

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS**

DKG International President Carolyn Pittman To Attend State Convention at Glade Springs Resort

Delta Kappa Gamma International President Carolyn Pittman will be the honored guest and speaker at the 2017 Alpha Phi State Convention which will be held at Glade Springs Resort near Beckley April 28-30. State President Dr. Marilyn “Susie” Rogers was thrilled to receive the news of Mrs. Pittman’s acceptance to visit West Virginia. “This is quite an honor for Alpha Phi State, and I hope a large number of our members get to attend to give her a big WV welcome.”

Another celebrity at this year’s convention will be Cody Wickline, who appeared on The Voice. Cody will sing for the members and guests around the campfire Friday evening—s’mores included!!!

Besides the regular business of the convention, other activities will be available during the three days including a chance to visit the New River Gorge Bridge and the River Expedition Whitewater Rafting Grounds. A special Adventure in Education session features visits to the Exhibition Coal Mine, the Youth Museum, and Tamarack. There will also be free time to enjoy the amenities

at Glade Springs Resort which include swimming, bowling, a spa, and workout center.

Xi Chapter members, who are hosting this year’s convention, have worked tirelessly to make sure of every detail. They secured rooms at the hotel over a year ago, and selected menus they hope will be pleasing to all. Breakfast is included free of charge with each room.

Special T-shirts have been designed and can be ordered

when registering for the convention. The shirts will then be available for pick-up when members arrive at the registration desk.

To receive the special DKG rate, hotel reservations must be made by April 3 by telephone. Specific details and food choices can be found on the Convention Registration form on page 9 of this *Newsette*. Members can print the forms in the *Newsette*, or get a copy from their chapter president. Paper copies will also be mailed with the spring issue.



Showing off their Xi Chapter T-shirts as a sample of Alpha Phi State Convention T-shirts, these members are ready to welcome everyone to this year’s convention. Julia Mollohan, Claytina Shepherd, President Charlotte Hutchens, Linda Ramsey, and Peggy White wore their shirts to the 2016 Leadership Conference. The ladies cautioned that the t-shirt

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

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Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President



Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers

Greetings Alpha Phi Members!

We have wonderful news to share concerning our Convention in April at the Resort at Glade Springs. Our International guest will be our **International President Carolyn Pittman!!** We are so excited to have such a lovely lady attending our convention and I hope many, many WV members will be in attendance. The details of the convention are included in this issue of the *Newsette* and the registration form will be mailed to each member in March! Check the article for the phone number to use to begin making room reservations.

I hope you have remembered to fill out your application if you are requesting nomination for a state office. While the application deadline is January 24, 2017, you will still have time to apply. The application is on the state website (www.dkgwv.org) or you may contact the chairman of the nominations committee, Mary Spano Clark at mnc8384@yahoo.com.

While I have been traveling around this beautiful state visiting Alpha Phi Chapters I have been so impressed with

the work of the society being accomplished by our chapter members. Child-sized blankets have been crafted and donated to local police departments to be given to a child who is in need of comfort. Books and blankets have also been given to local hospitals to be given to the parents of newborns. Read Aloud WV is an important project with some chapters and volunteers are in the schools on a weekly basis.

Money for the "Schools in Africa" project has been collected in chapter meetings and I am seeing many chapters responding to the needs of new teachers in the form of grants for classroom supplies.

The response after the flood this summer has also been amazing! Books were delivered to libraries that were flooded, money and cleaning supplies were donated, members helped members clean

mud out of their homes, and the list goes on and on. Alpha Phi members applied for and received funds from our State Emergency Fund and also from the International Emergency Fund.

Our members are the heart of Delta Kappa Gamma and as we move into 2017 let us always be mindful of the needs of others and let us celebrate the accomplishments of our Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters and members.

I hope to see you in April at the State Convention!

Marilyn Rogers, Alpha Phi State President



Important DKG Dates

February 1, 2017— Alpha Phi State Scholarship Applications due. Achievement Award Applications due.

