

# The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



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## Alpha Iota State – Michigan

### 2013 - 2014 Yearbook



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# Alpha Iota State Theme 2013-2015

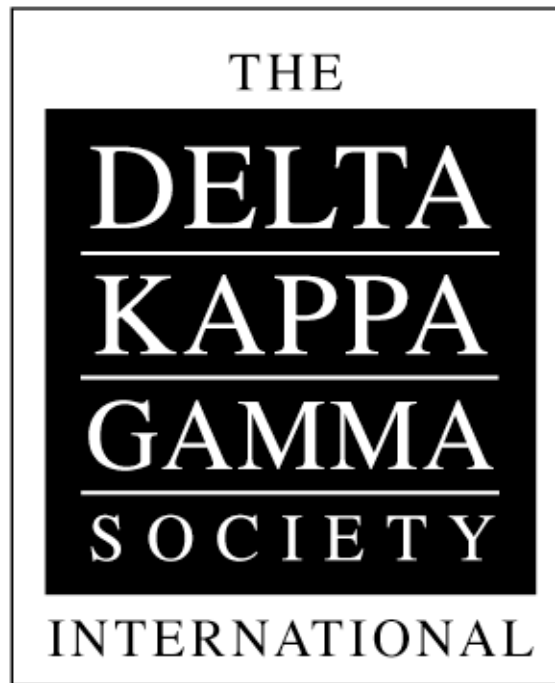
*Education: Our Focus, Our Future*



## Alpha Iota State Projects

**“Supporting Our Educators”  
and  
“Educating the Whole Child”**

# International Information



FOR KEY WOMEN  
EDUCATORS

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

## International Theme

2012 - 2014

*“Sharing Our Vision  
Strengthening Our Society”*

### International Projects

**UNICEF’s Schools for Africa Project  
Supporting Early-career Educators**

## Mission

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

## Vision

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.



## Purposes

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has seven basic *purposes* that govern its program of work and study. The activities of each level of the Society implement the *purposes* of the Society. The seven *purposes* include

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

## The Founding of the Society

Founded on May 1, 1929, by twelve women educators in Austin, Texas, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was envisioned by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the first woman elected to public office in the state of Texas. Dr. Blanton was a successful candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1918, after having served as the first woman president of the Texas State Teachers Association. After serving two terms as State Superintendent she did not seek a third term. Instead, in 1922, she was a candidate for the United States Congress. Although she was not elected, she helped to break the gender barriers for women who followed her.

The original purposes of the Society emphasized: gender equity, school legislation, excellence in education, good teaching conditions, networking, and financial help for women preparing to teach. These purposes have formed the basis of our current Seven Purposes.

Each year chapters observe Founders Day, not only to honor the original twelve women, but as a reminder that current activism must keep pace with that of the Founders on issues educators face today.

An active Program of Work or Educational Excellence Committee at the chapter, state, and international levels keeps members informed of current cutting-edge educational issues and promotes projects that help educators, education, and students both locally and globally.

Through the years Delta Kappa Gamma members have made a significant impact on education. The history of the Society is contained in three volumes: *Our Heritage in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society*, Volumes I, II, and III.

New history is being written every day. With the recent addition of Japan, the Society now has members in eighteen countries. As a member you are a valued part of the Delta Kappa Gamma heritage.

# Meet Our Founders

**DR. ANNIE WEBB BLANTON:** whose dream, drive, and genius for organizing brought Delta Kappa Gamma into being. Dignified in appearance, small and feminine, she possessed a warmth and nobility which endeared her to her students and to her peers.



**MISS MAMIE SUE BASTIAN:** a fun-loving founder who always expressed her views in her own unique way. Dr. Blanton counted upon Mamie Sue's warm, outgoing personality, her sense of humor, and her ability to make friends to help organize chapters. Mamie Sue developed a spirit of friendship and cooperation in the Society and inspired loyalty to its purposes.



**MISS RUBY COLE:** who had the distinction of organizing Beta Chapter in her home city, San Antonio, less than two months after the society had been founded.



