



A Musical "Note" to All Members

Country roads will lead us from all across our state
To Wheeling in the springtime . . . be sure and check the date!
All singers sure are needed, to add that 'special' touch,
That's all I've got to say now, so **thank you very much!**

2015 Alpha Phi State Convention Chorus

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Chapter: _____

Preferred voice part (check one)

Sop. I _____ Sop. II _____ Alto I _____ Alto II _____

Prefer to have music prior to Convention: (check one) Yes _____ No _____

Please remit information to: Kathy Bennett, Alpha Phi State Music Chairman
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2015 State Convention Plans Underway "Sisters By Heart"

Come join us in Wheeling!
Up north Epsilon and Alpha Mu Chapters are getting ready for the 2015 Alpha Phi State Convention. We hope you will travel to join us for May 1-3, 2015. Hotel accommodations are now ready to be booked at the Hampton Inn on National Road with room rates of \$129 a night which includes a hot breakfast. Friday evening we invite you to relax and unwind with some light snacks of local flavors. Entertainment will be provided by the Wheeling Park High School Bluegrass Band in the Teak Garden of the Hampton Inn.

Saturday we will be having our meetings and lunch at the Wheeling Country Day School, a short two minute walk from the Hampton Inn. Alpha Mu will be providing favors and the skit for our Founder's Day Celebration. For those that need transportation, we will have vans from the hotel to drop you off and pick you up at the school. There will also be time to tour this unique school after lunch. Saturday evening, the President's Banquet and Ceremony of Remembrance will be held at the Wheeling Country Club which is a short 1.9 mile drive from the hotel.

We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for the convention including useful favors and lots of great food. There are a lot of pictures and additional information on the www.dkgwv.org webpage, including maps of the three locations (hotel, school, and country club). We hope you will make the trip and join us for the 2015 Alpha Phi State Convention!

Alpha Phi Achievement Award Nominations Are Due February 1

Alpha Phi members are invited to submit nominations for the 2014 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 2015 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, 2015.

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SISTERS BY HEART

Sharing Our Vision. Strengthening Our Chapters

STATE OFFICERS, STATE SUPPORT PERSONNEL, AND STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Reports for 2013-2015 are due February 1, 2015. International will mail those reports to the chapter presidents. Please remember that the 2014-2016 chapter president must work with their 2012-2014 chapter president in order to complete the form. You may go on the International website, www.dkg.org and download the appropriate form. State committee chairmen, officers, and support personnel will need to work with your chapter counterpart and/or committee members in order to complete your biennial report for 2013-2015.

ALL ΔΚΓ MEMBERS

Make plans now to attend the Alpha Phi State Convention on May 1-3, 2015, in Wheeling, WV. Hampton Inn Wheeling located at 795 National Road in Wheeling is a very nice hotel with friendly staff that deliver gracious service. The hotel is reasonably priced and provides an outstanding complimentary breakfast bar. However, the facility does not offer any meeting rooms for large groups. We will be meeting in a nearby school, which is a short walk or you may drive or take a hotel shuttle, for the morning sessions and the luncheon. After a long break, we will travel (hotel shuttle available) to the Wheeling Country Club for our Banquet and more business. I am hoping to end the state convention at 9:00 on Saturday evening. That will give you ladies Sunday as a travel day. I believe that this will be especially beneficial to the ladies in the southern part of the state. Please come and participate in the business of the society as well as the fun activities. The business this year will include bylaws and standing rules changes that will have the potential to take the state organization in new directions. The election of officers for 2015-2017 is a business issue that is always of utmost importance to our society. We need your participation in this process. I would love to have the opportunity to thank each of you in person for all the support as well as the contributions that you have provided the society as well as me during my biennium as your state president.

I am happy to report that Alpha Theta is once again an active chapter! They have reinstated 26 members under their new president Camy Crouse. I was invited to attend their Christmas meeting on December 4, 2014 at Twin Falls State Park. Congratulations to the ladies of Alpha Theta for being able to reorganize.

