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Beta Alpha State News

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BETA ALPHA STATE SPRING CONFERENCE OFFERS FOUR STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Beta Alpha State has planned a spring conference that should appeal to all its members—young and old, beginner or veteran, working or retired. The theme is *New Ways Forward: Preparing All Students for Success*. These Staff Development Workshops, described below, will take place on Friday, April 1, 2011, at The Common Man Inn in Claremont, NH.

Session 1: 10:00 AM--Clarifying NH's Mandated Bullying Policies

Presenters: Gail Kennedy & Dr. Malcolm Smith

Gail joined UNH Cooperative Extension in '96 as an educator in Family & Consumer Resources. Among her many duties, she delivers money management, human development, parenting and family strengthening education and nutrition and healthy lifestyles programs directly to Sullivan County residents. She also collaborates with 4-H Youth Development colleagues to prevent teen substance abuse and other behavioral problems. Current work also includes partnering with Sullivan County Dept. of Corrections to design, implement and evaluate programming that leads to the successful community reintegration of county jail inmates. Gail has a B. A. in psychology, Fairfield University; M.S. in Social Work, Columbia University; and is a Certified Trainer in Strengthening Families Program 10-14.



Gail Kennedy

Dr. Malcolm Smith, an Associate Professor and a Family Education and Policy Specialist at UNH Cooperative Extension, has spoken to many schools around NH on the bullying legislation, which he helped craft. Some of his research and publications deal with use of physical restraint of juveniles, realistic parenting, peaceful intervention, and dealing with angry and violent children. He recently founded the Family Education Collaborative in Manchester in hopes to make a meaningful contribution to family research and parent education. His educational background includes a B.A. in Communication Arts and Education at Washburn University, a M.Ed in Experiential Education at Minnesota State University, and a Ph.D in Family Life Education and Consultation from Kansas State University.



Dr. Malcolm Smith

Session 2: 11:00 AM--Changing Teacher Evaluation Requirements

Presenter: Karen Soule is an educator for over 40 years as an elementary teacher, a speech language therapist, a special education director, a building principal and a superintendent of schools with over 30 years in NH school districts. She recently retired from being Superintendent of Schools for SAU 56 and now works for the Division of Program Support as the Administrator for the Bureau of Credentialing at the NH Dept. of Education. Karen is past Chair of NH Professional Standards and currently co-chairs the Commissioner of Education's Task Force for Effective Teachers and has held a number of leadership positions in professional organizations.

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GREETINGS FROM FLORA:

“Varium et mutabile semper femina.”



Photographs by Jim, 2008

As I sit here in our winter wonderland in this winter of our discontent and reflect on women, *“Varium et mutabile semper femina”* from Vergil’s *Aeneid* haunts me, for I truly believe that our flexibility is one of our greatest gifts!

Today, more than ever, we women are managing multiple roles. What I am suggesting may well seem outrageous to you, but consider the possibilities. I am asking you to “try a little selfishness.” Reflect on your obligations. Have you organized your priorities? Where are you in this list? Chances are, you are last (if listed at all). Is this reasonable? No, I think not! The time has come to rethink our priorities. We need to be the strongest we can be to fulfill our mounting responsibilities.

More than ever, you need to take care of *you*, and DKG can help. Our spring conference “New Ways Forward” is the perfect opportunity to reflect, refresh, and recharge. Please give serious thought to joining the extraordinary women educators of New Hampshire as we restore the “can do” spirit that allows us to accomplish the impossible. Please consider giving yourself the gift of time. You will be amazed at your increased productivity.

Let’s harness that flexibility Vergil made famous. Too many rely upon us for failure to be considered an option. Plan to come and support our effort to move forward in these difficult times. The work is challenging but so very gratifying. I look forward to sharing an amazing weekend with you at the Common Man Inn at Claremont. The program is outstanding, the location superb, the food divine. What is missing? Only you. Do try to join us as we move the state of New Hampshire forward.

As always, I thank you for your kindness and generosity of spirit. It is my honor to represent the women of Beta Alpha State! Feel free to contact me at your convenience. We have much to do and truly value your thoughts and advice.

