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Members Enjoy Spring Leadership Conference

On April 28, nearly 70 DKG members gathered at Mylan Park Elementary School in Morgantown for the Alpha Phi State Leadership conference. Planning for the event was a cooperative effort between the leadership committee and the state officers.

State officers provided training to their corresponding chapter officers. Other sessions included "Putting the Fun in Fundraising" by Vicki Jenkins (Eta), "Technology" with Barbara Tabaretti (Beta), "Silver Bells and Purple Cows" with Jean Hinzman (Alpha Epsilon), and a follow-up session to our keynote speaker's presentation titled, "Team Time with Lance." With this vital sharing of knowledge to all DKG members, the new biennium should be off to a strong start. Alpha Phi State members may contact state officers and/or the leadership committee for further assistance and support.

We were thrilled with the message brought to us by Lance Loya, a former coach and current father, author, and motivational speaker. Lance talked with members about the value of being a good teammate in all situa-

tions. He stressed that teams go beyond sports. Any group that works together for a purpose becomes a team; from a classroom, school, and teaching staff to a family, community, and civic or social organization. The success of a team depends on each member "caring, sharing, and listening." Lance generously donated autographed copies of his book, *Be a Good Teammate*, to members who attended the conference. You may learn more about Lance Loya by going to www.coachloya.com.

During the luncheon, Bridget Phillips, presented certificates to chapters for their scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and exhibits. Karen Zinn and Jean Hinzman led a memorial tribute to members who have passed away. Alpha Beta chapter extended an invitation to the next Alpha Phi State Convention that will be held in Flatwoods from April 26 – 28, 2019. SAVE THE DATE! The Alpha Phi State Achievement Award winner was announced, but was not present to accept the award. Watch the *Newsette* for an



Jean Hinzman (Alpha Epsilon) enjoys a moment with nephew Lance Loya at the Alpha Phi Leadership Conference. As the conference keynote speaker, Lance inspired the group with his positive attitude and dedication to teamwork in all aspects of life.

announcement with her name in an upcoming edition. Sherrie Poole led the group in The Delta Kappa Gamma" song.

Congratulations to the attendees at the conference for donating 112 books and \$60.00 to the Mylan Park Elementary School library. This was a small way to thank Anne Lupo, principal, and her staff for allowing us to use the school. With a variety of topics and reading levels, many students will have an opportunity to read brand new books.

While we had great success at our April conference, we encourage mem-

bers to continue to strive to give of themselves to our society. Chapter members are encouraged to reach out to support teachers, to strengthen their communities, and to provide for needs of students they serve.

The Golden Gift Fund committee of Delta Kappa Gamma challenges all members to assume leadership roles in the society based on their strengths, to seek direction when needed, and to "Be a Good Teammate!"

**Joanne Gregory (Beta)
Chairman, Alpha Phi State
Leadership Development**

Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President

Greetings Alpha Phi Teammates!



Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers

What a wonderful time we spent in Morgantown at the Leadership Conference in April! Friday evening gave those spending the night an opportunity to gather at the hotel and enjoy delicious refreshments and socialize with DKG Sisters!

We all came away being inspired to be better "teammates" in our chapters, classrooms and communities after listening to Lance Loya speak about team work. The new chapter officers received important information that will make their chapters more efficient and we all had a fantastic time! While you are making plans for the coming year, please

mark the weekend of April 27-28-29, 2019, on your calendars and include this in your chapter directories!! The location will be the Days Inn in Flatwoods, WV, for the 2019 Alpha Phi State Convention. Alpha Beta Chapter in Buckhannon has been making plans for a memorable weekend as we will be "Sowing Seeds of Sisterhood". There will be opportunities for local activities and in the business sessions we will elect new State Officers, award scholarships and present the Achievement Award. Plan to have your chapter represented at this important event and more details will be in the Fall Newsette. I have enjoyed my travels around the state visiting with our Alpha Phi Chap-

ters! So many inspiring projects are being conducted in each chapter and while some chapters are small and others fill the room, we are all involved in education as active teachers and as retired teachers and personnel. We have all experienced the feeling of accomplishment when our students are successful and we have all experienced the feeling of sadness when a student or fellow teacher has passed away.

