

Book Publishing Workshop Offered for CE Credit at State Convention

- If you have an idea for a book or a story already on paper, this workshop will be of interest to you.
- Authors Melinda Chambers and Rosanne Glover, members of Alpha Kappa Chapter, will be your hosts to informally discuss some positives and negatives of getting your book published.
- Join other ΔKT members to share ideas and receive motivation and resources to get started.

All ΔKT members who have published books within the past five (5) years are encouraged to participate in the “book selling and signing” that will immediately follow this workshop. Any questions concerning the Workshop may be directed to Rosanne Glover at rhglover@frontiernet.net.

GOOD NEWS!

Two ladies will receive state scholarships at the Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma to be held at the Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg. What a lovely place to honor these worthy recipients. Please join us on Saturday afternoon, April 26, 2014, for the Founder’s Day Luncheon when the scholarship awards will be presented.

Alpha Phi Boutique

CHAPTERS: Remember to bring your three contributions to state convention for the Alpha Phi Boutique. Remember the items must be new and for more information on the Boutique, see the Fall Newsette, page 7. Please try to get items to convention by Friday evening for the live auction to be conducted by Woody Ireland, Representative to WV House of Delegates. Items not auctioned Friday evening will be featured in a silent auction on Saturday. Let’s make the first Alpha Phi Boutique a great success!

Publications Awards

Reminder: Chapters need to get their exhibits ready to submit at convention. The four categories are Scrapbook, Newsletters, Newspaper Clipping and Single Display. Judging will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, so all exhibits must be turned in by that time. Things to remember: stories about activities of individual members go in the scrapbook with names underlined in red. Stories about chapter activities should go in a separate book of newspaper clippings. NOTE: Discussion will be held at the convention for changes to be made in the future. Think about it!!



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Bond and Harsh Are Keynote Speakers for 2014 Alpha Phi Convention

Speaking at the Founders’ Day Luncheon will be Mary Kay Bond, the Executive Director of Read Aloud West Virginia. Read Aloud West Virginia’s mission is to raise a state full of readers. Bond has been involved with Read Aloud West Virginia in a variety of capacities since the organization’s inception. A native West Virginian, she earned her bachelor’s degree in political science from West Virginia University. In addition to her work with Real Aloud, she has served on the boards of a variety of organizations. She currently serves on the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia and was recently named a 2014 Women of Achievement honoree by the YWCA. Mary Kay and her husband, Pat, have three grown children.



Mary Kay Bond

The keynote speaker for the President’s Banquet will be **Dr. Sharon Harsh**, past president of Lambda Chapter. Dr. Harsh is the author of “The Future of Education: Building Capacity for Success” which was published in the fall 2013 edition of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.



Dr. Sharon Harsh

According to Dr. Harsh the future of education has great promise. Advances in technology, pedagogy and curriculum increase the level of success that teachers will have in designing effective instruction. Advances in the understanding and use of engagement structures and processes will increase student responsiveness to instruction and ultimately the level of student success. In her presentation, the program and personal factors linked to student success will be discussed and explored.

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Sharing Our Vision. Strengthening Our Chapters



Due to ice and snow my visit to Kappa Chapter on December 8 had to be cancelled. So, instead of visiting eighteen chapters in 2013 I visited with seventeen chapters. At this time, I have plans to visit with Tau, Eta, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Nu, Kappa and Alpha in March and April. At the end of April, I will travel to Parkersburg to join many of you at the seventh-third annual state convention. Judy Ditlow and Mary Binder, Chairmen of the 2014 Alpha Phi State Convention, along with the Delta Chapter ladies are busy preparing for our arrival at the beautiful historic Blennerhassett Hotel. Let us join together and make Alpha Phi State Convention attendance one of our personal and professional goals.

The fun will begin on Friday evening with refreshments served by the Delta ladies in the Judge Black Annex followed with a live auction. Saturday will begin with the Executive Board Meeting, the First General Session to take care of business, and training sessions for chapter officers.

