



Alpha Delta's Sherry Poole Named 2017 Achievement Award Recipient

Sherry Poole, Alpha Delta, received the 2017 Alpha Phi State Achievement Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a WV Delta Kappa Gamma member. Linda Martin, the 2016 recipient, followed tradition and presented the award during the Presidents Banquet at the state convention held at The Resort at Glade Springs April 28-30.



Sherry Poole

Sherry has been a member of Delta Kappa for fourteen years and has served her chapter as president, vice president, and

parliamentarian. She has also served on many committees and created the scrapbook for her chapter. She has received the Star Award and the Rose Award in her chapter.

At the state level she most recently served as Recording Secretary, directed the Alpha Phi State Choir, and served on several committees. Sherry has attended numerous Executive Committee meetings, many state conventions, and many workshops. She has been a Host Commit-

tee member for a state convention and helped write and perform the invitation to the meeting with other chapter members.

Sherry received her BA from Glenville State College in Music and her MA from Marshall University in Counseling. She has continued her learning experiences in the field of technology.

Her teaching experience includes one elementary school and one high school. She served as Ripley High School's Band Director for 26 years. Before that, she was the assistant band director for 14 years. She is a member of NEA, WVEA, and her county education association. She has served on the school leadership team, sponsored the student council, and led the tobacco free student organization. She was named a 21st Century Educator and was inducted as an inaugural member of

the WV Band Directors' Hall of Fame.

Outside of school, she is a member of Eastern Star and is the Worthy Matron. She has been a member of Calvary United Methodist Church all her life and is a member and current president of United Methodist Women. She is also the adult choir director and the youth choir director.

Sherry is married to her husband Bobbie Joe and they have two daughters and two grandsons.

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Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President

Greetings Ladies of Alpha Phi State!

Summer is finally here, and as we reflect on the wonderful time at the 2017 Alpha Phi State Convention at the Glade Springs Resort, we have many memories of reuniting with friends, making new friends, meeting our International President, Carolyn Pittman, listening to Cody Wickline on Friday and conducting society business. I hope you will read the articles and see the pictures in this issue of the *Newsette* that tell about the convention.

Many thanks go to Xi Chapter for the endless hours of planning and work that made the event such a success. The organization was fantastic and the decorations were meaningful and added such a beautiful touch to the resort.

Our International President, Carolyn Pittman, enjoyed her visit to West Virginia, and she expressed her thanks to all the members for the warm welcome she received.

We are closing the books on the 2015-2017 Biennium and we are looking forward to a new administration with ideas and activities that will keep us all engaged in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Your officers will be attending the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, in July and will return home with a great deal of information to share with the chapters.

This summer will be a perfect time to have chapter planning sessions to set goals for the coming year, to plan interesting programs for the year and to focus on gaining new mem-

bers. We know that Alpha Phi State is growing, and we want to see expansion in leadership and an increase in membership for all chapters.

I look forward to visiting with the WV DKG Chapters, so I will be seeing you soon!!

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Alpha Phi State Elects New Officers for 2017-2019

Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers was elected to a second term as president of Alpha Phi State, Delta Kappa Gamma. She begins her second biennium on July 1 with the other new members

Rounding out the 2017–2019 officers are First Vice President Dr. Glenda Wait, XI; Second Vice President Karen Zinn, Alpha Epsilon; Treasurer Deloris Lipps, Mu; Recording Secretary Jean Hinzman, Alpha Epsilon; and Parliamentarian Susan Marra, Gamma.



Alpha Phi State Officers for the 2017-2019 Biennium include Susan Marra, parliamentarian; Deloris Lipps, treasurer; Jean Hinzman, recording secretary; Karen Zinn, second vice president; Dr. Glenda Wait, first vice president; and Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers, president.

