



LAMBDA NOTES



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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President's Message

We will be starting our new year of activities soon, continuing our focus on increasing our membership. Last year, we aimed for exposure. We blanketed our area schools with the new DKG brochure. This year, we will be focusing our attention on one district: Bucyrus City Schools. On Aug. 14, starting at 1 p.m. at the Warner Building in Bucyrus (call First Vice President Elizabeth "Sam" Pritchard for directions), we will be stuffing goodie bags with school starting advice, treats, and information about Delta Kappa Gamma. Throughout the year, we will be engaging Bucyrus educators with the hope of adding to our ranks eventually.

Increasing membership is rarely an easy prospect in any organization with today's many attractions and distractions. Therefore, we need to make our chapter and DKG as a whole more accessible and relevant with varied activities, times, and opportunities. As our state Vice President Diana Kirkpatrick noted in the August 2017 edition of *The Voice*: We all need "a new mind-set to nurture and grow." We not only need to grow with new members, but we need that "new mind-set to nurture and grow" our active and inactive members alike.

What would you like to see happen with our Lambda Chapter in the coming years? We need to embrace our new state President Meier Bauer's motto for her biennium: "to dream, to dare, to do." If we have dreams for the future of our Lambda Chapter, we need to take on the dare and commit ourselves to making those dreams a reality.

Pamela Henney
Lambda Chapter President



Notes of Gratitude

We do much good hard work throughout the year and definitely have some very dedicated active members.

▪ To our Vice President Elizabeth "Sam" Pritchard, thank you for all your programming ideas and organization prowess over the past year and for the coming year. Also, many thanks for the delicious luncheon for the programming committee.

▪ To our Programming Committee of Pat Keen, JoAnn Wiggins, Kerrie Zeuch, Marsha Barnes, Penny Pumphrey, Diane Gottfried, Cara Yaussey, and sometimes more, thank you for making time to organize a program, meal, and location, along with reporting on your progress each month this summer. We have interesting activities on the schedule this year.

▪ To our Communications Coordinator, Diana Gottfried, thank you for all your flexibility in rounding up articles for the Lambda Newsletter, laying it out, having it printed, and dealing with all our pesky schedules. Your enjoyment of the labors shows in your good work.

▪ To our Treasurer Sally Dye, thank you in advance and for every year of coordinating our annual dues, annual budget, and IRS submissions. You do so much behind the scenes and make it all look so easy. You and your work are very much appreciated.

Retirement

Congratulations to Elizabeth (Sam) Pritchard on her retirement! May you relax and enjoy this next chapter of your life!



Spotlight:

Lambda Chapter Member Spotlight: Marilyn Moorhead



In 1978, Marilyn Moorhead joined Delta Kappa Gamma International because “I was asked.” Historically, being asked was and still is a privilege for exceptional teachers. Marilyn admits initially not knowing much about DKG, but now after 33 years of teaching and a busy retirement volunteer schedule, “I enjoy meeting like-minded people, the programs, and,” she laughs, “I like to eat” However, the mission of DKG is important to her even in retirement “It’s a way to keep up with the things going on in education, and we have the scholarships ... our dues go to do good, to good projects.”

Marilyn, originally from Fostoria, started teaching in 1964. After 19 years teaching first grade, 10 years teaching second grade (her favorite), and four years teaching fourth grade, Marilyn has her favorite grade level – second. “It’s a good age. They’re becoming independent.” And in second grade, they are just starting to learn cursive writing.

Cursive writing is “one of those [debates] going on in education” of late. In fact, the Ohio Statehouse in March introduced a bill requiring cursive writing in the curriculum with mastery by fifth grade. Should cursive writing be part of the curriculum? “Absolutely,” Marilyn proclaims, explaining the challenges with reading historical text and more if one does not know cursive writing. “It’s part of being educated.”

Does that go for technology in the classroom? Although that was not really part of Marilyn’s experience, except for a basic computer lab once a week in later years, Marilyn reminds us “everything’s ‘a magic bullet’ but it

never is.” She adds she notices the problems it causes between kids and parents: “It cuts you off from people, a lot don’t talk to each other. There should be a balance.”

Aside from her participation in DKG, serving currently as Parliamentarian, Marilyn, who has played piano since childhood, fills in as pianist at St. Paul United Methodist Church, ushers for the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield, delivers Meals on Wheels and plays in the Mansfield Area Dulcimer Group.

Upcoming Meeting Highlights:

The program committee has been working hard to plan the upcoming meetings and programs. Here is a short synopsis:

- September 9, 2017:** Home Care Matters
Women’s Health
Spotlight: Pat Keen
Phil’s Deli
- October 14, 2017** Cannan Twp Hall
(Rt. 95, Morrow Co.)
Therapy Dogs
Necrology (Peggy Morgan)
Pot Luck
- November 4, 2017** Joint Meeting with Kappa as host
Kenton, OH
Dulcimer Quartet
- December 9, 2017** Bucyrus Hospital Café
Stress and Relaxation
Spotlight: Carol Moran
White elephant gift exchange
- January 13, 2018** Pelican House, Bucyrus
Social Meeting
- February 10, 2018** Candi Bar, Galion
Social Meeting
Ballot for 2018-2020 officers
finalized



Service Projects.:

Flying Horse Farms.: We will continue to donate Lysol wipes. You may bring them to the meetings and give to Pat Keen, or you may make a donation to purchase the wipes.

