



News wheel



Alpha Alpha Chapter, Pi State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

August 2012

Alpha Alpha
Summer Fun



ABOVE: Ena Farley peruses biography of former Alpha Alpha member Lois Bird which was authored by Anita Mance (right) and some of her former East Rochester students.

LEFT: Pam Eberhardt (right) reporting on Delta Kappa Gamma convention activities. Shown with her are President Donna Noble, Past Presidents Sue Genthner and Bridget Bishop, and Vice President Pam Quamo.

Our traditional *Alpha Alpha* summer picnic was, as always, great fun in the sun. Our hosts once again were **Pam and Lynn Eberhardt**, who have welcomed us to their home every August since 2008. About 16 *Alpha Alpha* members enjoyed conversation and a delicious picnic lunch, and heard a preliminary report from those who participated in the July 2012 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in New York City (see article below).

Alpha Alpha members at ΔΚΓ International Convention



ABOVE: Pam Eberhardt describing how she preserved pictures and written records in acid-free scrapbooks.

Convention photos by Sue Genthner



ABOVE: Judy Fuller explaining how the chapter's video history was prepared.

LEFT: Pam Eberhardt and Judy Fuller leading discussion.

Alpha Alpha members Pam Eberhardt and Judy Fuller led a breakout session on historical records during the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention held in New York City this past July. ΔΚΓ members from many countries crowded into the meeting room to learn about the efforts of our chapter's Historical Records Committee, chaired by Judy Fuller, to preserve our historical heritage in multiple formats: video, scrapbooks, and documents.

From our President

Greetings to Alpha Alpha, filled with "Appreciation" and "Anticipation!"

Those two words represent my thoughts, as I write to you on this late-summer day.

In *appreciation*:

I thank Pam and Lynn Eberhardt for their hospitality in continuing to host our Chapter's summer picnic at their beautiful home. We all enjoyed wonderful food, fun, and friendship, despite a couple of party-crashing hornets! Much appreciation (and pride, too) is sent to our Historical Records and Scrapbooking Committee, now "internationally known!" Their outstanding presentation at the July 2012 $\Delta K \Gamma$ International Convention in New York City, led by committee chair Judy Fuller and Pam Eberhardt, was so successful that they were asked to present it again in the near future. Their "golden gift" keeps on giving as an example for other chapters around the world!



Donna Noble

The other word, *anticipation*, is my personal keyword for this time of year. I anticipate the weather changing to bring cooler nights and fewer air-conditioned environments.

Others anticipate what the new academic year may have in store for us – new classes, teaching assignments, responsibilities in Chapter leadership, more school bus traffic, or perhaps a new life as a retiree. (And for the Editor of this newsletter, it means 'anticipation' of my column, for which she often patiently waits!) I truly think fall is the time when educators should wish each other "Happy New Year!" September, even more than January, can be a time for educational change, resolutions, and new beginnings. I most certainly am anticipating an exciting year ahead for Alpha Alpha as we look at our schedule of programs for 2012-2013 (see the article below). Since our theme for the upcoming year is "Meeting the Challenge," I challenge you to attend as many of our Alpha Alpha events as you can – make an effort to come to at least ONE more event than last year, and you won't be disappointed!

"Anticipate" also the West Central Area Conference on October 20 (registration information on page 6), and join many of us for the chance to be inspired by a great program.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has seven purposes, which were given to us upon initiation and revisited each year. I'd like to highlight one every issue or so, as a reminder of our mission and vision as well.

Purpose #2 is "To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education." I smiled as I typed this, recalling the excitement and eagerness of our Alpha Alpha scholars, proud of their potential as educators, at the Reichel Awards breakfast on June 2. And what better way could we honor our wonderful founders and Charter members than with the recording and sharing of their accomplishments at an International venue! I've given this reminder to students and student teachers: "The expert in anything was once a beginner;" so no matter where on the career spectrum you may be, relish the journey and celebrate your growth and contributions along the way.

I wish you all a "Happy New Year" this fall and extend my invitation to get involved: meet the challenges of Delta Kappa Gamma and our own wonderful and accomplished Chapter!

Donna

2012-2013 Alpha Alpha Meetings "Meeting the Challenge"

"Meeting the Challenge" of new state initiatives is the theme for the coming school year, to help members stay informed about current issues in education. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss any of our exciting meetings.

