



# KENTUCKY ALPHA GAMMA STATE NEWS

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### *Fall Leadership Workshop*

*September 7 - 8, 2018*

*Embassy Suites by Hilton at Lexington  
Green Lexington, KY*

### *Agenda*

**Friday, September 7, 2018**

**Dinner:** Nearby restaurants:

**Polo's** – in the Embassy Suites – Hours: 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.

**Palmers Fresh Grill** – 161 Lexington Green Circle – Hours: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

**Bronte Bistro @ Joseph-Beth Booksellers** – 161 Lexington Green Circle – Hours: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Jax** - 161 Lexington Green Circle – Hours: 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.

**Mellow Mushroom** – 200 Lexington Green Circle – Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – **Registration** – Lobby

6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. – **Dessert Bar Reception**– Outside on Patio, weather permitting.

Time to fellowship with your Kentucky Alpha Gamma State Sisters.

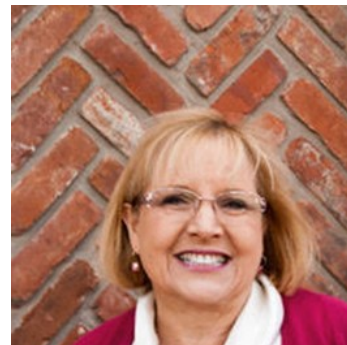
See how many new people you can meet!

# President's Message

## What Do You Do?

*What Do You Do With an Idea* when you are a KEY Woman Educator?

- You share it with the members of your Chapter.
- You nurture it and grow it.
- You remember that just one idea can change everything.
- So you embrace your IDEAS!



*What Do You Do With a Problem* when you are a KEY Woman Educator?

- You know that just worrying about it will not make it disappear.
- You know that the more you try to avoid it, the more you will see it everywhere.
- You know you have to face it.
- You know it easier to solve a problem if you seek help.
- You know it cannot defeat you.
- You know it is an opportunity to learn and grow, to be brave, to do something.
- So you face that PROBLEM headon!

*What Do You Do With a Chance* when you are a KEY Woman Educator?

- You know that when you hold back, you miss out.
- You grab hold of it and run with it!
- You remember that every CHANCE that comes your way is a special opportunity.
- So you dare to take a CHANCE...because it just might be the start of something incredible!

*What Do You Do* when you are a KEY Woman Educator?

- You lead with your heart and your positive spirit.
- You make a difference.
- You engage in personal and professional development.
- You inspire other educators.

A new biennium is beginning. We will all have many Ideas, numerous Problems, and frequent Chances. It is important that we take advantage of each, and grow with each challenge. We must not give up and ALL of us need to find how we can make a contribution.

What we do with these Ideas, Problems, and Chances will make all the difference...

# Educational Excellence Chair News

## Beth Pyle



I recently returned from the DKG International Convention in Austin, TX, and am ready to begin the second year of my biennium as first vice-president/ educational excellence chair. The workshop agenda was extensive but, why was it that the workshops I wanted to attend were all at the same time?! I was only able to attend one workshop (how to run an effective meeting) because I was sick 3 of the 4 days I was there. Despite that, I was able to talk with individual members from around the country and world about Educational Excellence opportunities.

The business meetings I attended were interesting, but often slow-going with so many proposed changes to the DKG Constitution. I can report that the name of our organization will not be changing at this time. Technology was a key component of these meeting because each attendee was given an electronic device for voting; this made actual vote counting much faster (providing your device worked – I had no problems with mine).

The two key-note speakers, Benjamin Zander and Nadia Lopez were excellent. I would recommend their books respectively: *The Art of Possibility* and *The Bridge to Brilliance: How one Principal in a Tough Community Is Inspiring the World*. Zander also has a sequel -- *Pathways to Possibility: Transforming Our Relationship with Ourselves, Each Other, and the World*. Suggestion – have a “book report/discussion” for one of your meetings.

One of the many positives from attending an International, Regional, or State gathering is that you leave inspired and ready to tackle the year ahead. Indeed, I am ready. Fall Leadership Conference is just a few weeks away, and I encourage all chapter officers to attend – I guarantee it will make your job in your chapter (whatever it is) much easier. I will be having a breakout session for my Educational Excellence chapter counterparts; I will be reviewing the main International goals of this committee and then provide the “nuts & bolts” at the State and Chapter levels especially in terms of Annie Award applications for Projects and Programs. The number of applications was dismal this past year, so my goal is to increase the number of applications two-fold!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Lexington at the Embassy Suites at Lexington Green on Saturday, September 8, 2018. Better yet, arrive on Friday, September 8, more KAGS fellowship!



