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Excitement filled the air as International First Vice-President **Alice Carrier** installed the newly elected state officers at the Alpha State Spring Convention in Olympia, April 1-3, 2011 in Olympia, WA.

Copies of the revised and approved Bylaws and Standing Rules are posted online at www.deltakappgamma.org/WA.

Highlights of the spring convention continued on page 12.

Get the “Edge”

- from *Broadcasting the Buzz*

Congratulations to the newly elected state organization presidents! The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, along with the Educational Foundation, offers opportunities to assist state organization presidents, state officers, committee chairs and chapters by offering the “*Educator Edge*”.



What is the “*Educator Edge*”? It is a service provided by the Society that offers professional development opportunities. Located at www.educatoredge.org, numerous choices are available to fit most needs.

There, members will find professional development, including an [Awards page](#) for information to help pay for the professional development activity for which you’ve only dreamed!

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“Embracing Our Vision, Designing Our Future”

*by State President
Liz Friedrich (Alpha Epsilon)*



The start of the new biennium has been a busy one—gathering in Yakima for the transition meeting, going over the new Bylaws and Standing Rules, planning Fall Board, and preparing for NW Regional in Edmonton. It has been an exciting beginning!

Biennium Goals

This biennium I am using the international theme, along with the three international goals:

- ♦ Educational Excellence (emphasizing Early Career Educators and Schools for Africa)
- ♦ Membership Diversity
- ♦ Strengthening Chapters (strong programs, DKG support)

As with you, I continue to be concerned about the increasing pressures on teachers—not just the newest ones—but also on those experienced teachers who are facing salary cuts, bigger classes and shrinking resources. How can DKG help our members cope in and out of the classroom? How can we help our members to reach their potential? How shall we reach out to the other teachers in our districts and communities? Come to Fall Board, Sept. 23-24, Yakima Red Lion, with your creative ideas and input!

Bylaws and Standing Rules

At Fall Board the members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee will provide chapter presidents and area liaisons a template and helpful advice on revising your chapter rules to align

with the new documents. It seems as if you just finished redoing your rules, I know, but the changes in the new international constitution have made revision necessary. We are here to support you and, I must admit, it is a great way to get to know the materials. The new documents are online at our website for easy access.

Heart Design

On our website you will also see a variation on my original heart design that I shared with you at the state convention. I wanted to add in the theme and goals, so I worked with Sarah Sullivan of Cottage Gardens Studios in Coeur d'Alene to help me (I found her at www.etsy.com). She came up with a wonderful design. Don't you just love her teacher bees and student bees? They also fit beautifully with our *Schools for Africa* project (4th square). If you would like to use either heart for your chapter publications, just let me know and I will send you email attachments. The 4th square in the original heart quilt design may be used for a chapter goal, rather than for the project (officially part of the EEC).

I am looking forward to this coming year and its challenges. I am also mindful of our many successes: the retreats, state and chapter projects and programs, the DKG International Convention, all of our grants-in-aid and scholarships, leadership opportunities, and the encouragement and fellowship of our members.





Are You Ready to Celebrate Success?

by Joan Schilling (Alpha Tau)
First Vice-President / Educational Excellence Chairman

According to the newly adopted Bylaws, the first vice-president serves as the chair of the Educational Excellence Committee. After reading the goals and job description of the international committee and the Alpha Sigma State Bylaws, my first thought was, "What have I gotten myself into?"

This committee promotes programs and projects for excellence in education. The main focus will be to support the *Schools for Africa* project and early-career educators. It seems a daunting task!

To help and support me in these endeavors is a wonderful committee: **Judy Carrick** (Alpha Lambda) Personal Growth and Services; **Susan Fritts** (Alpha Sigma), Professional Affairs; **Sharon White** (Phi), Legislative; **Kris Bishop** (Beta Kappa), Research; **Janice Moen** (Kappa), Music; and **Judy Neumann** (Beta Beta), International Projects. I also have a "secret weapon" – **Janet LeBeau** (Theta) - who currently serves as a member of the International Educational Excellence Committee.

What are our goals and job description? How will this committee actually function? What to do when everyone looks to me for leadership? The new Bylaws answered some of those questions. At the Northwest Regional in Edmonton, state committee chairs will attend an all day training session. Hopefully after that, it will no longer be a case of "the blind leading the blind!"



