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On a personal note, I want to share with you why I will be wearing two chapter Key pins. The one on the left belonged to my lifelong friend, Jeanne McCutcheon. Jeannie and I were friends through high school, roommates in college, taught together for many years, traveled together, and worked together year after year in Delta Kappa Gamma. We were "sisters by heart." In wearing her pin, I feel that I am sharing this experience by honoring her memory. This pin will serve as a constant reminder of how important relationships with our "sisters by heart" truly are. Delta Kappa Gamma chapters provide each lady an opportunity to have many "sisters by heart." If we can strive to develop strong relationships with each other in our chapters, the chapters not only grow but they will become very strong. "Sisters by Heart" will be our 2013-2015 Slogan as a call to unite the chapters as the Scottish clans did in the early 1500's ... their call was used as a war cry or gathering cry. So, Sisters by Heart" let us unite and begin the fight to strengthen our chapters.

I have appointed the following Ad Hoc committees. It is my hope that these committees will serve to strengthen our society either in attendance or financially.

1. We are hoping to strengthen attendance at state conventions by providing **Continuing Education Units** for attendees.

2. We will create the criteria to designate our outstanding chapters as "Honor Chapters" along with an Alpha Phi State Honor Chapter Pin which will be presented to the Honor Chapter President. We then would hope that the members of that Honor Chapter would like to purchase a pin. This project could have the potential to strengthen the chapters as well as serve as a fund raiser for the state organization.

3. Research Committee on Feasibility of an Alpha Phi State One Day Convention every even year in order to conserve monies both at the state and at the chapter levels.

4. Research Committee on Feasibility for an Alpha Phi State Cookbook Project which would involve chapter participation in creating and selling of the cookbook. For example, a cookbook selling for \$10.00 would give the chapter \$4.00 and state \$4.00 with \$2.00 for the printing expenses. This project potentially could be financially good for the state as well as the chapters that participate. The state would have an opportunity to sell additional cookbooks at International Convention and Northeast Regional Conference.

5. A committee to create a pin that would say, "Sisters by Heart" with two ladies and $\Delta K\Gamma$ on a heart shape design would be a wonderful fund raiser for Alpha Phi State. Our members as well as any $\Delta K\Gamma$ member outside our state organization might wish to purchase the pin.

> Blessings to each DKG Sisters, Patty Cook, Alpha Phi State President P.O. Box 160, Summersville, WV 26651 304-872-3397 cook.pj@frontier.com



Lumberport, WV 26386 LOS XOH OA Susan S. Marra, Editor **VIDHA PHI NEWSETTE**



I find myself extremely honored to be your president and to represent Alpha Phi State at the Northeast Regional Conference July 22-27 in Portland, Maine. My focus at conference will be to glean all information that will be of benefit in serving you, the members and chapters.

Serving as Alpha State President at this time will be challenging, due to the decline in membership in not only our state but in every state as well as in many of the member countries. In 1994, when I attended Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar in Austin, Texas, we were at our pentacle with a membership of 164,000; however, we now have an International membership of only 90,000. We must focus on building our local chapter memberships. The question is

how will we begin the task of rebuilding?

I believe one way to begin rebuilding our membership is by Supporting Early-career Educators in our local schools. Therefore, I have selected Supporting Early-career Educators, one of our International projects, as our state project. By choosing an International project as our state project, chapters will not have additional demands on their resources. This project is a natural fit for every chapter in every area of our state. We need to support beginning teachers due to the great number of teachers who are leaving the profession after only three to five years of teaching. As a society, this project will afford us an opportunity to share our knowledge and to support the profession that we love; as well as open the door for inviting these young teachers into Delta Kappa Gamma membership. As part of this project, I will be encouraging all chapters to join the West Virginia Read Aloud Program in your counties as a way to support teachers as well as helping our children to learn to love to read.

Our Delta Kappa Gamma International theme is Sharing Our Vision - Strengthening Our Society. I feel that it is important to support our International theme; therefore, I have chosen Sharing Our Vision – Strengthening Our Chapters as our Alpha Phi State 2013-2015 theme. I have chosen a theme that not only supports our International theme but one that I believe best articulates my feelings about where the real strength in our organization lies!

