

Kappa Chapter



KAPPA KAPERS



President's Message by Donna Houser



Donna Houser

**Celebrating Kappa's 65th birthday
at the state convention**



*Lillian, Mary and Donna at the Presentation and
Processional of Chapter Presidents during the
Anniversary Banquet.*

Welcome, Kappa Sisters, to the beginning of a new and exciting biennium. Your Kappa officers met in June and planned a year of interesting and motivating programs and projects that reflect the seven basic purposes of our Society. Kappa celebrated its 65th birthday this past April. Alpha Alpha State celebrated its 75th birthday last January, and DKG Society International celebrated its 83rd birthday in May. Our Society has an impressive history that reflects extraordinary successes in uniting, honoring, advancing, stimulating and supporting women educators in 17 countries. Japan will soon be our 18th member.

My vision for this biennium is all about ongoing **S.U.C.C.E.S.S.** **Support** early-career educators (ECE) in Kappa's school districts; **Utilize** the resources offered by DKG to enhance the quality of our chapter; Increase **Community** awareness of our society by **Broadcasting the Buzz**; **Celebrate** the potential of new, young members, veteran members and young educators in our chapter's area school districts; **Engage every member** in our meetings, programs, projects and business. **Support** the Schools for Africa Project (SFA), and provide **Scholarship** grants for high school seniors pursuing a career in education.

As your president I am here to serve Kappa in a "servant leadership" capacity. I will help you achieve our biennium goals by assisting in planning, coaching and empowering members to manage our chapter as you feel is most appropriate. I will emphasize the achievements and performances of our members in our chapter, our society, our schools and community-at-large. In return, I expect each member to join me in a "servant leadership" capacity which means: (1) We **will all work together** to achieve our goals by supporting our chapter projects by volunteering your time and/or through financial contributions; (2) Members **are expected to attend** as many meetings as possible. The date, time and location for each meeting are listed in your yearbook for the entire year – put them on your calendar now; (3) I **encourage you to attend** at least one society event beyond the local level in this biennium, i.e., fall area conference, seminar of purpose, arts retreat, state convention, northeast regional convention, international convention. If you've never attended a Society event outside of our local chapter, then you're sitting on the train, but it's never left the station; (4) Members **will erase their apprehension** about taking leadership roles in our chapter. A career in education means that we have been in leadership roles since we took our first step inside a classroom; (5) Members **will inform** the chapter president whenever you have received recognition, accomplished a goal, presented a workshop, published a paper, received an award or certificate, completed a grad course, completed a degree, received a great evaluation, raised your students' test scores, etc. We want to celebrate our accomplishments with each other, but we need to know what they are; (6) Members **will choose to be joyful!!**



Four-chapter meeting with
Pres. Louann Shrader, Diana
Mettler, Lillian Rowland, and
Pat Crouse April 21 2012

Fundraiser Reminder

Kappa will again be selling coupon booklets for Bon Ton's Community Days November 9 and 10. Watch for yours in the mail. Remember that this is the fundraiser for our grant money. Let's hope that this is as great as ones in the past. Thank you in advance for your support!

DUES REMINDER

Dues deadline is October 1, 2012!

It is time to collect membership dues for Kappa Chapter. Kappa Chapter dues will not increase this year. Dues for **Active members are \$77.00** and **\$39.00 for Reserved members**. Please send money to treasurer, Marlene Moul anytime **before October 1, 2012**. Dues need to go to the State Treasure by October 15. Make checks **payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma International**. Please be prompt so Marlene does not need to call individual members to remind them.

Please note, we do recognize that dues may be a hardship for some members. We do not want to lose any of our valued and loyal members. A fund has been established in memory of Helen Kelley to assist our members if this is a hardship. Please contact Marlene Moul if you have any questions or want to inquire about this opportunity.

Please send dues to:
Marlene F. Moul
Box 100
Plainfield, PA 17081

<i>Dues Breakdown</i>			
	Local	State	International
<i>Active dues</i>	\$17	\$17	\$40
<i>Reserve dues</i>	\$9	\$7	\$20
<i>Scholarship</i>		\$0.80	\$0.20
<i>World Fellowship Fund</i>			\$2.00

Congratulations and Thank You to Carol Swift

Kappa Chapter thanks Carol Swift for her outstanding quality of work compiling, editing and publishing our Kappa Kapers Newsletter. For the past several years, including this year, Kappa has been recognized and awarded an achievement certificate for publishing one of the best newsletters in Alpha Alpha State. Carol and her husband, Bob, have plans to move to Florida in the near future, so Carol requested to turn over her newsletter duties to another Kappa member. Crystal Header has agreed to be our Kappa Kapers editor. Committee chairs and officers will need to send your articles to Crystal at cmheader@embarqmail.com.



Donna Houser accepting the certificate of Achievement for our Kappa Kapers Newsletter at State Convention

September Meeting

*When: Sept. 29, 2012
 10:00 am*

Where: Allison Church, Carlisle

Brunch will be served. Members are asked to bring a brunch item to share.