Dear Alpha Sigma State Sisters,

You are invited to the annual meeting of Fall Board, September 23 – 24. Plan to join our State President and her officers for informational meetings and renewed friendship. Area I is pleased to serve as your hostess at the Yakima Red Lion Hotel in sunny Yakima. All chapters are encouraged to send representatives.

Area I members look forward to greeting you to the beautiful Yakima Valley!

Sincerely,
Michele Wiederspohn
Area I Fall Board Chairman



A Message from the Executive Secretary

by Linda Pearn
(Alpha Rho)

I've been thinking a lot about what you can buy in today's economy for 7 cents per day. The answer is...not much, right? Here is what I believe I have received for 7 cents. I have benefited from leadership training and other professional development through state seminars, workshops, conferences and conventions. I have also been able to meet and make life-long friends—*priceless*. I was able to further my undergraduate studies with the help of state scholarship money, and my chapter has been able to do special projects through grant funding. I have been given numerous opportunities to make presentations at meetings, workshops and conferences and to write articles for the *ASN*. I have learned that though we are diverse, I share many common values, interests and experiences, which spawn a genuine spiritual fellowship.

When I was just beginning to teach, I received mutual support and collaboration which was too valuable to put a price tag on. My own personal growth has been expanded 100 fold over the past 37 years. I have been empowered through knowledge and participation to try to make a difference. My benefits list could go on and on. Why did I pick 7 cents for this article? Because that is what my \$22 state membership dues costs. What a deal!

Now, I would like to entice and invite you to join your fellow colleagues for a great leadership experience by attending Fall Board 23-24, 2011 at the Red Lion in Yakima, WA. President Liz Friedrich and the Executive Committee are planning new ways to present the training in hopes of meeting the needs of our newer members, while at the same time, continue to captivate the interest of our "seasoned" members. It is our goal to offer something of interest to everyone who attends.

Please mark the date on your calendar and fill out the registration form as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity to get more than your 7 cents worth of training,

STATE STORE

Do you need gifts for your chapter officers, or for new initiates? Do you want something for yourself, or your children, or grandchildren?

Take a shopping spree at the State Store at Fall Board! There are many affordable gift items such as lovely stationery, DKG shirts, pencils and pens, sticky notes, jewelry, coffee mugs.

All sales support the travel fund to Northwest Regional & International meetings.



l-r clockwise:
Sue Ochs,
Jerry Jarvis,
Bobbie Fox
Mu Chapter members man the store.



Embrace Your Membership Vision

by Terri Diehm (Beta Delta)
Second Vice-President &
Membership Chairman

As this is published, I will have returned from our Northwest Regional Conference in Edmonton, Canada. I know I will be bringing back new insights, information and strategies to help guide our chapters in Washington State. I hope as a chapter membership chair you are planning to attend our Fall Board in Yakima on September 23-24 to hear about some of these new membership ideas.

One item I can already share with you is that you will want to order the new membership brochures: **You and Us** and **One and All**. Due to the changes in our International Constitution, the old brochures have inaccurate information. There is no charge for ordering the materials, but you must pay for postage. 25 brochures are \$2.00. Your chapter president has received a copy of the order form, or you can order the materials online at www.dkg.org.

- ♦ Click the “forms” tab in the upper right corner
- ♦ Scroll to General forms
- ♦ Click on Society Supply Store
- ♦ Click on brochures under Category Name
- ♦ Click on US orders—Brochures (under Category Name)
- ♦ Add desired brochures to your shopping cart

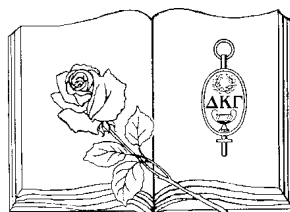
These brochures are wonderful to share with potential members or to include with any community connections mad through chapter projects or promotions.

Fall Board will be a great time to share YOUR membership ideas and successes as well. I hope you will all be there to “embrace” your pride in our

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairmen

It is very important that chapters send in **FORM 6** immediately following the death of a chapter member. There are many members whose deaths are observed in chapter newsletters; however, the State Editor can not list the members’ names in the **ASN** until State Membership Chairman **Terri Diehm** receives the form.

White Roses of Remembrance



To give permanence to their memory is to carry on their labors and their ideals in our everyday life. In doing so, their spirit will live on.

