



KENTUCKY ALPHA GAMMA STATE NEWS

Fall Workshop Fun!



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President's Message

As the year comes to an end, our thoughts turn to gifts and resolutions.

Ask yourself, "What gifts do I possess that I can share with DKG?"

Are you creative/artistic? Are you a great organizer?

Are you a leader/mentor?

Are you a good writer/speaker?

Are you personable?



Here are some resolutions you can choose from make to make the greatest use of your talent for DKG.

Resolve to have perfect attendance at your chapter meetings.

Resolve to attend the State Convention in Louisville, March 29 – 31.

Resolve to attend the Fall Workshop in Lexington, September 6 – 7.

Resolve to attend the Southeast Regional Conference in Ashville, NC, June 27 – 29.

Resolve to invite at least one person to join your chapter.

Resolve to serve on a state committee.

Resolve to find another chapter member to support.

Resolve to say yes when you are asked to do something by a chapter or state officer.

Resolve to be the best DKG member you can.

If each Kentucky Alpha Gamma State members selects at least one DKG resolution, we will have another exciting and successful year.

Let us Celebrate DKG in Kentucky in 2019!

Educational Excellence Chair News

Beth Pyle



It was great to see all those in attendance at our Fall Leadership Conference in Lexington; and, although our State Convention at the end of March seems like a long way off right now, in March we will be wondering where the time went and how could it be upon us so fast?!

My goal for the next 6 months is to reach each chapter and to increase the number of applications for both Annie Awards – Projects and Programs – as well as the Excellence in the Classroom recognition. Having spoken to many of you in Lexington, I know that the quality of programs and projects in chapters throughout the state is superb.

Likewise, there are teachers (members or non-members of DKG) throughout the state of Kentucky doing an excellent job in the classroom. Perhaps your chapter has chosen or will choose someone to be recognized for her distinction in the classroom. If so, please continue this recognition at the state level by submitting an application in this category. Something to think about – when a single teacher is recognized for excellence in the classroom, it is also recognizing every teacher in the classroom. The teacher so honored has not acquired such skills in isolation -- she learned from those great teachers in her past; she learns from and shares with her contemporary colleagues; and finally, she is teaching and influencing future teachers. So, a recipient of the Excellence in the Classroom Award is the representative for all of us in the teaching profession – by honoring one of us, we are all honored!

Application forms for each category have been posted to our Facebook page, posted on our state website, and have been included in President Kathy's correspondence to each chapter. My committee would love to have every chapter in Kentucky submit an application for one or both of the Annie Awards and also submit a teacher for the Excellence in the Classroom Award; we want to be busy in February! Following President Kathy's lead from the Fall Leadership Conference – TAKE A CHANCE...

If you have any questions, please contact me at bethpyle@gmail.com or call me at 270-745-5123. This is my work number, but if I am not available and I am notified of your message through my work email.



Membership News

Dr. Bonnia Cook Fouts

Greetings, Kentucky Key Educators! May your upcoming holidays be blessed! And may your chapter be blessed with members!!! How are you doing? Have you invited potential members to your meetings and/or activities? Have you tried the membership plan? Are you supporting your members who are still working in our schools?

We discussed all of this and more at our Fall Workshop session on membership. Did you note that I want your chapter blessed with members? We want - not just *new* members but *all* members that are on your rosters. One of our goals is to only lose members when they pass away, and so **retaining** the members you have is very important. That is where member support comes in! These are but a few of the ideas we shared in September:

Early key educators? Find out what they may need in their classrooms. Could they use a mentor that is not associated with their building or corporation? Send them notes of encouragement during the school year. Call them. Text them. Email them.

Experienced key educators? Guess what? They may still need things. They may be having a challenging year and would like to vent or ask for advice. They could also use notes of encouragement, phone calls, texts, emails.

Retired key educators? Recently retired

could be struggling with not working. Widow retirees may be lonely. Contact them their most preferred way. In fact, each member in the chapter could be matched with one or more members just for keeping in touch.

