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2018 Spring Conference Keynote Speaker

Alpha Phi State Welcomes Lance Loya

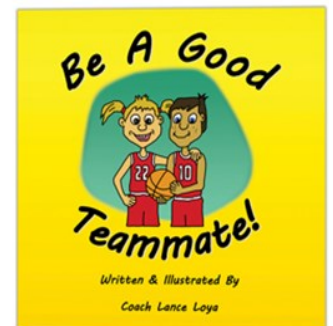


Lance Loya

Lance Loya is the world's preeminent authority on the good teammate mindset. He specializes in getting individuals to shift into the We Gear, and change their focus from me to we!

A college basketball coach turned author, advocate, and professional speaker, he is known for his enthusiastic personality and his passion for transforming teambusters into teammates.

Lance believes everybody is part of a team in some capacity, and every affliction facing our society comes down to people not being good teammates. He has inspired readers and audiences around the globe with this impactful message through his books, keynotes, and seminars.



Spring Leadership Conference Set for April 28

The second one day Alpha Phi State Conference will be held on April 28 in Morgantown at Mylan Park Elementary School. This will be an opportunity to reconnect with DKG members from across West Virginia and to become acquainted with the state officers and committee chairmen. Members will get an update on state and international goals and projects.

Registration forms are available in the winter issue of the *Alpha Phi Newsette* that was mailed to you or can be found online at <http://www.dkgwv.org/state.html> or in this issue.

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

should be included in minutes.

Something for everyone is included at the conference. Morning sessions will include training for presidents, 1st vice-presidents, and treasurers. For those who are not serving as officers, there will be a technology session and a special follow-up to the keynote speaker's presentation. Afternoon workshops will include training for 2nd vice-presidents and secretaries. Other sessions will include ways to "Put the Fun Into Fundraising" as well as a second follow-up to the keynote speaker.

Although this is a one-day Conference, there will be a Friday evening social for those who choose to come early and stay at LaQuinta Inn and Suites in Morgantown. Please see the registration form on page 4 of this issue.

Bring a Book!

When you come to the Leadership Conference, please bring a children's book as a donation for the host school.

Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President



Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers

Spring is an incredible time to be a member of Alpha Phi State! Our "Leadership For All" Conference will be on April 28 at Mylan Park Elementary School in Morgantown, WV. New chapter officers should plan to attend to meet with state workshop presenters and receive information about duties for the new biennium and ALL members should attend for workshops and gathering with members from all over the state.

Check the article on our guest speaker, Lance Loya. Lance is a professional speaker and will be entertaining as well as inspiring! And you won't want to miss the session called "Silver Bells and Purple Cows".

The chapter scrapbooks, newspaper books and newsletters, along with the display will be judged by the Publication Committee and will be on display. The publications illustrate the history of the chapter and the events during the year.

A registration form for the conference is included in this *Newsette*. REGISTER

NOW!!! If you are planning to arrive on Friday you will find shopping and restaurants available near the hotel, the new La Quinta, located 1.7 miles from the school. Refreshments and a social hour will be held at the hotel at 8:00 pm on Friday. This is a time to relax and visit with your DKG friends!! You will definitely want to be there!

Looking ahead to the summer, the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention will be held July 16-20, 2018, at the J.W. Marriott in Austin, Texas. Details are on the International Website at www.dkg.org. This will be an important convention with over 130 changes to the constitution to consider, the election of International officers and an opportunity to take a tour of our International Headquarters in Austin. What a great place to bring the family and take a vacation this summer!

**"Women teachers to the calling,
Firmly rally, never falling.
Duty ne'er upon us palling,
Staunch, courageous we!"**

As I watched the news and saw the sea of teachers at the capitol, I knew that many DKG sisters were there. The words of our Delta Kappa Gamma Song came to mind and I knew that our founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, would also be proud and supportive of our teachers in West Virginia, as many were traveling to Charleston or in their hometowns packing bags of food and serving lunch to children in their communities.

"Helpful may we be."

Standing on the picket lines solidified the purpose of the demonstrations. "Firmly may we stand!"

It is amazing that the words and music penned so many years ago are so current and true in 2018. As we stand together and sing our Delta Kappa Gamma Song let us stand proud as teachers "hand in hand our loyal band, forward moving ever!"

