



# Alpha Beta State

## NEWS

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### President's Message

Get on Board the Alpha Beta State Express to our State Convention

DoubleTree Hotel  
8727 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910  
April 24 – 26, 2015

Wow! Can you believe that the Alpha Beta State Organization Convention is just around the corner? The weekend of April 24 will be here before you know it. Come get on board as we celebrate the successes of our great organization.

Our first stop will be on Friday April 24 with "Sister Act", when members will share. If you have a talent that you would like to share if so, contact **Elizabeth Hepler**, Music Chair. She can be reached at 410-263-5370 or at [ejhep@juno.com](mailto:ejhep@juno.com). This promises to be great fun for all. You can also share your talents and skills by contributing to our Women in the Arts display. **Joan Wiggins** has provided information in this issue with registration instructions for Women in the Arts.

On Saturday we will have our business meeting where members will get the latest updates on the progress of the State Organization. Committee chairs will report on their activities and programs. Officers for the 2015-2017 Biennium will be elected during this meeting. We will be joined by our Northeast Regional Director, **Dr. Kay Clawson**, who will bring us information from International and the Region.

Next, grab your ticket for the Birthday Luncheon where we will celebrate the accomplishments of members with our scholarship awards and our chapters with Chapter Achievement Awards. Our Founders will also be recognized at this stop. It will be another opportunity for fellowship with friends from all around the state.

The Alpha Beta State Express will pull into Workshop Junction where our members will provide four workshops from which to choose. Check out the workshop information in this issue and make your choices. There will be stopovers at our hospitality station where light refreshments will be provided. Make sure that you check your schedule to see opening and closing times.

As we travel the tracks on Saturday evening we will stop to pick up our Chapter Presidents and our 2015-2017 officers. Dinner will be served as we honor members who are willing to give their time and talents to leading Alpha Beta State for the next two years.

Sunday morning we will slow down to honor and remember our sisters who are no longer with us. Please help us say our final farewell to these dedicated members.

Our final stop will be breakfast where our incoming president will bring her vision for her biennium.

Ladies this can be a thrilling trip. Don't miss the train. Make sure that you have your ticket and bring your chapter members to travel with you. Registration and hotel information can be found in this issue. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Janette Bell*, Alpha Beta State Organization President

# ALL



# ABOARD!

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Nominations Committee proudly presents a slate of outstanding candidates for office in Alpha Beta State for the 2015-2017 Biennium

## Slate of Officers



**President:** Joan E. Wiggins, Alpha Theta

**Present Position:** Alpha Beta State First Vice President

**Professional Experience:** Music teacher and administrator for 32 ½ years. County Music Curriculum member; 5 years in Harford County Public Schools; Private piano and voice teacher; Personnel Recruiter in Harford County Public Schools; and RITA team member (MSDE 2008-2011)

**Educational Background:** BM degree from Susquehanna University; MS degree from Towson University; Certificate of Administration and Supervision from College of Notre Dame

**Delta Kappa Gamma Experience:** (Chapter) Past President and Vice President of Alpha Theta Chapter. (State) Served as Music State Chair; State Membership Chair, Circulation Chair and Scholarship recipient.



**First Vice President:** Sharon Darling, Nu

**Present Position:** Alpha Beta State Second Vice President

**Professional Experience:** Taught elementary school for 37 years. Served on many committees as well as delegate to the Maryland State Teachers Association.

**Educational Background:** Bachelors for East Carolina University and advanced professional certificate.

**Delta Kappa Gamma Experience:** (Chapter) President of chapter, Chairman of Program of Works (State) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Alpha Beta State. Attended several NE Regional and International conferences and conventions and a member of the 2015 Steering Committee for the NE Regional

**Second Vice President:** VACANT

**Recording Secretary:** VACANT

**Finance Committee:**

Brenda Patterson, Tau, 4 year term

Dottie Loughlin, Phi, 4 year term

**Review Committee of the Executive Secretary:**

Brenda Korrow, Epsilon, 3 year Term

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

Nancy Andrews, Omega, 4 year term

VACANT, 4 year term

VACANT, 4 year term

VACANT, 2 year term

VACANT, 2 year term

**Nominations Committee:**

Region 1: Carol Miller Shultz

Region 2: Jane Belt

Region 3: Luianne Potter

Region 4: Diedra Barnett

Region 5: Naudine Phoebus

Region 6: Sandra Collins

Region 7: Rebecca Taylor

Region 8: Francine Russell



## **State Convention Workshops**

The Educational Excellence Committee has planned four workshops for our State Convention. We are proud to announce that all the workshop presenters are Alpha Beta State sisters. Please select only two workshops on your registration form.