*Ex animo,
Flora*

PERRON TO SPEAK ON APRIL 2

William “Bill” Perron from Walpole will speak to the Beta Alpha State membership at their luncheon on Saturday, April 2, at the Common Man Inn in Claremont. He is a former teacher at Fall Mountain Regional High School and was nominated by the NHEA to serve on the New Hampshire Retirement Systems Board of Trustees. He is the current NHRE representative to the state legislature.

KEEP IN TOUCH THROUGH BOOKS

by Maurine Henry, Alpha Chapter

Alpha Chapter does not have regular business meetings in the months of January and February; however, we still like to keep in touch. One of the ways we do this is through book discussions. We chose *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows for this year’s February discussion group. In the past we have had discussions about *Teacher Man: A Memoir* by Frank McCourt; *In an Instant* by Lee & Bob Woodruff; and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.

The books are chosen by a vote of the members. They are asked to submit book suggestions prior to one of the fall meetings. Depending upon the number of suggestions, we have a ballot or a show-of-hands vote. Then an e-mail is sent out to members with the date, time, place and book to read.

EXECUTIVE BOARD PROPOSES SLATE OF OFFICERS

At the January 22nd meeting in Concord, the Beta Alpha State Executive Board recommended the following slate of officers for the 2011-13 biennium:

President, Flora Sapsin;
1st V. President, Elaine Landry;
2nd V. President, Pamela Read;
Recording Secretary, Anne Nute; and
Corresponding Secretary, Myrtle Moore.

CHAPTER CHATTER

ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS:

After living in a 1782 cape for 46 years, **Carole Plaisted** has moved from her beloved Surry to a lovely condo in Keene. The transition has been easier than she thought, and she's very happy in her new home.

Nancy Ann Belsky went out West and saw Monument Park, Arches National Park, Mesa Verde and The Grand Canyon last fall. "It was indescribable!" she said.

Judy Durand has participated in Smart Board training in the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union in Vermont.

Helen Ann Kelly spent a week in August attending Responsive Classroom Training with her Chesterfield School staff. They are using this social skills program this school year.

Also, several Alpha members entertained residents of Genesis Eldercare and Langdon Place in Keene with seasonal caroling. Many in the audience joined the sing-along. This annual event is one that Alpha sisters really enjoy.

BETA CHAPTER NEWS:

Helen Benham, Helen Goodwin, Jan Kulig, and Francine Lozeau will be presenting re-enactments of 1850s school sessions at the Lockhaven 1850s school this summer. These presentations are part of the 250th celebration of the charter for the town of Enfield.

Anne Cragin enjoyed playing in the six productions of *The Sound of Music* in Woodstock, VT, at the Town Hall Theater in October. She also performed in the Upper Valley Community Band winter concert on January 29 at the Lebanon Opera House. Anne plays the flute and piccolo.

Susan Mellow and **Ann Silverstein** were trained in DIBELS Next, a district assessment program for grades K-5.

Lisa Torres received her 40 year pin for the Girl Scouts of America.

Kathy Tucker and her sister, Sandra, went to California to visit their step-sister, Sandra. Always a bit confusing to have two people with the same name, but a good time was had by all!

Create the buzz!



DELTA CHAPTER NEWS:

Dawn Bechtold is in Saudi Arabia with her husband for the year!

Delta Chapter has some very "crafty" members. **Joanne Hennessey** continues her work with the Hospice Bear Program. She not only coordinates the program, but does much of the sewing. Also **Joanne, Marna Ingerson, and Joan deVillafane** have been making lap quilts for cancer patients in the North Country.

Delta Chapter president, **Marna Ingerson**, is enjoying her work as a grant facilitator for SAU 36. She and a dedicated team of teachers, community agency representatives, and parents have developed a series of workshops to promote collaboration and student preparedness. The early childhood monthly workshops involve developmental benchmarks, behavior, health and nutrition, communication, motor skills, literacy, and real play. "Feedback from parents has been positive and encouraging!" says Marna.

