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*Brought together,
joined together, build
together...*

Cynthia Colburn, Zeta State
president

Welcome back to a new year in DKG. We have all had some wonderful experiences this summer with sisters in our society. Some 28 of us traveled to Spokane, WA in anticipation of long and lengthy discussions about our constitution revision...boy, were we surprised. Past President Carolyn Rants did a wonderful job of keeping us focused and right on target. Congratulations to her and her well chosen ad hoc constitution committee.

As this fall time of year comes, I cannot help but reflect on all aspects of my life: personal, spiritual, educational, which really means Delta Kappa Gamma. I ponder three things about our society: we are brought together, joined together, and we build together. How does that work? Let us consider the telescope. The telescope brings to us things from afar (new members to our chapters) up close and personal (join our chapters) so we can learn from science and continue to seek more and better ways to increase our knowledge (build together).

We as DKG members are brought together from many areas of education as well as many parts of our state. What is that all about? To better our society and advance women educators as newer educators and as mature educators we select women in our midst that have qualities that we need. All working toward a common goal.

Concerning the Constitution...
from Cynthia Colburn

Revision means to see again or to change what is seen. Our Society now abides by a Revision of the Constitution. Changes were enacted and adjustments will need to be made at every level of our state. Some of the changes are quite simple like titles of positions or funds or dates.

Why was an entire revision considered, prepared and finally enacted? This question came from many, many of us at the convention. And the answer is...it is time. We must move forward in the second decade of the 21st century. We needed some changes in our entire document and doing it over a long period of time would have left us with far too many changes that would need to be changed at the next convention. So doing a major constitutional change just made sense.

What does this mean for Zeta State? Obviously we must revise also. The state has received communication from International outlining the major adjustments to make. These will be presented for voting at the 2011 State Convention in Natchez on April 1-2. Chapter Presidents have received communication from International, listing the changes that will affect the chapters. Let's all be prepared for changes in our chapters as well as our state and continue as Annie Webb Blanton said, "...forward moving ever."



*Cynthia Colburn,
Zeta State President*

August 10, 2010

Dear President Colburn and ZETA State Organization members:

So much transpired at our recent 2010 convention in Spokane! I am still reflecting on the business covered, the excellent speakers and workshops, and the interaction with so many wonderful women from across the world. ZETA State members certainly were front and center in the activities and the recognition. Many ZETA State delegates led and participated in presentations throughout the week and contributed much toward realizing the vision of President Rants throughout the biennium and the convention. Take pride in your accomplishments and spread the news of this most successful convention to all of your chapters and members.

As Elizabeth Garner takes over as Southeast Regional Director, I extend a hearty thanks to all of the ZETA State members for your support throughout this past biennium. Your attendance and willingness to take on responsibilities at our Southeast Regional Conference in Little Rock showed your commitment and eagerness to "Activate The Vision" throughout the region and beyond. I know Elizabeth will experience that same support as she works with you in planning the Louisville conference for 2011.

Thank you also for your generosity in gifting me with the beautiful Award Concept's "Founders Ring" at the Southeast Breakfast in Spokane. You truly touched me. The ring is a tangible reminder of the two wonderful years I have had serving you and the Society as your Southeast Regional Director. I wear it with pride because for me it symbolizes all of the members from throughout the Southeast region.

With a new biennium there will be more challenges, more opportunities to serve and more experiences for all of us. I know you will join me in supporting newly elected International President Jeni Souders as she leads us toward "Embracing Our Vision • Designing Our Future" over the next two years. She envisions our being even stronger at the end of this biennium than we are now by focusing on educational excellence, increasing diversity among members and concentrating on our chapters, the backbone of the Society. There is indeed so much for all of us to embrace!

