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FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS



Make Plans to Attend the One-Day Conference in Bridgeport April 23

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Members of the Alpha Phi State Leadership and Executive Committees have been busy planning an exciting and educational one-day Leadership Conference scheduled for April 23, 2016, at the Best Western Plus Bridgeport Inn located on Lodgeville Road in Bridgeport. This will be the first one-day event and replaces the annual convention now held every other year. All officers and members are invited to attend.

At 9 a.m. members and guests alike can sign in and

receive their name tags at the registration table which will be located in the main lobby of the hotel. Publications for judging will also be accepted at this time. Coffee, tea, and juice will also be available.

At 9:30, following registration, Alpha Phi State President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers will open the meeting with the welcome and introduction of the guest speaker.

After the guest speaker, the next portion of the meeting will include specif-

ic training sessions for presidents, first vice presidents, and second vice presidents. An informative hands-on web training will be available for those interested in developing and/or maintaining a chapter website. Others members are invited to attend a workshop about DKG in general.

The luncheon, scheduled for 12 noon, will feature the presentation of the Achievement Award, all publication awards, and the chapter roll call.

Following lunch, additional training will be offered for secretaries, treasurers, editors, and scrapbook committees. Part two of the web training will resume, as well as another workshop for all DKG members.

After the trainings, this year's first one-day conference is scheduled for conclusion by 3:30.

Conference Schedule

- 9 a.m.— Registration
- 9:30 —Welcome by Alpha Phi President Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers
- 9:45-10:45 —Guest Speaker
- 10:45— Training Sessions
- 12 noon-Luncheon, Presentation of Awards, Chapter Roll Call
- 1:45-Training Sessions
- 2:45-Break
- 3:00-3:30— Closing

Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President



Dr. Marilyn 'Susie' Rogers

Traveling the beautiful State of West Virginia and visiting with Alpha Phi Chapters has been exciting this fall! I have had the privilege to meet many old friends and make many new friends. I have assisted with the initiation of 11 new members in one chapter, shared the excitement of the first meeting of the year with three chapters meeting together, and enjoyed the creative talents of members in the Northeastern region of the state.

There are many activities in the near future, and we are looking forward to meeting on April 23, 2015, in Bridgeport at the Best Western Hotel for our Leadership Development Conference. Leadership training will be available for the new chapter officers, and a variety of workshops will add interest for all members attending the one day event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Special room rates

will be available for those who would like to travel to Bridgeport on Friday.

Creativity is important to educators as we express our feelings and talents in a variety of ways. We will be highlighting the talents of our members in April at the Leadership Conference, and we are asking each chapter to bring at least one entry for the Fine Arts Gallery Display. (Two entries would be great, and three would be extraordinary!) These can be needle crafts, paintings, drawings, woodworking items, handmade dolls, prose and poetry...you get the idea!

While we are talking about creativity, remember that the International Organization has the Gallery of Fine Arts available for DKG members to showcase their talents. It would be wonderful to have West Virginia members highlighted in this online gallery! For more information, check the www.dkg.org website!

Start making plans today to attend the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN, this summer. Information is on the DKG website, and you will have the opportunity to meet International officers, members from around the world, and gain insight into the operations of our organization. I hope to see many West Virginians there!

Now that our dues have been paid, and we are moving forward with new programs and projects, remember to take pictures and report your activities to the Newsette Editor, Meg Ashby, to share your activities with chapters across the state! Working together we can make great things happen in Delta Kappa Gamma, and that will "Make a Difference" in our chapters, our state, and our international organization.

Marilyn "Susie" Rogers
2015-2017 Alpha Phi President

Christy's Contemplations: Pick Your Passion!



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While recently attending the 35th Anniversary of the Barboursville Rotary Club with my husband who was being honored as a charter member, I noted several interesting remarks by the keynote speaker, Brent Rosenthal. I was struck by how perfectly they mirror the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma:

- Share Rotary (DKG) with two people. This is a perfect way to get new members.
- Tell our leadership what you like and dislike about the organization.
- Bring your "passion" to membership—suggest a project

you are passionate about.

- Go out and visit (other chapters, conventions, conferences). This is the perfect way to find out what DKG is all about.

I have received directories from three chapters of Alpha Phi State, and they are each unique and very interesting. Mu, Delta, and Xi have already sent me their directories, and I would suggest that other chapters do the same.

And finally, I would like to do a little bragging about my own Alpha Chapter. This year our leadership decided to

seriously work on membership, inviting several top-notch prospects to a picnic during September. The result was that we have just initiated 13 new members, with 2 more joining in the spring. One other member was initiated in a chapter which has folded and she asked to join us!

