

*Launched at the convention,  
this caterpillar has far to go!*



*Advancing key women educators in the state of Maryland*

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## ABS State Convention Notes

### The Alpha Beta State Beat Went on at the Convention!

*Sharon Hilty, Delta Chapter*

Friday night's **Opening Session** was great fun for all thanks to Betty Hepler, Joan Wiggins, and Sally Nazelrod who shared their musical and movement abilities. We were sorry that the scheduled musicians did not arrive, but the impromptu activities were light and fun. As we all have experienced, flexibility is a daily strength in the lives of a teacher!

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*Opening Session: Scheduled musicians did not come, but that did not stop us from having a great time. We all enjoyed the impromptu sing-along activities led by Sally Nazelrod and Joan Wiggins with Betty Hepler at the piano. Have you ever sung along "Frère Jacques?"*



# Transforming Rhythms into Butterflies



I wanted to provide leadership that would help our state to take risks in trying some new ideas. We initiated *Call a Member* and *First Friday*. Building the relationships among members and those in leadership and marketing our brand were goals that kept our state captivated by our rhythm. Changing locations for the Executive Board meetings showed our sisters from across the state that travel far distances that we empathize with their travel arrangement to state functions. The Western Maryland sisters appreciated having an Executive Board meeting in Hagerstown. The *Joint Creative Arts Seminar* with our bordering states of Delaware, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia gave us another opportunity for fellowship with our sisters. It was such a fantastic day. Finding leadership potential in our organization was evident in original powerpoint presentations, ABS workshop instructors, panel discussions, a mass initiation ceremony, a huge map of our Maryland chapters, increases in our world fellowship contributions, recognizing our first timers while making them a part of the convention program, brainstorming ideas about registration deadlines, auctions to raise money for the emergency fund and the list could go on. What a biennium.

**Lorraine Johnson**, our Convention Chair is to be commended for her leadership in bringing together 152 attendees in Solomons Island. Let's keep moving that number up from 152 to 200 for the next convention in 2019. I am hoping to see our map of Maryland counties standing tall in 2019. I thank **Weezie Carey**, *Alpha Delta*, for her creativity in this project. If you took pictures at the convention, please send them to your local newspaper with a caption about our event. This is another marketing tool for our organization.

The roses that I received at the 2017 State Convention said "Joan, thank you for your years of unwavering service and congratulations on a job well done. Rest and relax." Another rose stated, "Thank you for your outstanding leadership and for trying new things. Your art weekend will always be remembered. Thank you for sharing your gift of voice and joy- Great Convention."

I am leaving the state in good hands with the new leadership team of State President Elect, **Sharon Darling**, *Nu*, incoming 1st Vice President, **Lorraine Johnson**, *Theta* and incoming 2nd Vice President **Dr. Marilyn Keane**, *Upsilon*. Our beats and rhythms are now transforming to butterflies. I can't wait until Sharon shares the butterfly effect through her biennium. Thank you, Alpha Beta State, for your encouragement, support and confidence in me as your State President. I hope to see many of you in Windsor Canada at the Northeast Regional Conference in July, 2017.

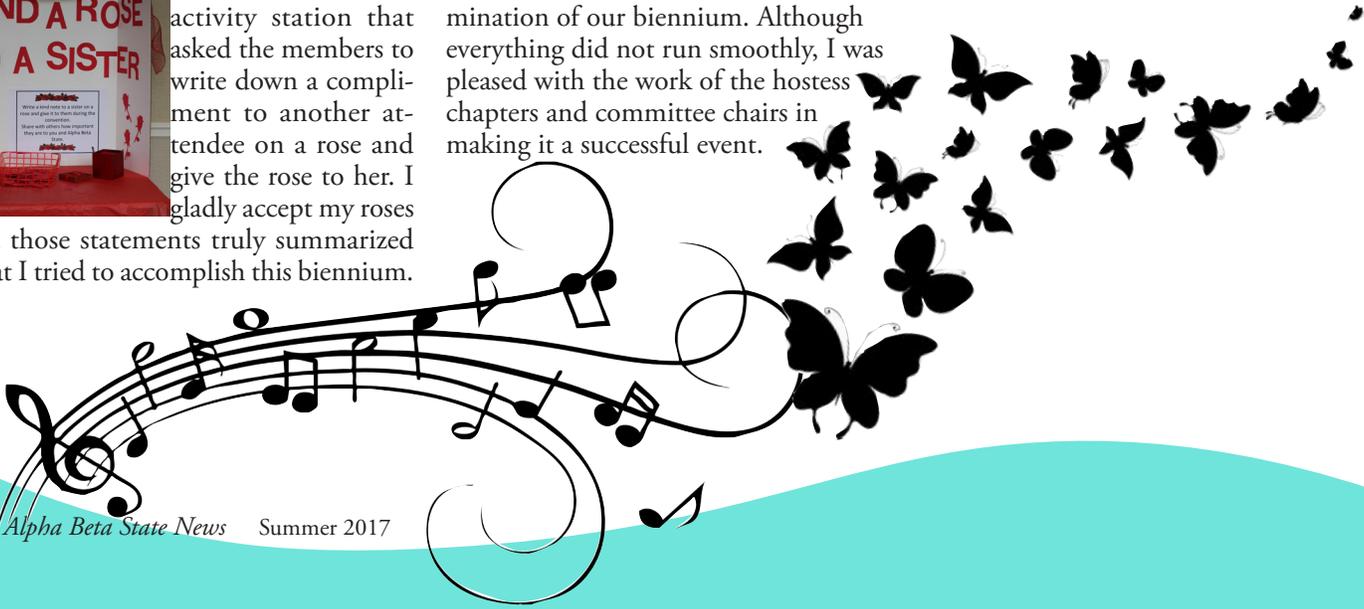
AND THE BEAT GOES ON!