Willene Koski	Alpha Nu	11/4/09
LaVerne Gierke	Omicron	11/22/10
Ada Cox	Sigma	7/5/10
Edith Schoonover	Sigma	12/22/10
Shirlie Verley	Sigma	11/10/10
Mary “Pat” Bates	Beta Nu	12/14/10
Laurene Mineke	Psi	2/23/11
Zelma Vickland	Beta	3/26/11
Elsie M. Bracelin	Mu	4/8/11
Gladys Whato	Phi	unknown
Winnifred Olsen	Honorary	3/19/11

Welcome New Initiates

Linda Charlton	Phi	5/17/11
Sharon Stolen	Phi	5/17/11
Pat R. Kugen	Phi	5/17/11
Christine Davis	Phi	5/17/11

We regret the dissolution of the following chapters:

Area II: Alpha Xi & Alpha Eta **Area IV:** Beta Mu
Area VII: Beta Lambda



Bequest of Delta Kappa Gamma Pins

In the event of my death, I respectfully request my family to donate my Delta Kappa Gamma pins to my Chapter:

_____,
or to the Alpha Sigma State Membership Chairman.

Signed _____ Date _____

** If this is your desire, please cut out and place with your pins*

Briefed Fall Executive Board Schedule

Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center
September 23 - 24, 2011

Registration

Friday 4 p.m.— 9 p.m.
(Members not attending required meetings
will be on their own for dinner)
Saturday 8 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

State Store

Friday 4 p.m.— 8 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m.— 4 p.m.

(Closed during workshops and business mtgs.)

Friday, September 23, 2011

4 p.m. State Executive Committee Meeting
(for State Officers and Parliamentarian)

5 p.m. RRPSF Board Mtg.
(Dinner at 6 p.m.)

5:30 p.m. Advisory Council (Past State Presidents) Join the
State Executive Committee meeting for discussion, followed
by dinner at 6 p.m.

7 p.m. Meetings/Activities

- ◆ Rainbow Lodge Retreat Committee
- ◆ Strategic Planning Discussion
- ◆ Special Activity for all members

8 p.m. Dessert Reception

Saturday, September 24, 2011

8 a.m. Breakfast

9 —9:30 a.m. Action Plans

- ◆ State Committee Chairmen
- ◆ Area Liaisons

9:45 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Workshops

- ◆ Chapter Presidents/Area Liaisons
- ◆ Schools for Africa/Dresses for Africa
- ◆ T.H.A.T. Project for Chapters

10:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Workshops

- ◆ Chapter Presidents/Area Liaisons, cont.
- ◆ Membership
- ◆ TBA

11:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Workshops

- ◆ Educational Excellence
- ◆ Chapter Strengthening & diversity
- ◆ TBA

12 :45—1:45 p.m. Luncheon

2:00 p.m. State Executive Board Meeting
State Officers, Area Liaisons, Chapter Presidents
(All members are welcome to attend)

4 p.m. State Executive Committee Meeting
(State Officers and Parliamentarian only)

*Please check the Alpha Sigma State website for any
changes or updates.*

Opportunities Abound... Don't Procrastinate— Apply Now!

Golden Gift Applications Available Online

If you've been a DKG member for at least two years, you could be eligible to receive financial assistance to attend a two-week leadership seminar or receive a special study stipend from the Golden Gift Fund.

The Golden Gift Fund was established in 1979 to mark the 50th anniversary of Delta Kappa Gamma. It is maintained at a value of \$1,000,000 with the interest used to assist members to develop leadership, communication, and management skills as well as pursue special projects which fulfill specific educational and professional needs.

Leadership/Management Seminars are offered in even numbered years (June/July 2012) Attendees pay their own registration fee. The Golden Gift Fund covers transportation, lodging, most meals, and seminar supplies.

Special Study-Projects Stipends of up to \$800 are awarded annually. Last year, \$300 was awarded to an Alpha Alpha Chapter member from New York for a documentary she made on the chapter's charter members.

An \$800 stipend was awarded to a Canadian professor from Saskatchewan for her research of "pay-e-pots"/moccasins and their incorporation into social studies units.

Find applications on the Society's International website (www.dkg.org); click Library/Forms/ click on all appropriate documents to download.

Don't delay...Applications are due by December 1, 2011. Those chosen will be notified by February 15, 2012.

Additional information may be obtained by calling International Headquarters 1-888-762-4685. Go for it!!

- submitted by Judy Neumann (Beta Beta)

Rachel Royston Permanent

Variety of issues discussed at fourth quarterly meeting

The Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Fund Board met for their fourth meeting of the year on June 13, 2011 in Normandy Park, WA. The board discussed a variety of issues including eligibility of candidates from for-profit institutions, revisions of the application form and scholarship process, as well as calendar plans for the coming year. A financial update was provided by financial advisor Dan Berge. This was also the transition meeting from the our-going Chairman **Jennee Osburn** (Rho) to in-coming Chairman **Joy Lauderbaugh** (Kappa).

