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Tau State Executive Board Meeting Highlights

Board Bullets by Cory Peters

The Tau State Executive Board was held at Spring Lake Park High School on February 5. Chapter presidents, committee chairs, and state officers met to conduct the state's business.

- Update on the state convention was presented by Carole Ann Stockman, Alpha Pi, Diane Larson, Program Chair. See related articles
- Jan Sorell, chair of Personal Growth and Services,, extended the volunteerism survey results deadline to **March 15**. She also reported that 18 Women of Achievement will be honored at the banquet at the convention.
- Our state literacy project has a name – **S(isters) H(elping) A(ctivate) R(eading) E(xperiences)** submitted by Rosalie Huston. See related article.
- The three councils met and discussed these items:
 1. Months, times, and locations for future board meetings
 2. Fundraising for the state Grant-in-Aid funds;
 3. Use of International and Tau State websites
 4. Feedback on fall board meeting leadership training and needs for more
 5. Successful projects related to Literacy.

- Coordinating Council met over lunch for discussion. See results in a related article.
- The Nominations Committee report presented the proposed candidates for officers for the 2011-2013 biennium. One nomination from the floor was made. See related article about candidates.
- 30 state members may become a state chapter.

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Dear Tau State Sisters,

I do believe spring is on its way – the sun is shining, birds are singing, and the snow is melting! Maybe the groundhog was right.

There are many articles in this issue related to our upcoming Tau State Convention April 29-May 1 at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North in Brooklyn Center. This is an especially exciting convention for many reasons: we will be celebrating Tau State's 75th birthday with a wonderful program on Friday evening coordinated by Diane Larson, Program Chair, and Jewell Mendenhall, Music Chair. They will be asking members from many chapters to participate – please contact them if you are interested. Another highlight is our International Guest will be Dr. Carolyn Rants, Immediate Past International President. Concurrently, with the Saturday morning executive board meeting, a speaker will talk about the Emily Project, helping young and older people to deal with eating disorders. Our Book Fair will also donate its proceeds to the project. We will be having a general business session preceding the lunch. We will, also, be electing officers for the upcoming biennium 2011-2013. We will be presenting several awards at the luncheon on Saturday. A variety of workshops are offered in the afternoon – something to “enlighten or entertain you”. We will be honoring chapters' Woman of Achievement” honorees at the banquet followed by entertainment you will not want to miss – the Medicine Show Music Company- regional, national and international acclaimed entertainment. Sunday morning will be the Celebration of Life of our departed members this past year, followed by brunch, entertainment by our own Happy Warblers, and our Inspirational Speaker, author Joy Kuby. **This is one weekend you will not want to miss! Mark it on your calendar now!** See the many related articles in this issue.

This fall, our chapters donated \$1200 for book purchases plus paper products to the Wadena-Deer Creek Schools following the tornado this past summer.

We have a name for our Tau State Literacy Project: **S.H.A.R.E.** Look for the related article in this issue. Please submit articles for the Summer Edition of the NSN celebrating activities your chapter has done for literacy awareness.

As I mentioned when I began my presidency, my goal was to visit each chapter at least once during the two years. I still have eight chapters to go and would appreciate an invitation to attend one of your meetings before June 30: Beta, Kappa, Tau, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Nu, Alpha Pi, and Alpha Rho.. I would also like to visit a second time to those chapters that I have already visited in the first year. Please contact me.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Chapter</u> | <u>City</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| February 26, 2011 | Iota | Wabasha |
| February 28, 2011 | Beta Alpha | Owatonna |
| April 16, 2011 | Mu | Bemidji |
| May 3, 2011 | Eta | St. Cloud |



Cory Peters

July 27-30, 2011 NW Regional Conference Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Come Celebrate with us at the Tau State Convention April 29 – May 1. I hope to see each and every one of you there.

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”. Eleanor Roosevelt

Cory

Membership decreases: Finance Committee will revisit budget

State treasurer Dianna Brusven reported that our membership has dropped 40% in the past two years to 603 active and 41 reserve members. Because of this decrease, the Finance Committee will be meeting in February to look at the 2011-2013 budget, cuts, and possible state dues increase. We have not increased state dues since 1995.

Tau State Officers nominated for 2011-2013

Tau State Nominations Chair Sally Nyhus announced the slate of nominated officers for 2011-2013.

