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Plans for the 2013 Alpha Phi State Convention Are Underway

Come join us for some fun, food and fellowship as the Alpha Phi State members gather at the **Bridgeport Conference Center** on May 3-5, 2013 for our annual state convention. This year the convention is hosted by Gamma Chapter and our theme, "Cookies for Cookie," is in honor of our "Smart Cookie" President Cookey Gunther. We will start the activities Friday evening with an old-fashioned cookie social featuring the musical harmonies of the "Waukeeweuns" a local group who entertain with dulcimers and instruments from the past. The birthday celebration luncheon and President's banquet also follow through with our cookie theme and the promise of delicious treats for everyone. The Gamma members have been hard at work preparing recipes for a great meeting. Follow the crumbs to the Bridgeport Conference Center where we're looking forward to seeing you May 3-5 for a "cookielicious" convention.

Be sure to bring your chapter basket for the silent auction which is always a big hit with our members. Also, the purse sale (a favorite of many) will be held. And, let's not forget to bring your favorite cookies for the sale sponsored by the state officers.



Gamma Officers hard at work planning 2013 Alpha Phi State Convention. (l to r): **Jean Hinzman, President; Chris Ruppental, Treasurer and Pam Gardner, Secretary.**

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Getting to Know ΔΚΓ through Networking!

Key Idea: Networking will help all of us be more successful! Get to know your chapter officers and chapter members as well as your state officers and international committee counterparts!! Mark your calendars now for the Alpha Phi State Convention and if possible travel to Maine next July for the Northeast Regional Conference.

The International Constitution now links the responsibilities of the Educational Excellence Committee to states and chapters with the Mission, Vision, and Purpose of our society remaining the same.

Educational Excellence Committee structure is under Article VIII – Committees of the Alpha Phi State BYLAWS.

Chapters are familiar with the Program of work or POW Committee. The POW is now the Educational Excellence Committee! The Educational Excellence Committee will continue to have Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs, legislation and Music. It is important to note that International no longer has a research committee. Research projects will be conducted within each committee upon need. Should there be a need for a ΔΚΓ International Project an Ad Hoc committee will be appointed by the International president. I would recommend that chapters follow International: due to the fact, we no longer conduct true research projects within local chapters.

With the change to Educational Excellence Committee, International has provided great flexibility to the states as well as to the chapters in how they structure their committees. For example, if you have a small chapter you may have only one person on each committee and

work as one large committee under the “umbrella” of the Educational Excellence Committee in program planning. However, if you have a large chapter you may want to have five or more members on each committee and have each committee to work independently.

My responsibility and challenge as state Educational Excellence Chairman is how to assist local chapters. I have created a power point presentation that I will be happy to present to your chapter in person or share it by email.

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Membership Ideas

Greetings to my ΔΚΓ Sisters!

The holidays have come and gone and many mornings I have seen frost on my windshield. What does this mean? Spring is right around the corner! (Maybe around two corners.) However, there is still time this year to create some fond memories in Delta Kappa Gamma.

I recently visited a ΔΚΓ chapter where the ladies were asked to answer the roll call by mentioning a special person in their chapter that had influenced them in some way. What a revelation to remember some of the members who have passed now but were strong ΔΚΓ members years ago. This activity sparked conversation later in the meeting as people compared specific memories and it seemed to tie everyone together.

At this same meeting, the Membership Chairman showed the CD, “Pride in the Big Picture” as an orientation for the prospective members who had been



invited to the meeting. Congratulations, Omega Chapter!

What a fun way to get to know something about the ladies in your chapter. We live in such a hustle, bustle world that taking a few moments to learn something about our sisters can bond us together more closely. Think of clever ways to answer the roll call and you may be surprised at the number of smiles around the room.

Share the joy of Delta Kappa Gamma.