At the Delta Christmas meeting members brought books that were shared and then donated various libraries, **Pam Read** reported. "I chose to dedicate the books I brought in memory of a paraprofessional at my school who passed away this fall," Pam said. "In addition Ted and I had a wonderful trip this fall to Prince Edward Island. I made the best blueberry jam from wild berries we purchased in New Brunswick. We stay put in the winter, however, as we love winter sports--Ted as a snowmobiler and Ted and I as snowshoers.

Save June 23, 2011, for Delta's Tea/Luncheon at The Balsams in Dixville Notch. Delta Chapter supports its grant-in-aid project by holding a giant raffle every two years. This is the year! There will be multiple prizes, some of which are an overnight at the Lion and the Rose Bed & Breakfast, furniture, gift certificates for North Country restaurants, a handmade basket, theme baskets, quilt shop and art gallery gift certificates, and an overnight package at the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel! Other chapters are invited to join us for our June meeting at the Balsams and to be there when the lucky tickets are drawn.

GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS:

Many of Gamma Chapter members keep busy with all their travels, organizations and church activities:

Penny Bodwell is dealing with the not-so-warm weather in Florida but at least there's no snow.

Barbara Cowan is preparing for another art exhibit in the summer months.

Betty Gilman is still involved with the mission and the people she visited last fall. Hopefully, we will learn more about her work in the future.

Joyce Griffin followed the warmer weather to Aruba. "I love the beaches there," she said.

"With some efforts of the Concord Coach Society, one of the older schools in Concord, to be rebuilt, will be named for Abbot & Downing—builders of the famous coaches," **Sheila Knight** reported.

We are happy to welcome **Jan McMannis** as a new member of Gamma. She taught fourth grade for many years at Wentworth and Dondero Schools in Portsmouth. She brings many talents to us, especially that of sailing. She has sailed the East Coast and in the Island waters.

Jan now works with **Jackie Hinton** (both "retired") as Title I teachers in Somersworth. Jackie is also getting ready for her son's wedding in July.

Myrt Moore went to Canada for the Christmas season.

Meryl Roy is also a snowbird in Florida while visiting her children there.

Ann Smith keeps up with the ongoing project of North Mill Pond area in Portsmouth.

Lynn Young had, she thought, "at least 1,000 people in and out of her home during the holidays!"

EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS:

During the month of December, the enclosed watercolor by **Dr. Connie Lanseigne-Case** was exhibited in the juried show of members of the Whistler House Museum of Art in Lowell, MA. She combines a passion for travel, painting, and photography into her work. For over 50 years the retired educator, taught, studied, and visited countries on six continents. A Pelham resident, she works in a variety of mediums using her slide photos of memorable places to create her art. "And in April I plan to tour southern Spain and Morocco with Roadsolar," said Connie.



Le Pouche, France (watercolor)

Barbara Mee's trip over April vacation has 14 people scheduled to tour Edinburgh and Dublin. "I will be planning the April 2012 trip shortly after we return and would love to have some Beta Alpha State members join me," said Barbara. Email barbaramee@comcast.net for further information.

"In addition, I was selected to be a member of the International Educator's Book Award committee and will spend a weekend in Austin in early April with the other committee members. We will go over our selection to be awarded at the 2012 International Convention."

Trudy Morris' daughter Amanda graduated from Roger Williams University with a master's degree in Forensic Psychology in May 2010. She now works for the Gateway Company in Cranston, RI, as an abuse and grief counselor. She also got engaged while in St. Maarten last October and will be getting married at the Granite Rose in Hampstead on October 1, 2011.

"My husband Leon and I recently spent a night in Puerto Rico and then sailed the southern Caribbean on a seven-day Royal Caribbean cruise. We were glad to leave the snow and cold temperatures behind!" Trudy exclaimed.

Katie Murphy and her husband, Ian, welcomed their third child, Daniel Timothy, into the world in September. Big sisters Libby (3) and Sarah (2) are very excited. Katie has been planning service projects for the MOMS Club in her town. She coordinated stocking stuffers for underprivileged children at Christmas and is now starting to organize the Linus project in town, which will involve making blankets for sick children in March. Katie also became an educational consultant for Usborne books in October and has been very busy with this new business opportunity.

