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DKG International Convention

DKG Educational Foundation Hosts Nashville Event at the Wildhorse Saloon

Cathy P Daugherty, 2014-2016 DKG International First Vice President

Dust off your western wear and boots as you pack for Nashville this summer! The DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) will sponsor **Call Me Country** at the world-famous Wildhorse Saloon during the 2016 DKG International Convention. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the convention, either online (www.dkg.org) or using the registration form found in the Jan./Feb. issue of the DKG News.

Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7th, in the Wildhorse Saloon located in the heart of Nashville's entertainment district. This three-level historic warehouse has been converted into a 66,000 sq. ft. country music dance hall, restaurant, concert hall, and TV production site. Horse sculptures and murals dominate the décor with many positioned for optimal "selfie" opportunities! The extensive "all-you-can-eat" buffet on levels two and three features award-winning BBQ selections and numerous side dishes.

The first floor features space for performances by a live band and a DJ, as well as line dance instruction for those wanting to kick up their heels. Besides dining seating, the second and third floors include cash bars and a variety of entertainment venues ranging from billiards to shuffle board to big screen TVs. Use your visit to the Wildhorse as an opportunity to wander in and out of all the famous clubs and shops located in the area – with a ride home to the Opryland Hotel provided at your convenience.

Your ticket (\$165) includes:

- transportation (buses will run every 20 minutes between the Wildhorse Saloon and the Opryland Hotel)
- access to all levels and activities
- entertainment – DJ, live band, line dance instruction, dance floor
- dinner buffet
- a tax deductible donation to the Foundation



Purchase tickets for the DKGEF **Call Me Country** event on the Convention Registration Form and join your friends for a "get-down good time" at the Wildhorse in Nashville!

President's Message

Victory - Perseverance - Determination

Pick whatever word that you want from the title above. The result will be the same. I was going to finish this 5K race. This was the second race of my life and my friends told me that I could do it. Well on that cloudy day in Jacksonville, Florida, I ran and walked around downtown Jacksonville and heard the roar of the crowd as I entered the area where the finish line stood. It didn't matter that I was passed by much younger runners. I set a personal goal to complete this race and do better than my first race. With hands in the air, I finished in 44 minutes. Not only did I finish, but I won a **third place medal** for my age group. This determination pushes me to be an effective leader in our Alpha Beta State Organization. I desire to see sisters stay engaged in community activities, actively participate at the state level and enthusiastically invite educators for membership in our organization. I'm hoping that my victory, perseverance and determination rub off on you- the sisters of Alpha Beta State.

Our **First Fridays** are going well. I am delighted to see all of you wearing your DKG apparel every first Friday of the month. Be determined to talk to someone about DKG especially on the first Friday so that we show our passion for Alpha Beta State.

May 7, 2016 should be circled on your calendar with red ink. As our Leadership Development Committee has been engaged in planning the **Leadership Development Conference** for the last several months, all our planning would be in vain if the participants are not there. **Don't miss hearing Sean McComb, the 2104 National Teacher of the Year at this Conference.** Some of you heard him in Baltimore, but I confess that I could have

listened to him for hours. He captivated me with his strategies to engage student learning. In addition to Sean, we will hear from our World Fellowship recipient, **Silvia Mata-Marin. Vicki Dabrowska, Omega,** will lead a session titled "**The Maker Movement.**" Vicki's session will focus on independent inventors, designers and tinkerers. It's time to get your creativity flowing in this whole group session. Of course, our incoming chapter

presidents will receive top-notch training from our leadership team during the Conference. Scholarship recipients will be announced and awarded their scholarships from Alpha Beta State during the luncheon. There will also be opportunities to sign up for Nashville and the Regional Four States Arts Seminar. Special prizes and activities are in store for you at the Leadership Development Conference so get your registration in by April 11, 2016.

The **DKG website** (www.dkg.org) has been reorganized.

To access member resources, register for events and order from the Society Store, members must sign in.

Simply choose "Sign-in" and

- Use your six digit member ID as your username.
- There is a default password for the first log in. If you need this password, please contact your chapter president. The password may be changed after log in.

The **DKG Website-** www.dkg.org and our **State Website-** www.dkgmd.org have a wealth of information for you. Don't hesitate to access both of them to enhance your membership in DKG.

Finally, **keep those invitations coming** for me to visit your chapter. It has been so rewarding to meet ABS sisters and get firsthand knowledge of the dynamics of our 26 chapters. Each chapter is different and unique. My goal is to visit all the ABS chapters by the end of my biennium so email or call me so that I can get it on my schedule. Hope to see many of you in May and in Nashville.