*Joan Wiggins, State President*



At the state convention, we had an activity station that asked the members to write down a compliment to another attendee on a rose and give the rose to her. I gladly accept my roses and those statements truly summarized what I tried to accomplish this biennium.

The 2017 Convention was a culmination of our biennium. Although everything did not run smoothly, I was pleased with the work of the hostess chapters and committee chairs in making it a successful event.



## ABS Donation Appreciated by DKG International

The President of DKG Society International, **Carolyn Pittman**, sent Alpha Beta State a letter of appreciation for the **\$804.00** contribution made on April 24, 2017, in honor of **Nadine Roberts**, a long time ABS and DKG member. This money was raised during an auction held at the Alpha Beta State Convention in Solomon Islands. Host chapters donated baskets of goodies for the auction. It goes to the Emergency Fund which helps members with a major loss due to a natural disaster. If you wish to contribute to this fund, you can do so as an individual member, as a chapter or as a state organization.



*If you ever need an Auctioneer, be sure and call on our own **Mary Lee Makinen**. She makes it fun and profitable. Baskets that were auctioned off on Friday and Saturday raised \$804.00 to be donated to the Emergency Fund in honor of Nadine Roberts,. These baskets were donated by the Hostess Chapters.*  
-Comment written by Sharon Hilty



## 2017 - 2019 ABS Election Report

Annette Blake, Theta

The following persons were elected by acclamation to serve as state officers and executive board members for the 2017-2019 biennium:

### State Officers:

President - **Sharon Darling**, Nu  
1st Vice President – **Lorraine Johnson**, Theta  
2nd Vice President - **Marilyn Keane**, Upsilon  
Recording Secretary- **Gwen Cooley**, Delta

### Selected Committees

Review/Ex Secretary:  
**Barbara McKimmie**, Epsilon (2017-2020)

### Strategic Planning:

**Yvonne Stone**, Theta (2017-2019)  
**Karen Neal**, Epsilon (2017-2019)

### Nominations:

Region 1 **Ashley Doyle**, Upsilon  
Region 2 **Carol Miller Schultz**, Pi  
Region 3 **Ann Heidenreich**, Phi  
Region 4 **Anita Shepherd**, Alpha Beta  
Region 5 **Janet Cornick**, Lambda  
Region 6 **Annette Blake**, Theta  
Region 7 **Patricia Johnson**, Alpha Delta  
Region 8 **Cathy Gantz**, Xi

## Consider Attending the US Forum at the Northeast Regional Conference

Joan Wiggins, State President

If you are attending the Northeast Regional Conference at Windsor, do consider attending the US Forum, **Women Poised for Legislative Action**, which will be held on July 13, 2017 at 10:15am-12:15pm. NE US FORUM Representative **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn** will be presiding. Keynote Speaker **Shelley Gilbert**, Coordinator of Social Work Services of WEFIGHT CANADA, will share with members how Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW) at the University of Windsor, Ontario, uses **communi-**

**ty-based advocacy** from the street to the courtroom to address **human trafficking** and **women's needs**. The clinic involves students from the School of Social Work and Faculty of Law in using a combination of skills to handle client issues. During the session, participants will work on Advocacy Issues that will be the focus of our March 18-21, 2018 National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC. These issues will be used to present programs and information to our Northeast Sisters throughout the biennium.

