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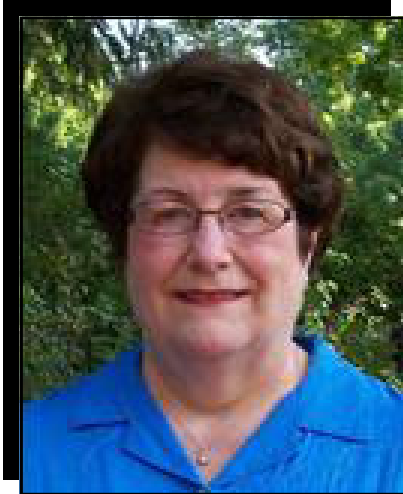
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*Alpha Sigma By-Laws and Standing Rules
await membership approval at convention...See inserts*

International Vice-President to present keynote



Alpha Sigma State's Convention in Olympia, April 1 - 3, 2011 will give members the opportunity to get to know **Alice Carrier**, International First Vice-President.

Alice Carrier of Brattleboro, Vermont, serves as 2010-2012 International First Vice-President and chair of the ad

hoc committee to study the electronic election process. She also serves trustee of the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation and chairs the Foundation public relations sub-committee.

Now, retired, Carrier taught first or second grade for more than 30 years while serving as school technology coordinator for much of that time. She taught graduate courses as adjunct faculty of the University of Vermont. After retirement she taught in-service courses and served as district technology consultant for five years.

A past Vermont DKG state president, Carrier served as Northeast Regional Director and international second vice-president. Recently, she chaired the International Communications (2002-04), Leadership Development (2004-06), Constitution (2006-08) and Golden Gift Fund (2008-10) committees. Carrier di-

rected the highly successful 2010 Leadership/Management Seminar at the University of Texas for the Golden Gift Fund committee.

Carrier and her husband of 45 years have two married daughters, three grandsons, and identical twin granddaughters. She enjoys reading, designing and knitting sweaters, spending time at her lakeside cottage, photography, designing and making jewelry, quilting, and learning to use new technologies. Carrier says she needs more time in her life to pursue all her interests and hobbies.

As international representative, Carrier will share information about the Society, answer questions, and listen to members' concerns. She said, "I'm very excited to attend the Alpha Sigma state convention. I look forward to meeting many new DKG friends and renewing friendships made last summer in Spokane."

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Embracing our Vision and Reaching for the Stars

by State President Linda Elliott
(Beta Delta)



Maya Angelou once said, "All great achievements require time." This past year your state bylaws and rules committee and state executive committee have spent countless hours studying our current state documents, the new International documents, and rewriting proposed state documents that align with the International documents. This wonderful group of women have embraced the Delta Kappa Gamma vision and helped to design our state's future. This, my sisters, is a great achievement, and I would like to publicly thank those who read, wrote, discussed, reread and edited many times. Our state parliamentarian, Barbara Clausen, recently served on the International Bylaws committee during the last biennium. Her expertise is one of the reasons we were able to accomplish such a huge undertaking in just one year's time. All of these women are truly shining stars, and in April, I hope that you will tell them how much you appreciate them.

These proposed bylaws and standing rules have been printed in this special issue of *The Alpha Sigma News* so that you may study them and give input before our state convention. If you have items you would like to include or amend, an amendment form is included in this issue and is also posted on the website. Please remember that our documents may not change anything that is in conflict with the International documents. I invite and strongly encourage every member to attend the April 1 - 3, 2011 convention at the Olympia Red Lion to participate in voting on YOUR documents.

I am excited about Spring Convention and I hope you are, too. Since you graciously voted not to have a convention last year so we could focus on hosting a very successful International convention in Spokane, we get to pack two years of fun, fellowship, learning and celebrating 70 years of Alpha Sigma State into this one. I am delighted that International First Vice-President, **Alice Carrier**, is coming all the way from Vermont as our International guest to share an update from International, her knowledge in a workshop on strengthening our chapters and to speak at our Saturday evening banquet and installation. Do plan to arrive Friday to gather with sisters from all across the state. Stay until Sunday when we will observe and celebrate the lives of our sisters who passed on in the last two years. A complete schedule will be on the state website. **Early registration must be postmarked by March 10 and hotel reservations made by March 17.** Bring a carload of sisters to be a part of this very important convention in our state history. As Speight Jenkins of Seattle Opera says, "You won't want to miss it!"