Following a luncheon, the board celebrated the service of out-going board members **Jennee Osburn** and **Joan Haner** (Lambda), Coordinator of Educational Research. The board also welcomed new members **Lydia Elsom** (Eta) and **Eva Mehaffey** (Rho).

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Board members discuss financial issues with Advisor Dan Berge.



Above center: members prepare the financial report

Left and below: Celebrating the service of out-going chairman Jennee Osburn.



Scholarship Foundation



Tiffany Meier
currently works for student outreach at WWU; working on a M Ed degree in student affairs administration in Higher Education at WWU



Elizabeth Born
Special Ed teacher in Olympia; pursuing a M Ed reading specialist degree at CWU



Kristin Broms
Graduate student/TA at the UW; working on a PhD in Quantitative ecology and Resource management. She is also recipient of the 2011-2012 RRPSF Margaret Harbin Award



Ashley Griffith
Teaches in Bellingham; getting her Ed. Admin M Ed from Western Washington University



Jasmin Niedo Jones
Full time graduate student pursuing her PhD in Educational Psychology at the UW



Becky Hendrickson
Special Ed. Teacher in Bethel; pursuing an EdD in Teacher Leadership at Walden; repeat RRPSF recipient



Beth Holland
Full time grad student and private tutor; working on her PhD in School Psychology at the UW



Jennifer de Saxe
Graduate student/TA at the UW; pursuing a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction.



Ann Flynn
Head Start Program Manager in Tacoma; pursuing an EdD at Antioch; repeat RRPSF recipient

Rachel Royston Scholarships Available

Are you, or a friend, thinking about pursuing further education or changing your field of expertise? Rachel Royston has scholarships available to Washington State women educators working on post BA credentials or degrees during 2012- 2013.

Applications are available on-line beginning July 1, 2011. As part of the process, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a resume must be submitted.

Deadline: Nov. 19, 2011

Scholarship awards will be announced in the late winter of 2012.



Jessica Potter-Bowers
Graduate student at the UW working on her M Ed in Curriculum and Instruction. She also works for the Islandwood Program on Bainbridge



Joan Spears
Teacher at Woodway High School, Edmonds; pursuing her EdD in Psychology at Argosy; repeat RRPSF recipient



Melanie Strey
Principal at Horizon Elementary School in Kent; pursuing an EdD in Higher Ed & Adult Learning at Walden



Suzanna Calvery
Working on a PhD in Literacy/Language at SPU; repeat RRPSF recipient



Sylvia Valdes Fernandez
Associate of Sul and Associates and math tutor; pursuing her PhD in Educational Psychology at the UW.



Kristin Broms
with DKG member and mentor **Loveday Conquest** (Alpha Delta)

You've Gotta Have Art!

Dumas Bay Creative Arts Retreat

by Lydia Elsom (Eta) First-time attendee

June 21-23...three days packed full of exciting, "recharge your batteries" fun, food, and laughter with women educators you knew, and friends you just hadn't met yet! Women from Alpha Sigma State, California and Lambda State (Illinois) explored new avenues, and enhanced others, through artistic expression at the Alpha Sigma State Creative Arts Retreat at the Dumas Bay Centre.

As a first timer attending the Dumas Bay Arts Retreat, I was assured that my artistic inexperience would be expanded in a very supportive environment.

All of the instructors were dynamic and multi-talented. With 19 sessions

from which to choose, including: music, crafts, literature, art, nature walks the artistic opportunities seemed almost endless.

One session I enjoyed was the art of jewelry making.

From dawn to dusk, attendees experienced the art of establishing new friendships, as well as "literally" creating art with a variety of mediums.

Two guest speakers shared their most special talents—**Joan Robbins**, not only shared her artwork, but she



also her shared her recent African project in Uganda with the Batwa people; **Stewart "Who, Who Cooks for You" Wechsler**, took us on a guided "owl hooting" stroll in the woods following his informative presentation "*Owls in the Northwest*".

The retreat ended with a "formal" graduation ceremony. It was definitely an astonishing way to begin the summer.

For those of you who just can't wait until our next creative arts retreat, Alpha Sigma State has been invited to participate Lambda State's (Illinois) Creative Arts Retreat in October.