# Membership News

## Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts

Greetings, Kentucky Key Educators,

First, I would like to share with you the Golden Thought that I wrote for our executive board meeting. I was inspired by some of the confusion I perceived during the business meetings in Austin. There were members who asked for the word “key” to be defined. They wanted clarification before they voted. Second, I hope to challenge you to describe who we are. Why are we **key** educators? What makes us “key” educators? How would *you* define “key” and what makes us so? My Golden thought is below:

### **Key We Are. DKG.**

We are today. We are key.  
We make tomorrow possible.  
Without us, tomorrow cannot be.  
For all the professions need our wisdom.

We are like the butterfly.  
We may not know whom we have touched,  
Or how many miles our wisdom has reached.  
Our wisdom and know-how drive far and wide.

We guide the learner future.  
That is because we are. We be.  
Educators, key, in DKG.  
Women who are in a journey for life.

We wear authenticity.  
We wear the hats of leadership.  
We bring out the best in those we meet.  
Together we can make a difference.

We are true professionals.  
Educational excellence.

We are an honor society.  
Impactors of education worldwide.

Yes, we impact the future.  
We realize our potential growth.  
Significantly contributing.  
We are. We are key. We are DKG.  
*by bonnia linell, 2018*

The poem indirectly addresses why we are key. But for me, it is more specific, and why I choose to belong to DKG. Before I give one of my reasons, let me share my excitement about one of the new changes in our society.

We are now permitted to invite collegiate members into our society, our state organization, and our chapters! Yes, women college students in education can now be invited to join DKG! Membership is \$20 annually.

This excites me because these newer and generally, younger members will get jobs in a rewarding and key career, bring us fresh ideas, and have the potential to be our stepping stones into the schools and classrooms. I love my chapter, Alpha, but we are aging out. Most of us are retired and several are reserve members. Only three of us are working every day in a classroom or counseling office. We need a way into the schools – not just through our grandchildren or children of a neighbor.

We are a professional society. I belonged to a couple of professional organizations while in college

and I maintain those memberships, today. While not all collegiate members will continue with us, there will still be some who move up the ranks and become key in our society. There is that word again – *key*.

I hope you are planning on coming to Lexington for our fall workshops. During our session on membership, we will be discussing the current plan for recruiting new members, ideas for retaining members, and of course, some ways to get a dropped member to renew. I want you to think about how you are supporting the teachers in your chapter who are still active in the schools. We will discuss how we can “be there” for them. And we will discuss why we are *key*.

In closing, I leave you with one reason I use to define why or how we are key:

*“We educate those who are the future of our world, country, state, community, and society. What we share is key to their success and happiness. We are key to education and, therefore, key educators.”*

Yours in DKG,

Bonnia Cook Fouts, Ph.D.



KAGS delegation to International convention in Austin, Texas Row 1: L to R Bonnia Cook Fouts, Shelia Wilkinson, Kathy Zwanzig, Beth Pyle, Lucy Riffle, and Mary Cat Flath.

Row 2: Priscilla Roberts, Beverly Westphal, Debbie Duffy, Shelia Renn, Pascal Bailey, and Pam Manker

Row 3: Ramona Jeffries, Karin Edgington, Linda Mauser, Karen Martin, Susan Cross, and Cheryl Slater

## Chapter News

### Alpha Chapter

Alpha enjoyed another biennium and honor Mary Faye Carr for serving as president for the last four years. Thank you, Mary Faye! During these past four years, Mary Faye introduced us to, among other things, LearningRx and to the awesome program at Pitt Academy. A highlight of this past year was at our January meeting when Bunny Nash presented on how trauma affects the brain and will soon be doing a follow-up. We were pleased to have state president, Kathy Zwanzig, in attendance.