Reserved members? Keep in touch and keep inviting them to meetings. There are some reserved members who can sometimes attend at least one event during the year. Keep them involved in some capacity. They may be able to make phone calls for the chapter.

New members? Please make sure that your newest members are connected to two or more members who can always be there for them, invite them to all activities, offer them rides, answer questions, make sure they understand what is going on at conventions and conferences. Be there for them! How long is a new member new? Please consider them new at least for the first two or three years.

I am not going to discuss much about **re-instating** members here, but please contact those who have dropped and invite them back! And if you have any questions about reinstatement or members who want or need to transfer membership, please contact me.

Now, let's get to **recruiting** new members! If your chapter does not feel like it is easy to find

potential members, then please try the membership plan. Kathy wants each chapter to induct four new members before the end of her biennium. This is a great challenge and goal for chapters!

At your next meeting, ask each member present to write down a teacher that they have heard someone mention. Perhaps a grandchild's teacher, or teacher of nephew or niece. Maybe your neighbor's child thinks they have the best teacher in the world. Write down the name and contact info if you have it. If not, tell your membership chair or president that you will find out how to contact the teacher. If you don't have their address or phone number, you will probably have the name of the school in which they teach. Send a note to their school. You also can ask who has friends or relatives who are enrolled in an education program. Collegiate members are now eligible for membership!

During this meeting, discuss these potential members. Your chapter can vote on the educators at this time and then invite them to an orientation meeting. At the end of the orientation, you give them a letter of formal invitation to join.... OR

If your chapter would like to meet them before deciding, then first invite them to an orientation. After the orientation, contact all members, and at that time, you can vote on whether you will be inviting them to membership. You can call or email members to get the vote and then issue that formal letter of invitation immediately. Do not wait more than a day to get that invitation out to them. And you can call them in the meantime and inform them that they will be receiving a letter to join DKG.

Have you had guests attend several meetings or activities? Why haven't you asked them to join? Please do not hesitate to ask. During recent surveys by International, it was found that in many cases, educators wanted to join but had not been asked. And they were ladies that the members hoped would join – just nobody had popped that most important question. "May I give you an application for membership?"

If your chapter is unsure of how to host an orientation, please let me know. I will come and speak to your chapter or send you program ideas for an orientation. And when you finally get to the induction ceremony, let your inductees know that they can invite their colleagues who may be interested. We are no longer a secret society! Share the wealth of membership!

Another topic at the workshop was necrology. My duties include putting together our memorial service on Sunday morning at state convention. That means your president, membership chair, or treasurer must let me know of any members that you lose via death. You must send in Form 6 to state treasurer, Shelia Wilkinson, International (mem@dkg.org), and me. I have also asked that you send me a photo and obituary of the deceased. Thank you to those who have already sent me that information and of course, we are sorry for your loss.

That about sums it up. It is the season to be thankful and I am grateful for each one of you. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Yours in DKG, *Bonnie*

Chapter News

Theta Chapter

Theta Chapter is proud to introduce their new officers: President-Beth Donnelly; Vice President-RuthAnn Whitehouse; Recording Secretary Susan Johnsson; Corresponding Secretary-Pam Coomer; Treasurer Debbie Durham and Parliamentarian-Amy Bickett. This year our chapter will again participate with two of our favorite charities. Annie's Attic Christmas Angel Tree, which provides Christmas gifts to individuals in participating Louisville nursing homes. In December, we will also assemble burritos for the Burrito Riders Downtown Ministry. A ministry of cyclists who provide burritos to people in need in our downtown area. Upcoming meetings include speaker Allison Whitehouse of the Louisville Botanical Gardens in January. In June, we look forward to an outing to the new Colonial Gardens opening in the spring across from the Iroquois Park. All DKG sisters are welcome to attend and are encouraged to contact President Beth Donnelly for further details. beth.donnelly13@icloud.com

Mu Chapter

What does the first meeting of a biennium look like in Mu Chapter?