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EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS: *(continued from p. 4)*

Beth Talbott was accepted to participate in a summer seminar with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Beth took part in a six-day seminar at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The seminar, "Visions of the Environment," was led by Dr. Patricia Limerick, director of the Center for the American West and professor at the University. The group was comprised of teachers from various parts of the country. The members of the seminar group were all responsible for creating lessons and assessments for the Gilder Lehrman Institute. These lessons and assessments will be available to teachers via www.gilderlehrman.org. This is Beth's second seminar with the Institute. "I have also been officially accepted into the CAGS program at Rivier," she added.

THETA CHAPTER NEWS:

Pam Clark has been busy this winter as an Assessment Coordinator for NAEP, the National Assessment for Educational Placement. NAEP tests about one million fourth and eighth graders around the country for the national report *The Nation's Report Card*. "I enjoyed going into different schools in the Concord area," Pam said.

Ruth Conwell attended the NCTM Regional Conference in Baltimore this fall.

Tiffany Dube, as chair of Theta's Intergenerational Committee, has arranged for several visits to the Belknap County Nursing Home in Laconia. **Ann Hart, Nancy Gibbons, and Bev Jones** have joined her for some of those visits during which they have lead discussions and sing-alongs in remembrance of days gone by. Tiffany reported that she, Ann, Nancy, and Bev went there in September and "had a fabulous time reminiscing with the residents about fall and Halloween."

Pamela Forbes is teaching fourth grade this year, moving up from second grade. Also she and her family welcomed her son-in-law's return from Afghanistan in December.

Globetrotter **Nancy Gibbons** went to Hawaii this year for Thanksgiving and then stopped in Tacoma, WA, afterward to visit her sister.

Kathy Lacroix took her dream trip to Greece in September. Ever since she had a pen pal in elementary school, she had dreamed of going to Greece, and the dream finally came true. "The two-week trip started in Athens, which included climbing up to the top of the Acropolis, seeing the Parthenon up close, going to Delphi for a visit to where the oracle would give her advice, and then going to Olympia, where the game were first held," Kathy explained. "The trip ended on the island of Santorini, which was very relaxing. Retirement is nice!" she added.

Sheila Mable taught three courses this fall at Southern New Hampshire University and travelled to Arizona in February to visit her DKG friend Miki Grady, who "winters" in Arizona and "summers" in Vermont.

Julie Swain is now working full-time as art teacher in the Winnisquam Regional School District. "I am enjoying the students and teachers at Union Sanborn School, Grades 1-2, and at Southwick School, Grades 3-5," she announced.

Lori Thompson is working at McClelland Elementary and Maple Street Schools in Rochester as the art teacher. In addition, she is enjoying her newly adopted child from Arizona.

Brenda Walker and **Nanci Plimpton** attended Beta Alpha State's Fall Workshop at the Currier Museum in Manchester. "The exhibits were beautiful," Brenda said.

NH Misses "Taffy" McGuigan

Catherine "Taffy" McGuigan, 77, of Meredith passed away peacefully on December 24, 2010, at home surrounded by her family.

Daughter of Joseph and Irma Randall Shaw, Taffy was born at home in Concord. She grew up on Endquest Street in Concord Heights and graduated from Concord High School. She went on to Plymouth Teachers College, graduating in 1955 with a degree in elementary education. Her first teaching job was in Warner, where she taught for two years before accepting a position for the Inter-Lakes School District. Starting at the Lang Street School and continuing for more than 30 years as a primary grade school teacher, she enjoyed teaching in the readiness and special education



areas. Her love for teaching continued after her retirement, as she continued to substitute for many years.

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Taffy was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, a founders' award recipient and past state president. She was a charter member of the local Theta Chapter, also serving as past president. Through this society, she especially enjoyed volunteering at the Belknap County Nursing Home.

Taffy was a longtime active member of the Lakes Region and the New Hampshire Retired Educators Association. She served as past president for the local group, as well as past vice president and president for the state organization. She was involved with the legislative committee of the state organization and attended many meetings and hearing on issues pertaining to retired educators.

She was an active member and past secretary of the Lakes Region Camera Club. She was also a member of the Meredith Historical Society.