This has all led us to the professionals we are today. Let's extend the opportunity for membership into Delta Kappa Gamma to teachers in every part of West Virginia. Let's make this the year we see many new "teammates" in every chapter and celebrate the sharing of our Delta Kappa Gamma Spirit!

Important DKG Dates

July 16-20, 2018—International Conference, Austin, Texas

September 1, 2018—Deadline for the fall issue of the *Alpha Phi Newsette*

January 2, 2019—State Officer nominations due (see page 8 for details).

Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers
Alpha Phi State President

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

Musings from the First Vice President: Then and Now



Dr. Glenda Wait

As current or former educators, how often do we think about education in the past and education now? Curriculum, instruction and assessment have changed significantly over the years. Our views as educators change as we gain understanding of how children grow and develop. Staff development based on research continues to have a positive impact on education.

Then, teachers were more concerned about what was taught, what chapters were covered and which workbook pages were completed. Then, textbooks were the predominant and often the only resource available. Remember being excited when the teacher gave out textbooks for the year? Because all of you were or are successful teachers, I suspect this worked for you. Now we know it does not work for every student. Math homework focused on the problems at the end of each chapter. Did you really think math was relevant to real life when completing the exercises at the end of the chapter or the back of the book?

Now, we are being taught to focus more on what is learned. As educators, we are becoming more adept in identifying what a student should know and be able to do before moving on to the next level. Next, we think about what it will look like when students have mastered the content. Students are encouraged to learn and apply critical thinking skills to real world problems. We now know that academic context should not be separated from life context. Multiple resources, including technology, are used to enhance integrated subject learning.

Now, instruction is migrating from teacher centered to being student centered. As much as possible, teachers organize for results and do not organize around time. Multiple

teaching strategies are used so that each student can be reached and become engaged in the learning. Remember when something was taught once and never repeated. Now, we know the importance of re-teaching and enrichment strategies. Then, we often had whole group instruction followed by fixed groups of students for math and reading. Flexible groups and differentiated instruction are starting to become the norm. Students can more easily move from group to group based on what they know and do. Admittedly, strategies for differentiated instruction work best when additional adults or aides are in the room to help evaluate each learner.

Passive learning is giving way to active learning in classrooms across the country and rightly so. Good teachers diagnose and prescribe for each student, and work for relevance in teaching and learning. Now in education, we are slowly starting to see the futility in teaching to the standardized test. Paper and pencil based assessment is moving towards performance based testing. Students are more likely to be afforded multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery.

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Dr. Glenda Wait
Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President



News from the Chapter

XI Chapter

President Carolyn Long of WVU Tech was the guest speaker at XI's March meeting. Carolyn is from Cowen in Webster County. An educator at heart, Ms. Long has spent her career serving as a teacher and administrator in the West Virginia public schools and higher education systems. In 2001, she was one of five superintendents in West Virginia, representing Braxton County at the same time as Dr. Charlotte Hutchens of Raleigh County (President of XI Chapter). She told of the struggles and heartbreaks, as well as the triumphs, of moving WVU Tech from Montgomery to Beckley. Carolyn conveyed that leaders must have a passion for what they do and be persistent, which was a great message for our DKG members. Carolyn



Carolyn Wagner, WVU Tech President Carolyn Long, and XI President Dr. Charlotte Hutchens (left).

Wagner made a beautiful navy and gold cowl-neck shawl scarf as a gift.

Kathy Anderson presented a baby gift to member Bryanna Becket and big sister Evelyn who welcomed a baby boy, William, into their family.

Alpha Epsilon

Patty Rushford, Linda Stalnaker, Jean Hinzman, and Nancy Krynicki (standing, right) attended Melva Hess's 100th birthday party at the Central United Methodist Church in Fairmont on May 12. The chapter will host a luncheon for Melva at Say-Boy Restaurant in Fairmont in June.



