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Lambda State Jubilee  

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A sparkling past  
A brilliant present  
An enduring future  

1935 - 2010  

Diamond Reflections  
1935-2010
Dedication

Lambda State
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International dedicates this 75th Diamond Jubilee Booklet to “all members, past and present, who committed their lives to the mission of Lambda State. We honor them for developing the milestones and creating the memories that embrace our state organization.”

Out of a Dream Volume III

Mission Statement

To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education
Preface

The culmination of this 75th Diamond Jubilee Booklet can be likened to a diamond. It began in “the rough” and with input by incoming/outgoing Lambda State leaders at the June 2009 Transition meeting and chapter presidents at the 2009 Fall Executive Board meeting, from hours of research using past Lambda State Executive Board and Convention minutes, *Newscasters*, *Lambda State History Volumes I-III*, archival materials, and data from International, it has evolved into a many faceted publication. The cutting and polishing of a diamond takes time. Lambda State has progressed these past seventy-five years through the tireless efforts of many highly skilled Lambda State members working at the chapter, state and international levels – a well-cut, enduring diamond yielding brilliance – proud of its sparkling past, brilliant present and enduring future. Let us continue to move forward with courage, faith and honor as we follow the mission and purposes of the Society.

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DIAMOND REFLECTIONS

Rich diamonds reflect
From each sparkling gem
The pride of a cut
For a bright diadem.

Our Founders adorned
The crown with a prize,
A jewel of great honor,
A gem of small size.

Casting forth a bright image,
A strong Lambda State
Began with a passion
To help educate.

United in purpose,
Honoring only the best,
The leaders with brilliance
Their followers they blest.

Today in the chapters
Each gem does her part,
Respecting tradition,
She leads with her heart.

Celebrate the Diamond
It’s now Seventy-Five;
The facet is shining;
Lambda State is Alive!

Joan Kalbacken
Beta Chapter
Lambda State Founders

“The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Illinois honors fourteen dedicated women educators who extended the seven-fold purposes of the International Founders into Illinois. They worked with great distinction; they united others who were striving courageously and generously to improve the services and welfare of women educators; they inspired others to realize the aims of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society with wisdom and enthusiasm. We pay tribute for their valiant achievements and honor them by continuing the work which they began.”

Lambda State was founded March 16, 1935, at the Chicago Women’s Club, Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Stella Bench, Principal of Galena High School, was a charter member first of Zeta, later of Pi.

Dr. Ruth Brown, Professor of Classics, Illinois College, Jacksonville, while initiated as a Founder of Lambda State, did not go on to join a chapter.

Mrs. Ethel C. Coe, County Superintendent of McHenry Schools, Woodstock, was a charter member first of Epsilon, later of Alpha Theta.

Miss Flora J. Cooke, honorary member, Principal of Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Isabella Dolton, Principal of Kelly High School, Chicago, and later Assistant Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Erma F. Imboden, Training Teacher, Illinois State Normal University, was a charter member of Beta.

Dr. Helen L. Koch, Associate Professor of Child Psychology, University of Chicago, was a member of Kappa.

Dr. Mayme I. Logsdon, Associate Professor of Mathematics, University of Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa and after retirement, a member in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Ada M. Manning, Superintendent of Lombard Schools and later Assistant Superintendent of McHenry County Schools, was first a charter member of Epsilon and later of Alpha Theta.

Dr. Helen R. Messenger, Professor of Education, Northern Illinois State Teachers’ College, Lambda State’s first president, was a charter member of Alpha.

Mrs. Livia Y. Peterson, First Grade Teacher, Winnetka, was a charter member of Eta.

Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Chair of the Department of Education, Eastern Illinois State Teachers’ College, Charleston, was a charter member of Gamma.

Miss Grace E. Storm, Assistant Professor of Kindergarten and Primary Education, University of Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Pearl Tiley, Superintendent of Kindergarten and Primary Grades, Belleville, was a charter member of Delta.

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Lambda State Chapters

Historical Moments

Alpha (1) – Linda Conrad and Dr. Elaine Goodwin, Co-Presidents
Alpha Chapter, the first chapter in Lambda State, will also celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2010. Alpha hosted the first state meeting in St. Charles in 1937. Florence A. Cook was a member of Alpha Chapter.

Beta (2) – Dr. Ann Stemm, President
Erma F. Imboden, a Lambda State Founder, was one of the organizers and charter member of Beta Chapter. It was the first chapter to organize a sister chapter, Beta Iota. Beta was also the first chapter to initiate the pioneer women in education project that evolved into a collection of figurines of pioneer women that is now on display in Austin, Texas.

Gamma (3) – Mary Kay Smitley, President
Dr. Emma Reinhardt, state founder and charter member of Gamma Chapter, also served as a National President, Lambda State President, and chaired important national and state committees of Delta Kappa Gamma. Member Mayme Irons, who served as National Music Chairman from 1940-42, composed the song *A Pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma*.

Delta (4) – Joan Ann Funk and Carol Rosenkranz, Co-Presidents
Delta Chapter covers St. Clair and Monroe Counties. It has responded to the needs of others by supporting international projects as well as sponsoring local projects, such as teddy bears to troubled teen-aged girls, and donations of baby items and monies to a local shelter for battered women. Delta also gives a grant to a local high school graduate who is entering a teacher-training program.

Zeta (6) – Patricia DeWitt and Mary K. Lai, Co-Presidents
Zeta Chapter was the hostess chapter for the 1949 Lambda State Convention and handled the registration for the 1978 International Convention in Chicago. Carolyn Wones, past state president, also served as Northeast Regional Director from 1962-64.

Eta (7) – Kim H. Policape, President
Eta Chapter nominated Senator Barak H. Obama for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Cook County Coordinating Council Legislative Award Certificate of Appreciation in 2004-05. Obama was selected as a recipient of this award. Barak H. Obama became President of the United States of America in 2008 and this information was forwarded to the Presidential Archives in Washington, D. C. The chapter is also proud to have had a past Lambda State President in Edna S. Lehman, and two Lambda State Treasurers in Alfreda Chalberg and Irene Homberger.

Theta (8) – Liz Burton and Judy Dupoy, Co-Presidents
Theta Chapter will celebrate its Diamond anniversary in 2012. Theta is proud of an anonymous member who donated $10,000 to the Marion Medical Mission. Member Catherine Davis was responsible for naming the state publication, the *Lambda State Newscaster*.

Iota (9) – Joan B. Lampert, President
Iota Chapter was installed with 28 new initiates in March of 1937. This was the largest group initiated into a state chapter during this period. The chapter administers the Grace A. Chapman Award Fund that was established by a $20,000 endowment and used for annual recruitment grants. In 2000 the chapter celebrated its 60th birthday and opened a 1981 time capsule that contained many mementos from their early years.
Kappa (10) – Dr. Patricia Kubistal and Nancietta Stocking, Co-Presidents
Kappa Chapter was the chapter of International and Lambda State Founder Dr. Helen L. Koch and was the first chapter in the Chicago area. Kappa Chapter has always had memberships from Pre-K through college professors as well as administrators, nurses, psychologists and social workers.

Lambda (11) – Glenda Kay Terpstra, President
Lambda’s first president was Frances Chatburn (1937-41). It was organized on the 13th of November with 13 members and had 13 members at its first state convention. At its second initiation ceremony another 13 women were initiated. This chapter was founded in ’37 and its current president is the 37th president!

Mu (12) – Sue Spurgetis, President
Mu chapter was the first chapter in Rock Island/Mercer County area. It sponsored two other chapters, Beta Epsilon and Gamma Beta. Mu was also the first chapter to restructure committees, an idea that has been shared with many other chapters since then.