She leaves behind her husband of 52 years, Norman C. McGuigan; sons Michael McGuigan, Norman T. McGuigan and wife, Susan, all of Meredith; two grandchildren; her brother Randall Shaw and his wife, Judy, of Pembroke; and many nieces and nephews and their families, who all had a very important part in her life. She was predeceased by her daughter, Lynn Ellen, who died in 2004.

Memorial donations may be made to Inter-LakesElementary School Health and Needy Fund, 21 Laker Lane, Meredith 03253.

“OVER THE HUMP”

by Helen E. Goodwin, Beta Chapter

“Not till you clean your room,” “Not till you finish your homework,” “Not till your bed is made,” and most importantly, “Not till you do your practicing.” How many times did I hear these comments? There was a phrase for every situation. To this day--and I am now in my high eighties--I still find myself putting aside something I would like to do because there is something else that needs doing and shouldn't be postponed. The lessons of my youth have stuck with me.

We all had our chores and responsibilities and they came first. Did we have fun? Of course we did. Our parents expected responsibility from us, and we tended to grumble and to try to tease our way out of the chores, but we still did what was expected. We also knew that when the work was done, time for fun could follow. There was always time to play, and to our parents, recreation was an important part of family life. All members of the family shared in the chores, so everyone had more time for other activities.

How often do parents, today, hear the children say, “I'm bored”? I do not recall any of us using that phrase, and if we had, Mother or Dad would quickly have found ways to keep us

busy, which could easily be a chore that needed doing and not just some fun things. It was best not to say anything.

With our parents, it was very important that when we tried something new, such as learning a musical instrument or maybe a game or a sport, we were expected to stick to it and give it a fair try. All of us were given the opportunity to study an instrument. Our mother was a pianist, and our dad loved music and liked to try any instrument he could lay his hands on. My sister and I both took piano lessons from our mother, and our brother John studied cornet with a local teacher. Later my sister and I were both given the opportunity to learn a stringed instrument: Barbara--the cello and I--the violin. We were expected to stick with it and to practice every day, except Sunday. Barbara even practiced on Sunday, but I usually goofed off. I know we would not have been allowed to quit unless we really could not handle the instrument.

I often look back upon my beginning experiences studying the violin. This was in the early 1930's. The approach to teaching stringed instruments had not changed, to any extent, for many generations. My teacher tucked the violin under my chin and put my left hand in place to hold it. There was a chin rest that dug into my neck. Next, with much pulling and twisting of my fingers, I managed to hold the bow. Then I was told to pull it slowly across one of the strings while the teacher counted to four very slowly and to pull it back in the same slow movement. By two or three times back and forth, my right arm and shoulder ached.

There came a whole week of this practice at home followed by a week of two beat notes but still no work with my left hand. This tortuous way of learning the instrument went on for at least two weeks. I can still see those first three or four pages of that book--line after line of whole notes, half notes and quarter notes all on open strings. Finally I was introduced to the use of my left hand. I do not remember how long it was before I finally was playing something that resembled a melody. I tell all this because of the changes that have been made by concerned and innovative teachers in more recent years. Their challenge was to find ways to help children get over the physical problems early on and find joy in their accomplishments.

During many years of teaching, I found myself using the lessons I learned from my parents and from my classroom teachers to support my students. I encouraged parents to attend lessons and therefore get a better understanding of what their children were doing and what their struggles would involve. When children signed up for the class lessons at school, I shared my philosophy with the parents and insisted that the parents not allow the children to quit until they had given it a fair try. As we usually started the lessons in late September, I insisted that they stay with it until at least November. There were always children who, despite every effort, could not seem to adapt to the instrument.

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I would arrange to meet with the parents and we would decide whether to continue. Often physical coordination was the major problem, and I would recommend that students try a different type of instrument.



I think back again to my childhood when we were expected to give things a fair try and to stick to it until we got “over that hump.” When I was teaching, I used that phrase with both parents and students. I had a career in music that would never have happened if I had been allowed to give up before I got over that “hump.” The talent was there, but it took time to develop it.