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

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

Christy's Contemplations

Donna Friley of Xi Chapter sent me a copy of their yearbook, and I was impressed, especially with two of Xi's committees: **We Care/ Disaster Committee**—careful guidelines are laid out as to monies that may be spent on a member or family and the money comes from contributions made by other members to thank a friend for a good deed, commemorate a friend's birthday, recognize a special friendship or honor a person for some special reason.

Community Services Committee—the main duty of this committee is to be responsible for recognizing community/educational projects worthy of chapter support, such as a Halloween Tailgate to coordinate with the Youth Museum of Southern, WV, a No-Sew Blanket Project and Empty Bowls.

Hopefully, this will give you some new ideas for your chapters!

We'll see you at Glade

Springs at the end of April for the Alpha Phi State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention with a special guest from DKG International!

Christy Groves
Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President



Christy Groves

The Snow Globe

I do not like snow! My house is within an hour's drive from both Canaan Valley and Snowshoe ski resorts. Their only attraction for me is the fireplace in the lodge.

Yet, I do love snow globes. They remind me of childhood—and of DKG. We are a global Society that has an accumulation of key members, unrivaled in our profession. How can we look at our chapters through the glasses of the global perspective?

Our chapters must be transparent in all decision-making and activities. Members want to know

their opinions are valued. Otherwise, discontent can snowball and membership can go downhill. A solid leadership base supports the variety of figures within the chapter. The officers are the glue that support the rest of the group.

A chapter will lie dormant if it's not shaken up from time to time. Projects that involve all members in service or in program planning result in a flurry of activity to invigorate membership. Although many of us do not meet during the snowy season, we should keep communicating. Emails, websites, Facebook pages, Twitter feeds, and good old-

fashioned postcards or phone calls keep everyone inspired and active. After all, making a snow angel requires effort and movement.

So, let it snow!



In your service,
Deborah H. Super
Alpha Phi State
2nd Vice President



Deborah Super

Apply for an Alpha Phi Scholarship by February 1

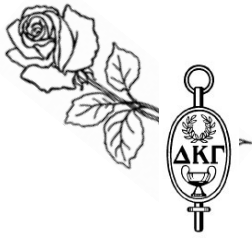
If you are interested in an Alpha Phi State Scholarship, the deadline for application is February 1, 2017. Forms may be requested from State Scholarship Chairman Kathy Arbogast, PO Box 192, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411, or telephone 304-258-3664.

This year's scholarships in-

clude the Gertrude Roberts \$1000 scholarship, a State Founders \$1000 scholarship, a Past President Memorial Honorary \$750 award, a \$600 Master's Plus scholarship, a \$100 scholarship for attendance to an educational workshop or seminar, and a \$300 international convention/NE regional conference scholarship

which can be given to a member who presents a workshop at the meeting, or who is a first time attendee. More details can be found on page 60 in the Alpha Phi Directory, or by contacting Chairman Arbogast.





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

Betty Jane Wade
Kappa Chapter
June 4, 2016

Barbara L. Fish
Delta Chapter
Honorary Member
December 14, 2016

Condolences

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

Joyce Wassick (Alpha Epsilon)—on the death of her father, Allen Echard, on November 30, 2016.

Barbara Owens (Mu Chapter)—on the death of her husband.

Terri Nichols (Delta Chapter) on the death of her mother in December.

Donna Sue (Lester) Dixon (Alpha Theta)—on the death of her mother, Venis Lester, on May 5, 2016.

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 Deborah Super at 104 White Oak Lane, Elkins, WV 26241 or dsuper3688@gmail.com.

News from the Chapters

Mu

State President Marilyn Susie Rogers attended and spoke at the Mu Chapter meeting in September.

In an effort to attract new members, we are inviting female educators when we meet in their county so they can meet us and learn about our organization and our chapter. Wirt County educators were invited in October. Roane County teachers will be invited in March and Calhoun teachers in April.



Xi



Xi Chapter members get together in a member's dining room to work on their Backpack Project. Pictured are Peggy White, Marcia Dunlap, Karla Baatz, and Glenda Wait.