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Educational Foundation Application Schedule

January 3	Projects for educational enrichment
February 1	Cornet Individual Professional Development
May 1	Cornet Individual Professional Development
September 1	Cornet Individual Professional Development
November 1	Cornet Individual Professional Development

See additional information and applications at dkgef.org.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter is here. I hope you are not snowed in or fighting icy conditions. Winter is a good time to move forward with reports and deadlines. Speaking of deadlines, applications for international scholarships are available at Society Headquarters and downloadable online. This must be done before February 1, 2013. A scholarship could be worth \$10,000 if working on a doctorate. Also, applications for Alpha Phi scholarships are coming due soon. Check with Linda Martin, Eta Chapter, for the deadline.

This is the year for BIENNIAL REPORT FORMS. Chapter presidents need to remember they may have to work with the previous president to get all the information needed because the Biennial Report will be for the years 2011-2013. Hopefully, International has already sent those forms in the mail. The reports are due February 1, 2013, or sooner. Also, all **state committee chairmen** will need to compile reports from the chapters from their respective counterparts in each chapter. Don't forget that the state president needs a copy of all reports for the state records.

In addition, Carol Watson, Alpha Phi History Chairman, agreed to extend the deadline for **chapter histories** and the **Strategic Action Plans**. The deadline will now be February 1, 2013, instead of the earlier one of November 1, 2012. Carol has received a few chapter histories, but needs more. Please ask her for a form because it is easy to fill out. We want all chapters recognized in the *Alpha Phi State Story, An Update* for the years 2006 through 2016. Other members on the Ad Hoc History Project are Sandra Gunther, Becky Wood, and Sharon Burns. Also, **Strategic Action Plans** are needed to be sure each chapter knows their focus and goals for their chapters and Carol Watson has agreed to check those for each chapter. Send those to her immediately.

Becky Wood, Alpha, has agreed to work with the chapters on **chapter rules**. She wants to be sure they are aligned with the International *Constitution*. Please send those to Becky Wood, if you haven't already done so. Follow the example distributed at state convention last April.

I hope each chapter has initiated new members by this time or are thinking about issuing invitations soon. We **never** have too many members.

If you are interested in running for a state office, the deadline is January 7, 2013. Patricia McComas, Alpha Beta, is the carry-over member on the Nominations Committee and Pam Echols is the chairman. Contact Pam for a nomination form. A form was mailed to each chapter president.

Make plans now for the State Convention at the Bridgeport Convention Center in Bridgeport, near Clarksburg. Gamma Chapter is working hard to plan an exciting, fun-filled weekend on May 3, 4, and 5, 2013. (See accompanying article in this issue.)

I BELIEVE we can **ACHIEVE** our goals if we work together. Alpha Phi sisters are definitely up to the challenge of completing projects and continuing to prove that our West Virginia sisters are fulfilling the work of $\Delta\text{K}\Gamma$.

I wish each of you a happy new year. Contact me if I can be of help.

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It is Time to Plan Your 2013 Convention Special Publication Exhibits

It is once again time to begin planning the publications to be exhibited at the Alpha Phi State Convention at the end of April. The same four categories will be judged this year: the scrapbooks, bulletin/newsletters, newspaper clippings, and the single displays. Rules and guidelines remain unchanged. Guidelines and other information will be sent to all the chapter presidents in January.

We would love to see more chapters displaying items at the convention. We hope that every chapter will want to display events and activities that they have been involved in during the year. Members love to see what their counterparts in other areas of the state are doing. All entries will be displayed at the convention, and all will receive certificates and recognition.

Again this year we will need volunteers to help judge the exhibit entries. **PLEASE** consider helping judge this year and email or send me the name of at least **ONE** person that can help. It would be greatly appreciated. Judging is not hard and is a great way to see how innovative members can be, to see what activities are going on, and to get ideas for future entries.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Do You Need Money to Continue Your Education?