The luncheon has been planned for your pleasure and entertainment. Scholarship recipients will be announced by Karen Zinn, Alpha Phi State Scholarship Committee Chairman. Our special guest speaker will be Mary Kay Bond, Executive Director Read Aloud West Virginia. After lunch, you will have the opportunity to attend classes for three hours credit of Continuing Education! The two classes will be forty-five minutes each. The first one will be presented by Dr. Sharon Harsh, Director ARCC at ICF International on "Supporting Effective Change through Multidimensional Capacity Building." The second session will be "How To Publish A Book" presented by Roseanna Glover and Melinda Chambers. These sessions will be followed by an opportunity to meet West Virginia Delta Kappa Gamma Authors and purchase a signed copy of their book.

We will join each other for the banquet with entertainment by the state chorus directed by Kathy Bennett. Kathy's music selections from the 1960 era will leave us dancing! We will have as our guest speaker Dr. Sharon Harsh, Director ARCC at ICF International and later an update on International from Dr. Kay Clawson, International Leadership Committee Chairman and Northeast Regional Nominee for 2014-2016. Of course, we will be introduced to the 2014 Alpha Phi State Achievement Award recipient. A reception to honor Dr. Kay Clawson on her nomination for Northeast Regional Director will complete our day.

Sunday will start with the Ceremony of Remembrance by Linda Van Reenen, Alpha Phi State Second Vice-President and Membership Chairman. Then we will hear how many chapters receive the Alpha Phi State Honor Award. The Final General Session will conclude our convention and we will go home with great memories and in need of rest.

Patty Cook
2013-2015 Alpha Phi State President

Sara Sweeney, State Webmaster, Will Present at 2014 International Convention

If you're traveling to Indianapolis for the International Convention please join Sara for her workshop entitled "Working with Younger Professionals". Last summer at the Northeast Regional Conference she offered a similar workshop and she will be offering this workshop again in Indianapolis this summer. Plan to attend so she can share her knowledge of how to gain younger members in Delta Kappa Gamma.



Notes from Susie

The Educational Excellence reports are in and it has been exciting to read about the programs and activities of Alpha Phi Chapters! Members reported 720.5 hours supporting early-career educators through mentoring, offering cash stipends to new teachers, delivering "goodie bags" and providing encouragement.

"Hot topics" discussed around the state touched on Schools for Africa, women's health issues, Mathematics in Transition, art in education, legislation issues and technology in the classroom.

These are just a few of the many wonderful ideas reported by Alpha Phi Chapters! Congratulations to the chapter officers for their leadership and the members for their hard work in Educational Excellence!

Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers
Alpha Phi State First Vice President

Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma

April 25, 26, 27, 2014

The Blennerhassett Hotel, Fourth and Market Streets, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Make hotel reservations by calling 304-422-3131 by March 25, 2014

Use code 139246 or tell them you are with Delta Kappa Gamma.

IF rooms are available after March 25, 2014, they will be at a higher rate.

Room Rates: \$129.00 for Single/Double

\$139.00 for King

Note: Rooms rates are subject to sales and occupancy tax.

Rooms are non-smoking.

Most credit cards are accepted.

Convention and Meal Registration Form

Send this form along with your check made payable to Alpha Phi 2014 Convention, to Rita Hennen, 1010 41st Street, Vienna, WV 26105, by April 11, 2014. (Sorry, no refunds after April 4, 2014).

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? _____ Special Guest? _____

Registration \$15.00 (\$20.00 after April 11) _____

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

Breakfast Buffet (Saturday) \$17.00 _____

(A coffee shop with assorted Danish is also available.)

Birthday Luncheon (Founder's Day) Saturday at noon \$20.00 _____

Choice of (check one):

_____ Portobello Ravioli

_____ Chef's Salad

Both lunches include soup du jour, fresh baked rolls, drinks, and Founder's Day Birthday Cake.

President's Banquet (Saturday evening) \$32.00 _____

Choice of (check one):

_____ Grilled Chicken Breast

_____ Virginia Baked Ham

Dinners include salad, fresh baked rolls, drinks, and Pecan Praline Sundae dessert

Breakfast Buffet (Sunday) \$17.00 _____

(Coffee shop is also available)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

CHAPTER NEWS

BETA

Harriet Leurant and **Susan Harpold** went to Chamberlain Elementary on January 24, 2014 to present **Megan Johnson** and **Rebecca Moore**, who are Early-Career Educators, with \$100 checks to spend in their classroom as they see fit. Also, a book was given to the student in each grade level K-5 that was the most improved in reading.