Nu (13) – Julie Frank, President
Nu Chapter has initiated 283 members, including charter members, since its installation on January 15, 1938. Nu chapter has supported Common Place, a local literacy center, through volunteerism and donations of supplies and money. Nu has received grants totaling $16,016.05 since 1990 to provide innovative programs for Common Place.

Xi (14) – Kathleen Smith and Marilyn Kay, Co-Presidents
Xi Chapter has met at the Illini Union since March 3, 1943. It is the only non-university affiliated group that has permission to use the Union without charge. The longest term living member, Elizabeth Hyde, has been in Xi Chapter for 61 years. A school in Urbana is named for Xi member Flossie Wiley. Rebecca Caudill Ayers, a noted children’s author, was an honorary member of Xi.

Omicron (15) – Beverly Ann Madsen, President
The chapter was installed in 1938 and hosted the 1940 Lambda State Convention in Lasalle. In 1991 Omicron sponsored Heather McDowell, the first Florence A. Cook recruitment grant recipient in Lambda State. Omicron has a scrapbook for every year of the chapter’s existence.

Pi (16) – Peg Tonne, President
Pi Chapter members live in three states, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. Member Olive Speer, who turned 100 years old in February, has been a member for 47 years. Pi chapter was responsible for the Frances Wood Shimer pioneer teacher figurine presented to the national organization in 1943.

Rho (17) – Mary Harrison, President
Rho was the home chapter for Lambda State and International President Nadine Ewing. Musical teas have been a feature of many of Rho’s early programs. Member Diane Kettleson was instrumental in forming the Upstarters, a musical group of talented members who have performed at chapter, coordinating council and state events. Many members have held leadership positions in Lambda State and have been active on the Women in the Arts Committee.

Sigma (18) – Sondra Carter and Louise Huseman, Co-Presidents
During her biennium as Lambda State President, Emma Reinhardt, was determined to have her home area of Pittsfield represented in ΔΚΓ. She contacted well-respected teachers from the area to attend the 1939 Lambda State Convention. According to Wilhelmina Bauch, one of the selected ladies, “If Dr. Reinhardt requested, you came and asked questions later . . . if you
dared.” Sigma chapter was very special to Dr. Reinhardt and she remembered the chapter in her will. Each meeting continues to be opened with her gavel, a present she received from Annie Webb Blanton.

**Tau (19) – Ruth Ann Nicewonger, President**
The chapter includes members from Menard, Mason, Logan, DeWitt, and Mason Counties. Miss Ruth Schneider served as Lambda State President from 1965-67. Tau administers the Ruth M. Schneider memorial fund that is used for a Fine Arts Award given to an elementary student for art instruction.

**Upsilon (20) – Claire Marie McElroy, President**
The chapter had its beginning at the Oberlin House on Cob Boulevard in Kankakee. An engraved memorial rock and rose bush was presented to the current owners of Oberlin House in February 2010 to commemorate the chapter’s 70th anniversary.

**Phi (21) – Betty Bledsaw, President**
Dr. Rose Parker installed the chapter in 1940. The chapter has had three mother-daughter members: Emily Marsland and Terri Hudson; Ginnie Hostetter and Rebecca Mahnke; and Hazel Thacker (deceased) and Judy Rupert. Clarissa Flenniken received a 60-year membership pin when she was 105.

**Chi (22) – Kathy Newingham and Mary Frances Tunison, Co-Presidents**
Nita Ford entered a song in the Delta Kappa Gamma song contest in 1942 and received an honorable mention. In 1947 Chi Chapter adopted the Schuls Elementary Burkharder School in the American-Occupational Zone in Germany and sent it school supplies. The chapter helped organize Alpha Tau chapter in 1948.

**Psi (23) – Diane Kovach, President**
Psi Chapter covers more counties than any other chapter in the state. It organized 70 years ago in eight (8) counties. Membership included teachers in Cairo who often rode the train to the meetings that were held in Harrisburg where the organization was formed. The chapter met at Schnerlie’s Restaurant and continued meeting throughout the World War II years.

**Omega (24) – Bev Harlow, President**
The chapter received the second stipend awarded by the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies for its “Books for Babies” project. One of Omega’s charter members wrote a collect that is still used at every meeting. Omega chapter was responsible for forming another chapter in the Princeton area, Gamma Phi.

**Alpha Beta (26) – Shirley Mueser and Louann Harms, Co-Presidents**
The chapter was organized on April 21, 1941. It established a grant program to assist a student from the Alpha Beta area of Livingston, Marshall and Woodford Counties who was studying in the field of education. Thirty recruitment grants of $200 each have been given since 1977.

**Alpha Delta (28) – Luba Johnson, President**
Alpha Delta has had two state honorary members: Marguerite Gilmore, Women’s Division, U.S. Department of Labor and Mrs. Frayn Utley, member of the Chicago Board of Education. The chapter is proud to honor Lambda State’s current, 33rd President, Patricia Gaines, and its 13th Lambda State President, Marcella Krueger, as chapter members.

**Alpha Epsilon (29) – Rebecca Stewart and Allura L. Jefko, Co-Presidents**
Alpha Epsilon Chapter has a strong spirit of commitment and service. In 1943, the chapter historian declared, “Only a cyclone or some such major disaster prevents acceptance of the call to
meetings.” It supports a chapter recruitment grant of $700 each biennium. Tutors and workers from the Waubonsee College adult literacy program annually receive chapter treats at their end of the semester dinner.

**Alpha Zeta (30) – Linda Gross and Gail Rotz, Co-Presidents**  
Alpha Zeta held its first meeting on May 9, 1942, which was organized by Lambda State Founder, Miss Erma F. Imboden, assisted by Gamma Chapter, with 10 new initiates, three of whom were state members at large. In 1962, because of the large number of teachers in Macon, Piatt, and Moultrie Counties, Alpha Zeta helped organize a second chapter in Decatur, Beta Sigma.

**Alpha Eta (31) – Debbie Sims, President**  
Ila R. Lowery was the second person to be awarded the Lambda State Achievement Award. Ila was the Lambda State Music Chair and also served as an International Music Representative besides holding many chapter offices. The chapter established a special Scholarship Fund on its 50th anniversary.

**Alpha Theta (32) – Corrine Zoellick, President**  
Ethel C. Coe and Ada Manning, two Lambda State Founders, were charter members of Alpha Theta. The chapter has had seven (7) fifty-year members and two (2) Lambda State Achievement Award recipients.

**Alpha Iota (33) – Judy Voorhees, President**  
Alpha Iota Chapter is 66 years old. It has had six (6) fifty-year members. The nucleus of this chapter came from a group of eleven members from Xi chapter who lived in Vermilion County. They formed the chapter in 1943. Two or sometimes three members have served on various state committees for a great number of years.

**Alpha Kappa (34) – Linda North, President**  
Alpha Kappa currently has four (4) 60-year members, all of whom remain active in the chapter. The members are Catherine McHugh, Allis Hays, Phyllis Hays, and Betty Boatright. The chapter helped sponsor Beta Delta Chapter in southern Illinois.

**Alpha Lambda (35) – M. Jane Taylor, President**  
Lambda State President Dr. Rose Parker installed Alpha Lambda on April 1, 1944, in Canton. Its 50th birthday was observed in September 1994 in Havana. Charter members, Elaine Wright Pegram, Consuela Green, and Bernice Tuell were present. Shirley Shannon, past president, read from the chapter history "Alpha Lambda is smoothly sailing on with enthusiasm and high ideals of purpose, which surely would make the hearts of its charter members rejoice.” In 1991 member, Nancy Bullard was the Illinois recipient of the $33,300 Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award. She presented many workshops on the "Classroom of Tomorrow" around the state after receiving the award.