In service to DKG,

Cathy

Cathy P. Daugherty
2008-2010 Southeast Regional Director
2010-2012 Excellence in Education Committee, Schools for Africa Project Contact

Zeta State Grant in Aid
Deadline – Postmarked by February 1
List of Qualifications

- Female
- Recipient must attend a Mississippi college or university.
- College junior (incoming senior) majoring in education

Mail to Kay Collins
(address in yearbook)

- Application
- Transcript
- Essay on "Reasons for Choosing Education as My Profession"
- Letters of recommendations
 - From local Chapter
 - Teacher/Professor
 - Other

In administering the Grant –in –Aid, the Professional Affairs Committee will use a rubric to score the applications. The grant is awarded to the applicant(s) with the highest score. The grant will be awarded at the state convention in Natchez in April, 2011. The money will be sent to the college or university.

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA from Barbara Jepsen

This is a new international and state project replacing the Numeracy and Literacy Project that we reported on in the past. Schools for Africa is to provide increased access to basic education in 11 of Africa's neediest countries. It is administered through The U.S. Fund of UNICEF. Donations only are needed; do not send school supplies, books, etc. Report your chapter's donation through the Personal Growth and Services Committee to the Zeta State PG&S committee, Barbara T. Jepsen, Chairman, and send the donation through your chapter treasurer to the state treasurer.

If your chapter has a favorite numeracy and literacy project that you have done for a long time, you may continue to do this also as a local project.

All Zeta State chapters are encouraged to donate to this worthy project. For more information go to unicefusa.org/dkg.

You may access YouTube vidoes for this through:

zetastatedkg.wikispaces.com

Zeta State Scholarship Applications

Money is available for the Clytee Evans and the Amanda Lowther Zeta State scholarships this year for members working toward an advanced degree. Application forms may be obtained from your chapter president or scholarship committee chairman.

Members may apply for one or both scholarships on separate application forms, but only one can be received simultaneously. One must have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for three years for the Clytee Evans and five years for the Amanda Lowther Scholarship at the time of application. Since detailed answers to the questions and good recommendation letters enhance one's opportunity to receive the scholarship, now is the time to begin working toward this goal. Applications and recommendation letters should be sent to Zeta State Scholarship Chairman **Virginia Butler**, (address in yearbook) and postmarked no later than February 1, 2011.

from Betty Oswald...

To Zeta State DKG members,

The cards, calls, and prayers of Zeta State members have really touched my heart. What a concerned group and I appreciate your thoughts and well wishes during my hospital stay and recovery! To say that I missed being with you in Spokane is a drastic 'understatement'. I did not stop believing that I would be there until the Surgeon said I needed 'emergency' surgery. I asked when and he said, "In 2 hours". Carol and others kept me informed each day of the convention. When Carolyn Rants agreed to read my speech to introduce John Brock, I was there with you in spirit. I am doing great and almost back in the swing of things.

My grateful thanks to you.

Love, Betty

Congrats to Crowe and Reeves

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Editorial Board is pleased to announce the publication of the position papers "Questioning for Quality" by Dr. Marge Crowe in the Summer 2010 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. Dr. Crowe, a resident of Hattiesburg, MS, is a member of Alpha Gamma Chapter, MS.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Editorial Board is also pleased to announce the publication of the position papers "Response to Intervention (Rtl) and Tier Systems: Questions

Remain as Educators Make Challenging Decisions" by Dr. Stacy Reeves in the Summer 2010 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. Dr. Reeves, a resident of Hattiesburg, MS, is a member of Alpha Gamma Chapter, MS.

Angela Quinn in the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin

Angela Quinn's poem "Migration" was been selected for inclusion in the Spring 2010, Volume 76-3 issue of the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

May Cornetet Award

Sylvia Haver, of Beta chapter, has received a Cornetet Professional Development Award for \$967. She plans to use her award to attend the 2010 World Music Drumming Summer Workshops.

March Cornetet Award

Rooney M. Davis, of Terry, has received a Cornetet Professional Development Award in the amount of \$350. She plans to use her award to attend the 43rd Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival.

Magnetic name tag ribbons to hold your Delta Kappa Gamma pin(s) can be ordered from Theta Chapter in Arkansas. Their president sent this message so you will know you're doing more than saving your clothes from pin holes!