Pictured below left to right are **Nancy Pfister**, Beta member and principal of Chamberlain Elementary; **Megan Johnson**, first grade teacher; **Rebecca Moore**, third grade teacher; **Susan Harpold**, vice president Beta Chapter.



KAPPA

Congratulations to **Cindy Yazvac** who received a MAC Grant to purchase 34 USB flash drives for use with her middle school students.

MU

Erika Harper, **Allison Miller**, and **Amber Taylor** attended the WVRA Conference at the Greenbrier.

NU

We are very proud of Nu Chapter member and State First-Vice President **Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers**. She was selected as one of only 30 women to attend the ΔΚΓ Golden Gift Leadership Seminar. At our December meeting, money was collected for Schools in Africa, Burlington Home for Children and the Richwood and Summersville Convalescent Homes. The musical program was lots of fun. We sang carols and learned the religious history of "The Twelve Days of Christmas". The hostess committee prepared a delicious dinner and organized a gift exchange.

XI

Xi chapter met at Woodrow Wilson High School in November. The program was presented by Mary K. Bond on the statewide Read Aloud Program.

In December we met at United Methodist Temple in Beckley for our annual Christmas brunch and primary fund raising event, Make-Bake-Take Auction, which was very successful.

We celebrated Founder's Day with past presidents serving birthday cake and recalling highlights of their years of presidency. Four potential new members were our guests.

OMICRON

Omicron chapter has joined the wonderful world of technology: we now have a website. Check it out at: www.Omicronwv.weebly.com.

ALPHA NU

Our very own **Sally Cline** decided that the chapter needed its own song. We sang the song, "We're Alpha Nu" for the first time at our December meeting. Just another of a ΔΚΓ member seeing a need and taking the initiative to meet it.

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!!!

I hope many of you will consider singing in the Alpha Phi State Chorus this year! I am VERY EXCITED about the music we will be performing! The Convention Chorus will be performing a fun arrangement of popular songs from the 60's!! If you remember "It's My Party", "Chapel of Love", "Lollipop", "Downtown", and others, you should join our Chorus! We are going to take a trip back in time and we guarantee you won't be able to sit still or keep from smiling!

This is a great opportunity for you to participate as SISTER BY HEART! No experience is necessary! Trained voices are not a prerequisite!! All you have to do is complete and forward the following information, and show up for rehearsals ... it's that simple!! We want to have a GREAT TIME, enjoy this awesome music (which is really easy and enjoyable to learn), and step-out-of-the-box to create a memorable moment that is meant to be shared!

P.S. You can always just show up at rehearsal at Convention and join us ... I'll have extra music ... TRUST ME!!!

Alpha Phi State Chorus

Name _____
 Address _____
 Email _____
 Phone _____ Chapter _____

Preferred voice part (check one): music is scored SSA

Sop. I _____ Sop. II _____ Alto _____

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

Please forward to: Kathy Bennett, Alpha Phi State Music Chairman

P.O. Box 183, Bunker Hill, WV 25413 ronandkathybennett@hotmail.com



Janet Keister

Alpha Kappa Chapter
 August 10, 2013

Marie Ann Lawson

Phi Chapter
 October 22, 2013

Dr. Elizabeth Atwater Alexander

Alpha Kappa Chapter
 November 18, 2013

Betty White

Alpha Zeta Chapter
 December 5, 2013

Verne Colleen Miller

Eta Chapter
 December 13, 2013

Mary Catherine Abbott

Xi Chapter
 December 25, 2013

Linda Sue Unger

Eta Chapter
 December 29, 2013

Mrs. Janet Haig Butts

Alpha Kappa Chapter
 January 4, 2014

Marjorie Ann Ramsey Oakley

Theta Chapter
 January 5, 2014

Solena Massi

Lambda Chapter
 January 14, 2014

Helen Mary Triolo

Theta Chapter
 January 19, 2014

Virginia Callison

Alpha Gamma Chapter
 February 8, 2014

Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following members and their families: in the death of her husband, **Beverly Francesa** (Xi); in the death of their mothers, **Jennifer Butts** (Alpha Kappa) and **Judy Dolan** (Kappa); in the death of her father, **Karen Nicholson** (Mu); in the death of her brother, **Elizabeth Vance** (Xi); in the death of her brother-in-law, **Teresa Grygiel** (Xi).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Phi

Kristy East
 Kristy Glass
 Lori Howington
 Amy Oliver

Alpha Nu

Kelley Blankenship
 Kimberly Cozart
 Kelli Green



Welcome New Babies

Kappa

Congratulations to **Kari Henry** and her husband on the birth of a son, Kason William Henry, born on October 10, 2013.