Together, during the past two years, we have been **Reaching for the S.T.A.R.S.** (*in Scholarship, Technology, the Arts, Recruitment and Service*). Thank you for being an important part of my dream and my vision for Washington State. You are loved and appreciated. You are all shining stars in our Delta Kappa Gamma sky.





Share Your Pride!

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

International has launched their new membership campaign. The new campaign asks us to take pride in our organization. Pride in what we can offer and pride in who we are and what we are able to accomplish. With some of our chapters struggling to remain vital, I feel it is this sense of pride that can help strengthen our chapters. Sharing that pride and nurturing our members needs to be of utmost importance.

I want to encourage your participation in our State Convention this April. Spring Convention will offer several opportunities for us to share the pride we have in our organization. Several workshops are being planned to help support your chapters in instilling this sense of pride. We are pleased to have Alice Carrier, our International guest, who will be presenting a workshop on strengthening chapters. Mentoring will be the topic of another workshop. There are many ways to mentor to attract potential members and to nurture your current membership. Take this opportunity to continue to learn what is wonderful about our society, what makes our society special and how to share your enthusiasm with others.

I hope to see you at Spring Convention!



L-r: Barbara Meharg, Marlene Harmeling, Liz Friedrich, Judy Neumann, Joan Schilling, Zoa Shumway

The Dumas Bay Adventure Begins!

The Dumas Bay Creative Arts Retreat Committee met Jan. 15 to begin planning a spectacular 2011 experience for Alpha Sigma State sisters and friends. **June 21-23** promises to be a true adventure with many returning artists and new, not-to-be-missed, creative gurus. We look forward to welcoming you at **Dumas Bay Centre** for an unforgettable three days of creative growth. *Registration form is available on page 10 of this issue of the ASN and also on the state website.*

White Roses of Remembrance

Jane H. Nicholas	Phi	10/27/10
Alice Tobiason	Phi	5/24/10
Helen King	Beta	11/19/10
Maragret Yanagimachi	Alpha Delta	11/27/10
Marianne Norton	State Member	unknown
Kathryn Webb	Alpha	8/8/10
Norma Boushey	Epsilon Emeritus	1/2/11

Welcome New Initiates

Lois Singleton	Gamma	12/11/10
Alicia Gano Hercher	Mu	10/15/10
Pamela Hale	Mu Honorary	10/15/10
Judith Gouldthorpe	Alpha Delta	2/12/11
Olivia Leid	Alpha Gamma	10/12/10
Susan DeRues	Alpha Gamma	10/12/10
Patricia Hazelwood	Alpha Gamma	10/12/10
Eileen Greenwalt	Alpha Gamma	10/12/10
ToniLynn Steele	Alpha Gamma	10/12/10
Susan Marlow	Alpha Zeta	11/11/10
Deborah Rawden	Alpha Zeta	11/11/10
Kristin Sprague	Alpha Pi	9/23/10
Mary Stolaas	Alpha Upsilon	1/25/11
Gina McMath	Alpha Upsilon	1/25/11
Patricia Noakes	Alpha Psi	10/16/10
Susan Dupuis	Beta Kappa	9/20/10
Rebecca Jung	Beta Kappa	9/20/10
Darlene Wafford	Beta Kappa	9/20/10
Jeanette Bregar	Beta Kappa	11/16/10
Rhonda Gardner	Beta Sigma	9/11/10
Alice Glenn	Beta Sigma	9/11/10
Kathleen Smith	Beta Phi	5/22/10

Reinstated Members

Lucie Dubovik	Kappa	11/1/10
Kathleen Peterson	Mu	*
Mary Clark	Rho	11/1/10
Laurel Pickett	Sigma	10/10/10
Cheryl Raff	Sigma	10/10/10
Edith Schoonover	Sigma	10/10/10
Pam Hammond	Chi	9/21/10
Elizabeth Dale	Psi	12/1/10
Meline Hingston	Psi	12/1/10
Susan Helton Jio	Alpha Epsilon	12/10/10
Debbie Kibling	Alpha Psi	*
Christine King	Alpha Psi	*
Jennifer Melendrez	Alpha Psi	*
Lois Dye	Beta Beta	*

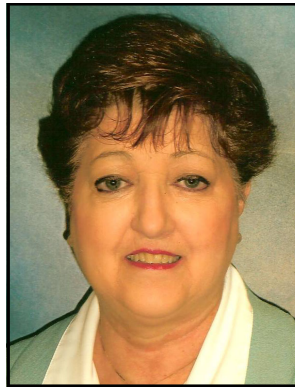
Dear Alpha Sigma State Sisters,

You are cordially invited to attend the Alpha Sigma State Spring Convention.

