



Alpha Beta State

NEWS

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President's Message

The 2013-2015 Alpha Beta Express is approaching its final stop. It has been a wonderful ride. There have been many passengers aboard the train that have made the trip possible. Without the work and cooperation of the many chapters and members of Alpha Beta State, this train would have derailed along the way.

Over the last two years I have had the opportunity to visit many chapter events and meetings. The chapters in Alpha Beta State are making a difference in their communities. Chapters have mentoring programs, some are providing books and materials for schools and several are offering scholarships to local students.

Our Chapter Presidents devote endless hours to the success of their programs and projects.

Thank you to all of the committee chairs and committee members who kept this train on track.

During the weekend of April 24, our train traveled to Silver Spring, Maryland to conduct the business of the Alpha Beta State Convention. We were pleased to have **Dr. Kay Clawson**, Northeast Regional Director, as our International Guest. Dr. Clawson brought us news from International and served as our keynote speaker during the President's Banquet. She spoke about "The Silent Sounds of DKG". Dr. Clawson also updated us on plans for the Northeast Regional Conference to be held in Baltimore, Maryland July 8 – July 11, 2015. She issued her personal invitation for all members to attend the conference.

The weekend began on Friday night with "Sister Acts". **Betty Hepler** organized a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. Members shared their talents with song, dance, and even exercise. The whole group finished the evening with a sing along. Thank you, Betty, for sharing your great talents with us, as our State Music Chair.

On Saturday, we held our business meeting. During that meeting we elected our leadership team for 2015 – 2017. Congratulations to our new State Officers: President, **Joan Wiggins**, Alpha Theta; First Vice-President, **Sharon Darling**, Nu; Second Vice-President, **Lorraine Johnson**, Theta; and Secretary, **Dr. Marilyn Keane**, Upsilon. **Janey Snyder**, Alpha will continue as Treasurer and **Mary Makinen**, Alpha Delta will continue to serve as Executive Secretary. Our newly elected officers were installed during the President's Banquet.

During our Celebration Luncheon, several chapters received recognition from the Chapter Support Committee. We also awarded four scholarships to deserving members.

As I approach our final station I know that I am leaving Alpha Beta State Organization in great hands. You have elected a leadership team that is ready and able to continue the journey. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to lead you these two years. It is an experience that I will cherish. I look forward to continued service to Alpha Beta State, as I take on the Chapter Support Committee. I look forward to working with you in the future.

I will see you in Baltimore! "Choo, Choo"!

Janette Bell, Alpha Beta State Organization President

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ABOARD!

Alpha Beta State Convention

April 24 - April 26, 2015

We arrived at our final stop of this biennium with **Janette Bell** as our conductor at the DoubleTree by Hilton. We kicked off our convention with a light and rewarding way led by **Betty Hepler**, who organized "Sister Acts". We have much talent in our society. She also arranged for the musical entertainment from Springbrook High School.

Earlier in the day and continuing through the weekend, sisters were able to register for our weekend. **Marilyn Keane**, **Nadine Roberts**, and other Upsilon Chapter members did a fantastic job.

The Hospitality Suite was the responsibility of Delta Chapter. It was wonderful. **Missy Zentz**, Chapter President, **Sharon Hilty**, **Joyce Conway**, and others kept it well stocked.

The table decorations sure did a grand job keeping to the theme. **Dr. Donna Considine**, Iota Chapter President, and other members were very creative.

You had no problem determining the hostesses at your table for the luncheon and the banquet. **Dr. Annette Blake**, Theta Chapter President, leads this chapter of the ladies in red.

Sigma Chapter President **Jean Judd** did a very nice radio show Celebrating Our Founders. There was some hidden talent throughout the broadcast.

Who could miss the greeters, pages, and the signs that were made? Nu Chapter, headed by President **Ann Campbell** sure did carry out the theme.