Therefore, the focus of our 2013-2015 biennium will not be the International organization nor the state organization but the **<u>chapters</u>**. It is my belief that the chapters are not only the foundation of $\Delta K\Gamma$ but the life-line of the organization!! The most important people in Delta Kappa Gamma are neither the International Officers nor the International Staff. They are not the Alpha Phi State Officers! The most important and valuable group of individuals in our Society are the CHAPTER MEMBERS! Without you, the chapter members and officers, there would be neither a State nor an International organization.

YOU, the Delta Kappa Gamma members, have the creative genius to build, to lead, to multiply the talents of this organization to greatness in our chapters, in our communities and in our state. When chapters are working together their vision animates, motivates, and inspires others.

I ask during this next biennium that you share with me all your great ideas as well as concerns but most of all your successes and your joys. It is again my belief that it is these successes and joys that we can share with each other that will help us to begin to rebuild our chapters.

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2013-2015 Alpha Phi State Committees

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Linda's Membership News

Greetings and best wishes for a summer of relaxation and reflection as educators take time to learn from the past year and plan for the future. As an Alpha Phi State member, whether teaching or retired, I know summer is often a time our thoughts turn from daily responsibilities of work and our responsibilities as members of our Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters. However, this summer I challenge you to spend time reflecting on how we can

make plans to fulfill our theme for the next biennium, "Sharing Our Vision, Strengthening our Chapters." Strength for the state organization begins with active members in our local chapters. We are facing a challenge to gain new members and keep current members. From training at NE Regional Conference, I look forward to learning ways we can increase our membership and enhance active membership in our chapters.

As Membership Chairman, in this new biennium, I need to receive all membership information from your chapter, specifically Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member. You may send this information to me by email to <u>lhvanreenen@yahoo.com</u>, or postal service to Linda H. VanReenen, 758 Denmar Road, Hillsboro, WV 24946-8502. I may be contacted by phone at 304-653-4667.

To close, I would like to leave you with this thought. "To learn and never be filled, is wisdom; To teach and never be weary is love." Enjoy the summer's rest, relaxation and reflection.

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



Cookey Shares Her Parting Thoughts

As I write my last column as president of Alpha Phi State, I want to thank the membership for allowing me to be your state president for two years. I hope I served the membership well and advanced the Society's ideals and purposes. Even though our membership numbers are down, our quest for quality, committed members has not languished. We have new leaders at the top to guide us through the next two years, and I fully support Patty Cook and her new theme that coincides with one of the International projects of Supporting Early *Career Educators*. Our current teachers in the field are overworked and underpaid and we need to encourage them that their calling to be a teacher is not in vain. They will be rewarded.

I had many members who helped me along my path of leadership. One of those was Alberta Huggins, past president in 1995-1997, who saw leadership potential in me and encouraged my seeking a state office. I have learned that if one needs to know anything about Alpha Phi, ask a past state president. Alpha Phi has been very blessed to have had these people serve as state presidents: Helen Kiser, Phyllis Osenton, Frances Witten, Billie Jean Hutsenpiller, Emma Matthews, Rebecca Wood, Kathryne Williams, Helen Kress, Joanne Gregory, Susan Marra, Dr. Kay Clawson, and Carol Watson. They really helped me and are very willing to give of their expertise. They would also make good chapter speakers.

I'll never forget the 2013 Convention hosted by Gamma Chapter. "Cookies for Cookey" was a sweet idea and a fun way to have a convention. No one went away hungry! I thank Gamma Chapter for all their hard work, effort, and creativeness.

The State Project of "Fifteen 4 You" was emphasized for six years and hopefully will continue in the schools until obesity is wiped out and will not longer be an issue with West Virginia's children. We can hope this becomes a reality.

Updating our Alpha Phi history was begun with an ad hoc committee and will continue until the history is published in 2016 which will be the 75th anniversary of Alpha Phi. We all look forward to that celebration and receiving an update of the Alpha Phi State Story. Also, the ad hoc committee for updating the convention guidelines was completed by Becky Wood and Carol Watson. The 11 page 8-1/2 x 11 booklet is entitled Alpha Phi State Convention Guide 2013 Responsibility. The booklet was given to the next two chapters who will host state conventions as well as the new president and officers.

