



State Board Member Speaks at Conference

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



Beverly Kingery, a WV State Board of Education member, kept approximately 90 Alpha Phi State members mesmerized with her personal stories and leadership ideas at the Leadership Conference held April 23 at the Best Western Plus in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Kingery, also a former teacher, principal and county superintendent, happily shared her no-nonsense, but caring, philosophy of leadership for women in education today. She went letter by letter through the word "leadership" with the conference attendees and told a little story about each one. Mrs. Kingery also discussed upcoming education trends in WV education. After Mrs. Kingery's talk, President Rogers presented her with a WV Blenko water pitcher as a token of the society's appreciation.

The next portion of the meeting was made up of workshops for members. They included sessions for presidents, led by Alpha Phi State President Rogers; 1st vice presidents, led by Christy Groves (Alpha); 2nd vice presidents, led by Dr. Shannon Campbell (Lambda); webmasters, led by Sara Sweeney (Epsilon), and "Pickle Leadership," led by Jean Hinzman (Gamma).

At the conclusion of the morning sessions, members met in the hotel lounge for lunch.

Doris Weekley (Mu) gave an inspirational talk and led grace. New chapter presidents were introduced, and initiates were recognized by Christy Groves (Alpha).



Speaker Beverly Kingery

Rebecha Catlett (Eta) presented publication awards to the participating chapters. Linda Ramsey (Xi) invited all of the members to the 2017 Convention which will be held at The Resort at Glade Springs in April of 2017. Next, Sherry Poole performed a flute solo to introduce the memorial tribute given by Roseanne Glover (Alpha Kappa) for all of the members who had passed away since the last convention. Lunch was concluded with the "Delta Kappa Gam-

ma Song." This rendition was enhanced by hand drawn sketches designed and drawn by Libby McClung (Alpha). Sherry Poole (Alpha Delta) directed, and Jessie Thompson (Alpha Delta) accompanied on the piano.

Immediately following lunch, additional training was offered for recording secretaries, led by Sherry Poole; treasurers, led by Deloris Lipps (Mu) and Jana Adkins (Alpha Delta); communications, led by Rebecha Catlett (Eta) Meg Ashby, Lisa Bennett, and Lauren Jarroll (Nu); webmasters (part 2), led by Sara Sweeney (Epsilon); and "Toy Box Leadership," led by Jean Hinzman (Gamma).

The conference began wrapping up at 3 p.m. with the chapter roll call conducted by Sherry Poole (Alpha Delta), presentation of Continuing Education Credits, door prizes, raffle winners, and final announcements. As members left for home, they received a snack bag prepared by Jean Hinzman (Gamma).

This first ever Leadership Conference which replaces the convention in even numbered years was planned by Susan Marra (Kappa) and the Leadership Conference Committee.

Susie's Thoughts: A Note from the President

This has been a busy year for Alpha Phi State and our chapters have been growing with approximately 75 new and reinstated members added to the rolls! This is wonderful news and now let's see if we can gain over 100 new members next year!

The 2016 Leadership Conference was quite successful with 90 in attendance at the Best Western Plus Hotel in Bridgeport. Many new officers received training to begin their duties in the chapters. Workshops for chapter websites, communications, and leadership were also available and well attended at the Conference.

A big "Thank You" goes to Susan Marra for her work planning and organizing our Leadership Conference. We also want to thank our workshop leaders, photographers, publicity judges, craft organizers, music leaders, performers, and of course, all of

the members who traveled to Bridgeport.

The conference proved to be a financial boost for the winners of the 60/40 drawings and congratulations to Jana Adkins who took home a beautiful quilt made and donated by Bonnie Rephann of Eta Chapter!

Be sure to read the article about the 2017 Alpha Phi State Convention to be held April 28, 29, 30, 2017 at the The Resort at Glade Springs. Many more details will be included in each issue of the *Newsette* and we hope to have a great turnout for the event! Xi Chapter will be hosting the Convention, so be sure to save the date in April!

Another reminder...new officers will be elected at the 2017 Convention. Anyone interested in an office should download the application from the state website, www.dkgwv.org.