News from the Chapters

Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Epsilon Chapter met September 17, 2016, at Heston Farms, Pleasant Valley, WV. Thirteen members donated \$350 plus \$100 from the chapter for a total of \$450 for the WV Library Commission earmarked for books for the WV flooded areas. Children's books were collected for Marion County. Patty Vincent volunteered to deliver them to East Park Elementary School. Members also raised \$60 for the Grant-in-Aid project by raffling a Tea Time gift basket that was won by Carolyn Baumgardner.

At Alpha Epsilon's October 15 meeting at Prime Thyme in Reedsville, Grant-in Aid recipients Mary Alice Chambers and Sarah White each spoke to seventeen members, guest and Sarah's grandmother Laura



Present at Heston Farms (left) were, seated, Patty Rushford, Sharon Warder, Patty Vincent, and Linda Stalnaker. Standing, Alice Bean, Patty Benedum, Janet Judd, Pat Dixon, Karen Berry, Nancy Krynicki, Janet Mundell, Darlene Fink, and Carolyn Baumgardner.

Below: AE member Linda Stalnaker (middle) presented *There Are No Shortcuts* by Pat Esquith to GIA recipients Mary Alice Chambers (left) and Sarah White.

Garlitz, and Gamma member Jean Hinzman about their classroom purchases. One hundred additional dollars was raised for the GIA by raffling a beautiful fall arrangement that was won by Patty Vincent. Children's books were collected for Preston County and taken by Rosemary Houser for Preston Memorial Family Care Center.

The Chapter met on Saturday, December 10, at the Pines Country Club in Morgantown. Joining eighteen DKG members and two guests, Grant-in Aid recipient of Spring 2016 Lucy Scotti and her mother Lynn Clough, was WV State President Marilyn "Susie" Rogers. President Rogers shared stories from around the state about the WV floods and how the DKG organization and individual members helped during the disaster. She ended her talk by encouraging the chapter members to attend the Alpha Phi State Convention which will be held April 28-30, 2017, at Glade Springs Resort.



Smiling broadly after a delicious meal with Alpha Epsilon members, Alpha Phi State President Susie Rogers (right) displays a gift from the chapter.



AE members from Preston County display some of the children's books collected at the October 15 meeting: Shirley Clark, Carolyn Baumgardner, Pat Spangler, Rosemary Houser, Pat Dixon, Darlene Fink, Vera Graham, and Betty Johnson.



News from the Chapters

Delta

Ten outstanding local women educators were initiated into Delta Chapter, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at the November meeting. Receiving their membership certificates from West Virginia Alpha Phi State President Marilyn Sue Rogers were Marie Butler, WVU-P Lead Advisor, Professional Advising Center; Terry Frame, WVU-P Advisor/Program Coordinator of Professional Advising Center; Cheryl Mader, WVU-P Education Division, Reading Language Arts; Carrie Cronin, Second Grade teacher, Smithville Elementary School-Ritchie County; Holli Haddox-Vaughan, Kindergarten teacher, Smithville Elementary School-Ritchie County; Kristin Stewart, Fourth Grade teacher, Smithville Elementary School-Ritchie County; Casey Kerns, Principal at Smithville Elementary School-Ritchie County; Shauna Kelley, First Grade teacher, Martin Elementary School-Wood County; Emily Miller, Third Grade teacher at North Christian School-Wood County; and Sharon Sheridan, retired Wood County librarian and physical education teacher.

Ashton Marra of the WV Public Broadcasting System presented an enlightening program on the state of education in WV

to Delta Chapter members at the November meeting.

Delta Chapter member Pamela McClain was selected as a semi-finalist for the national 2017 Music Educator Award. Mrs. McClain is the music teacher and choir director at Parkersburg High School. This award was established to recognize current educators, kindergarten through college, who have made a significant and lasting contribution in music education. Ten finalists will be announced in December, and the winner will be honored during Grammy Week 2017 through a joint partnership of The Recording Academy and the Grammy Foundation.