Such talent there was shown in Women in the Arts. Our workshops that were presented by different sisters were excellent. My hat goes off to them. A special thank you to **Joan Wiggins**, Alpha Theta, our new State president and the members of the Educational Excellence Committee.

Others took part in the weekend:

Cheryl Townshend, Omega, recognized chapters who have done outstanding things this biennium.

Sandra Collins, Theta, took the role of getting sisters for all nominations. What a job that was! She also handled installation of New Officers. The use of candles was a very nice touch.

Lillian Hairston, Xi, was responsible for Celebration of Life. It was a very moving service.

Jean Marie Hofstetter, Omega, awarded scholarships to our deserving sisters.

Janey Snyder, Alpha, who took care of getting all the bills paid. She also was responsible for getting the program booklet and the Celebration of Life booklet printed.

I also need to thank these last two with all my heart. First to **Joyce Conway**, Delta, who was the Hotel Liaison. She kept in contact with the hotel and made my life much easier.

Many thanks to our Executive Secretary, **Mary Makinen**, Alpha Delta, who kept the minutes of all the convention planning committee meetings and for always being there for me with answers to any questions. What an outstanding job she did as our auctioneer for those wonderful baskets that the convention hostess chapters donated! We raised \$1015 for the International Emergency Fund. What generous sisters we do have!

As this year's convention chair, I thank all the committees for all the work that was done to make this convention a success. I also thank those who I missed naming and all who came to the convention.

I give **Janette Bell**, Theta, our state president, a big thank you for "Keeping Us on Track" during this biennium.

Sharon Darling, Convention Chair

The Alpha Beta State Scholarship Committee, under the dynamic leadership of **Jean Marie Hofstetter** (Omega Chapter), along with members **Susan Gagliardi** (Epsilon Chapter), **Sheila Owens** (Mu Chapter), and **Dorothy Clowers** (Theta Chapter) take great pride in announcing the winners of four scholarships awarded at the State Convention Luncheon. Two recipients received \$1500.00 each to pursue their doctorate degrees, and two will share \$1500.00 to further their professional training. Without a doubt, each candidate is more than worthy of being selected for a scholarship. Highlights of their professional accomplishments, along with a synopsis of their goals for continuing their education, are listed below.

Suzanne Wilburn, an active member of **Alpha Alpha Chapter**, is the recipient of the Dr. Anne H. Matthew Scholarship. Suzanne, a second generation Delta Kappa Gamma Member, possesses an extensive list of accolades. She was one of 25 educators selected from 85 applicants for the inaugural cohort for the Educational Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, at Frostburg State University. Currently, she has earned 54 of the 60 credits required for graduation. Her grade point average has never dropped below 4.0. Even while working hard to pursue her lifetime goal of earning a doctoral degree, Suzanne finds time for her husband and son. Additionally, she coaches youth sports, participates in the Rotary Club Christmas Meals Program, and substitutes as a Sunday school teacher at her church. Added to these activities, she has worked twenty-seven years as a full-time teacher in the Garrett County Public Schools District. In support of Delta Kappa Gamma's goal, Suzanne supervises student teachers and mentors first year teachers.

Martha Barwick, an active member of **Alpha Theta Chapter**, was awarded the Esther J. Crooks Scholarship. Martha has been active in Delta Kappa Gamma since 2000, where she has served as secretary of her chapter. She has also conducted technology presentations. Her full-time role as Harford County Public Schools Coordinator of Technology has provided her with the opportunity to help all of her sisters become technology savvy. Most recently, she posted notices on the Chapter's Facebook. Currently, Martha is enrolled in the doctoral program at Johns Hopkins University, where she is pursuing a degree in Research and Evaluation. Thus far, she has earned six credits of the forty-eight required for graduation. Martha's twenty years in education have included; teaching 5th graders and traveling to Russia, Romania and Bulgaria to engage in humanitarian work. A Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction has fully prepared her for many of the challenges of a doctoral program. It is noteworthy to mention that in 2013, Martha was nominated as the Harford County's Outstanding Technology Leader in Education.