Deadline to apply for a state scholarship is February 1, 2013. The following scholarships are available from Alpha Phi State:

- (2) Gertrude Roberts Scholarship (\$1,000) for Doctoral or Post-Doctoral Study
- (2) State Founders Scholarship \$1,000) for Doctoral or Post-Doctoral Study
- (2) Past State Presidents Scholarship (\$750) for Master's Degree Study
- (2) Master's Degree Plus Scholarship (\$600) for credit hours beyond a Master's Degree
- (2) Professional Workshop/Seminar Scholarship (\$100) for attendance at an Educational Conference

For complete details see our WV website on the International website (www.dkg.org) or contact our State Scholarship Chairman:

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Alpha Phi State Scholarship Chairman
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Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
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Singers Needed for the 2013 State Convention

Get your voices tuned up for the annual performance of our state choir at the 2013 Alpha Phi State Convention! Absolutely no experience is necessary! If you have a desire to make music through song, then come join us. The more the merrier! If you are interested, please email me at: spoole@access.k12.wv.us.

Send me your name, address, local chapter, and your email, and I will send you information as soon as I have it ready.

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White Roses



“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

Dorothy Harshbarger

Tau Chapter
June 22, 2012

Katherine Imogene Browning

Theta Chapter
August 29, 2012

Llewellyn S. Cole

Past Chapter President and 50 year member
Beta Chapter
September 9, 2012

Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following members and their families: in the death of her husband, **Mae Lewis** (Delta); in the death of her son, **Tammy Helmick Ayers** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of her step-son, **Juanita Hoover** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of their mothers, **Mary McKenzie** (Nu), **Karen Hartney** (Tau), **Kathy Coleman** (Omega), and **Amy Haines** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of their fathers, **Billie Brown** (Beta) and **Christie Conley** (Alpha Nu); in the death of her sister, **Vickie Milleson** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of her mother-in-law, **Myla Kreinik** (Delta); and in the death of their uncle, **Jan Butts** (Alpha Kappa) and **JJ Butts** (Alpha Kappa).

*** 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

Mu
Becky Falin
Mae Stevens

Omicron
Kathy Kruk
Rachel Fisk

Omega
Betty Bragg
Helen Case
Katie Gleasman
Ginny Martin

Alpha Beta
Sara Aylestock
Katie Keener

Alpha Delta
Lisa Carnell
Katherine Chapman
Dr. Leslie Haynes

Alpha Nu
Joan Grimmatt
Whitney Preston
Morgan Wolfe



Alpha Beta Initiates, September 9, 2012
(1 to r): **Sara Aylestock & Katie Keener.**
Initiated at WV Wesleyan College.



Alpha Delta Initiates, October 18, 2012
(1 to r): **Lisa Carnell, Katherine Chapman, Dr. Leslie Haynes.** Initiated at Cedar Lakes Dining Hall.



Omicron Initiates, December 1, 2012
(1 to r): **Kathy Kruk & Rachel Frisk.**
Initiated at John XXII Pastorial Center, Charleston.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Bettena (Alpha Nu) and Sherman Simons on their October 13, 2012 marriage.

Welcome New Babies

Congratulations to **Kathy Coleman** (Omega) and to **Lora Sturm** (Alpha Delta) on the birth of a grandson.



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.”

Deloris Lipps (Mu)
Gusta Arrington (Alpha Delta)

Janet Keister (Alpha Kappa)
Vickie Saville (Alpha Kappa)



CHAPTER NEWS

BETA

Beta hosted the November meeting with speaker, Dr. Lynne Schrum, Dean of the College of Human Resources and Education at WVU. She spoke about the "Trend of Education."

Three \$100 checks were presented to early-career educators: Jessica Krigbaum, Chamberlain; Wendy Tomlin, Richmond; and Julie Miller, Belle Elementary.

DELTA

Martha McGovern was the honoree at a book signing of her recently published volume of poetry, *Fragment of the Music*.

Jane Whitlow received the Golden Apple Award in September. The award is sponsored by the Jan Dils Legal Firm and is awarded to outstanding teachers in the mid-Ohio Valley.

During the college's annual Homecoming celebration, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.C. recognized Delta member, **Frieda Owen**, and five other alumni for outstanding contributions to their fields of endeavor and for exemplifying the college's values.