*We have a **Special Projects** fund to support our chapter's work in such projects as the "Books for Babies" program where a book was given to every baby born in Faulkner County for a number of years. As our population has increased, we have been unable to continue this at this time. Our Chapter has also been very instrumental in helping the local **Literacy Councils** where some of our members have served as officers. Another special project is the creation of beautiful pendants out of broken china pieces to help support of the local **Women's Shelter**. We have also helped the **Conway Interfaith Clinic** with donations to provide unmet health-*

care services for the uninsured of our area.

*Debbie Bratton,
Theta Chapter President*

The address for ordering is:
Wanda Eason,
(email aleta for this address)

They need the member's name as she wishes it to be printed on the badge, her chapter and state name and a mailing address. Checks for \$25 each should be made out to "Theta Projects."

2010 International Convention New Rules

II.C Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

III.B.1 An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or has been retired from an educational position. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society.

III.B.2.b A reserve member, so requesting, shall be restored to active membership.

III.F A former member shall be reinstated to membership by the chapter receiving the request.

IV.A.1 International dues shall be an amount recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the international convention.

VI.B.3 Chapter personnel, all of whom must be members of the Society, shall be defined in the chapter rules. It is desired that the appointed parliamentarian be a member.

VI.C.9(3) The chapter treasurer shall maintain a record of receipts, bills and bank statements.

VIII.A.2.a State organizations and chapters may fulfill their constitutional responsibilities by establishing committees as needed.

IX.A.2.c The chapter executive board may meet through electronic communication as long as all the members may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.

XIII.B.5.a The Society offers up to twenty-nine annual international scholarships for graduate study.

1.02 The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International may also be known as the Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, or DKG.

1.16 The official jewelry may be worn on a ribbon or other manner as desired by the member.

4.11 International active dues shall be U.S. Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$40.00) and international reserve dues shall be U.S. Twenty and No/100 Dollars (\$20.00). Beginning in 2012 international active and international reserve dues may be adjusted each biennium based on the United States of America Social Security Administration's Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) average for the previous two years, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.

4.12 The amount of international dues shall be set biennially by the executive board and approved by the convention.

4.41 Chapter members may vote to pay an amount in addition to dues and fees for the support of a chapter or state organization project.

9.11 Regular meetings are meetings where chapter business is conducted.

13.62.b-c The applicant is required to:
b. have completed a bachelor's degree or
c. be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited institution of higher education, preferably pursuing a doctoral degree.

Program Ideas – Fine Arts from DKG International

Seventeen Countries and Still Growing

Targeted Society Purpose

(1) To unite women educators of the world in genuinespiritual fellowship

Program Plan

Program and Music/Fine Arts Committees (or other members who have traveled to a particular country) research and present pertinent organizational and cultural facts about each country as it was organized and became a member country of the Society.

Process/Activity

1. Provide display tables with artifacts from each country, fact sheets, presentations, and music from each country including national anthems and/or folk music from each country.
2. In review, introduce “Global Society Bingo.” Caller calls out different answers displayed on various cards. When a member has received a bingo, she calls out her answers. Small prizes from member countries such as teas and candies are awarded to those who successfully identify the correct answers on their card.
3. Ask members to visit member countries websites and/or read more about countries and report at next meeting.

Experience the Creative Arts

Targeted Society Purpose

(7) To inform members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

Program Plan

Members participate and learn about different types of arts in schools, and the decline of funds for the arts and the importance of ways in which we can help the Arts in the schools and communities.

Process/Activity

1. Provide information about the elementary and secondary guidelines for school districts that the state requires for Music, Art, and Physical Education.
2. Facilitate a discussion about the guidelines and new legislation that could help the decline of funding for the Arts in our schools and ways in which we can provide community support.
3. Divide members into three groups rotating alternately through music, physical creative movement, and etching activities.
4. Ask members to make a list of their talents and ways in which they enjoy and support the Arts.
5. Share and discuss the importance of the Arts in experiencing the power of creativity.