**1. Salts to Soothe the Soul- LaTanya Eggleston, Rho – Cost \$11.00 per person**



Come experience a holistic way of creating bath salts and foot scrubs with essential oils that naturally improve your health and wellness. This workshop is designed to teach you an easy way to create an effective recipe to relaxation.



**1. The Glue that Holds Theta Chapter Together- Annette Blake, Dorothy Clowers, Ruby Macon, Hattie Scott, Yvonne Stone, Celeste Williams- Theta**

This workshop is open to all chapter officers and members who are interested in learning how to increase and maintain membership. This is an interactive workshop with opportunities to share ideas from all participants.



**2. The Forgotten Dream - Mary Makinen, Alpha Delta**

- The original dream of the founders was to lift women teachers out of submissive mode
- It was the dream of making it possible for them to have an inner growth
- It was the dream of giving women a platform to act and demonstrate; to carry out certain responsibilities, to participate and lead others to that dream.

**3. Cleaning up the Clutter- Dr. Donna Considine, Iota**

Scan your way to a Paperless Paradise- This Workshop will show you how to use technology to reduce paper clutter as well as how to scan old photos and documents to preserve them. Please bring your smartphones and tablets with you to the workshop.



## 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

## WHITE ROSES

Beta: Carole Kirkwood (August 25, 2012)  
Louise Mitchell (June 3, 2013)  
Louise L. Bozman (June 13, 2013)

Eta: Mary Margaret (Peggy) Browning (April 8, 2013)  
Sandra D. Grandstaff (October 12, 2013)  
Elizabeth (Betty) I. Flake (October 20, 2013)  
Mary E. Malamphy (October 28, 2013)

Alpha: Roberta Ella Churchill Crosby  
(November 13, 2013)

Epsilon: Mary Klaas (April 11, 2014)  
Mary Briscoe (October 21, 2014)

Mu: Yvette Ville (September 14, 2014)

Nu: Miriam N. Smith (March 3, 2013)

Omicron: Margaret Jean Haught (July 24, 2014)

Pi: Elinor McCloud (May 2, 2013)

Upsilon: Karen I. Kyte (July 15, 2014)

Phi: Marita Watts (November 20, 2014)

*Gone but not forgotten*



## **MUSIC: SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT**



Come one! Come all! On Fri., Apr. 24th, the opening night of the Alpha Beta State Convention, we are planning to have a performance showcase featuring our own members. We're calling it "Sister Acts." Any type of entertainment is welcomed - singing, dancing, playing an instrument, reading poetry - the sky's the limit. You may perform solo or in a group, with or without accompaniment. The choice is yours. So talk to your Sisters and get an act together.

The deadline for signing up is March 15th (one month before taxes are due). For further details, contact Betty Hepler at 410-263-5370 or [ejhep@juno.com](mailto:ejhep@juno.com).

Also in March- We will have CD's of peppy DKG songs available for use at chapter meetings. Stay tuned....  
Put a little music in your life and enjoy!

**Betty Hepler**

# DRAWING

Value: \$240.00



Tickets: \$5.00 each

Proceeds to help fund Maryland  
Night at the 2015 Northeast  
Regional Conference

**For tickets, contact  
your Chapter President.**

## Getting on the Technology Track...

At the November 2014 program, Alpha Beta State Members experienced the technology train with presenter **LaTanya K. Eggleston, RHO**.



Most Alpha Beta State members said they use technology for personal and/or professional reasons; however, very few members were aware of the many technology resources available to them as DKG members. **Here is what some members communicated about their expectations from this technology workshop:** “to get ideas for professional and personal use”; “to locate websites that I could apply”; “to learn...and I did”.

This workshop was designed to inform members about membership benefits with online webinars, with social media, with the United Nations, and with chapter website development.

Members were invited to build personal and professional skills with free on-demand (24/7) Webinars offered at <http://www.capella.edu/alliance-webinars>. This DKG partnership offers the opportunity to enhance or build skills like time management, leadership skills and more. Access to these webinars is also found on the International Website’s homepage under announcements.