President: Dr. Phyllis Van Buren (Eta)
1st Vice President: Diane Larson (Beta Alpha)
2nd Vice President: Kathy Patton (Beta Beta)
Recording Secretary: Dr. Melanie Reap (Iota)
Ellen Delaney (Sigma)

Corresponding Secy: Open

Tau State sends donation to help Wadena-Deer Creek Library destroyed by tornado



Pictured above presenting WDC media center specialist Loni Niles (center) with donation of \$1200, from left, Dianna Brusven and Mary Snorek, representing Delta Kappa Gamma.

In addition to the monetary donations, collected items, including book covers, and Kleenex tissues, were received and presented to English teacher, Mike Brunsberg. He commented in an email, "As you know, Kleenex season is in full force! Your timing was perfect...I brought the boxes to the office, minus one stash at home waiting in reserve. Anyway, I was impressed by your approach and have passed the word of your (Delta Kappa Gamma's) generosity."

Thank you letter received

I am just beginning to order new books to fill our collection. I am using the money I received from you to order from a company (Osbourne) that has a special deal when a school uses donations. I will be able to order 1 ½ times as many books- (Your \$1200 is getting me \$1800 worth of new books!)

With gratitude,

Loni Niles

W-DC Media Specialist

Birdella Ross scholarship awarded to Moorhead educator

Shelly Lundborg of Moorhead, Minnesota has been awarded the Birdella Ross Scholarship for graduate study at the University of Mary, where she is working on a master's degree in business administration-executive.

She is pursuing her second master's degree, which will allow her to teach a wide array of business courses, at the Moorhead campus of Minnesota State and Technical College.

Lundborg's goal is to continue working in higher education and to continue to pursue a doctorate of education or a doctorate of business.

Hibbing Teacher named to 2011 All State School Board

From Anna Kurth (Hibbing Daily Tribune)

June Hendrickson, a teacher of 44 years in the Hibbing School District and 15-year board director has been named to the 2011 All State School Board.

"I've worked with a lot of board members over the years, and I have never seen a more dedicated individual than June Henrickson, : said Superintendent Robert Beluzzo.

Henrickson has ben involved with the Hibbing schools for almost 60 years. Her contributions to the Hibbing schools include introducing technology and starting the Hibbing Academic Talented Program.After retiring in 1995, she ran for the school board and won. "I still cared about education, and I was still alert enough to do something," said Henrickson.

Beta Alpha Makes a Splash at Owatonna Public Library

In June and again in August, members of Beta Alpha Chapter volunteered at the children's book give away with the summer reading program "Make a Splash and Read". These members worked in June: Jan Lewison and Sara Ihrke (and her daughter Katie). In August these members worked: Anne Carter, Mary Kay Feltes, Jean Krause, Karen Krull, Diane Larson, Joanne Lockner, Harriet Matchan, Marlys Overlie, Cory Peters, Dorothy Petersen, Marjorie Zimmerman, former member Barb Hvitved, and prospective member Bonnie Crosbie. This will become an annual project for Beta Alpha members.

Beta Alpha teams with Owatonna Schools at Christmas

Beta Alpha members donated books along with clothing, gift cards, and games to distribute to needy families in Owatonna at Christmas. They collaborated with a social worker in the school district to make a special Christmas for several families.

Tau State Names State Literacy Project

Thank you to the many members who submitted suggestions for the state literacy project. Over 50 titles were submitted. The winning suggestion was submitted by Rosalie Huston. It is **SHARE** (Sisters Helping Activate Reading Experiences). This title will encompass many facets of literacy and connect Delta Kappa Gamma sisters in the name.

The Coordinating Council met over lunch to discuss the key points from each of the councils. The results were:

1. Keep the fall and spring board meetings and eliminate the winter meeting allowing the Executive Committee to handle pertinent business in the winter months.
The fall and spring meetings will be held in alternating locations (outstate and metro) with the conference/ convention sites.
2. Only 8 chapters donated in 2010 to the Grant-in-Aid Fund. 3 chapters have a chapter scholarship of over \$500 so they did not contribute allowed by the treasurer. Several ideas were proposed with \$1 per member being part of a dues increase.
3. Difficulty in locating information on the International website. Several links to get to where and what you want. Communication will be sent to International related to this.
Regarding the state website: have as many forms available; a calendar of dates and deadlines of international and state scholarships, reports, etc.; Laurie Huston, Webmaster, will look into developing a calendar of chapter meetings also. More electronic reporting rather than paper including electronic voting. Checking with International into the electronic voting will be done.
4. Chapter Presidents were very impressed and pleased with the Leadership Training at the fall board meeting and think it should be part of the meeting each fall. Looking at Leadership Styles, more computer training, "inroads" back into the schools, and marketing our society are topics to be examined.
5. Many chapters do projects related to Literacy. A list will be compiled and posted on the state website.
6. A reminder to state officers, committee chairs, and chapter presidents to look at their Emails and attachments, **pre-read, print, and bring with you** to the board meetings. This will save on printing costs. Also a reminder to chapter presidents to look for the *North Star News*, email it to your chapter members, and print copies for those members who do not have email. You may print in black only to save color cartridge costs. **It is especially important with the winter issue as it has conference/convention registration and program information included.**

A few lines about leadership...

by Barbara Whiting
Tau State Leadership Chair

I dwell in Possibility,” Emily Dickinson

A new year begins and with it comes the possibilities of new beginnings. I am reminded of a wonderful inspirational book called The Art of Possibility by Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander. The premise is that we have the option of looking at all of life's challenges as possibilities rather than as obstacles.

Zander shares the story of a shoe factory that sends two marketing scouts to a region of Africa. One reports back, “The situation is hopeless, no one wears shoes here.” The other reports, “Glorious opportunity- they have no shoes.”

Looking at this or other situations as hopeless closes out opportunities. Zander calls this downward spiral talk which is a resigned way of speaking that excludes possibility. It is based on fear that we will be stopped in our tracks and fall short. On the other hand if we use the shoe factory example, we can radiate possibility which begins with things as they are and highlights the open spaces, the pathways leading out from there.

Speaking in possibility springs from the appreciation that what we say creates a reality, how we define things sets a framework for life to unfold. I can't help but see this as a metaphor for Tau State and its chapters.

In the Middle Ages, lighting a fire from scratch was an arduous process- people often carried a metal box containing smoldering cinder which meant that a man could light a fire with ease because he carried the spark.

You/we can be the spark that lights the fire for others and for our chapters. Lighting sparks from person to person, scattering light in all directions. Sometimes sparks ignite a blaze. Sometimes they pass quietly

magically from one to another to another. Every member can be a spark for leading a chapter by looking at possibilities rather than focusing on a downward spiral. Think about membership in this new lens. Think about leadership roles. What are the possibilities for leading within a chapter or in our state? Do we encourage our leaders? Do we look at possible leadership as opportunities? Or do we focus on the downward spiral of only hard work and responsibilities?

Leading is possibility. It is filled with opportunities to learn, to network, to be involved, to know and meet other members on a different level, and to develop skills in a safe nurturing environment.

How is your chapter doing? Are you caught in the downward spiral of negativity or are you the spark that guides the group to look at possibility? I hope you will be the spark.

DKG Educational Foundational gives support

I am the liaison for Tau State to the DKG Educational Foundation. Are you familiar with the work of the foundation? We donate \$250,000 each year to improve education. We support educational projects, professional development, seminars and other events for learning and training. This past year many of our projects dealt with literacy activities, cultural understanding and materials to make it all happen.

Professional Development Awards are given three times each year (the next deadline is May 1) for employed educators (members or non-members). Consider applying! Check out the web site for more details. Dkg.org/educational foundation

\$10,000 was awarded this past year to seven state organizations to host seminars that impact education. These seminars are open to non-members. The awards ranged from \$400 to \$2700. I was the happy recipient of part of Iceland's seminar award when my expenses were paid to be in Iceland for a week in September. I gave several mini-seminars on leadership, including a two-day seminar in Reyjkavik.

I hope you will help to spread the word on these opportunities. What a wonderful membership benefit!

Barbara Whiting

Tau State Liaison for the Educational Foundation



NOTES TO YOUR

Wanted:

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What: Happy Warblers, State Convention

Where: Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North

When: Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1, 2011

Why: For contribution to Delta Kappa Gamma

AND FUN!!