Alpha Phi State Scholarships and International Scholarships will be awarded this year. The application is on the State Website, www.dkgwv.org, and applications for the International Scholarships will be on the International Website at www.dkg.org.

Looking ahead at the 2016-2017 DKG year of events, let us remember to set goals in each chapter and have someone in charge of completing arrangements to meet those goals. Success depends on proper preparation. Work to increase our membership and keep everyone busy!

I am looking forward to meeting with Alpha Phi State Chapters again this year. The Chapters and members are the heart and soul of Alpha Phi State, so let's get together and sing the Delta Kappa Gamma song!

Dr. Marilyn "Susie" Rogers
Alpha Phi State President



Dr. Marilyn 'Susie' Rogers

Christy's Contemplations: Pick Your Passion!

On April 23rd, we had a wonderful one-day conference titled "Leadership for All" at the Best Western Plus in Bridgeport, West Virginia. It was great seeing so many interested and committed DKG members there. At the workshop for Chapter 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, which was held in a Sleeping Room (that's right, a regular room fixed up with many chairs around and a couple of tables!!!!), I was able to meet many new (to me) and dedicated gals with lots of neat ideas about programs that had been given in their chapters this year. Some of these are:

—Literacy Projects, with books donated to Doctors' offices—children are allowed to choose

books to take home.

—Books and blankets donated to the maternity wards of hospitals.

—Donation of bears and books to the police department for times that they have to take children out of the home (toiletry items for teens).

—Cookies at Christmas and flowers in the spring for new teachers

—School supplies for new teachers at the beginning of the school year. If you have a lot of schools or new teachers, choose one school each year.

—A Christmas Brunch— make bake, and take is fun way to raise funds for needed projects.

—A silent auction is also a fun way to raise money...the auctioneer looks in a bag with the item and says wonderful things about it without revealing what is actually there!

—Some chapters have also donated food to animal shelters and Food Pantries.

I hope as you plan your programs for next year, you will think of SEE (or Support for Early Career Educators), Schools for Arica and UNICEF, and Impacting educational law and policy.

And remember to " Pick Your Passion!"

Christy Groves
Alpha Phi State 1st Vice President



Christy Groves

At Last: The Joys of Summer

Ah! The joys of summer at last! One of my favorite things (aside from school vacation) is my rose garden. We have at least thirty bushes—white, pink, peach, yellow, red. Do you know the rose became the official flower of the United States in 1986? What took so long?

Of course, the red rose is our DKG emblem. The Founders chose it because it “reflects beauty of mind and spirit.” Red traditionally symbolizes courage as well as love, both traits of Key Women Educators. As an English teacher, I also see metaphors to relate the parts of a rose to DKG.

The leaves sprout forth first in the spring. If they are not healthy, don’t expect many blooms. The sepals, the green coverings that appear next, cover the precious buds. As the sepals expand, the lovely blossoms burst forth. Delicate colored petals attract bees for pollination, crucial to the next generation of flowers.

Think of our chapters as rose bushes, bursting with color at some times, going dormant at others. We current members (leaves and sepals) must keep the chapter healthy, nurturing new members (buds), and appreciating their tal-

ents (petals) that will guarantee continuation of the chapter through any dormancy.

Now, what about those pesky thorns? They protect the plant from hungry critters (critics?). We all show our prickly sides at times; however, as a healthy chapter we can still reflect that overall “beauty of mind and spirit” that is DKG.

In your service,
Deborah H. Super
Alpha Phi State 2nd Vice President



Deborah Super

July Deadline: A Reminder For Chapter Treasurers

All chapter treasurers must file Form 15 to Alpha Phi State Treasurer Deloris Lipps by July 15. The form is available on the International website (www.dkg.org). It is an interactive form which you can complete and email to me. If you have problems accessing the online form, contact me, and I can mail you a paper copy.

Treasurers may also file the IRS Form 990-N anytime after July 1 and before November 15. There is a link for it on the home page of the International website. Because it is a direct link with the IRS this year, you just register as a new user. When you receive the acceptance email, you need to forward it to me.

Thank you for all the work you have done for your chapter this year.