Members were invited to participate with the DKG Social Media Buzz using Facebook and Twitter. In fact, members created a twitter account at this workshop and were able to immediately begin following state members (<https://twitter.com/coffeeltea>) and international members (<https://twitter.com/Blanton29>). Connecting to members on social media also provides you with instant engagement during programs and conferences. We even have a You Tube Channel, which is a good addition to introduce potential members: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin>

As you learned in last year’s newsletter, there is a DKG and United Nations connection. One goal of our Educational Excellence Committee is to “To increase global awareness”, and our UN connection does just that. So, members learned how to view the United Nations Briefings and other webcast. They were also reminded about our upcoming CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations) Conference in New York.

Packages were provided to walk members through the Chapter Website Guidelines. Providing your chapter with online presence is a great way to highlight membership benefits, events, and outcomes/chapter accomplishments.

Members walked away from this workshop saying they plan to start using “twitter, accessing DKG website more frequently, look into creating a chapter website, using the free webinars”. Now, it’s your turn. If you missed this workshop, then contact me to get on board. Perhaps I can be a guest speaker at an upcoming chapter program. If you attended this workshop, then we want to hear from you. Let me know what steps have you taken since the workshop. If you need my support, then contact me anytime.

**LaTanya K. Eggleston** 301-204-1992 or  
[RelaxingResolutions@gmail.com](mailto:RelaxingResolutions@gmail.com)

## Hotel Reservations for Alpha Beta State Convention



To make reservations please read the following information – rooms are \$134.47 a night (including tax). We have a “personal” web page set up.

You can visit the website and make reservations:

**Your web page address is:**

[http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DCASSDT-ABS-20150424/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DCASSDT-ABS-20150424/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Your personalized group web page has been approved and has been published to the web.

Group Name: Alpha Beta State Convention

Group Code: ABS

Check-in: 24-APR-2015

Check-out: 26-APR-2015

Hotel Name: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Washington DC - Silver Spring

Hotel Address: 8727 Colesville Road

Silver Spring, Maryland

20910

Phone Number: 301.563.3802

# November Society Workshop

## Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014

Approximately, 52 Alpha Beta State sisters met at Ashton United Methodist Church for our Society Workshop sponsored by the Educational Excellence Committee. As the committee planned for the workshop, they focused on the goals of Early Career Educators, technology and the Alpha Beta State Organization. Our theme: Rebuilding our Direction through Dialogue, Technology and Early Career Educators was met through our activities for the day. After **Dr. Janet Cornick** had the DKG sisters recite the Seven Purposes of the Society, we began with a roundtable discussion. Our panelists represented a variety of ABS sisters in terms of membership years and their state, international or chapter involvement. The panelists were **Jean Gray** (Omega), **Sally Nazelrod** (Xi), **Cheryl Townshend** (Omega), **Joyce Conway** (Delta), **Patty Simon** (Mu) and **Bonnie Brose** (Theta). Each panelist received questions prior to the event to prepare themselves. The questions were:

- (1) **How has DKG benefited you?**
- (2) **What do you expect from DKG?**
- (3) **Why or why not do you attend State and International Events?**
- (4) **What prompted you to serve as an officer at the Chapter, State or International level in DKG?**
- (5) **How can we grow the ABS organization?**

As the questions were answered by the panel, the audience members also had an opportunity to give their perspective. The discussions were lively and frank. If there was an important issue that needed to be addressed further, we placed it in the "Parking Lot". Many thanks goes to **Christine Langrehr** (Alpha Theta) who notated the information on the Parking Lot.

It would be impossible to list all the comments made during the discussion, but I will highlight the impressive points.

- Someone noticed me when asked to come a member of DKG
- Felt a sense of worth as a member of DKG
- As a member of DKG, it opened up a world of contact and expanded the possibilities of meeting new educators
- You are very supported in DKG (it is a ship in the ocean and the members are the harbor)
- DKG is a fellowship of life-long learners
- Ask for help when serving as an officer
- You get out of something what you put into it
- As an officer, you learn more about DKG
- Find a partner to travel with you to the Conventions (State & International)
- Each chapter should investigate ways to financially support members who want to go to International events
- You see the "Best of the Best" at the Conventions
- You establish friends and fellowship at conventions
- We must market our events- articulate about the Society
- Key Women Educators- How can we define ourselves?
- Show excitement as a DKG member – look at your body language and passion
- Look at all levels of education in our state and local functions