Dr. Minerva Ladores, second vice president of **Eta Chapter**, has twenty-two years of teaching experience in early childhood and higher education in Maryland, Cincinnati and the Philippines. During the past Biennium, she served as Eta Chapter Secretary. As a current Associate Professor at Frostburg State University, she teaches undergraduate and graduate level educational courses in the area of technology. Minerva's scholarship funds will be used to defray the cost of her attendance at the Association of Teacher Educators Leadership Academy in Arizona. In her view, as a Delta Kappa Gamma leader, the leadership academy experience will enhance her ability to better lead teachers.

LaTanya Eggleston, is well known for her role as the **Alpha Beta State** Webmaster. Additionally, during the past three years, she was recognized as an active member of the Leadership Development Committee. Since 2008, LaTanya has served as Communications Chair of the **Rho Chapter**. She has also engaged in multiple Professional Development activities at Regional Conventions and Alpha Beta State Conferences. In an effort to be better prepared to work with entry level training, LaTanya is requesting funds to attend a four day On Course II professional development workshop. The strategies acquired at the workshop will help her to empower students to become active and responsible learners. The sessions will also provide LaTanya with an opportunity to network with some of the most talented and innovative educators in higher education.

Dorothy Clowers
Theta Chapter



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

The Forgotten Dream

Our speaker, **Mary Lee Makinen**, inspired her listeners with a motivational presentation on how Delta Kappa Gamma can help women take a leadership role in society. Our original twelve founders of DKG (who we had met earlier that day at the Birthday Luncheon!) had a dream to lift women teachers out of a submissive mode and encourage them to become leaders. Ms. Makinen stated that each of us has a story and she shared parts of her unique story with us.

Growing up as Mary Lee Sparks from Edgemere, she proclaimed, "Inside of me is still a little girl with a memory of what was said to me that could have, and certainly has, shaped my picture, my dreams, and my choices." She asked us what voices we hear and which ones do we allow to rule us. She encouraged us to "drop the dread" and "stop carrying old baggage!" She went on to enumerate the characteristics of leadership and emphasized that Delta Kappa Gamma is the perfect organization to allow our leadership skills to shine. She encouraged that "not everyone is going to be a state president, but everyone is able if she chooses to be. We can all become what we are capable of becoming, and we can be here for each other."

In conclusion, she stated that Mary Lee Sparks from Edgemere never dreamed she would be where Mary Lee Makinen is today. That dream came later as a result of being open to opportunities and other dreams along the way. She was open to the voices that encouraged her and shut out the voices that said "don't even try it." She challenged her audience, "If you hear a voice within you say you cannot paint, then by all means PAINT, and that voice will be silenced." She encouraged all of us to "take the challenge, shake off any shackles, and begin—or continue—our path as a Delta Kappa Gamma leader." She warned that many members are becoming complacent and letting those who do not know us dictate our self worth, and she challenged us to step up and remember the dream of our founders!



Salts to Soothe the Soul

LaTanya Eggleston presented a make-it-take-it workshop for the participants to experience making their own bath salt mixtures. She also incorporated essential oils. As you entered the room, the aromas of the oils filled the room. During the workshop, LaTanya explained the benefits of the following items:

Lavender: used to treat burns, cuts and insomnia

Eucalyptus: used to address sinus & chest congestion

Peppermint: stimulates your systems, for circulatory issues, muscle aches and nausea (not for pregnancy)

Rosemary: for aches, gout and fluid retention

Carrier oils can be used with Epsom and sea salts- grape seed oil or olive oil

As each participant left the workshop, they truly left with a "Recipe for Relaxation".