Ten Chapters Recognized For Publications

A total of ten chapters provided twenty-seven project submissions in the categories of Scrapbook, Newsletter, Newspaper Clippings and Display. The following Chapters were recognized during the concluding session of the 2017 Alpha Phi State Convention and received certificates: Alpha, Beta, Eta, Mu, Nu, Xi, Omega, Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon, and Alpha Iota. Mu and Nu chapters submitted projects in all four categories. The projects were displayed throughout the convention, and were greatly admired by all in attendance. The creativity, artwork, and attention to detail were incredible! A special thank you is extended to every participating chapter, and to those that volunteered to serve as judges for the event. It is never too soon to start working on submissions for next year!

Rebecha Catlett
Alpha Phi State Awards Chairman



Holding the Publication Awards given at the State Convention include, front row: Diana Murphy, Alpha Chapter; Brenda Martin, Alpha Delta; and Joanne Gregory, Beta. Back row: Margie Turley, Alpha Iota; Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Xi; Patty Rushford, Alpha Epsilon; Deloris Lipps, Mu; Carolyn Chapman, Nu; and Linda McGraw, Eta.

News from the Chapters

Alpha Mu

Alpha Mu met in April at Trinity Episcopal Church in Moundsville for their annual membership tea. The prospective members who attended are Gail Artimez, Amy Kent, and Angie Curran. All three ladies are currently teaching at John Marshall High School and will be initiated at a later meeting. Alpha Mu welcomes them as additions to their chapter.

Committee chairs explained up and coming projects for the year. The next project is the Back to School Fair on July 19. This fair provides backpacks, school supplies and materials to EVERY student in Marshall County.

Bonnie Grisell and Debbie

Alpha Epsilon

At the Alpha Epsilon Chapter meeting on April 1, 2017, WVU pulmonologist Dr. Jack Parker spoke on three major sleep problems—sleep apnea, insomnia, and sleep walking—and how they effect children’s learning behaviors.



Takach received Rose Awards. Both had served as Co Vice-Presidents in charge of Membership and had recently served as Chapter Co- Presidents.

A remembrance for member Sharon Warder who passed away unexpectedly on March 29, 2017, was presented by President Pat Spangler, 1st VP Karen Berry, and Parliamentarian Nancy Krynicki.

Members raised \$125 for the grant-in-aid fund by raffling a beautiful orchid which was won by Jean Hinzman.

Eight AE members attended WV Alpha Phi State Convention at Glade Springs, WV, April 28-30, 2017. We are proud to have two members serving as state officers: Jean Hinzman, secretary, and Karen Zinn, 2nd VP. The Chapter received excellent awards in scrapbook, single display, and news articles.



Alpha Epsilon President Pat Spangler, Recording Secretary Janet Mundell, Dr. Jack and Chris Parker enjoy breakfast at the Morgantown Eat 'n Park April 1.



Attending the State Convention at Glade Springs were Alpha Epsilon members (front row) Jean Hinzman of Fairmont, newly elected state secretary; Karen Zinn of Tunnelton, newly elected state 2nd VP; and Pat Spangler of Hundred. Back row: Patty Rushford of Morgantown, Linda Stalnaker, Janet Mundell, and Alice Bean all of Fairmont, and Nancy Krynicki of Reedsville.



Nancy Krynicki, Karen Berry, and Pat Spangler take part in a remembrance of Alpha Epsilon member Sharon Warder.

News from the Chapters

Welcome

New Babies!



Congratulations to **Delta Chapter** members **Holli Haddox Vaughan** and her husband and to **Casey Kerns** and her husband who welcomed daughters to their family circles during the winter.

Delta

At the April meeting, Delta Chapter members enjoyed an informative program presented by international exchange students from Egypt and Indonesia who gave their perspectives of their year in school in the mid-Ohio valley.

Delta Chapter concluded the program year with a Founders' Day luncheon and memorial service for recently deceased members. Among the guests was Shayla Griffiee, who received the Emma Neal Boggess Grant-in-aid given annually to a student pursuing a career in education. Shayla is a 2017



Jayne Whitlow, Grant-in Aid recipient Shayla Griffey, and Martha McGovern at the Delta Chapter Founders' Day luncheon.

graduate of Tyler County High School and will be enrolling at West Virginia University to study elementary education.

