

Financial Help Is Available For Schooling

The following scholarship awards are available through Alpha Phi State:

- Gertrude Roberts Scholarship (\$1,000) for Doctoral or Post-Doctoral Study
- State Founders Scholarship (\$1,000) for Doctoral or Post-Doctoral Study
- Past Presidents Scholarship (\$750) for Master’s Degree Study
- Master’s Degree Plus Scholarship (\$600)

Completed applications (available online at the state website) must be postmarked by February 1, 2014, and sent to Karen Zinn, State Scholarship Chairman, 3447 Campground Rd., Tunnelton, WV 26444. You may also email completed applications by February 1, 2014, to karenrzinn@atlanticbb.net.

It Is Dues Time!

Dues are payable to your chapter treasurer on or before October 31. Please take care of that responsibility as soon as possible. We are all busy including your chapter treasurer. Contact her with any change in your name, phone, email, mailing address or membership status.

Remember: Officers must be active members not reserve members.



VOLUME 64, NUMBER 1

WEST VIRGINIA

FALL 2013

Kathryne Anne Williams
February 25, 1923 – July 8, 2013
Alpha Phi State President from 1999 – 2001

During her biennium as Alpha Phi State President, Kathryne encouraged all members to “Soar With Wings into the New Biennium.” During the summer of 2013, Kathryne went on to “Soar With Wings” into her heavenly after-life. We will miss Kathryne and will hold special memories of her in our minds and hearts.

Kathryne Anne Williams was initiated into Xi Chapter December 1972. She was on numerous committees and held several offices at the chapter level before beginning her service to state members. Her progression at the Alpha Phi State level included being music chairman, and being a member of the disaster fund, nominations, bylaws and standing rules, and legislative committees. She served as southeast regional director, second and first vice-president, and then as president during the 1999-2001 biennium. In 1995 Kathryne received the Alpha Phi State Achievement Award.

As Alpha Phi State president, Kathryne focused on increasing membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. She worked closely with her regional directors to recruit members from schools that had no representatives in the society. Kathryne strived to add members across the state.

PAL – Parents and Literacy – was a project begun by Dottie Lantz, 1997-1999 state president. Kathryne carried PAL into her biennium. She felt strongly about its mission which was: “To help parents and professionals determine ways and means of preparing the three year old child for successful learning.” Because of her enthusiasm for PAL and her dedication to children, Kathryne presented the program to the West Virginia Women’s Commission at the WV state capitol.

To promote her vision for Alpha Phi State in the 21st century, Kathryne established several ad-hoc committees. The technology committee started a state website and assembled the first state Email directory. The long range planning committee made plans for building our future conventions and state workshops. Members on the public relations committee were responsible for informing the public of the work of Alpha Phi state educators.

Our beloved state president was an extremely active lady. She earned her bachelor’s degree in public school music, 1-12, from West Virginia University. She did graduate work at Virginia Tech, WVU, West Chester University, and the Germantown School of Music in Philadelphia. She taught at Stoco, Sophia, and Woodrow Wilson High Schools in Raleigh County, Kathryne worked in her community through the Beckley Women’s Club, the Beckley Presbyterian Church, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the WVU Music Alumni, and the Raleigh County Retired Teachers Association.

Because Kathryne loved taking challenges, she was a pioneer in teaching electronic music and synthesizer ensemble and using computers to generate and print music. Her love of music made her shine. She always sang in the state chorus during conventions and also sang in the chorus at Regional and International meetings.

Kathryne’s family was thrilled to tell the story of her 89th birthday celebration. She loved spending time with her family and friends. The week before Kathryne passed, she was playing bridge and had booked a hotel for a Women’s Club District Conference in August. We should all live by her example. To put your heart and soul into everything that is important to you would be a legacy to her life.

Alpha Phi State has lost a truly dedicated member. We will miss her. She was “The Wind Beneath Our Wings.”



ΔΚΓ

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

The Newsette is published
four times a year:
Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer
in Wheeling, West Virginia,
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
Susan S. Marra, Editor
PO Box 567
Lumberport, West Virginia 26386
Phone: 304-584-4665
email: smarra1950@gmail.com

Inside

State President,	
Patty Cook’s message.....	Page 2
Linda’s Membership News....	Page 3
Greetings From Susie.....	Page 3
Achievement Award	
Nominations Due	Page 3
Chapter News	Page 4
White Roses	Page 6
State Convention	
Boutique Planned	Page 7



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

PRSRTD STD
U.S. Postage
Paid
Super Mail, Inc.



