



Alpha Beta State NEWS

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From Maryland to Maine and Back Again (In 2015)!



We had a wonderful celebration of 75 years for Alpha Beta State in Columbia, Maryland, over the weekend of April 19-21, 2013. If you missed it, we missed YOU! Now we are all preparing for the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine, scheduled for July 24-27, 2013. If you have not registered and made reservations, do so NOW! (www.dkg.org) Participation in state and international events gives you the ideal foundation for building and then sustaining pride in your DKG membership. Remember, the Northeast Regional Conference will be held in MARYLAND in 2015, so we will *all* be on hand to welcome our sisters from the northeast region of our United States!

As I close out two years of leadership, I want to thank all of you for the personal enrichment that you have provided for me. I had the joy of formulating new friendships and the opportunity to network in various educational circles in the name of Alpha Beta State Organization. Thank you to each chapter who welcomed me to its meeting. I have certainly gained PRIDE IN THE BIG PICTURE as I travelled throughout the state and to international events that I had never attended before, but will not miss in the future!

In the next biennium we will have a new committee entitled the Educational Excellence Committee. Its responsibility will be to educate you as to the importance of international projects such as Schools for Africa, Supporting Early Career Educators and the DKG/United Nations relationship. They are also tasked with increasing your global awareness of women's and children's issues, as well as the impact of educational laws and policy, not only in our counties, but throughout the nation and the world. Leaders are readers. I hope that you will purpose to read all that comes your way from DKG so as to be aware of how the seven purposes of the Society come alive across our nation and the globe.

I know that you will support **Janette Bell** and her leadership team. I hope that you will readily volunteer to "Share our Vision and Strengthen our Society." Our vision, "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide," begins with each member understanding how to impact education.

When the donations, grants, scholarships, projects, mentoring programs and early career educator support are all added together from 18 countries, the impact on education worldwide is significant. Alpha Beta State was able to give a faux check, representing hours and money spent on excellence in education within Maryland, to **Senator Joanne Benson**, Theta, for \$118,747. (But that was only the number reported before the check was printed! The grand total was \$129,747.)

As you sing the DKG anthem in the future, concentrate on the words and embrace such phrases as: "Mindful of our sisters' needing aid and guidance from those leading, helpful may we be! Or "Education e'er we'll further....with this faith in one another we shall win for2013-2015! It has been a pleasure! THANK YOU.



Sandra Collins, Theta inducts President **Janette Bell**, Theta



Cheryl Townshend pins **Janette Bell**, Theta

'SEVENTY-FIVE AND STRONG'

Senator Joanne C. Benson



Alpha Beta State Organization held an outstanding convention to celebrate 75 years of progress and growth. One of the highlights of the convention took place at the "Birthday Luncheon" when President **Cheryl Townshend** presented **Senator Joanne C. Benson**, Theta, with a symbolic check representing the value of all of the volunteer service that the members of Delta Kappa Gamma have given to the students of Maryland. **Senator Benson** accepted the check vowing to present it to Senator Mike Miller, President of the Maryland Senate. She would like to see the check hung in a prominent location in Annapolis.

Senator Benson presented a Proclamation to the organization from Senator Miller. **Senator Benson** had shared with Senator Miller the story of Delta Kappa Gamma and our commitment to education. The proclamation recognized us as Key Women Educators and wished us continued success in our future projects and activities. The proclamation is signed by Senator Thomas 'Mike' Miller, President and Senator **Joanne C. Benson** of the 24th Legislative District.

Senator Benson indicated that she would like to see members of Delta Kappa Gamma come to Annapolis next year and be recognized on the floor of the Senate as many organizations do each year.