At this September Mu Chapter meeting new Standing Rules were adopted. The ad hoc committee for this task were well prepared for the presentation of changes to the Standing Rules with copies of the new document distributed for those members in attendance. The grant in aid previously offered to high school seniors was replaced with a continuing education scholarship which will be awarded to a member who is active in the chapter. The Rules now reflect the format and function of the committee structure now in place with the removal of some committees and merger of other committees. Members in attendance received a lesson on the purpose of Standing Rules as changes were discussed.

Cherie Mingus, immediate past president, received gifts of appreciation for serving two bienniums as Mu Chapter President.

Earlier in the summer, the executive committee made plans for the Tri-Chapter meeting to be held in November at Tony York's on Main in Glendale, KY. Mu, Alpha Delta, and Alpha Zeta chapters will enjoy the day as KAG's vice president, Beth Pyle, will be the honored guest.

Chapter News

Alpha Delta Chapter



On Sept 25, Alpha Delta members met to learn more about the exchange teachers from China who teach in the Meade County School System. They shared how their schools functioned in China. It was truly amazing as we learned about their long school days, the schools that offered more in city surroundings, their discipline technique, programs for exceptional students, and much more. Teachers teach 2 days a week. So very interesting. We are so fortunate to have such interesting teachers enhancing our schools.

Our meeting was held in the Virginia Miller Campus building, the home of one of our Alpha Delta founding members. Special Note: Virginia was born in this home, lived most of her life there, and passed away there. Such a special place.



Alpha Delta enjoys spring social at Renee Miller's house.

Fourteen Alpha Delta members met at Renee Miller's house in June and enjoyed their annual Summer Social with some of the best food ever! They discussed the book, Will's Red Coat and other favorite books. Many members brought books to buy for any given donation to the treasury. Then, they elected officers. Front: Mary Lou Mary Louise Jenkins, Mandy Richardson, Renee Miller, Ilene Aebersold. Back: Loretta Bednar, Allison Doutaz, Jessie Trotter, Suzannah Whitfield, Pam Corum, Geraldine Miller, Joan Wilson, Darlah Carman Zweifel, Anita Seymour, not pictured Beverly Morrison



Alpha Delta Officers for 2018-2020

President Loretta Bednar, Vice-President Ginny Cox, Treasurer Renee Miller, Secretary Darlah Zweifel, Corresponding Secretary Bev Morrison

Alpha Delta met on August 28 to install this year's officers and to put together bags for new teachers. Everyone brought an item for each bag. Then individual members composed notes for each bag. Next President Bednar went over this year's calendar events and information she obtained at the State Executive Board meeting.

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Alpha Beta Chapter

As the Alpha Beta Chapter begins a new year, it is important to keep at the forefront of our planning that we have several missions to fulfill. We continue to support promising teachers through grants and we work to attract new members to our organization. At our first meeting in October we inducted Sharon Frank as a new member and welcomed Janet Lee, Sheryl Tapp and Kathy Fries to the Alpha Beta Chapter. As a year-round project, we also continue to support Family Scholar House through donations of materials and supplies that are needed, as well as monetary donations.

We ended the 2017-2018 program year by installing our new officers who have begun their work for the 2018-2019 year. They are: President Diana French, 1st Vice President Vicki Lete, 2nd Vice President Peggy Williams, Secretary Susan Quinlan, Treasurer Janet Chase, and Parliamentarian Ann Hafling. We look forward to supporting these officers to make this the best year ever.

There is no better way to show the future depth of an organization than to recognize those members who attended and participated in every single meeting during the previous program year. We are honored to recognize 14 members who had perfect attendance and we congratulate them: Bonnie Abner, Janet Chase, Diana French, Kathy Jones, Susan Quinlan, Carolyn Kays, Diana Motsch, Jerrylynn Norsworthy, Pat Wilhelm, Joan Shepler, Mary Wings, Kim Zingraff, Marianne Humphries and Emily Pruett. Additionally, several of our members were presented with Women of Vision certificates at the DKG State Convention: Judy Reeves, Betsy Holton, Bonnie Abner, Diana French and Diana Motsch. We also recognized and congratulated two of our members who received pins for their years of membership in DKG. Bonnie Abner received a 50-year pin and Mary Wings received a 40-year pin.