Joan Wiggins, State President



Chapter News

Changemakers of Omega

Jean Marie Hofstetter, Omega Chapter President



Best meeting of 2016! It was wonderful to have sixteen sisters together on a Sunday afternoon in February! Thank you to our host, **Donna Rush**, for opening her home to Omega. Special thanks to **Melissa Major** for her passionate presentation on the **Change Makers!** It was an opportunity to dig into a current theory that is engaging children in the learning process. I have included our State Officers in this communication knowing that Melissa needs to bring the Change Makers to a State Workshop in the near future.

Additionally, all 15 Omega Sisters in the picture (plus our photographer Jeannie Haugh) are change makers. We are collecting change for Omega's Scholarship!

Alpha Helps Out at Headstart

Carol Schneider, Alpha Chapter President

In the fall Alpha members decided to help needy children in Baltimore City. At the October meeting, several large boxes of classroom supplies for a Head Start program in east Baltimore were collected. In addition, almost \$200 was donated to purchase two sets of bilingual books for classroom use. Members delivered the items and were given a tour of the facility where they met teachers and children.

Omicron Spreads Goodwill

Sandy Dutterer, Omicron Chapter President

Omicron Chapter members donated backpacks and supplies for children in need. Items were also donated to three different food pantries and to Mt. Airy Net Community Organization. In addition, members collected needed cleaning and personal items for a Women's Shelter.

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White Rose

Mary E. Armstrong

Past State President

by Joyce Conway, Delta

Mary E. Armstrong was born on August 13, 1924 in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated from Sidwell Friends, a Quaker high school. She attended Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio majoring in kindergarten-primary education and minoring in administration, and graduated in 1947 with a B.A. degree. Mary received her Master of Arts degree in 1954 from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and then earned an additional thirty-five post graduate hours.

In 1952 Mary was invited to join Delta Chapter by her principal. She considered it such an honor and much joy. With Delta Chapter she served in many capacities such as chairman of committees as well as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. She served as Delta Chapter's president from 1956 - 1958 and 1978 - 1980, and was the first Delta Chapter president to wear four Society pins at one time – Society pin, chapter president's pin, state president's pin, and a state founder's pin. The state founder's pin was returned to Delta Chapter at the death of Dr. Adele Stamp, a state founder and member of Delta Chapter.



In 2011, Mary Armstrong was honored for her 59 years of membership.

In Alpha Beta State there were the honors of serving as president (1967 – 1969), second vice president, and chairman of many committees. She loved being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and very much enjoyed attending the International Conventions and Northeast Regional Conferences through the years.

Following her retirement from Montgomery County Public Schools after 33 years of teaching, she taught kindergarten full and part time at the Primary Day School on Bethesda, Maryland. While teaching part time, Mary became one of Maryland's few tree farmers on land inherited from her parents. She helped to collect the scientific writings and research findings of her father and presented them to the National Academy of Sciences.

Hobbies? Mary considered herself a Jack of all trades. She joined the Handyman Club of America and enjoyed church activities, gardening, reading, working at the polls, traveling, classical music, and enough about automotive mechanics to keep her station wagon going and going.

Mary's mottos were "Think young," "Keep learning from the cradle to the grave," and "Thank God" for the many privileges he helped her to have.

Mary Armstrong passed away on December 8, 2015 at Dogwood Village in Orange, Virginia.



In memory of DKG Maryland Delta Chapter's Sister Mary Armstrong
by Gerri Hawkins, Delta

*She was persistent and witty,
Even when she might not have had
laughter as her focus;*

*A lady with a smile from deep down
and unbroken
A "take charger," pushed back the years,
Determined to be more than a token
of whatever someone else might try
to place as a limit on her
Sometimes she epitomized the spirit of
a woman's independence;*

*In her own way,
Our Sister Mary Armstrong was
Queen for a day
Each time that she had her say
About the proper way;*

*She is missed also for her modeling
not a half-empty, but a half-filled cup,*

*Some will remember how she'd smile,
Encourage another Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International sister:
Be your best,
Keep your head and chin up.*

What a Special Sister, Mary Armstrong!



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Northeast Regional Four States Creative Arts Seminar Smyrna, Delaware on Saturday, October 1, 2016



INTEREST SURVEY REGISTRATION FORM: DE ~ DC ~ MD ~ PA

Centennial United Methodist Church • 44 E. Mt. Vernon Street • Smyrna, Delaware 19977

Print Participant's Name _____ DKG Member [] Non-Member []

Choose four workshops in order of preference by placing numerals 1, 2, 3, or 4 next to your choices.

Please note: Workshops and presenters are subject to change.

