charge.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Submit Chapter Publications at the Convention

Greetings Alpha Phi State! The Publications Committee would like to send a reminder that the Alpha Phi State Convention in Flatwoods, WV will be here in no time. If your chapter is planning on submitting items for the Publication Awards, it is time to begin to collect and create, if you have not already started.

Your chapter can submit any, or all, of the following for awards consideration: Chapter Bulletins/Newsletters, Newspaper Clippings, Scrapbooks, and/or Single Display Boards. The submissions give your chapter a chance to shine by allowing the participants at the Convention a look into the good work that you have done throughout the year. It is also a way to preserve a little bit of history and can be used as an educational tool

to create a visual representation for potential DKG members.

Specific guidelines for each type of publication that can be submitted, can be found on the Alpha Phi State website on the Publications Awards page. You can look under the Committees tab. If you are a chapter president and would like to receive the guidelines via email, please contact Dr. Bridget Phillips, Chairman of the Publications Awards at buphillips@yahoo.com. Details about the location and times for setting up the displays will be sent to individual chapter presidents as soon as they have been solidified.

The Publications Awards are a wonderful way to demonstrate your chapter's accomplishments. As we have seen in the past, it doesn't matter how simple or

elaborate each display is, all of the past submissions have given the Alpha Phi State members a sense of what can be accomplished. The committee looks forward to seeing the displays on April 26th!

Dr. Bridget Phillips
Publications Award
Chairman
buphillips@yahoo.com



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