**Alpha Mu (36) – Shanon Grossenbacher, President**  
The chapter was installed in 1945 with 12 members. It grew to 20 members in 1947 which was the same year that Florence A. Cook visited and spoke to the chapter. Alpha Mu participates in many service projects and holds an annual auction to raise money for a recruitment grant.

**Alpha Nu (37) – Jan Ellen Shawgo, President**  
Alpha Nu members have been actively involved with Literacy Volunteers of Lake County. State Representative Virginia Fiester Frederick was initiated as a chapter honorary member and later became a state honorary member. She was instrumental in obtaining a resolution honoring Lambda State on its 50th anniversary.
Alpha Xi (38) – Faye Mize, President
Alpha Xi was organized in Mound, Illinois, on September 6, 1947. Ethel Beryl Miller served as the first president. The chapter has supported many projects from scholarships to magazine collection and distribution. Literacy efforts are maintained with its “Books and Bibs to Babies” project. Chapter programs continue to promote female educators and strive to meet the needs of its members.

Alpha Pi (40) – Dr. Sharon Grimes and Dr. Almeda Lahr-Well, Co-Presidents
Alpha Pi Chapter was officially organized in Effingham, Illinois, on January 31, 1948, under the leadership of Ella Hise, Teresa Hoffman and Thelma Cable Finkeldey. Early projects included: 1948 - sent plastic articles to Holland because teachers and students had never seen anything made of plastic; 1950 - entertained a teacher from Brazil and presented her with a red suit made by girls in a sewing class; 1952 - donated to the National Emergency Fund; and 1952-54 - sent clothing and money to aid the 4th Fighter Group Orphanage in Korea.

Alpha Rho (41) – Margaret Swanson and Sherry Gullberg, Co-Presidents
Chapter members have attended every Lambda State convention since its founding in 1948. Alpha Rho’s first president celebrated her 99th birthday and is still alert and living in a local nursing home. She meets with chapter friends once a week at a local restaurant. Theta Chapter sponsored Alpha Rho.

Alpha Sigma (42) – Joann Kolacki, President
Alpha Sigma is 52 years old and Beta Beta is its sister chapter. Rosemary Lucas, retired superintendent of Worth School District, has had the administrative center named in her honor and a scholarship is given annually in her name to a Worth Junior High graduate. In 1968 the chapter honored Margaret Papp for 16 years of perfect attendance.

Alpha Tau (43) – Carolyn Broadhead and Mary Ann Pollitt, Co-Presidents
Alpha Tau was chartered in 1948 in Carlinville. In 1973, Margaret Ensminger suggested that the chapter meet at the Federated Church in Carlinville and now the chapter meets there each November to celebrate its birthday. Alpha Tau’s oldest member is Marie Reznicek, 96, who continues to be active in the chapter.

Alpha Upsilon (44) – Andrea Buchanan, President
Wilma Nuttall became a charter member in 1959 and served as Lambda State President from 1973-75. She left a trust fund to the chapter on her death and it has annually provided scholarships to members and six grants-in-aid to college students.

Alpha Phi (45) – Ruth Allen Adams, President
Alpha Phi Chapter, the forty-fifth Illinois chapter of Lambda State, was installed on June 3, 1950 in Springfield under the sponsorship of Lambda Chapter. There were thirteen charter members. Alpha Phi includes members from Cass, Morgan, and Scott Counties. Two of its very successful literacy projects continue to be “Raise a Reader” and “Diaper Bags to Backpacks.” In 1987 Alpha Phi received the first Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies stipend of $300 for its project “Community Resources for School Improvement.”

Alpha Chi (46) – Ginia Jahrke, President
Alpha Chi almost dissolved 10 years ago. Gloria Winslow stood up and said, “No, we will not dissolve. I will be president.” Since then, Alpha Chi remains active and adds two or three new members each year. It is now celebrating its 59th year in Lambda State.
Beta Alpha (49) – Margaret Cullen, President
Mae Johnson, the last charter member of Beta Alpha, died in January 2007. Her daughter, Molly Steuber, joined Beta Alpha in 1969 and continues to be an active member of the chapter. Ronda Goldman has been a member of Beta Alpha since 1977. She has been Beta Alpha’s premiere recruiter of initiates. In December 2009, the chapter was proud to initiate 5 new members.

Beta Beta (50) – Susan Yasillo, President
Beta Beta has had twenty-two (22) past presidents during its 55 years as a chapter. Twelve of these presidents are still active members. At its first official meeting, the Lambda State visitor was Florence A. Cook. Lambda State President Ardith Inman was instrumental in organizing the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc.

Beta Gamma (51) – Dorothy Powell, President
Lambda State President Margaret Hausen organized Beta Gamma Chapter in Rockford in 1955. It established an endowment fund in 1985 to provide annual recruitment grants and in 1989 it initiated a pre-school lending library for local day care sites. The chapter annually provides books and bags for those children. For several years, the chapter financially supported and provided volunteers for UnCommon Lives, a community celebration of women in the arts.

Beta Delta (52) – Kathleen Belcher, President
Beta Delta Chapter proposed the Malawi Project to Lambda State. Virginia L. Marmaduke, a newspaper reporter from Pinckneyville, was recommended by Beta Delta and accepted for chapter honorary membership in 1967 and became a state honorary member in 1968. For many years the chapter hosted an International Dinner meeting with members from each town bringing a dish to represent another country.

Beta Epsilon (53) – Emily Roberts, President
Beta Epsilon has two long time members who remember the early days of the chapter: Bee Fritz, age 103 and Dorothy Nelson, age 101. Both women are active members of the chapter when not in China.

Beta Zeta (54) – Judith Harmon, President
Beta Zeta Chapter was chartered on May 11, 1958. One of the original charter members is still a member of the chapter. Beta Zeta continues to offer a stipend each year to a promising woman college student. All monies realized during the year are applied toward this cause and to other worthwhile organizations in its area.

Beta Eta (55) – Linda Mizell, President
M. Josephine O’Neil was the 5th chapter president of Beta Eta. She was Lambda State President in 1979-81 and initiated the Women in the Arts program and is the honoree of the M. Josephine O’Neil Arts Award given biennially to a student(s) in the arts. The chapter sponsored the 101st chapter in Lambda State, Delta Epsilon.

Beta Theta (56) – Mary Hauge and Sandra Bauer, Co-Presidents
Beta Theta’s first chapter president was Gen Carlson. Gen was honored at the 2009 Lambda State Convention as a 59-year member. In 2005 Beta Theta Chapter instituted and presented 7 first time convention participants with $100 stipends in honor of Past Lambda State President Gertrude “Trudi” Mead.

Beta Iota (57) – Irene DenBesten, President
Beta Iota holds annual chapter birthday celebrations with Beta chapter. The chapter also meets with Alpha Beta chapter to network on educational concerns. Through the years the chapter has
supported the STAR Literacy Program, the Baby Fold, the Crisis Nursery, Clare House, the
Cancer Center, and has provided Christmas stockings for the Children’s Foundation.

**Beta Kappa (58) – Helen Kay Sirek, President**
Sarah Bush, Beta Kappa’s Poet Laureate, wrote birthday songs from 1960 to 2005. She pub-
Georgia Hamilton, Martha McMillen, Beth Miller, Arlene Whiteman, Karen Anderson, and Ar-
louine Nelson made a record from ΔΚΓ *Song Book 5* in 1975. They sang at the 1977 Lambda
State Convention and at the 1978 International Convention.