Delta Chapter ushered in the Christmas season with a brunch held at the Parkersburg Country Club. Members and their guests were entertained by the Smoot Theater Boys Choir which presented a delightful program of Christmas music.

Chapter members continued a long-standing tradition by donating stuffed toys which are given to the local police department to be given to children in crisis situations.

Beta



Beta Chapter members Barbara Tabaretti, Mary Margaret Wuletich, and Bridgett Phillips worked on the Hospice Tree at Charleston Town Center on December 12.



New initiates Sandra Harper, Tau Chapter, with Beta initiates: Debbie Michaux, Lisa Henry, Elizabeth Potter, and Karen Simon. Members also enjoyed a Christmas luncheon.

Alpha Kappa

The Leadership Development Committee of Alpha Kappa Chapter created *Snacks For the Teacher's Spirit*, a handbook for new teachers. The books were distributed on opening day to Grant County teachers by Jo-Ann Harman and Roseann Glover, to Hampshire County teachers by Gayle Bennett, and to

Pendleton County teachers by Ann Bennett.

Alpha Kappa has also been instrumental in getting WV Read Aloud up and running in some schools in Hampshire, Hardy, and Grant Counties.



News from the Chapters

Alpha Mu



Decorating the “zoo” tree for the Chamber of Commerce were (standing) Lynn Hellstern, Cindy Minor, Becky Trembush, Linda Brinkman, Marlene Mont, Kathy Vani, and, Jane McNinch. Front, Debbie Takach.

Alpha Mu Chapter was in a festive mood as several members helped decorate a Christmas tree for the Moundsville Chamber of Commerce Tree Gala. Our tree had a “zoo” theme with animal ornaments and red and gold decorations. Several zoo-themed books were placed under the tree. The Gala trees are auctioned with proceeds to benefit the Childhood Cancer Awareness Group. This project was headed by chapter member Kathy Vani. Helping with the Girl Scout Caring Tree and wrapping presents for Crittenton Services, an agency that services young women, children, and families, completed our

Christmas projects.

The November meeting was held at the Moundsville Country Club. One of member Whitney Healy’s students, Cheyenne Meeks, shared a poem titled “Personal” by Tony Hoagland. She is a senior and will compete in the state “Poetry Out Loud” competition in March. Another member, Jessica Bramer, presented informative and entertaining strategies for stress reduction.

Members continue to collect books and school supplies to send to the WV Schools ravaged by flood waters last summer.



Jessica Bramer, teaching Alpha Mu members how to deal with stress.



Cheyenne Meeks with her teacher and Alpha Mu member Whitney Healy, after presenting her “Poetry Out Loud” entry for the members.

State Officer Nomination

Forms Due January 24

Nomination forms for new Alpha Phi State Officers for the 2017-2019 biennium must be returned to Mary Spano Clark by January 24. The officers will be elected at the State Convention in April. Offices that require a Nomination Form include president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, recording secretary, and members of the Nominations Committee. For the Nominations Committee, one member from each of the 4 WV regions will be selected.

electronically to msc8384@yahoo.com or to Ms. Clark at 777 Quail Valley Drive, Princeton, WV 24740.



Forms are available from chapter presidents, online, or from Chairman Mary Spano Clark and **MUST** be returned no later than **Monday, January 24, 2017**, either elec-

Nu

Nu Chapter has been actively working with Summersville Regional Medical Center to provide Early Literacy Packets for new mothers. Each packet has information about Ready Rosie, an online resource that provides daily activities for adults to do with children. It also includes other simple activities parents can do without using technology to get them ready to read. A children’s board book donated by Nu Chapter sisters is also included. Over 60 packets have been donated, and more are ready, when needed.



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 9

Oh No!

It's Almost Indoor Recess Time Again!!!

Any teacher who has ever dealt with a room full of students on a rainy inside recess knows what kind of challenge inside recess can be. Thirty plus kids in one room, limited space, and an excess of energy. What do you do for those 30 minutes to manage the students while letting them have a little fun?