**"With our faith in one another,
We shall win for aye!"**

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:

Miracle of the Feet



Dr. Glenda Wait

A few months ago, I attended a church service in Sunyani, Ghana. The sermon entitled “Miracle of the Feet” left a lasting impression on me and immediately I thought of Delta Kappa Gamma. This time of year, leaders diligently are working to have new officers in place by July 1, and are asking women to assume leadership positions within each chapter. At state and local levels, we are always working to fill vacant positions. I am beginning to realize how frustrating it is to nomination committees and state and local leaders to have woman after woman turn down an opportunity to be an officer or a committee member. I also know how rewarding it is to have someone say, “Yes, I can do that.” Granted, all of us are busy and hesitate to make the time for one more responsibility. The pressures of work and family often seem overwhelming. We all can understand that, but let’s work through it. The image I want to put into your head is a pile of empty shoes.

What is the value of a pile of empty shoes? Consider all of the committees and leadership positions within your chapter or state organization as a pile of empty shoes. These shoes, by themselves, are useless until feet are slipped into them. We have to walk in the shoes to make a difference. All of us put on a new pair of shoes when we joined Delta Kappa Gamma. Many are faithful and come to meetings and social events. But then we are asked to leave the safe places and wear the shoes of an officer or committee member. This brings about new responsibilities and can be scary. The next time you are asked to be an officer or a committee member, consider your response very carefully. You would not have been asked if your skills were not valued, or if leadership felt that

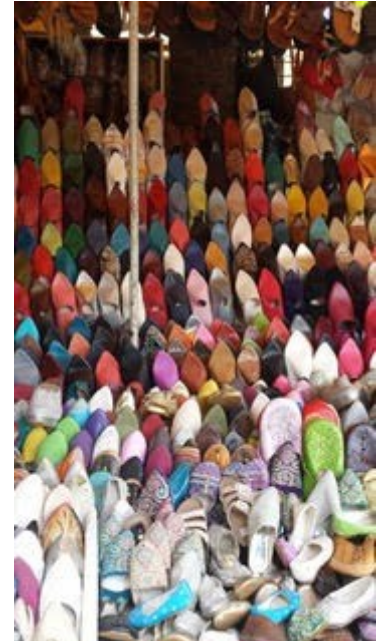
you lacked the ability to acquire needed skills. Trust that our DKG shoes, with our feet in them to guide and direct, will take us where we are needed. We will have new opportunities to grow and make lasting contributions to our local chapters and to our state organization. If we do not use our shoes, we cannot make a difference.

Remember how scared we were when we walked into our first classroom? To this day, I can bring those feelings of inadequacy back to mind. “What am I doing here? Where do I start? If I ask for help what will the others think? I am not ready.” Each of you can add to that list. We all survived and I promise you that if you accept a responsibility in your chapter, people will be there to help you. It boils down to doing the best job you can with the skills you have and what you will learn with leadership training.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our 2018 Leadership Conference in Morgantown, West Virginia on Saturday, April 28 in

Morgantown. We will walk a few steps together in our DKG shoes, and we will learn together.

Dr. Glenda Wait
Alpha Phi State First Vice President



Shoes in a shop in Spain.



Shoes for sale on a street in Tibet.



Alpha Phi State Delta Kappa Gamma

Spring Conference

April 28, 2018

Mylan Park Elementary School

901 Mylan Park Lane

Morgantown, WV

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

5000 Gateway Drive

Morgantown, WV 26501

304-241-4501

Ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma Rate

DEADLINE For Hotel Reservation is APRIL 10, 2018

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

CONFERENCE & MEAL REGISTRATION FORM

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

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Chapter Office and/or Committee _____

State Office and/or Committee _____

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

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

Total Enclosed for Registration and Lunch \$ _____

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

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

Please bring a children's book as a donation to our host school.

White Roses



Lorna Benner Frye (Eta) October 20, 2017

Emma Mae Locke (Eta) October 29, 2017

Ruth P. Palmer (Eta) January 30, 2018

"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

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

Condolences

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

To **Emily Seal (Eta)** on the death of her husband Shane Seal.

To **Linda McLaughlin (Eta)** on the death of her son-in-law Shane Seal.

To **Karen Nicholson (Mu)** on the death of her infant grandson.

News from the Chapters

Theta Chapter



Theta Chapter members were excited to receive this shower invitation in November for the next month's meeting to celebrate their chapter project.



At the December luncheon of Theta Chapter, members had a baby shower to benefit the Gabriel Project in Logan County. This was the project we chose for this year. Pictured are Wilma Zigmond, Martha Daniels, and co-presidents Leah Clay Stone and Jennifer Stillwell.



Nu Chapter

Nu Chapter's Kay Coffman and Carolyn Chapman had the pleasure of delivering 42 books to the Richwood Starting Points for distribu-

Lindsey Short of Starting Points (left) accepts books from Nu Chapter President Carolyn Chapman and Nu Chapter member Kay Coffman.

tion. Starting Points is a day-care center in Richwood for families. Parents cannot read to their children if books are not present in their homes. Nu Chapter's project on literacy was to meet this need. Nu Chapter has also delivered 20 young-adult books to the Faltis Shelter in Nicholas County for their library. The Faltis Shelter provides short term and emergency care for youth in crisis.

