Vicki Jenkins Selected for Achievement Award

Vicki Jenkins (Eta) received the 2019 WV Delta Kappa Gamma Achievement Award at the 76th annual Convention held April 26, 27, 28 at the Days Inn Conference Center in Flatwoods. This award is the highest honor bestowed upon a West Virginia DKG member and is based upon dedication, commitment, and contributions to the society and to the community. During the President’s Banquet, Sharon Burns, the 2018 Achievement Award recipient, presented the award and special gold medallion that only Achievement Award recipients have the privilege of wearing.

Vicki has been an active member of Eta Chapter in Shepherdstown where she has served as Recording Secretary, First Vice President, and two bienniums as President. She has also chaired committees such as Legislative, Scrapbook, Professional Affairs, Scholarship, Program, and International Projects. Vicki has also been active at the state level on several committees. She has attended state, regional, and international conventions throughout the years.

Vicki’s hard work and passion for education have deep roots. She graduated from both Shepherd University and West Virginia University and has been a teacher, Principal, and Director of James Rumsey Technical Institute, an Education Consultant for the WV Department of Education, and an adjunct faculty member of Shepherd University. She was named as Morgan County Teacher of the Year, the WV Home Economics Teacher of the Year, and a top 10 finalist for National Home Economics Teacher of the Year. In 2017, she was named the Outstanding Alumni of Hedgesville High School and a Woman of Distinction by The Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Jenkins also holds a certificate in Public Health Administration and is currently President of the WV Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nursing. She is Vice President of the Panhandle Home Health Board of Directors, and active member of the Martinsburg Rotary Club, and Ordained Elder at Hedgesville Presbyterian Church.

Vicki and her husband Glenn share a blended family of five children and ten grandchildren.

2019-2021 Officers Elected at Convention

Elected to lead the West Virginia State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma for the 2019-2021 Biennium include, at left, Immediate Past President Dr. Marilyn “Susie” Rogers (Nu) as Parliamentarian, Delores Lipps (Mu) as Treasurer, Vickie Skavenski (Alpha Kappa) as Recording Secretary, Vicki Jenkins (Eta) as Second Vice President, Linda Arbogast (Epsilon) as First Vice President, and Dr. Glenda Wait (Xi) as President. The new officers will begin their duties on July 1, 2019.
Greetings West Virginia State Delta Kappa Gamma!

This will be my final article as your State President and as I look back over the past four years, I am reminded of all the wonderful friends, exciting projects and memorable events of the past biennium. I have been fortunate to have had state officers, support personnel, state committee chairmen and committee members who have worked to fulfill the goals of “Making a Difference” and “Growing in Leadership”.

However, none of this would have happened had it not been for the dedication and commitment of the many chapter officers and chapter members who have made a difference in their schools and communities. Chapter leaders and members have made this organization stronger and incredibly “user friendly”.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to have been the West Virginia State DKG President for two terms, and I am looking forward to other opportunities to serve Delta Kappa Gamma and promote the mission of key women educators.

“To Delta Kappa Gamma, Faith we pledge forever!
Hand in hand our loyal band,
Forward moving ever!”

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Save the Date!!!
April 25, 2020-Leadership Conference, Days Inn, Flatwoods

Dr. Marilyn “Susie” Rogers
West Virginia DKG State Organization President

DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.
These are my final reflections as First Vice President. On July 1, 2019, I start my tenure as President of West Virginia State, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International. The theme for our recently completed state convention, “Sowing the Seeds of Sisterhood” led me to reflect on new learnings about teachers, students and Delta Kappa Gamma. At our Founders luncheon we were given packets of seeds. As I planted my seeds, my thoughts went to “Teachers Are Like Gardeners”, a short inspirational Ted Talk given by Sir Ken Robinson. Take the time to find this talk on You Tube.

