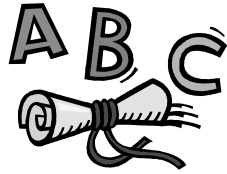


January, 2018



Update

Alpha Beta Chapter, Lambda State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Barb's Musings

by Barbara Baumann, AB President

I hope you all had a wonderful time with friends and family during the holiday season. Even though our family Christmas was on Thanksgiving, I was still busy throughout the holidays. It was special spending time with friends and family I don't see often. I feel so fortunate to have my health and the time to enjoy others.

Has anyone else gotten cabin fever during the recent cold spell? I have spent much more time in my house than I did previously. My neighbor and I haven't even braved the cold for our morning walk, so I am spending a great deal of time just sitting. I am so thankful for a warm and comfy home in which to hibernate. I have been working on hand wool appliqué projects while sitting in front of the TV, and I even assisted my husband in cleaning out and organizing his office that's been needing help for years.

In case you haven't heard, we have lost two of our Alpha Beta members recently. Dorothy Riley and Maggie Janssen have both passed away. We will certainly miss our DKG sisters. We will have their memorial service at our February meeting.

This month, our program will be presented by Nancy Wier's daughter, Dr. Mary Stapel. She is an OSF doctor in Peoria and will speak on global health. You can read more about her and the program in our program book. This promises to be a very interesting program. I hope many of you will attend. If the meeting must be cancelled due to weather, Nancy Wier (Vice President in charge of this meeting) will ask Lou Ann Jacobs to send out an email, and the phone tree contacts will be asked to contact those on their list who have signed up to attend. If the weather is questionable and you haven't heard from your contact, please call/text your contact person to check for sure.

At the time of the January meeting, I will be on a Disney cruise. We'll sail with two of our sons' families and five of our ten grandchildren. Jim and I then plan to spend a couple more weeks in Florida with few specific plans. Perhaps I'll have some stories to tell next month. See you in February.

Next Meeting:

Saturday,

Feb 10
Edinger's Filling
Station,
Pontiac

"Sustainable
Farming"



Lambda State Convention

Registration is now open for the Lambda State Convention to be held April 20-22 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard. Registration links and other info are on the web at—

<http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/events.html>

For the first time ever, you can register and pay for conference online. Note that it is a two-step process. Once you have registered online, you need to use the “Pay Now” button to go to a secure site to pay by credit card. (Make sure you note the amount you need to pay after registering online.) You can send a check if desired. Or download a registration form to fill out and mail in along with your check.

Hotel room rates are \$104 (plus tax) for single or double with free parking. Reservations are due by April 1, 2018 for the Lambda State rate. After that date, reservations will be made based regular rates and room availability.

Help Lambda State “Make the Block” to keep conference expenses low by staying at the conference hotel, register for the conference and attend the three meal events.

Pre-Convention Tour



Do you like Arts and Crafts? Do you like to Shop ‘Til You Drop?

If so, the pre-convention tour is for you! On Friday, April 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. you will have the chance to go the Spring Festival at the Odeum Expo Center in Villa Park. The Spring Festival will have about 350 arts and crafts booths in an indoor setting. Food will be available if you don’t eat lunch before arrival.

The cost is \$28.00 and that includes ticket to event along with deluxe motorcoach transportation. The bus will leave the hotel at 1:00 and go directly to the Odeum. The bus will pick up riders at the event at 4:00 for the return to the hotel.

Space is limited and first come first serve. Be sure to get the form from the website and send it in with the amount requested. Registration deadline is March 15.

Annual Mission Trip to Russia

By Carol Hughes

We left on our annual mission trip to help the Novgorod Evangelical Church, its village churches, and its Alcohol/Drug Rehab Center on November 2. Besides funds, we took medicines, reading glasses, and two violins for the church band. It was Pete's 28th trip to Russia and my 12th. Our trip was shortened to seven days.

Again this year we were unable to visit the Russian school, a two-mile walk from the hotel, because the students were on a week vacation. However, we did go to teacher Olga Gorshenin's apartment for breakfast and enjoyed a visit with Olga, her husband Vitale, Ira (17) and Gleb (14). We left funds to support the annual English program written and presented by the students for their parents. The book *Alice in Wonderland* was the inspiration for their efforts.

Most of our activities centered around the Novgorod Church, a couple church seminars we led, and the Drug/Alcohol Rehab Center. Always we visit the Rehab Center, meet the men, and hear their testimonies. It is so very touching to spend the afternoon with them and see the physical improvements they helped construct in the building during the past year.