SISTERS BY HEART

Sharing Our Vision. Strengthening Our Chapters

In Maine, I found myself sharing long hours of work with wonderful sister presidents from twenty different states. Of course we ate lobster and more lobster and no one seemed to mind. After all, we were in Maine and what else would you thing of eating!

Kay Clawson represented West Virginia with class and dignity as Chairman of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Leadership Committee. I can say this because I was in the workshops that she was in charge of for three days and they were exemplary in every detail. GREAT JOB KAY!! **Sara Sweeney** presented “Working with Younger Professionals” and represented the youngest ΔΚΓ membership, not yet 30 years old! Sara, GREAT JOB!!

Also in attendance a NE Regional was **Jana Adkins**, winner of a gasoline credit card. **Joanne Gregory** graciously donated a door prize which was won by our own **Cathy Mounts**. **Susie Rogers** attended the EEC training, SAP, and sang in the choir. **Cookey Gunther** was busy performing her duties as Alpha Phi State Past President. **Susan Marra, Elizabeth Vance, Sara Sweeney, Deloris Lipps, Jana Atkins**, and **Joanne Gregory** were busy attending workshops related to their respective state positions. **Sharon Burns** attended membership training and workshops in the absence of the membership chairman while **Allison Miller**, her sister and president of Mu Chapter, attended workshops relating to strengthening chapters. **Jean Heizman** along with her niece, Lana, and **Mary Lynn Cocco** were busy enjoying not only the workshops but Portland as well. **Kathy Marino, Nancy Woody**, and **Cathy Mounts** appeared not to have missed an opportunity to enjoy all that conference and Portland had to offer. Two husbands, Joe Clawson and Patrick Sweeney, shared in the unique and delicious adventures of Portland while being with their lovely wives. The majority of our group shared a truly memorable experience, as we boarded the *Bay View Lady* and cruised on the picturesque Casco Bay to a private island *Lobster Bake* where we enjoyed Maine’s most treasured delicacy. **Carol Watson** and **Becky Wood** attended the Southeast Regional Conference in Orlando, Florida. Alpha Phi State’s final total in attendance at a regional conference in 2013 was 19 members and three guests.

Ladies, you are examples of how to share our vision and strengthen our chapters. Thank you for taking the time to attend a regional conference.

Patty Cook
Alpha Phi State, West Virginia President, 2013-2015



WV Delegation at NE Regional Conference: Front Row (l-r): Jean Hinzman, Sandra “Cookey” Gunther, Susan Marra, Marilyn “Susie” Rogers, Patty Cook, Sharon Burns, Jana Adkins, Elizabeth Vance, Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum; Second Row (l-r): Cathy Marino, Mary Lynn Cocco, Allison Miller, Deloris Lipps, Dr. Kay Clawson, Nancy Woody, Joanne Gregory, Kathy Mounts, Sara Sweeney.

Photo courtesy of Jacqueline and Associates



Attending SE Regional Conference were past Alpha Phi State Presidents: Dr. Kay Clawson, Carol Watson, Becky Wood and Helen Kress.

Research Committee Needs Alpha Phi State One Day Conference Survey Completed

In order to make recommendations that include the wise use of our Society resources, the Alpha Phi State Research Committee would like to know what Alpha Phi State members prefer concerning the current scheduling and purposes of state meetings. We will be looking at the feasibility of changing the state convention to a one day leadership conference during even-numbered years and continue to have the same format at the state convention during the odd-numbered years. Currently, a three day Alpha Phi State Convention is held every year no later than the first weekend in May. Host chapters are responsible for raising funds for all convention expenses.

A one hour training session for new chapter officers takes place at the state convention of even-numbered years. Many members have expressed their interest in changing to a one day conference to conserve resources. With this change it would not be necessary to assign a host chapter during even-numbered years. A one day conference could be planned and implemented by the state officers and support personnel. With this format, we would continue to have informative sessions and activities for all members in addition to chapter officer training.