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

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# The Alpha Beta State Beat Went on at the Convention!

*Sharon Hilty, Delta Chapter  
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## Women in the Arts

The **Women in the Arts Exhibit** set up by Nu Chapter was absolutely wonderful. Our ABS members are women of many talents and abilities and this is their opportunity to share their creativity and talents. We had paintings of many types and on a variety of surfaces, scrapbooking and cards, writing, knitting, picture cube, and mosaics.



*Christine Redman, Nu, shared her passion for creating mosaic art pieces.*



*Iris Winger, Omicron, did an exhibit on photographs of the Carroll County Barn Quilts*



*The amazing 3D album needed to be demonstrated.*



*Participants enjoyed perusing the various entries at the Women and the Arts exhibit.*

## Business Meeting

**Saturday Business Meeting** began with **Cheryl Townshend** presiding. It was a very interesting meeting. All those responsible were very well prepared for discussions and motions. Our own **Jean Gray**, Parliamentarian expert, was asked to share her wisdom. Several issues will be discussed more in the future.



**Sandra Bull** represented DKG International at our Convention. It is always nice to have someone come and share words of encouragement regarding membership, diversity appreciation, world fellowship, and news. She is retiring for the third time soon and will surely be missed taking care of the Society Business in Austin.

## Mass Initiation



The Initiation was quite nice and special for those new members being initiated. It also gave the new members the opportunity right away to see ABS at work at a Convention.



*Joan Wiggins and Betty Hepler played a duet, **Danse Humoresque**, on the piano.*

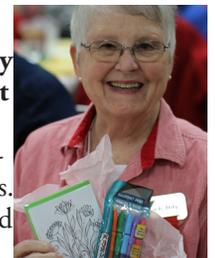
## Keynote



Keynote speaker **Kristen Shields**, 2016 National Distinguished Principal of Maryland, was outstanding sharing her message on “It’s all about relationships.” All educators should be “hearers and doers” of her message. Being an educator is not a job - it is a purpose.”

## Mystery Officer Contest

**Beta Chapter** created the wonderful **Mystery State Officers Contest** in the hallway to help us get to know our Alpha Beta State Officers. That was really fun and there were prizes too!



## Scholarships



How thrilling it is for **Jean Marie Hofstetter** and her committee to present Scholarship checks to our 2017 recipients: **Kathleen Brunett, Omicron, Raye Long, Rho, and Jeannie Haugh, Omega.** We need to encourage more members to apply.

## Founders Presentation

The Founders Presentation by Beta Chapter was very creative with the use of a variety of flowers. It was very nice and appreciated. Each founder was represented by a specific flower. Holly and her committee made it very special and had many members participate.



*Dr. Annette Blake, Theta, placed a yellow carnation to represent Lela Lee Williams, 9th Founder of DKG ABS.*

## Workshops

The workshops were very much enjoyed. I think **Hot Topics** was a very pleasant surprise to all who participated. Each presenter was quite passionate about their topic. Ten to fifteen minutes with a topic was exciting, informative and fun. There was time to get to know new faces during the very open discussions.



*15-minute round table Hot Topics was new this year and was a hit!*

## Banquet

Joan presided over the **Banquet** program. The **Presidents Procession** with the **Girl Scouts** escorts was nice. **Barbara Mc Kimmie** got her granddaughter's Scout group to participate, and they received a special badge for participating.



Annette and her Committee did a great job using the **Key Ceremony** to install our new officers. I am not sure if we have done that before.



*Altheia V. Miller and Mary Ruth Meredith were given special recognition for their 50 years of membership.*



*Betty Hepler* and the Convention Chorus was fabulous. We had more participants this year. So many lovely voices!



Passing of the gavel to **Sharon Darling** and the participation of Sharon's three granddaughters to present the next Biennium 2017-2019 was wonderful. The girls will always remember that as will their grandmother. May all members become butterflies in Sharon's Biennium. Caterpillars to Butterflies!



Congratulations, Alpha Beta State, on a very enjoyable convention. Thank you to all hostess chapters for their **teamwork** and sharing their skills, abilities and talents. It was a great time for renewing friendships and making new friends to see at the next convention.