Patty Cook
2013-2015 Alpha Phi State President



Susie's Thoughts

With the beginning of the new school year, it is exciting to hear that more chapters are planning to contact the new teachers in their areas and provide support in creative ways. Some chapters have been mentoring new teachers, delivering "Goodie Bags" filled with teacher supplies, chocolate and other snacks, inspirational cards and motivational information.

Another way to let new teachers know you are thinking about them is to send a card on their birthday, at Christmas, Valentine's Day and other holidays. You can have a committee send a snack or bottle of water to each new teacher at the beginning of every month with a whimsical anecdote about the joys and rewards of teaching.

If your chapter has had an interesting program or project please share this information with me and if possible, send a picture. Keep up the good work!

Marilyn "Susie" Rogers
Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President

CHAPTER NEWS

BETA

Our chapter volunteered for the Hospice love-light tree and rang bells for the Salvation Army again this year in December. Beta members welcomed **Joanne Gregory** as a transfer member. Joanne also received an International appointment to the Educators Book Award Committee.

DELTA

Cynthia Gissy, Ed.D., has been appointed Interim Dean of Academic Success at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Amy C. Wolfe, Assistant Professor of Education and Coordinator of Child Development at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, has earned her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction; Early Childhood from Ohio University. Her dissertation research examined WV Universal Pre-K.

Delta President **Martha McGovern** has had two of her poems selected to be part of the "Poetry in Art" exhibit at the Riverside Artists Gallery in Marietta, Ohio.

KAPPA

October's meeting was held at St. Anne's Church in Shinnston. A local pharmacist presented a program on diabetes.

Our December meeting was held at the historic Waldomore Mansion in Clarksburg. Special guest, Kevin Brown presented a selection of Christmas Carols and led group singing. Mr. Brown recognized two Kappa members, **Rosalee Dolan** and **Susan Marra** that had positively impacted his educational career.

MU

Mu Chapter's September meeting was held at Wirt County High School. **Karen Nicholson** and **Phyllis Counts**

led a remembrance ceremony for deceased members.

The November meeting was held at Spencer Elementary. Following the business meeting our annual paper bag auction was held.

NU

In September and October, we collected school supplies for new teachers. We are also doing a Mary Kay Fundraiser.

ALPHA KAPPA

Jo Ann Harman is President elect of the WV Association of Retired School Employees. **Patty Adkins** will serve as WVARSE Region 6 Director.

Susan Garrett was recently named Outstanding Member of Durgon CEOS in Hardy County.

The Alpha Kappa Book Scholarship to Potomac State College was awarded to Jenna Annadale of Hampshire County.

ALPHA DELTA

At our September meeting "New Teacher Bags" were given to representatives to be delivered to respective schools that have new teachers.

Adena Barnette was elected president of Jackson County Education Association. Fellow sisters, **Leslie Haynes** and **Susan Daugherty** were voted to serve as vice president and treasurer.

Sherry Poole was inducted into the West Virginia Marching Band Director Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 25.

ALPHA MU

Bonnie Grisell and her husband Sidney recently received the Paul "Buck" Martin Award from the WVU Alumni Association for their work in preserving and promoting traditions at the school. In 2012 they established the Grisell Hall of Traditions at the Erikson Alumni Center.

Susan Jones, a Social Studies teacher at John Marshall High School, has written a book entitled: Bill Stewart In His Own Words. It includes stories and quotes of Stewart and a narrative of his life and was auctioned off later in December. This year's theme was a Victorian Dream; proceeds from the tree will go to Simpson Church Feeding Body and Soul charity. Members are currently working on the Founders' Day Luncheon skit and the luncheon favors, our chapter's role in the upcoming State Convention.

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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.

