



The Charleston area chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held their fall meeting Tuesday, September 17th at the Baptist Temple. **Patty Cook** gave an inspirational as well as informational speech on benefits of Delta Kappa Gamma. Pictured from left to right are **Louise St. Clair**, Alpha Iota Chapter Treasurer; **Barbara Tabaretti**, Omicron Chapter President; **Patty Cook**, Alpha Phi State President; **Harriet Leurant**, Beta Chapter President; and **Peggy Sias**, Chi Chapter Treasurer.

### Chapter Reports Due

The time to submit chapter reports to your state counterpart is fast approaching. All reports must be received by February 1, 2014. One copy should be sent to your state counterpart, one copy to your chapter president and one copy should be kept in your files. All reports may be found and downloaded from the International website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). The following committee chairmen have reports to complete: Communication & Publicity, Educational Excellence/Program, Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Necrology, Scholarship, and World Fellowship. The Chapter President's Annual Report is also due on February 1, 2014.

### Alpha Phi State Convention Display Guidelines Now on Website

Scrapbook, Newspaper Clippings, Single Displays and Chapter Bulletin/Newsletters guidelines can now be found on the state website [www.dkgwv.org](http://www.dkgwv.org). Once on the state website click on the title, "State" and then on the drop down menu click on "Convention". You should see the guidelines for all convention displays listed there as well as the Honor Chapter Application.



# ALPHA PHI NEWSETTE



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### 2014 State Convention Plans Underway "Alpha Phi – Like a Diamond in the Sky"

Delta Chapter invites all Alpha Phi State members to come and shine at the historic Blennerhassett Hotel on April 25-27, 2014 for our annual state convention. We will begin with the Friday night's activity (to be held directly across the street from the hotel – a short, easy walk). State Delegate and auctioneer, Woody Ireland, will be on hand to conduct a fun auction of some of the dazzling Boutique items. Stellar music and snacks will also be provided.

Saturday looks to be a full day including the business session, a bountiful lunch and dinner, and various afternoon activities. In service hours will be offered, a final auction of the Boutique items will be scheduled, and various outings to Coldwater Creek, Grand Central Mall, and Blennerhassett Museum and Island will also be available.

We will conclude Sunday morning with our traditional Ceremony of Remembrance and final business meeting.

Our convention this year should be a busy, exciting, and fun-filled weekend. Delta members are glowing with excitement and hope to see many of you there.

#### Delta members preparing for the 2014 Convention:



Judy Ditlow and PJ Dumire



Helen Jones and Claire Robinson

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

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Sharing Our Vision. Strengthening Our Chapters

I have had a very busy summer and fall with Delta Kappa Gamma. I have had the privilege of visiting with ΔΚΓ SISTERS from Omega, Alpha Gamma, Nu, Epsilon, Alpha Mu, Beta, Chi, Omicron, Alpha Iota, Mu, Alpha Zeta, Pi, Lambda, Delta, Alpha Epsilon, and Gamma as of November 16, 2013.

On a sad note, we have lost another chapter, Sigma. I want you to know about a dedicated ΔΚΓ lady. Her name is Peggy Barnett and she served as treasurer for Sigma Chapter for years.

I want to thank another very special lady, Diana Bowsher, from Alpha Chapter for going out of her way to bring Psi Chapter materials to Barboursville Mall, where Elizabeth and I met her.

Patty Cook
Alpha Phi State, West Virginia President, 2013-2015

Dr. Kay Clawson Nominated for International Office

Dr. Kay Clawson is the nominee for northeast regional director. She is a past WV state president and the current chair of the International Leadership Development Committee.



Dr. Clawson is only the second West Virginian to be nominated for this position.

WV Educator's Article Selected for Inclusion in The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin

Dr. Sharon Harsh, a past president of Lambda Chapter, was recently notified that her article "The Future of Education: Building Capacity for Success" was selected for inclusion in the Fall 2013, Volume 80-1 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Dr. Harsh is an Education Fellow and Director of the Appalachia Regional Comprehensive Center at ICF International. An assistant superintendent of schools for 24 years in West Virginia, Dr. Harsh also worked as a teacher, school psychologist, attendance director, and director of special education.

She has degrees in psychology, music, child development, and education administration and instructional leadership. Dr. Harsh has received a ΔΚΓ International Scholarship and was a Fulbright Scholar.



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.