“Excellence in Education”

New teachers with 5 or less years experience from Big Spring will be invited to attend. New teachers from other districts will be invited to attend future meetings.

RSVP to Marlene Moul by Sept. 22 at 243-5408 or lmoul@pa.net

Future Meeting Dates

- **October 23, 2012 @ 5pm**, Allison Church, Carlisle
 “Girls Going through the Indian School”
- **December 9, 2012 @ 2pm**, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Carlisle
 “Holiday Social”
- **March 16, 2013 @ 11am**, Allison Church, Carlisle
 “Ireland and Irish Food”
- **May 18, 2013 @ 9:30am**, Zion Lutheran Church, Newville
 “Grant in Aid Recipients & Chapter Birthday Bash”
- **September 17, 2013 @ 5pm**, Carlisle Police Station
 “Identity Theft”

Important Dates to Put on Your Calendar

September 22, 2012 – Fall Area Conference
 Pottsville, PA

April 26-28, 2013 – Purposeful Seminar: Living in Color, Lewisburg, PA

June 7-9, 2013 – Alpha Alpha State Convention



Kash Kow making an appearance at State Convention! Way to mooove Ruth!

Kappa Chapter

2012-2014 Officers

President: Donna Houser

First Vice-President: Linda Wineman

Second Vice-President: Diana Mettler

Secretary: Tiffany Warner

Treasurer: Marlene Moul

Parliamentarian: Pat Crouse

*Immediate Past Co-Presidents: Lillian Rowland
& Mary Wilhelm*



*Installation of Officers for 2012-2014 Biennium on
May 19, 2012*

*Marlene Moul, Mary Wilhelm, Lillian Rowland,
Donna Houser, Linda Wineman, Diana Mettler,
Tiffany Warner, Ruth Glotfelty, absent, Pat
Crouse.*

Kappa Committee Chairmen 2012-2014 Biennium

Membership – Diana Mettler

Nominations – Donna Houser

Finance – Mary Wilhelm

Historical Records – Pat Crouse

Ceremonies – Lillian Rowland

*Communications/Newsletter/Publicity – Crystal
Header*

Program/Welfare/Yearbook – Linda Wineman

*Personal Growth/Professional Affairs – Mary
Wilhelm*

Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship – Tiffany Warner

Projects – Mary Fetrow

US Forum – Lillian Rowland

Visual & Performing Arts – Marlene Moul

World Fellowship – Jean Lewis

State Convention Alpha Alpha Celebrates 75 Years

Alpha Alpha was chartered as a State Organization on January 23, 1937. Obviously, a highlight of the convention was celebrating Alpha Alpha's 75th birthday. Kappa celebrated its 65th birthday during the Celebration Luncheon along with 21 other chapters ranging in age from 50 to 70 years. A short history, description and summary of Kappa's programs and projects were included in a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the birthday chapters. During the Friday Fun and Fellowship Event Kappa presented a brief skit showcasing our chapter. Thanks to Ruth Glotfelty for organizing and making props for Kappa's skit.

Kappa had 10 members and one guest in attendance at all or part of the convention. They were Pat Crouse (with crutches and a wheel chair), Mary Fetrow, Ruth Glotfelty, Donna Houser, Marlene Moul, Lillian Rowland, Nancy Sprenkle, Tiffany Warner, Mary Wilhelm and Margie Wolf (Vince, too).

Kappa notes of interest: (1) Kappa was presented with another certificate of excellence for our chapter newsletter, Kappa Kapers. (2) The Margaret J. Wolf Award for Graduate Study in Primary Education was awarded to Karen Matis of Alpha Sigma. (3) Tiffany Warner offered the Reflection: "Cast Your Line to the Future," at the opening of the Second General Session. (4) Pat Crouse presided as the newly elected Alpha Alpha State Parliamentarian. (6) Incoming Kappa President, Donna Houser, was escorted by Outgoing Co-presidents, Lillian Rowland and Mary Wilhelm, in the Processional and Presentation of the 2012-2014 Chapter Presidents at the Saturday evening Anniversary Banquet. (7) Kappa donated two raffle baskets valued at \$276.00 towards this annual fund-raising activity which raised \$3,130.00 for state projects. (8) Kappa donated scores of panties to the Patricia Project which collected 3, 900 pairs of panties for young girls in Africa. (9) Our 2011-2012 deceased Kappa sisters (Kathryn Ansley, Helen Kelley, Elizabeth Nispel, and Geraldine Leshner) were remembered at the Celebration of Life Service on Sunday morning.



Kappa Chapter members at 75th Celebration Luncheon

Pictures from State Convention 2012



Margie Wolf is posing with her Margaret Wolf Award Recipient, Karen Matis.