**Beta Lambda (59) – Joan U. Kervin, President**
The chapter was chartered in 1949 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield with 14 initiates.
Charter member Eleanor Mosley is still an active member. Lambda Chapter sponsored Beta
Lambda. The installation date was scheduled so that Lambda’s name could appear in its chap-
ter’s name.

**Beta Nu (61) – Margaret Aguirre, President**
Beta Nu was organized in 1961. The chapter’s goal is to attract women of various ethnic back-
grounds and to seek young outstanding educators. It holds raffles at each meeting to raise funds
for grants and scholarships. The chapter actively supports and participates in the Cook County
Coordinating Council.

**Beta Pi (64) – Donna Rutledge, President**
Beta Pi joined with Gamma and Alpha Zeta to sponsor a new chapter, Beta Sigma, in 1962. In
1964, as a three-year-old chapter, it accepted the challenge to help with the table decorations
and hostesses for the President’s dinner at the 30th Lambda State Convention in Springfield.

**Beta Rho (65) – Beth Maleski, President**
Beta Rho Chapter designed and made banners depicting the seven purposes of the Society.
These have been used at chapter, state, region and international levels. The chapter has its own
website and its own song. Many members have been recognized for outstanding
achievements. The Early Learning Center in the Plainfield Schools has been named after Bon-
nie McBeth, and AAUW has named a scholarship in honor and memory of Irene Blatnik.

**Beta Sigma (66) – Diana Rinchiuso, President**
One of the first Executive Secretaries of Lambda State was Edna Earle Weld, a charter member
of Beta Sigma. In 1981, the chapter started a program at Longview, site of public housing. Members bought books and read to the children on Saturdays. In 1982, the program continued
with the chapter organizing and performing a puppet show each year and providing each child
with a book. A member built the puppet stage and recorded the story for this project.

**Beta Tau (67) – Priscilla Merrick, Lonnie Barefield, and Alta Thiel, Co-Presidents**
Since the 80’s, Beta Tau chapter has had a significant impact on music and the arts at the state,
region and international levels of Delta Kappa Gamma. The chapter has had a recipient for the M. Josephine O’Neil Arts Award and provided grants for high school graduates pursuing the field
of education. It supports activities for senior citizens and holds many fundraising events.

**Beta Upsilon (68) – Mary Ellen Hodapp, President**
Beta Upsilon Chapter has made literacy an important part of its work. Members have gathered
and contributed well over 2000 books to classroom teachers across the county, to Kids Korner at
the Lake County Courthouse, and to the Penny Severns Project for Lambda State. Each year,
the chapter nominates a student for the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant. One of the
recipients, Michelle Standridge, is now a member of the chapter.
Beta Phi (69) – Linda Adcock, President
Dr. Debra LeBlanc, principal of Anne M. Jeans School, discovered some fascinating documents related to ΔΚΓ™ while investigating the school archives for its 100th Anniversary. There was a letter from Lambda State President, Dr. Helen R. Messenger, inviting the first principal of the Anne M. Jeans School to become a member. Also included was a Circular of Information from 1935-36 that included information on the high ideals that have always been and continue to be the expectations for our Society.

Beta Psi (71) – Dr. Janet Lang, President
Beta Psi was founded in 1965. Over 75 persons attended its birthday celebration in May 2009. Beta Psi has been a chapter for 44 years and is still going strong! It sponsored the state honorary membership of Judge Willie Whiting, Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County.

Beta Omega (72) – Patricia Bachand, President
The chapter was founded June 5, 1965 and sponsored by Rho chapter. Beta Omega was also the sponsoring chapter for Gamma Tau. The chapter funded a President’s Recruitment Fund to support victims of the 1990 Plainfield tornado.

Gamma Alpha (73) – Lisa Serafin, President
Gamma Alpha has been an active chapter in Lambda State since 1965. It offers two chapter recruitment grants named in honor of Lambda State President Marcella Krueger and Helen Prindiville and a Nancy Gedons Scholarship for its members. Over the years the chapter has supported PADS women’s shelter, Newborns in Need and the Ronald McDonald House.

Gamma Gamma (75) – Sandra Cook, President
Chapter #75 is proud that its membership has been over 75 for the last 10 years! Its members donate generously to a different cause at each meeting. Members have collected food and school supplies for the food pantry, used clothing for Wings, books for needy schools, care packages for soldiers, stuffed animals for hospitals and journal packets for students in Rainbows, and recently raised $500 for Pennies for Peace.

Gamma Epsilon (77) – Jennifer Fowler, President
Gamma Epsilon, organized in 1967, in Madison County has continually awarded recruitment grants and encouraged members to make community service commitments. In 2002 and 2005, the chapter received the attendance award plaque from the Lambda State Conventions held in St. Louis.

Gamma Zeta (79) – Kay Ellen Korte, President
Helen Reynolds, a niece of International and Lambda State Founder Dr. Helen L. Koch, was an honorary member of Gamma Zeta for 28 years. Gamma Zeta Chapter was founded in 1968 and is the sister chapter of Delta Chapter.

Gamma Eta (79) – Patricia Donnelly-Wascher, President
In 1978-79, Gamma Eta had 44 members and paid $43 in dues. The chapter gave three recruitment grants of $200 each and a Grant-in-Aid for $100. Norma Lamprech, former president from 1976-78, now lives in Hawaii. She is 96 years old, doing quite well, and recommends Hawaii to all.

Gamma Theta (80) – Dr. Mary Jo Smutny, President
Of the 35 charter members, Robertine Cole and Past Lambda State President Thelma Theodore, are still active members of the chapter. Its first president was a Franciscan nun. The chapter has given recruitment grants and made substantial donations to the Malawi project each year.
Gamma Iota (81) – Donna Richardson, President
The chapter is lucky to have four charter members who are still active with the chapter. Gamma Iota received a Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies stipend that provided dictionaries and thesauri for 25 students enrolled in an academic support system.

Gamma Nu (85) – Susan Janssen, President
During Gamma Nu's first year of existence, it passed a motion against the closing of Illinois schools due to the energy crisis. Chapter members contended that education was too important to be deleted. Members have hosted students from Bolivia, Denmark, France and exchange students from Watseka High School. Gamma Nu held its 25th anniversary tea at the Iroquois County Historical Society Museum.

Gamma Xi (86) – Karen Phillips, President
Patricia Ostewig bequeathed a sum of money for a chapter foundation. The members of the foundation board are now actively engaged in following guidelines to begin distribution of grants. Emily Martin has been a chapter member for 50 years. Alpha Epsilon sponsored the chapter in 1974.

Gamma Rho (89) – Kathy Richmond and Doni S. Morgan, Co-Presidents
Gamma Rho was installed on a very cold night in February 1976. Jo Ott was one of initial members on the Women in the Arts Committee and presented at several Creative Arts Retreats. Barb Munson, LaDonna Tweedy and Jo Ott were participants on the first State to State visit to Iceland that included tours of the educational facilities.

Gamma Tau (91) – Francine Kennedy, President
Both the Lambda State President and the International President attended the first meeting of Gamma Tau. It lasted four hours! Four of the charter members continue as active members today.

Gamma Upsilon (92) – Jean Pittman, President
The chapter's first president, Margaret Thacker, was also Lambda State Editor from 1967-1982. Chapter members have received fourteen (14) state scholarships to further their education.

Gamma Phi (93) – Anne Marie Johnson, President
Linda Lyon, a former member, helped organize a chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Germany. The chapter has a 50-year member, Irene Polson, and a 40-year member, Eleanor Schertz. Gamma Phi chapter sponsored Jennifer Hayes, recipient of the M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award in 2009.