We also want to extend congratulations to Pat Brock Blewett who excels in photography and recently had two of her photographs selected for Art Comes Alive. This is a competition sponsored by Art Designs in Cincinnati, Ohio. Almost 2,000 works of art were entered from all over the country.

Hard work and dedication go even deeper among our members. We have members who also serve in roles for the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association (JCRTA), and they keep everyone informed about very important information, as well as issues that arise. Alpha Beta members who serve on different committees for JCRTA are: Marianne Humphries, Recording Secretary; Ann Hafling, Audit and Budget; Pat Brock Blewett, Technology; Betsy Holton, Necrology Committee; and Ruth Boone, Trips and Tours.

Our chapter has not been without sadness, however. On October 1, 2018, long-time member Eleanor Buhl passed away. We will miss Eleanor and extend our sincerest sympathy to her family and friends.

This program year began with our August meeting when committees met to plan out the year's meetings and events. Several committees were combined in order to have more efficiency in execution and all members serve on a committee in some capacity, again building strength in our overall membership. Our November meeting is traditionally our yearly Holiday Auction and the funds raised from that event go directly to supporting teacher scholarships.

We anticipate a successful year as we work together to fulfill our goals.

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Members achieving perfect attendance.

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Alpha Beta Women of Vision

Judy Reeves, Betsy Holton, Bonnie Abner, Diana French and Diana Motsch



Bonnie Abner receiving her 50 year pin and Mary Wingses receiving her 40 year pin.

Chapter News

Tri Chapter Meeting: Mu, Alpha Delta, Alpha Zeta



On November 10th, Mu, Alpha Delta, and Alpha Zeta Chapters met for their Tri-Chapter meeting at Tony York's on Main in Glendale for well planned, delightful afternoon.

Mu Chapter Vice-President Becky Bishop welcomed all members and described them as true and dependable with a caring heart. President Loretta Bednar, Alpha Delta President responded to the welcome as "happy to be here with my sisters!" Inspiration by Donna Carter, Mu, told many unusual tidbits of the history of Thanksgiving, reminding us to make a "Lest I Forget" list to remind us of how blessed we are.

Patsy Young, Mu Chapter introduced the entertainment for the meeting. Wyatt Miller, a Central Hardin senior and up and coming performer, made a big impression on our ladies with his Sun records era songs, many by Johnny Cash. The entertainment was fun-loving and light hearted with only one sad song! Humor resonated throughout the performance. Ladies were served a delicious lunch of Fried Chicken, fish and chips, or meatloaf, and peach cobbler. Tony York's did not disappoint.

KAGS First Vice President Beth Pyle joined us and gave us a glimpse into her life. She has lived in New York, Arizona, Illinois, and finally Kentucky for the last 10 years. She has spent 47 years in various capacities of education, but the most exciting has been her work on her dissertation at WKU. She studied her great aunt's diary starting with teaching in a one room school house in the early 1900s. Pyle discovered there are still many similarities today to those earlier days. The excerpts were enriching and poignant. She believes all teachers have a story to tell and deserve the honor and respect they have earned.

Each of the members received a door prize, we closed with song, and members departed with smiles and laughter on the crisp fall day.

Northeast Coordinating Council Meeting

October 2018

Upsilon President Pam Thomas, who is the second cousin to the well-known newscaster and reporter Nick Clooney, presents Nick with special gifts after his presentation to the Northeast Regional Meeting members from Epsilon, Psi, Upsilon, and Zeta. Entertaining, charismatic, and delightfully informative, Nick was our special guest speaker for the first Northeast Regional meeting in Augusta. He and his family “fell in love with this little community in 1972,” and have remained there ever since. Of course, everyone knows about Nick’s famous son, George and his lovely daughter-in-law, Amal, whom Nick alluded to several times in his presentation. As a family, they have taken on some very notable charitable projects. After a tremendous meeting and delightful dinner at the Augusta Irish Pub, the ladies toured the historic shops in Augusta.