# Committee and Chapter News

## World Fellowship

Laura McClelland, Chair

Members: Ann Campbell, Nu, Joann Clise, Eta, Peggy Way, Phi

It was wonderful to see so many sisters at the State convention in Solomons, Maryland. World Fellowship had three goals for the 2015-2017 biennium. Thanks to the members of Alpha Beta State, we are attaining them. First we wanted to encourage chapters to increase their donations to World Fellowship. As a state we should be proud, because we increased our donation to World Fellowship from \$1,305.90 in July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015 to \$2,707.69 in July 2015-June 30, 2016. That was an increase of \$1,401.79. (Those at the convention, my mental file was a little off. I couldn't recall the exact increase.) It is very important to receive recognition as a state for our contributions to World

Fellowship. Contributions are to be submitted to International before the end of June by your chapter's treasurer using form 43, which can be found on the website. Individuals can contribute using this form, too. Please make sure you let them know your chapter and Alpha Beta State. It would be fabulous to have all twenty five of our chapters make a contribution to this worthwhile Fund. Remember that change adds up. Please submit any amount you raise and hopefully we can exceed \$3,000 as a state in the next biennium.

The other two goals for our committee were related to communicating with the World Fellowship recipients in

our area. Many thanks to Sharon Hilty for keeping us informed about Silvia Mata-Marin. Other recipients can be found on the website, ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)). Take a moment at your chapter meetings to sign a card for one or more of the recipients. Even if you do not hear back from them, know that they appreciate the well wishes on their future endeavors.

We look forward to the 2017-2019 biennium with Sharon Hilty returning to our committee.

Your contributions are helping to light the way for our World Fellowship recipients. Thank you.

## Alpha Beta State Organization Bylaws Amendments

(Addendum to the April 2013 Alpha Beta State Bylaws)

Amendments to Alpha Beta State Bylaws were presented during the business meeting of the April 22, 2017 ABS Convention held in Solomons Island, Maryland. The amendments listed below were required as outlined in the December 5, 2016 Memorandum to the Maryland State Organization State President, Parliamentarian, and Bylaws Chair and in the accompanying 2016-2018 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Bylaws Checklist for State Organizations. Please add this addendum to your chapter's copy of the Alpha Beta State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Bylaws and Standing Rules (Revised April 20, 2013).

(Please Note: Amended items are italicized and underlined)

**Article III.** Membership, Section B. Chapter

1. Chapters in the state shall have full power to act in matters of chapter membership.

2. Membership records are kept at the chapter level.

**Article V.** Organization, Section C. New Chapters

1. The State Executive Board shall determine chapter areas and shall approve the organizing and naming of new chapters consistent with the Constitution.

2. Each chapter so organized shall have no fewer than 12 members. The Society shall grant the charter.

(Previous items 2 and 3 are renumbered to 3 and 4)

**Article VIII.** Committees, Section B. General Procedures

8. Reports of work shall be prepared on forms supplied by Society Headquarters.

**Article VIII.** Committees, Section C. Composition and Duties of Committees, 1. Society Business, b. Chapter Support

(3) The committee shall provide chapter support as prescribed by the Executive Committee. This support includes monitoring chapter progress, providing leadership training for chapter leaders, sharing/demonstrating strategies for strengthening chapters and implementing an intervention plan when chapters show signs of stagnation or cease to thrive.

**Clerical Update to "2013 ABS Bylaws and Standing Rules" Requested by DKG Constitution Committee**

The DKG Constitution Committee has requested that *Constitution* "line numbers" referencing Constitution Articles, no longer be used in the "2013 ABS Bylaws and Standing Rules," as *Constitution* line numbers have changed over the years. Until ABS Bylaws and Standing Rules are reprinted, and to meet with this request, please cross out *Constitution* "line number" references found on the following pages of your chapter's copy of the "2013 Alpha Beta State Bylaws and Standing Rules" -- Pages 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 27.

**Example:** 2013 ABS Bylaws and Standing Rules, Page 5, Article II, Purposes, 1. Promote the Purposes, Mission, and Vision of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as stated in the *Constitution*. [*Constitution, lines 46-66*].

For further information, please contact Ann Frantz, Bylaws Chair, at [annfrantz@comcast.net](mailto:annfrantz@comcast.net) or 301-616-8077.

## Weezie's Alpha Beta State Map Wows Members

*Minnie Young, Eta*



Thank you to **Weezie Carey**, *Alpha Delta*, for updating the Maryland map of chapters. It was well thought out and wonderful. We were all curious to see where our own chapter is in relation to other chapters. It wasn't easy to photograph, but we tried it anyway. Let us share this map at future Alpha Beta State gatherings.