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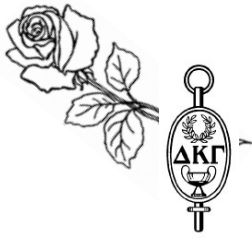
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Important DKG Dates

July 5-9, 2016 International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee

September 1, 2016— Deadline for the fall issue of the Newsette

April 28-30, 2017 Alpha Phi State Convention, The Resort at Glade Springs



White Roses

Ellen G. Burgess
Alpha Nu Chapter
November 23, 2015

Helen Louise Garrett
Mu Chapter
February 28, 2016

Reporting a Death

Presidents and/or membership chairs are to report the death of a member immediately to International and Alpha Phi State. Please send **Form 6** (available at www.dkg.org under *Forms*) to the International Membership Administrator, and a copy to Alpha Phi State Second Vice President Deborah Super at 104 White Oak Lane, Elkins, WV 26241 or dsuper3688@gmail.com.

“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

News from the Chapters



Welcome
New Baby
Boy!

Kay Solomon (Tau) has a new great-grandson.

Joanne Gregory talking about and describing our Founders and us seeing if we had some of the same characteristics



Barbara Tabaretti lighting candles remembering and talking about our founders.

Beta Chapter



Alpha Phi State President Susie Rogers installed the new officers for Beta, Alpha Iota, Tau, and Chi Chapters on May 14.



News from the Chapters

Alpha Mu

Spring has been a busy, productive time for Alpha Mu. At our March service project meeting, Tammy DeWitt helped twenty-six members make cards that were later distributed at the Peterson Rehab and Geriatrics Center and the Wheeling Soup Kitchen. Donations were also collected; this money helped purchase supplies for holiday cards for Peterson, the Soup Kitchen, and the John Marshall High School TSA, whose students made cards for cancer victims.

Three guests, Lori Healy, Jonette Mercer, and Becky Wilson, attended the April New Membership Tea. After introducing these prospective new members, Co-2nd Vice-Presidents Charlotte Nadolski and Christie Robison encouraged our "teaching" members to share some of their classroom highlights/projects.

Co-Presidents Grisell and Debbie Takach then announced the recipients of both the Apple and the Rose Awards. Given to 2 outstanding classroom teachers who were also willing to take leadership roles in the chapter, the Apple Awards were presented to Christie Robison and Jennifer Yates. Christie has served 2 terms as 2nd Vice-President; Jennifer has served as Secretary, Co-1st Vice-President, and will be Treasurer. Given to 2 retired members who have given time and talent to the organization, the Rose Awards were presented to Linda Gardill and June Geiger. Both women are charter members of our chapter, have attended many state conventions, and have worked numerous committees and projects. June served as Treasurer for 6 years;



Dr. Marilyn Susie Rogers installs Epsilon and Alpha Mu officers. Epsilon officers: Treasurer Sue Hvizdos, Secretary Annie Vopal, 2nd VP Dr. Li-Wei Peng, (State President Dr. Rogers), 1st VP Shaye Hanna, and President Deena Proctor. 2nd Row: Alpha Mu officers: Parliamentarian Tammy DeWitt, Treasurer Jennifer Yates, Secretary Whitney Healy, 2nd VP Lara Himrod, 1st VP Mary Louise Wharry, and President Lynn Hellstern.



Presentation of Awards: Co-President Debbie Takach; recipients of Apple Awards, Christie Robison and Jennifer Yates; recipients of Rose Awards, Linda Gardill and June Geiger; and Co-President Bonnie Grisell.

Linda served as President for 4.

As guests of our sister chapter Epsilon, our members met at Wheeling Country Club where State President Marilyn Susie Rogers installed our 2016-18 slate of officers: President Lynn Hellstern, 1st Vice-President Mary Louise Wharry, 2nd Vice-President Lara Himrod, Secretary Whitney Healy, Treasurer Jennifer Yates, and Parliamentarian Tammy DeWitt. We were pleased to have 3 prospective new Alpha Mu members attend this joint dinner installation: Kristen Espina, Jonette Mercer, and Denise Radaker.



Chapter News Wanted!

Send your photos and articles in to the *Alpha Phi Newsette* for publication. Share your project ideas and successes!