Delta Beta (98) – Theta Lee, President
A strong feature of Delta Beta Chapter is its support and participation of the YWCA Women’s Shelter. The chapter is proud of all its members many of whom have been honored as outstanding educators. Delta Beta celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2004. Alpha Iota sponsored Delta Beta Chapter.

Delta Gamma (99) – Patti Schildt, President
Delta Gamma Chapter was formed September 18, 1983 when the Quincy members of Sigma Chapter (counties of Adams, Brown and Pike) decided to form their own chapter in Quincy. Lambda State President Ardith Inman was the installing officer. There were 41 charter members. Of those 41 members, twelve are still members today. Delta Gamma Chapter meets in the Women's City Club, which was formerly the Lorenzo Bull mansion.
Delta Epsilon (101) – Nancy Graves, President
This Collinsville chapter began with 15 enthusiastic members in 1994. Barbara Esker was the first president and worked hard to involve the chapter in helping Collinsville students with grants and services. The chapter actively supports the Marion Medical Mission, literacy, and future and current educators with grants and scholarships. Delta Epsilon Chapter was sponsored by Beta Eta.

The key is shaped as a golden ellipse. Across its center are the Greek letters ΔΚΓ. Above them a wreath of laurel leaves symbolizes the distinction which those who wear this key have achieved. Below the letters a cup represents knowledge.
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International Achievement Award

1943  Dr. Emma Reinhardt (Gamma)
1948  Katharine H. Obye (Zeta)
1973  Dr. Helen L. Koch (Kappa)
1979  Nadine M. Ewing (Rho)
1996  Ardith Inman (Beta Beta)

Lambda State Achievement Award

1984  Edna Earle Weld (Xi)
1985  Ila R. Lowery (Alpha Eta)
1986  Carolyn Allrutz (Alpha)
1987  Mary Lucas (Beta Theta)
1988  Emilie U. Lepthien (Beta Alpha)
1989  Jean Joos (Tau)
1990  Alfreda Chalberg (Eta)
1991  Theoline Chamness-Benn (Nu)
1992  Edith Newcomer (Alpha Theta)
1993  Margaret Thacker (Gamma Upsilon)
1994  Sara Ellen Anderson (Gamma Xi)
1995  Pauline Meyer (Alpha Phi)
1996  Ingeborg Wurm (Beta Beta)
1997  Valerie Stevens (Beta Eta)
1998  Ferol Tomlinson (Alpha Theta)
1999  Marianne Doyle-McKinney (Gamma)
2000  Dr. Patricia B. Kubistal (Kappa)
2001  Betty Carbol (Beta Upsilon)
2002  Iris Fuhr (Omega)
2003  Patricia Ostewig (Gamma Xi)
2004  Dr. Elaine Goodwin (Alpha)
2005  Mary Unser (Nu)
2006  Carol Bowman (Alpha Rho)
2007  Dr. Ruth Ann Wasson (Zeta)
2008  Jacqueline Bainter (Delta)
2009  Dr. Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)
Golden Gift Recipients
Leadership/Management Seminar

1980  Dr. Gudelia Fox (Gamma Chi)
      Dr. Susan Witte Leahy (Beta Gamma)

1985  Dr. Elaine Goodwin (Alpha)
      Irene Jinks (Gamma Iota)
      Lucille Kozanecki (Alpha Omega)

1987  Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu)

1989  Carolyn Godby (Beta Omicron)
      Barbara Peterson (Gamma Xi)

1990  Dr. Patricia B. Kubistal (Kappa)
      Thelma Theodore (Gamma Theta)

1992  Dr. Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)

1993  Christine Berto (Nu)
      Ellen Holmgren (Rho)

1994  Sandra McGAughy (Mu)

1995  Sara Ellen Anderson (Gamma Xi)
      Joan Kalbacken (Beta)
      Nancy Louck (Rho)

1997  Patricia Ostewig (Gamma Xi)
      Marian Robinson (Xi)

2001  Willie Newenham (Beta Epsilon)

2002  Mary Unser (Nu)

2004  Barbara Bergdolt (Gamma)
      Carol Hughes (Alpha Beta)

2006  Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta)

2008  Patricia Gaines (Alpha Delta)
      Marilyn Myers (Beta)

Golden Gift Stipends

1980  Barbara Albrecht (Chi)
1989  Lucille Kozanecki (Alpha Omega)
1994  Dr. Patricia B. Kubistal (Kappa)
1996  Dr. Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)
      Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu)
2001  Betty Trummel (Alpha Theta)
Lambda State Presidents

1935-38  Dr. Helen R. Messenger (Alpha)  
Expansion Is Our Goal

1938-40  Dr. Emma Reinhardt (Gamma)  
Excellent Programs Are the Key to the Society

1940-44  Dr. Rose E. Parker (Beta)  
Education During the War Years – To Marshall Our Unrealized Forces  
Support for Women Educators – Women Today

1944-48  Katharine H. Obye (Zeta)  
Emphasis on Fellowship and Better Understanding  
Delta Kappa Gamma in Action

1948-50  Florence A. Cook (Alpha)  
International Understanding and Teacher Morale  
Celebration of Crystal Anniversary (15th) of Lambda State

1950-53  Cecile C. Coombs (Delta)  
Intercultural Appreciation  
Educational Leadership

1953-55  Margaret P. Hausen (Lambda)  
Inspiration and Challenge

1955-59  Dr. Vera L. Peacock (Alpha Kappa)  
Professional Growth

1959-61  Carolyn Wones (Zeta)  
Celebration of Lambda State’s 25th Anniversary  
Better Understanding of Unfamiliar Cultures

1961-63  Kathryn G. Hansen (Xi)  
Live Joyously – You Are a Woman  
Build Courageously – You Are a Leader  
Think Creatively – You Are a Teacher

1963-65  Irene M. Herrmann (Alpha Alpha)  
Celebrating Lambda State’s 30th State Convention  
A Look at the Present and Anticipation of the Future

1965-67  Ruth Schneider (Tau)  
Creative Individuals - Their Value to a Society

1967-69  Marcella G. Krueger (Alpha Delta)  
Purposeful Programs and Planning
1969-71  Nadine M. Ewing (Rho)
A Reason for Action…Wherever Go Women So Also the Nation Will Go
One Key Opens Many Doors

1971-73  Edna S. Lehman (Eta)
Values and Value Patterns
Continuing Education for Changing Times

1973-75  Wilma Nuttall (Alpha Upsilon)
Believe – Plan – Dream and Act
Delta Kappa Gamma, A Positive Force

1975-77  Gertrude F. Mead (Beta Theta)
Emerging Awareness – Celebration of ΔΚΓ & Bicentennial
Tomorrow’s Bridges are Built Today

1977-79  Dr. Lucile Klauser-Batell (Beta)
Golden Visions: Forward, Moving Ever!
Women Educators – Architects of the Future

1979-81  M. Josephine O’Neil (Beta Eta)
Blueprints: Designs in Education
45th Birthday of Lambda State

1981-83  Irene Jinks (Gamma Iota)
Action for Today – Vision for Tomorrow
No Limits to Learning – Widening our Perspectives

1983-85  Ardith Inman (Beta Beta)
Educate for a Changing World
50th Anniversary Celebration – Reflection…Projection

1985-87  Thelma Theodore (Gamma Theta)
Challenge…Action
Education: Our Future

1987-89  Joan Kalbacken (Beta)
Keeping Promises, Fulfilling Dreams
Facing the Facets of Change

1989-91  Antoinette Minuzzo (Alpha Nu)
Action – Today Not Tomorrow
Read, Lead, Succeed

1991-93  Barbara Peterson (Gamma Xi)
Bridging the Centuries
Images: Focus on You in Society

