



Alpha Beta State

NEWS

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Sharing Our Vision ~ Strengthening Our Society

The 2013 – 2015 Biennium has gotten off to a great start. I am excited about the commitment of our members to the growth of our society. In July, Maryland was well represented at the Northeast Regional Conference. We were very proud of our own **Mary Makinen** as she presided over the conference as The Northeast Regional Director. What a wonderful job she did. She represented Alpha Beta State in the best way possible. Fifty five members attended the conference in support of Mary. What a great way to “Share Our Vision”.

My first few months have been busy and exciting. In May, I had the opportunity to be trained by three of our finest leaders, **Jean Gray**, **Nadine Roberts**, and **Mary Makinen**. What a wealth of knowledge these ladies were able to share with me. I attended the Northeast Regional Conference where I received further training provided to all state presidents.

One of the responsibilities of the state president is to select committee chairs and members to serve on these committees. I am thankful to all who were able to say yes. I consider all of these committee chairs and members to be state leaders, committed to seeing Maryland thrive. In August, we held a training that was very productive. Attendees recommitted to the Society and pledged to serve during the next two years.

As you are aware, we made several bylaw revisions at our State Convention in April. They have set us on a new track. Those revisions reconfigured some of our committees but did not change the work of the organization. Our August training focused on those revisions and how they affect our committees. Each committee chair and chapter president has a copy of the state bylaws and standing rules. You can also find these documents on the state web-site.

Visiting chapters is one of the pleasures of the State President. I was delighted to visit Alpha Alpha and Eta Chapters in September. Both chapters are off to a great start and have planned appropriate programs and activities for the year. Please invite me to your chapter. Please share with the state your projects and activities. We intend to use the Alpha Beta State NEWS to highlight accomplishments of chapters and individuals. Alpha Beta State is on track to do great things. We want to share those activities throughout the society. Please submit articles and information to me to be included in future news.

I look forward to working with each of you over this biennium. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any concerns or information that you may have. Delta Kappa Gamma is a member driven organization. You, the member, are the most important element of the society. I welcome each of you aboard the 2013 – 2015 Alpha Beta State Express.

Janette Bell

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ABOARD!

State Honorary Membership

Recognizing our "Sisters in Commitment"

Have you or your chapter considered nominating a woman for State Honorary Membership? State honorary membership is designed to recognize women who have made statewide contributions to education and the status of women, but who are not members of the education profession. Many are legislators, writers, judges, leaders of community organizations and others who have promoted excellence in education and empowered women. What a great way to recognize great women who share our purposes and goals!

This could be an interesting and informative project within your chapter. The process for submitting a recommendation is relatively easy:

1. Complete a Recommendation for Membership (Form 11) with "state honorary" used as the type of membership. Be sure to include the necessary description of the woman's accomplishments and contributions. (These forms can be found at dkg.org.)
2. Send the recommendation to the State Membership Committee -- addresses below -- by January 15, 2014. The committee will review it and present it to the Executive Board during the March 1, 2014 meeting. Voting on the recommendation will take place at the September 20, 2014 Executive Board meeting.
3. Initiation of state honorary member(s) will take place during the luncheon at the Alpha Beta State Organization Convention in 2015.
4. It would be helpful if you could send a "heads up" to the committee prior to the deadline if you intend to recommend a woman for honorary membership. This may prevent duplication of efforts.

Think about it! Be mindful of the "happenings" in your local and state communities. What projects, events and accomplishments are benefiting women and education? Who is making a difference? Let's work together to recognize and support their efforts!

If you have questions or comments and to submit recommendations, please contact: **Karen Crook** (karecrook@aol.com) or phone: (302) 738-9849.
Home address: 8 Saddle Circle, Newark, DE 19711
(The information will be shared with other members of the membership committee.)