Email your information to

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News from the Chapters

Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Epsilon Chapter officers were installed at the April 2 meeting at Shoney's in Morgantown. They are President Pat Spangler, 1st V.P. Karen Berry, 2nd V.P. Betty Johnson, Recording Secretary Janet Mundell, Corresponding Secretary Janet Judd, and Parliamentarian Carolyn Baumgardner. Treasurer Pat Dixon was not in attendance.

Alpha Epsilon members are planning a field trip to Adaland Mansion near Philippi on July 24.



A program on Minor Miners was presented at the April meeting by Preston High Student Drue Schneider, the granddaughter of member Shirley Clark. Although many believe child labor is a thing of the past, Drue's social studies research project revealed an ongoing world problem, especially in developing nations. Drue told the story as a child of the past working in a WV coal mine.



Four chapter members attended the officers training and leadership conference in Bridgeport. They were Janet Judd, Patty Rushford, Nancy Krynicki, and Pat Spangler.

Nu Chapter



Nu Chapter officers at the April meeting. They include Carolyn Chapman, president; Mary Dale Cruse, second vice president; Lauren Jarroll, first vice president, Ramona Beverage, recording secretary; Ardith Groves, parliamentarian; Linda Taylor, treasurer; and Carol Marsh, corresponding secretary.



News from the Chapters

Eta Chapter



Five Eta Chapter members attended the April Leadership Conference in Bridgeport. Rebecha Catlett, Lulla Bell Robertson, Vicki Jenkins, Kathy Arbogast, and Darlene Risinger display some of the handiwork of chapter members. The quilt shown on the right was made as a gift for President Rogers by Kathy Arbogast. Another quilt made by Bonnie Rephann was raffled off to raise funds for Alpha Phi State(Jana Adkins WON the quilt!) Members enjoyed the sessions provided by Alpha Phi State officers and leaders.



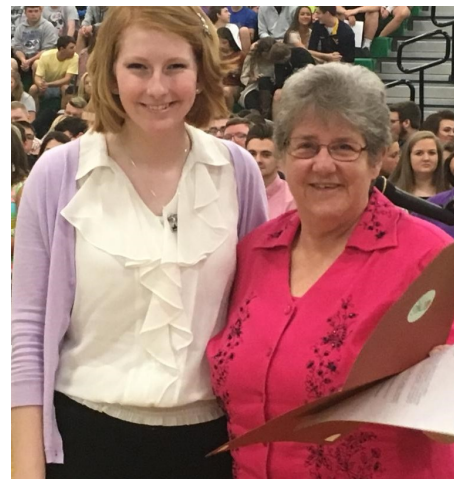
Eta's Grant-in-Aid Scholarship Winners Ashley Carper (left) and Haleigh Roby (right) with Professional Affairs Chair Julia Linaweaver (middle). Each young woman received a \$300 scholarship. Not pictured, Athena Frank.



XI Chapter



New Key Women Educators initiated on May 7 into Xi Chapter are Phyllis Butsch, Ashley Taylor, Kristin Stanley, Terri Gunter, Allison Shriver, and Karla Baatz.



Tau Chapter

Lindsay Lough, a 2016 graduate of Winfield High School, received a \$500 Mabel C. Merial Grant-in-Aid from Tau Chapter. Caren Thomas (Tau) presented the award.

Chapters Earn Publication Awards At Spring Leadership Conference

During the 2016 Leadership Conference Alpha Phi State chapters submitted scrapbooks, single displays, newspaper clippings, and newsletter compilations for exhibition and judging. Collectively, ten chapters submitted a total of twenty-eight projects. The projects were perused and enjoyed by many, and the judges were extremely impressed with the creativity and hard work.

Awards of Excellence for Newspaper Clippings included Beta, Eta, Mu, Nu, Omega, and Alpha Epsilon.

Awards of Excellence for Newsletters went to Beta,

Eta, Mu, Nu, Tau, Alpha Delta, and Alpha Kappa.

Awards of Excellence for Single Display went to Beta, Mu, Nu, Tau, Alpha Delta, and Alpha Epsilon.