NOTICE

Executive Secretary, Elizabeth Vance, has moved to South Carolina. Her new address is: 31 Wild Strawberry Lane Bluffton, SC 29909

White Roses



Martha Cole
Beta Chapter
September 2, 2014

Mabel Thompson
Delta Chapter
Honorary Member
November 29, 2014

Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following member and her family: in the death of her grandmother, **Adena Barnette** (Alpha Delta).

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

Alpha Phi State Scholarships Are Available

Are you working on your masters or your doctorate? Did you know that Alpha Phi State offers scholarships to help you meet the cost of furthering your education? Scholarship amounts vary from \$600 to \$1000. For an application or more information, contact Karen Zinn or check out the state website.

The deadline for submission of Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship applications is February 1, 2015. Applications can be sent to Karen Zinn, 3447 Campground Rd., Tunnelton, WV 26444 or by email at karenzinn@atlanticbb.net.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Beta
Jerica Wesley



Delta
Becky Brabham
Debra DeWees
Tabatha Efaw
Dr. Christine Guns
Christie Jarrell-Haddox
Jennifer Price

Alpha Delta
Carol Greene
Pam Craddock

Alpha Mu
Tammy Brinkmeier
Mary Ann Burke
Kathy Fox
Sue Lewicki
Debbie Shaffer-Palmer

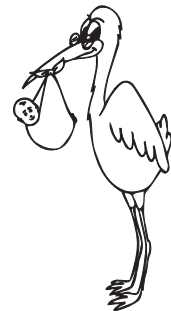


Welcome New Babies

Alpha Kappa

Congratulations to **Whitney Healey** and her husband, Nick, on the birth of their son, Hunter Grant, born on October 3, 2014.

Also, congratulations to **Billie Brown** (Beta) on the birth of a granddaughter.



R.O.S.E. AWARD

"Recognizing Our Star Educators"

It is a pleasure to recognize these ladies who have the "wisdom to share and the passion to care."

Amber Champ - Alpha Kappa
Marianna Leone - Alpha Kappa
Whitney Scholl - Alpha Delta

2015 Chapter Milestone Birthdays

35 Years
Alpha Kappa – October 25, 1980
Alpha Mu – November 15, 1980

45 Years
Alpha Zeta – September 26, 1970

50 Years
Chi – September 11, 1965
Omega – December 11, 1965

70 Years
Delta – September 8, 1945



Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma May 1-3, 2015 Wheeling, West Virginia



Make hotel reservations at the Hampton Inn by calling 304-233-0440 by April 17, 2015.
Room Rate: \$129.00
Tell them you are with Alpha Phi State.

Note: Rooms rates are subject to sales and occupancy tax.
Rooms are non-smoking and most credit cards are accepted.

Convention and Meal Registration Form

Send this form along with your check made payable to Delta Kappa Gamma to Sue Hvizdos, 33 Poplar Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003, by April 10, 2015. (Sorry, no refunds after April 15, 2015).

Please print the following information:

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (for reservation confirmation) _____

Chapter Office Title _____ State Office Title _____

Are you a Visitor or Special Guest? _____

Registration \$15.00 (\$20.00 after April 10) _____

Friday Night Activity _____ I will attend _____ I will not attend **FREE**

Breakfast is provided by the hotel at no extra charge at Hotel both days. **FREE**

Birthday Luncheon (Founder's Day) Saturday at Noon \$15.00 _____

Lunch will be held at the Wheeling Country Day School. Lunch includes Chilled Strawberry Soup, a Mixed Green Salad with Berries and Goat Cheese, Chicken Salad Sandwich and Birthday Cake.

Tour of Wheeling Country Day School (Saturday afternoon)
_____ Yes, I would like a tour _____ No, thank you

President's Banquet (Saturday evening) \$40.00 _____

Choice of (check one):
_____ Roast Pork Tenderloin
_____ Grilled Salmon

Dinner will be held at the Wheeling Country Club and includes salad, sides, sticky bun, rolls, drinks, and brownie ala mode for dessert.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____