The Area IV chapters are preparing to welcome everyone to Olympia for our State Convention, April 1-3! We're meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, located in a peaceful wooded setting overlooking Capitol Lake. It's our first state convention in two years and a return to meeting in the Puget Sound area.

We encourage you to register by March 10 to take advantage of the lowest registration fee. See you in Olympia to continue "Reaching For The Stars"!

 - **Joanne Scholen**,
General Chairman
Area IV Liaison



A Message from our Executive Secretary

by Linda Pearn (Alpha Rho)

We are into a new year with exciting changes being planned for Alpha Sigma State. The convention at the Olympia Red Lion on April 1 - 3 will be our opportunity to align our state bylaws and standing rules to the International Constitution that was passed at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane. For many of us, it was long in coming, but worth the wait. The new changes will make it so much easier for us to find information, to create more viable chapters, and to become more active and visible in our communities. In addition, there will be workshops to pique your interest. International guest speaker **Alice Carrier** will bring stimulating messages from International. The Celebration of Life Necrology ceremony will be held on Sunday morning. I hope that you plan to come, participate and let your voice be heard. Please note that the convention is much earlier this year, so hotel reservations need to be made and registration forms returned as soon as possible.

Did you know that Alpha Sigma State was formed in 1941 which makes this our 70th birthday? The birthday luncheon on Saturday will be extra special as we celebrate this milestone. An assessment of this time period prompts one to reaffirm her pledge of the seven purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The accomplishments of Alpha Sigma State are impressive. For those who have believed and those who will believe, it is time to celebrate. In 1937 Dr. Annie Webb Blanton wrote, "I saw that women in their progress toward equality with men educationally and politically had won each step in advancement by the demands of groups of intrepid women who did stand together." We need to continue to be intrepid women...fearless, bold, brave, courageous and daring.

As per your motion at Fall Board, we have contracted Fall Board (Sept. 23-24, 2011) to be held at the Yakima Red Lion. The visitor center for Yakima was instrumental in helping us find a new location since the Howard Johnson was not an option. This is also a good time to mark the dates in your calendar and plan on joining us. Your executive committee is re-vamping the training workshops to make it more relevant for new officers. We will also have workshops of interest for "veteran" members too. Besides, isn't it great to continue our fellowship with members from around the state? It is the first priority mentioned on the evaluation forms each year. We like being together.

Briefed Convention Schedule

Fri. April 1	
2:00-6:30	State Ex. Committee w/dinner @ 5:00
5:30-6:30	Dumas Bay Planning
4:00-7:00	RRPSF meeting w/dinner
4:00-9:00	Registration
4:00-7:00	State Store
7:00-8:00	Bylaws & Standing Rules Q & A
8:00-9:00	Dessert Social & Sing Along
9:00-10:00	Chorus Practice
Sat. April 2	
7:30-8:30	Awards Breakfast
8:30-9:20	Executive Board (Presidents)
8:30-9:20	Bylaws & Standing Rules Q & A
9:30-12:00	RRPSF Annual Meeting
12:00-1:10	Birthday & Scholarship Luncheon
1:10-3:40	General Session
3:45-4:30	Workshop 1 Alice Carrier (Int. guest)
3:45-4:30	Workshop 2 Ice Age
3:45-4:30	Chapter Presidents and Area Liaisons
4:45-5:30	Workshop 3 Project Africa & Chapter Projects
4:45-5:30	Workshop 4 Co-Teaching Model
4:45-5:30	Chorus Practice
6:00-6:20	State Officer Installation Practice
6:20-6:30	Doors open for dinner
6:30-9:30	Banquet & Installation
9:30-10:30	Hospitality Room open
Sun. April 3	
7:30-8:30	Breakfast on your own
8:30-9:30	Celebration of Life
9:30-11:00	Executive Committee

Announcing slate of state nominees for spring ballot

Alpha Sigma State Nominations & Personnel Chairman **Mary Ruth Williamson** (*Alpha Tau*) has announced the following slate of nominees for the 2011—2013 biennium. In an attempt to reduce the state budget, please note that the office of state corresponding secretary has been eliminated. As a result, the duties of that office will be combined with the duties of the state recording secretary. Newly-elected personnel will join Executive Secretary **Linda Pearn** (*Alpha Rho*) and Alpha Sigma State Treasurer **JoAnne Vining** (*Alpha Lambda*), in their continued roles on the Executive Board.