1993-95  Lucille Kozanecki (Alpha Omega)
Touch the Future – Teach
Celebrate
The coat of arms consists of a red shield with a band of gold. Three Tudor roses on the band symbolize the Society’s ideals of friendship, loyalty, and helpfulness. The flaming lamp and the open book on the shield signify scholarship and knowledge. The laurel sprays are the traditional symbols of achievement. Above is the cup of knowledge with a wreath of laurel. The colors of Delta Kappa Gamma are red and gold – red for courage and gold for loyalty to members and to the ideals of the Society.
Lambda State Personnel

Treasurer
1935-1943 Erma F. Imboden (Beta)
1943-1944 Gladys Lantz (Beta)
1944-1948 Katherine Slade (Zeta)
1948-1960 Alma Happe (Alpha Alpha)
1960-1984 Alfreda Chalberg (Eta)
1984-1994 Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon)
1994-1997 Irene Homberger (Eta)
1997-2000 Marian Robinson (Xi)
2000-2001 Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon)
2001-2003 Kathleen Hickey (Gamma Tau)
2003-2005 Loryann Eis (Beta Epsilon)
2005-present Sharon Vinson (Zeta)

Executive Secretary
1948-1961 Katharine H. Obye (Zeta)
1961-1964 Pauline Meyer (Lambda)
1964-1975 Edna Earle Weld (Beta Sigma)
1975-1976 Nadine M. Ewing (Rho)
1976-1983 Dr. Ruth Ann Wasson (Zeta)
1983-1993 Carolyn Godby (Beta Omicron)
1993-2004 Beverly Madsen (Omicron)
2004-2008 Sharon Setser (Theta)
2008-present Nancy Polios (Beta Epsilon)

Editor
1948-1961 Katharine H. Obye (Zeta)
1961-1967 Louise F. Dickey (Tau)
1967-1982 Margaret Thacker (Psi /Gamma Upsilon)
1982-1992 Dr. Patricia B. Kubistal (Kappa)
1992-2000 Dr. Mary Emma Thompson (Alpha Upsilon)
2000-present Sandra McGaughy (Mu)

Lambda State Webmaster
2001-2007 Helen Dewitt (Upsilon) 2007-present Jean Tulin (Alpha Rho)

Lambda State Legislative Consultant – Advocate

The Society flower is the red rose, a beautiful creation from nature that reflects beauty of mind and spirit.
Lambda State Leadership and Involvement at the National/International Level

1936-38  Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Progress of Delta Kappa Gamma Neva Lesley, Chicago (Kappa), Publicity Dr. Helen Messenger, DeKalb (Alpha), Parliamentarian and Legislation Frances L. Swain, Chicago (Kappa), Social Affairs

1938-40  Dr. Helen Messenger, DeKalb (Alpha), Second Vice-President and Legislation

1940-42  Eloise P. Bingham, Springfield (Lambda), Equal Opportunities for Women Teachers Mayme Irons, Decatur (Gamma), Music Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), President, Permanent Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Scholarship

1942-44  Dr. Helen Marshall, Normal (Beta), Pioneer Women

1944-46  Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Scholarship Dr. Helen Marshall, Normal (Beta), Pioneer Women, Chairman Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), 1946 National Convention Planning, and Equal Opportunities Chairman Dr. Rose Parker, Bloomington (Beta), Nominating Chairman

1946-48  Eloise P. Bingham, Springfield (Lambda), Legislation Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Program Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Scholarship, National Planning and National Headquarters Dr. Helen Marshall, Normal (Beta), Pioneer Women Chairman Dr. Helen Messenger, DeKalb (Alpha), Research Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), Parliamentarian, Equal Opportunity for Women Teachers, Publications and Planning Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Scholarship Chairman Dr. Olive White, Peoria (Nu), Revision of the Ritual and National Headquarters

1948-50  Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Nominations Theresa Henneberry, Lincoln (Tau), Legislation Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Scholarship Dr. Elizabeth Michael, Charleston (Gamma), Research Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), National Planning and Legislation Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Awards Katherine Slade, Rockford (Zeta), Transfer Dr. Olive White, Peoria (Nu), Revision of the Ritual

1950-52  Cecile C. Coombs, East St. Louis (Delta), Music Chairman Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Membership Cleda Kellogg, Peoria (Nu), Public Relations Dr. Elizabeth Michael, Charleston (Gamma), Research Katharine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), Publications Wilma Nuttall, Robinson (Alpha Upsilon), ΔΚΓ News Reporter

1952-54  Agnes L. Adams, Chicago (Eta), Research Wilhelmina J. Bauch, Pittsfield (Sigma), Teacher Welfare and Morale Louise Fort, Clinton (Tau), Selective Recruitment
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Dr. Helen L. Koch, Chicago (Kappa), Membership
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1954-56
Florence A. Cook, Steward (Alpha), Public Relations
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1956-58
Ruth Broom, Riverside (Alpha Sigma), Teacher Welfare
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Esther Duncan, Springfield (Lambda), Music
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Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Charleston (Gamma), Panel of Judges on Educator’s Award
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1958-60
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Stella Kern, Chicago (Alpha Sigma), Intercultural Relations
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Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Special Scholarships for 1960

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Katherine H. Obye, Rockford (Zeta), Publicity
Dr. Vera Peacock, Carbondale (Alpha Kappa), Committee on Award
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1962-64
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Kathryn G. Hansen, Champaign (Xi), Leadership Training
Dr. Vera Peacock, Carbondale (Alpha Kappa), Committee on Awards
Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Northeast Regional Director

1964-66
Kathryn G. Hansen, Champaign (Xi), Publications and Publicity
Ila R. Lowry, East Alton (Alpha Eta), Program
Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Membership

1966-68
Kathryn G. Hansen, Urbana (Xi), Publications and Publicity
Dr. Vera Peacock, Carbondale (Alpha Kappa), Ad Hoc Committee on Recognition of Foreign Women Educators
Edna Earle Weld, Decatur (Beta Sigma), Scholarships
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1968-70 Irene M. Herrmann, Rochelle (Alpha Alpha), Nominations
Margaret M. Hill, Monmouth (Alpha Rho), Research
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Ruth Schneider, Farmer City (Tau), Leadership Development
Carolyn Wones, Rockford (Zeta), Recognition and Organization of Foreign
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1970-72 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Constitution
Emilie U. Lepthien, Chicago (Beta Alpha), Subcommittee on World Fellowships
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1972-74 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Northeast Regional Director
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1974-76 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Leadership Development Chairman
Elsie V. Johnson, Glen Ellyn (Beta Kappa), Professional Affairs
Dr. Lucile Klauser (Batell), Bloomington (Beta), Membership

1976-78 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), President, Finance, Awards Committee, Educational
Foundation Board of Trustees Chairman, and ex officio member of all
International committees except Nominations
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and
Constitution Interpretation
Ilia R. Lowery, East Alton (Alpha Eta), Music Representative and Program

1978-80 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Revise Handbook Chairman
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution, and
Constitution Interpretation

1978-80 Gertrude Mead, Aurora (Beta Theta), Program, Personal Growth and Services
Chairman
Thelma Theodore, Joliet (Gamma Theta), Membership
Dr. Ruth Ann Wasson, Kingston (Zeta), Communications Chairman

1980-82 Nadine Ewing, Joliet (Rho), Ad Hoc Committee to Study Regional Structure of
the Society Chairman
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Parliamentarian, Constitution,
Constitution Interpretation, and Ad Hoc Committee to Codify Policies
Thelma Theodore, Joliet (Gamma Theta), Insurance

1982-84 Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Constitution Chairman
M. Josephine O’Neil, Edwardsville (Beta Eta), Insurance
Susan Witte (Leahy), Rockford (Beta Gamma), Communications

1984-86 Dr. Gudelia Fox, Lombard (Gamma Sigma), Personal Growth and Services
Ardith Inman, Evergreen Park (Beta Beta), Ad Hoc Committee on Constitution
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Did You Know?