I would challenge other chapters to also expand their memberships...and keep new members engaged by finding their passions as well.

Christy Groves
Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President

A Message About Membership: Widen the Circle

Do you remember who nominated you for membership in DKG? When I was a novice teacher, my mentor would say, “As soon as you have taught for five years, I will nominate you for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.” And she did! I recently found a photo of my initiation. Its color is a bit faded, but the honor and significance of my membership has not!

In the search for ways to increase membership, share with your members the changes in membership requirements. First-year educators are eligible for membership. According to our Constitution, nominees must be

“currently hired by an employer and/or paid a salary or fee for specific educational services.” Eligible educators may provide either individual or group instruction.

Let’s widen our recruiting circle to attract new members. Consider Key women in colleges, preschools, private/church schools, hospitals, trade schools, training centers, even prisons or other residential facilities. Providers of online instruction, paid tutoring, or educational technology services will also qualify. And don’t forget the administrators!

Honorary membership is an

option for advancing your chapter. To select and honorary member, consider women whose service to education is significant on a local, state, national, or international level. Our legislators and school board members would be excellent candidates.

Let your search begin!

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



Deborah Super



Important DKG Dates!

February 1, 2016

Achievement Award Nominations Due

Chapter Officer Reports Due

March 31

Deadline for Spring Conference Hotel Reservation

April 8

Leadership Conference Registration Due

April 23, 2016

July 5-9, 2016

Spring Leadership Conference DKG International Conference

9 a.m to 3:30 p.m

Gaylord Opryland Hotel

Best Western Bridgeport Inn Nashville, Tennessee

Lodgeville Road

Bridgeport, WV

News from the Chapters



New Beta members **Nancy White** and **Brenda Thacker**, initiated in December.

Beta Chapter

Beta Chapter was the host chapter for the Christmas luncheon with 43 members attending. A flute trio of their members entertained with Christmas songs. On December 9, they presented books to the most improved reader in each classroom of Piedmont Elementary School. Members manned the table for Hospice Love Light Tree. Other members rang bells for the Salvation Army.

Mu Chapter

At the September meeting, members prepared gift bags of school supplies, snacks, and technology information to present to the beginning teachers in Calhoun, Roane, and Wirt counties. Information about DKG was placed in the bags going to female teachers.

At the October meeting, members held the annual paper bag auction to raise funds for the recruitment grant which is given every spring to a high school senior girl planning to major in education.

Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Epsilon collected children's books for Marion County and donated school supplies to Fellowsville Elementary in Preston County. When **President Marilyn Rogers** joined them along with Gamma Chapter in October in Kingwood, members brought items and books for the backpack program. Alpha Epsilon also collected bingo prizes for the Pine Ridge Nursing Home.

Alpha Beta



Alpha Beta's September meeting was held at the Virginia Thomas Law Center on the campus of WV Wesleyan College and featured the initiation of two new members. Shown above are sponsor **Kerri Shepherd**, new member **Tiffany Board**, new member **Ann Clem**, and sponsor **Brenda Williams**.

Alpha Mu

Members were welcomed back in September to the first meeting where they initiated **Lara Himrod** and **Joy VanScyoc**. The chapter voted to give a \$500 scholarship to a member pursuing an advanced degree, as well as continuing the \$500 recruitment grant to a deserving high school female entering the teaching profession. In November, member **Marilyn Wehrheim** presented

a powerful, inspirational slide program "Poland: Up Close and Personal" from her recent life changing experiences with Holocaust survivors and visits to concentration camps.

Delta Chapter

Mary Ann Osborne is currently serving as chairman of the Board of Directors of the WV Symphony Orchestra-Parkersburg. **Jayne Whitlow** serves as president of the Ohio River Valley Chapter of The National Society of Arts and Letters. Jayne is also a member of the Board of Directors of the WV Symphony—Parkersburg, and is the grant writer for the group. Delta Chapter welcomed two new members at the November meeting: **Rose Hammell** is a middle school teacher in Wood County. **Tori Jackson** teaches journalism at WVU-Parkersburg.

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Betty Carr, chairman of Fellowsville Elementary Faculty Senate, receives school supplies from Alpha Epsilon member Rosemary House.

News from the Chapters

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Beta Chapter's flute trio entertains their members.



Eta members having fun at the December meeting.



New Alpha Delta members and their sponsors at the fall meeting.