Tiffany's Reflection at Anniversary Luncheon

Presenting 65th Birthday skit



Candles lit in memory of deceased members



Founder's Tea

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention 2012

The 2012 DKG Society International Convention was held in New York City at the Sheraton NY Hotel & Towers on July 24-28. There were 2,022 attendees representing 17 countries. This was an awe-inspiring event! Pat Crouse, Donna Houser and Mary Wilhelm represented Kappa Chapter at the convention. There were a total of 66 members representing Alpha Alpha State (Pennsylvania).

What did the three of us do at the international convention? Are you ready? There were four general sessions, 120 break-out sessions from which to choose with themes such as cultural and personal enrichment, educational excellence, professional practices, and DKG and the future. The sessions ranged from serious discussions on why teachers quit the profession, how to help chapters in trouble, the benefits of joy and laughter, to how to remember where you parked your car in the mall parking lot. We enjoyed four fabulous keynote speakers (two men and two women), international member speakers, forums, arts panel, musical entertainment, awards presentations, luncheons, banquets, international chorus, the marketplace (vendors & exhibitions), elections, voting, installations, Celebration of Life, New York Night, Pennsylvania Night at Rosie O'Grady's, tour of the Harbor School on Governor's Island, NY, eating in some of the best restaurants in NY, going to plays and musicals, sightseeing, walking the streets of NY enjoying the ambience of the Big Apple, going to the Today Show and Good Morning America. Our heads are still spinning!

The single detail that sent the chills up and down my spine was walking into the Metropolitan Ballroom for the first general session and viewing a brilliantly painted canvas stretching from wall-to-wall, front to-back and side-to-side, of DKG sisters from around the world gathered in one place. It was a breathtaking moment. It was a confirmation that being invited to become a DKG member was one of the paramount events in my teaching career. Kappa Sisters: spread your wings and soar beyond the comforts of our Kappa nest.



Mary, Pat, and Donna
outside Today Show at
National Convention



Mary, Pat, Donna with Kayte
Russell and
Barbara Essley from CA
outside the Today Show at
National Convention



What Do I Tell Prospective Members When They Ask Me What DKG Is All About?

Whatever you say or do – **do not beg** women educators to join our organization! Think about what kind of an image that brings to mind. When you beg, you sound weak. Remember: DKG is for key (vital, significant, important) women educators. Key women educators are “those who rise above the status quo.” Membership is an honor attained through invitation only. Memorize your elevator speech.

Short Version:

We are an international honor society that recognizes and supports outstanding women in education. We have more than 90,000 members in 17 countries. Our members can apply for scholarships and grants, attend professional workshops and conferences, and enjoy the opportunity to network with women who share their commitment to excellence in their profession.

More Detailed Version:

1. Start your “elevator speech” with a brief history of DKG: Delta Kappa Gamma Society (**not sorority**) International was founded in 1929 by 12 women educators in Austin, Texas. DKG was envisioned by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, a Professor of Education at the University of Texas and the first woman elected to public office in Texas.
2. Explain that the mission of DKG is to “promote **professional** and **personal** growth of women educators and excellence in education.”
3. Briefly describe the 7 purposes of DKG. DKG exists to help women educators.
 - To unite** women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship.
 - To honor** women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
 - To advance** the professional interest and position of women in education.
 - To support**, initiate and endorse desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
 - To endow** scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.
 - To stimulate** personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
 - To inform** members of current, economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Memorize the key words using UHASESI.

**EASTERN FALL AREA
CONFERENCE
Registration Form**

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2012
Hosted by Xi Chapter**

**Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
300 West Arch Street
Pottsville, PA 17901**
(enter church through parking lot door)

Name:

Chapter:

Please fill out one form for each member in attendance

Cost \$35 per member (includes registration, continental breakfast, luncheon, breakout sessions)

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:00 AM.

Checks should be made out to Xi Chapter and sent to:

Susan R. Schenck
3053 Summer Valley Road
New Ringgold, PA 17960

570-386-2647
dukesue@ptd.net

**Registration Deadline:
September 1, 2012**

Chapters wishing to reserve a focus table should include an extra \$10

Suggestions for overnight accommodations are in the summer edition of the Keystoneian and are available on the website.

**WESTERN FALL AREA CONFERENCE
Registration Form**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2012
Hosted by Alpha Gamma Chapter**

**Location: Riverside Inn
(Historic Victorian Inn)
One Fountain Avenue
Cambridge Springs, PA 16403**

Name:

Chapter:

Please fill out one form for each member in attendance.

Cost \$35 per member (includes registration, continental breakfast, luncheon, and breakout sessions)

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:00 AM.

Checks should be made out to Delta Kappa Gamma and sent to:

Bonnie Edge
25377 Gravel Run Road
Cambridge Springs, PA 16403
donlwedge@gmail.com

**Registration Deadline:
September 7, 2012**

Chapters wishing to reserve a focus table should include an extra \$10

Suggestions for overnight accommodations are in the summer edition of the Keystoneian and are available on the website.