Janette Bell, Theta, Second Vice President

Senator Joanne Benson, Theta, **Linda Eller**, International and President **Cheryl Townshend**



2013 Alpha Beta State Scholarship Award

At the 2013 Alpha Beta State Convention, the Scholarship Committee took great pleasure in awarding the Dr. Anne B. Matthews Scholarship in the amount of \$1500 to **Suzanne B. Wilburn** of Alpha Alpha Chapter. Suzanne was initiated in 2000, and is a proud second-generation member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She has continuously contributed to the work of her chapter and currently serves on the Alpha Alpha Leadership Development Committee and the Personal Growth and Services Committee. Suzanne is enrolled in a doctoral program at Frostburg State University in Educational Leadership with a specialization in Curriculum and Instruction. She holds a M.Ed. in Human Development from the University of Maryland and earned a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Towson University.



Suzanne Wilburn, Alpha Alpha and **Jean Bedenbaugh**, I Insilon

Alpha Alpha president Ann Frantz cites Suzanne as an excellent role model, particularly to newer members, by virtue of her leadership as a staff member at Broad Ford Elementary School. To her credit, Suzanne has served for over ten years on the local Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and is included in "Who's Who Among American Teachers". Alpha Beta State is delighted to assist Suzanne in achieving her lifelong dream of earning a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction.

Jean Bedenbaugh, State Scholarship Committee Chair



MAKE IT, TAKE IT!

Omega Chapter presented Make It, Take It with Purpose. Those in attendance at this workshop focused on the 7 purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. Starting with the acronym IS SHE U I, they recorded which purpose matched each initial. Then definitions of each purpose were confirmed. Real life items were matched to each item to assist all with quickly recalling the 7 purposes. Working in pairs, sisters recorded chapter activities that matched each purpose. Finally, members were given golden bags to collect the real life items to take back to their chapter to share these reminders of the 7 Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Unite (rubber band)

Activities include: World Fellowship collection, sending cards to members who don't attend, having social events, meeting in schools, making personal calls to those not attending, driving members to meetings, attending state and international conventions, have lunch with Fullbright winners in your area and send birthday cards to our World Fellowship recipients.

Honor (rose)

Activities include: honoring members in newspaper, sending a note to your county's Teacher of the Year and finalists, Kudos in newsletters, presenting pins to 25 year plus members, giving sashes for achievement, sending cards to shut-ins, and sending notes for special recognitions.

Initiate (candle)

Activities include: supporting schools in Africa, Operation Christmas, awarding high school and college scholarships, inviting "topic of interest" presenters to meetings, Dress for Success, starting meetings with an inspirational message and encouraging members to apply for scholarships and mini-grants

Support (Life Saver)

Activities include: visiting Annapolis and White House, Girls from Gambia, supporting Lobby Day, giving items to a consignment shop to raise money for World Fellowship, and having speakers come talk about legislation

Endow (penny)

Activities include: giving scholarships, supporting African schools, Book Talks (giving a book to each member), endowing World Fellowship, and giving a grant to future educators.



Stimulate (Starburst)

Activities include: conducting fundraisers, having women's health speakers, health fair, having guest speakers on technology, and meeting during the summer and having a journal discussion.

Inform (DKG News)

Activities include: sharing historical information and explanations of DKG symbols, attending state and International activities, keeping up with legislation, using social media, having guest speakers and encouraging members to read and discuss journals.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

Are you an active member,
the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
to help the work along?
Or are you merely satisfied
to simply just belong?

Do you ever work on committees
to see what makes them tick?
Or do you leave the work to few,
then talk about "the clique?"

So, come to all the meetings
and help with hand and heart.
Don't just be a member,
but take an active part!

Won't you think this over?
You know right from wrong!
Are you an *active* member,
Or do you just belong?

from the Rho State Quarterly, Spring Issue, March 2012
(Author unknown)

Mission:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision:

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



Beth Chatfield, Beta and **Dr. Lori Dewald**, Alpha Delta (Abstract: Resuscitating School Health-Education Teacher Preparation) were published in the DKG Winter edition of the *Bulletin*, the professional journal of DKG.

Dr. Judith Pula, Alpha Alpha, (Genderlect and Participation in the College English Classroom) was also published in the same edition.