December Meeting: We will be collecting socks and/or mittens for elementary aged children. (K-6)

- March 10, 2018** La Cabanita Restaurant (Mt. Gilead)
Bee Keeping
Voting for 2018-2020 officers
Order off menu
- April 7, 2018** Bucyrus Public Library
Founders' Day Joint Meeting with Kappa
State Officer in attendance
Date change due to state convention
- May 12, 2018** Galion Primary School
"Leader in Me"
Installation of officers
Spotlight: Sally Dye
Phil's Deli
- September 8, 2018** Just Jokin', Crestline
Judge Leuthold, Drugs and Alcohol
Spotlight: Sharon Ault
- October 13, 2018** Galion Public Library
On-line Schools, Diana Hurlow
Spotlight: Beverly Whaley
KFC

First, Alpha Delta State has been working on Constant Contact, which is a system of automatic emails to send members *The Voice*, which has returned to a monthly publication. Also, monthly you can enjoy blogs from most officers and committees with more in-depth discussions of issues impacting education and our DKG purposes and mission.

Many of our member email addresses have not been connecting properly to Constant Contact, so the state officers encourage everyone to update their Constant Contact information on the revised ADS website www.alphadeltastate.weebly.com

Internationally, the changes mainly include stronger organization of materials and higher security for purchases. Did you know International also has a regular Twitter feed, links to various chapter and state Facebook feeds, as well as an RSS option for all of the International officer and committee blogs? One can follow on the phone, a tablet, or computer.

As a service to our non-techno savvy members, Lambda President Pamela Henney will be printing copies of *The Voice* and any other blogs or articles of interest for pick up at our monthly gatherings. If you would like a printed copy, please let Pamela know by calling or texting 567-876-1115 or mailing a request to her address posted in our membership booklet.

If you want to see how the Alpha Delta State and DKG International sites work, or even our own Lambda Chapter website, and consider some of the other possible materials, contact Pamela as well. "Dare to do"

Notes from our President:

Bringing Guests to Meetings and Membership Applications

We had a few visitors over the past year who are considering joining our ranks. Anyone can bring a guest to any gathering and we strongly encourage that. However, in preparation for potential initiation of new members in November, our October meeting will be closed to guests. Please have any applications completed by and available at the October meeting so we can vote on candidates then. We may still hold an executive meeting prior to the October meeting if necessary too.

Communication Upgrades at the State and National Levels

Both our Alpha Delta State and DKG International have revamped its communication systems, its web site, and its social media exposure. Some of us might see some resurgence of tradition, while others might also notice some daring new tools for connecting with members.

Changes to the Alpha Delta State Constitution and Rules

Several ADS Constitution and Rules changes were made at the Spring conference in March 2017. We will be forming an ad hoc committee of 3-4 people who would be willing to make sure our membership book is updated accordingly for the 2018-2020 biennium book. This committee will also review and address any changes to the DKG International Constitution and Rules from the Nashville conference in 2016.

We are currently in mid-biennium 2016-2018 and usually only create an update with the years activities. That update will include a list of the ADS changes, as well. Some of these changes include the creation of a single foundation tasked with the oversight of all the scholarships and other funding sources available at the state level. We

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VISION

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STATE PRESIDENT,
MEIER BAUER'S
THEME:

To Dream, To Dare, To
Do — empowering
women educators

WEBSITE:

Lambda website is up for the viewing. You can see our upcoming events and information about us. There are links to Alpha Delta State and Delta Kappa Gamma International. Thanks to Pamela Henney for maintaining this for our chapter.

Visit it at:

dkglambdaohio.weebly.com

DKG on the web:

International
www.dkg.org

State
alphadeltastate.weebly.com

Alpha Delta State
Vision

*Honoring Our Past -
Building Our Future*



Did You Know?

Both Alpha Delta State and Delta Kappa Gamma International have Facebook pages.

“The first state convention was held at Hotel Cleveland, October 13-14, 1939 in Cleveland. Dues were \$3.00 plus a \$1.00 scholarship fee. While state conventions were not held in 1943-1945, Ohio hosted the 1944 National Convention in Cleveland.”

From: Our History, http://alphadelta.state.weebly.com/our_history.html



Aurelia Brombacher	Sept.	3
Pamela Heney	Sept.	18
Sandy Keller	Sept.	26
Ramona Schwertfager	Oct.	2
Sue Headley	Oct.	4
JoAnn Wiggins	Oct.	16
Kristi Jackson	Oct.	18
Patti Miller	Nov.	3
Bonnie Beiler	Nov.	10
Sharon Ault	Nov.	20
Elizabeth Pritchard	Dec.	4
Cara Yaussy	Dec.	5
Phyllis Disbrow	Dec.	15
Joy Kear	Dec.	20
Marsha Barnes	Dec.	31
Diana Hurlow	Jan,	5
Margaret Thornton	Jan.	12
Virginia Brant-Krichbaum	Jan.	16

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 14: 1 PM

Warren Place Building
121 W. Warren St., Bucyrus
(next to Wise Funeral Home)
Stuff goodie bags for Bucyrus teachers.

Alpha Delta State Convention:
Polaris Hilton
April 13-15, 2018



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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA