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West Virginia State Members Attend International Conferences

Global Awareness

July 30 – August 1, 2019

Mashantucket, Connecticut

Delta Kappa Gamma members who attended the Global Awareness International Conference were engaged in sessions, activities, and personal interactions that raised awareness of a variety of cultures. During the Connecticut Night event, Donna Dufresne, an educational consultant from Connecticut, portrayed Prudence Crandall. Prudence Crandall was a teacher and activist who, in 1832, admitted a 17 year-old African-American student into her private school for white girls. Although this action brought hardships into her life, in 1995, Prudence Crandall was designated the “State’s Official Heroine” by the Connecticut General Assembly. Follow this link to learn more about a woman whose actions were a “precursor to the landmark U.S. Supreme Court Case *Brown v Board of Education* (1954).”

<https://www.britannica.com/place/United-States>

Later in the evening, members were entertained by **Flamingo Big Band**, a 14 women, mostly educators, ensemble that played “lively and spirited music.” Big band music was part of American history as musicians brought joy into the hearts of people during the Great Depression and World War II. The melodies had DKG members singing along and dancing in the aisles.

Members who registered for the pre-conference seminar at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center learned about the Pequot Tribal Nation. During the visit, members toured the facility with a Pequot Tribal member who gave first-hand accounts of the lives of Indigenous peoples. He was well-versed in the history of the tribe and was able to recount events of the past and their relationship to the present. Each display included mannequins of Pequot tribal members based on real-life people. Participants were treated to a variety of Pequot foods and had an opportunity to visit the gift shop. More information on the Pequot Tribal Nation may be found online.

<http://www.pequotmuseum.org/default.aspx>



Joanna Gregory, Dr. Glanda Wait, and Deloris Lipps attend Global Awareness International Conference

Many West Virginia educators will recognize the name, Marion Blumenthal Lazan. Mrs. Lazan is a World War II Holocaust survivor. Her mission is to educate listeners to the need for respect and acceptance of people of all cultures. She does this by talking about her experiences in a concentration camp during the Holocaust. Her book, **Four Perfect Pebbles: A HOLOCAUST STORY**, helps to spread her recollections of a horrendous time in the world. Marion speaks from her heart and leaves the listener with thoughts to contemplate and process.

Marion Blumenthal Lazan was inducted as an International Honorary Member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Certainly her 40 years as a speaker to audiences of all ages qualifies her as an educator. It is truly a privilege for DKG to welcome her into the society.

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A Note from the President...

Dr. Glenda Wait

Thank you for the honor to serve you as president of West Virginia State Delta Kappa Gamma. I first shared this message on April 27, 2019 when I accepted the nomination to be your president. Since many of the women who will read this article were not able to be at the convention, I am repeating it for all of you.

When I began my tenure as school superintendent in Northern New York, I developed a legacy for when I would retire years later in 2004. My legacy guided me throughout my years as Chief Executive Officer of the Belleville Henderson School District. As I am beginning two years of servant leadership to West Virginia State, Delta Kappa Gamma, I am again thinking of the legacy for which I want to be remembered.



My goal as president is to build on what has gone before, embrace new ideas for growth, and leave our state organization and all of the chapters in our state stronger than when I began. How will that happen and what will it look like?

For starters, I want to share my passion for education and my support for women in leadership. I want to be remembered as enabling others to grow and to achieve. My legacy is not about things. Instead it is about who I am, what I believe and how I touch people's lives. My philosophy as an administrator is to engage with enthusiasm, passion and gratitude for each one of you. My hope is that my service to DKG will influence a good today and an even better tomorrow. We have outstanding leaders in our organization and I am thankful that is the case. My hope is that many more women in DKG will grow in confidence and step up into leadership roles. I truly believe that every woman in DKG is a leader.



When I complete my two years in 2021 I will have:

1. Supported the people and causes that are important to me.
2. Shared my blessings as an educator with those around me..
3. Mentored women educators both active and retired.
4. Pursued my passions for DKG knowing they are infectious.
5. Promoted the professional and personal growth of women educators.
6. Continued to experience excellence in education in my adopted state of West Virginia.