ALPHA BETA STATE MINI GRANTS

Have you heard Alpha Beta State has allocated over \$2,000 to fund Mini Grants for Delta Kappa Gamma Members? Yes, active members can apply for mini grants up to \$200 for personal enhancement. Check out the Alpha Beta State Website for an application and the criteria. Look for the Scholarship Committee's display at the November 2nd Society Workshop for further details. The next deadline to apply is **February 1, 2014**. Don't miss out on an opportunity to be part of one of Delta Kappa Gamma's purposes: to stimulate the personal growth of members. Apply for an Alpha Beta State Mini Grant.

Jean Marie Hofstetter

 
<h3>White Roses</h3>
Beta: Carole Kirkwood (August 25, 2012) Louise L. Bozman (June 13, 2013)
Eta : Elizabeth (Betty) I. Flake (October 20, 2013) Sandra D. Grandstaff (October 12, 2013)

Remembering Our Dearly Departed

It is always difficult when a chapter loses one of its members. When a chapter loses a member, there is a procedure that needs to be followed as soon as humanly possible. There is a need to honor their memory and record their passing. The Membership Committee of Alpha Beta State, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is entrusted with the record keeping as well as the ceremony honoring of our deceased members which is held at the state convention.

The president of the chapter, or the necrology representative should fill out Form 6 which is the Report of the Death of a Member. Form 6 may be found on the DKG International website under forms. Please include all of the information requested and send it to the people whose positions are listed at the top of the form. Since Alpha Beta State has a Necrology designee please send Form 6 to me, **Lillian Hairston**, at the address listed in the directory. Add as many artifacts as you can on the deceased such as the eulogy and a photograph. These items will ensure that each departed sister can be well remembered for her dedication to her chapter and the state organization.

– The Membership Committee

Presenting at the Europe Regional Conference

A wealth of both professional and personal experiences were afforded me by traveling to present at the Europe Regional Conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in August, 2013. Professionally, to fulfill scholarship requirements at my university, a colleague and I submitted a proposal about the One Maryland One Book Program, featuring the *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* book. The presentation was well-received with attendees taking notes and telling me that the information was useful and interesting. I also increased my knowledge of this part of the world by taking conference tours, cruising on canals, seeing windmills in the fields, walking up winding stairs in a 630 year old castle and seeing venues for war crimes trials in The Hague. Personally, highlights of the trip involved food and people. I had lovely dining experiences such as a several course dinner at the Hall of Mirrors in the Royal Concert Hall and lunches at sidewalk cafes near art museums in beautiful Amsterdam. I made new friends from the Delta Kappa Gamma conference attendees, including the DKG International Headquarters staff from Austin, Texas. With all these memorable professional and personal experiences, I hope to attend the next Europe Regional Conference in Sweden in 2015. Will you join me?

Francis Luther (Alpha)



Northeast Regional Conference

Sharing Our Vision and Strengthening Our Society

If you were not in Portland, Maine the week of July 23 - 28, 2013, you missed a great Northeast Regional Conference under the direction of our own Marylander, **Mary Makinen**, Northeast Regional Director. There were 600 plus DKG sisters in attendance and 56 were from Maryland.

After the 1st General Session, at Maine Night we enjoyed music, humor, and Maine history. We were entertained by humorist, Gary Crocker and David Mallet, Maine singer and songwriter. We each received a Maine Night bag with water, chips and whoopie pies.

From then on each day was filled with special meals, entertaining and inspiring speakers, workshops, Info Fair, vendors, tours and much lobster, lobster, lobster, and of course much fellowship with other DKG sisters from the northeast.

Carolyn Lang, Tau, extended an invitation to all to attend the 2015 Northeast Regional Conference to be held in Baltimore, Maryland. That was fun.

Many, many "Meet the Block" prizes were given away. There were many from chapters in Maryland. I was not lucky enough to get a prize. What a great week!