A “Survey Monkey” survey will be constructed along with instructions and emailed to the chapter presidents who will facilitate the voting process for each member. Judith Meads, Research Chairman will collect and analyze the data which will be reported at the 2014 convention.

Cook Selects S.E.E. as State Project

One way to begin rebuilding our membership is by Supporting Early-career Educators (S.E.E.) in our local schools. Therefore, I have selected S.E.E., one of our two International projects, as our state project. As part of this project, I am encouraging all chapters to join the Read Aloud West Virginia Program in your counties as a way to support teachers as well as helping our children to learn to love to read.

An early-career educator is defined as an educator who has five or less years of experience. Since statistics show that over 40% of the beginning teachers in the United States leave the profession within the first five years, the S.E.E. project will focus on strengthening the profession by empowering beginning teachers through mentoring and practical support. Chapters are encouraged to develop strategies that allow experienced teachers to share expertise, offer ideas, and develop relationships with early-career educators, whether male or female. Contact your local schools or local board of education to identify beginning teachers who might desire support.

2014 Alpha Phi State Convention Boutique Planned

We need your chapters help in stocking the *Alpha Phi Boutique* for our 2014 ΔΚΓ Alpha Phi State Convention. Around the state, in your communities, even ΔΚΓ Sisters in your chapters represent direct sales companies. You know the ones that hold the home shows that you may have attended, hosted, or perhaps avoid at all costs. In the effort to introduce people to the product and increase sales, those independent distributors are more than willing to donate items to local organizations. So, we are asking each chapter to bring to state convention a minimum of **3 items** to be used to raise funds for Alpha Phi State.

Ask those distributors for **new** items, in packaging, labeled with the name of the item and retail cost. The distributor may give you catalogs and order forms and members may order directly if there are items they do not win. If you do not know a direct sales distributor, you may ask a local merchant or crafter for a quality item.

Direct sales representatives you may find willing to donate items are: Jewelry Distributors – Premier Designs, Silpada, Cookie Lee, Lia Sophia, Stella and Dot, Origami Owl; Mary Kay, Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Celebrating Homes, Michi Bags, Longaberger Baskets, Scentsy, Avon and the list goes on.

Your chapter will not incur the expense of assembling a basket or making a monetary donation in place of the basket. And it will allow ΔΚΓ Sisters a varied selection of items for shopping pleasure and raise funds for Alpha Phi State. Let’s see what wonderful unique finds we can provide to stock our *Alpha Phi Boutique*.



“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

Carolyn E. Kallmerton
Omicron Chapter
Charter Member of Omicron
July 7, 2013

Kathryne Williams
Xi Chapter
Alpha Phi State President 1999-2001
July 8, 2013

Virginia L. Blizzard
Omega Chapter
August 5, 2013

Grace R. Arrowood
Delta Chapter
August 7, 2013

Deana Grace Morgan
Theta Chapter
August 9, 2013

Janet Keister
Alpha Kappa Chapter
August 10, 2013

Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following members and their families: in the death of her husband, **Phyllis Osenton** (Theta); in the death of her mother, **Joyce Meikamp**.

*** Note: Members’ names are not listed in our White Roses section until a Form 6 has been received by the State Membership Chairman.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gamma
Stephanie Travelstead

Theta
Libby Salyers
Carli Ventura

Nu
Mary Beth Cook
Tamra Marks



County Teacher of the Year Award

Congratulations to
Anne Helmick (Eta)
Morgan County

President Cook Announces New Honor Chapter Award

A new award will be presented at the next Alpha Phi State Convention – the designation of Honor Chapter. Any member can get a copy of the form for this award from the state website: dkgwv.org.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Sara Aylestock (Alpha Mu) on her marriage to Justin Gaither on June 20, 2013.

Congratulations to Lisa Arthur (Nu) on her marriage to Bobby Bennett on August 10, 2013.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Alpha Phi State Convention will be April 25-27, 2014. Hosted by Delta Chapter, it will be held at the historic Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg, WV. The theme will be “Alpha Phi . . . Like a Diamond in the Sky.”



