



Alpha Phi State Welcomes International President Pittman to 2017 Convention

Alpha Phi State members are honored to welcome DKG International President Carolyn Pittman to the 2017 convention April 28-30 at The Resort at Glade Springs near Beckley. Ms. Pittman, the 2015-2018 President, has also served Delta Kappa Gamma as the International Vice President, member-at-large, Southeast Regional

Director, and chair or member of several international committees. In addition, she received the 2015 Society Achievement Award. Now, as president, Carolyn continues to represent the Society at state organization events such as our state convention.

Carolyn was the Arkansas state organization president, first vice president, editor, and most recently, the executive secretary. She is an Arkansas Achievement Award recipient. She led the collaboration on a project to create and publish an Arkansas literary map, chaired the rules committee, that revised the state bylaws, and participated in training state officers, committee chairs, and other leaders. She was president of two chapters and a treasurer of one.

Ms. Pittman has used her master of arts degree in journalism as a feature writer and reporter for several

publications and has been involved in community theatre for several years in many different capacities from performer to board member.

In her free time, Carolyn enjoys reading, solving puzzles, and spending time with family and friends.

Carolyn believes that Delta Kappa Gamma members are *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*.

Xi Chapter members are ready to host both President Pittman and all of the Alpha Phi State sisters to the convention. The festivities will begin on Friday evening with an informal get together around a campfire. Cody Wickline, who appeared on *The Voice*, will be the featured entertainment. S'mores will also be provided!!

Be sure to read the Convention Registration Form to register for other activities besides the regular convention business. Xi Chapter also has a custom designed Alpha Phi State T-shirt that can be or-



Carolyn Pittman
DKG International President

dered on the form and picked up at registration. (The XI ladies warn that the t-shirts run a little large.)

For more convention details check President Rogers' article on page 2 and the schedule on page 4.

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Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President

Greetings Alpha Phi State!

Spring will be here soon and we know that means it is time for our Alpha Phi State Convention! I hope you are making your room reservations at the Resort at Glade Springs and planning to be there as we welcome our International President, Carolyn Pittman. I have been in contact with Carolyn and she is excited to join us in April.

The registration form is included in the Newsette, so be sure you respond ASAP. The ladies of Xi Chapter in Beckley are planning tours, getting t-shirts ready, ordering a beautiful cake for the luncheon, making decorations and looking forward to a full house of DKG sisters!

As a fundraiser this year the Finance Committee is asking each chapter to bring a "Basket" for a silent auction event. The Chapter Presidents have received information about this activity and will want to be sure to be included at the State Convention.

Other activities will feature a tour of the Exhibition Coal Mine in Beckley and a visit to

Tamarack. Those of you who like to sing will certainly want to participate in the Alpha Phi State Choir. Sherry Poole is our director and has some interesting songs picked out for our enjoyment.

It has been an honor to represent West Virginia Delta Kappa Gamma during this biennium. I have had the opportunity to visit many chapters across the state and see educators become new members of our society. It has been amazing to see the wonderful projects the chapters have promoted and know that there are books given to children, blankets made at chapter meetings to keep a child warm, books created by veteran teachers for Early Career Educators with helpful ideas for the classroom, money collected for the Schools for Africa Program, and the list goes on and on.

Thank you for the cooperation and energy you have given

to Delta Kappa Gamma this biennium. Thank you for the kindness you have shown as I have traveled to visit the chapters. And a big "Thank You" to the chapter presidents and members who have worked courageously and tirelessly to promote Delta Kappa Gamma!

I'll see you at Glade Springs!!

Marilyn Rogers,
Alpha Phi State President

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Important DKG Dates

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

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



Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers

Christy's Contemplations

I recently received a copy of the new chapter yearbook from Xi Chapter and found a few things in it very interesting. The various committees were listed, along with the duties and activities. I was especially interested in the listings for the Program for Educational Excellence Committee.

DUTIES:

1. Plan programs for chapter meetings in accordance with recommendations of the State and International Committees.

2. Use special interests and skills of members in planning.

3. Provide opportunities for musical inspiration, spiritual, ritual, and intellectual fellowship.

ACTIVITIES

1. Follow the International Program Resource Guide.

2. Set up projects and programs responsible for creating a genuine learning partnership between planners and participants.

Along with the usual committees, Xi Chapter has some special

committees as well: We Care Disaster Committee, Community Services Committee, and the Alpha Phi State Convention (Of course, since they are in charge!)