Ten Alpha Epsilon members (right) attended the WV State Leadership and Officer Training Conference at Mylan Park Elementary School. Shown with keynote speaker (and nephew of AE member Jean Hinzman) Coach Lance Loya, are Patty Rushford, Karen Zinn, Carolyn Baumgardner, Karen Berry, Linda Stalnaker, Jean Hinzman, Pat Dixon, Nancy Krynicki, and Patty Benedum.



Nu Chapter

This spring, members of Nu Chapter were recognized for participating in the Nicholas County Read Aloud program. Susan Bennett and Lauren Jarroll were invited to a luncheon honoring volunteers at Gauley River Elementary School.

The Nicholas County Board of Education recognized Read Aloud volunteers Meg Ashby, Susan Bennett, Lauren Jarroll, Carol Marsh, and Charlotte McClung at the May 21st meeting. Meg Ashby, Lauren Jarroll, and Marilyn Rogers also serve on the Read Aloud Board of Directors.

Meg Ashby, Lisa Bennett, and Lauren Jarroll attended the Alpha Phi State Leadership Conference held at Mylan Elementary School on April 28, 2018. Alpha Phi State President Marilyn Rogers presided over the conference. Nu Chapter participated by donating cookies for the Friday evening social. Their scrapbooks and single display board received excellent ratings from the Publications Committee.

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Fourteen Alpha Epsilon met at Eat & Park Restaurant in Morgantown May 5, to discuss what they had learned at the Leadership Conference in April. Afterwards, eight members toured the WVU Art Museum.

Patty Rushford, Nancy Krynicki, Jean Hinzman, Laurie Noland, Karen Berry, Carolyn Baumgardner, and Janet Judd (above) visit a Blanche Lazzell mural at the WVU Art Museum. The mural once hung in the Monongalia County Court House in Morgantown. Blanche lived in Maidsville.

News from the Chapters

Delta Chapter



Outgoing President Martha McGovern installs the new Delta Chapter officers: President Becky Brabham, Co-First Vice Presidents Linda Campbell and Claire Robinson, 2nd Vice President Alice Van Hoff, and Recording Secretary Terry Jean Nichols.

Jayne Whitlow, Savannah Kerns, Martha McGovern, and Becky Brabham (below) get together at the spring Delta Chapter meeting.



Jayne Whitlow (below) presents the **Emma Neal Boggess** Grant-in-Aid to Savannah Kerns, a graduating senior at Williamstown High School. Miss Kerns plans to pursue a degree in elementary education.

Mu Chapter



Mu Chapter member Crista Good will attend the International Conference, *Holocaust Education: Time, Place and Relevance*, June 25-28 in Jerusalem, Israel. Crista was the only delegate selected from West Virginia. The conference is led by the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashen.



Alpha Kappa

Alpha Kappa and Eta Chapters held their joint semi annual meeting at Cacapon State Park in March. State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers (right) was on hand to bring greetings and present her platform for the next biennium.



Reporting a Death

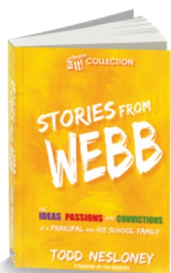
Presidents and/or membership chairs are to report the death of a member immediately to International and Alpha Phi State. Please send **Form 6** (available at www.dkg.org under *Forms*) to the International Membership Administrator, and a copy to Alpha Phi State Second Vice President Karen Zinn, 3447 Campground Road, Tunnelton, WV 26444 or karenzinn@atlanticbb.net

What Should I Read Next?

It's summertime which means time to unwind, forget about grading papers, and pick up a good book. So before you go camping or head to the pool, download one of these on your Kindle or check them out from your local library.