**MISS MABEL GRIZZARD:** who was known for her community work as well as for her excellence as an educator. Her former students rated her as an outstanding teacher who was understanding and helpful.



**DR. ANNA HISS:** who is described as being tall, graceful, charming, cultured, and friendly. She was a creative and effective administrator with great precision in organization. These many talents made her a beloved and long remembered Head of the Physical Education Department at the University of Texas.



**MISS RAY KING:** who served as the first treasurer of the Delta Kappa gamma Society. She was active in the educational, cultural and social life of her community, and enjoyed playing bridge with her many friends.



**MISS SUE KING:** an excellent scholar and leader. Her students remember her as the teacher who made history come alive for them. Few society members had the privilege of knowing her, since death cut short the career of this brilliant woman less than a year after the Society was organized.



**DR. HELEN KOCH:** renowned professor at the University of Chicago for many years. This farsighted educator saw the Society as an organization whose future capabilities could dissipate any condition which might seriously threaten the welfare of children. She knew the society could advance the cause of education and constructive international relations throughout the world.



**MRS RUBY TERRILL LOMAX:** who served the University of Texas as Dean of Women and as Associate Professor of Classical Languages. She held many leadership roles in her church and in civic and social organizations. Her University students named her “Deanie”. . . a fact which indicates that her human characteristics were appreciated as much as her intellect.



**DR. CORA M. MARTIN:** a petite, very fashionable lady who added color and fun to any gathering. She has been described as being the best first grade teacher ever. She brought out the best in every child.



**MRS. LALLA M. ODOM:** one of the early advocates of women’s rights. Her determined stand against discrimination brought about the reversal of the ruling against married teachers in her city. She expressed herself well, frequently taking issue with any attempt to downgrade teachers and education.



**MISS LELA LEE WILLIAMS:** who welcomed differences of opinion, honored each person’s viewpoint and took time to analyze a speaker’s remarks. During her 45 years with Dallas Schools, she constantly searched for new techniques and innovations to improve teaching.



# Reasons to Join The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



## **Benefits of Membership**

Personal and Professional Growth  
Programs  
International and State Conventions  
Regional Conferences  
Workshops

## **Advocacy**

Education Legislation  
Gender Equity  
Educators' Concerns  
Betterment of Children/Youth, Women and Students

## **Information/Publications**

Programs  
Resources  
The ΔΚΓ News  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin  
State Publications  
Chapter Newsletter

## **Global Affiliations**

18 member Countries  
United Nations NGO Representation

International Speakers Fund  
Sponsorship of World Fellowships

**Recognition**

Key Pin Designating Key Woman Educator  
Golden Gift Fund Award  
Dissertation Award  
Scholarships  
Achievement Awards

**Insurance**

Available to those in the U.S. who subscribe

**Fun and Fellowship**

Meeting  
Music  
Special Events  
Collegiality

**Service Opportunities**

Literacy  
UNICEF Schools for Africa Project  
Supporting Early-career Educators  
Chapter and Community Projects  
State Projects

**Leadership Development**

Leadership Seminars  
Study Stipends  
Research and Writing Opportunities  
Chapter, State, International Offices, Committees and Task Forces

**Networking**

Mentoring  
Forums  
Idea Exchanges  
Friendships with Other Key Women Educators

## Membership Requirements

- Membership is by invitation.
- Members include educators in both private and public sectors.
- Selection is based on professional qualifications, leadership potential and personal qualities.
- A prospective member must be employed in educational work at the time of consideration or retired from educational work.
- Those who accept the invitation to join commit themselves to taking an active part in programs, special projects and organizational activities.
- Members are expected to participate regularly at chapter meetings and to assume certain financial obligations as well.
- Dues are determined in accordance with the *Constitution*, the *International Standing Rules*, state organization bylaws and chapter rules. There may also be nominal annual assessments to support programs and projects.
- The rewards of membership bear a direct relationship to each individual's commitment.
- Programs are designed to create a stimulating environment for the professional and personal growth of each member as well as to focus group attention on current educational issues and to allow formulation of alternatives and solutions.
- Chapters carry out their own programs and projects through this framework.
- Programs are further enhanced at the state and international levels through special projects and meetings.
- Initiation of new members may take place any time of the year. There are initiation ceremonies included in the booklet of "Ceremonies" available from International.
- Please check the Society's website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) for more membership information.



