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Important Dates

End of DKG Fiscal Year
June 30, 2015

2015 DKG NE Regional Conference
Baltimore, MD
July 8-11, 2015

Chapter Treasurers: Form 15 is due to State Treasurer by July 15. (Form 990 is not due until fall but can be filed any time after July 1.)

State Executive Board Meeting
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Noblesville, IN
September 12

4th Annual Fall Arts Retreat
Shiloh Park Retreat Center
Marion, IN
November 6-7

State Conference
Sycamore Banquet Center,
Terre Haute, IN
April 23, 2016

Highlights from Indiana State Convention, March, 2015

International Guest



Golden Key Awards



White Rose Ceremony



The Rose Store



Welcome from Gary Mayor Karen Freeman Wilson



Breakout Sessions





INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

TAKE CARE ...THREE EASY STEPS

Lois Vogel Alpha Epsilon State President 2013–2015

1. Stay connected with positive people. It is very important to surround yourself with people who will support and encourage you. Eat well and get plenty of sleep! Take care of each other.

Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters, I appreciate the support you have given me and to each other. The convention was a success because of the way members worked together and supported the efforts of each other.



Council 1 went the extra mile to make sure there were enough volunteers and funds available to do special things for our members. The steering committee was faithful in the planning and had the skills to make things run smoothly. State officers were involved and dedicated to the business and activities. Excellent breakout sessions were given for PGP points and the enjoyment and personal and professional growth of those attending. Let's not forget the related personnel ladies working behind the scenes to get the word out, post information about the convention, make and publish the program booklet, and of course keep the bills paid. This is how conventions are done with members working together for the good of the Society.

We were honored to have **International First Vice President Cathy Daugherty** from Virginia to speak to us. She will be in Baltimore for the Northeast Regional in July. Please make a point to speak with her and thank her for the time she spent with us.

2. Do one enjoyable thing for yourself every day. This can be as simple as watching the sunrise or sunset or it can be a lunch with a friend or loved one. You might pick up the phone and call your children or grandchildren. Maybe you will find the time to sit down and read just for pleasure. We have to nurture ourselves and it then becomes easier to take care of all of our other responsibilities. DKG comes with responsibilities. We have challenges ahead of us. Several chapters are struggling with getting new members and keeping present members active. Let's each accept the fact that our chapter is "our" responsibility. Can you be a part of the solution? Can you come up with a way to keep chapters healthy? Share your ideas and make a difference.

3. Let's be grateful for what we have. I challenge you to keep your eyes and ears open to the opportunities provided by being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. If a door opens for a leadership opportunity, walk through it! Educate others and let them know who we are. We are a professional honor society for key women educators!

The next issue of *The Hoosier Newsette* will have an article from your 2015–2017 State President. You will always have a special place in my heart. I am blessed and honored by your friendship. Take care.

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Golden Key/Membership Milestone Awards

Sherry Watkins, 2nd Vice-President/Membership Chair



Golden Key Awards were awarded at the Alpha Epsilon State Convention to chapters who demonstrated outstanding achievement as designated in the requirements of the award (found on the Alpha Epsilon State website) and who submitted their applications prior to the June 30, 2014 deadline. (Deadline for the current biennium is June 30, 2016.) Members of the chapters achieving this award may order an exclusive Golden Key pin through their chapter presidents by June 1. The 2012–14 biennium chapter recipients and their 2012–2014 presidents are as follows:

- Kappa– Rachel Etherington
- Alpha Gamma– Olga Granat
- Theta– Beth Lysinger and Ruth Van Matre
- Gamma Mu– Dina Dominick
- Omega–Mary Anne Schager

Also awarded at the State Convention were certificates for members who celebrated their 25th, 40th, and 50th membership milestone years during the 2013 and 2014 calendar years. New this year, as suggested by the Strategic Plan, were also awards for members who celebrated membership milestone years above 50 years in integrals of five years (55, 60, 65, etc.) during 2013 and 2014. Certificates not obtained at the Convention will be distributed to chapter presidents at the September Board Meeting to be awarded later at chapter meetings. A listing of all these awardees will appear in the September issue of the Newsette. Alpha Epsilon State honors these chapters and members who have accomplished such outstanding achievements!



Alpha Chapter initiated a new member in January. Shown are Lu Mercier and Carolyn McClary, initiation committee; Jan Brand, sponsor; Harriet Fulton, initiate; Shirley Mingee, president; and Dianna Johnson, secretary.