Katherine Murray, Mu



Cleaning Up the Clutter “Scanning Your Way to a Paperless Paradise”

Dr. Donna Considine, Iota, remarked early in her workshop, Cleaning Up the Clutter, “Anybody who says people our age cannot use computers is crazy!” To prove this statement, Dr. Considine introduced the participants to **TurboScan** by Piksoft, a free app for newer I-phones and tablets which allows individuals to photograph documents, receipts, warranties, pictures, and almost anything else (even Delta Kappa Gamma documents and pictures) and then to store those items on the phone or on a computer or other device. The items can be retrieved immediately or later to be emailed, edited, and/or printed. Even if one must pay for **TurboScan**, Dr. Considine says, “It is worth \$2.99.” She reminded the attendees that the app is easy to use, and the directions are “right there.”

Other programs that have many of the same features are **CamScan** (recommended by a previous workshop member), **ScanItAll** by BitsAbound Inc., and **JetScanner**. All one has to do is go to the App store, search free apps, read the reviews and choose one.

One of the workshop participants asked about portable scanners. Dr. Considine replied that the quality of the copy is not as good and an old, brittle picture might break going through the machine.

Dr. Considine also had other recommendations. She suggested **Key Ring** to save store key fobs, **Parkmobile** to pay for parking, and **Retail Me Not** to look for coupons. For general household clutter, she suggested going through closets every six months and getting rid of anything you don't remember using. When her children asked about a toy that had gone missing, Dr. Considine used to say, “It must have gotten lost in the move.”

Workshop participants remarked about how having Alpha Beta State members presenting programs was “great.” They were also heard talking about purchasing I-phones so they could use the apps.

~ Submitted by **Sue Morgan**, Eta

THE GLUE THAT HOLDS A CHAPTER TOGETHER

Presented by Theta Chapter

Annette Blake, Dorothy Clowers, Ruby Macon, Hattie Scott, Yvonne Stone, Celeste Williams

Each presenter reported on a key point she believed led to the Chapter's success. Following each presentation, the presenter provided a handout that served to summarize the information provided. They made several key points that are worthy of remembering and/or duplicating.

In response to the recent concern about reduction in membership at all levels in the Organization, Theta Chapter recommends that prospective members can be recruited from public schools, private schools, specialized institutions, colleges and universities, schools of medicine, corporations, and hospitals. Most impressive was the fact that Theta's Honorary Member, a member of the corporate world, was one of the presenters and a valuable asset to the chapter because she was as involved as the “active” members of the chapter. Prior to recruiting, we're encouraged to clearly define the Chapter's goals, identify the desirable qualities we're looking for in the candidates, and identify the indicators useful in determining if the candidates possess the qualities needed.

Theta Chapter believes that Five C's are the formula for their success. They suggest that commitment, communication, catalyst for change, cooperation, and celebration serve them well.

Chapter Meetings should be effective and while it is the role of the President to run the meeting, the members should prepare for the meeting, arrive on time, keep an open mind, listen to the opinions of others, participate, avoid dominating the proceedings, avoid conflict situations, avoid side conversations which distract others, ask questions to clarify understanding, and note any action agreed upon.

Additionally, Theta Chapter believes that relationships as well as the Chapter can be strengthened when Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters call the President if they cannot attend a scheduled meeting, respond to all published due dates, wear their Key Pin to all meetings, make an effort to attend at least three meetings per year, pay dues on time, provide updated information relative to change of address, etc. in a timely fashion, and network regularly with members of the chapter to arrange rides to meetings, work on joint projects, etc.

Shirley A. Hicks, Recorder (Zeta Chapter)

Exemplary Chapters for 2013-2015

Achievement is defined as a thing done successfully through effort, skill and courage. The Chapter Support Committee, composed of Chairman, **Cheryl Townshend**, Omega; **Jean Judd**, Sigma; **Dr. Annette Blake**, Theta and **Ann Campbell**, Nu, commend all of the Alpha Beta State chapters for their exercise of diligence, persistence and camaraderie which has made this biennium a two-year striving toward and ultimate achievement of "staying on track" through excellence in leadership and intentionally of meeting the seven purposes of this Society.