It is the hope of the EEC that this is the first of many discussions that we will have as a State Organization to just talk with the purpose of making meaningful changes to the way we function as ABS. Comments from the evaluations indicated that members will use the discussion format at the chapter level and focus on the issues presented. The members of the EEC committee are : **Sally Nazelrod** (Xi), **Celeste Williams** (Theta), **Sharon Hilty** (Delta), **Dr. Terri Massie-Burrell** (Alpha), **Dr. Janet Cornick** (Lambda), **Raye Long** (Rho) and Chair **Joan Wiggins** (Alpha Theta)

## How are you involved in DKG?

Our opening activity was led by **Celeste Williams** (Theta) by having each member think about her current or past involvement in DKG. Previously at her chapter, members filled in the petals of a rose that listed various statements about DKG. We wanted to duplicate that idea for the State so we designed a rose activity and changed the various statements to include " **served as a chapter officer, knows the words to the DKG song, who is the current International President or donated an item to Women in the Arts**". As you answered the statements, you colored the petals on the rose. If there were blank petals, then you may have needed to rethink your level of involvement in the organization. Each member indicated that this activity was a clear indication about what we need to do at the local and state level. A copy of the rose activity is located on the state website- [www.dkgmd.org](http://www.dkgmd.org).

## Early Career Educators Workshop

It was our intention to have a dialogue with several early career educators in the Montgomery County area, but we were not able to secure these teachers. So we needed to come up with Plan B. Thanks to **Sharon Hilty** and **Sally Nazelrod**, we developed a workshop that included discussions among ourselves and making survival bags for new teachers. **Sally Nazelrod** prepared two articles " Great Expectations- Good news for Beginning Teachers and Inside the Mystery of Good Teaching" As we read various paragraphs, we reflected on our early years of teaching and what advice we could offer to new teachers. The second half of the workshop, we had a plethora of items to place in bags. Sharon prepared the items similar to a Thanksgiving Feast. Some of the items were:

**A marble:** for when you lose yours

**A rubber band:** to stretch yourself beyond the limits

**An eraser:** to remind you everyone makes mistakes

**A tea bag:** to remind you to take time to relax daily

The participants took the bags that they made to schools in their areas to give to the early career educators. In addition, the participants received a SEE chapter Report form and an individual volunteer form to complete.

# ΔΚΓ Sweaters



Red, Navy, Black, Burgundy, Gray

## Edwards Women's Jewel Neck Cardigan Sweater \$45 USD

Sweater will have the Delta Kappa Gamma logo embroidered on the left chest. Jewel Neck Cardigan with matching button placket is styled for a woman's silhouette. Tuff-Pil Plus high-tech acrylic fiber with lo-pil performance, the sweater is colorfast and durable. 100% Acrylic, Jewel neck jersey stitch cardigan, Tuff-Pil Plus high performance acrylic, Lo-pil performance and colorfast, USA Made, Machine washable.

**Sizes Available:** Small, Medium, Large, X Large, 2 X Large, 3 X Large

**Website to order:** <http://www.delta-kappa-gamma.deco-apparel.com>

To avoid shipping charges, Alpha Beta State members can select “pick-up” on the order form. Sweaters will be given to chapter officers at the next Alpha Beta State event.

Please make checks payable to “Alpha Beta State” and mail to Ms. Janey Snyder, State Treasurer, 4905 Marchwood Ct., Perry Hall, MD 21128-2509



## **“MAKE TRACKS” TO VISIT**

Convention Hospitality Room in Suite #328 at the Alpha Beta State Convention on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25.

The Hospitality Room will be open the following times:

Friday – 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Friday – 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday – 7:00-8:15 a.m.

Saturday – 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Members from Delta Chapter will be there to greet you, and provide a variety of beverages and snacks for your enjoyment. We look forward to your visit.

Delta Chapter Members

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## **FEATURES FROM THE DINING CAR**

President Bell is so right when she said that April 24-26 will be here before we know it. Where has the time gone? The engineers and conductors (our convention planning committee) have been working very hard on the Alpha Beta State Express. We have met once a month to get ready for this convention. President Bell has given you a timetable for the weekend. We felt that you would like to know the menu for each meal. There will also be a vegetarian selection at the luncheon and the banquet. (It will not be the same at both meals.)