When I was about 13, my teacher became ill and could not teach anymore. I was blessed to have two excellent teachers during the rest of my teen years who gave me a great love for the violin. Without them I probably would not have gone on with music.

I did not become a professional performer, but I learned from each of them that teaching was what I wanted to do. I entered the Eastman School of Music with very limited experience compared to many people I met there. It was not easy and I struggled. By the end of the third year, I could not handle it so I left. It was during the war when I decided to join the WAAC. What I gained during those next two and a half years was maturity. I found wonderful use for my music in the service. I was trained to be a photographer, but in my spare time I found time for music. There were other musicians on our base in South Carolina, and we had opportunities to share our music. I was sent overseas to New Guinea with the Far East Air Service Command; and another musician who had been studying organ at the University of Chicago before he was drafted and I prepared music for chapel services. Someone brought a violin from Australia. It wasn't the greatest but it worked.

When the war was over, I couldn't wait to get back to Eastman. I had grown up and had a clear picture of where I wanted to go and I never looked back. My career included four years teaching elementary music and starting a string program in Winchester, MA. This was followed by a year and a half getting my Master's in Education and then coming back close to home to teach in Hanover, NH. For the first few years I taught the entire music program for Hanover. Gradually I added a band program, which was followed by a string program. The community grew and more faculty members were added. Today Hanover has a very fine program with chamber string groups throughout the schools, an orchestra, bands starting in fifth grade, jazz groups, a very involved choral program, and a faculty of six people.

Over the years I was able to concentrate almost entirely on strings, giving me time to concentrate on teaching techniques. I found myself looking into what was going on to help young people to be able to handle the physical aspects of stringed instruments more easily, particularly in those beginning few months when so many give up. I had the opportunity to attend the first Suzuki Institute in the US, which was held at Eastman. I attended more workshops during the next several summers and began applying the techniques in my classes.

There is no doubt that these changes in the approach to teaching made a tremendous difference in the development of string players, as well as to other players to which the philosophy was applied. I had many students come through my classes over the years: some very talented, others doing well and enjoying it, and some who had to struggle but who stuck with it. There were others who changed to instruments more suited to their abilities. There were those whose talents went in other directions. I even remember one who became a professional football player. Some went on to become very fine string players and even professionals. I expect there were many “humps” to conquer, and no matter how talented my students might have been, there were plenty of times when they would become discouraged but did not give up. I feel very blessed that I had a small part in their careers.

I share this story with you teachers who have helped your students get over the “humps” that were in their way. The time that you spend searching for the key to a student's problem can be very discouraging at times and we do not always succeed, but how exciting when a child's eyes are opened and the “hump” is gone.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

The “block” at the Hershey Lodge opens January 3 for room reservations. If you decide to call, you can use the **code # 54102** to reserve your rooms.

NEEDED--VENDORS AND EXHIBITORS:

Where: Hershey Motor Lodge
When: Thurs., July 21, & Fri., July 22, 2011

Cost for DKG Affiliate Vendor or Exhibitor:
\$100.00 for one draped table with 2 chairs
\$50 extra for electricity

Cost for Non-Affiliate Vendor or Exhibitor:
\$250.00 for one draped table with 2 chairs for vendor
\$200 for one draped table with 2 chairs for exhibitor
\$50 extra for electricity

For more information and an application, contact **Wanda Keller** at 830 Fernwood Place, Johnstown, PA 15905
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(indicate NERC 2011 on subject line)

CONSIDER SUPPORTING SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA CAMPAIGN

Schools for Africa is a joint campaign founded by UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Hamburg Society to promote education for children in Africa. The campaign will increase access to quality basic education for children with a special focus on girls, orphans and vulnerable children. –UNICEF brochure

In September 2009, an additional agreement was signed which extended Schools for Africa into 11 countries including Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia and Madagascar.

In these countries, as well as the new additions, UNICEF is working with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners to:

- Build and rehabilitate 1,000 schools;
- Create schools that offer a safe and protective environment where children can learn and play;
- Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls in those schools;
- Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials;
- Train 100,000 teachers to provide children with quality education and basic life skills; and
- Educate children about proper hygiene and HIV prevention; this knowledge is passed on to siblings, parents, and the community at large.