DKG has a history of supporting women in their pursuit of excellence in the furthering of their professional growth and expertise. Alpha Beta State wants to recognize **Kihara Dorsey** of Lambda Chapter who recently was awarded \$1500.00 as a Lucille Cornetet Professional Development Award recipient. Kihara is going to use the money to attend the International Society for Technology in Education. We look forward to drawing upon her newly gained expertise in the future!

Alpha Chapter member, **Dr. Fran Luther**, had an article published in the spring 2013 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. The title is "Reading Promotion: Maryland Humanities Council's *One Maryland One Book* Program for High School and Adult Readers". She will be presenting a workshop at the European Regional Conference. She is also published in the Bulletin this spring... "One Maryland, One Book" (A state wide reading initiative)



CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Chapters were recognized at the recent Alpha Beta State Convention for completing the requirements for Chapter Achievement Awards. Current and immediate past Presidents of the Chapters received Drapes in recognition of their chapter's hard work. Chapters recognized with this award were:

Delta	Jeanne Niebel	Ray Steven
Epsilon	Jacqueline Gray	Jayne S. Alexis
Theta	Lorraine Johnson	Wanda Robinson
Mu	Sheila Owens	Barbara Patton
Omicron	Naudine H. Pheobus	Patricia Gomola
Rho	Margaret Hurd	Rita Trice
Sigma	Faye Johnson	Toni Negro
Tau	Nancy McFadden	Ina L. Gardner
Upsilon	Jean Bedenbaugh	Kyra Kreinbrook
Omega	Elizabeth Hepler	Jean Marie Hofstetter
Alpha Alpha	Carol W. Slagle	Ann V. Frantz
Alpha Delta	Christine Wall	Lois Davis



Jean Bedenbaugh, Upsilon, **Kyra Kreinbrook**, Epsilon and **Ray Steven**, Delta

Dress For Success Project Theta Chapter

The Northeast Regional Conference will be coming up soon to be held in Portland, Maine. **Mary Lee Makinen**, Northeast Regional Director, requested that each state choose a representative who would embody the principles of "Sharing our Vision, Strengthening our Society." This is to be the International theme, as well as the Alpha Beta State Organization theme for the year ahead. Thirteen women from Maryland were named as being ones who demonstrated effective and intentional leadership toward the sharing and the strengthening that has occurred in Maryland within recent history. Those women were :

- Janey Snyder , Alpha
- Becky Taylor, Beta
- Carolyn Lang, Tau
- Dorothy Loughlin, Phi
- Marjorie Pearsall-Groenwald, Rho
- LaTanya Eggleston, Rho
- Christine Wall, Alpha Delta
- Sharon Hilty, Delta
- Michelle Saville, Eta
- Barbara Patton, Mu
- Luianne Potter, Alpha Theta
- Joyce Conway, Delta
- Brenda Korrow, Epsilon

We congratulate each of these leaders for the service they have given to the Society over a number of years. The Executive Board could only select one to be its representative in Maine and that honor goes to **Carolyn Lang**. We look forward to Carolyn being "the face of Alpha Beta State" as we gather with our Northeast Regional sisters to celebrate the pursuit of excellence in education throughout our nation's northeast corner.



Success means more than just "making it." Success also means getting community support to accomplish dreams and goals.

Delta Kappa Gamma gives community support to citizens who are economically disadvantaged in a meaningful way. Although citizens may have acquired the needed skills to gain employment, they may lack the business wardrobe to interview and actually go to work. A long-standing project in the Prince Georges County area is donations to The Training Source to assist local citizens gain employment.

Theta Chapter which is in its 5th year of partnering with the Training Source, gave a helping hand to community citizens by donating business clothing, shoes, toiletries, and even jewelry to assist trainees from The Training Source, Inc. This non-profit organization serving the Capital Heights community offers comprehensive training that helps participants obtain in-demand employment skills in cooperation with area employers. Theta Chapter is proud to be a partner in serving this community program which seeks to empower unemployed men and women who are entering the workforce by providing clothing and other accessories.