For more details visit:
www.deltakappagamma.org/IL/

PAST PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE...by Linda Elliott, Immediate Past State President



This is my first article as your past state president. I am looking forward to my new duties as we embrace our vision and design our future.

Barb Clausen and I received training at Northwest Regional

in Strategic Action Planning and have wonderful information to share with you.

As your Expansion/Dissolution chair, I want you to know that your state officers and your area liaisons are here to support you by answering questions and giving any help that we can. Please feel free to contact me, or any of us, as we work together to strengthen our chapters this biennium.

One of my fun duties is chairing the ad hoc committee, which is responsible for choosing our State Achievement Award recipient. It is not too early to be thinking of outstanding women to nominate.

I also served as our state representative to the U.S. Forum that

was held at Northwest Regional in Edmonton. As women educators, I encourage you to be more actively aware of the legislative issues that are facing us. This is definitely the time to make our voices heard.

It is exciting to look ahead, but I would like to take one last opportunity to look back over the past two years and to thank all of you for making them such a special time in my life. As I have said many times, I am filled with pride when I see how much our state accomplished. Scholarship, Technology, the Arts, Recruitment and Service were all highlighted. We were continually *Reaching for the S.T.A.R.S.* and fulfilling dreams and goals that we have been working on for several years.

Hosting the 2010 International Convention in Spokane was a huge undertaking, a real highpoint, and an overwhelming success. It took the support and hard work of all of our Alpha Sigma State members and chapters; you all showed real star quality.

Another huge accomplishment was the development of the Bylaws and

Standing Rules which are now aligned with the new International documents. Your Executive committee and the Bylaws committee spent many hours writing, editing, rewriting and reediting. I was very impressed with how smoothly the general sessions and voting went at spring convention. As a result, we now have outstanding documents for our state and chapter use.

The work of the state could not have been accomplished without the excellent women who chaired and served on state committees. Thank you for your time and effort. Our area liaisons served as an important link between the chapters and the state. I can't thank you enough for keeping that communication open. Special thanks to the hardest working Executive committee with whom I have ever served. Your passion for DKG and your creativity made our state shine.

Throughout our state, chapters continue to accomplish remarkable things. I especially enjoyed getting to know our wonderful DKG members. You have inspired me; you hold a special place in my heart, and you are the shining stars of our great organization.

Red Rose Recognition



Congratulations to **Dr. Mary Lynne Derrington** (Lambda) from Bellingham. Her article "Changes in Teacher Evaluation: Implications for the Principal's Work" was selected for inclusion in the Spring 2011, Volume 77-3 issue of the *Delta Kappa Gamma*



Alpha Pi chapter member **Michelle Whittaker** was recently selected as a recipient to participate in a "Multitasking, Memory, Learning and the Brain" seminar at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City this summer. Of the 1000 applicants, only forty were chosen to participate.



First grade teacher **Bobbi Quigley** retired on June 6, 2011 after teaching for **54 years** in the Sunnyside School District—the third longest teaching career in the state, according to the Washington State Department of



Mu Chapter member **Beverly Gano** (pictured below) was the lucky winner of this beautifully quilted rose wall hanging handcrafted by **Barbara Clausen** (Chi).



Joyce Ackley Gillie (Iota) has been an active member of DKG since 1952. She is also very active in the community and was recently named the 2011 Grand Marshal of Lakefair—a community celebration which started in 1957 and has grown into one of the biggest summer events in the Olympia area. Alpha Sigma State is proud to have this honor bestowed to one of our special key woman members!



Tami Lopushinsky (Zeta) was selected by her peers for the North Central Washington Music Teacher of the Year 2010.

Editor's Note...

by Sherri Wagemann

The newly revised Chapter/Area Liaison rotation schedule has been established for submitting articles to the *Alpha Sigma News*.

Three issues of the *ASN* each year allows all chapters to be equally represented. **CHANGES...** Because newsletter space is limited, to avoid unnecessary repletion of information between chapter and area liaison articles, and to streamline communication, **ALL** chapters are asked to submit their chapter's highlights (50—75 words) to their area liaison *at least 2 weeks* prior to the *ASN* deadline date posted below.

Each area liaison will coordinate and compile their area's chapter highlights into one article, and submit it to the Editor of the *ASN* by the posted deadline date. This will ensure that all chapters in each area are represented equitably in the *ASN*.