Eta



Eta President Vicki Jenkins receives the Outstanding Alumni Award for Hedgesville High School



Eta members who attended the coal mine tour at the Alpha Phi State Convention included Rebecha Catlett, Cindy Woods, Mary Beth Cornell, Kathy Yost, Vicki Jenkins, Kathy Arbogast, and Lula Belle Robertson.



News from the Chapters

Alpha Iota



After Alpha Phi State President Susie Rogers announced the merger of Chi Chapter and Alpha Iota Chapter at the seventy-fifth State Convention held at The Resort at Glade Springs, the present members of the merged chapters had a fun picture taken together to celebrate. These smiling members of Alpha Iota are front row: Ann Flint, Peggy Sias, Yvonne Martin, Pat Schillings. Back row: Marlene

White Roses



Sharon Warder
Alpha Epsilon Chapter
 March 29, 2017

Correction :
Barbara Northeimer Fish
Delta Chapter
 December 14, 2016

"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 email her at karrenzinn@atlanticbb.net.

Nu

Representatives of Nu Chapter enjoyed a light-hearted moment using the props available to pose for the photographer. Members attending the 2017 Alpha Phi State Convention were Chapter President Carolyn Chapman, State Newsette Editor Meg Ashby, Second Vice President Lauren Jarroll, Past Chapter President Peggy Crowe, Rotha Young, and Alpha Phi State President Marilyn Rogers.

In addition to President Rogers leading the convention, Peggy Crowe provided inspirational thoughts at the celebration banquet. Past President Ressie Phillips assisted at the Moments of Remembrance by signing the memorial service.

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Phi

Phi Chapter had a tremendously busy 2016-2017 year: They gave treat bags to the staff at Fall River Elementary School for all of their service to the children. Members participated in the "Truck" or Treat at Welch Elementary. Treat bags were given to Welch Elementary show choir after their performance at the McDowell Retired Teachers meeting.

Members donated to the Mt. View and River View Project graduations. Members are filling "Blessings in a Backpack" bags for 150 students at the McDowell County Board of Education Program sponsored

by the Dale Earnhart, Jr. Foundation. Members helped evaluate scholarship applications for the 2017 graduates.

A \$400 grant-in-aid was awarded to Miss Stacy Puckett, a former Riverview student who is now at Concord. Five members have been named to the state DKG committee that will determine what to do with the money that our member, Frances Witten, left to the organization.

A memorial service was held for former member Margaret Stacks, at the May meeting.

To finish off the year, several members attended the Alpha Phi State Convention at The Resort at Glade Springs!

2017 Convention Highlights

To start off the Seventy-Fifth State Convention on Friday evening, April 28, Xi Chapter hostesses invited their Alpha Phi State sisters to kick off their high heels and slip into their favorite cowboy boots for an evening of entertainment with local country music artist Cody Wickline. While Cody sang, some of the ladies and their guests danced, some sang along, and still others listened and socialized in the pavilion at The Resort at Glade Springs. The event was originally planned around a campfire, but a spring shower prompted a move indoors. However, the rain did not dampen anyone's spirits, and the campfire blazed on for lots of s'mores.

Saturday morning's activities began with the first general session where the proposed changes to the bylaws and standing rules were presented and accepted. The changes will be sent to all chapter presidents. The election of officers and members of the Nomination Committee for the 2017-2019 biennium completed the official business of the first session.

In the meantime, chapters had been bringing in their publications for judging and their baskets for the silent auction fund raiser.

Christy Groves, Alpha Phi State First Vice President, presided over the Founders' Day Luncheon and introduced DKG International President Carolyn



Pittman, who encouraged members to adapt to the changes in education.

After the luncheon, members had several options: rehearse with the choir, take a tour of the Exhibition Coal Mine, visit Tamarack, enjoy an afternoon at the Spa at Glade Springs, or just relax at the resort. Members also used this time to continue bidding on the baskets and viewing the publications on display.