In May, we installed officers for 2018-2020: President, Beverly Westphal; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president and EEC chair, Cindy Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president and membership chair, Mary Faye Carr; Secretary, Gwen Hardin, and Co-Parliamentarians, Lynne Hewson and Rosie Sprawls. Bunny Nash continues to serve as our treasurer. Our newest and youngest member, Devin Guiles was residing in New York. A couple of years ago she married and is now living in Quanzhou, Fujian, China. She and hubby are the proud parents of a bouncing 1-year-old boy, Lukas. Devin has taught in Korea and Japan and shared traditions and educational values. Now we can learn about education and China. Thank you, Devin!

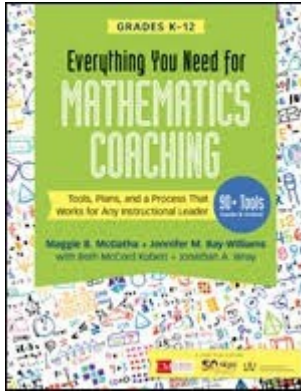
We have an upcoming induction planned in September and will be welcoming Aruna Keswani to Alpha. Aruna was able to teach in Africa last summer with grant-in-aid support from Alpha and we are excited to have her as a new member. Beverly has an interesting year planned and in October we will tour Maker 13 during which each participant will make something and take it home – probably from a 3D printer. Several of us will be attending the workshops in Lexington and look forward to having the venue in one place each year. We hope to see many of you at our KAGS gatherings.



**Above-Alpha members recognized for years in DKG at Claudia Sanders Restaurant this past May (from left, Lynne Hewson, Bonnia Cook Fouts, Arleen MacVeigh, Mary Faye Carr, Beverly Westphal, Ann Walls, Theresia Colbert, Cindy Webb, and Gwen Hardin).**

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### Xi Chapter



Xi Chapter had a busy year. Last fall we had a great program about providing safe drinking water to families in need through the Water With Blessings non-profit. We toured and learned about the new South Central Regional Library. We met in May with member Kellie Vogt presenting the program on healthy eating. Members Maggie McGatha and Jenny Bay-Williams had a new book, *Everything You Need for Mathematics Coaching*, published in the spring. Several Xi members along with other Louisville chapter members shared information about DKG with new teachers at the Jefferson County New Teachers Induction in August. On Saturday, August 18, Donna Whitis kicked off her biennium as president at our annual potluck picnic at member Alice Brandon's home. Donna's theme for her biennium is based on leaving our footprints - what imprint will each of us leave. Our golden thought for the meeting took a more light-hearted approach to the idea - "You can't leave footprints in the sands of time if you're sitting on your butt... And who wants to leave butt prints in the sands of time? (Bob Moawad) We inducted new member, Angela Harris, assistant principal at Western Middle School for the Arts, and gave Peg Darcy her 25 year pin. State president and Xi member, Kathy Zwanzig, shared information from the International Convention and encouraged all of us to celebrate being Key Women Educators with party hats, noise makers and goodies. Plans for this year's programs include Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention and First Aid for home emergencies. We look forward to seeing you at the state convention here in Louisville in the spring.

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### Alpha Alpha Chapter

Our chapter has been busy the past year planning the Kentucky Alpha Gamma State Fall Workshop for September 7-8, 2018, in Lexington, Kentucky. The October 2017 meeting was held in Lancaster, Kentucky with Diane Woods, President of Alpha Alpha Chapter presiding. Dr. Carolyn Wells, Past President of KAGS and Alpha Alpha presented information about our chapter's role and responsibilities for the 2018 Fall Workshop. Mr. Kalem Grasham presented a very informative program on career education skills for the modern job market.

The December meeting was held at Spindletop Hall, Lexington, Kentucky in conjunction with the Bluegrass Council Chapter members. Many members contributed to our Grant-in-Aid fundraiser.

The spring meeting was held at beautiful Natural Bridge State Park Lodge in Slade, Kentucky. Jeanette Brandenburg hosted the event. Kathy Zwanzig, President of the Kentucky Alpha Gamma State was a welcomed guest and she shared many goals for her biennium. It was also acknowledged that our own Dr. Carolyn Wells was inducted into the 2018 KAGS Hall of Fame at the annual convention in Ashland, Kentucky. Diane Woods was also honored by being presented the Key Leader Award. We congratulate our Alpha Alpha sisters. Sarah Hall shared the devotional, "We Rose, We Rise". It was composed by Nancy Bentz of Beta Xi Chapter. History Committee chair, Dr. Carolyn Wells, encouraged members to share any past history information with her in order to update our chapter scrapbook. Nominating Committee chair, Jeanette Brandenburg, submitted the slate of officers for 2018-19:

President - Diane Woods  
First Vice President - Jan Farley  
Second Vice President - Elaine Jones  
Recording Secretary - June Tompkins  
Treasurer - Connie Wason  
Parliamentarian - Cathy Mahoney

The officers were voted in and installed.