Teaching and learning are intergenerational. Sometimes as adults, we are the teacher and other times we are the learner. In our lives, there are seasons of growth and seasons that are fallow. Delta Kappa Gamma presents us with the opportunity to plant our roots deep, grow, blossom and to bloom where we are planted. I was able to fill over seventy committee slots because women said yes. Perhaps the assignment we were given is not the one we might have chosen, but we are all committed to blooming where we are planted.

As we prepare to begin a new biennium, we have multiple opportunities to grow, bloom, flourish and enrich our chapter, our committees and our state organization. We are all different and have different gifts to offer. If we dare to take chances, we will develop the confidence to carry us over in every situation and circumstance. There are always sister gardeners who will help us grow. Look at a garden and see that flowers come in various shapes, sizes and colors. Individually, each flower is unique. However, by planting our flowers together, we make a beautiful garden. In our individual role in Delta Kappa Gamma: chapter member, committee member, state officer, or support staff, we will take root. We will trust that under the right conditions, little by little we will grow.

Let’s put ourselves into Delta Kappa Gamma wholeheartedly. We need to reach out to other women on our journey. In response, we will develop our potential and flourish as will those around us develop their potential and flourish. The challenge is to use our gifts to serve others. No matter what season of our life we are in, we can be the best version of ourselves. Someone in our chapter or state organization is looking for us to use our talents. Someone in our school or community is depending on us. Someone in our school or community is depending on us. Someone in our school or community is depending on us. Someone in our school or community is depending on us.

As we complete the tasks set before us in the next two years, we will bloom.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your next president.

Dr. Glenda Wait
West Virginia State DKG Organization 1st Vice President
Members Enjoy 2019 Convention

The Days Inn Resort at Flatwood was the site of the 76th West Virginia State Organization, Delta Kappa Gamma Convention on April 26-28, 2019. Members from around the state gathered to welcome our International Guest, Phyllis Hickey, Director of Finance for DKG in Austin, Texas. Phyllis assisted with activities during the two-day event and also conducted workshops with chapter treasurers and chapter presidents.

The ladies of the Alpha Beta Chapter in Buckhannon provided lovely decorations, DKG totes and friendly smiles during the weekend. Jackie McDaniels was the chairman for the event and she was assisted by Alpha Beta Chapter President Beth Post and all the members of the chapter.

Many members arrived for the convention on Friday with the opportunity to register, relax and have dinner with their friends. The art teachers of Alpha Beta chapter were organized with water colors and supplies for attendees to try a hand at painting during the evening. What a great way to start the weekend!

Alpha Beta art teachers with some of the beautiful watercolors created in the Friday night workshop.

On Saturday morning the work began as Bridgett Phillips and her committee began judging the exhibits. The scrapbooks are a way to preserve the history of each chapter and the books on display were filled with activities, meeting memorabilia and photos of chapter members.

State President Dr. Marilyn Rogers presided at the meetings on Saturday morning which included the State Executive Board and the First General Session of the membership. Reports from State Officers were given, the budget was adopted, and several amendments to the State Bylaws and Standing Rules were adopted. The Nominations Committee presented the slate of officers for the 2019-2021 biennium and the new officers were elected.

During the Founder’s Day Luncheon, presided by Dr. Glenda Wait, Lauren Jarroll, Nu Chapter, gave an Inspirational Thought; Sherry Poole, Alpha Delta Chapter, led the group in singing “The West Virginia Hills”; and Beta, Alpha Iota and Tau Chapters invited the members to the 2021 State Convention which will be held at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV in April, 2021. Joanne Gregory, Chairman for the event encouraged members to join them for an exciting convention in our WV State Capital.

Workshops on Saturday afternoon included a meeting for treasurers with Phyllis Hickey and a later meeting for chapter presidents with Phyllis. Jean Hinzman conducted a workshop entitled “Change Your Words. Change Your Mindset. Change Your Chapter.” Megan Bacorn also conducted a “Share-A-Thon” workshop giving members an opportunity to share ideas.

Sarah McGee hangs up best practices at a Sharing Workshop on Saturday afternoon.