Welcome New Members

Judy Anderson: **Alpha Theta**
Art Teacher Westonka Public Schools

Linda Cordie: **Alpha Theta**
Retired – English teacher at Mound Westonka High School

CHEERS at the Spring Convention

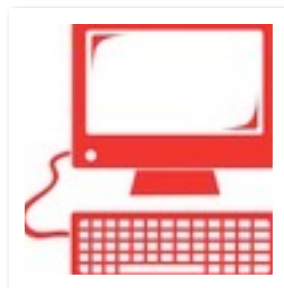
by Kathryn Patton

Chapter Health- Exciting, Energizing Resources and Support

Calling all CHEERS participants! Barbara Whiting, Stephanine Martin and Kathy Patton are going to offer a special session for chapter presidents and for participants in the CHEERS meetings held this past year.

Join us to recap the possibilities for your chapter. We'll celebrate together and share ideas for continuing to move your chapter and Tau State forward.

Watch for this session offering when the spring convention agenda comes out. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Tau State Moving Toward First State Chapter

Tau state has International's go ahead to form our state members into a new chapter. We would be the first chapter to make this happen for our state members. President Cory Peters and Membership chair Kathy Patton will be working with state members to put all of the steps in place so that we can move forward. Our hope would be to conduct the ceremony at the spring convention. Any state members who have questions or would like to help with the organization of this new chapter, feel free to contact Kathy Patton, Tau State membership chair.

Kathryn Patton <kpatton1950@gmail.com>

Celebrate Life, Imagine the Future

Delta Kappa Gamma Convention—Tau State

April 29-May 1, 2011

Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North

Brooklyn Center, Minnesota 55430



Friday, April 29, 2011

4:00-8:00 pm
Registration
Book Fair

5:30 pm
Past State Presidents Dinner **Lumbard Room**

7:30-9:00 pm **Lake of the Isles**
Birthday Celebration and Program

Celebrating 75 Years of Tau State

Join a night of interactive fun as chapter members celebrate 75 years of history with music from the decades. Chapters will be honored with their founding dates starting with the founding of DKG in 1936. There will be narrative about the decade events, music, skits, dance and fashion. Diane Larson will be at the keyboard with entertainment from various chapter members.

Saturday, April 30, 2011

7:00-9:00 am **Registration**
Breakfast on your own **Lumbard Room**

8:00-9:45 am **Minnetonka Room**
Executive Board Meeting

9:00-9:45 am **First Session**
 Lake of the Isles

Building Awareness of Eating Disorders

Keri Clifton from the Emily Project will discuss issues involved in the development of an eating disorder. The cultural factors that lead up to their development including media, body image and dieting will be shared. This session will propose ways to promote positive body image and self-care that will address weight-related concerns across the spectrum.

9:45-11:00 am

General Session

All Members **Lake of the Isles**
Presiding - Cory Peters, Tau State President
Inspiration -
Keynote Speaker, Dr. Carolyn Rants
Immediate Past International President

11:15 am-12:15 pm

Breakout Sessions

A. Book Fair **Lake of the Isles**

Purchase donated books, puzzles, CD's, DVD's, sheet music etc. Proceeds donated to the Emily Project and other supported DKG Projects.

B. The Sassy Senior Sleuth - Capers, Characters and Crimes **Calhoun Room**

Author Beth Solheim will share strategies for mystery writing. Discover how to build a creative story with characters that jump off the page and a plot that draws readers in from the beginning. Learn how to select your genre, research, set writing goals, budget time and enjoy the journey to publication. Beth's books including Sadie Witt Mystery Series: At Witt's End and Outwitted. **Book Signing**

C. Where Will Tau State Be in 5, 10, 20 Years And Beyond **Minnetonka Room**

Dr. Carolyn Rants, Immediate Past International President, will focus on developing a strategic action plan for Tau State. Participants will take part in an interactive workshop with a SWOT activity and a vision setting strategy. Tips will be provided for follow-up development of areas of focus, goals, objectives and action steps. Be a leader for change in Tau State. Help create the path to follow.

6:00-9:00 pm

Celebration Banquet Lake of the Isles

Presiding - Cory Peters, Tau State President
Inspiration -
Parade of Past State Presidents
Installation of Officers
Dinner
Women of Achievement Awards
Entertainment

The Medicine Show Music Co.