Deadline for area liaisons to submit articles for publication are as follows:

Summer/Fall Issue—7/10

- Area I** (Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Zeta)
- Area II** (Eta, Tau)
- Area III** (Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Psi, Psi)
- Area IV** (Epsilon, Beta Delta, Alpha, Kappa, Alpha Tau, Alpha Rho)

Winter Issue—10/10

- Area V** (Sigma, Chi, Beta Phi, Mu)
- Area VI** (Beta Kappa, Lambda, Gamma)
- Area VII** (Alpha Delta, Alpha Nu, Beta Beta, Beta Eta, Beta Sigma, Beta, Omicron, Rho)

Spring Issue—2/10

- Area VIII** (Zeta, Beta Upsilon, Alpha Theta)
- Area IX** (Alpha Pi, Iota, Phi, Beta Tau)
- Area X** (Nu, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Nu)

Area Liaisons share chapter news from around the state

Area I (*Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Zeta*)
by *Michele Wiederspohn Liaison (Alpha Lambda)*

Alpha Lambda Chapter welcomed three new members this spring: **Karen Stephas, Bernie Barker, and Joyce Stark**. Chapter members were involved in many activities to earn scholarship money for students entering teaching classes, including: a silent auction, BINGO night, cookie sales during classified week and at WABE convention. Members wrapped presents at Barnes & Noble and spent more money on books than was earned in donations!

In May members honored **Barbara Quigley**, a Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1963, who retired. This may not seem unique except for the fact that Barbara taught first grade for 54 years. Barbara was admired for her love of teaching, her stamina, and the thousands of lives she touched. Barbara also mentored many early career teachers and supported student teachers. What a great way to live the life of a DKG woman. To collect money for the international project, Alpha Lambda has been gathering "Pennies (or loose change) for African Schools."

Summer finds members making plans to decorate a booth for the Grandview Fair, putting together welcome gifts for new women teachers in each

school district (Sunnyside, Grandview, Granger), and being responsible for registration at Fall Board.

Theta Chapter congratulated **Darla Biever**, newly elected State Recording Secretary. This will prove to be a busy year for Darla, as she also serves as chapter president. Theta added two new members this spring— **Kathy Davis** and **Marylyn Mackie**.

Janet LeBeau presented an informative workshop featuring Schools for Africa Project at the 2011 State Convention. The chapter leads the way by setting a goal of \$250 to provide a School-In-A-Box. In the month of April, East Valley students raised \$45 for "Schools for Africa", by donating their "Attaway" coupons; a student receives a coupon, as a pat on the back, when they are caught demonstrating good citizenship at school). Amazing Fall Board table decoration preparations are also underway in hopes to dazzle DKG sisters in Yakima.

Alpha Zeta Chapter members are busily preparing for a new year of exciting programs and projects. Last year found the ladies hosting the Area I Workshop held at Maryhill Museum in Goldendale. Special guest author Mary Schlick and her beautiful display of Columbia River baskets were featured at the workshop. Theta Chapter members look forward to greeting everyone as they hand out the Fall Board registration packet filled with excitement. Get ready for some sun at the beautiful Yakima Valley Red Lion Hotel on September 23-24!

Area II (*Eta, Tau*)

by *Anita Tschirgi Liaison (Eta)*

Area II is gearing up to meet the challenge of hosting the Alpha Sigma State Spring Convention in April, 2012. Committee chairs have been appointed and chapter members are being recruited to serve on the various committees. Area II consists of **Eta** and **Tau** chapters; each are planning meetings that will embrace the international and state presidents' theme "Embracing Our Vision; Designing Our Future". Both chapters continue to seek diverse prospective candidates for membership and to offer invitations to visit chapter meetings.

Eta Chapter recently completed their annual Sprague rest stop fundraiser—serving coffee and homemade "goodies" to travelers looking for a little respite. Donations received are used to help award grants-in-aid to two student teachers from the Spokane area.

In March 2011, a successful Area II workshop "*DKG Sisters—Joining Hands Across the Border*" was held in Coeur D' Alene, ID at the historical Roosevelt Inn. Several DKG members from Idaho's Upsilon Chapter attended. Three retired CDA High School English teachers turned mystery writers provided a delightful program.

Area II looks forward to the coming year with excitement—it's like starting a brand new school year!