Liz Friedrich was nominated for the office of Alpha Sigma State President.

Liz has served on the state level as Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary for two terms, Second Vice-President/Membership Chairman, and First Vice President/Program Chairman. She also served as a member of the State Personal Growth and Services Committee, Membership Committee and Nominations/Personnel Committee. She regularly attends Regional Conferences and International Conventions.

An active member of Alpha Epsilon Chapter since 1981, Liz has held the chapter offices of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, First and Second Vice-President, and President.

In 2008 she retired from the Richland School District as a middle school language arts/history teacher.



Joan Schilling was nominated for the office of Alpha Sigma State First Vice-President.

Initiated into DKG in 1980 in Mississippi, Joan is a member of Alpha Tau Chapter and lives in University Place. She received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, MS. For 25 years Joan taught elementary school in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Washington. Currently, she works as a para for the Clover Park School District and as a teaching assistant for Kumon Math and Reading Center of Tacoma.

Joan served as president for two terms and first vice president. On the state level, she helped to run the state store, currently serving on the Personal Growth and Development Committee, and is helping to plan the Arts Retreat. She has attended MS, LA, and WA state conventions, NW Regional in Portland, and the 2010 International Convention in Spokane.



Terri Diehm was nominated for the office of Alpha Sigma State Second Vice-President.

Initiated in 1994, Terri is a member of Beta Delta, Auburn. At the chapter level, she has served four biennium as President and on various chapter committees.

State level positions she has held include: two terms as Music Representative, Program Chairman, Area IV Liaison, Leadership and Program Committees, and Personal Growth and Enrichment Retreats and most recently as a member of the 2010 International Convention Steering Committee.

Terri currently holds the office of State Second Vice-President/Membership Chair. She has attended six International and six Regional Conferences.



Darla Bieber was nominated for the office of Alpha Sigma State Recording Secretary.

Darla Bieber takes her name seriously because she is as busy as a beaver. Initiated into Theta Chapter in 2005, she immediately became a very active member as our Second and First Vice President, and now serves as Chapter President. She has shown her dedication to DKG by attending of all the Area Workshops, Fall Board, Spring Convention, Regional and International meetings since becoming an officer. Darla is currently serving her second term on the State Membership Committee. Furthermore, she accepted the responsibility of the Washington Night Reception Chairman for the International Convention.

She has been a high school special education teacher, English as a Second Language Instructor, Migrant Coordinator, and Reading Teacher. Darla worked as adjunct faculty for Central Washington University in several Eastern Washington Districts. She worked her way through CWU as a writer and editor. Currently, she is the Social Skills Training Kindergarten teacher at Whitney Elementary.

Darla shows an enthusiasm and commitment to our society which makes her a wonderful Recording Secretary nominee.



Wendy Selde was nominated for the three-year position on the Alpha Sigma State Nominations & Personnel Committee.

Wendy Selde is currently completing her fourth year as State Research Chairman. She served as chairman of Professional Affairs, Area V Liaison, and a 5-year term on the RRPSF Board of Trustees. Wendy has attended three Regional Conferences; serving as a facilitator and choir member two times; she served as chairman of the attendance books at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane. In addition, she has helped to plan four Alpha Sigma State retreats.

Retiring after 36 years of teaching, she can often be seen doing one-on-one student assessments in her former school district. A 38-year member of DKG, Wendy has served in a wide variety of chapter positions, including serving two terms as President of Chi Chapter.



Lydia Elsom was nominated for the five-year position on the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees.

Initiated into the Society in 2006, Eta member Lydia's chapter duties have included: newsletter editor, Grant-in-Aid Rest Stop Fundraiser Chairman, and Second Vice-President. She has attended three Alpha Sigma State Fall Board meetings and was responsible for coordinating the teal bags for the 2010 International Convention.

Lydia has extensive experience in administrative services—maintaining financial records and using computer technology. She is active in many community organizations. Currently, she serves as newsletter editor and website creator for the Central United Methodist Church.