Publication Awards Committee Ready for Entries

Greetings Alpha Phi State! The Publications Committee would like to send a reminder that the Alpha Phi State Leadership Conference is quickly approaching. 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 participants at the Leadership Conference a chance to see all of the good work that your chapter does and gives pride to all of the chapter members. 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.

An email was sent to all of the chapter presidents in January with specific guidelines for each type of publication that can be submitted. If you are a chapter president and did not receive an email, please contact Bridget Phillips, Chairman of the Publication Awards at bphillips@mail.kana.k12.wv.us.

kana.k12.wv.us. Specific details about the locations 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 shine a spotlight on all of the fantastic things your chapters have accomplished this year. 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.

Bridget Phillips, Publication Awards Chairman

News from the Chapters

Alpha Epsilon

At Alpha Epsilon's fall meeting, five large boxes of school supplies were collected for Mannington Middle School for flood relief. Jean Hinzman (right) delivered the boxes and was helped by several students at the school.



Books delivered at the fall meeting were delivered to Littles Daycare in Kingwood by Carolyn Baumgardner and Pat Dixon. Students (below) began enjoying them immediately.



Laurie Noland (below) was initiated into Alpha Epsilon and presented with a copy of *Chicken Soup for the Soul—Inspiration for Teachers*.



Alpha Phi State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers visited the chapter in October at Reedsville. Alpha Epsilon President Pat Spangler presented Dr. Rogers with one of her handmade baskets.

News from the Chapters



Mu Chapter

Mu Chapter initiated two new members in the fall. The two newest members, Kayla Holsinger and Staci Moore, are both teachers in Roane County.

Chapter President Doris Weekly spent the first part of September working on the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey with the Red Cross in Houston, Texas.

At the March meeting, the Mu chapter will label and sort the items (personal care, books, etc.) members have collected since last fall. The items will be distributed to local nursing home residents.

Eta Chapter members get together to make cards for Hospice. Shown working below are Mary Duke, Rebecha Catlett, Mary Maroney, Darleen Miller, Peggy Whetzell, and Lula Belle Robertson.

Eta Chapter

Eta sisters have been busy with a number of activities. Cards and wreaths were made for special projects for Hospice and a local nursing home. We also held a purse auction to benefit "Grants in Aid," and we will award three \$400 scholarships to Shepherd University students in the spring. Our September program was on Integration of Art into the Core Curriculum (by Eta member Elaine Comer), and our October program featured integration of Music in the Core Curriculum by Eta member



Eta member Bett Simms (left) presented a program on the Integration of Music in the Core Curriculum. **Ronda Albright and Cindy Woods** (below) make wreaths for a local assisted living facility.



Several of the finished wreaths (above) made by Eta Chapter for residents of the assisted living facility.

Let's Go to Texas!

Austin, Texas!!! Here we come!!! The 2018 International Convention is coming soon. Make reservations at the J.W. Marriott-Austin for the convention July 16-20, 2018. Check the International website for details, registration, schedule of events, breakout sessions, 10-Minute Takeaways, and the proposed constitutional amendments to the constitution.

The International Convention is an opportunity for all members to meet DKG sisters from around the world and have access to interesting workshops, a tour of International Headquarters, high quality speakers and learn more about the incredible work of the Delta Kappa

Gamma Society International. The future of DKG is in your hands. Each member attending the international convention has both a voice and a vote! Together we can make the difference!

If you are planning to attend

the convention in Austin, Texas, this summer, please let me know. We traditionally plan a night to have dinner together, and Austin will be another special event. I'll see you in Austin!!

Marilyn "Susie" Rogers, 304-872-6267, marilynrogers.dkg

Important DKG Dates

April 28, 2018-Alpha Phi State Spring Leadership Conference, Mylan Park Elementary School, Morgantown

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

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Alpha Phi State Delta Kappa Gamma Spring Leadership Conference

Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Mylan Park Elementary School in Morgantown

Schedule-at-a-Glance

- 8:00 - 9:00 - Exhibits/Scrapbooks/Newsletters accepted for judging*
- 8:30 - 9:20 - Registration and Continental Breakfast*
- 9:30 - 10:30 - Greetings and Keynote Speaker*
- 10:45 - 11:45 - Workshops*
- 12:00 - 1:30 - Luncheon, Memorial Tribute, Awards*
- 1:45 - 2:45 - Workshop*
- 3:00 ----- Conference Wrap-Up and Announcements*



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