## 40 Years of Gratitude!

*Jean Marie Hofstetter, Omega*



Thank you Omega Sisters for the beautiful rose bush! Yes, after 40 years, I am retiring from Anne Arundel County Public Schools. 40 years ago, I began teaching as a Special Education Teacher, moved into countywide Resource Teacher and then Administrator at 7 schools. I loved my 30 years in DKG serving as President of Omega and Scholarship Chair for Alpha Beta State. Now, I will be teaching college courses.

## Nu's Journey to Solomons Island

*Nancy Harrington, Nu*

Driving from the Eastern shore with four of our DKG sisters - catching up, laughing, sharing grandchildren stories - is always a great way to start a journey to our conference. The business meeting went fine. The breakout groups were wonderful. I attended the genealogy, the multi-media, and the memory enhancement sessions. They were all great. The friendship of sisters around the dinner table was so pleasant although the dinner was only fair. The highlight of the convention was **Sharon Darling** being initiated as Alpha Beta State President.

## Dr. Fran Luther Heads to Estonia

*Carol Schneider, Alpha*

**Dr. Fran Luther**, *Alpha*, will travel to Tallinn, Estonia in July to attend the European Regional Conference. She and her colleagues will discuss their Towson University diversity class students' work with inner city students.

## Commendations for ABS Convention Chair Lorraine Johnson

*Joan Wiggins, Alpha Beta State President*



**Lorraine Johnson**, our Convention Chair is to be commended for her leadership in bringing together 152 attendees in Solomons Island.

## Omega Sisters at the State Convention

*Jean Marie Hofstetter, Omega*



Ten dedicated Omega Sisters gathered in Solomons Island for the Alpha Beta State Convention on April 21, 22 and 23. How proud we were of all of our hostesses including **Lorraine Taylor**, **Marsha Stewart**, **Jenn Kauffman**, and **Donna Barnes**. **Cheryl Townshend** presided at Saturday's luncheon and presented a Hot Topic. **Jean Gray** assisted at lunch and answered by-law questions. **Betty Hepler** played the piano at every event. She also lead the chorus at Saturday's dinner. **Nancy Andrews** directed hostesses and honored **Gloria Mariani** at Sunday's Celebration of Life ceremony. And finally, **Jeannie Haugh** assisted at the luncheon and won a State Lifelong Learning Scholarship. Omega was very visible through the Convention and we are grateful.



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## Northeast Regional Conference July 12-14, 2017 Windsor, Ontario, Canada



Sending butterfly kisses to so many for all they did at our Alpha Beta State Convention. I especially send them to our workshop presenters:

- **Pat Johnson**, *Alpha Delta*, for taking charge of the Calvert Marine Museum tour. I heard nothing but great comments about it. I must try to get there myself.
- **Carol Miller Schultz**, *Pi*, who led "Who's My Cousin?" I heard many say they wished they lived close to her so they could participate in her genealogy class.
- **Mary Lou Nelson**, *Nu*, who led "Show Your Talent." All were pleased with the greeting cards and would like to make more.

## Hats Off to Conference Organizers

*Sharon Darling, Nu*

- **Ann Campbell**, *Nu*, who led "Where Did I Leave My Keys?" had some excellent ideas to help us remember.
- **Allyson Sigler**, *Epsilon*, who led "What is Bullying?" She shared information that has become a real issue in our society today.
- **Jean Marie Hofstetter**, *Omega*, who led "Bring Back the Fun!" She shared what their chapter is doing and gave time for others to share about their chapter. Many great ideas!
- **Cheryl Townshend**, *Omega*, who led "Multi-Screen Mania and its Effect" gave us tips to help our children have a balanced life.
- **Sally Nazelrod**, *Xi*, who led "The Wellness Star" helped us to find ways to our own optimal wellness
- Ann, Allyson, Jean Marie, Cheryl and Sally were all presenters for **Hot Topics** which was a new endeavor.

**Women in the Arts** was excellent! Many thanks to **Christine Redman, Nu**, for making the labels for the entries and making lovely certificates for each sister that entered. Many, many others helped to set up the room, make sure items were safe, and helped disassemble the room. You know who you are and I hope you know how grateful I am.

I also send a special thanks to **Barbara McKimmie** and **Sheila Gearhart, Epsilon**, for getting everyone in the workshop they registered for.

A successful convention cannot happen without much hard work done by many! We are so lucky to have so many who are willing to work!