



Alpha Beta State NEWS

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Sharing Our Vision ~ Strengthening Our Society

Wow! It is hard to believe that the first year of my biennium is complete. We accomplished many things in 2013-2014 and 2014–2015 promises to be very busy and productive.

It was a pleasure to see so many Alpha Beta State members at the International Convention in Indianapolis. The convention was well run and very informative. **Dr. Lyn B. Schmid (PA)** was elected International President and our new Northeast Regional Director is **Dr. Kay Clawson**. We will be very involved with Dr. Clawson as we host the Northeast Regional Conference in July of 2015.

There were several proposed amendments to the International Constitution and Standing Rules. All of the revisions will be published by International and made available to all members. One of the changes made was to the fee for Honorary Membership. The fee was amended to \$49.50 instead of \$50.00. This change was made in order to be in compliance with the limits on gifts to political individuals. This will affect any new invitations for Honorary Membership.

During the convention Maryland was pleased to have two members serving on the Administrative Board, **Jean Gray** (Omega) as International Parliamentarian and **Mary Makinen** (Alpha Delta) as Northeast Regional Director. We wish to congratulate them on a Job well done and to thank both of them for the many years of dedicated service that they have provided to the Society.

We have many things to look forward to during this year. We have our Alpha Beta State Convention from April 24-26, 2015 and the Northeast Regional Conference beginning on July 8, 2015. We will need all members of Alpha Beta State to pull together to make both of these events successful.

Sharon Darling is chairing the State Convention Committee and has already begun making plans with her hostess chapters. **Carolyn Lang** is chairing the Steering Committee for the Northeast Regional Conference. The committee has met throughout the summer and has several fundraising projects in progress to cover the cost of Maryland Night during the conference. Please plan to participate and support Maryland as we stay on track. You will find information about these projects in this issue of the Alpha Beta State NEWS.

The next events to look forward to are the Executive Board Meeting September 20, 2014 in Aberdeen, MD and the Society Workshop November 1, 2014 in Ashton, MD.

Finally, I wish to thank each of you for your support and hard work during this first year of my biennium. Special thanks to those of you who have agreed to serve on State Committees. The committees get much of the work of the state done and I appreciate all of you.

Janette Bell



ALL

ABOARD!

Have a great year to each of you.

NEWS FROM THE ALPHA BETA STATE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The following chapters submitted their Standing Rules: **Eta, Lambda, Omicron, Pi, Alpha Alpha, Iota, Tau, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Omega.** A special thank you for helping us get the review process underway. These chapters do not have to resubmit Standing Rules.

The Chapter Standing Rules revision deadline is being extended to November 1 in order that chapters will have the opportunity to continue the revision process and vote on them at the fall meetings.

If your chapter needs a "Sample Chapter Standing Rules" template, a "Chapter Rules Checklist," or an Alpha Beta State Committee Structure guide to help formulate your revisions and/or updates, please contact the committee member assigned to your chapter. Thank you for all that you are doing to assist us in this process.

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Committee Chairs

This is your opportunity to have input into the 2015-2016 Budget. If your committee has a special project you would like to have considered for inclusion, please send information describing the project and the projected cost to Brenda Patterson, Finance Chair, at brendapatterson_45@msn.com or via mail to 3402 Kreitler Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050.

CHAPTER SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Consider the possibilities of growing your chapter and strengthening Alpha Beta State Organization...a challenge for all Maryland chapters, previous to the 2015 Northeast Regional Conference, to be hosted in Baltimore!

One of the major concerns for the Society is the retention of current members and the recruitment of new members. So, let's look at the three R's of membership:

- **Retention:** Focus on the benefits of membership (scholarships, insurance benefits, grant money, fellowship, international networking, leadership development, opportunity to support local, national and international education efforts for women and children, legislative guidance, etc.)
- **Re-instatement:** Make a call to a former member and invite her back.
- **Recruitment:** Orientations and initiations can be held as often as a chapter desires.

In the contemporary initiation ceremony, new initiates are told that they were invited into our society because someone noticed them; their professionalism, their potential for leadership. When was the last time you reminded current members to remember why they were invited, who invited them and how the invitation made them feel? Former members need to be reminded that they too are noticed; that their absence is felt and their commitment appreciated.

Did you know you can personalize "Pride in the Big Picture" orientation power point with photos and info about your chapter? Order through the Society Supply Store. Use the website for all its worth. (www.dkg.org) Educate yourself concerning the state by going to www.dkg/md.org

How does your chapter make a difference in the lives of its members? Have you ever thought about how many lives are affected by our international organization and the involvement of its members across the globe? Do you understand that knowledge plus action equals power? The Chapter Support Committee desires that you know as much about the Society as possible in order that you can articulate well concerning the value of the Society as you recruit, reinstate and retain your members. Therefore, there will soon be a "Did You Know?" section of the newsletter and website that will educate you as to the various entities of the Society. Who knows, you may even find yourself wanting to contribute to the Golden Gift Fund because you desire to attend the Leadership Training in Austin, Texas. We'll be telling you more about that later. Be watching and reading! Leaders are Readers!!!

Cheryl Townshend - Omega

85 Years and Beyond; Advancing Key Women Educators for Life 2014-2016 DKG International Biennium Theme

Did You Know?