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*White  
Roses*



|                            |                         |                  |              |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</b> |                         |                  |              |
| <b>Beta</b>                | <b>Theta</b>            | <b>Mu</b>        | <b>Omega</b> |
| Jessica Krigbaum           | Diana Clay              | Annette Caldwell | Sherrri Kidd |
| Wendy Tomblin              | Kristen Dingess         | Lori Cottrell    | Anna Rose    |
|                            | Kelly Stanley           | Erika Harper     |              |
| <b>Alpha Beta</b>          | <b>Alpha Delta</b>      | Amber Taylor     |              |
| Jill Stemple               | Monica Cossin           | Ashley Williams  |              |
| Angie Westfall             | Kristin Griffith DeWees |                  |              |



**Mary P. Noland**  
Alpha Delta Chapter  
August 10, 2013

Alpha Phi State extends deepest sympathy to the following members and their families: in the death of their mothers, **Ronda Albright** (Eta), **Jill Stemple** (Alpha Kappa) and **Patsy Cutlip** (Alpha Nu); in the death of their fathers, **Angie Propst** (Alpha Kappa) and **Sharon Harr** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of her sister, **Annette Boggs** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of their brothers, **Jane Kessel** (Alpha Kappa) and **Betty Inskip** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of her grandmother, **Erica Propst** (Eta); in the death of a granddaughter at birth, **Nancy Taylor** (Alpha Kappa); in the death of her step-father, **Janet Hall** (Alpha Delta); in the death of their mothers-in-law, **Nellie Brashear** (Eta) and **Cathy Waugh** (Eta); in the death of her father-in-law, **Helen Case** (Omega); and in the death of her niece-in-law, **Gail Sherman** (Eta).

**Welcome New Babies**

**Epsilon**

Congratulations to **Sara Sweeney** and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Ann on November 4, 2013.

**Alpha Nu**

Congratulations to **Whitney Preston** and her husband on the birth of their first child, Gianna.

Also, congratulations to **Peggy Grantham** (Eta) and **Beverly Mathias** (Alpha Kappa) on the birth of a granddaughter; and to **Mary Gunter** (Alpha Kappa), **Goldie Whitt** (Alpha Nu), and **Sara Wolfe** (Alpha Nu).



**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.”

- Polly Nutter** (Alpha Delta)
- Paula Gill** (Alpha Delta)
- Cynthia Yokum** (Alpha Kappa)
- Jo Ann Wilking** (Alpha Kappa)

**2013 Chapter Birthdays**

- 60 Years – Mu**
- 65 Years – Eta and Theta**
- 70 Years – Beta and Gamma**

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



**Linda’s Membership News**

Our calendars have been turned to 2014 and a new year awaits us with hope and possibilities, personally and professionally. Let us resolve to make the most of each new day. I wanted to share some information published in the Sept./Oct. ΔΚΓ News on chapter strengthening. The article stated that of those surveyed, almost 70% of members who recently dropped membership in ΔΚΓ indicated that they would reinstate in the future if asked. Do you ask members who drop to reinstate? The process is simple, the reinstating/transferring member pays no additional fees – just her dues at the appropriate time, the chapter does not vote on reinstatements or transfers, and the reinstated/transferred member has already been initiated and should not be initiated again. Submit reinstatement and transfer requests online at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). If your chapter has experienced the loss of members to nonpayment of dues, develop a plan to invite them to reinstate.

At this time of year let me remind you that Chapter Membership Reports and Necrology Reports are due February 1. Call or email with any membership questions or concerns (304) 653-4667 or [lhvanreenen@yahoo.com](mailto:lhvanreenen@yahoo.com). May you find rest and renewal in the winter months.

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



**Join me for the 2014 International Convention at the J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana, Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1, 2014.** Let’s keep *Sharing our Vision ~ Strengthening Our Society.*

**Election Process To Be Considered at 2014 International Convention**

Members voting at the 2014 International Convention will consider proposed amendments that determine whether to continue with our current process of delegate voting or to institute a general election that allows every member to vote in the election of Administrative Board and elected committee members.

All members in attendance at the convention vote on proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*. Officers and elected committee members are currently elected by state organization presidents who have one vote for every five active and reserve members. The state organization president may cast all her states’ votes for a particular nominee or she may split her vote if there is more than one nominee.