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International Projects: Opportunities that make a difference

*Leslie Hamman, Gamma Lambda,
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It has been a joy and a privilege to serve Alpha Epsilon State as your International Projects Chairman. Through my research, I have learned so much about what Delta Kappa Gamma does to educate us and others. I am excited and honored to have introduced to you five past World Fellowship recipients through their words and pictures in a PowerPoint presentation. I am pleased that this presentation is now available on our website, www.deltakappagamma.org/IN, for you to share while promoting donations for the World Fellowship project. I am impressed by these five young women and hope you will be touched by their thoughts as much as I have been.

Please continue to support the various opportunities Delta Kappa Gamma has made possible through our three projects – SEE (Support for Early-Career Educators), Schools for Africa, and World Fellowship – as well as the Educational Foundation and the many funds that support leadership training, disaster assistance, scholarships, and education worldwide. We can take pride in all we do for others through these as well as your local projects!

Treasury Notes

June 30 is the end of the fiscal year. Balance your books, fill out Form 15, and send it to me via email or postal service by July 15.

Using the Form 15 information, file your chapter's IRS 990N epostcard with the DKG.org link to the IRS 990 website. Remember to forward the confirmation email; be sure to include your chapter name on the subject line or in the email.

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Jane Stephenson (l) and Glenda Ritz (r) were initiated into Beta chapter in May. Lucille Mueller, center, is the committee chair.

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FALL ARTS RETREAT 2015

November 6 & 7.

Barb Buroker, Chairman, Personal Growth and Professional Affairs Committee

Bring yourself, other DKG sisters, and friends.

The registration form for this event is on the Alpha Epsilon State website. Overnight accommodations at Shiloh Park Recreation & Conference Center include:

- Guest House – 8 motel rooms: up to 4 people in each room.
- Bluffton Four-Plex – 4 motel rooms: up to 4 people in each room.
- Winchester Cottage – 5 rooms: 12 people can live here.

To learn more about the rooms/lodging at FAR 2015, look for the Room Accommodations and Cost Information form on Indiana DKG website. Registration opens July 1st., 2015.

If you need help, further information, a registration form or anything else, contact:

Carol Winterholter, FAR 2015 Registrar:

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Make a copy of the registration forms before mailing them to Carol. If you would like to present a project for us, please contact us!!! Dress is casual throughout the weekend.

Come and join for us for Fun, Activities and Relaxation.

We hope to see old friends and new faces too at FAR 2015!



In an effort to encourage 3rd grade students in the MCAS district to do their best on the high stakes reading test, IREAD3, members of Gamma chapter met on February 28 to assemble 430 small student survival kits. The "IREAD3 Survival Kits" included Smarties (to boost their test-taking brain power), Hershey Hugs (for all of the hard work they will put into this test), bubble gum (to remind them to fill in all the bubbles completely), Lifesavers (if they feel like they are drowning in information- BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN DO IT!), and a penny (to remind them to have enough "cents" to read each question and all answer choices carefully). These kits were distributed to the 8 elementary buildings in the district.

In addition, all third grade teachers and special education teachers were given a small gift to let them know that Delta Kappa Gamma BELIEVES in their efforts to get students ready

for this test. Principals were thanked for their leadership and guidance, and staff members in the elementary buildings were sent best wishes for success on the test.

It was a terrific and purposeful day! The meeting began with two third grade teachers sharing a power point presentation of the IREAD3 testing information to the members, so they had a better understanding of the high-stakes test all third graders in Indiana must take.

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What, Me Lobby?

Bonnie Fisher, Alpha Chapter Legislative Chairman

April 15 was the last lobbying day for ISTA and DKG's special day to work the State House. There's a lot to be learned both about particular legislation and about how the State House functions. For first-timers, the idea of lobbying may seem daunting, so this article offers information that may demystify the work and encourage more members to participate in future legislative sessions.

Lobbying's primary purpose is to meet and communicate, preferably face-to-face, with legislators, especially the ones who represent you. They need to hear from you directly how various bills, if enacted, will affect teachers, schools, and classrooms full of children, not to mention you personally.

Through lobbying, an ordinary citizen can build a relationship with a legislator, and so become a source of reliable information. Did you know that many legislators depend upon lobbyists to "educate" them about issues? It's true, and you, the professional educator, are trained and experienced in doing that.