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2000 - 2002	Carol Mueller	Nevada
2002 - 2004	Jean Gray	Maryland
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2008 - 2010	Dr. Carolyn Rants	Iowa
2010 - 2012	Dr. Jensi Souder	Tennessee
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# Society Symbols & Insignia

The official **Membership Key**, a golden ellipse, is depicted below. Across the center are the Greek letters ΔΚΓ. Above them a wreath of laurel leaves symbolizes the distinction, which those who wear this key have achieved. The cup below represents knowledge. The purchase of the key pin is required of all members. It is to be worn to official functions and meetings of the Society at the local, state, and international levels.



The official coat-of-arms or crest is shown below. It 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 open book signify scholarship and knowledge. The laurel sprays are traditional symbols of achievement.



The official flower of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is the red rose. Red and gold are the official colors.



# Schedule of Events



**August 24, 2013**

President's Advisory Council Meeting  
Lexington Hotel  
Lansing, MI

**October 18-20, 2013**

Women in the Arts  
Ralph McMullen Conference Center  
Higgins Lake, MI

**October 25-26, 2013**

Executive Board and Fall Conference  
Doherty Hotel  
Clare, MI

**February 8, 2014**

President's Advisory Council Meeting  
Lexington Hotel on Creyts Rd. at I-496  
\*now called Crown Plaza Lansing West  
Lansing, MI

**May 2-4, 2014**

Executive Board & Alpha Iota State Convention  
Grand Hotel  
Mackinac Island, MI

**July 28- August 1, 2014**

International Convention  
J.W. Marriott  
Indianapolis, IN



## History of Alpha Iota State- Michigan

The National Delta Kappa Gamma Society was nine years old when Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the National Founder, made the long trip by train from Austin, Texas, to Lansing, Michigan, to officiate at the ceremonies, which would initiate the Michigan Founders and install the first two chapters of the state. The Hotel Olds was the site where, on Saturday, May 28, 1938, fifteen of the nineteen women\* from Michigan colleges and universities who had accepted the invitation of Dr. Blanton to be Founders were initiated along with those they brought with them. Each city was allowed to choose key women teachers from its area for the initiation, with a minimum of twelve members needed to form a chapter.

Effie Downer, first Alpha Iota State President remembered:

Alpha and Beta Chapters were organized on the same day that Michigan was founded. As soon as we were initiated and had elected state officers, Annie Webb Blanton asked all the Detroit people to go to one side of the room. Those from Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor also met and because these two groups had twelve members or more, they were installed as Chapters Alpha and Beta. Several other cities lacked only a few of the required number. The other towns represented aroused much interest, and Gamma Chapter was installed early in 1939. Dr. Blanton was present and supervised the whole thing. We were all so green she had to direct each move.

State Officers were elected and installed. Miss Effie Downer became the first State President. The two chapters also selected their officers with Maude E. Fiero of Detroit as the president of Alpha Chapter and Marion F. Stowe of Ypsilanti as president of Beta Chapter.

## Alpha Iota State- Michigan



### Founders

Miss Effie M. Downer	Alpha
Dr. Alma Ackley Fowler	Alpha Theta
Mrs. Perl Ludy Guy	Nu