The Celebration Banquet began with a procession of chapter presidents. Phyllis Hickey presented each president with a red rose as they entered the room. Jean Hinzman, (Alpha Epsilon), presented “Inspirational Thoughts”. Following the chapter presidents’ procession, Dr. Bridgit Phillips (Beta) announced the Publication Award winners as Barbara Tabaretti (Beta) presented the certificates. Sherry Poole (Delta) directed the chorus as they presented Melodies for the Soul.
The banquet program, “A Thirst For Learning” was presented by Dr. Glenda Wait (Xi) and Margie Turley, (Alpha Iota).

The winner of the WV State Achievement Award was announced by Sharon Burns, the 2018 recipient of the Achievement Award. The 2019 Achievement Award winner was Vicki Jenkins, a member of Eta Chapter.

The 2019-2021 West Virginia State Officers were installed by Phyllis Hickey, International Guest and Dr. Marilyn “Susie” Rogers, WV State President. Following the Installation Ceremony, Marilyn presented the incoming president Dr. Glenda Wait with her president’s pin and the State DKG Gavel.

Second Vice President Karen Zinn leads the Moments of Remembrance at the close of the Convention.

At the conclusion of the convention, Dr. Glenda Wait met with the 2019-2021 Executive Committee.

New officers, new amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules, new friends, reuniting with old friends, and a time for great fellowship for the sisters of the West Virginia State Organization, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. While our suitcases are unpacked from this event, we are all looking forward to next year when we will gather again in April at the Days Inn in Flatwoods for the Leadership Conference.

“Country roads, take me home. To the place I belong
West Virginia, Mountain Momma. Take me home, country roads.”

Vickie Skavenski receives her President’s rose from International DKG guest Phyllis Hickey.

After the installation Sunday Morning began with the Final General Session. Dr. Bridget Phillips Beta Chapter presented certificates to the chapters for their Publication Exhibits.

Karen Zinn, Second Vice President, conducted the Moments of Remembrance for members who died during this biennium, 2017-2019. Karen was assisted by Patricia Rushford, Jean Hinzman, and Nancy Krynicki all from the Alpha Epsilon Chapter.

Margie Turley and Dr. Glenda Wait use their water bottles for their presentation.

Members Enjoy 2019 Convention

Susan Marra is WV DKG’s new Executive Secretary and will take over her new duties in July.
Condolences

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

To Stephanie Halstead (Delta) in the death of her mother -in-law.
To Vicki Stewart (Delta) and Pam Wilson (Delta) in the death of their mother.
To Rita Hennen (Delta) in the death of her sister.
To Debbie Baisden (Pi) in the death of her father.
To Linda McGraw (Eta) in the death of her mother Nancy Virginia Hovermale Largent.

Chapter News

Mu Chapter

Carol Williams presented the 2019 Mu Chapter Recruitment Grant to Tara Nichols during the Roane County High School Award Assembly on May 14. Tara is going to Glenville State College where she will study Elementary Education.

Pi Chapter

Dr. Marilyn “Susie” Roger was recently the guest speaker at our Pi Chapter meeting. She spoke about the by-law changes from the state and international conventions. Dr. Rogers received a dozen roses and an engraved cutting board.

Nu Chapter

Spring has been a busy season for Nu Chapter. The Scrapbook Committee has been working together each week to prepare their entries for the Publication Awards. Members include: Mary McKenzie, Lisa Bennett, Betty McMillion, Charlotte McClung, Sharon Lipps, Linda Taylor, Meg Ashby, Marilyn Rogers, Lauren Jarroll, Mary Dale Cruse, and Rotha Young. Ratings of Excellence were given to the chapter’s scrapbook, newspaper clippings, newsletters, and single display board.