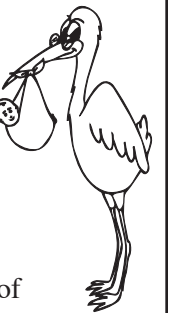
Alpha Gamma

Congratulations to **Jenny Persinger** and her husband on the birth of their daughter.

Alpha Mu

Congratulations to **Katy Carney** and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle, born on December 17, 2013.

Also, congratulations to **Cathy Hylton** (Alpha Gamma) on the birth of a granddaughter and to **Lois Southern** (Kappa) on the birth of a grandson.



THANK YOU 2012-2014 Chapter Presidents! THANK YOU 2013-2015 State Officers, Regional Directors, Support Personnel and State Committees! THANK YOU Chapter Members for your support of the state projects, Supporting Early-Career Educators and Read Aloud West Virginia. Your contributions to Alpha Phi State have made 2013-2014 a successful year.

Patty Cook
 2013-2015 Alpha Phi State President

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

Seventy-third Annual Alpha Phi State Convention

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Schedule-at-a-Glance

<u>Time (p.m.)</u>	<u>Event/Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, April 25, 2014		
1:00 – 9:00	Registration	First Floor
1:00 – 7:00	Exhibits Received	Patio Tented Area
1:00 – 9:00	Auction Gifts Received	Judge Black Annex
2:00 – 4:00	State Exec. Committee Meeting**	Suite 503
4:00 – 5:00	Ceremony of Remembrance Rehearsal	Suite 503
4:00 – 8:30	60/40 Tickets Sold	
4:30 – 6:30	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
7:00 – 7:30	Refreshments	Judge Black Annex
7:30 – 8:30	Live Auction	Judge Black Annex
8:30 – 9:00	Pay for Auction Items	Judge Black Annex
9:00	60/40 Drawing #1	Judge Black Annex
9:00 – 10:00	Chorus Practice	Charleston Ballroom
Saturday, April 26, 2014		
7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast Buffet	Spats Restaurant
7:30 – 5:00p.m.	Registration	First Floor
7:30 – 9:00	Exhibits Received	Patio Tented Area
7:30 – 9:00	Auction Gifts Received and Bidding	Patio Tented Area
8:00 – 2:30p.m	60/40 Tickets Sold	
8:00 – 8:45	State Exec. Board Meeting*	Charleston Ballroom
9:00 -	Exhibit Judging	Patio Tented Area
9:00 – 10:30	First General Session	Charleston Ballroom
10:45 – 11:45	Chapter Officer Training	Workshop Sessions
12:15 – 2:15	Birthday Luncheon	Charleston Ballroom
2:30 – 3:15	Continuing Education	Stratford Boardroom
3:15 – 4:00	Continuing Education	Stratford Boardroom
4:00 – 5:00	Book Selling / Signing	Patio Tented Area
4:30 – 5:00	PICK UP EXHIBITS	
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	The Presidents' Banquet	Charleston Ballroom
8:30 – 9:00	Clawson Reception	Charleston Ballroom
Sunday, April 27, 2014		
7:00 – 8:45	Breakfast On Your Own	
9:00 – 9:30	Ceremony of Remembrance	Charleston Ballroom
9:40 – 10:30	Presentation of Awards	Charleston Ballroom
10:30 – 11:00	Final General Session	Charleston Ballroom

*Section A. State Executive Board

- The members of the State Executive Board shall be the elected officers, the past state presidents who retain membership in Alpha Phi State, the chapter presidents, and the four regional directors. The parliamentarian, the executive secretary and the editor shall serve as ex-officio members without vote; the treasurer also shall serve as ex-officio member, with vote. A past president who serves as parliamentarian shall relinquish her voting privilege during her term of office except for a ballot vote. (International Standing Rule 6.02)

**Section B. State Executive Committee

- Alpha Phi State, West Virginia, shall have an executive committee composed of the elected officers as voting members. The treasurer also shall serve as ex-officio member, without vote. The Executive Committee shall conduct business delegated to it by the board and take action on matters requiring immediate attention. Related personnel may be invited to attend as deemed necessary.