AREA VII reports...

Area VII had the privilege of hosting Rachel Royston Scholarship recipient, **Rachel Wade** as a guest speaker at the Area VII Workshop, a.k.a., the King County Breakfast. RRPSF took the opportunity to present their scholarship recipients for 2010 at the Breakfast.

All nine Area VII chapters were involved in fundraising activities for the 2010 International Convention, and most had representatives who attended. Members volunteered at such duties as: registration, flags, photography, V.I.P. gifts, greeters, vendor coordination, hospitality and tour hostesses. At an Area party, we relaxed and shared highlights of the convention. Many had never attended an Interna-

tional Convention. During Fall Executive Board we met again to acknowledge the dissolution of Beta Sigma, and we refined our workshop assignments. We are fortunate to have nationally acclaimed librarian, Nancy Pearl, as our guest speaker at the Seattle Tennis Club on March 12, 2011. Our eight remaining chapters have initiated 15 new members, contributed several dollars to numerous charities, scholarships and fellowships. Please look for articles from Area VII Chapters in the *Alpha Sigma News*. Each chapter has many interesting events and program ideas to share.

- submitted by Garrel Lindberg, Area VII Liaison

Special Insert

Part

A

(Proposed Draft)

Alpha Sigma State By-Laws

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B

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Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation



Joy Lauderbaugh (*Kappa*) and **Paula Nichols** (*Alpha Gamma*) reviewing scholarship applications.

RRPSF held its second quarterly meeting December 7 at the Radisson Hotel at SeaTac. Present were Board members: **Jennee Osburn, Joy Lauderbaugh, Paula Nichols, and Dr. Kate Grieshaber**. Also present were ex-officio members **Paulette Waggoner, Annamarie Lavieri and Joan Haner**.

The meeting began at 9:15 am. Paulette Waggoner, Board treasurer, reported that contributions were lower than usual. Net worth plus retained earnings were \$993,574.51 in October.

Dan Berge, Financial Advisor, stated that our holdings are doing well. The board will be able to award \$23,500 in scholarships for the coming year.

The technology committee, chaired by Dr. Kate Grieshaber, recommended that the Board establish a budget category for technology upgrades. They also recommended that Treasurer Paulette Waggoner purchase Quicken and get tech support as needed. The afternoon was spent reviewing 19 applicants and five re-applicants for the RRPSF scholarships.

Balanced state budget top priority for Finance Committee

The Finance Committee, State President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer will meet in Yakima on February 3 to create a proposed budget for 2011-2012. Alpha Sigma State has used the reserve we had to balance our budget in past years. This year we pretty much used the reserve and will have our work cut out for us bringing in a balanced budget. Several years of decreased membership and growing expenditures has depleted our reserves. Not having a state convention last year may have saved our bacon—we will see. New means of revenue need to be seriously considered. We learned much about how to raise money for 2010, now we will have to apply those methods for our own budget.

The proposed budget will be published on the state web site for all members to view. Voting members are asked to download a copy and bring it to State Convention where a vote will be taken. Please share your copy at your chapter meetings and then bring them to Convention. If any voting members cannot download a copy, one will be provided via snail mail by February 15. Each voting member will be contacted by the Finance Committee Chair by February 10. Have a great year. See you all in Olympia for State Convention.

- submitted by *Barbee Buchanan, Finance Chair*

YOU GOTTA HAVE ART

**ANNOUNCING THE DUMAS BAY
CREATIVE ARTS RETREAT**

TO BE HELD JUNE 21-22-23, 2011 (TUE. WED. THUR.)

DUMAS BAY CENTRE

3200 SW DASH POINT ROAD

FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON

THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL TIME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CREATIVE SELF. THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF ART, MUSIC, MOVEMENT AND CRAFT WORKSHOPS WITH PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTISTS SHARING THEIR PASSIONS WITH YOU.

REGISTRATION DUE BY JUNE 1ST, 2011

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$190.00

INCLUDES 2 NIGHTS IN A SINGLE ROOM WITH ALL MEALS AND SUPPLIES FOR JUNE 21-22-23.

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YES, I HAVE HEALTH CONCERNS AND WISH A FIRST FLOOR ROOM. _____

OTHER REQUESTS. _____

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND \$190.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO ALPHA SIGMA STATE TO:

**ZOA SHUMWAY
PO BOX 28517
SEATTLE WA 98118**

Chapter news from around the state



Alpha Chapter Auctioneer taking bids for this tortilla warmer...SOLD!