And speaking of which, I hope to see you all at the Alpha Phi State Convention at Glade Springs Resort, April 28-30!

Christy Groves
Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President



Christy Groves

Slow and Steady

Raise box turtles --- rescued, wounded, or born in the backyard. As spring approaches, they will emerge from their winter hibernation to bask in the sun.

Educators share some common characteristics with these longest-living animals. At times, we retreat into a hard, protective shell; sometimes it is a necessary survival skill. Yet we must come out of the shell eventually. Will we contribute to a chapter program or service project? Can we faithfully attend meetings? Shall we stick out our necks to invite new members into

the chapter?

Turtles are a tenacious species that has survived for millions of years. Our organization, founded in 1929, needs tenacious leaders and members who will meet the challenge of maintaining membership. Many chapters struggle to stay active as members get older and young teachers may be too busy to be "joiners."

Turtles do not move as slowly as you may believe. Several of ours have escaped their habitat. They can actually scale a vertical surface! Perhaps they are not

slow, but patient. For us, no matter how steep the challenge of keeping members, patiently setting goals to add at least two or three new members each year will eventually lead to a vibrant chapter. After all, slow and steady wins the race!

In your service,

Deb Super
Alpha Phi State Second Vice President



Deborah Super

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

**Barbara Northheimer
Smith**

Delta Chapter

December 14, 2016

**Margaret J. Stacks
Phi Chapter**

November 26, 2016

**Margaret C. Tabler
Eta Chapter**

December 4, 2016

Condolences

Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following members and their families. To Jane Mullen (Delta) on the death of her sister Jean Westfall. To Anerl Leggett (Delta) on the death of her husband Otis Leggett.

Seventy-Fifth Alpha Phi State Convention

The Resort at Glade Springs

Schedule

(Details will be in the Program Book)

FRIDAY, April 28, 2017

- 1:00 PM Registration begins
 1:00 – 6:00 PM Exhibits Received
 Publication Entries – Scrapbook, Press Book, Display, Program Book
 Quilts, Art Work, Craft Displays, and Others
 Chapter Baskets
 2:00 – 4:30 PM Alpha Phi Executive Committee Meeting*

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

(A list of dinner options will be available at the convention.)

- 6:30 – 7:30 PM Chorus Rehearsal
 7:30 – 10:00 PM CAMPFIRE & CONCERT with **Cody Wickline**
 (Casual Dress)

SATURDAY, April 29, 2017

- 6:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 – 11:30 AM Alpha Phi Executive Board Meeting **
 12:00 – 2:45 PM Founder's Day Luncheon
 3:00 – 3:30 pm Chorus Practice

AFTERNOON : TOURS – SPA SESSIONS-- PREVIEW THE DISPLAYS

- 6:40 PM Chapter Presidents Line Up for the
 Procession of Leaders
 7:00 PM Alpha Phi Banquet

SUNDAY, April 30, 2017

- 7:00 – 9:00 AM Breakfast
 8:30 – 9:30 AM Memorial Ceremony: A Remembrance
 of Our Members
 10:00 – 11:00 AM First Meeting of Newly Elected Officers

*The Alpha Phi Executive Committee is composed of the elected officers as voting members. The treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio member. Related personnel may be invited to attend.

**The members of the State Executive Board shall be the elected officers, the past state presidents and the chapter presidents. The parliamentarian and the editor are ex-officio members w/o vote and the treasurer shall be an ex-

News from the Chapters

Eta

Eta Chapter made Christmas wreaths for nursing home residents and cards for Hospice. The members also collected toys for the Shenandoah Women's Shelter and RAPP (Relatives as Parents' Program). A Christmas tea was hosted by Darlene Risinger. Members are donating and buying gently used purses and jewelry as a fundraiser for Grants in Aide.

A Registered Dietician, Joan Starliper, recently presented a program entitled "Healthy Habits for Life."

Myrtle Holland is serving as President of the WV Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Congratulations to Linda Martin and her husband Dellis on their 50th wedding anniversary, and to Lora and Paul Frye on their 55th wedding anniversary.



Eta Chapter members Rosa Clark and Nancy Springer enjoy fellowship at the Christmas tea.

Travel with DKG

Everyone raves about traveling with DKG members and now it's your turn. Join DKG in its tour of Lisbon, Portugal prior to visiting Seville, Cordoba, Madrid, San Sebastian, Burgos, Bilbao, and other parts of The Basque Country in Spain.

Board your overnight flight on Friday June 2 and arrive in Lisbon to be welcomed by your tour director and fellow travelers. You will depart from Spain on June 14.