The recipients of the Chapter Achievement Award for the 2013-2015 Biennium were Delta, Eta, Theta, Mu, Nu, Omega, Alpha Alpha and Alpha Delta. They were chosen based on having achieved at least one of the following criteria: excellence of diverse and educationally-sound programming, intentionality toward gaining membership diversity, initiation of numerous new members, innovative projects related to DKG international focus or related to building relationship within the county and local community. Success in strategic planning and the application of the plan was also a consideration for commendation. A certificate of achievement was given, as well as a commemorative booklet that could be placed in the chapter's archives. Each chapter was recognized with a brief synopsis being read of the story that led to their selection.

No chapter will ever be able to do everything well, but each does something well. The Chapter Support Committee thanks all chapters for their gifts of time, energy and talent given to enable the success of the Maryland State Organization. We look forward to seeing this talent in action as the Northeast Regional Conference is hosted by the fine members of Alpha Beta State. Each member will be able to show pride in the big picture of DKG by participating with sisters as we showcase our state and demonstrate hospitality.



Women in the Arts Display State Convention- April, 2015

The Educational Excellence Committee proudly displayed the works of our Alpha Beta State sisters at the Women in the Arts display. We opened the display on Friday evening with a large group of convention attendees viewing the magnificent articles. We were excited to see the variety of items that our talented sisters created. All those who submitted items were given a certificate and bookmark. Those participants were:

- Ann Campbell**, Nu- Poem
- Bobbie Cropp**, Eta- Paintings
- Sharon Diehl**, Eta- Quilts
- Barbara DeWitt**, Upsilon- Paintings, block art, greeting cards
- Susan Fontyn**, Iota- Photos, quilt, cement leaves, silk scarf
- Wendy Happel**, Mu- shadow box picture pencil drawing
- Sharon Hilty**, Delta- Memorial books of Marqarette Reid
- Jean Marie Hofstetter**, Omega- Needlepoint basket
- Coleen Mister**, Alpha Delta- Paintings, Needlepoint
- Joanne Richards**, Delta- Christmas Stockings, quilt
- Cheryl Townshend**, Omega- Cross stitch
- Christine Wall**, Alpha Delta- Book of poems
- Mildred Watkins**, Eta- Paintings
- Joan Wiggins**, Alpha Theta- jewelry and reunion banner

In addition to the above participants, **Mary Makinen**, Alpha Delta also brought her scrapbooks of past DKG conventions and **Dr. Annette Blake**, Theta shared her poster/materials of the U.S. Forum. Special thanks goes to **Dr. Terri Massie Burrell**, Alpha and **Sally Nazelrod**, Xi (members of the Educational Excellence Committee) for supervising the display.

Our Women in the Arts room was a busy place but it was enjoyed by all.

~ Submitted by the Educational Excellence Committee

Alpha Beta State Supports the Emergency Fund

The Alpha Beta State Convention Planning Committee voted to support the International Emergency Fund as a part of our convention activities. Each hostess chapter donated a theme basket to be auctioned off during various activities of the convention. **Mary Makinen** served as auctioneer. We offered baskets at the business meeting, the luncheon and the banquet. These baskets were spectacular and we thank each chapter that offered a basket to be auctioned.

The baskets varied in contents. We had a basket containing gift cards from several establishments and one basket featured gardening materials and supplies. We had spa products in another basket and a basket chucked full of wine, cheeses, snacks and all kinds of goodies. The hostess chapters made this a great success. As a result of their efforts Alpha Beta State made a donation of \$1015 to the International Emergency Fund. This fund is available to any member of the Society that has experienced an emergency, such as flood, hurricane, falling trees, fire, etc. There have been members in Maryland that have benefited from this fund. This fund will grant up to \$500.00 in case of an emergency. All it takes is notification from the state president to International of the need.

Thank you to Delta, Theta, Iota, Upsilon, Nu and Sigma for your donations of these wonderful baskets. A special thanks goes out to, **Mary Makinen** for a job well done as an "Extra Ordinary Auctioneer".