No.	Workshop Title	Presenter	Description
	Mosaics	Christine Redman	Create images with small pieces such as glass or stone.
	Genealogy	Carol Miller Schultz	Create your family tree.
	Cake Decorating	Tracey Dusch	Learn how to make the special cake.
	Book Clubs	Tracey Dusch	Enjoy reading together.
	Soulful Harvest	Barbara Parks-Lee	Soulful Harvest – Memoir Writing
	Choral Singing	Joan Wiggins	Learn the techniques of breathing, phrasing and enunciation to get the proper choral blend.
	Music Theory through Movement	Joan Wiggins	Participants will use a variety of Dalcroze techniques to learn music theory such as note values, rhythm and beat.
	Christmas Sweets	Marjorie Chappel	Make sweet holiday sweets without using the oven.
	Dance	Carolyn McNair and Patricia Neal	Creative dance movements. Together they will have you rocking! Wear comfortable clothing.
	Poetry	Cherie Ward	Learn the steps to express your poetic ideas and leave with a poem that you will cherish.
	Crafts	Wendy Happel	Nature's Angels ornaments made from oyster/crab shells or magnolia pods
	Finger Painting	Sally Clark	Finger painting for therapy.
	Card Making	Marylou Nelson	Make a variety of all occasion cards.
	Crafts	Tamara Forte	Create something special for the fall season.



The Creative Arts Seminar is funded by the Lucile Cornetet Seminar Professional Development Award DKG Educational Foundation in Austin, Texas.

This Seminar is open to members and non-members.

Please email your choices to:

Joan Wiggins- joan633@comcast.net

Wendy Happel - hapapple@aol.com

Or call Joan Wiggins- 410-322-6249

Committee News

Reaching Out to New Members

by Kihara Dorsey, Membership

Chapter Standing Rules Updated

by Ann Frantz, Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chair

The Bylaws Committee would like to thank all those chapters who have put so much time and effort into updating their Chapter Standing Rules. Some of the things we have learned along the way about “Chapter Standing Rules” come under the category, “Did you know?”

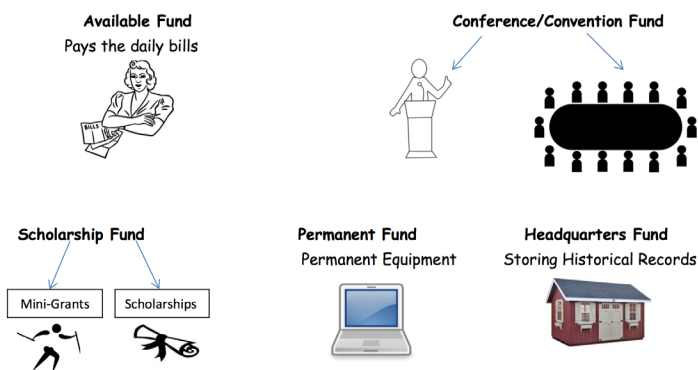
- Each chapter shall have chapter rules that are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws and the Standing Rules of Alpha Beta State (Constitution: Article V.B.)
- According to the DKG Constitution, **Chapters have the authority to make decisions related to:**
 - Administration of membership, member files; financial obligations to chapter; recognition of membership achievements; nurturing
 - Assessments and management of chapter funds
 - Optional officers (second vice president; corresponding secretary)
 - Makeup of the executive board
 - Choice of standing committees
 - Number of meetings per year beyond the required 4
 - Quorum for meetings
 - Revising its chapter rules
- Chapter rules are to be in writing and checked periodically by the State Bylaws Committee to assure they are consistent with the state and international rules.

Each member should have a copy of her chapter's standing rules.

Additional information regarding Chapter Standing Rules can be found in the “Go-to Guide for Chapter Members - Handbook of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2015” and in the Chapter President's Notebook.

Finance Committee Shares a Visual on ABS Funds

Alpha Beta State Funds....What's the Purpose?



When I attended college, I was encouraged by my professors to join professional organizations. First, they encouraged me to join Temple University's Alumni Association. Then they also said it is important to see ourselves as professionals who are part of a larger network. It is important for us to meet educators who teach in other states. Or maybe even in our own state and teach the same thing. The networking would be essential to our success. We will learn how others do the same work differently and that could help us.

Once I started joining organizations, I soon learned how helpful they were as I began getting the journals in my mailbox. I looked forward to going over the list of network events, professional development courses and seminars, classroom technology, and current news about my profession.

Like many of you, I love my work as an educator but I am also very concerned about the world of education outside of my classroom. Joining a professional network like DKG provides opportunities for members to make a difference and possibly impact education worldwide.