ALPHA CHAPTER jumped into the swing of Christmas this year with traditional caroling melodies, the smell of freshly baked cookies, and shining, blinking holiday lights. This year, our annual chapter Christmas auction proved to be a very successful event netting \$291.45.

Members gathered together in January at the home of member **Nancy Guthrie** for our annual favorite book review meeting which has become known as *Readin'-and-Talkin'*.

In February, Alpha Chapter members joined with other local DKG chapters to attend the annual Area IV Brunch. This year's provocative and moving program focused on *For the Love of Children – Reflections from Haiti* with guest presenter **Margot Hightower (Beta Delta)**, daughter of **Barbie Sharrard (Beta Delta)**, speaking.

-excerpted from Alpha News submitted by Bev Reinvik

MU CHAPTER members took part in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe box program. We filled 21 Christmas shoe boxes for children with hats, shirts, school supplies, toys, stuffed animals, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, soap, gum, and candy. The boxes were added to boxes from Vancouver Churches, Community Groups, and individuals for a total of 11,973 from our area. This year our Chapter was able to get labels to put on each box with an e-mail address so we would

know where our boxes went. We received information that some of our boxes went to Nepal and others went to Panama. The Chapter plans to do 25 boxes next year. It makes us proud to be helping make children happy around the world.

At our December Meeting, members brought toys, games, puzzles, clothes, books, stuffed animals, toiletries, and other things for women and children. We also took up a collection that totaled \$160.00. All of this was donated to "Safe Choice," a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. This community involvement with women and children is important to our chapter.

Mu members **Gerry Jarvis** and **Sue Ochs** make weekly visits to a local homeless overflow shelter to help provide arts and crafts activities to the nearly 50 single women, women and children, and families considered to be guests at this shelter. This year the shelter is housing twenty children - aged 5 months to 18 years old. Both adults and children always seem to enjoy the activities we provide. It is our hope that by having the opportunity to make gifts for one another, it will help to improve one's self-image. For one night at the shelter a guest can experience fun, complete a project, and feel the joy of being successful. Gerry and I enjoy our special time with each guest and feel it is a special way to serve families in our community.

- submitted by Sue Ochs

ZETA CHAPTER had a full agenda for the month of November. First, members experienced a little Amanda Gore by viewing her DVD as part of their chapter program. As well, they enjoyed an Italian dinner and participated in an art project, a quilt drawing and a silent auction. After the Thanksgiving holiday, many members participated in their annual Casino Day. The chapter uses this fundraising activity to earn funds which are then applied to the chapter's scholarship program.

Kudos to member **Mary Perkins** who played an integral part in helping to organize the Rock Island *For Our Youth* tutoring project. This project gained national recognition as a result of being selected as a recipient of an Excellence Award from the National Retired Teachers Association.

Zeta Chapter is very proud of all the chapter members who faithfully volunteer their time— not only at the Rock Island schools, but in other schools in the surrounding community as well.

- excerpted from Zeta News submitted by Charlotte Kohnhorst

ALPHA NU CHAPTER served in various capacities at the Spokane International Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma. Thanks to generous help from Area VII members this chapter's president was able to attend all activities. September found us welcoming **Angelia Nivens** and **Rachel Wade**, as new initiates and returning member **Claire Fell**. In October, **Sandy Taylor** presented the issues for the November ballot and Rachel Wade shared the progress of her Ph.D. studies. Because of Sandy Bailey's research, several of us attended the Picasso exhibit. Many of its residents and several members of other Area VII chapters supported our Holiday Auction at Ida Culver. Guest speaker, Carolyn Kunihiro will tell of her relocation camp experiences during World War II at our February meeting. In the month of May our chapter will celebrate our 55th birthday and **Kay Hendrich** will share her latest travel adventures to Spain, Morocco and England. In July we look forward to visiting the Lavender Festival.