Members participating in the West Virginia State Organization’s State Convention were: Marilyn Rogers, State President; and Meg Ashby, State Editor. Lauren Jarroll, Nu Chapter President, presented the Inspirational Thoughts at Saturday’s luncheon. Also attending were: Mary Dale Cruse, First Vice President; Rotha Young, Second Vice President; and Linda Taylor, Treasurer. Two baskets prepared by Linda Taylor, Sharon Lipps, Sherry Ward, Peggy Crowe, and Rotha Young were donated to the silent auction.

Five candidates were inducted at the May meeting: Amanda Hanks, Miranda Hughart, Rebecca Jarvis, Afton Kwiecinski, and Cortney Wood. Delta Kappa Gamma’s Founders’ Day was celebrated with tea and refreshments on tables decorated with red roses, tea cups, and white gloves. The May Hostess Committee members were: Ramona Beverage, chairman; Ann Blackshire, Peggy Crowe, Sherry Ward, Rotha Young, and Beulah Summers.

The Nicholas County Board of Education recognized the Read Aloud West Virginia volunteers at the May 20th meeting. Members receiving certificates and RAWV lanyards were: Susan Bennett, Carol Marsh, Meg Ashby, and Lauren Jarroll.

The newest members of Nu Chapter include (left) Rebecca Jarvis, Cortney Wood, Miranda Hughart, Afton Kwiecinski, and Amanda Hanks. They were inducted at the May meeting in Craigsville.
Delta

A silent auction to benefit the Emma Neal Boggess Grant-in-Aid fund was held at the Delta Chapter meeting in March. The award is made annually at the Founders’ Day luncheon in May.

The Honorable Jason Harshbarger met with Delta Chapter in April and gave an update on the recent session of the West Virginia Legislature. Mr. Harshbarger represents Ritchie and part of Pleasants counties in the House of Delegates.

Beta, Tau, & Alpha Iota

Beta, Tau, and Alpha Iota celebrated the birthday of DKG for Founders Day on May 18, 2019.

Beta chapter is happy to announce that Bridget Phillips is now Dr. Bridget Phillips, Ph.D. Bridget graduated in December. She now has left Kanawha County Schools and has joined the State Department of Education as the coordinator for the Office of Early and Elementary Learning with an Emphasis on Professional Development.

Alpha Theta

Victoria Knight Clay, a 28 year member of the Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, was re-elected to a four year term of office as Recorder of the Town of Pineville, WV. This is her second term of office in this capacity.

Eta

Eta members, led by First Vice-President Bethany Miller and the Program Committee, enjoyed an “App-y Hour” during their April meeting in Martinsburg. Members collaborated in their learning as they experienced hands-on instruction and practice in three technology learning stations including green screen technology, augmented reality, and coding. The “App-y Hour” program was an interactive program that provided valuable and fun professional development for members, across grade levels and curriculum areas.

Sixteen Eta members were recognized for their volunteer service hours. They were presented with certificates by Mary Beth Cornell, Community Awareness Chairman. A used book sale was held to benefit the Literacy Committee. Nancy Broaddley, Second Vice President, and Bett Sims, Music Committee Chairman, led the chapter in an original and dynamic Founder’s Day presentation utilizing spoken word and song.

In late April, thirteen Eta members attended the DKG-WV State Organization Convention in Flatwoods.
Changes Made in By-laws & Standing Rules

At the 2019 State Convention in Flatwoods, amendments were presented and adopted by the body during the business meeting. Changes in Articles I, II, IV, and IX were dictated by actions taken at the 2018 International Convention in Austin, TX. There are more changes than presented in this article, but these are the ones with the biggest impact on chapters and individuals in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

**Article I Name and Emblems**

Section A - West Virginia State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (formerly known as Alpha Phi State.) (All references to Alpha Phi State will be changed to West Virginia State Organization throughout the Bylaws and Standing Rules.)

Section B - Chapters will not be expected to change their names. (As a new chapter is chartered in the West Virginia State Organization, the state may choose a name that does not include the Greek letters.)

**Article II Membership**

Section A - Membership – changing the word “initiated” to “inducted.”

Section B, 4. a. b. & c. - International has added a classification of membership called Collegiate Members. Individually and within your chapters, review the criteria for this category of membership.

**Article IV - Finances**

Section A. Annual Dues

2. The membership year is July 1 – June 30. Dues must be paid by June 30. (This aligns with the fiscal year. Dues for the 2019 – 2020 DKG will be paid by June 30, 2019. The deadline for 2020 – 2021 dues will be June 30, 2020.)

**Article IX – Meetings**

Section A. Chapter Meetings

Section A. 1. Regular Meetings – Note that chapter meetings may be face-to-face, through electronic communications, or through a combination of the two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.

**Executive Secretary**

The position of executive secretary for West Virginia State Organization was reinstated. The following Bylaws and Standing Rules apply to this position: Article VI, Section B; Standing Rules 4.321, 4.324, and 6.0.

The revised West Virginia State Organization Bylaws and Standing Rules will be available on the state website. If you have questions, you may contact Dr. Glenda Wait, 2019 – 2020 West Virginia State Organization president.

Joanne Gregory

Nominating Committee

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**Alpha Theta**

The Alpha Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held their Christmas meeting at Twin Falls State Park on Thursday, December 6, 2018.

Rhonda Loving, Chapter President, called the meeting to order. Shelia Mann lead members in reciting the Collect and gave a report, along with Sue Dixon and Pam Bailey, on the success of the Hometown Christmas bake sale. Marsha Stevens presented the treasurer’s report. During this dinner meeting, members donated money for the Wyoming County Toy Fund. Also, those who did not bring baked goods to the Town of Pineville Hometown Christmas scholarship fund raiser bake sale chose to make donations toward the society’s scholarship fund.

Several members plan to participate in “Treats for Teachers” as an outreach project for Alpha Theta. The next two “Teacher Appreciation” snack trays will be delivered by members later this month.

There was a discussion about new member recruitment. It was decided to compile a list of potential Society members at the Spring meeting. The next meeting of Alpha Theta will be held at Twin Falls State Park at 5:30 p.m. on April 4, 2019.

At the conclusion of tonight’s meeting, all members participated in socialization and a Christmas ornament exchange.
Alpha Kappa

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met for their March meeting at Seneca Rocks Presbyterian Church. Walter Hjoka, Pendleton County music teacher, has students at every grade level K-6 participating in his program. He brought five of his beginning fiddlers (grades 2-3)—Azalea Waddell, Dakota Kimble, Delilah Sponaugle, Jax Bennett, and Aubrey Simmons, and three of his high school students—Emily Teter, Jacob Turner, and Cole Hinkle who played fiddle and guitar selections. The chapter makes a donation each year to the music program at North Fork Elementary.

Our service project was to provide purses to Domestic Abuse Shelters for women who had to leave home without theirs. The Pendleton County members donated 37 purses, and the other counties filled them with toiletry items, jewelry, & wallets. Cynthia Yokum was awarded the Red Rose Award for organizing the meeting.

In April we met at the Forman Center in Lahmansville where we were hosted by our Grant County Sisters. Our second vice-president, Ann Bennett, led the officers in an inspirational Initiation Ceremony where Rebecca (Becky) Heavner became a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter. Becky is a fourth grade teacher at North Fork Elementary School at Circleville in Pendleton County.

Members were then asked to volunteer for state committees—the following sisters volunteered to serve: Archives—Ann Bennett; Disaster Fund—Pamela Boggs; Membership—Beverly Mathias; Technology—Vickie Saville; Publication Awards—Carolyn Harper, and By-Laws—Jo Ann Harman.

A summer tea will be held at the home of Beverly Mathias in Old Fields on June 15, 2019. And now, let’s get to the tale of the wandering centerpieces. Alpha Beta made beautiful paper flower centerpieces for the convention banquet. Some were given away as door prizes, but I asked if they had an extra one that I could use as a pattern for the Pendleton County Retired School Employees Banquet. Not only did they give me two, but they also gave me the paper mats they sat on, and two large paper flowers. Meg Ashby (Nu) had won one, and she told me that I could have hers. When I saw her the next day, she had found me three more. All five centerpieces were packed up to come back to Pendleton County.