Six reasons to share with new educators to join DKG:

1. Collaborative communities
2. Expertise - Draw on the expertise of those within the learning community, as well as on the expertise of “outside” resources.
3. Engagement - Engage in reciprocal learning within learning communities; Engage in reflective discourse.
4. Professional development
5. Leadership - Develop and share leadership within the group
6. Career empowerment

Investigating Issues that Face ABS

by Nancy Andrews, Strategic Action Plan Committee Chair

The Strategic Action Plan Committee has been busy gathering information on issues that face Alpha Beta State. The members of the Committee are *Nancy Andrews, Omega; LaTanya Eggleston, Rho; Lillian Hairston, Xi; Cheryl Townshend, Omega; and Dr. Janet Cornick, Lambda*. The members have been familiarizing themselves with Alpha Beta State Standing Rules and By-laws, and the International Constitution.

determined by developing an evaluation tool based on the SWOT model. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. We are working on questions that members can respond to using this model. The Committee looks forward to members' input as Alpha Beta State Organization fulfills the Mission of Delta Kappa Gamma to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Any ideas can be shared with the Committee by contacting *Nancy Andrews* at dnsandrews@verizon.net or any Committee member.

We know that dwindling enrollment is one area that needs to be addressed in our plan. Other areas of concern will be

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
ALPHA BETA STATE ORGANIZATION

The Comfort Inn and Conference Center
 4500 Crain Highway
 Bowie, Maryland 20718
 301-464-0089

Leadership Development Conference
 "Composing Our Symphony"



Today's Date _____

Registration Fee: \$44.00

Includes continental breakfast and lunch

Choice of: Herbed Baked Chicken Vegetarian Meal

Deadline for Registration: April 11, 2016

Saturday, May 7, 2016

8 am – 3pm

Vicki Dabrowska, Omega - "The Maker Movement"

Silvia Mata-Marin - World Fellowship Recipient

Suzi Plaut, Alpha Gamma – Chapter Accolades

Incoming Chapter Presidents Training

Sean McComb - Luncheon Keynote Speaker- 2014 National Teacher of the Year

Make check payable to: **DKG Maryland**

Mail to: Mary Makinen, 211 West Federal St., Snow Hill, Md. 21863-1159
mlmakinen@comcast.net

Checks postmarked after April 11, 2016 must include a **late fee of \$5.00**
 (even if you are not eating a meal, you must pay the late registration fee)

Registration Form

Last Name		First Name		M.I.	Chapter
Preferred Name			Email:		
Address			City		
State	Zip Code		Phone ()		

Please check all that apply

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> State Committee Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter President |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Time at Leadership Development Conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Incoming Chapter President |
| <input type="radio"/> Registration only (no meals) | |

Total enclosed _____



Alpha Beta State News

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You will want a front row seat at our **Leadership Development Conference** to hear our keynote speaker, Sean McComb



Sean recently spoke at the Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore in 2015. After being announced as the **2014 National Teacher of the Year**, Sean shared his message of “sparking hope” around the country. Sean continues to teach at Patapsco High School in Baltimore County. He is an inspiring and motivating speaker who will keep you engaged during his talk. Follow Sean on his blog: *Constant Learning*.

**Mark the Date:
May 7, 2016**

**Bowie Comfort Inn and
Conference Center**

Join Your ABS Sisters at the DKG International Convention in July

We send our congratulations to **Dr. Fran Luther, Alpha**, and **Dr. Minnie Young, Eta**. Their proposals have been accepted for presentation during break out sessions at the DKG International Convention in Nashville, TN on July 5-9, 2016.

Dr. Frances D. Luther, Alpha, will be presenting *Using Glogs to Enhance Diversity Education* with Justin Pickering. **Dr. Minnie Young, Eta**, will present a breakout session on how to *Create Videos with your iPad* and a mini-session on Google Drive at the *Cyber Center*. Both sisters are very excited about this opportunity.

The following members have indicated they will be attending:

- **Dr. Annette Blake**
- **Susan Brinsfield**
- **Jean Capani**
- **Joyce Conway**
- **Janet Cornick**
- **Sharon Darling**
- **Barbara Devenport**
- **Jean Gray**
- **Wendy Happel**
- **Betty Hepler**
- **Sharon Hilty**
- **Lorraine Johnson**
- **Patricia Johnson**
- **Barbara Klug**
- **Mary Lee Makinen**
- **Mary Ruth Meredith**

- **Becky Taylor**
- **Joan Wiggins**
- **Minnie Young**
- **Missy Zentz**

We hope this list inspires more sisters to join us in Nashville. Do consider attending the DKG International Convention. If you need a roommate or more information, please contact **Mary Lee Makinen** at mlmakinen@comcast.net