-submitted by Garrell Lindberg



Happy 100th Birthday,
MARY ANN WOODWARD
(Beta Beta)



Alpha Sigma State Convention

April 1-3, 2011

Olympia Red Lion

Registration Form

Deadline Date: March 24, 2011

Name: _____ Chapter _____ Area _____
 Address _____ Home Phone _____
 City/Zip _____ Cell Phone _____
 E-mail Address _____

Chapter President _____ State Officer _____ State Committee Member _____ RRPSF _____
 Area Liaison _____ Past State President _____ Chapter officer _____ Chapter Member _____
 * First Time in attendance _____

Early Registration postmarked by March 10, 2011	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
Registration postmarked by March 17, 2011	\$ 28.00	\$ _____
Registration postmarked after March 24, 2011	\$ 35.00	\$ _____

Friday Night:

Dessert Social \$ 5.00 \$ _____

Saturday:

Breakfast \$ 18.00 \$ _____
 Lunch \$ 24.00 \$ _____
 Banquet \$35.00 \$ _____

*PRICES INCLUDE 8.7% tax and 20% gratuity TOTAL: \$ _____

Special meal request _____

Send Registration Form and Checks to:

Jeri Senger Home Phone: (253) 631-5145
 21225 142nd S.E.
 Kent, WA 98042 E-Mail: jerisenger@comcast.net

Checks should be payable to: Alpha Sigma State Convention. In case of an emergency, refund must be requested two weeks prior to convention. A processing fee of \$5.00 will be withheld.

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE March 17, 2011

Make reservations directly with the hotel. Identify yourself as a Delta Kappa Gamma member when making reservation.

Olympia Red Lion Hotel

2300 Evergreen Park Drive Olympia, WA 98502

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New Program Ideas on the Web

Liz Friedrich (Alpha Epsilon), First Vice-President/Program Chairman

Exciting new program ideas are coming our way from International. The newly-formed Educational Excellence Committee has been hard at work since the Spokane convention. The committee members, including our own Janet LeBeau, have written their objectives and have started producing materials that we can use in our chapters.

The following are the committee's seven *Areas of Focus*:

- ♦ Promote the Schools for Africa project
- ♦ Support Early-Career Educators
- ♦ Encourage programs and activities that focus on educational excellence
- ♦ Encourage programs and activities that promote the DKG/UN relationship
- ♦ Encourage programs and activities that increase members' personal and professional pride
- ♦ Encourage programs and activities that increase members' global awareness
- ♦ Encourage programs and activities that impact educational law and policy

Go to the international website at www.dkg.org and click on SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA: TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION and look for the *Newsette*, the committee's new monthly publication packed with information on Africa. Each issue will feature a different country and program idea. Search the site for the other highlighted UNICEF/DKG photos and programs. For a copy of a DVD on the project, contact our State President Linda Elliott.

To find program ideas for early-career educators, click again on COMMITTEES (top bar), then on EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (side bar) to RESOURCES. Go to *Early Childhood Support* to find an article published by Omega Chapter in Oregon. It has great suggestions for helping new teachers. While on RESOURCES, go to *Music Leads to Movement* and click on the video to see Janet and the other committee members dancing!

For more ready-to-use chapter programs, click on LIBRARY (top bar) for PROGRAM IDEAS. Two Founders' Day programs are available: *Hats off to Delta Kappa Gamma* and *Could You Be a Founder?* The *Fine Arts Program* features four chapter programs—an additional one is for Chicago only. Each has a Society purpose, a program plan, and the process/activity. The *Visionary Ideas and Projects* is the same packet that our chapter program chairs received at Fall Board. It continues to be an excellent source for programs.

The website was being redesigned as of February 1. Hopefully by the time you read this, the above programs will be easily accessible. The Education Excellence Committee will be ready with their materials in July when its members present a training workshop at Northwest Regional in Edmonton. In the meantime, chapters should find the website helpful in planning next year's programs, especially those that emphasize global awareness and helping new teachers.

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The Trade-Off

It is nearing income tax time and people look for deduction. What if you “give” and “get” in return? The Education Foundation may be the answer. This group funds innovators and creative people who have projects, want to attend seminars, or pursue professional development. **Dr. Loveday Conquest** (*Alpha Delta*) University of Washington professor, received a Cornet Award in 2010 to attend Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) in Vancouver, BC. Over \$150,000 was granted last year for recipients in the three categories.

The Foundation created a Make-A-Wish campaign. For a tax deductible donation of \$500 as a one-time gift or over a period of five years, members receive a special pin. Chapters and states making contributions are listed on the Society web site. You “give” to the fund and “get” the chance to help women make their dreams come true. It’s a Disney moment!

- submitted by Joy Lauderbaugh (Kappa)