On May 17th, the centerpieces decorated the tables for our dinner & once again the centerpieces are packed into a box awaiting their next debut at our DKG Summer Tea. They are too lovely not to be used—thanks Alpha Beta!
Members Hold Memorial Service

At our WV State Convention in Flatwoods, we paused on Sunday Morning, April 28, 2019, to remember those DKG members who passed during this biennium. Karen Zinn, WV State 2nd Vice President prepared a memorable ceremony to honor our sisters. Assisting Karen with the program were Patricia Rushford, Jean Hinzman and Nancy Krynicki, all from Alpha Epsilon Chapter.

From the Northwest Region, a candle was lit and a white rose was placed in memory of:

Alice Hoff, Delta Chapter
Joann T. Wills, Gamma Chapter

From the Northeast Region, a candle was lit and a white rose was placed in memory of:

Nellie Leatherman, Alpha Kappa Chapter
Deborah Super, Alpha Phi State
Ruth Palmer, Eta Chapter
Emma Mae Locke, Eta Chapter
Carol Paullette Lantz, Eta Chapter
Lorna L. Frye, Eta Chapter
Betty Puffenbarger, Alpha Beta Chapter
Lillian Halverson, Alpha Beta Chapter
Phyllis Coston, Alpha Beta Chapter

From the Southeast Region, a candle was lit and a white rose was placed in memory of:

Margaret Clark, Alpha Gamma Chapter
Geraldine J. Thurman, Xi Chapter
Emily W. Yeager, Phi Chapter

From the Southwest Region, a candle was lit and a white rose was placed in memory of:

Ruth F. Thornton, Alpha Chapter
Freda S. Burdette, Beta Chapter
Helena Roomy, Beta
Nancy Villers, Beta Chapter
Mary Lee Williams, Beta Chapter
Laura Baisden, Theta Chapter
Jean Ray, Theta Chapter
Brenda Caldwell, Mu Chapter
Nancy Nutter, Alpha Delta Chapter
Barbara Knight, Alpha Iota Chapter

Our Sisters, our Mentors, our Leaders, our Friends.
They will all be missed.
The executive committee works diligently on Thursday before the convention even begins.

Jana Adkins and Cookey Gunther held a 50/50 for the state organization.

Members loved that Alpha Beta came up with a Founders’ Day luncheon quiz that used Cahoot, a new education technology game.

The Publications Committee (below) with some of the entries.

Joanne Gregory and Vicki Jenkins laugh together while Joanne passes out some of the candy she won.

Members (below) listen intently in the first general session.

The cupcakes were not only beautiful, but also delicious.

The 2019-2021 officers have their first meeting at the end of the Convention.
The DKG Convention held in Flatwoods, WV was a chance for chapters to shine, and shine they did. The publication submissions were bright, colorful, and proved to be a favorite of the attendees. There were eleven chapters that had at least one submission. Six chapters brought Newspaper clippings and each of those submissions received Excellence Awards, ten Scrapbook submissions received Excellence Awards, eight chapters submitted their Newsletters with seven receiving Excellence Awards, and we had seven single display submissions that all received Excellence Awards. Thank you to all that participated and to those members that volunteered to help judge. There was discussion about changing the submission guidelines to include digital submissions and more updated requirements. The new chair of the publications committee has already begun planning for next year. We look forward to more chapters participating next year.

The DKG chorus (above) entertained the members at both lunch and dinner.

Deloris Lipps rests her feet before discussing the big changes for treasurers this year.

Lauren Jarroll receives Nu Chapter’s publication awards from Barbara Tabaretti.

Members at the Sunday morning Memorial Service.

Members enjoying the watercolor painting class on Friday evening.