I enjoyed visiting chapters around the state and thank them for the gifts I received although a gift to the visiting state president is not necessary. It was especially nice when chapters sent me their schedule of meetings and let me choose the date most accommodating to me. I loved that gesture.

I'm looking forward to getting together in Portland, Maine, for relaxation and fun. I hope to see many of you attending the NE Regional. There should be plenty of room because they just added a third hotel.

> $\Delta K\Gamma$ love, Cookey Gunther Immediate Past State President WV 2011-2013

Greetings from Susie!

Greetings dear friends in Delta Kappa Gamma! Our conference in

such fun and we had an opportunity to renew acquaintances and make new friends. The arrangements and decorations for all activities were beautiful and made the entire weekend a special event. I am excited about attending the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine, in July to hear about new ideas for programs and projects for Alpha Phi State chapters. You will hear more about this after the conference.

I hope you are all rested and ready for a busy school year and an active year of activities in Delta Kappa Gamma!

> Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President



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- Research Feasibility Study of an Alpha Phi State One Day Conference every even year with Alpha Phi State Convention every

White Roses

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"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

Jessie Louise Widmyer Hunter Eta Chapter February 8, 2013

Glenda Stout Delta Chapter May 10, 2013

Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following members and their families: in the death of their husbands, Dr. Martha McGovern (Delta), Betty R. Tustin (Delta) and Eullah Harris (Tau); in the death of her sister, Jo Ann Harman (Alpha Kappa); and in the death of her mother-in-law, Liz Savre (Alpha Epsilon).

* 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

Theta Jessica Krigbaum Diana Clay Wendy Tomlin Kristen Dingess

Alpha Kappa Gayle Allen

Beta

Julie Barb

Donna See

Carolyn Clauze

Sheena Van Meter



Kappa

Abby Lee

Roxanne Loar



Xi Chapter Initiation: (L to R) Teresa Grygiel, 2nd vice-president; Glenda Wait, president and sponsor of Claytina Shepherd; new member, Ann Schriver and sponsor Kathy Anderson; Linda Ramsey, 1st vice-president and sponsor of Drema McNeal.

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."

> Liz Sayre (Alpha Epsilon) Annette Boggs (Alpha Kappa) Louisa Hardy (Alpha Kappa)

Xi Drema McNeal Ann Schriver Claytina Shepherd

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BETA

Beta hosted the Founders' Day Luncheon May 11, 2013 at the Pastoral Center for Beta, Chi, Omicron, Alpha Iota, and Tau Chapter.

Dr. Joyce Meikamp and Dr. Jeanette **Farmer** participated in "Institutions of Higher Education Partnerships: Beginning Conversations."

Beta is so proud of Dr. Joyce Meikamp, who was one of six Marshall University Professors to receive the Distinguished Service Award accompanied with \$1,000.

DELTA

Jayne Whitlow, president of Delta Chapter, was one of twelve WV educators who received 2013 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards. Jayne teaches theater and fine arts at Parkersburg South High School and is completing 31 years in the field of education.

THETA

Theta's last meeting for the 2012-2013 school year was a special one as we met at the Logan Country Club on April 13, 2013. We were honored to have West Virginia's First Lady, President of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, and Theta Member Joanne Tomblin as our guest speaker. We celebrated with **Wilma Zigmond** as she prepares to retire as Logan County Superintendent, and we celebrated with **Phyllis Doty** as she prepares to retire.

KAPPA

Kappa Chapter was the hostess for the April joint meeting with Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority. Frog centerpieces carried out the theme of "Leaping Into Spring."

At our May meeting Sharon Clagett, 2nd vice president, conducted a memorial service for Lois Teter.

Sharon's daughter, Bronwyn, played "Taps" on her trombone as part of the service.

MU

Becky Falin was selected to attend the 2013 Ohio Northern University High School Chemistry Teachers Workshop that was held in June.

Deloris Lipps, Allison Miller and Karon Minor attended the WV Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference at Stonewall Resort in March.

Carol Williams retired from Spencer Elementary School in June.