Summer Reads for Educators

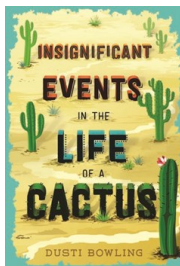
Stories from Webb: The Ideas, Passions, and Convictions of a Principal and His School
by
Todd Nesloney



Kids Deserve It! by Todd Nesloney
The Limitless School: Creative Ways to Solve the Culture Puzzle by Abe Hege & Adam Dovicco

If you liked *Wonder*...

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling



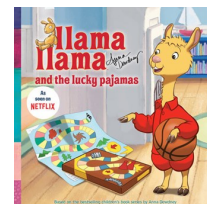
If you like *Hamilton*...

Alex & Eliza: A Love Story by Melissa de la Cruz

If you like historical fiction...
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

For your kids and grandkids
Dog Man graphic novels by Dav Pilkey

Llama Llama (new books released with the Netflix series) by Anna Dewdney
Land of Stories series by Chris Colfer



Owl Diaries series by Rebecca Elliott

Connie Boggs (Gamma)
Library/Media Specialist
Monongah Elementary School

News from the Chapters

Beta Chapter



Beta Chapter members Billie Brown and Karen Winter at the initiation of Lori Ray (in the robe) at the Founders' Day luncheon.



State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers (front row), Billie Brown, Karen Winter, and Annette Howard. Back row: Kathy Kruk, Lori Ray, Brenda Thacker, Norma Ulery, Brenda Knighton, Barbara Taberetti, Donna Turner, Penny Purcell, and Joann Gregory at their Founders' Day celebration.

Condolences

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

To **Mae Lewis** (Delta) on the death of her sister.

To **Beulah Summers** (Nu) on the death of her husband.



News from the Chapters

Delta Chapter

Delta Chapter concluded the 2016-2018 biennium with a luncheon at The Fields in Williamstown. President Dr. Martha McGovern welcomed guests, and Melissa Bannister and Jayne Whitlow presented the Founders' Day program.

Dr. Martha McGovern installed officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. Becky Brabham will serve as president with Linda Campbell and Delphine Haddox sharing the duties of the First Vice President. Other elected officers were Second Vice President Alice Ann Hoff, Recording secretary Terry Nichols, Corresponding secretary Vicki Stewart, Treasurer Rita Hennen, and Parliamentarian Judy Ditlow.

At their March meeting, Delta Chapter members were challenged to take fitness seriously in 2018 by a program presented by retired Wood County educator, author, and fitness coach Linda McClead. A silent auction netted a contribution to the Emma Neal Boggess Grant-in-Aid.

State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers was a guest at the April meeting.

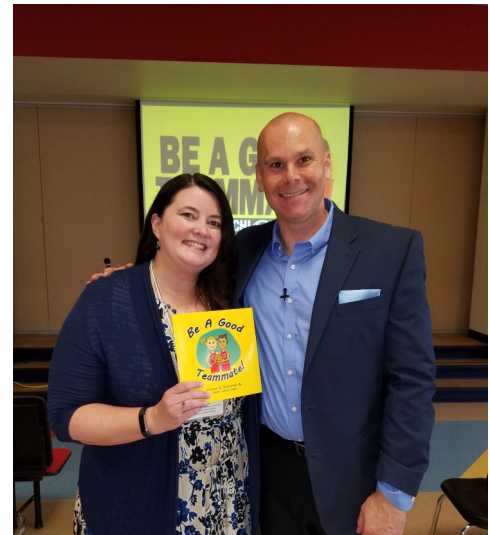


Eta Chapter President Vicki Jenkins accepts Certificates of Excellence from Alpha Phi State President Dr. Marilyn Susie Rogers for Scrapbook, News Articles, and Newsletters.

Eta Chapter

Eta Chapter initiated seven new members (left) on April 14, 2018. New members include Andi Hasley, Jan Charlton, Amy Fultineer, Tonya Unger, Suzanne DeVoe, Taylor Parrish, and Sarah Mangum.