On March 16, 1935, the 14 Lambda State Founders met at the Chicago Women’s Club to organize the eleventh state in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Lambda State was the first state to be organized north of the Mason and Dixon line. The beautiful ceremony and inspiring talks set the stage for an enduring future for Lambda State.

Total state membership in 1936 was 107 from Alpha, Beta, Delta, Epsilon and Gamma chapters. In 1940, membership grew to 758 with 24 chapters.

In 1937, Lambda State President, Dr. Helen R. Messenger (Alpha), hosted the eighth National Convention in Chicago. There were 57 members from 21 states in attendance.

In October 1937, Song Book 2 included prize songs of 1932 and 1937. Margaret Taylor Shepard (Iota) composed Onward! which received the prize for the best song of a serious nature in the 1937 contest. It was adapted from the song Land of Hope and Glory.

As early as 1939, Lambda State included art exhibits at conventions. Ruth Blankmeyer (Iota) was chair of the art exhibit that year.

In 1939, the state sent a protest to the Illinois State Legislative Committee re: HB 536 which would have made it mandatory for any woman whose husband was earning $1500 or more to be dropped from the payroll.

By April 1939, Illinois had 565 members, sixteen chapter honorary members, and sixteen state members. In five years Delta Kappa Gamma had established itself throughout the state with Alpha through Omega functioning; there remained only sixteen counties where no members had been secured.

In March 1, 1940, the state available fund amounted to $333.37; the permanent fund, $692.88; and the scholarship fund, $1,181.79.

In 1940, Lambda State established the state treasurer’s salary as 2% of the total amount of money she handled during the year.

The first state scholarship for $50 was established in 1940 and named in honor of Dr. Helen Messenger (Alpha). In 1945, the amount was increased to $150 and awarded to Helen Hill Fesler of Chi Chapter. The second scholarship was named for Erma F. Imboden (Beta) in 1948 and the third in 1949 for Katharine H. Obye (Zeta). Today the scholarships are presented in memory and honor of Lambda State’s deceased state presidents and/or founders. There are two special scholarships. Dr. Emma Reinhardt (Gamma) bequeathed funds in 1973 for an annual scholarship stipulated for graduate study. A bequest by Emilie U. Lepthien (Beta Alpha) endowed a scholarship for the study of school administration. The Emilie U. Lepthien Scholarship was established in her memory and honor in 1998.

At the 1941 state meeting Elizabeth Russell (Beta) suggested a memorial service be conducted to honor deceased members. Four members were memorialized in 1945. The first definite memorial service was held at the state convention in 1951 with nine members honored. Personal eulogies were given at these early memorial services.

The 1941-42 Song Book 3 included the following entries: Invocation – A Hymn for Delta Kappa Gamma – Words and Music by Danelia Janssen (Nu), Class A – 2nd place in 1941 contest; Compensation – Dedicated to the Well-integrated Women of Delta Kappa Gamma - Words and
Music by Danelia Janssen (Nu), Class A –1st place in 1942 contest; *Marching Song* – Words by Ethel M. Parkinson (Gamma) and Music by Alice Doll (Gamma); *A Pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma* - Words and Music by Mayme E. Irons (Gamma); and *Rhyming Grace* – Mellie John (Zeta).

The Lambda State Founders wrote many books and were prolific professional writers. These are just a few of the books they authored: Flora J. Cooke (Kappa), *Nature Myths and Stories*; Dr. Emma Reinhardt (Gamma), *American Education An Introduction*; Livia Y. Peterson (Eta), *Fair Wind*; Dr. Helen L. Koch (Kappa), *Twins and Twin Relations*; and Grace E. Storm (Kappa), *Child-Story Readers, Good Times Together* and other primary books in the series.

In the early 1940's Dr. Helen L. Koch (Kappa), Eloise P. Bingham (Lambda), and Mayme E. Irons (Gamma) published in *The Bulletin*. Lambda State members have continued to uphold this tradition by submitting articles, poems, and artwork for publication. *The Bulletin* celebrates its 75th Anniversary in 2010.

The *Newscaster* was started in December 1944. A contest was held to name the paper. Catherine Davis (Theta) was the winner. Her reason for submitting “Newscaster” was that the news was being cast throughout Illinois. The new name has been in effect since 1945.

In 1947, *Our Purpose*, a song written by Esther Samuelson (Alpha Epsilon) was sung at Initiation. The 1950 *Song Book 4* included *A Pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma* - Words and Music by Mayme E. Irons (Gamma) that was previously published in *Song Book 3* and the poem *A Teacher’s Prayer* by Dorothy C. Harman (Pi).

In 1952, Katharine H. Obye (Zeta) was chair of the International Convention in Chicago. British Columbia, Canada, was the first state organization from outside the United States to be installed in the Society. The convention was held at the Hotel Congress with 1150 members in attendance.

By 1952, Lambda State Committee on Pioneer Women had contributed 62 biographies of Illinois pioneer women teachers to the National Committee on Pioneer Women.

In 1954, the state chairman of Selective Recruitment reported that a cause given for teachers leaving the profession was "undisciplined children from undisciplined homes."

The "big black book," later called "Data Manual," originated at the 1958 state executive board meeting. This began the official record keeping done by Executive Board members.

In 1960, Lambda State President Florence A. Cook (Alpha) served as chairman of the 25th Silver Anniversary Committee. A special "Anniversary Edition" of the *Newscaster* went to all members. *Precious Things* by Ruth Gebhardt Firth (Alpha Rho) received First Place as the Anniversary Song.

The 1960 *Song Book 6* included *Building Bridges* - Words and Music by Miriam Huelsmann (Gamma Zeta).

In 1962, the registration fee for the state convention was $3. Other fees included: Birthday luncheon $3.75; President's dinner $5.50; and Founder's breakfast $2.75.

In September 1962, International reported 1758 chapters. Illinois had 66 chapters at that time.

State President, Carolyn Wones (Zeta), was elected Northeast Regional Director in 1962. In 1963, Lambda State sent 62 members to the regional conference held at the Greenbriar Resort to support and honor her leadership.
In 1963, all 67 chapters were represented at the Lambda State Convention held at the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria. It had a record-breaking attendance of 560 members.

In 1976, the Lambda State Convention broke all records of attendance with 1013 members registered. The next highest year of attendance was 1985 when 810 members were registered at the convention to honor the 50th Anniversary of Lambda State.

In 1964, 71% of all Illinois chapters were represented at the Lambda State breakfast held in conjunction with the IEA Annual meeting in Chicago.

The International Educational Foundation was established in 1964. Lambda State donated $1000 in memory of Katharine H. Obye (Zeta) to the Foundation. Illinois established the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. in 1984.

In 1964, the Lambda State Scholarships Committee changed from giving three $300 scholarships to giving one $1000 scholarship. It was named the Erma F. Imboden Scholarship in 1964, the Helen R. Messenger Scholarship in 1965, and the Katharine H. Obye Scholarship in 1966.

Lambda State awarded two Foreign Fellowships in 1964.

In 1971, one of the best-known Lambda State grants originated when a resolution was approved to assist a Native American girl in a program of education. Over a period of ten years, Lambda State contributed $11,250 to Lou Ann Mitchell’s education until she received her doctorate in 1981. In 1975, Mabel Starr, a Native American student, also received $750.

Nadine Ewing (Rho), Northeast Regional Director in 1973, was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel during the regional festivities. Each attendee at the birthday luncheon received a horseshoe collected from around the state of Kentucky.