Linda’s Membership News

Greetings,
Because of circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to attend the Membership Training at NE Regional. I asked Alpha Phi State Secretary, **Sharon Burns**, to attend for me. She graciously accepted and brought me the information. Thank you, Sharon! What a perfect example of the sharing attitude “Sisters By Heart” exhibits.

Keep in mind the importance of Delta Kappa Gamma membership as chapters resume activities. Remain focused on *building relationships among members, honoring member contributions and celebrating the benefits of belonging to ΔΚΓ*. Ninety percent of surveyed members say that fellowship and mutual support are the main benefits received from ΔΚΓ membership. What is your chapter doing to give members the chance to enjoy these benefits?

Try to make time at every meeting for members to get to know one another. Support new initiates by assigning a buddy to make sure they are receiving chapter communications, understanding chapter structure and work, and meeting members. Plan one meeting a year as a social occasion. Send notes to absent members to let them know they are missed. Remember strong connections make strong chapters. Keep strengthening your chapter!

Serving you,
Linda H. VanReenen
Alpha Phi State Second Vice President

Greetings from Susie

In a time of high gasoline prices and busy schedules, a good way to communicate is through technology! Alpha Phi State will be offering training on “**Go To Meeting**” for State Officers and State Committee Chairmen at various locations throughout the state this Fall. More information will be sent out soon to those members involved. Additional information will be available to chapters on how to use “**Go To Meeting**” in the next Newsette.

The Educational Excellence Committee promotes many projects. Programs to increase global awareness of culture and education are promoted through a ΔΚΓ/United National relationship. There is already ΔΚΓ representation on CTAUN (Committee for Teaching about the United Nations) which encourages awareness of the U.N. The Schools for Africa project (SFA) focuses on girls, orphans and vulnerable children while a partnership with UNICEF will train teachers and build schools. There are many resources available on the ΔΚΓ website with program ideas and lesson plans. Check them out at www.dkg.org and www.dkg.un.

Each year at the International Convention or at the Regional Workshops, members have the opportunity to meet together as the U.S. Forum to learn about some of the issues facing education on a national scale. Information about the U.S. Forum is available on the ΔΚΓ website at www.dkg.org and on our WV ΔΚΓ website at www.dkgwv.org.

At the 2013 Northeast Regional Workshop in Portland, Maine, the National Women’s History Museum in Washington, D.C., was identified as a place for information and lesson plans that focus on influential women. This website is www.nwhm.org.

Dr. Marilyn “Susie” Rogers
Alpha Phi State First Vice President



Alpha Phi Achievement Award Nominations Are Due February 1

Alpha Phi members are invited to submit nominations for the 2013 Alpha Phi State Special Achievement Award. The award is presented annually to an active member for outstanding service and leadership in Delta Kappa Gamma at the state and chapter levels and for exceptional contributions to education. Nominees must have a minimum of five years of active membership in good standing. The Achievement Award recipient will be announced at the 2014 Alpha Phi State Convention banquet.

Nominations for the Achievement Award are made through the local chapter and may be made for a member of another chapter. Nominations are to be submitted on the prescribed form. Additional information must be typed on a separate sheet of paper, designate the name and number of the sections with which it corresponds, and accompany the prescribed form. The completed Nomination Form must be mailed to Sharon Harsh, Chairman, Alpha Phi State Achievement Award Committee, PO Box 47, Brown Avenue, Belington, WV 26250 by February 1, 2014.

The Achievement Award nomination form and Guidelines are located on the Alpha Phi State website. In addition, a copy of the Nomination Form and Guidelines may be requested by contacting Sharon Harsh, at 304-823-2456 or by email at: harsh.professionalresources@gmail.com.

Members of the 2013-2015 State Achievement Award Committee include Sharon Harsh, Chair, Lambda, NE; Carolyn Harper, Alpha Kappa, NE; Terry Nichols, Delta, NW; Mary Frances Clark, Phi, SE; and Barbara Tabaretti, Omicron, SW.

CHAPTER NEWS

DELTA
Congratulations to **Virginia Neptune** who celebrated her 100th birthday on June 29th. She has been a member for 48 years.

THETA
Phyllis Doty was selected Logan County Superintendent. **Kelly Stanley** is the new principal of Logan County High School.