Carol Kilby and **Laura Dinu** chair this program and as a result of their combined efforts again this year we donated a large collection of professional attire and accessories to the program. There was a great fellowship of Theta Sisters who came out in full force with wonderful items to donate to The Training Source. We were honored at the occasion with a motivational speech by Executive Director of The Training Source, Evelyn Kim Rhim. Ms. Rhim encouraged us to continue to help organizations such as hers because the benefits to the community are far-reaching. That organization's motto, "We develop people...not just skills!" is certainly in line with Delta Kappa Gamma's mission to make a difference in our community and the world.

Stephanie Nelson-Butler, Theta

Literacy Project - Epsilon Chapter



For many years, Epsilon Chapter has designated the February meeting for a community service project. We have chosen the focus of literacy for this project.

Our chapter works with a book company to locate and purchase approximately 400 heavy duty board books that are appropriate for Pre-K 4 children. This year's books included topics such as shapes, colors, ABC's, and baby animals. At the work session during our meeting, members from each of our four counties assembled 100 bags of books. Each bag contains a book with a sticker identifying it as a gift from Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. We also included a sheet of tips for parents when reading with their child. In addition to the tips, this sheet identifies our organization and its purpose as well as sharing that members read the books in their child's classroom. We hope that the new addition of the "reading tips" sheet this year will help increase the enjoyment of the books when the children bring them home. Some years we also made and included an interactive puppet to use with the book. Members from each of our four counties contact schools to find a good time to visit, read, and distribute the books to the students. We can provide books to approximately 20 classes of Pre-K 4 classes each year. A fun time is had by all on those reading days. The children are thrilled when they realize they actually get to keep the books.

In addition to the community service project, at this meeting our members donate books they have enjoyed reading, but no longer need to keep. We have a chapter book exchange. Everyone enjoys going home with a "new" stack of books to read.

Finally, each member is given a paper labeled "Books I Want to Read" on which to record information on titles one may wish to read in the future. As we enjoy a delicious lunch together, members take time to share the title, author, and a brief description of a favorite book read recently.

The program not only helps with the literacy of children, but it helps to increase our own literacy through the book exchange and recommendation of books we have enjoyed.

Liiri Oja, World Fellowship Grant Recipient

Liiri Oja, a recipient of a Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship grant, attended our December Delta Chapter meeting. She wrote the following to help us get acquainted with her accomplishments and goals.

"As to my background - I'm from Estonia and this is where I have lived most of my life. I have a Law degree from Estonia and a Master's degree in international law from Oslo University, Norway. I finished that in December 2011, and then I worked at the Estonian Parliament as a legal advisor in the legal research department.

At Georgetown I'm also pursuing a Master's degree, but it is quite different from my European experience - studying at Georgetown is much more interactive and I can take very specific subjects like "Women's rights" and "Civil society law". I'm also doing US Constitutional law this semester that has been different and challenging (USA has common law, Estonia civil law system), but very interesting. As I'm also fond of teaching, I will be doing the Global Teaching Fellows program in January. We're preparing already now, and the idea is that international students help to teach 1st year JD students some international law through a week-long program. I'm very excited about this. I have years of experience in teaching debate and argumentation to high-school students and I've also done some Teaching Assistant work with my old university in Estonia.

My degree program at Georgetown finishes the end of May 2013. In the future I would like to continue with a PhD, and teach in a law school. Ideally not full-time as I would like to also practice law because I believe that actual practical experience would make me a better teacher.

Furthermore, my time in DC and at Georgetown so far has been nothing but amazing. I've met very interesting people, attended lectures given by Harold Koh and Kofi Annan, stood in line for 6 hours to see an oral hearing at the Supreme Court etc. And next Friday, on the 7th of December we're having a bake sale fundraiser at Georgetown to collect money for students from DC public school. "



POTTERY FOR CHARITY

In mid-winter, the **Alpha** Chapter ladies gathered for an evening of fun and laughter while they shared their gifts and talents for charity and community service. They donated pottery bowls, which they painted with their own individual and very creative designs. They used a variety of colors, stamps, and splattering techniques which produced sometimes surprisingly beautiful pieces. The completed bowls will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Catholic Charities to be sold at a fund raiser to help the poor, needy, and less fortunate in the Baltimore Community. Well done ladies – you certainly showed the true spirit of the Alpha Chapter!