For more details about this 11 night trip, call Dr. Beverly Helms, DKG Ambassador at 850 547 3220. For itinerary: portugalandspaindkg.grouptoursite.com

West Virginia - Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma
Hosted by Xi Chapter of Raleigh County
April 28-29-30, 2017



Make Reservations @ The Resort at Glade Springs by calling 1-877-814-7316 by April 3, 2017 To get Room Rate of \$119.00 (Breakfast Included) please mention Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma NOTE: Room rates subject to sales tax and occupancy tax. Rooms are Non-Smoking and most credit cards accepted.

Convention and Meal Registration Form

Send this Form with Check made Payable to DKG ~ XI Chapter to: Carolyn Wagner ~ 202 Beverly Street ~ Beckley, WV 25801

Please print the following information:

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (For Reservation Confirmation) _____

Chapter Office Title _____ State Office Title _____

Registration \$15.00(\$20.00 if postmarked after April 14) \$ _____

Friday Night Activity (S'mores & Music by the Campfire) I Will Attend Yes No

Special Guest Star ~ Cody Wickline from The Voice

Founder's Day Celebration Luncheon (Saturday @ Noon) \$25.00 \$ _____

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

Adventures in Education (Explore Southern WV ~ Saturday Afternoon) \$14.00 \$ _____

Visit the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine, Youth Museum and Tamarack

President's Banquet (Saturday Evening) \$40.00 \$ _____

Please Circle Your Choice: Chicken or Beef Filet

Dinner Entrée Includes, Choice of 6oz Breast of Chicken or Petite Beef Filet with Bordelaise Sauce, Starch, Fresh Vegetable and Dessert

Red Delta Kappa Gamma Souvenir T-Shirt 10.00 \$ _____

Please circle size: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

Shirts will be available for pick up at registration so you may wear them on Saturday if you choose.

NO Refunds after April 7, 2017

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Free Whitewater Rafting Trip for 2 to be given to one lucky attendee, compliments of River Expeditions. PAGE 6

2017-2019 Alpha Phi State Slate of Officers Selected

Members of the 2017 Alpha Phi State Nominating Committee are pleased to endorse the 2017-2019 slate of officers and members of the new nominating committee. Members of this year's

committee include Chairman Mary Spano Clark (Phi), Vicki Jenkins (Eta), Lynn Helstern (Alpha Mu), Nancy Woody (Pi) and JoAnn Harmon (Alpha Kappa).

President: Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers



Present State Position: President

Professional Experience: Retired in 2007. Presently NAEP Assessment Coordinator 5 years-2017, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009. She has also served as Director of Staff Development for RESA V, Project Instep Coordinator for RESA 4. She taught and was the Guidance Counselor for seniors at Nicholas County High School for 14 years. She

also worked as a Financial Aid Officer for Glenville State College.

Educational Background: She earned her Ph.D. from Capella University in 2009. She received her MA from Wichita State University, and her B.S. from Glenville State College. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and has additional certification in Gifted Education.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: 25 year member. On the state level, she is presently the Alpha Phi State President, and has served as the First Vice President, Second Vice President, Southeast Regional Director, and Recording Secretary. On the chapter level, she has served as President, Second VP and numerous committees. She attended the 2014 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Texas, and has attended 4 International Conventions, and 4 NE Regional Conferences. She has participated in the state chorus, as well as the International Chorus.

Personal Statement: Alpha Phi State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, is special to me as it focuses on the career I love and brings together educators with a common purpose. I have demonstrated extensive leadership experience and I thoroughly enjoy traveling to meet other DKG members throughout West Virginia. I plan to focus on communication, involvement and growth while engaging all members in an atmosphere of friendship.

My experiences as a state officer and my attendance at local, state, and international gatherings have prepared me for the duties of this office. I look forward with excited anticipation for the opportunity to serve this amazing organization as Alpha Phi State President.

First Vice President: This office does not have a candidate at this time.

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Second Vice President: Karen R. Zinn (Gamma)

Present State Position: None

Professional Experience: Retired. Karen served as a business instructor for 14 years and also as a placement coordinator. She was named WV Business Instructor of the Year twice.

Educational Background: She earned her BS degree from WVU and her MS from Marshall. Her Masters +60 hours are from both WVU and Marshall University.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: 40 plus years chapter experience. She has served as chapter president for 2 terms, and 1st vice president, and 2nd vice president for one term each. She also served as chairman of the Nominating Committee and Program Committee, and was Co-Chairman of Gamma's State Convention Committee. On the state level, Karen has served on the Nominating Committee as both a member and as Committee Chairman for 2 years. She has also held the office of Regional Vice President for 2 years.