E. E. COMMITTEE PROMOTES INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The room buzzed with excitement as the 15 members of the new Educational Excellence Committee met for the first time to build on the wisdom of the past as it charted its new course.

Focusing on the Society's mission and vision statements, the committee adopted a self-definition, which will be equally appropriate for state organization and chapter committees: "The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide."

For the Society to have the greatest impact on education, chapters and state organizations need to focus on no more than two Society-wide initiatives. In addition, chapters and state organizations will benefit from resources for programs and activities that encourage educational excellence by

addressing the professional and personal growth of women educators and the diverse interests of members.

To embrace our vision, "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide," the Educational Excellence Committee urges every chapter and state organization throughout the Society to focus on two major initiatives:

1. **Support for the Society's official Schools for Africa project, and**
2. **Support for early-career educators.**

Information on these initiatives is readily available on the DKG website and in its publications. UNICEF will maintain records of DKG's support for the **Schools for Africa** project. Chapters, on the other hand, should maintain a record of the money and the number of hours members spend in support for early-career educators. Recognition for support of both initiatives will be showcased at the 2012 convention

To assist chapters, the Educational Excellence Committee will use the DKG Web site library, the DKGNetwork and Society publications to offer ideas for programs and activities that focus on educational excellence, promote the DKG/UN relationship, increase members' global awareness, impact educational law and policy, and increase members' personal and professional pride.

Join the excitement! Unite with other Delta Kappa Gamma members as we become a global force in achieving educational excellence.

Do you want to help early career educators?

Are you concerned about bullying?

Do you support literacy efforts?

Make A Miracle Campaign – \$500

Make A Miracle II – Additional \$500

Donations are 100% tax deductible for U.S. citizens.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO MEMBERS:

THINK...DECIDE...APPLY

by Barbara Baker, Delta Chapter

Beta Alpha State has two different awards available to further the professional goals of its members. Applications for these awards are available at the September Beta Alpha State meeting and also are available on-line.

The Beta Alpha State Scholarship

- Beta Alpha New Hampshire members may apply for these awards.
- Applicants must be active contributing members of the Society for at least three years.
- Members wishing to further their professional growth may apply for this award.
- The intended use of the scholarship includes course work, conferences, educational travel, Elderhostel, or other educational endeavors acceptable to the Scholarship Committee.
- Scholarships of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each shall be available annually.

The Keene Founders' Scholarship Endowment

Vivian Rockwood, a Beta Alpha State Founder, established this scholarship in 1993.

- Applicants must be active contributing members of the society for at least three years.
- The recipient must be engaged in advanced degree work in the field of Education.
- Scholarships of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) each shall be awarded annually.
- Selection of a recipient shall be based on the established criteria of the Scholarship Committee.

WORKSHOPS *(continued from p. 1)*

Session 3: 1:00 PM--Today's Libraries: Connecting to Technology and Patrons

Presenter: Kelly Budd---Kelly is currently the librarian and media specialist at Keene High School. She graduated from Franklin Pierce University with a bachelor's degree in English and secondary certification, from Fitchburg State College with a Master's in Education, and from Plymouth State University with a library media certification. Kelly taught English at KHS for many years before becoming the school's librarian.

Session 4: 2:00 PM--Aiding the Disenfranchised Students: Assisting Homeless and At-Risk Students

Presenters: Matthew Primrose and Karen Bednarski, Staff members of Monadnock Family Services, Keene, NH



BREST SHARES WISDOM

For her 90th birthday, Regina Brest, a retired journalist from the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, jotted these pieces of advice for us young-ones:

1. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
2. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your good friends and family will. Stay in touch.
3. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
4. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
5. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
6. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
7. Burn the candles, use nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
8. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
9. Forgive everyone, everything.
10. What other people think of you is none of your business.
11. Believe in miracles.
12. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
13. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
14. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.
15. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.