Joyce Conway (Delta)

(SNEAK PREVIEW)

May 3, 2014

Leadership Development Conference

Comfort Inn and Conference Center

4500 Crain Highway

Bowie, MD

Meet Susan Poulin

*Writer, Actress and Creative Force
behind Ida LeClair*

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



Mary Ellen Kennedy, Tau, was inducted into the Educator's Hall of Fame on October 28.



The Educational Foundation gives money to members and non-members globally to support educational projects and professional development.

The Educational Foundation receives money from member and non-member contributions to fund grants for projects and professional development.

Go to dkgef.org for details.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP

The World Fellowship Program came alive for me when, as a member of the International World Fellowship Committee, I was sent 75 applications from Fulbright scholars asking to be considered for our World Fellowship Program. These scholarships are for \$4000 and can be renewed after one year for \$800. The funding for these scholarships comes solely from you, our members. There is not a line item in the International budget for World Fellowships. We have tried to develop some clever methods to increase the donations for this worthwhile program.

The stories from the applicants touched the hearts of the committee members including one from a woman who was raised in a refugee camp in Iraq. She spoke of the hardships she endured as a refugee and particularly as a woman in this situation. She was encouraged by her family and got as much formal education as was possible. After returning to Afghanistan she attended university and graduated with top grades. She wishes to attend an American university and return to her country to develop programs for female students. Another student from Panama took a job as an aupair in the United States in order to become an effective speaker of English. She wishes to return to Panama to teach English as a Second Language at the university level.

If you would like more information go to www.dkg.org and click on Committees and go to World Fellowship Committee.

Barbara Devenport, Alpha Delta



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE (EEC)



I'm sure that you're wondering what does the EEC have to do with a cake! Well it can help one to remember how this committee functions.

Your mouth is watering for a delicious cake and you have a box of cake mix in your kitchen cabinet. You open the box and pour out the mix but you do not have a cake yet. You have to add eggs, shortening, water, vanilla or other ingredients to make your cake. This is how the EEC was formed. The cake mix represents the Old Program of Work committee. The ingredients added are the Personal Growth and Services committee, Professional Affairs, Research Committee, Women in the Arts, Legislation and UN Liaison. Now you have your completed cake- The Educational Excellence Committee.

The Educational Excellence Committee was established by the 2010 International Convention. Alpha Beta State bylaws were passed at the 2013 State Convention and the EEC was fashioned after the International committee under Society Mission and Purposes. The committee consists of a chair and six members.

The goals of the ALPHA BETA STATE ORGANIZATION EEC are:

- Promote the three goals of the International EEC
~Advance Excellence in Education
~Empower Women
~Increase Global Awareness.
- Provide workshops and activities that promote the goals of the EEC at the following events: November Society Workshops (2013 & 2014), Leadership Development Conference (2014) and the State Convention (2015).
- Promote visual arts at ALL state meetings and functions.
- Create a list of workshop presenters to be used throughout the biennium.
- Be a resource to the ALPHA BETA STATE ORGANIZATION chapters as they plan their programs.

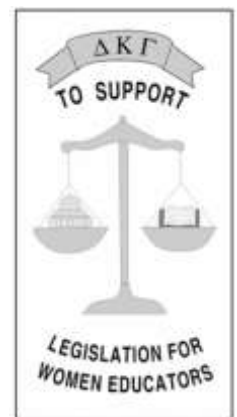
How can you support the goals of the EEC? It's easy. We need the chapters and members of Alpha Beta State to:

- ❖ Send us pictures and information about your chapter programs. Use the goals of the EEC to plan your programs.
- ❖ Send donations to the Schools for Africa Project directly to "US Fund for UNICEF". Information is on the website for the SFA Project.
- ❖ Attend the November Workshops, the Leadership Development Conference and the State Conventions.
- ❖ Submit workshop proposals for the International Convention in the area of core curriculum issues and educational hot topics.
- ❖ Send this committee your recommendations of workshop presenters for our State workshops.
- ❖ Submit crafts, poems, visual & performing art projects for all our State functions.

Ride the ABS Express with the EEC as they plan exciting activities and projects for the 2013-2015 biennium.