If the convention votes to allow every member to vote, all members will be able to vote for the members of the Administrative Board. All members would vote for president, the vice presidents, the members-at-large, and Finance Committee members while only members within a region will vote for their regional director and regional representatives to the Nominations Committee. Only Latin American and Canadian members would vote for their own area representative. Members would vote electronically or by requested paper ballot.

The Ad Hoc Elections Process Committee (EPC), approved by the 2012 Executive Board and appointed by President Dr. Beverly Helms, has researched costs, consulted the Finance Committee, studied the nominations process, communicated with members, and solicited member input via Survey Monkey and at regional conferences.

Various vending companies have submitted estimated costs of an electronic election ranging between \$15,000 and \$25,000 per election. The 2012-2014 Finance Committee is aware of the possibility of an every member voting election process. If the change is approved, the 2014-2016 Finance Committee will have the task of budgeting for the new voting process.

The ad hoc committee submitted to the Constitution Committee proposed amendments that would make a general election possible. The convention has the final authority whether to approve or disapprove proposed amendments. The decision rests with the vote of the 2014 convention.

Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) to find more information about a general election and the full results of surveys taken in 2013 and on the Ad Hoc ΔΚΓ Election Process Committee page.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### BETA

Beta hosted the November meeting with Math Science Partnership Coordinator, Lynn Davis, speaking on the topic of "Mathematics As We Transition Into The Next Generation." Also "survival kits" were distributed to four early-career educators.

### THETA

In the fall Theta collected money for our Christmas Project – Schools for Africa. We also decided on colors for new Theta shirts. We hosted a holiday's taster tea and silent auction in November. The proceeds went to our recruitment grant. We had a rewarding visit at our December luncheon from Alpha Phi State President **Patty Cook**.

### KAPPA

Our September meeting was held at Gourmet Café. Heidi Griffith from Harrison County Office talked with members about the various reading and literacy programs available in Harrison County.

In October our speaker was Jim Harris, director of Health Access. Health Access offers medical assistance to low income families in Harrison and Doddridge Counties that don't qualify for Medicaid.

### MU

Alpha Phi State president, **Patty Cook**, and recording secretary, **Sharon Burns**, visited Mu Chapter at our meeting on September 21st at Calhoun Middle/High School in Mount Zion. The 2013 Recruitment Grant was awarded to Kayla Walker.

**Becky Falin** attended the Advanced Placement Success Initiative held by the WV Center for Professional Development in Charleston on September 20-21.

A paper bag auction was held at our November meeting.

### NU

We are very proud of Nu Chapter members who have taken jobs at the Nicholas County Board Office. **Lydia Young** is now the Special Programs Coordinator and **Tammi Gregory** is

the Federal Programs Title I School Improvement Coordinator. **Ressie Thomas** provided a wonderful program on sign language at our September meeting. We also agreed to have a Mary Kay Lotion fundraiser to provide money for our recruitment grant. It was a great success raising almost \$300. We are grateful to **Lauren Jarroll**, a member of Nu Chapter who sells Mary Kay. She donated all of the profit on our sales to the chapter. **Patty Cook**, state president, spoke to us on plans for the next biennium. Nu chapter members donated school supplies for beginning educators to support the State and International Project. We were able to make over 20 bags to deliver to new teachers in Nicholas County. The bags included various office supplies, student supplies and CHOCOLATE. The beginning educators were delighted and very appreciative of the supplies.

### XI

Xi Chapter Community Service Committee prepared welcome bags for women teachers who completed National Teacher Certification in 2013. These were distributed to the teachers at their respective schools during teacher preparation days in August. An invitation to the ΔΚΓ picnic was included in the treat bags.

Margaret Ann O'Neal of United Way, presented the program for the October meeting of Xi Chapter. A baby shower was held by our members to donate to the "Baby Pantry" project sponsored by United Way. Mrs. O'Neal discussed the purpose of United Way and the ongoing projects which help our communities.

Xi Chapter, in coordination with Youth Museum of Southern West Virginia, participate in Tailgate Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 26. Children wearing Halloween costumes, paraded through Beckley's Word Park and received treats from many community organizations. We were well represented with several costumed members distributing candy and having fun along with the children.

### OMICRON

Omicron Chapter hosted the joint Christmas Luncheon for Beta, Chi, Tau

and Alpha Iota chapters at Edgewood Country Club on December 7. **Doris Weekley**, Southwest Regional Director was our speaker. In addition, Omicron Chapter participated in two of our service projects in December. First on December 11, we rang bells for Salvation Army at the Town Center Mall. On December 16, we accepted donations for Hospice Love Light Tree at Town Center Mall.