OMEGA
We continue to support “Read Aloud” as the program expands to all of Fayette County’s elementary schools this fall. Training for potential readers was held on October 1 in Fayetteville and in the Valley area.

MU
Deloris Lipps proctored exams at the State Math Field Day at West Virginia State University.

Becky Falin attended an AP Summer Institute in July and completed the audit process for AP Chemistry.

Karen Minor and **Linda DeMoss** attended a WVEA leadership conference the first two days of August.

Becky Falin worked as physical science “staph” at the WV Youth Science Camp at Cedar Lakes on July 15-23. Two incoming sophomores from each county were invited to attend.

Allison Miller was a 3rd grade math trainer at the RESA 5 Educator Enhancement Academy.

Linda DeMoss retired from Wirt County High School on August 30.

NU
Our meetings have been very productive. We awarded a \$500.00 Recruitment Grant to a senior at Nicholas County High School. At our final meetings of the year we had programs on how to protect ourselves from identity theft and the Next Generation Standards. We also held an auction as a fundraiser.

After state convention we were invited to an Omega Chapter meeting. The meeting was informative and the food and fellowship were wonderful.

During the summer, we met at Bob Evans Restaurant for a luncheon. We just talked and enjoyed catching up with everyone.

XI
Community Services committee prepared welcome bags on August 12 for new Raleigh County women teachers as well as those who completed National Teachers Certification. An invitation to the Delta Kappa Gamma September picnic meeting was included. The bags were assembled by **Libby Baker, Charlotte Hutchens, Beverly Francesa, Ann Schriver, Teresa Grygiel** and delivered to the teachers at their respective schools on teacher preparation day.

ALPHA BETA
Brooke Scott was one of twelve West Virginia winners of this year’s Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards. Brooke is a first grade teacher at Union Elementary in Upshur County.

Dr. Phyllis Kohl Coston, West Virginia Wesleyan Professor Emerita of education and Christian education has written a book, “Celebration of Success.”

Our annual fall dinner and initiation was held at West Virginia Wesleyan College on Sunday, September 15, 2013. Two new members were initiated.

ALPHA DELTA
Linda Waybright was elected to serve as president of the Jackson County Commission on Aging.

ALPHA EPSILON
Alpha Epsilon Chapter members **Janet Judd** and **Patty Rushford** delivered children’s books to WIC, Women, Infant, and Children’s Center of Monongalia County Health Department early this summer.

ALPHA IOTA
The 2013 recipient of our student teacher scholarship was Reagan Meadows. Reagan did her student teaching at Piedmont Elementary and is a recent graduate of the University of Charleston.

ALPHA MU
Alpha Mu has planned a busy fall. We will again work on our Literacy Project during American Education Week by donating new books to our kindergarten classrooms in Marshall County. To earn their community service many of our high school students will read to the kindergarten students from the new books. We are also planning our Dr. Seuss Reading Tree for the Christmas auction in November. The money from the auction benefits our community theatre at the restored Strand Theater in our county.

Have You Checked Out West Virginia’s Website?

If you have not had the chance to check out our new webpage I would like to encourage you to do so at www.dkgwv.org. Our new webpage gives you a plethora of resources and information which can be accessed through your computer or mobile friendly device. I hope you find it to be user friendly and helpful for yourself and your chapter. If your chapter has something you would like to share please send it to me and I will get it on-line. Also, if there is something you are looking for but cannot find it on the webpage conact me at sara.sweeney@westliberty.edu so I can get it online for you quickly. I would like to encourage each chapter to check out the technology page on how you can build your own ΔΚΓ chapter webpage using weebly which is extremely user friendly and free. Happy browsing!



Sara Sweeney poses after completing her workshop presentation.



Cathy Marino, Kathy Mounts and Nancy Woody enjoyed the Lighthouse Tour.



Deloris Lipps and Cookey Gunther enjoy the boat ride to the Lobster Bake.



Jean Hinzman and her niece, Lana, enjoyed the WV dinner.



Dr. Kay Clawson enjoys “networking” with other members.



Four brave “fishermen” survive an afternoon hunting for lobsters! Joe Clawson, Elizabeth Vance, Susan Marra, Joanne Gregory.



Joanne Gregory preparing to bait the lobster trap.