The Educational Excellence Committee

Dr. Janet Cornick, Lambda, **Sharon Hilty**, Delta, **Dr. Terri Massie-Burrell**, Alpha, **Sally Nazelrod**, Xi, **Eleanor Shutak**, Upsilon, **Joan Wiggins**, Alpha Theta (Chair), **Celeste Williams**, Theta



Focus on the U.S. Forum

2013 Northeast Regional Conference Report

Since 1988 the U.S. Forum's purpose has remained the same: to inform members on pending legislation that furthers the purposes of our Society; to be an advocate for women, children and education by maintaining affiliations with other similar organizations. During the recent Northeast Regional Conference interested DKG members of our region crowded into a "standing room only" session of the Forum on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

Dr. Elizabeth Turner, 1996-1998 Chair of the U.S. Forum Steering Committee, warmly welcomed everyone to the session, introduced the program committee members and reviewed the agenda. She then explained the election proceedings for the 2013-2014 Northeast Regional Representative. The procedures were followed and after the two candidates were nominated from the floor the nominations were closed and their speeches were made. While the ballots were being counted we listened to our guest speaker, **Mrs. Susan Scanlan, Virginia**. She is the President of the Women's Research and Education Institute, Chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations, Honorary Member, Pennsylvania State Organization, Delta Kappa Gamma. During her address she emphasized that as women we are still "Fighting for a Place at the Table". She firmly believes in the Washington DC arena you are either at the feast or on the menu, therefore, we must diligently pursue our collective rights and issues. She shared with us legislation which she needed us to support by writing our Congressmen and Senators for the National Women's Museum (NMW).

It has been promised by Congress but never fully approved or funded. The NMW bills are (HR863/S398). She implored us to be diligent in seeking our women's rights, education funding and children's rights. The results of the election were given after the guest speaker had completed her speech. **Carmela De Marco** was elected our new 2013-2014 NE Regional Representative.

Beverly Johns, Virginia led our discussion on state focus issues. Collectively, overall they were pension robbery, teacher evaluation and education budget cuts.

At the close of this informative session, we were encouraged

- to visit the US Forum's table display at the Information Fair
- to subscribe to the US Forum Connection, the electronic newsletter, by emailing Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh at bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com.
- to attend the National Legislative Seminar March 16-19 2014 in Washington DC, registration information is online.

Dr. Annette Blake, Maryland

Alpha Beta State US Forum Representative

It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter

....was the name of the workshop attended by Dr. Annette Blake, Sharon Darling and Cheryl Townshend. So what *does* it take?

- Planning * Sharing
- Doing * Leadership
- Orienting * Team Building
- Re-orienting * Opportunity for individual development and
- Reading advancement within the organization
- Applying knowledge

A barbell is a piece of equipment used in **power** lifting and **weight** training. The basic principle of weight training is **repetition**. So let's look at the key words: *power*...the power of your chapter will come from the individuals who understand the value of their *active* participation with the local, state and international society. The *weight* (importance) of the chapter will depend upon how many of the **DKG purposes** your members are acquainted with as individuals and to what extent they are willing to implement them in their county and beyond. **Repeating** information on a yearly basis regarding money available, events approaching, service opportunities, and leadership needs will be vital to all being fully informed about how they can strengthen and share a vision of empowering women educators, worldwide.

Do you conduct a Leadership Development Moment at each of your chapter meetings? Does your chapter newsletter advertise state and international events and projects? Are YOU sharing the vision of female leadership potential by being a leader, while helping others move forward in their personal and professional lives?

Good form in weight training has to do with performing movements correctly. What actions are you as an individual member taking to correctly exercise your membership privileges? Purpose to encourage other educators to join in our efforts to grant women the opportunity to become more influential and articulate concerning the importance of education and educators to our local, national and global society.

Your State Officers and Leadership Development Team hope to see *each and every one* of you at least once throughout this next biennium as we work toward strength and excellence throughout The Alpha Beta State Organization!