October 3	Professional Affairs/Personal Growth Program 1 at Brook-Lea Country Club
October 20	Pi State WEST CENTRAL CONFERENCE at New York Wine & Culinary Center, Canandaigua
November 15	Professional Affairs/Personal Growth Program 2 location to be announced
January 19	Legislative Committee Program at Italian American Community Center
March 20	Helen Quinn Award Dinner at Ridgemont Country Club
May 1	Founders' Day (presented by the Membership Committee) at Lakeshore Country Club
June 1	Annual Scholar Awards Breakfast at the College at Brockport

Birthdays

Say "Happy Birthday" to those celebrating birthdays in August, September, and October:

August 13	Katie Andriatch
August 14	Louise Slaughter
August 15	Marjorie Focarazzo
August 22	Susan Hildenbrand
September 25	Pam Quamo
September 28	Lynn Keefer
October 6	Marjorie Emler
October 7	Diane Maurer
October 12	Sr. Edwardine Weaver
October 16	Judy Fuller
October 29	Jean Fuller

Birthday information is shared in time for best wishes to be sent in a timely fashion.

Teacher evaluators receiving training in APPR



ABOVE: Dr. Marijo Pearson introduces APPR teacher evaluation issues to cohort of administrators in late July. Dr. Pearson will be a presenter at the October 3 meeting of Alpha Alpha.

To help administrators prepare for the newly mandated APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review), Monroe 2 – Orleans BOCES presented a 5-day program outlining state expectations techniques evaluators should use to ensure that the state expectations are met. The program included a discussion of the new terms used in evaluations as well as ways to recognize highly effective instruction and to conduct evidence-based observations. Steps to take prior to, during, and after the observation were covered. Leading the discussion was Dr. Marijo Pearson, Assistant Superintendent for Staff/Professional Development at Monroe 2 – Orleans BOCES, who will help to lead the Alpha Alpha discussion of APPR during the chapter's October 3 meeting. To learn more, see the registration form on page 7.



Alpha Alpha's Sarisa Zoghlin helps young readers

This summer, Alpha Alpha Member Sarisa Zoghlin volunteered as a tutor as part of Camp Summer Phun, a reading camp for Rochester children in grades K-4. The program was offered on eight Tuesday and Thursday mornings, to help students enjoy reading and make progress in reading skills rather than fall behind in the summer. The program is coordinated by the Schools Partnership Program of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Rochester, which also provides tutoring to students in two Rochester elementary schools during the school year. Camp Summer Phun was hosted by the Ibero Family Center on Clifford Avenue. To learn more about this program, contact coordinator Chris Farnum, (585) 241-9249 or schools2215@gmail.com

LEFT: Sarisa Zoghlin with Summer Phun camper at Ibero Family Center this summer.

Update on our scholars

Christine Walker to teach in Atlanta

Christine Walker has accepted a position as the PreK-12 Visual Arts, Drama, and Movement Teacher at the Atlanta (Georgia) Area School for the Deaf. Since her graduation from the College at Brockport in 2009, she has earned a Masters of Science Degree in Secondary Education for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing from the National Technical Institute of the Deaf at RIT.

Mindy Baker to teach earth science

Mindy Baker taught last year at the East Palo Alto Charter School in California as a K-6 Integrated Services Specialist. She has returned to our area and is about to become an earth science teacher at Gates Chili High School. She earned her masters degree at the University of Buffalo in 2011 with a GPA of 3.6. She has certifications for Earth Science 7-12, Childhood Inclusive 1-6, and Students with Disabilities 1-6.

Annie Tran teaching in RCSD

Annie Tran is teaching at the Rochester City School District's International Academy. Her middle and high school students bring a variety of nationalities and languages to their study of math with her.

Emily Salvas teaching and learning

Emily Salvas is an elementary school teacher in West Irondequoit and is in her second year of graduate study at the College at Brockport in its Masters Literacy Program.

Melissa Wassink studying in Indiana

Melissa Wassink, who just graduated from the College at Brockport this past May, is the recipient of a graduate assistant stipend for studying at Indiana State College to earn an Athletic Trainer Master's Degree. She will also be interning as a trainer in high schools near Indiana State.



Christine Walker, 2004
Reichel scholar



Mindy Bader, 2005
Reichel scholar



Annie Tran, 2006
Reichel scholar



Emily Salvas, 2007
Reichel scholar



Melissa Wassink, 2008
Reichel scholar

Alpha Alpha 2012-2013 Dues Form

Pi State (NYS)

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Chapter/regional/international dues for 2012-2013 are due by **OCTOBER 15** to meet the Pi State deadline.

Your officers hope that you have found your membership in our chapter to be a worthy use of your time and resources, and that you will continue sharing yourself with the rest of us as a member.

Whether you are an **ACTIVE, RESERVE, or HONORARY** member, please complete the form below so that we have contact information for the Alpha Alpha directory.