THETA

We have been having such fun at Theta Chapter! At our October and November meetings we have played our new game (with fabulous grab-bag prizes), "Name That Theta Sister," which is always good for a chuckle and a way to get to know each other a little better. In October we had a memorial tribute to our beloved **Katherine Imogene Browning**, and at November's meeting we raised extra money for our recruitment grant with a silent auction. We also enjoyed a Holiday Taster's Tea. **Irene Stollings** and **Robin Lynn Kulchuck** were the winners of the October and November door prizes.

In December our State President **Sandra "Cookey" Gunther** visited us at our Christmas Brunch at the Logan Country Club in Chapmanville. We were serenaded by the Chapmanville High School Vocal Ensemble, led by Brenda Hager. We collected donations for our Christmas project, which is to buy video games for the June Harless Center, a temporary home for troubled youth.

KAPPA

Our December Tea was held at

Waldomore in Clarksburg. Members were encouraged to bring fellow educators that they felt would make good ΔΚΓ members. **Susan Marra** gave a short informative talk on the benefits of belonging to ΔΚΓ. Entertainment was provided by the Washington Irving Middle School Show Choir.

Sharon Claggett represented West Virginia at Vision 2020's Third National Congress, Nov. 14-16, 2012 in Portland. Sharon was quoted in a press release saying, "I encourage the women in West Virginia to learn more about Vision 2020's goals and to join the Campaign for Equality by becoming a Vision 2020 member. The best way to advocate for change is by strength in numbers."

MU

Linda DeMoss attended the WV AP Success Initiative Conference in Charleston on Sept. 28-29. Linda, along with **Karon Minor** also attended the WVEA Professional Issue Conference in Charleston the weekend of October 12.

Our September meeting was held at Spencer Elementary School. A 9/11 theme based on "The Man in the Red Bandana" was used for the meeting. We worked on our strategic action plan.

NU

We have a celebrity in our midst. The BBC interviewed **Virginia Jones** after "Sandy". They wanted to know the effects of the blizzard and how West Virginians were dealing with the storm.

Nu Chapter members have been involved in many projects. We are working with the Read Aloud program in our county. Members also collected non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food pantry. School supplies were donated to three county schools and bottle caps are being collected to help pay for chemotherapy for children.

We are excited to have completed our Strategic Action Plan and have enjoyed our two meetings this year. **Linda Taylor** and **Genevieve Groves**, two long-term members, were honored with affirmation cards at our September meeting. We each wrote a note to them about their impact on our lives and the chapter. At our October meeting, we had a legislative update from a local union representative

and **Patty Cook** presented a program on the international projects of ΔΚΓ.

OMEGA

In December members celebrated the 47th birthday of the chapter formed on December 11, 1965.

Our Personal Growth and Services Committee recognizes a member's outstanding contributions to the chapter with the "Sharing Our Vision, Strengthening Our Society" Award. In 2013, the committee will also promote activities to support early-career educators.

ALPHA BETA

Our annual banquet and initiation was held at West Virginia Wesleyan College on September 9. Two new members were initiated, **Sara Aylestock** and **Katie Keener**. Sara is a counselor at the Elkins Children's Home and Katie is a first grade teacher at Union Elementary School.

Diana Simmons was installed as State President of the Auxiliary of the West Virginia Hospital Association during their fall conference held at the Greenbrier Resort during September.

Sally Miller-Collins, art teacher at Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School, was selected as Upshur County's Teacher of the Year in RESA VII.

Rosanne Glover, Northeast Regional Director attended our October 10 meeting as our guest.

ALPHA THETA

Through the schools, Alpha Theta collected backpacks for Hurricane Sandy relief. Each backpack contained a fleece throw to serve as a one size fits all coat, towel and washcloth, body wash, tooth brush and tooth paste, comb and brush, and a notepad with pens. Backpacks serve as storage and are easily portable.

After the Sandy project, other backpacks were donated to One Voice, a non-profit organization located in several towns in Southern West Virginia to help with the growing number of homeless or displaced persons affected by unemployment or other situations.

Alpha Theta held their December meeting at the Career and Technical Center. **Debbie Davis**, president of One Voice pre-

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Alpha Phi State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma May 3, 4, 5, 2013

Bridgeport Conference Center, 300 Conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Make hotel reservations with Wingate by Wyndham (304-808-1000). **Code CGDKGS; make your reservation by April 5, 2013.**

Rooms will not be available after that date.