2016 Achievement Award Nominations Due Feb 1

Nominations for the annual Alpha Phi State Achievement Award are due February 1 to the Achievement Award Committee. The nomination form and guidelines can be found on the Alpha Phi State website (www.dkgwv.org). Nominations are made through the local chapter and must be submitted on the prescribed form. Completed forms should be emailed or mailed to committee chairman Lora Sturm (Alpha Delta).

Any member in good standing with a minimum of five years of active service is eligible. Criteria used for selection include out-

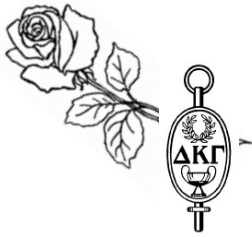
standing service and leadership in Delta Kappa Gamma at the state and chapter levels and for exceptional contributions to education. The 2016 Achievement Award recipient will be announced at the Spring Leadership Conference in Bridgeport on April 23.

Any questions concerning the Achievement Award should be addressed to the Chairman Lora Sturm (Alpha Delta), or the other members of the committee: Linda Martin (Eta), Mary Bland Strickland (Alpha Zeta), Sharon Vance (Alpha Gamma), or Edna Congleton (Alpha).

Congratulations to Sarah L. Morris, a reserve member of Eta Chapter. Her article "Care: Whole Teachers and Whole Students in Writing Classrooms" was selected for inclusion in the Volume 82-1 issue of *The International Journal for Professional Educators*.

Sarah is a teaching assistant professor at West Virginia University in Morgantown. The former high school English teacher was West Virginia's Teacher of the Year in 2007.





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

Maria Colombo Cure
Phi Chapter
September 7, 2015

Emily Warden
Beta Chapter
47 year member
October 24, 2015

Marcelle Bowne
Beta Chapter
55 year member

Condolences

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

Billie Brown (Beta) on the death of her husband, Patrick Brown III.

Nancy Douglas (Beta) on the death of her son, Robert Douglas.

Rose Hammell (Delta) on the death of her father.

Jayne Whitlow (Delta) on the death of her mother.

Zetta Sarver (Delta) on the death of her grandson.

Mary Binder (Delta) on the deaths of her sister and her brother-in-law.

Martha Eshelman (Alpha Beta) on the death of her sister.

Pam Martin (Alpha Beta) on the death of her brother.

Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs: 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.



Questions About Spring Conference?

If you have questions about the upcoming Leadership Conference in April, please contact Leadership Committee Chairman Susan Marra (Kappa), JoAnn Harman (Alpha Kappa), Jean Hinzman (Delta), Sharon Burns (Omega), Joanne Gregory (Beta), or Linda Campbell (Delta).

Make this first Spring Leadership Conference a huge success—**ATTEND!!**



ALPHA PHI STATE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA CONFERENCE

APRIL 23, 2016

If you plan to come the day before, you must make your hotel reservation by calling:

BEST WESTERN PLUS BRIDGEPORT INN

100 Lodgeville Road Bridgeport, WV 26330

Phone: 304-842-5411

Ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma Rate

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATION IS MARCH 31, 2016

Room Rate: \$90.00 plus 12% tax for 2 Double Beds or 1 King Bed

CONFERENCE & MEAL REGISTRATION FORM

By April 8, 2016, make a check for Registration Fee and Meals payable to **Alpha Phi State** and mail with **Conference & Meal Reservation Form** to Susan Marra, Kappa Chapter, PO Box 567, Lumberport, WV 26386

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Chapter Office or Committee _____ State Office or Committee _____

Registration: \$15.00 (\$20.00 after April 8) _____

Luncheon (Includes rolls, Coffee, Ice Tea and dessert) \$17.00 _____

Check one: Traditional Chef Salad Grilled Chicken Salad Grilled Steak Salad

Total Enclosed for Registration and Lunch \$ _____

Training sessions for all chapter officers and members will be offered as well as a surprise guest speaker.

The Achievement Award and Publication Awards will be presented at the luncheon.

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.

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



Publications To Be Judged at Conference

Scrapbooks, Newspaper Clippings, Single Displays and Newsletters/Chapter Bulletins will be judged as usual at the Spring Leadership Conference in Bridgeport, April 23. Chapters may bring their items for judging to the Conference that morning. Awards will be announced at the luncheon.

Questions may be directed to the Publications Committee: Chairman Rebecha Catlett at garagesalediva@frontier.com.

Other members of the committee include Bev Methias (Alpha Kappa), Mary Lynn Coco (Gamma), and Linda Cole (Omega), Bridgett Phillips (Beta).