There will be a drawing at our October meeting for a thank-you gift. To be eligible for the drawing, your dues AND this completed form must be received by October 15.

Dues for active members this year are **\$90**. Please make checks payable to **Alpha Alpha**.

Please send your dues and this form to:

Pamela Eberhardt, 591 Scottsville-Chili Rd., Scottsville NY 14546

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____

Birth month & day _____

Email address _____

School district in which you live _____

Educational institution wherein you are employed, or from which you retired _____

(This information helps to determine eligibility for some of our scholarship awards. Reichel awards recipients must graduate from a Monroe County high school or from a high school outside of Monroe County where a chapter member lives or works, or from which she has retired.)

On which Alpha Alpha committee/s do you serve, or would you like to serve?



'Getting to know you, Getting to know all about you...'

(Please note ANY new or changed information! If more space is needed, please add a page.)

Current job title/position _____

Or, retired from what position?

Previous positions or careers _____

Awards/Honors _____

Hobbies/interests _____

Family information _____

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha Alpha Chapter
Minutes of May 3, 2012 meeting
Founders Day Meeting
Lakeshore Country Club

ATTENDANCE: B. Bishop, E. Wuethrich, E. Leshnowar, P. Eberhardt, J. Fenton, S. E. Weaver, P. Quamo, M. Cosgrove, G. Hughes, S. Genthner, M. Galasso, R. C-Szulgit, M. Ingersoll, L.Kotwas, D.Noble, M. Focarazzo, J.Wadsworth, G. Hunt, A. Mance, J. Kinz, J.Cantleberry, M.Merle, Jean Fuller, J.Fuller, T.Reddinger, K.Velyk, S. Zoghlin.

Initiates: Leah Barrett, Lori Burch, Deb Koster.

Prior to the business meeting, S. Genthner welcomed the members and initiates to the Founders Day meeting.

Initiation ceremony for new initiates:

Leah Barrett, Lori Burch and Deb Koster.

Installation of new officers: President - Donna Noble; 1st VP - Pam Quamo; 2nd VP - Judy Wadsworth and Ginny Campbell; Secretary - Karen Velyk; Treasurer (continuing) - Pam Eberhardt; Parliamentarian - Anne O'Toole

Membership Recognition:

- 5 years - Rosemary Custer and Mary Lou Galasso
- 10 years - Monica Cosgrove
- 15 years - Judy Cantleberry and Esther Denaro Maltese
- 25 years - Mary Ingersoll
- 30 years - Linda Muto
- 35 years - Gretchen Hughes
- 40 years - Wyoma Best (Honorary)

Outstanding Service to Alpha Alpha Award:

Judy Wadsworth

CALL TO ORDER: S. Genthner called the meeting to order at 8:00PM, welcoming new members. Thank you to Judy Fuller, Mary Lou G., Pam Q, Pam E., Linda K., Bridget B., Eileen W., Elaine L., Marjorie F. and Mary Anne P. (absent) for their special touches to the Founder's Day program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: D. Noble moved that the minutes from the March meeting be approved as written; motion was seconded by E. Leshnowar and approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P. Eberhardt reported that as of April 30, 2012:

- the checkbook balance was \$8,892.50;
- the operating fund balance was \$8,363.96;
- the Savings account funds summary was \$14,434.61.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence; however, S.Genthner relayed a message earlier from Betty Vary who sends warm wishes to all for another successful year and Awards Breakfast in June. She will be contributing to the fund but due to the recent move to a new apartment, she will not be able to come north and attend this year. She will be in touch with the Chapter and is very happy!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive: S. Genthner as part of the Membership Recognition Committee met in April, to finalize plans for tonight as well as to review Scholarship Award applications. Pi State Spring conference attendees: B. Bishop, D. Noble, P.Quamo, S.Genthner

M. Galasso reminded Executive and Committee Chairs of Chapter planning meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Brockport Alumni House on May 23rd. Also asked for members to email any ideas to executive committee members.

Finance: E. Leshnowar shared the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. Annual budget reflects a membership of 58 active members, 8 honorary members and 3 initiates. The expected income is \$5520.00 and fixed expenses are \$3,832.00. Remaining income will be utilized for Chapter operating expenses.

Scholarship and Awards: June 2nd Awards Breakfast will honor all 2012 Awards recipients, including Lindsey Salvas (Reichel Award) and Mary Vacchetto (Bishop Award). Cost increased to \$22.00 for the breakfast. Registration form to Mary Ingersoll. All donations are tax deductible. Raffle items would be appreciated! Speaker Dr. Lauren J. Lieberman.