### Birthday Luncheon

Corn and Poblano Chowder

Citrus Chicken Picatta-Herb Panko Crusted Chicken Breast, Wild Rice Pilaf, Grilled

Asparagus, Lemon-Caper Beurre Blanc

Lemon Raspberry Cake

### Banquet

Doubletree Signature Salad-Apple, Roquefort, and Red Leaf Lettuce with Toasted Pecans and Vinaigrette Dressing

Grilled Sirloin-Grilled Sirloin, Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Sautéed Broccolini, Green

Peppercorn Sauce

Doubletree Bread Pudding

### Breakfast

Traditional-Scrambled Eggs, Rosti Potato Cake, Bacon, and Fresh Fruit Garnish

Fresh Bakery Basket

Join us on this train ride. Get your ticket by filing out the registration form and using the hotel information in the issue. I can't wait to see you at the DoubleTree Hotel.

**Sharon Darling**, Alpha Beta State Second Vice President and Convention Chair



**ABS State Convention**  
**Women in the Arts Exhibit**  
**“Sharing our Vision~Strengthening our Society”**



At the upcoming ABS Spring Convention to be held April 24-26, 2015, the Educational Excellence Committee will host the Women in the Arts Exhibit. This exhibit gives DKG members a forum to display their works. Please submit the application form to reserve your space. Share your talents and you will receive a certificate of participation. The exhibit will be open on Friday, April 24 in the evening and during the day on Saturday, April 25. Please complete the registration form and email to [joan633@comcast.net](mailto:joan633@comcast.net) or mail to Joan Wiggins- 1221 Halls Chance Lane, Belcamp, Md. 21017

**Registration Form**

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *Chapter* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address* \_\_\_\_\_ *City* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *Email* \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to enter the following item(s) in the Women in the Arts Exhibit:

**Painting(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **oil** \_\_\_\_\_ **watercolor** \_\_\_\_\_ **photography** \_\_\_\_\_ **other** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Specify):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Needleworks** \_\_\_\_\_ **knitting** \_\_\_\_\_ **crochet** \_\_\_\_\_ **embroidery** \_\_\_\_\_ **sewing** \_\_\_\_\_ **other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Literary Works** \_\_\_\_\_ **poetry** \_\_\_\_\_ **short story** \_\_\_\_\_ **novel** \_\_\_\_\_ **other** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Specify):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Miscellaneous arts & crafts:** \_\_\_\_\_ **stained glass** \_\_\_\_\_ **quilts** \_\_\_\_\_ **scrapbooks** \_\_\_\_\_

**Baskets** \_\_\_\_\_ **Calligraphy** \_\_\_\_\_ **Family Histories** \_\_\_\_\_ **other** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Specify)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Music:** \_\_\_\_\_ **composition** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dance** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Specify)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed form by March 7, 2015**

**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
ALPHA BETA STATE CONVENTION  
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON  
8727 Colesville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

Initiation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Convention Registration Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

|                |            |              |         |
|----------------|------------|--------------|---------|
| 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"/> Chapter Officer       | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time at State Convention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member   |  |   |

**CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

**Friday, April 24, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

- "Sister Acts – Talent Showcase" .....FREE

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

- General Business Meeting .....FREE
- Birthday Luncheon .....\$42.00  
 Choice of:  Citrus Chicken Picatta       Vegetarian Meal (Required)

- Workshops..... (additional cost only for Make It-Take It)

**Session #1 Circle One**

**Session #2 Circle One**

- The Forgotten Dream (Mary Makinen)  
 The Glue That Holds Us Together (Theta Chapter)  
 Cleaning Up The Clutter (Donna Considine)  
 Salts to Soothe the Soul (LaTanya Eggleston) \$11.00

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- President's Banquet.....\$46.00  
 Choice of:  Grilled Sirloin       Vegetarian Meal (Required)

**Sunday, April 26, 2015**

- Celebration of Life.....FREE
- Breakfast.....\$ 26.00

Late Fee (\$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **ALPHA BETA STATE CONVENTION**

Mail to: Marilyn Keane  
 18453 Crownsgate Circle  
 Germantown, MD 20874  
 Alcatraz46@yahoo.com

**Checks postmarked after March 27,  
2015  
must include a late fee of \$5.00.**