Janette Bell,
Alpha Beta State President



Carolyn Lang and Mary Makinen Auction

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE – BALTIMORE, MD JULY 8-11, 2015

The Northeast Regional Conference promises to be a great time – right here in our own state! Join us for 1 or all days.

We are starting the conference off in big way with Maryland Night. Be sure not to miss the festivities.

General meetings and Breakout Sessions occur during the day Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Visit the "Market Place" and attend the "Advancing Education" luncheon on Thursday, the "Advancing Members" breakfast on Friday and/or the "Advancing DKG" Banquet on Saturday.

Listen to amazing speakers! Along with DKG members, two keynote speakers will be addressing members. On Thursday morning, Scott McComb, a Maryland resident who is the National Teacher of the Year, will address the topic "Advancing Education". On Saturday morning, "Advancing Children" will be addressed by the Honorable Judge Susan Hazlett and Administrative Judge for Harford County, MD.

Each day there are interesting and educational Breakout Sessions. These include (but are not limited to):

Thursday - Pick Your Passion – Educational Excellence for Molly Member, **Dr. Norma Kirby**; LEADERSHIP: The Courageous Choice, **Cathy Daugherty**; Building a Lattice of Support, **Louann Shrader** and Fairy Tales, Crowns and Potted Plants, **Mary Lee Makinen**

Friday – Sponsor a Women's Health Fair for Your Community, Celeste Williams, Senator Joanne Benson, Dr. Annette Blake; Out of the Box: A Writing Route to Helping Students Reach Their Potential in STEM, Dr. Judith Moore Kelly, Dr. Azalie B. Hightower, and Geraldine Meredith; QPR: Question, Probe, Respond, Allison Holstrom; Zambia School Enhanced by DKG Involvement, Jean Neibel

Saturday – What's Puzzling You? Jane Tanner; Simplify and Sort: The Art of Chapter Leadership, Dr. Mary Jane Kaufman; Tools to Increase Chapter Membership, Deborah Bedard; From NOW to WOW: Your Life Legacy, Karen P. Crumley

Explore Baltimore – create your own tour (information regarding activities will be available).

And just have fun with your DKG sisters!

Register online: <http://www.dkg.org>

Christine Wall, Alpha Delta

“Signing Off” With a Big Thanks

It has been my pleasure to be the editor of the Alpha Beta State NEWS for the last nine years. We have made wonderful strides in becoming more green as most of our members now receive the NEWS via email. Over the years, I have gotten to know many Sisters across the state and have had many wonderful experiences. However, I feel it is time to “pass the reins” on to someone else. I would be remiss if I didn’t acknowledge my WONDERFUL proof readers who have helped me by reading and correcting errors prior to publishing: **Dottie Loughlin**, (my “Eagle Eye”) who has proofed EVERY newsletter I have edited. The State Presidents who have also edited: **Carolyn Lang, Susan Grey, Cheryl Townshend** and **Janette Bell**. Thanks also to **LaTanya Eggleston, Mary Lee Makinen, Nancy Henkleman, Joan Wiggins**, and last, but not least, **Nadine Roberts**. I continue to look forward to being actively involved in DKG but just a bit more in the background.

I also want to thank **Dr. Minerva (Minnie) Ladores**, Eta Chapter, who has agreed to become the new editor. The newsletter has been “Down the Ocean” for nine years and will now head to the mountains on the other side of the state. I know that you will be as supportive of her as you have been of me.

THANK YOU!

Chris



Alpha Beta State Officers	
Janette Bell	President
Joan Wiggins	1 st Vice President
Sharon Darling	2 nd Vice President
Brenda Korrow	Recording Secretary
Janey Snyder	Treasurer
Mary Lee Makinen	Executive Secretary

PICTURES FROM CONFERENCE
Friday Night Fun



CONFERENCE – Friday Night Fun Continued



SATURDAY - Meeting





SATURDAY – Luncheon Activities







SATURDAY – Installation



SATURDAY - Workshops



SATURDAY - Misc.



SATURDAY - Banquet