GoNoodle to the rescue! GoNoodle.com is a free website and iPad app that features kid-friendly brain breaks. These are short videos that can burn energy, such as Koo

Koo Kangaroo, as well as calm students, such as Flow. Other videos categories include Zumba, Yoga with Maximo, and KidzBop.

There are educational videos as well. Check out Blazer Fresh – hip hop videos that feature skills such as syllabication (Clap it Out!), fluency (Don't Read like a Robot), and Prefixes & Suffixes (Wizard of Words).

GoNoodle can also be used at home by both teachers and students (with parent permission). Snow days can trap everyone inside- try the GoNoodle

workout! Start out with Zumba and Freshstart Fitness, move on to Yoga with Maximo, and cool down with Flow. You can even exercise your brain with Brainercise!

The next time your students have energy to burn, let GoNoodle.com come to your rescue. Your students will thank you for it!

Connie Boggs
Gamma Chapter President

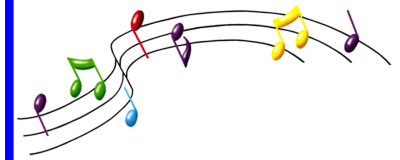
Chapter News Wanted!

Send your photos and articles in to the *Alpha Phi Newsette* for publication. Share your project ideas and successes! Do you have an idea for an article? Email your information to megashby52@gmail.com



Accessing the DKG Website

The Delta Kappa Gamma Website is a resource available to all members. Information about committees, ceremonies, forms, and program ideas will assist all officers, committee chairs, and members. To access the website go to www.dkg.org. You will need to have your 6-digit member ID number (this is the number on your membership card.) The first time you want to go on the website, you will also be asked for a password. The default password will be **dkg2014society** —all lower case, no spaces. After you sign in the first



Chorus Members

Needed for Convention

It is time for our singers to gather at the Resort at Glade Springs in April to join in the Alpha Phi Chorus!

Our special guest for the convention this year will be the **International President Carolyn Pittman** and we will have special music at various events. Our **Chorus Director, Sherry Poole**, is planning some entertaining musical sidelights and you will want to be part of this exciting convention!!

We will see you in April!!

Start rehearsing now...

"Take me home, country roads...to the place I belong!! West Virginia..." See you there!

time you will be given the opportunity to enter your own password.

The website will enhance your knowledge of DKG and provide resources that will assist your chapter and Alpha Phi State as we work together to "Make a Difference."



Achievement Award Deadline February 1

Applications for Alpha Phi State’s highest honor, The Alpha Phi State Achievement Award, are due to Chairman Lora Sturm by February 1, 2017. These applications can be mailed or sent electronically.

This award is presented each year at the Alpha Phi State Convention or Conference. Any chapter or individual may nominate someone across the state for this award.

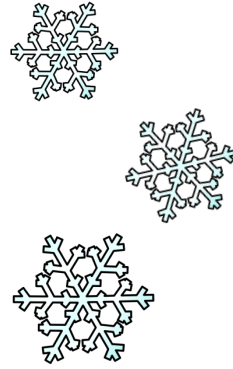
Applications are on the West Virginia DKG website (www.dkgwv.org) or can be requested from the chairman. Nominations must be submitted on the prescribed form.

Deadline for applications to be mailed or sent electronically is February 1.



Questions may be directed to Lora Sturm, 801 Carnian Ford Road, Ripley, WV 25271; 304-372-5894.

Guidelines may also be found on page 61 of the *Alpha Phi State 2015-2017 Directory* or on the website.



Alpha Phi State Display Guidelines Set for Glade Springs Convention

Check the Alpha Phi State website for check sheets and guidelines for this year’s display awards.

Awards will be given in

the following categories: Chapter Bulletins/ Newsletters, Scrapbooks, Single Displays, and Newspaper Clippings.

The Newsette is published four times a year: Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer by the Alpha Phi State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Deadlines are September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1, respectively. Please send correspondence to Meg Ashby, Editor 219 McKee’s Creek Road, Summersville, WV 26651 Email: megashby52@gmail.com Phone: 304-872-4709

**Members—Please send any change of address to:
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,
P.O. Box 1589, Austin, Texas 78767**

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