The Celebration Banquet began at 7 p.m. with the Procession of Alpha Phi Chapter Presidents. As each president was introduced, International President Carolyn Pittman congratulated each one and presented each with a red rose.

After dinner, President Pittman inspired the members with her sense of humor and down to earth attitude. She concluded by challenging each DKG member to find two new members!

Sherry Poole led the state chorus with their lovely voices. They were accompanied by the accomplished

Beckley area country music artist Cody Wickline kicked off the 75th Alpha Phi State Convention at The Resort at Glade Springs with his music. Cody gained quite a following after his appearance on the popular television show, *The Voice*.



Deb Super and Jessie Thompson.

State Scholarship Committee Chairman Kathy Arbogast presented Bridgett Phillips with the State Founders Scholarship.

State Achievement Award Chairman Lora Sturm introduced 2016 Achievement Award Winner Linda Martin who kept the members in suspense until Sherry Poole was announced as the recipient.

State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers, Dr. Kay Clawson and International President Carolyn Pittman joined together to make this year's installation of state officers special for each one.

State Treasurer Deloris Lipps then announced the Silent Auction winners. Members ended the evening by the traditional singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, President Rogers presided over the

First General Session. Publications Chairman Rebecha Catlett announced the Publication Awards and presented certificates to the winning chapters.

Second Vice President Deborah Super led the Moments of Remembrance 2015-2017 with the help of Ressie Thomas, Sign Language Interpreter, and the State Chorus, led by Sherry Poole. Deborah also sang a solo for this solemn conclusion of the convention.

After President Rogers adjourned the convention, the newly elected officers held their first executive committee meeting for the 2017-2019 biennium.



2017 Convention Highlights

President Rogers brought this map of West Virginia Delta Kappa Gamma locations to the convention.



Bridgett Phillips received the \$1000 State Founders Scholarship at Saturday night's Celebration Banquet. State Scholarship Chairman Kathy Arbogast, Eta, presented the award.

Second Vice President Deborah Super and International President Carolyn Pittman enjoy a moment at the convention.



Alpha Phi State President Dr. Marilyn Rogers gives Dr. Kay Clawson a hug before they say goodbye at the end of the convention.



Joanne Gregory and Elizabeth Vance dance to the music of Cody Wickline on Friday evening of the convention.



Alpha Phi State members go through the buffet line for another delicious meal.

2017 Convention Highlights

Xi Chapter members smiling and helpful at the Friday evening get-together.



Xi Chapter members prepare for their skit to celebrate Founder's Day at the luncheon on Saturday.



Past Achievement Award recipients at this year's convention include Carol Watson, Dr. Kay Clawson, Joanne Gregory, Linda Martin, Elizabeth Vance, 2017's Sherry Poole, Jana Adkins, Susan Marra, Rita Hennen, Cookey Gunther, and Roseanne Glover.



Alpha Phi Presidents after the Procession at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday night.

Xi Chapter member Claytina Shepherd demonstrates how to fasten the DKG key pin to the rose her chapter gave as a favor to each member.



International President Carolyn Pittman circulates through the room as she talks to the Alpha Phi State members. Mrs. Pittman is a dynamic personality who kept the audience's attention and challenged each member to make a commitment to do something for DKG and invite 2 new members this year.

Using Robots in the Classroom

By: Connie Boggs

STEM education has an increasing presence in education today. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. One way to incorporate engaging, student-driven learning is with robotics. Now robotics may sound intimidating, but it doesn't need to be.

There are many basic robots available to anyone at stores such as Walmart and Barnes and Noble. Costs range from \$40 and up. Students as young as Kindergarten can use these products to develop their programming and engineering skills.



Code-a-pillar (\$40 Fisher Price) is a great beginning programming activity. Connect the sections of the caterpillar together to tell it how to move. Rearrange the sections to change the directions.



Bee-Bot (\$100) uses up, down, left, and right commands for directions. There is also a Bee Bot app for your iPad that can be used without the device.

OzoBot Bit (\$60) is geared toward upper elementary ages and above. Students draw color-coded paths to command a small robot.



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