Our June summer meeting was held in Winchester, Kentucky at the Bluegrass Heritage Museum. June Tompkins served as hostess. More information was shared about the 2018 Fall Workshop that Alpha Alpha and Phi Chapters will co-host at the Hilton Embassy Suites in Lexington Green. Marie Bowen, Joyce Clifford's granddaughter, was the recipient of the Grant-in-Aid for her fall semester in the amount of \$500.00. It was announced that Alpha Alpha sister, Hazel Shaw had



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### Alpha Gamma Chapter

Alpha Gamma Chapter had a very busy and productive year. In July 2017 we kicked off the year with our State President Kathy Zwanzig visiting our Chapter. This was Kathy's first official visit as State President. She emphasized the theme for her biennium would be KEY, Kentucky Women Educators Unlocking Their Ideas. Kathy also related her goals and stressed that members need to be open to unlocking ideas about Delta Kappa Gamma and what we can do. Karen Clark presented Kathy with a beautiful quilt with her name and DKG. Members wore their Alpha Gamma T-shirts.

The Chapter celebrated Kentucky's 225<sup>th</sup> birthday with a brief history of Kentucky's statehood and a quiz about Kentucky. Refreshments included Bourbon Balls, Kentucky shaped cookies, and fried apple pies. One of our ongoing projects is to donate school supplies to Bethany School and members brought in many items. Our annual project will be "Supporting Veterans". Members were also recognized for Perfect Attendance for the preceding year.

The November meeting centered on Veterans and their contributions. Decorations include flags, red & blue tablecloths. The Chapter honored Dylan Duncil who is currently serving in the Marines. The devotional was "What Is A Veteran" as being someone at one point in whose life wrote a check to the United States in exchange for years up to life. Members wore red, blue, and white in honor of Veterans.

The Charlcia Taylor Grant-In-Aid was presented by Joyce Herald to Erin Hinotsky who recently moved to Kentucky from Florida. The Chapter Project of donating to veterans was discussed. Gifts of Little Debbie cakes and puzzles were brought by members to be delivered to the Veterans Center. Karen Clark will represent our Chapter at the U. S. Forum in Washington in March. The annual Auction was conducted and \$455 was raised for the Charlcia Taylor Grant-In-Aid.

The March meeting celebrated the beginning of spring. Spring decorations including jonquils donned the tables as well as donuts with green icing for refreshments. Members wore green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

President Leslie Fields delivered the donated items and signed cards to the Veterans' Center. They were very appreciative. Committees met and presented recommendations to the Chapter. The need for new members was emphasized. We will begin recognizing outstanding Alpha Gamma members to the State Hall of Fame.

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### Alpha Gamma (cont.)

The May meeting was our Founders' Day program and a table was decorated with roses, our Delta Kappa Gamma emblems, and a gold tablecloth. Members wore colorful Derby attire and hats to celebrate the Kentucky Derby. President Leslie Fields conducted the program which centered on Delta Kappa Gamma's founders, etc. Karen Clark reported on her trip to Washington D. C. for the U. S. Forum. The trip was educational and she was glad to meet members from all over the country. Karen also reported from the Membership Committee and the Chapter will initiate a new member, Margaret G. Barrs at the July meeting. Dates for next year's meetings were selected. Officers for 2018-2020 were installed and presented with roses. President Leslie Fields present Karen with a rose in recognition of her hard work and dedication to our Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma. Karen was recognized at the State Convention.

The Chapter consistently had over 50% Attendance at our meetings and conducted several worthwhile projects and we are looking forward to a great upcoming year!



**Karen Clark, Alpha Gamma, recognized by Kathy Zwanzig, KAGS President, for representing KY at the U.S. Forum in Washington D.C.**

# 2018 International Convention Austin, Texas



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# KAGS Star of the Southeast



# Karin Edgington, Upsilon