You and/or your chapter can contribute money to:

The Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund sends \$1000.00 each for five regional conference speakers; promotes parliamentary seminars, provides international president nominee training, supports administrative board and administrative staff orientation, conducts leadership workshops for chapter and state organization presidents. You can make donations to the fund by check or credit card and online forms are found in the top bar – Forms, Contributions. (www.dkg.org) Interest from the fund pays for the fund's administration. The Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund Committee recommends specific use of the fund to the International Executive Board for authorization during the meetings at international conventions.

World Fellowships is the Society's project to enable women from non-member countries to pursue advanced study in the United States and Canada. Over 858 women from 117 countries have received fellowships to come abroad to study and then to return home as a leader in their own country.

The Golden Gift Fund finances the Leadership Management Seminar held every other year in Austin, Texas. 30 participants are selected from across the global membership. Consider applying for your own attendance. Money given to this fund helps pay for participants to receive training in public speaking, business acumen, personal grooming and leadership development. Maryland has been well represented over the years. Feel free to ask Mary Lee Makinen or Barbara Devenport about this opportunity. They continue to serve at the International level and will have up-to-date information about the content of the seminar.

Schools in Africa is a partnership among UNICEF, The Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Hamburg Society that are helping more and more girls and boys get a quality education. By providing funds to support this cultural program the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is helping children who previously were deprived of the chance to go to school. They miss out because of inadequate school facilities and poor teacher training. In addition, many schools lack gender separate sanitation facilities often causing adolescent girls to stay home. Contribution forms are available on the website. (www.dkg.org)

Emergency Fund: When natural disasters strike and damage homes or injure families, members are entitled to request a \$500.00 gift to be used toward restoration. Please let the state president know if you are in need of money for use after sustaining damage or injury due to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or other natural disasters. Your contributions help to keep this fund strong and available to many.

Educators Award Fund: At each international convention, a book is chosen to receive the Educator's Award. The Educator's Award Committee selects a book that has been written by a woman and whose content may influence the direction of thought and action necessary to meet the needs of today's complex society. Furthermore, the content must be of more than local interest with relationship, direct or implied, to education everywhere. A monetary award is given to this winning author.

International Speakers Fund: The International Speaker's Committee facilitates exchange of Society speakers among the member countries and helps to unite women educators of the world. Members complete an application to become a speaker. Funding is given to the speaker to cover travel expenses. Your contribution continues to give opportunity for the exchange of ideas. You could be that speaker who goes abroad to spread exemplary thoughts concerning education from the USA.

Scholarship Fund: DKG grants up to thirty \$6,000 international scholarships to members to study at the master's degree level and \$10,000 for study at the doctoral level. Your contributions enable the continuation of this worthy effort to assist those who want to further their education expertise. Why not only support the fund with your contribution, but take advantage of the scholarship money for yourself? Apply this year.

Educational Foundation: The Educational Foundation has awarded more than \$3.3 million to members and nonmembers since 1964. Money donated to this cause is used to host Seminars in Purposeful Living previous to each international convention. Any educator may apply for project grants. Contribute to the Make-a-Miracle Fund (donating \$500.00 at which time you receive an insignia pin (www.dkg.org) The Lucille Cornetet Individual Awards, funded through the Educational Foundation, help employed educators participate in professional development and attendance at seminars. States or chapters may also apply for project money.

Next time...Did you know about member benefits?

Cheryl Townshend, Omega



Picture from International

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



It has truly been my joy to serve as your Northeast Regional Director 2012-2014. Your encouragement and support have been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. Many members from other states are still talking about your wonderful gifts for the "Make the Block" drawings during the Northeast Regional Conference in Maine.

While many of you were not able to be present at the Northeast Regional Breakfast in Indianapolis, I was honored by your thoughtfulness and generosity. The silver charm bracelet is absolutely beautiful and of course the Visa Cards will come in rather handy.

My gratitude comes from deep in my heart.

Wishing all of you the joy of belonging to DKG,
Mary Lee



It's that time again! The Finance Committee is accepting applications for the position of Alpha Beta State Treasurer for the 2015-2017 Biennium. If you enjoy dealing with figures, are computer savvy, are a team player and would like to be part of a dynamic state team, please think about applying. To be considered, an **application form** must be **completed and postmarked no later than December 31, 2014**. The forms can be found on the state website at www.dkg.md.org or by contacting Brenda Patterson, State Finance Chair, at brendapatterson_45@msn.com or via phone at 410-937-8372.

CONGRATULATIONS PHI CHAPTER

Dear Ms. Krause:

I wanted to let you know that the Delta Kappa Gamma engraved acorn has been placed on the Donor Recognition Tree in the Chesapeake Lobby on the Harford Community College Campus. I have enclosed a picture of the leaf and its location on the tree.

Please feel free to stop by anytime to view your acorn. If you should need help locating the acorn on the tree, my office is just behind the tree in the administrative offices. I would be happy to show you where it is located.

Thank you again for your generosity and for supporting our students.

Kyle

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.**



**ALPHA BETA STATE ORGANIZATION
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SOCIETY**

SAVE THE DATE:

APRIL 24, 2015- APRIL 26, 2015

Please join Alpha Beta State members for the State Convention in Silver Spring, Maryland. Sharon Darling, State Convention Chair, and her committee are busy planning for your arrival. The location of the convention is:

*The Doubletree Hotel
8727 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910*

Get on board as we make decisions that will direct the future of Alpha Beta State. You will be receiving more information and registration material in the near future.



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