Last year Ludmilla, the current director of the orphanage, contacted Pastor Anatoli and asked if the Christians would reconnect with the orphanage since the former director wanted nothing to do with the church in Novgorod. Funds again were raised at the Eureka United Methodist Church to buy some clothing and shoes for the children—about 20 of them.

The director sends a list to Pastor Anatoli and a couple of women from the Novgorod Church do the shopping. When we took the bags of clothing and supplies to the orphanage, we were thanked and hugged by other workers and the children. Leftover funds are used to buy presents for a Christmas party at the Drug/Alcohol Center for the orphans and other needy children in the town.

Since the orphanage is located close to the Rehab Center, Director Ludmilla will contact Igor, who heads the center, when something needs fixing like playground equipment or a portion of the roof. Last summer their water heater no longer worked, the government said they could not fix it for some time, and we sent money to purchase one which was installed by men from the church.

Next November we hope to return to Novgorod, Russia.

"One of the most important reasons to attend convention relates to our First Purpose: 'to unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship.'"

*Carol Hughes
Newscaster, Winter
2011*



Be sure to let the chapter know of any name, address, or email changes as they occur. This will keep information coming to you on a timely basis.

Maggie Janssen and Dorothy Riley

Our chapter recently lost two sisters who were long-time members. Margaret "Maggie" Janssen passed away on December 29, 2017. Her funeral was Wednesday, January 3. Dorothy Riley passed away on December 21, 2017. Her funeral will be at 11:00 a.m. on January 22 at the Roanoke United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the funeral at the church.

As reported in Barb Baumann's president column, there will be a memorial ceremony at the February 10 meeting.

March 13 Meeting Reminder

The program for the meeting will be a book discussion of *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. This book and *The Courage to Teach* by Parker Palmer are the two chosen for discussion at the Lambda State Convention.

INFO FOR YOU

Are you aware of the Scholarships and Study Stipends available from Lambda State? Did you know that the stipends can be used for personal as well as professional growth?

Details can be found on the Lambda State website under Service link on the page.

Deadlines for Foundation for Educational Studies applications are May 1 and October 1. The link for more information can be found under Society Business.

Ann Hoke welcomed her third grandson on Dec 10th. Hendrik Robert Bartel was born weighing 7 lbs 8 oz and 20 in long at 5:51 pm at Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN. He's a redhead! Grandma headed up for snuggles right after Christmas!



Thank you to all the Alpha Beta sisters who sent cards to Dave Kilgus to help him celebrate his 75th birthday. He got 295 cards!!! It was a memorable day with many more surprises and all documented in a memory book so that it can live on for years to come. The photo shows him with 190 cards on the day of his birthday with the rest trickling in the following week.

Fortunately he had his great birthday, because 2 days later he had emergency surgical procedures for his 3rd detached retina. Then after New Years Day, another surgery to again repair the retina.

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ABC Sisters Keep Busy

From Connie Rich:

Brrr, it's cold as I write this even though the outside temperature is on the rise! As I showered this morning, I ran out of hot water and upon looking at the thermostat, the house was down to 61 degrees. John has been on the phone, poked some buttons, and it appears as if the temp of the water in the tank is on the rise. Way too complicated for me, I always say "I know what number to call!"

December was a month for entertaining, starting with 40 Rotarians (and guests) on Dec 4. I've lost track of how many parties we've hosted, but it is great fun for us. Best of all was that our daughter and family are stateside again, so we did have everyone here on Dec 26 - Trafton and his family from Bloomington, Jessica and family from Panama City, FLA, and Josie's husband and his new family from LaGrange. One grandson seems to be questioning Santa, but in the excitement of it all, he still believed. It was the first year for an adult table and kids' table. I was feeling a little guilty, but when all was said and done, I think everyone enjoyed it. The parents didn't have to supervise their kids, and the grandkids didn't have anyone nagging them about manners and one more bite! It was a win-win for everyone.

Along with John's HS classmate and wife, we went to the matinee of Hamilton on the 27th. It was fantastic, we especially like the character of the "king". He was "colorful", to say the least. Unfortunately I was so exhausted from the holidays, that I faded in and out. Don't think I ever fell asleep, but would consider going again if I was rested and had finished reading the book and prepped on the music for Act 2.

As I write this, there is freezing ice/sleet/snow - whatever you want to call it - hitting the window. This is not a good sign, as tonight is the culmination of our holiday entertaining - our 4th annual 7 course wine paired dinner for 8 of us. The other three gals each have a part, bringing a course that could be prepared off site. I tell them to get here and bring their jammies! We were the committee for the wine tasting events to raise money for our library and this has been a fun way to continue without the stress of fundraising!

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