During the golden age of the American Medicine Show (1870-1920), Countless "Doctors of Medicine" loaded their wagons and set out over the landscape to entertain and provide relief from the aches, pains, and hum-drum of everyday life. When the Medicine Show came to town, the wagon unfolded to form a stage, on a street corner, or a field. The entertainers would provide music, some magic, a little dancing and comedy - anything to whip up a crowd, and win their friendship and confidence. This new rendition of the golden age Medicine Show will delight you and create lots of fun. These musicians will provide wonderful entertainment for our 75th Birthday Celebration.

9:15-10:15 pm

Reception

Dr. Carolyn Rants Honored Guest
Immediate Past International President

Sunday, May 1, 2011

8:30-9:00 am
Alpha Iota Chapter

Celebration of Life
Minnetonka Room

9:15-11:15 am

Brunch

Lake of the Isles

Presiding -

Phyllis VanBuren
First Vice-President

Inspiration -

Happy Warblers
Jewell Mendenhall, Director

Inspirational Speaker

Joy Kuby

Celebrate the Journey of Spirited Women

Joy's presentation will include some of the spirited women featured in her books **The Fortunate Four and Other Journeys of the Heart**. She will share heartwarming stories of adventure, romance and dreams shared by women. Various stories will explain the gifts that each of the women brought to this world and how generations are interconnected with those who have traveled before them. This inspirational presentation will remind us to pause and think about the gifts we each bring and the importance of capturing the legacy of our own lives.

Book Signing follows program

11:00-11:15 am

Closing Remarks
Invitation to 2012 Conference

11:15-11:30 am

Book Fair and Book Signing

11:45 am

Post Conference Meeting for 2012
Executive Board Room



Joy Kuby



Celebrate Life, Imagine the Future



Delta Kappa Gamma Tau State Convention
Friday, Saturday & Sunday: April 29 - May 1, 2011
Crowne Plaza Minneapolis North
2200 Freeway Boulevard, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Registration Form (one form per attendee)

Name: _____ Chapter: _____
 Address: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____ First Time Attending: _____
 E-mail: _____ Guest's Name _____

Registration Deadline Friday, April 8, 2011

| | | Member | | Guest |
|--|----------|---------------|---|--------------|
| Registration Fee (paid by all attendees) | \$ 40.00 | \$40.00 | | _____ |
| Friday Night Birthday Party | \$ 5.00 | no charge | | \$ 5.00 |
| Luncheon Saturday | \$ 15.00 | _____ | | _____ |
| Banquet Saturday | \$ 25.00 | _____ | | _____ |
| Brunch Sunday | \$ 15.00 | _____ | | _____ |
| Late fee after April 8 | \$ 10.00 | _____ | | _____ |
| | Subtotal | _____ | + | _____ |

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Cancellations by written request only will be accepted through April 15, 2011 with a \$10 processing fee. No cancellations after April 15, 2011.

If you have any food allergies or special needs please contact us by email at Knaak002@bevcomm.net or list _____ and indicate a phone number where you can be reached. Preferred phone number _____

Please check your current status:

| | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Tau State Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Tau State Chairperson _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter President | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter President's Alternate _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past Chapter President | <input type="checkbox"/> State Member _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Warbler _____ |

Send Check with Registration Form to: Janet Majerus
3897 155th St. W.
Rosemount, MN 55068

(Make check payable to **Alpha Pi/ Delta Kappa Gamma**; write **2011 Convention** in the memo line.)
 If you have questions regarding the convention please email Knaak002@bevcomm.net or cstockm@ties2.net or call 952-890-7931.

**2011 TAU STATE CONVENTION
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**



CELEBRATE LIFE, IMAGINE THE FUTURE

WHEN: FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011 – SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011
WHERE: CROWNE PLAZA MINNEAPOLIS NORTH
2200 Freeway Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55430
763-566-8000

Come enjoy the fun!!!

Friday : 7:30pm 75th Tau State Birthday Party
**8:00pm DKG Through the Decades with Diane Larson
and Company**

Saturday:Keynote Speaker: Keri Clifton of the Emily Project
Luncheon and Awards
Workshops
Banquet & Installation of 2011-2013 State Officers
Entertainment: The Medicine Show Music Company

Sunday: Ceremony of Life
Inspirational Speaker: Joy Kuby, author
Happy Warblers

FUNDRAISER: Used Book Sale---proceeds to the Emily Project
Bring your gently used adult & children's books, paperbacks,
CD's, & DVD's