Room Rates: \$99 (for single/double, includes a continental breakfast).

Twenty rooms are available at The Microtel Inn and Suites (304-808-2000), 201 Conference Center Way
(just across the Conference Center parking lot).

Make your reservation by April 15, 2013; just tell them you are with Delta Kappa Gamma.

Rooms will not be available after that date.

Room Rates: \$80 (single); \$90 (double); \$100 (suite)

Note: Rooms subject to local, county and state tax. Most credit cards are accepted.

Rooms are non-smoking; smoking is permitted outside.

Convention and Meal Registration Form

Send this form along with your check made payable to Gamma Chapter to Karen Zinn,
3447 Campground Rd., Tunnelton, WV 26444 by April 15, 2013. (Sorry, no refunds after April 5, 2013).

Please print the following information:

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter Office Title _____ State Office Title _____

Are you a Visitor? _____ Special Guest? _____

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

Registration \$10.00 (\$15 after April 15) _____

Breakfast Buffet (Saturday) \$15.00 _____

Birthday Luncheon (Founder's Day) Saturday at noon \$25.00 _____

Choice of (check one):

_____ Herb Roasted Loin of Pork
(Fried Potatoes, Pearl Onions, Seasonal Vegetables)

_____ Grilled Sirloin Steak Salad
(French Fries and Aged Parmesan)
Bread, drinks, and a large cookie for each table

President's Banquet (Saturday evening) \$35.00 _____

Choice of (check one):

_____ Taste of Italy (Chicken Parmesan, Cheese Manicotti, Meatball,
(Green Beans, Roma Tomatoes, Bermuda Onions)

_____ Stuffed Breast of Chicken
(Smoked Mozzarella, Baby Spinach, Prosciutto Ham)
Bread, drinks, and dessert (Milk chocolate mousse in a dark chocolate
shell with fresh seasonal berries and warm vanilla sauce)

Breakfast Buffet (Sunday) \$14.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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sented a program that explained the purpose of the organization. After Ms. Davis's presentation, members of Alpha Theta exchanged Christmas ornaments and spent time talking and connecting to each other.

ALPHA KAPPA

The first fall meeting of Alpha Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was hosted by Pendleton County members on Saturday, October 20, 2012. A delicious brunch was enjoyed at the Fireside Restaurant in Franklin, WV.

Rosanne Glover presented the program explaining the process of writing and publishing her book. The story is a true one which shares the life of a little goat, abandoned by its mother, but rescued by Rosanne.

Vickie Saville reported that she has set up a website for our chapter. The address is www.alphakappawvdkg.com.

JoAnn Harman, the regional director of WV Association of Retired School Employees presented an informative program.

Marianna Leone was named as Hampshire County's Interim Superintendent.

Carolyn Harper has been hired as a

wordsmith-writing Internet leads for a web company who sells accessories for the side by side UTV.

ALPHA MU

Alpha Mu has continued its history in literacy this fall by donating novels and storybooks to the mothers and children at the Florence Crittenton Home and reading to our primary school children during American Education Week. During the winter we hope to develop a program for 11 our chapter's new members in their classrooms through guest lecturing and lab assignments. We also plan to introduce Future Educators clubs into our two high schools.

ALPHA NU

Alpha Nu decided that the state theme "Healthy Mind/Healthy Body" should apply to our members as well as the students we teach. At our September meeting Alayia Lamyuathong, a physical therapist, was our guest speaker. She showed us exercises that would help improve our health. We also enjoyed a variety of health smart refreshments.

Alpha Phi State Achievement Award Nominations Due February 1, 2013

The nomination form and copy of the Guidelines for the State Achievement Award can be found on the Alpha Phi State website. Forms will be available for downloading on the state website. Forms will also be available for mailing by requesting them from the Chairman of the Alpha Phi State Achievement Award Committee. Completed forms must be received by February 1, 2013.

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