We are united by our respect for the value and incomparable dignity of each human being...and by the great responsibility we have towards others. - Pope Benedict XVI

Area III (Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Psi, Psi)

by Toni Lynn Steele Liaison (Alpha Gamma)

One of last year's Area III highlights was the 3rd Annual *Slice of Nice: An Evening of Delectable Desserts Scholarship Event* hosted by **Alpha Psi**. This annual event tied into the Area III workshop. Last February, through the Columbia Basin College Foundation, scholarships were given to a student pursuing a career in education. Local bakeries, restaurants and talented members donated the desserts for this delectable event. Also, throughout the year, Alpha Psi collected and donated items to Domestic Violence Services—their main chapter

Area IV (Epsilon, Beta Delta, Alpha, Kappa, Alpha Tau, Alpha Rho)

by Joanne Scholen (Kappa)

This year, Area IV members did a great job of serving as the state convention host committees for registration, hospitality, decorations, door prizes and meeting assistance while carrying out a wide variety of chapter activities.

Last fall, **Alpha Rho** used a \$300 grant from the Education Foundation to purchase school supplies for the Eatonville Family Agency which includes a food, clothing and school supply bank. Their year's programs featured: a young author, member presentations on salmon in the classroom; an arts impact project in Tacoma schools. Members are proud of their own **Linda Pearn** who received a State Achievement Award. and they are grateful for a new Education Foundation grant.

Beta Delta hosted the Area IV Fellowship Brunch Feb. 5 at Auburn's Emerald Downs. The heart rendering program by chapter member, **Margot Hightower** highlighted the work of her niece, Molly Hightower, in a Haitian orphanage. Chapter members were so moved that they chose to sponsor a Haitian child through the *Friends of the Orphans* program. Members are also planning a reunion with current and past members; they look forward to reconnecting with their "sisters" during the holidays.

Epsilon's revision of their Grant-in-Aid policy has been their main focus. Group discussions, ad hoc committee, and members' votes have resulted in the adoption of a two-option policy. Option 1: Award grant to a woman who has demonstrated commitment to a career in education and has been admitted into a

project.

Alpha Gamma proudly sponsored a student from the Farm Labor Camp. As a result of the chapter's support, the student was able to attend Walla Walla Community College to learn English. Chapter donations were also made to the Faith Alliance for Sustainable Living and the Rachel Royston Scholarship Foundation.

All Area III chapters held diverse monthly meetings and activities— fun and interesting craft projects, cake decorating classes, presentations which centered around DKG's Founding women— just to name a few.

Our own **Liz Friedrich** from Richland's **Alpha Epsilon** was elected the new Alpha Sigma State President. All Area III chapters look forward to an

teacher certification program. Option 2: Award grant to a certificated teacher pursuing additional education to strengthen her effectiveness as an educator. To be considered, applicants must be residents of Pierce County attending college/classes or teaching in Washington State.

In May, **Alpha** had the pleasure of initiating four new members: **Janine Hornung**, **Maria Jensen**, **Connie Sanders** and **Maria Roz**. Two other members were recently honored. **Nancy Guthrie** received the Teacher of The Year Award from Pierce College at McCord; and **Nancy Mouat-Rich** was chosen by Rotary International for the Legacy Project – the only U.S. teacher selected. This summer, she is in the Philippines for one month, teaching elementary teachers how to teach science.

Alpha Tau reports having a wonderful April program featuring members' artistic talents through an art show. **Carol Fry** talked about her watercolors; she discussed several techniques and showed examples used in her paintings. May, featured a salad potluck dinner and a lively discussion about favorite books. A summer reading list was compiled and sent to members. During the June planning meeting at **Jane Carden's** home, **Maryruth Williamson** was installed as the new chapter president.

Kappa highlights included the successful *Holiday Brunch/Auction*; financial support for the "We The People" student team from Tahoma High in Maple Valley; welcoming **Laurie Fisher's** transfer back from California membership; and plans to award two \$500 grants next year to teachers pursuing professional certification. One meeting addressed emphasis on the seven Society purposes. The chapter donated items for: new teacher supplies, food and clothing banks, a children's book drive, and convention gift baskets.

Embracing Our Vision; Designing Our Future



Immediate Past President Linda Elliott passes the gavel to new State President, Liz Friedrich; new DKG biennium theme is announced.



Dr. Alice Carrier presented the keynote address, provided workshops and connected with members throughout the convention. Below l-r: Linda Elliott, Joanne Scholen, Joyce Gillie, Dr. Carrier.