Convention CE Session Offered on Multidimensional Capacity Building

Every teacher who has chaired a committee or served as a department leader, every principal who has worked with staff to implement an improvement plan, every district or state administrator, technical assistance provider, or head of an agency who has worked with others to implement a program, is a change agent. Even the simplest change can be difficult to implement and change agents need to know how to guide the change process and build the capacity of staff to implement the targeted change. In this CE session, participants will learn about a multi-dimensional approach to capacity building that will help teachers and administrators implement even the most complex change.

The presenter for this session is Dr. Sharon Harsh, past president of Lambda Chapter and director of the Appalachia Regional Comprehensive Center at ICF International.

Calling All Authors

Three hours of Continuing Education will be offered Saturday afternoon in two sessions. After the second session, West Virginia Delta Kappa Gamma active members are invited to bring currently published books (published within the past five years) to sign and sell.

A flyer will be printed about the books and be distributed to convention attendees. The author of the book must be at convention to sign and sell books and be responsible for their merchandise and timely removal of displays at the program's conclusion. Members interested in participating should contact Dr. Shannon Bennett Campbell, Continuing Education Committee Member, at P.O. Box 1771, Elkins, WV 26241 by April 1. Please include contact information along with appropriate information about the book i.e. title, price, and a brief synopsis. Participates must be registered attendees at the convention.

10:45 - 11:45

Chapter Officer Training Sessions

Presidents / Parliamentarians

Presenters: Elizabeth Vance, Alpha Phi Executive Secretary and Joanne Gregory, Alpha Phi Past President

Presidents will receive vital information on what to accomplish before your term begins; during your term; and after your term is completed. "Parliamentary Procedure 101" tips for running successful meetings, strategies for ensuring all members have a voice, and steps to follow when taking a motion to a vote.

First / Second Vice-presidents and / or Membership Chairmen

Presenters: Susie Rogers, Alpha Phi First Vice-President and Linda VanReenen, Alpha Phi Second Vice-President

This session will focus on ways to advance educational excellence with programs that provide support for early-career educators; increase global awareness and the ΔΚΓ connection with the United Nations; and provide ways to empower women through personal growth, the arts, community leadership and professional pride. Linda will present information to allow you to enhance the growth and development of your chapter membership as well as evaluate the current strength of your chapter. The importance of timely necrology reports to our chapter and state membership histories will be addressed.

Recording / Corresponding Secretaries

Presenters: Joanne Gregory, Alpha Phi Past President and Sharon Burns, Alpha Phi State Recording Secretary

Do You Have Few Minutes?

Tips and strategies that will optimize your service to your chapter. Learn how parliamentary procedure affects you as a Secretary.

Treasurers / Finance Chairmen

Presenters: Jana Adkins, Alpha Phi State Treasurer and Deloris Lipps, Alpha Phi State Finance Chairman

Attention Treasurers and Finance Chairs, we have a workshop for you. You or your representative can learn about or review topics like the 990N, budgeting and more.

Newsletter Chairmen and / or Webmasters

Presenters: Susan Marra, Alpha Phi State Editor and Sara Sweeney, Alpha Phi State Webmaster

Ideas for your chapter newsletter, what to send for the state Newsette, and how to design a chapter website. Please bring a laptop computer along with your chapter's strategic action plan and some pictures from your chapter events/activities to get started on your chapter webpage.

All Interested Members

Facilitator, Dr. Kay Clawson, International Leadership Committee Chairman Please join Dr. Clawson in a brainstorming session on ways to strengthen Alpha Phi State Chapters. Share with the group your chapter success stories and/or ideas to be presented on Sunday during the last general session and later in the Newsette as well as on the state website.