A third purpose, however, is for concerned citizens like DKG members to observe and learn how our government, and specifically the legislative branch, actually functions. Courses on government inform but cannot substitute for getting involved. Washington's K Street has given lobbying a dishonorable reputation, but thousands of teachers and other interested citizens, who've done it, know that lobbying is both honest and effective. Your lobbying can be, too. Here's how:

First, let the legislator(s) know you're coming with a phone call or e-mail a day or so before. Mention the bill(s) you're interested in, and even include an invitation to the luncheon ISTA provides on Lobby Days. N.B. the meal is free!

Then, prepare to discuss two or three bills that really matter to teachers, including retired teachers. The briefing ISTA provides on Lobbying Day will provide up-to-the-minute information about a bill's contents, amendments, and status, but using the General Assembly's web site and other sources will provide needed background and detail, too. Besides marshaling reasons and explanations of your legislative position, your preparation could include a real-life example or anecdote that relates to the bill, for some legislators are greatly influenced by such stories.

On Lobbying Day, dress the part. The State House is a place of business; suits and ties for men and appropriate business attire for women mark those people who are "professionals." The casual clothing many teachers wear in the classroom may be accepted by the children, but it subtly trivializes them when among other "professionals," as well as shows a lack of respect for the place and the people who labor there in our behalf.

In the State House, if you find the legislator, speak up. Greet the person, introduce yourself (with the appropriate title), and state where you're from, your relevant professional experience, and why you're there. Ask whether the legislator has a few minutes right now. Then have a conversation about the bills you mentioned earlier. Ask some questions, too, so that there's mutual exchange of information. Most importantly, ask for the legislator's support on the bill(s) you've been discussing! When leaving, don't forget to thank the legislator for his/her service and time. The next day, an e-mail of thanks and a sentence or two summarizing the conversation is a nice touch.

BUT . . . if the legislator is unavailable, be sure to leave a written message with the receptionist. Include most of the information above, express regret that you couldn't meet, and say that you'll follow up with an e-mail soon. Then, do it.



DKG members (l-r) Sarah Ellcessor, Ruth Simmons, Jet Sundheimer, Sheila Klinker, Roni Embry, and Sherry Watkins converse outside the House Chamber on the 2015 Lobby Day. Not pictured: Marti Daily, Kim Fidler, and Rosemary Moore.

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Alpha Alpha chapter recently celebrated Founder's Day with a skit performed by (l-r) Roleen Pickard, Sande Bemis, Rita Jacks, Connie McClure, and Dianna Ross.



Beta Epsilon chapter met on Saturday, May 2, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lebanon for the May business meeting and the annual Founder's Day program. Honored guests were State President Lois Vogel of Versailles and Past State President Ina Van Duyn of Carmel, who gave the Founder's Day program.

Pictured (l-r) are Beta Epsilon Chapter Co-presidents Eva Bohannon and Faye Peter; State President Lois Vogel, and Past State President Ina Van Duyn.

Congratulations!

...to Dr. Laura Stachowski, Alpha Chapter, whose article, *Through the Global Gateway: Transforming Student Teachers in Overseas Schools and Communities*, was selected for inclusion in the Spring 2015 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.



Dear Indiana State Organization Members,

Thank you for your hospitality and warm friendship during my stay in Merrillville at your 2015 Indiana State Convention. From the quilt tour on Friday through the special breakfast on Sunday, I saw "Key Women Educators" engaged in professional and personal growth activities. Your state's leadership team and staff are to be commended on a well organized and thoughtfully planned event. I left with fond memories, renewed friendships, and new, treasured friends.



My best, Cathy

*Cathy P. Daugherty
DKG International First Vice President*

DKG Quilt Club makes its debut on Facebook!

During the quilt tour at the State Convention in March, attendees talked about how nice it would be if we had a Facebook page for DKG quilters, a place to share ideas and help each other with quilts and techniques. Gail Zmierski, organizer of the Quilt Tour has brought this page to life! The page is titled DKG Quilt Club. Check it out, and if you have any questions please feel free to contact her.



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Coordinating Council Changes approved during 2015 State Convention

Due to changing membership demographics, some realignment of coordinating councils was necessary.

- Council 5 no longer exists.
- Chi and Beta Kappa, formerly in Council 5, will join Council 6.
- Alpha Pi will move from Council 6 to Council 3.
- Councils 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 will remain unchanged.

Taken from Council Realignment Task Force report, Ann Marie Kesler, Ina Van Duyn, Lois Vogel

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