Award of Participation in Scrapbook went to Omega. Awards of Excellence in Scrapbook went to Beta, Eta, Mu, Nu, Tau, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Delta, and Alpha Epsilon.

The following chapters submitted projects for all four categories: Beta, Mu, and Nu.

A special thank you is extended to our judges:

Kathy Arbogast (Eta), Mary Lynn Cocco (Gamma), Beverly Methias (Alpha Kappa), and Bridgett Phillips (Beta).

Rebecha Catlett (Eta)
Alpha Phi State

Scholarship Deadline Announced for 2017

Alpha Phi State has several education scholarships available for members. The scholarships range from \$100 for attendance at an educational conference to \$1000 for doctoral or post-doctoral study.

More details are available on the state website (dkgww.org). The deadline is February 1. Check it out!

Greek Words for DKG

Delta Kappa Gamma's first letters are the first letters in the Greek words for Teacher, Key, and Women

Give to Schools in Africa

The easiest way to give to the Schools for Africa project is through UNICEF using the Schools for Africa flyer which can be downloaded from the International DKG website. The flyer has a donation form, and the donation is tax deductible as a charitable donation. The Schools for Africa flyer can be found under the "Projects" tab or on the Educational Excellence Committee page.



Winning the 60/40 raffle made these friends with Jackie McDaniels (Alpha Beta) (far right) more than happy at the Spring Leadership Conference in Bridgeport.

Anne Vopal Receives Cornetet Award

Anne Vopal (Epsilon) received a \$749 Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. Anne plans to use this award to attend to the Algebraic Thinking Online Courses, Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind Book Study, Number Sense 101 Online Course.



Cornet Award Winner
Anne Vopal

for award information and application.

The DKG Educational Foundation would like to encourage all educators, members and non-members, who need professional development assistance to check their website



Roseanne Glover (Alpha Kappa) gave remembrances of Alpha Phi members who had passed away during the past year.



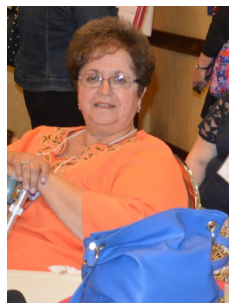
Faces at the Leadership Conference



Registering members as they arrived were Susan Marra (Kappa) and Virginia Livingston (Kappa).



Jessie Thompson, Recording Secretary Sherry Poole, and Lora Sturm prepare for the meeting. All are Alpha Delta Chapter members.



Mary Spano Clark (Phi) gets ready for the opening session.



Diane Bowsher (Alpha) helped with the illustrations of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song" after lunch. Libby McClung (Alpha) led the members in song.



Sherry Poole (Alpha Delta) introduced the Memorial portion of the conference with a flute solo.



Karen Bowling (Alpha Iota) and Margie Turley (Alpha Iota) share a light moment at the conference.

Sara Sweeney Receives Civilian Medal of Appreciation

Sara Sweeney, Alpha Phi State Webmaster, Epsilon Chapter, received the Civilian Medal of Appreciation from the American Police Hall of Fame in a special ceremony at West Liberty University in West Liberty on March 30.



Medal of Appreciation

weeks of classroom support for 911 dispatchers . Because of all the work she has done to support law enforcement personnel, she received recognition from both the president of the National Association of Chiefs of Police Jack L. Rinchich and the president of the university, Dr. Stephen Greiner.

The American Police Hall of Fame is located in Titusville, FL and was founded in 1960. They began their awards program in 1972 to recognize law enforcement officers' acts of valor.

Sara, the West Liberty University Highlands Campus Manager, received this award because of her dedication to county, city, and state safety units in the tri-state area surrounding the Highlands Center. She has worked to offer free training programs for safety personnel at the Center and recently gave two

Disaster Help for Members

Up to \$300 is available to help "members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other natural catastrophic disasters."

If you have suffered such a disaster, contact your chapter president for a **Request for Assistance Form**. Complete the form and give to your chapter president. The chapter president shall sign and date the form , then

forward the request for assistance to the chairman of the state committee.

If you have questions, please **c o n t a c t** Kathy Bennett, Eta, Chairman of the Disaster Committee. P O B o x 1 8 3 Bunker Hill, WV 25413

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