I promise with your help, my Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters, to do my best in this position. It will be up to each of you to support, encourage, and lift me up when needed. As much as humanly possible, I will do the same for each of you. I am looking forward to visiting all of the DKG chapters in West Virginia over the next two years. I want to listen and support the dreams and goals you have for your chapter. I will do my best to assist you in promoting growth in your chapter membership and in your chapter leadership.

CONNECTION, COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION

Musings from our 1st Vice President...

Questions and Reflections

- Are you ready to start West Virginia State Organization's new biennium?
- How will you make your Chapter successful?
- Do you always go to your meetings with the same ladies?
- Do you always sit with the same ladies at each meeting?
- Do you have a good representation of age groups in your Chapter?
- Have you sponsored a new member recently?

There are new and exciting things happening with International and West Virginia State Organization so be sure to ask lots of questions and support your Chapter President as she completes the second year of her biennium.

Our Chapter President and her Officers cannot be expected to work alone. A DKG member is always willing to help. Try to make room for one more member in your car as you attend meetings. Upon arriving at your meeting, show a willingness to introduce yourself to new inductees and offer to assist them in learning about your Chapter. Let's mix it up and engage with other members. One of my favorite memories of Epsilon Chapter was talking with retired teachers. These educators welcomed me at the meetings and asked lots of questions about current teaching practices and compared them to their own experiences.

We need to encourage multi-generational sharing of ideas to make stronger Chapters. Activities that may have worked in the past may not be successful now.

Let's urge our new members to communicate ideas for growing our Chapters. As we look for new members this year, we may need to seek change to better meet their needs. Being innovative and flexible will allow us to achieve our common goals as we complete our chapter projects. If we communicate our desire to learn new things, bond with new members, and share our enthusiasm for DKG, we can have a tremendous impact on our success.



Linda Arbogast
1st Vice President

A Word from our Executive Secretary...

The WV State officers, support personnel and State Leadership Committee met in August to finalize plans for the 2020 WV State Leadership Conference. The conference will be held Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Flatwoods' Days Inn. For those wanting to come on Friday night, rooms will be available at a reduced rate and a Friday night social time is planned.

"Culture of Collaboration" is the theme for the conference. Training for state officers as well as workshops of interest for all members will be available. Two special guest speakers will also be offering workshops.

Lunch will be available and scholarship awards and the State Achievement Award will be announced at the luncheon.

Chapters should start working on their publication displays now. Publication awards will be presented during the conference.

Start making plans now to attend. Registration forms and more details will be found in the Winter Newsette.

Susan Marra
Executive Secretary



News from the Chapters

Alpha Epsilon

Members of Alpha Epsilon met in August to plan the upcoming year. Members will be collecting children's books for Marion, Monongalia, and Preston county children. Those in attendance were Janet Judd, Shirley Clark, Janet Mundell, Pat Spangler, Karen Zinn, Patty Vincent, Nancy Krynicki, Karen Berry, Carolyn Baumgardner, Pat Dixon, and Patty Rushford.



Nu

Past State President Marilyn Rogers and Nu Chapter President Lauren Jarroll attended the Read Aloud West Virginia State Conference held at the Canaan Valley State Park on July 29-30. Members from the 33 participating counties were updated on the resources of the statewide program. Lauren spoke about Nicholas County's "Sidewalk Libraries", neighborhood libraries which use refurbished newspaper vending machines. Marilyn and Lauren also serve on the Nicholas County Read Aloud Board of Directors.

Members of Nu Chapter enjoyed getting together for a summer luncheon at the Craft Kings restaurant August 5th. Nu Chapter officers attending were: Lauren Jarroll, Mary Dale Cruse, Carol Marsh, Linda Taylor, and Sharon Lipps. Also enjoying the time of fellowship: Lisa Bennett, Carolyn Chapman, Amanda Hanks, and Past State President Marilyn Rogers. Marilyn was presented with a handcrafted wooden night light in appreciation for her terms as state president.



Alpha Kappa

Members of our chapter enjoyed a lovely tea on June 15th at the beautiful, historic home of Beverly and Joe Mathias of Moorefield. The house is "historical" because there is documentation in George Washington's Journal that he spent the night in this home! In addition to the wonderful tea complete with sandwiches, scones, clotted cream, shortbread, and a selection of teas, President Vickie Skavenski and Second Vice-President Ann Bennett planned a floral tea cup project where members designed their own arrangements.

The club will be meeting next for our World Fellowship Auction hosted by Hardy County on October 19th at Moorefield Middle School.

Photo ID: (Front row, left to right) Pamela Boggs, Susan Garrett, Carolyn Harper, Jo Ann Harman, Beverly Mathias, Mary Gunther.

Second row: Vickie Skavenski, Betty Inskeep, Ann Bennett



International Conferences

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The 2019 Educators Book Award was announced. Eve L. Ewing wrote ***Ghosts in the Schoolyard***. This is an account of the “racism and school closings on Chicago’s South Side.” Ms. Ewing joined the conference through a video presentation to thank DKG for recognizing her work as worthy of the Educators Book Award.

About 100 DKG members participated in a fundraiser for the DKG Emergency Fund. They gathered at the Bingo Hall in the Foxfire Resort. Three of our ladies were lucky enough to shout, “BINGO!” and take winnings home with them. In 2018 – 2019, DKG members received a total of \$74,000 to help them recover from devastation. Any DKG member who is facing adversity from disasters such as floods or fires may apply for help by contacting International Headquarters.

Workshop topics included DKG publications, International speaker information, Educational Excellence, scholarships, and non-dues revenue. Global exploration encompassed a school in Ghana, travels through Europe, and an archaeological dig in the Middle East. Educational matters dealt with young storytellers and saving the elephants. There was something for everyone...so many topics, so little time!

International Conferences and Conventions open windows to the impact of Delta Kappa Gamma on members, educational environments, communities, and the world. Women educators are united, honored and stimulated when they come together. The purposes of our society are enhanced as “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide” gather in places around the world.

Submitted by:
Joanne L. Gregory
WV State Communications & Publicity Chairman, 2019 – 2021
WV State Past President, 2003 - 2005

SAVE THE DATE

July 7 – 11, 2020
DKG International Convention
Philadelphia, PA

Reporting a Death

Presidents and/or membership chairs are to report the death of a member immediately to International and the WV State Organization. Please send **Form 6** (available at www.dkg.org under *Forms*) to the International Membership Administrator and a copy to our WV State Organization Second Vice President Vicki Jenkins at jenkinsvicki00@gmail.com

White Roses

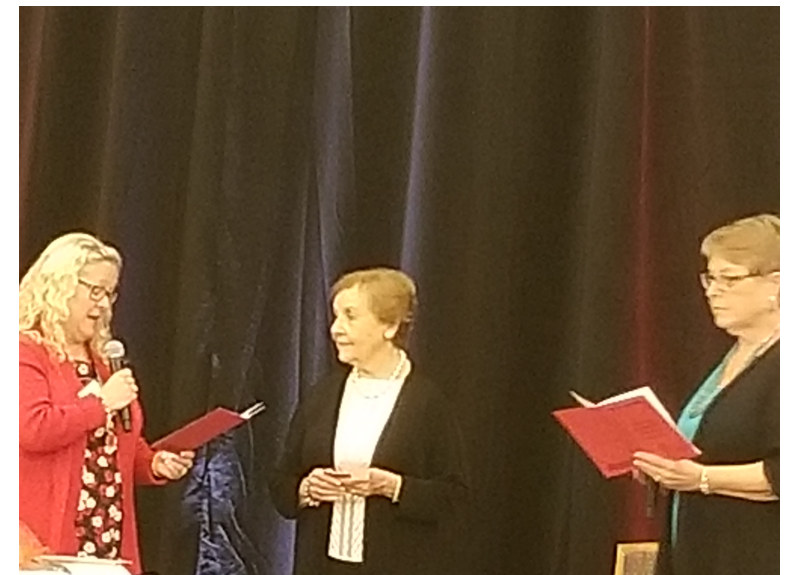


Elizabeth Mann (State) April 29, 2019

Mildred Lindley (Gamma) May 26, 2019

Barbara Moore (Tau) June 1, 2019

Kathleen Ashley (Mu) July 25, 2019



Marion Blumenthal Lazan is inducted as an international honorary member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at the Global Awareness International Conference. Pictured are Jane Tanner, NE Regional Director, Marion Blumenthal Lazan, Cathy Daugherty, International President 2018 - 2020.

Mu Chapter

Karen Nicholson, Amber Taylor, Foris Weekley, and Deloris Lipps met on July 25, 2019 at the Cracker Barrel in Mineral Wells to plan meetings and programs for the 2019-2020 year. Two projects were planned. The project of donating supplies to area nursing homes will be continued and a second project relating to new teachers in the area will be completed.



Important Delta Kappa Gamma Terminology Vocabulary IOI

Former Terminology	Current Terminology	Reasoning
Initiation	Induction	New members are now “inducted” into our society.

West Virginia State Conventions and Conferences - What’s the difference?

Term	When	Purposes
WV State Convention	Spring of odd-numbered years	To conduct business of WV State DKG including Bylaws and Standing Rules amendments, election of officers, approval of budgets, etc.
WV State Conference	Spring of even-numbered years	To provide training for chapter officers and chairmen, to deliver educational opportunities for all members to develop leadership skills

DKG International Conventions and Conferences - What’s the difference?

Term	When	Purposes
International Conference	Summer of odd-numbered years	Each conference has a theme with speakers and workshop sessions designed to focus on the theme. Members are free to attend any conference based on matching their interests to the theme of the conference. (No longer will these be “regional conferences”.)
International Convention	Summer of even-numbered years	To conduct business of DKG including constitutional amendments, election of officers.

Presented by the Communications and Publicity Committee

Joanne Gregory, Chairman

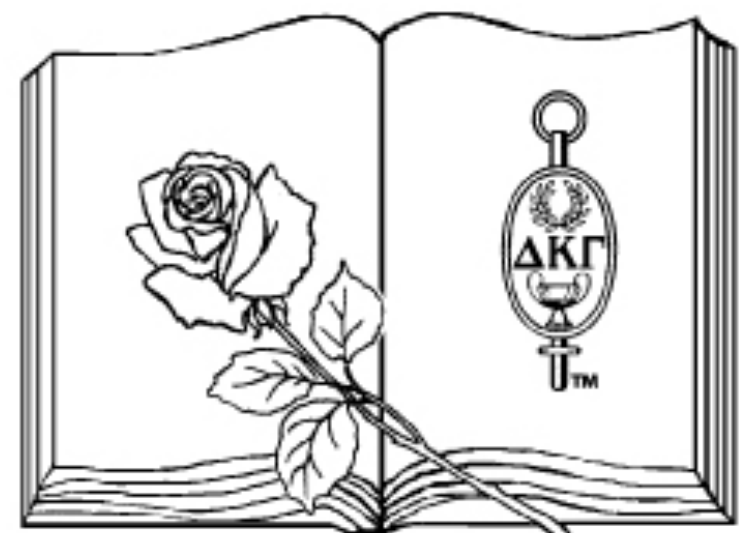
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Donna Thibauld, Alpha Nu

Connie Boggs, Gamma



News from the Chapters

Eta

This summer, Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan County delegations met to discuss prospective new member applications. Eta Chapter is excited to welcome accomplished key women educators into the organization.

This fall, Eta has two general meetings and a Christmas Tea planned. Program plans include, "Schools For Africa: An Update" and "Math Talks." Eta is looking forward to welcoming WV State Organization President, Dr. Glenda Wait, in September. Eta will collect children's books, donations for Schools for Africa, holiday gifts for the Relatives As Parents Program and Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, as well as hats, gloves, and mittens. Members will experience the joy of African drumming in September and join in singing a West Virginia Medley of Songs in October. A themed basket auction will be held to benefit Eta's Grants-in-Aid program for Shepherd University education majors. An Ad Hoc Social Committee, co-chaired by Natalie Kidwell and Anne Helmick, has planned a fun October activity of painting and social time.



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