RED ROSES:

Julia Dutton, Alpha
Jan McManus, Gamma
Constance McMurray, Epsilon
Winifred Schmidt, Epsilon
Barbara Williams, Epsilon

WHITE ROSES:

Amelia "Millie" Morse, Delta
Catherine "Taffy" McGuigan, Theta

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Founders' Award Nominations Deadline
Send to Sheila Knight, 11 Wildemere Terrace,
Concord 03301 (one nomination per chapter)

Friday & Saturday, April 1 & 2, 2011

BAS SPRING CONFERENCE
The Common Man Inn, Clarmont, NH

Wednesdy, June 1, 2011

Filler Updates due to Elaine Landry

Friday, July 1, 2011

CHIPS deadline for news

Wednesday-Saturday, July 20-23, 2011

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA

August 2011 (TBA)

BAS Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011

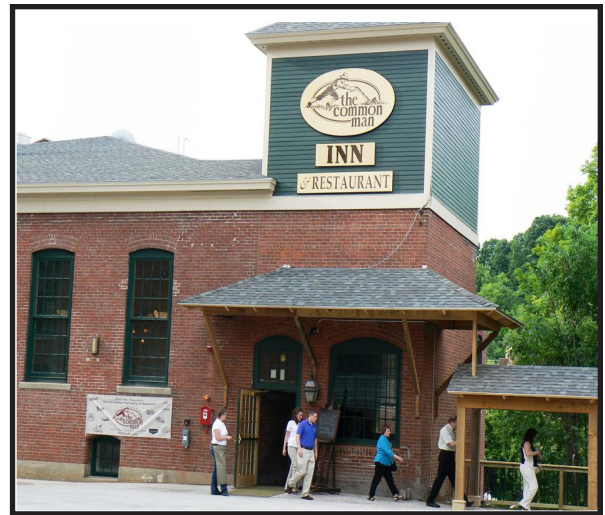
BAS Fall Meeting
Place--TBA

Below: Members of Beta Alpha State pose on the stairs at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester at their fall meeting.



Delta Kappa Gamma International Beta Alpha State Spring Conference

The Common Man Inn
21 Water St., Claremont, NH
Thursday, March 31—Saturday, April 2, 2011



*** Day Package \$50.00:**

Includes Breakfast, Lunch, All Taxes, Gratuities, and Registration

Check: ___ Friday ___ Saturday

*** 1 Night Package:**

Includes Registration, Guestroom Accommodation—Friday Night, Breakfast—Friday & Saturday Morning,
Dinner—Friday Night, Lunch—Friday & Saturday, All Taxes and Gratuities

The cost per person will depend upon the room selected:

One person in room:	_____ Queen bed with street view	\$155.00
	_____ Queen bed with garden view	\$175.00
	_____ King bed with garden view	\$215.00
Two persons in room:	_____ 1 Queen bed with street view	\$115.00 (per person)
	_____ 1 Queen bed with garden view	\$120.00 (per person)
	_____ 1 King bed with garden view	\$145.00 (per person)

*** 2 Night Package:**

Includes Registration, Guestroom Accommodation--Thursday & Friday Night, Breakfast--Friday & Saturday Morning,
Dinner—Friday Night, Lunch—Friday & Saturday, All Taxes and Gratuities

The cost per person will depend upon the room selected:

One person in room:	_____ Queen bed with street view	\$235.00
	_____ Queen bed with garden view	\$270.00
	_____ King bed with garden view	\$355.00
Two persons in room :	_____ 1 Queen bed with street view	\$150.00 (per person)
	_____ 1 Queen bed with garden view	\$165.00(per person)
	_____ 1 King bed with garden view	\$210.00 (per person)

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Roommate (if applicable): _____

Please note any dietary or facility needs: _____

Please send a **check made payable to Beta Alpha State with this registration form by Monday, March 21 to:**

Mrs. Flora Sapsin
Londonderry High School
295 Mammoth Road
Londonderry, NH 03053

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GREETINGS FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Women of the Northeast,

I am thrilled to tell you that we are LIVE on the Internet! The Regional Conferences are all posted on the *dkg.org* web site. The page will be changing as we continue to add content. Check it out! Now I really believe that there's going to be a Conference in Hershey! Whooo Hooo!

Dr. Lyn Schmid
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