Cheryl Townshend, Omega

Chapter Support Committee Chair



Election process to be considered at 2014 International Convention

ad hoc DKG Election Process Committee

Members voting at the 2014 International Convention will consider proposed amendments that determine whether to continue with our current process of delegate voting or to institute a general election that allows every member to vote in the election of Administrative Board and elected committee members.

All members in attendance at the convention vote on proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*. Officers and elected committee members are currently elected by state organization presidents who have one vote for every five active and reserve members. The state organization president may cast all her states' votes for a particular nominee or she may split her vote if there is more than one nominee.

If the convention votes to allow every member to vote, all members will be able to vote for the members of the Administrative Board. All members would vote for president, the vice presidents, the member-at-large, and Finance Committee members while only members within a region will vote for their regional director and regional representatives to the Nominations Committee. Only Latin American and Canadian members would vote for their own area representative. Members would vote electronically or by requested paper ballot.

The Ad Hoc Elections Process Committee (EPC), approved by the 2012 Executive Board and appointed by President Dr. Beverly Helms, has researched costs, consulted the Finance Committee, studied the nominations process, communicated with members, and solicited member input via Survey Monkey and at regional conferences.

Various vending companies have submitted estimated costs of an electronic election ranging between \$15,000 and \$25,000 per election. The 2012-2014 Finance Committee is aware of the possibility of an every member voting election process. If the change is approved, the 2014-2016 Finance Committee will have the task of budgeting for the new voting process.

The ad hoc committee submitted to the Constitution Committee proposed amendments that would make a general election possible. The convention has the final authority whether to approve or disapprove proposed amendments. The decision rests with the vote of the 2014 convention.

Go to www.dkg.org to find more information about a general election and the full results of surveys taken in 2013 on the Ad Hoc DKG Election Process Committee page.

The members of the ad hoc DKG Election Process Committee are Dr. Carolyn Rants, chair, Iowa; Alice Carrier, Vermont; Aurora Vgnau De Zambrano, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; Carolyn Pittman, Arkansas, International First Vice President; Dr. Sigrun Klara Hannesdottir, Iceland; Dr. Helen Popovich, Michigan, International Constitution Committee Chair; Dr. Beverly Helms, Florida, International President; Jean Gray, Maryland, International Parliamentarian; Nita Scott, Headquarters Liaison

Anne Matthews State Scholarship

Last year, I had the honor of receiving the Anne Matthews state scholarship from the Alpha Beta State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. My quest for this scholarship began as I learned about the availability of four state scholarships at the Alpha Alpha Chapter meeting.

I had been accepted into the inaugural cohort of the doctoral program at Frostburg State University which requires students to be enrolled in courses year round. I knew that receiving this scholarship would ease my financial burden. However, with the first year of the program being 21 hours of coursework, I found my major concern was being able to complete the application requirements in time to have an opportunity to be considered for a scholarship.

Upon receiving the scholarship information, I found that the application process was not as demanding as I envisioned. I completed my application, wrote a letter of intent, asked my principal for a letter of recommendation, as well as my chapter president, Ann Frantz. Coming from rural Garrett County, I was concerned about competition from urban and suburban areas across the state. I felt pride representing my chapter at the state convention as the scholarship recipient.

I am now entering my second year of the doctoral program. As I look back at the highs in this past year, one of them was being named a recipient of the Anne Matthews scholarship. Alpha Beta State Organization offers four of these scholarships which provide members with a wonderful opportunity to advance their education and pursue their educational goals. I would encourage any DKG member who is doing graduate work to consider applying for these scholarships. The time investment is worth the reward.

Suzanne Wilburn, Alpha Alpha

EMAIL EXTRAS

Northeast Regional Conference



EEC Training



Joan Wiggin and Carolyn Lang



Joan Wiggin singing



Maryland Attendees at the Northeast Regional Conference