### Past Alpha Iota State Organization Presidents

1938 - 1942	Miss Effie M. Downer	Alpha
1942 - 1944	Mrs. Mabel S. Ehlers	Theta
1944 - 1946	Dr. Ruth A. Barnes	Beta
1946 - 1948	Dr. Elizabeth E. Lichty	Alpha Psi
1950 - 1953	Dr. Ola R. Hiller	Mu
1953 - 1955	Miss Kennetha Schaal	Alpha
1955 - 1957	Miss Catherine Riggs	Iota
1957 - 1959	Miss Mary L. Dixson	Rho
1959 - 1961	Miss Anna C. Betts	Gamma
1961 - 1963	Miss Florine Hall	Omicron
1963 - 1965	Miss Jane O'Connor	Psi
1965 - 1967	Miss Helen Ross Fullerton	Lambda
1967 - 1969	Dr. Naida M. Dostal	Zeta
1969 - 1971	Mrs. Katherine Keeling	Omicron
1971 - 1973	Mrs. Mabel Jacobs	Alpha
1973 - 1975	Mrs. Emille Stern	Kappa
1975 - 1977	Miss Roberta Dye	Zeta
1977 - 1979	Miss Betsey Cooper	Alpha Psi
1979 - 1981	Mrs. Kathryn Walker	Omicron
1981 - 1983	Mrs. Marie Grassa	Phi
1983 - 1985	Dr. Paula A. Dent	Zeta
1985 - 1987	Dr. Betty J. Brogan	Alpha Phi
1987 - 1989	Dr. Helene L. Zimmerman	Tau
1989 - 1991	Mrs. Nancy Whitfield	Nu
1991 - 1993	Mrs. Marlene Veldheer	Beta Omicron
1993 - 1995	Mrs. Sharleen Gonzalez	Gamma Beta
1995 - 1997	Mrs. Sarah Garrison	Gamma Delta
1997 - 1999	Ms. Eileen Rodak	Zeta
1999 - 2001	Ms. Mary Tracey	Beta Omicron
2001 - 2003	Dr. Helen Popovich	Beta Kappa
2003 - 2005	Judy Foster	Upsilon
2005 - 2007	Marilyn Mitchell	Gamma Theta
2007	Nancy Berkompas	Alpha Tau
2007 - 2009	J. Jay Pechta	Gamma
2009 - 2011	Jacquelyn Smart	Gamma Alpha
2011 - 2013	Olive Horning	Gamma Beta

## Alpha Iota State Women of Distinction



1974 Dorothy Occhietti, Beta Sigma  
1975 Effie Downer, Alpha\*  
1976 Naida Dostal, Zeta  
1977 Betty Brogan, Alpha Phi  
1978 Ginny Downs, Alpha Mu  
1979 Emile Stern, Kappa\*/ Nancy Whitfield, Nu\*  
1980 Merideth Mead, Alpha Omega\*  
1981 Julia Ball, Alpha Tau\*  
1982 Dorothy Bennett, Beta Eta\*  
1983 Kennetha Schaal, Beta Eta\*/ Katherine Keeling, Beta Eta\*  
1984 Helen Johnson, Beta\*  
1985 Margaret Croft, Beta Kappa/ Maxine Wangler, Beta Iota\*  
1986 Flossie Hamilton, Alpha Tau\*  
1987 Paula Dent, Zeta\*  
1988 Patricia Gilchrist, Beta Theta  
1989 Lois Holland, Zeta\*  
1990 Charlotte Felsted, Beta Rho  
1991 Darlene Burk, Alpha Psi/ Marie Grassa, Phi  
1992 Leona Wisniewski, Alpha Xi  
1993 Murielle Frautschi, Alpha Chi  
1994 Betsey Cooper, Alpha Phi  
1995 Helene Zimmerman, Tau  
1996 Marlene Veldheer, Beta Omicron  
1997 Barbara Harris, Beta Rho  
1998 Gwendolyn Tabb, Nu  
1999 Sarah Garrison, Gamma Delta  
2000 Eileen Rodak, Zeta  
2001 Marilyn Mitchell, Gamma Theta\*  
2002 Sharleen Gonzalez, Gamma Beta  
2003 Mary Tracey, Beta Omicron  
2004 Kathy Cashen, Psi  
2005 Helen Popovich, Beta Kappa  
2006 Judy Foster, Upsilon  
2007 Olive Horning, Gamma Beta/ Ruth Ann Meyer, Epsilon  
2008 Joanne Gardner, Upsilon  
2009 Mary Hartman, Omega  
2010 Theresa Lorio, Zeta  
2011 Dr. Ranae Beyerlein, Alpha Mu & Ann Laurimore, Phi  
2012 Jacquelyn Smart, Gamma Alpha  
2013 Judi Fisher, Gamma Alpha

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