Remembrance: Remember Mary Zucco, Lorraine Sherwood's mother, as she is recovering from a broken hip. Our thanks go to Mary Anne Pietrzykowski for sending a fruit basket upon Anne Abbey's suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget: J. Fuller moved to approve the budget and Sr. E. Weaver seconded the motion and approved by all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

J. Fuller reported that there will be the Golden Gift Award Presentation at the International DKG Convention in NYC July 24 through 28th. They are presenting on Friday, July 27th. M. Galasso reminded members of May 23 planning meeting and June 2nd awards breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT: S. Genthner adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Pi Lights editor writes to Alpha Alpha

Mary Martha Harvey, member of Omega Chapter and Editor of Pi Lights (Pi State newsletter), sends the following note dated 5 June 2012:



Mary-Martha Harvey

Dear Sisters,

Thank you so much for the rose bouquet. What a wonderful tradition we have.

It was my honor to attend your Awards Breakfast on 2 June. I want to commend each of you for the rich tradition you have focused to assist educators and those outstanding students who are studying education. Congratulations!

Special thanks for all you do for Pi State and your Chapter.

With best wishes, Mary-Martha

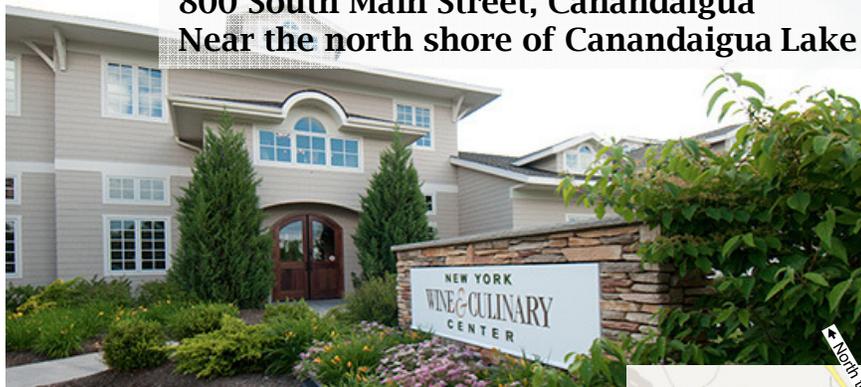
Delta Kappa Gamma Pi State
West Central Area Conference



Partnering for the Future

Saturday, October 20, 2012

New York Wine & Culinary Center
800 South Main Street, Canandaigua
Near the north shore of Canandaigua Lake



9:00 AM - Gathering
(coffee & tea available)

9:30 AM - Greetings from
Jeanne Schenk,
Pi State President:
*Implications of 2012 International
Convention for Pi State*

9:50 AM - Brunch

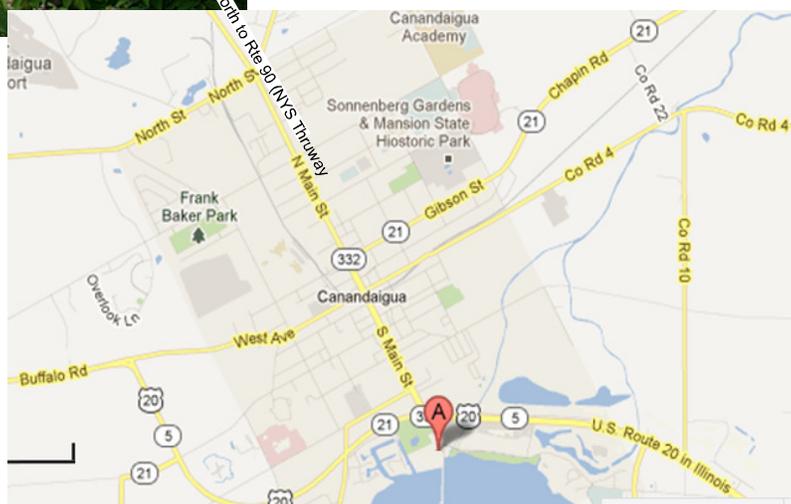
10:35 AM - Featured Speaker:

Chrysanthe Baldwin,
Director of Education, NYWCC

11:05-11:30 AM Free time to enjoy Visitors'
Center (Check it out beforehand
at www.nywcc.com)

Brunch Menu:

Chilled Fruit juices, coffee, tea, decaf, muffins and pastries, fresh sliced fruit, individual yogurts, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, quiche Lorraine, bacon and cheese quiche, hickory smoked bacon



Deadline for reservations is Monday, October 1, 2012
{Seating is limited to 70.} Cost: \$25.00 per person

Please make check out and mail it with completed form to :
Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum, 239 Danbury Circle North, Rochester, NY 14618-2748
Questions? rozbaum@frontiernet.net

Yes. I will attend the WCAC DKG Conference October 20, 2012
Number attending _____ Chapter Name _____
Member Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____
Guest Name(s) _____
Amount enclosed _____

The official 2-page West Central Area flyer was sent separately by email. If you'd like a copy of that flyer, contact the editor at 442-4737 or judithw@frontiernet.net.