At the November Program of Work, Alpha Beta State members started making blankets. Alpha Delta members brought unfinished blankets to one of their chapter meetings and their members finished the blankets.



Mary Lee Makinen and Patricia Johnson



Buttons Bassett and Susan Brinsfield

The blankets were then taken to two local homeless shelters Diakonia in Ocean City, MD and The Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke City, MD. Below is a picture of **Barbara Devenport**, Alpha Delta, delivering the blankets to Diakonia.



Phi Chapter helped longtime DKG Phi Chapter member, **Margie Dare**, celebrate her 90th birthday on December 29, 2012.



Margie Dare receiving a long-stem red rose from **Anne Heidenreich**, DKG Phi Chapter President, on behalf of Phi Sisters for her 90th birthday.



DKG Phi Chapter Sisters attending the 90th birthday celebration for Margie Dare:
Front row: **Pat Krause, Margie Dare, Anne Heidenreich**
Back row: **Linda Engwall, Carolyn Null, Karen Gyolai, Dottie Loughlin, Margene Versace, Dr. Ruth Burkins**

EMAIL EXTRAS

ALPHA BETA STATE CONVENTION

(I apologize in advance, I took many pictures and do not have the names of all members)

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT



Barbara Devenport, Alpha Delta; Sharon Hilty, Delta



Cheryl Townshend, Omega; Carolyn Lang, Tau



Dottie Laughlin, Phi



Dottie Laughlin, Phi; Mary Ruth Merideth, Nu



Susan Brinsfield, Alpha Delta



Susan Brinsfield, Alpha Delta; Mary Ruth Meredith, Nu; Sharon Darling, Nu



Zumba



Zumba



Zumba

SATURDAY – BUSINESS MEETING



Linda Eller, International; Janette Bell, Theta



Barbara Devenport-Lois Davis, Alpha Delta



Brenda Karrow, Epsilon



Brenda Patterson, Tau



Celeste Williams, Theta



Jean Gray, Omega



Joan Wiggins, Alpha Theta



LaTanya Eggleston, Rho



Linda Eller, International

BIRTHDAY LUNCH



Dottie Laughlin, Phi



50 year member



50 year members



VENDORS



WOMEN IN THE ARTS



Time Capsules





WORKSHOPS



Social Media – Linda Eller



Make and Take



Make and Take



Make and Take

BANQUET



Induction



Past State Presidents



Honoring those who have Doctorates



SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Brenda Karrow, Linda Eller and Cheryl Townshend



Jean Gray and Nadine Roberts



Janette Bell, Celeste Williams and Kyra Kreinbrook

PRESIDENTS



Alpha Alpha – Ann Frantz



Alpha Beta – Debra Faller



Alpha – Carol Schneider



Alpha Delta – Lois Davis



Alpha Eta – Deidre Barnett



Beta – Becky Taylor



Chi – Amanda Marecaux



Delta – Ray Steven



Epsilon – Jayne Alexis



Etta – Michelle Saville



Gamma – Wanda Heurich



Iota – Kathleen Fazzino



Lambda – Doretha Gay



Mu – Barbara Patton



Nu – Sharon Darling



Omega – Jean Hoffstetter



Omicron – Patricia Gomola



Phi – Linda Ann Heiden



Pi – Carol Miller-Shultz



Rho – LaTanya Eggleston (standing in)



Sigma - Toni Negro



Tau – Ina Gardner



Theta – Wanda Robinson



Upsilon – Kyra Kreinbrook



Xi – Elizabeth Ceanfagione



Zeta – Paula Keunzle