Kathy Arbogast, Lula Bell Robertson, Rebecha Catlett, Linda McGraw, and Vicki Jenkins attended the Alpha State Convention April 28th in Morgantown. The chapter presented \$100 to the state scholarship fund.



Eta Chapter President-elect Rebecha Catlett with guest speaker Lance Loya and a copy of his book *Be a Good Teammate*.

Help Wanted!!

Alpha Iota Chapter would like to partner with one or more Alpha Phi chapters to raise money to purchase books for a newly built school in Africa (see photo). Alpha Iota has some fun fundraising ideas in mind and would also like to get know more Alpha Phi sisters. Please contact Margie Turley margieturley1@aol.com if interested!



Officer Nominations Now Open

The nominations committee will receive nomination forms for all Alpha Phi State officers for the 2019 – 2021 biennium from now through January 2, 2019. Elected officers include the president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, and recording secretary. The members of the nominations committee are also elected. There are five members on the committee with one from each region and one member who is a carry over from the current committee.

For a complete description of officers and their duties, refer to the Alpha Phi State Bylaws, Article VI and the Alpha Phi State Standing Rules, Section 6.0. This infor-

mation is published in the state directory.

The nomination form is available on the Alpha Phi State website at <http://www.dkgwv.org/> or from the committee chair, Joanne Gregory, at busyteach@gmail.com. Forms may be printed and sent through the USPS to Joanne Gregory. The form **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 2, 2019.**

Joanne Gregory
Beta Chapter, DKG
1334 Morningside Dr.
Charleston, WV 25314

Nomination forms may also be sent via email to Joanne Gregory

at busyteach@gmail.com. Emails must be sent by 11:59 p.m. on January 2, 2019.

New Babies Welcomed!

Congratulations to **Kristin Stewart (Delta)** and her husband Rob on the arrival of their baby girl.

Congratulations to **Bryanna Becket (Xi)** and her husband on the arrival of their baby boy.

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2018 Spring Leadership Conference



On the day before the Leadership Conference began, the Executive Committee met to finalize all of the details. Above, Jean Hinzman, Susan Marra, Deloris Lipps, Marilyn "Susie" Rogers, and Glenda Wait work in the conference room at La Quinta.

Alpha Phi State members who came on Friday evening enjoyed games, snacks, and "getting together" in the conference room. Leadership Development Committee Chairman Joanne Gregory (above right) talking to the members.

The smiling faces of Susan Marra and Cookie Gunther (right) at the registration table started the day off cheerfully.



2018 Spring Leadership Conference

Guest speaker Lance Loya (below and right) mesmerized the Alpha Phi State members with his upbeat message on team



State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers' (left, middle) workshop helped the chapter presidents get ready for the next biennium.

Carol Hastie (Alpha) and Nancy Krynicki (Alpha Epsilon) learned new computer skills at a workshop (above).

There was time for laughter with friends (left) as shown by Jana Adkins, Lora Sturm and Brenda Martin.



Beth Post and Jackie McDaniels (both from Alpha Beta) formally invited all members to next year's Alpha Phi State Convention 2019 which will be held April 26-28 in Flatwoods.

In her workshop, Deloris Lipps, Alpha Phi State treasurer (below), explains the intricacies of serving as a chapter treasurer.



Publications Committee Chairman Bridget Phillips (Alpha Delta) (right) announced the publication awards after lunch.



Members left the conference for home with snack bags kindly handed out by Jessie Thompson and Lora Sturm from Alpha Delta Chapter.



Members ended the lunch session by singing "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song" while holding hands (below). The hands belong to Christie Gill & Diane Bowsher.



Despite her recent foot surgery, Sherry Poole (Alpha Delta) not only came to the conference, but also played the piano and taught the Recording Secretary workshop. Here she talks to her friend Brenda Knighton (Beta).



Alpha Phi State First Vice President Dr. Glenda Wait (standing, above) goes over the duties of chapter first vice presidents in her workshop.