XI

Ginger Danz, Fayetteville art instructor, presented the program for the March meeting. Members were taught how to make a collage using photos, magazine illustrations, etc. Charlotte Hutchens and Joyce Mills presented a review of educational projects in which Xi members have participated.

In April, we met at Beckley Elementary School computer lab for a program on Social Media presented by Elizabeth Vance. Donations for the Raleigh County Animal Shelter were collected at the March and April meetings and delivered to the shelter. Monetary donations were collected for the Back Pack project in March as well as World Fellowship for Education in Africa in May.

OMICRON

Omicron Chapter hosted a meeting on March 10 for Beta, Chi, Tau and Alpha Iota chapters. Our speaker was Debbie Edmonds, a Fulbright-Hays Scholarship recipient and an Omicron member. She spoke on "Diversity of Mexican and Columbian Societies". She gave a wonderful presentation that included pictures of her recent visit to Mexico. We also had our annual Silent Auction.

OMEGA

For many years, Omega Chapter has given monetary support to a college junior or senior education major through our "Adopted Daughter" award. This year's recipient is Laken Bone at Marshall University. We hope she will be an Omega member some day!

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CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA EPSILON

Dr. Leslie Haynes received her National Board Certification.

Sonya White became the principal of Kenna Elementary on March 1. We sponsored one girl from each of the local high schools to attend Rhododendron Girls State.

ALPHA THETA

Alpha Theta members collected children's books and delivered them to doctors' offices in an effort to encourage reading and to comfort children.

ALPHA KAPPA

At our March meeting Vickie Saville presented a slide show "Hats Off to $\Delta K\Gamma$ for the Founder's Day program.

Marianna Leone has been named Hampshire County Superintendent of Schools. Sheena Van Meter, a new initiate, has been hired as principal of Moorefield Intermediate School.

Congratulations to Vickie Lambert and Pamela Boggs on their retirement.

ALPHA MU

At our May meeting President Linda **Gardill** opened the meeting with a very cute Founder's Day activity.

Debbie Takach showed slides from the state convention and did a lovely presentation about the event.

Rachel White explained the poster that was used at the convention to promote our chapter.

This year's recipient of our Grant is a senior at John Marshall High School. Our president presented the award at the Pride Awards Ceremony at John Marshall on May 20.

The Marshall County Fun Fair is July 23 at the Mollahan Center in the old penitentiary. Underwear was collected at the meeting and donated to the event. The executive committee will meet over the summer to discuss next year's meetings and programs.

Congratulations to Mary Louise Wharry on her upcoming retirement.

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2013 Achievement Award Presented at Convention

Jana Adkins, 2012 Achievement Award Winner, had the pleasure of presenting Rosanne Glover, a 30 year member of Alpha Kappa Chapter, with the 2013 Achievement Award.

Roseanne has served her chapter as recording secretary for seven biennium and as president for two biennium. Roseanne has served not only her chapter but also Alpha Phi State as choir director. She has served as chairman of many committees on both the chapter and state level. She is presently serving her second biennium as Alpha Phi State's Northeast Regional Director. In addition to attending ten state conventions she has also attended four Northeast Regional Conferences and has sung in the International choir. She is also very active in many other organizations in her community. Roseanne received her BA and Masters degrees from West Virginia University. She taught math and choral music at Petersburg High School until her retirement in 2002. After her retirement

she taught at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College for four years and at Potomac State College for one year. She received many honors during her teaching career including Grant County Teacher of the Year in 2002.

Roseanne is married to Dr. John Glover, DDS, and now that they are both retired they have recently built a small home in Cary, NC, to be near their daughter and especially their two grandsons.

2013-2015 Alpha Phi State Officers

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2013-15 President shares her vision for Alpha Phi State





L-R: Cookey Gunther presents awards to Beta Chapter's Harriet Leurant



Memorial Service





Delta Chapter extends invitation to 2014 Alpha Phi State Convention

2013 Alpha Phi State Convention Highlights



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Deloris Lipps announces awards



L-R: Past State Presidents Frances Witten and Joanne Gregory enjoy Friday night activities.



Alpha Phi State Choir performs at President's Banquet



Presentation of Chapter Flags



Sara Sweeney, one of the **Alpha Phi State Scholarship Winners**