Meeting the Challenge: APPR & its Impact

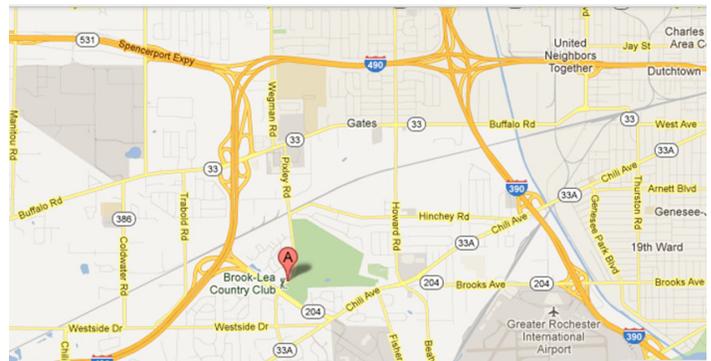
Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Brook-Lea Country Club
891 Pixley Road, Rochester 14624

5:30 pm – Gathering and Sharing
6:00 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm – Program and Meeting

From Buffalo Rd. turn south onto Pixley Rd.
Cross RR tracks and Hinchey Rd at stop light.
Follow chain link fence on left (golf course boundary) around curve.
Just before overpass find small blue Brook-Lea sign on left.

From Chili Ave. turn north onto Pixley Rd.
Go past Westside Drive.
Go under the overpass; look to the right or the small blue Brook-Lea sign.

PARKING
Turn up winding drive through trees.
At split in road, take left turn to parking lot for front entrance.



Registration is required. To register, complete and send the form below with your payment

- Dinner Choices (\$22.00 per person):**
- Grilled Salmon with Raspberry Sauce
 - Classic Chicken French with Lemon Buerre Blanc
 - Fettuccini with Alfredo Sauce topped with Fresh Vegetables

All dinners include house salad, baked potato (salmon and chicken dishes only), fresh vegetable, rolls/butter, and coffee, decaf coffee and tea, and cookie tray for dessert.

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Guest(s): _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (checks made payable to *Alpha Alpha Chapter*)

Please send in your reservation by **September 26, 2012** to: Anita Mance, 103 Park Drive, East Rochester, NY 14445.

For more information, contact Anita Mance at 586-6507
or Aggie Seneway at 392-7438 or aseneway@rochester.rr.com.



Newswheel

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2012-2014 Alpha Alpha Officers

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Past President	Sue Genthner	637-5103

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NEXT NEWSWHEEL DEADLINE: October 5

At any time, please forward items you'd like included in the *Newswheel* to the editor at judithw@frontiernet.net.

Delta Kappa Gamma convention an awesome experience

Five Alpha Alpha members participated in the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in New York City this past July. Pi State Communications Chair Sue Genthner created a communications display for convention-goers. Both Sue and Bridget Bishop volunteered in the properties room and elsewhere. Pam Eberhardt and Judy Fuller led a breakout session describing their work on chapter history. Jean Fuller was also in attendance. The convention included a combination of meetings, breakout sessions, and dinners with women from West Central Region. Participants also found time for visits to several local places including the Museum of Modern Art, Times Square, Ground Zero, and a Broadway Show. At the Northeast Regional Breakfast, \$6000 was raised for the DKG Emergency Fund.

The breakout session on Remarkable Women led by Alpha Alpha members Pam Eberhardt and Judy Fuller attracted 45 women. Pam explained how she has updated and preserved chapter scrapbooks. Judy explained how the historical records committee applied for and was awarded the Golden Gift Award which helped to finance the video project. For use at this session, the committee, with help from Pam's husband Lynn, had worked many hours to edit the much-longer original video to create a 12-minute presentation which began with the interview of Betty Vary. Pam and Judy did a wonderful job and participants took notes! The response from the audience was very enthusiastic. One participant was heard to say, "I don't even think they are doing this at the International Level!"

Sue and Bridget encourage everyone to attend International, Regional, Pi State, or even West Central meetings or conferences. They are educational and stimulating as well as lots of fun!

Based on a report by Bridget Bishop (See pictures on page 1.)