State Convention Highlights from the Olympia Red Lion Hotel



Congratulations to Alpha Sigma State Stipend Recipients L-R: **Joanne Scholen** (Kappa), **Sharon Higgins** (Alpha Tau), **Janice Moen** (Kappa), **Jo Ladd Clark** (Kappa)



Past State Presidents attending: L-r: **Joy Lauderbaugh** '93-95 (Kappa), **Barbie Sharrard** '95-97 (Beta Delta), **Linda Elliott** '09-11 (Beta Delta), **Jerry Jarvis** '05-07 (Mu), **Barb Van Every** '01-03 (Epsilon), **Joyce Gillie** '73-75 (Iota), **Janice Moen** '03-05 (Kappa), **Barbara Clausen** '89-91 (Chi), **Rose Ann Moore** '97-99 (Alpha Lambda), **Janet LeBeau** '07-09 (Theta)



Representing each of the ten areas around the state, thirty-three chapter presidents attended. Many joined International Nominations Committee member **Rose Ann Moore** (Alpha Lambda) in the Chapter President & Area Liaison workshop to share their experiences serving as chapter president. Strengthening all chapters is one major focus this biennium. International First Vice-President **Alice Carrier** presented a workshop to members to learn what can be done to create a stronger chapter, and how individuals can become more involved in DKG. Successful ideas that have helped to make chapters stronger were shared.

State Achievement Award honors two members



Barb Van Every (Epsilon) has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member for 49 years, serving as the chapter president for four terms and on the Program, World Fellowship and Personal Growth committees. She is a lifetime member of NEA and currently mentors students in the Outreach Program of St. Francis.

At the state level, Barb regularly attends all state meetings. She has served as the Research Chairman, two terms as the Parliamentarian, State President, and Immediate Past President. She also was a member of the 2010 International Convention Steering Committee.

Barb has attended every NW Regional Convention since 1969. She has also attended 17 International Conventions. She was 1988 International Membership Committee member and most recently the 2010 International Convention Volunteer Coordinator.

You may not have known that Barb had also served as the state president of Iowa and then chaired the Regional Conference for Iowa while living in Washington.

She believes in our Society and has been its ardent supporter for 49 years. It was a pleasure to honor Barb Van Every from Epsilon Chapter with this well-deserved State Achievement Award.



Linda Pearn (Alpha Rho) has been a DKG member for 34 years and immediately became very involved in her chapter by serving as the corresponding secretary, recording secretary, vice president and two terms as president. She has presented a program almost every year to her chapter including a pen pal link to a Mexican school.

At the state level, Linda has been an area liaison several terms, served as the corresponding secretary, recording secretary, first and second vice president. Currently, Linda is our Executive Secretary. She has attended the Dumas Bay Retreat, four international conventions, and numerous regional conferences and state conventions.

During her 30 years teaching kindergarten in the Tacoma School District, Linda served as the TEA president for a year. She was the first runner up for Tacoma Teacher of the Year, received Ursula Major Community Service International Award from Alpha Phi Sorority and Special Service Recognition from the Washington Education Association. Linda was given the United Way Volunteer of the Year Honor Plaque for 1984 and 1987.

Memories of important business & fun and fellowship... singing, laughing and the remembrance of our beloved sisters...



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State President project completed

Wendy Selde, Research Chairman 2009-2011

The 2010—2011 Research Committee was directed to collect data on the living former state presidents for special acknowledgment at the 70th Spring Convention. The committee expanded their data collection base to include all 35 former state presidents. A description of each state president—including dates, educational background, degrees earned, teaching experiences and locations, contributions to the community, and positions held in Delta Kappa Gamma at all levels—was sought. The inclusion of photos was viewed as a desired embellishment for this project, thus hopefully bringing the past a little closer to the present for our current members. By combining the collected data and photos (33 former state president photos out of the 35 were obtained), we were able to complete our assignment.

At the 2011 Spring Convention, one former state president was chosen for special recognition from the body of distinguished leaders of Alpha Sigma State. Our eleventh State President, **Elsa Nordin** (Chi), (1959-1961) of Longview, WA, was celebrated for her many contributions to education and to the Society. On July 20, 2011, Elsa celebrated her 107th birthday.

The committee members wish to thank the many individuals who helped to make this a worthy project for future use; the assistance was invaluable!



Alpha Sigma State Fall Board

September 23-24, 2011
Yakima Red Lion

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(DEADLINE: September 15, 2011)

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I give my permission to use my photo in Alpha Sigma State publications: Yes ___ No ___

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Checks should be made payable to Alpha Sigma State. Send payment with registration form to:

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Make reservations directly with the hotel.

Identify yourself as a Delta Kappa Gamma member when making the reservation.

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