### OMEGA

For a second time, Laken Bone was selected as Omega's "Adopted Daughter." She will receive a grant at the December 7 meeting.

Omega members continue to support the "Real Aloud" program, soon to reach more than 100 classrooms in Fayette County. **Marion Tanner**, chairman, has facilitated several trainings for reading volunteers this fall.

### ALPHA DELTA

In September "new teacher" bags were given to members to take to their schools for distribution to Early-Career Educators.

An auction fund-raiser was held at our November meeting.

### ALPHA IOTA

**Barbara Knight** was awarded the Annie Campbell Legacy Award for 17 years of faithful service to Manna Meal. Manna Meal serves meals 365 days a year in Charleston at St. John's Episcopal Church.

### ALPHA KAPPA

**Jo Ann Harman** was honored at Jackson's Mill on Saturday, November 2nd as an Outstanding 4-H Volunteer. **Amber Champ** finished her Administration Certification in October from Salem International University.

### ALPHA MU

The Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Alexander's on Seventh, Tuesday, December 3. Superintendent of Marshall County Schools, Mike Hince, was the speaker.

We again participated in the Marshall

## CHAPTER NEWS

County Christmas Tree Gala. This year's tree was a Dr. Seuss theme. Decorators were **Whitney Healy**, **Jonelle Campbell**, **Breagh Merinar** (Jonelle's sister), **Linda Gardill**, **Becky McGuire**, **Rachel White**, **Mary Louise Wharry**, **Debbie Takach**, and **Cassie Sherman**. The auction was Dec. 5 at St. Jude Parish Hall in Glen Dale. We are pleased and proud to announce that our tree brought a winning bid of \$710 from Wesbanco. Money raised from the auction benefits Feeding Body and Soul feeding program at Simpson Church.

Congratulations to **Jonna Kuskey** on being one of the four finalists for WV Teacher of the year.



Alpha Mu Members – Front row: **Breagh Merinar**, **Jonelle Campbell**, **Whitney Healy**; Back row: **Linda Gardill**, **Debbie Takach**, **Becky McGuire**, **Mary Louise Wharry**

### ALPHA NU

Congratulations to **Gretchen Donahue** who was inducted to the Man High School's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Alpha Nu hosted a reception for all first year teachers in our area. The new teachers were given a goody basket which included a \$50 gift certificate to the Parent-Teacher Store.

Jacqueline Dickerson was selected to receive this year's grant to a student teacher. Jacqueline graduated in December with a degree in Elementary Education from Marshall University.

## Alpha Phi Achievement Award Questions Do You Have the Answers?

The following are the most frequently asked questions about the Alpha Phi State Achievement Award. Can you answer all the questions correctly?

1. How often is the Alpha Phi Achievement Award presented?
2. Who is eligible to receive the Achievement Award?
3. What criteria are used to select the Achievement Award recipient?
4. When is the Achievement Award announced?
5. How are nominations made?
6. Where can I get a copy of the Achievement Award nomination form?
7. When are Achievement Award nominations due?
8. Who are the members of the 2013-2015 State Achievement Award Committee?

Answers:

1. February 1
2. Members in good standing with a minimum of five years of active membership
3. Outstanding service and leadership in Delta Kappa Gamma at the state and chapter levels and for exceptional contributions to education
4. At the Alpha Phi State Convention banquet
5. Nominations for the Achievement Award are made through the local chapter and may be made for a member of another chapter.
6. The Achievement Award nomination form and Guidelines are located on the Alpha Phi State website.
7. February 1
8. Sharon Harsh, Chair, Lambda, NE; Carolyn Harper, Alpha Kappa, NE; Terry Nichols, Delta, NW; Mary Frances Clark, Phi, SE; and Barbara Tabaretti, Omicron, SW

## Since a Delta Kappa Member NEVER says "NO", Please say YES!

Will you be attending the Alpha Phi State Convention?

Do you enjoy meeting new Sisters?

Are you willing to sing in the Alpha Phi Convention Chorus?

**If you answered "Yes" to any of the above,  
you hereby qualify as a member of the Alpha Phi State Chorus!**

So . . . .

**Kindly compete the following information and forward!**

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