Personal Statement: "I believe that my experience in the years I have worked with Delta Kappa Gamma will enable me to fulfill my duties. I have also had leadership roles in other organizations."

Recording Secretary: Jean Hinzman (Gamma)



Present State Position: None

Professional Experience: Jean has been the Title I Director of Marion County for 27 years and has been a Title I teacher for 48 years.

Educational Background: She earned her AB in Elementary Education from Fairmont State College (now University), her M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction

from WVU, and has completed additional work in Administration for Supervision from WVU.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: 44 years chapter experience. She has served as president for years, 2nd vice president for 2 years, secretary for 2 years, and treasurer for approximately 10 years. Jean has also served as chairman of her chapter's Finance, Program, By-laws, and Membership Committees. On the state level, Jean was a member of the Publications Awards Committee, and presently serves on the Leadership Committee.

2017-2019 Slate of Officers

Nominations Committee– NW Representative

Susan M. Hardy (Phi)



Present State Position: None

Professional Experience: Retired in 2013 after 35 years as Kindergarten teacher. Presently a substitute teacher.

Educational Background: B.S. from Concord College and M.A. from WVCOGS

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Member for 31 years. Chapter officer experience includes President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary. Chapter committee chairman duties have included Music, Professional Affairs, Scrapbook, Membership, and Scholarship.

Nominations Committee– SW Representative

Joanne L. Gregory (Beta)



Present State Position: None

Professional Experience: Presently a Librarian/ Spanish Facilitator/ Computer Basics Teacher with 39 years experience. Has 5 years experience as a sales consultant with SRA/McGraw-Hill.

Educational Background: BA Alderson-Broaddus College (now University) and MA +45 WVU/Marshall

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Member for 32 years. Chapter officer experience includes Chapter President for 3 different chapters for a total of five bienniums, Vice President, Recording Secretary, (all offices except treasurer.) Joanne has served the State society as NE Regional Director, Recording Secretary, President, and Immediate Past President. She also received the State Achievement Award and served on the Ad Hoc Committee to restructure guidelines. On the International level, Joanne attended the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar, has presented programs at the Regional Conferences and served on the Personal Growth Committee.

Nominations Committee-SW Representative

Jaime M. Pettit (Alpha Mu)



Present State Position: None

Professional Experience: Sixth grade science teacher for 8 years. Jaime also taught at St. Michael Parish School for 2 years.

Educational Background: BA from West Liberty State College, MA & Administration Certification from WVU. Currently pursuing doctorate at Capella University.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: Member for 3 years.

Nominations Committee– SE Representative

Rebecha D. Catlett (Eta)



Present State Position: Scrapbook Committee Chairman since 2012

Professional Experience: Special Education Teacher for 11 years. She has served as Special Education Coordinator for Berkeley County Schools, a Special Education Teacher at Martinsburg South Middle School, and a Mentor Teacher for WV Energy Express.

Educational Background: BA from Glenville State College and MA from WVU. She is also a National Board Certified teacher.

Delta Kappa Gamma Experience: 7 year member. Presently Chapter First Vice President. She has served as Scrapbook Committee Chairman. On the state level, Rebecha has been chairman of the Scrapbook and Publication Awards Committee since 2015.

News from the Chapters

Alpha Mu

Alpha Mu ladies helped wrap Christmas presents for Crittenton Services in Wheeling. This agency focuses on families experiencing violence and substance abuse. The chapter continues to collect school supplies and books for southern WV flood victims at each meeting. They are also collecting magazines to share with local hospitals and doctors' offices.



Alpha Mu members wrap presents for Crittenton Services at Christmas.

News from the Chapters

Alpha Epsilon members Nancy Krynicky and Patty Rushford deliver items to Donna Tennant, Sundale activities director.



Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Marion, Monongalia, and Preston Counties donated presents and Bingo to Sundale nursing home in December.

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Students look over the large selection of books before choosing one of the many delivered to The Shack by Alpha Epsilon Chapter in December



Delta

Delta Chapter's literary program which places children's books in pediatricians' offices and are given to children to take home, has been funded for the year with proceeds from the Christmas Wreath Project. Chapter members also donated new and gently used books and made a monetary gift to the Rainelle Public Library which was severely damaged by the flood last summer.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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