The 1977 Lambda State Convention featured songs composed by Lambda State members – A Pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma by Mayme E. Irons (Gamma), We're Building Bridges by Miriam Huelsmann (Gamma Zeta), Positive Leadership by Geraldine Selfridge (Gamma Theta), I Believe, I Believe by Mary Lucas (Beta Theta), and Women Teachers Keep It Up and Moving Forward to '79 (50th Anniversary song) both by Willie Viola Harris (Sigma).


The first Arts Retreat was held in the fall of 1980. In 2009, the Women in the Arts Creative Arts Retreat celebrated its 30th anniversary.

At the March 1981 Lambda State Convention, the first M. Josephine O'Neil Arts Award for $2,000 was presented to Julia Fischer who was sponsored by Alpha Chapter. This award is presented biennially to a female college student(s) studying in the arts. From 1981-2009, $60,500 has been awarded to 29 talented recipients.

From 1981-1983, the Lambda State Grant-in-Aid for $1500 was awarded to young women in education at Eastern Illinois University. Upon the recommendation of the Personal Growth and Services Committee, this was changed during 1983-85 to state that recipients must be former chapter recruitment grant or grant-in-aid awardees and subsequently changed to also include former state
recruitment grant or grant-in-aid recipients. Since its inception in 1971, the Lambda State Grant-in-Aid Fund has awarded $73,250 to individuals.

The original Lambda State Bylaws were adopted on April 16, 1983. Prior to this date, the governing document for our state organization was the Lambda State Standing Rules.

The Lambda State Achievement Award was established in 1984. Edna Earle Weld (Xi) was the first recipient.

Lambda State's first history book, Out of a Dream, was published to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1985. Volume II followed to share highlights of 1985-1995 and Volume III covered our history from 1995 to 2005. Betty Carbol (Beta Upsilon) designed the covers for each book and Past Lambda State President, Joan Kalbacken (Beta) wrote special poems to commemorate dreams and purposes of Lambda State.

Since 1980, Lambda State has had 26 International Golden Gift recipients and 6 Golden Gift Stipend recipients.

In 1999, the Lambda State Scholarships Committee began awarding study stipends as well as scholarships for professional growth of members. From 1945-2010, 340 scholarships totaling $338,900 and 50 special studies stipends totaling $24,464 have been awarded for a grand total of $363,364 to 390 members.

State-to-State visits were initiated by the Lambda State International Projects Committee in 1987. The first was a trip to Iceland. Trips to Mexico were coordinated with International Travel and Study and the 2007 trip was planned in conjunction with the European Regional.

The Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies awarded its first stipend in 1987. A total of 177 stipends amounting to $122,196.95 have been given to individuals and chapters during the past 22 years. The Foundation celebrated its 25th year of service in 2009.

The 1988 Lambda State Convention featured the songs The Possible Dream by Ellen Irwin (Alpha Mu) and A Challenge by Miriam Huelsmann (Gamma Zeta).

During 1989-91, the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies and the Professional Affairs Committee began selling crest watches as fundraisers for the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant Fund and the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi. Lambda State later sold "Chicago" watches, designed by Patricia Ostewig (Gamma Xi), to raise funds to support the 2008 International Convention hosted by Illinois.

During the 1990 state convention, Barbara Bush was recognized for her work promoting literacy and a special plaque sent to her at the White House. In 2001, the Lambda State Literacy Committee granted a literacy award to Oprah Winfrey.

In 1991, the first Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant for $500 was awarded to Heather McDowell who was sponsored by Omicron Chapter. In 2009, Lambda State reached its goal to award a nominee from each of the six areas in Lambda State a $1000 Florence a. Cook Recruitment Grant. From 1995-2010, Lambda State has awarded $42,800 to 49 female high school seniors entering the field of education.

Joanne Willard (Alpha Tau) served in the National Guard and was stationed in Saudi Arabia in 1991 during Desert Storm.
In June 1991, the Professional Affairs Committee sponsored the first self-funded Leadership Management Seminar in Springfield with 55 members attending and 8 on the waiting list. The committee continues sponsorship of these seminars using the talents of Lambda State Golden Gift recipients as well as outside leadership consultants.

The position of state historian began during the 1991-93 biennium. Past Lambda State President Joan Kalbacken (Beta) was the first historian. Lambda State archival materials are housed in the Special Collections/Archives at Illinois State University, Normal.

In February 1995, the first legislative workshop entitled *How To Be An Effective Lobby Force for Education* was held in the Capitol in Springfield. The Legislation Committee continues to sponsor the annual Legislative Seminar, and since 1995 has awarded 49 Certificates of Appreciation to state and national legislators who have demonstrated support for education and women’s issues. Lambda State had a Legislative Consultant-Advocate from 1991-1999.

In September 1995, the International Projects Committee chose Malawi as its International Project. Lambda State chapters have rallied and supported this project with funds that have provided many wells and educational supplies for the Marion Medical Mission.

In 1995, Lambda State had 101 chapters with 6040 members - 5343 active, 615 reserve, and 82 honorary.

Beginning in 1998, chapters receiving “Honor Chapter Status” according to criteria approved by the Lambda State Membership Committee, were awarded banners. In subsequent years, chapters that continued to attain the requirements would receive a ribbon to attach to this special banner.

At the 1998 Lambda State Convention, the Personal Growth and Services Committee introduced the “Giving Tree” that raised $234. The Personal Growth and Services and Professional Affairs Committees have made the “Giving Tree” an annual event; contributions made in honor of past and current members support the Grant-in-Aid and the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant Funds.
Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) have been offered for state workshops and seminars since 1999. Many chapters are now offering these professional development units for their members.

Alfreda Chalberg (Eta), past Lambda State Treasurer, bequeathed $254,027.16 to the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc. in 2000.


The Lambda State Literacy Committee has been recommending a book to read and has held a book discussion at each state convention since 2001. The first selection was While I Was Gone by Sue Miller and the 2010 selection is The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

In 2002, a traveling plaque was instituted and has been awarded to the chapter with the highest percentage of members at the state convention. Gamma Epsilon was the first recipient with 42% of its membership in attendance.

Melinda Davis (Alpha Theta), Lambda State President, composed a song United in Purpose. It was first sung at the Northeast Regional Conference in 2003 and later sung at the 2004 International Convention to commemorate the International Society’s 75th Diamond Jubilee.

Seventy-five Lambda State members attended the 2004 International Diamond Jubilee in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at which four Lambda State members were honored to receive $1,000 Diamond Anniversary stipends.

Susan J. Young (Beta Tau), International Music Representative, conducted the Diamond Jubilee International Chorus of over 350 members at the 2004 International Convention.

The 2005 convention celebrated Lambda State’s 70th birthday and celebrated 25 years of the M. Josephine O’Neil Arts Award.

The Lambda State Literacy Committee collected 4568 books for the Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy programs at the 2006 state convention. UPS provided free shipping for these books to Illinois literacy grant recipients.

Stephanie Pace Marshall, recipient of the 2007 International Educator’s Award for her book The Power to Transform: Leadership That Brings Learning and Schooling to Life, was the 2009 Lambda State Convention keynote speaker.

An “Initiation Grande” was held at the 2009 Lambda State Convention. Thirteen new members were welcomed into the Society at this beautiful ceremony.

In 2009-2010, Lambda State has 78 chapters and a membership of 3,552: Active - 3,167; Reserve - 316; Life - 11; and Honorary (state and chapter) - 58.

2010 commemorates the 75th Diamond Jubilee of Lambda State, celebrating a biennium with members and chapters “Leading with the Heart.”
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