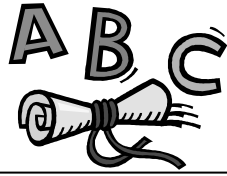


March, 2016



Update

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

Carol's Reflections

by Carol Hoffman, AB President

It is hard to believe that this is the end of my second year as Alpha Beta President. Thank you for helping me with my role as your president this biennian. We are an outstanding DKG Lambda State Chapter.

We did not make Honor Chapter status this year because we have not shown growth in membership. Encourage others to join; invite them to meetings so they can see what we are all about. Let's make Honor Chapter next year.

With the launch of the new DKG website in January, members must sign in to access member resources, register for events and order from the Society Store. In order to sign in, you choose "sign In" and use your six (6) digit membership ID as the username. The default password dkg2014society is the first log in. (The password may be changed after log in, if preferred.)

For Convention, each chapter is asked to contribute a piece of art to benefit the M. Josephine O'Neil Scholarship. The theme for the 2016 Art Mart is "The Year of the Tree: Branching out in the Arts." The Art Work can focus on items from nature such as tree art, wooden pieces of all kinds, natural products (wool, yarn, cotton, etc.) garden art, paper, quilting, or family trees—anything to do with trees or nature will work. A few years ago, one of our members donated a piece of barn art. If anyone has something they would like to donate this year, please let me know.

Next Meeting:

**Monday,
May 9, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

**Gathering Place,
Eureka**

**"Chrome Books in
the Classroom"**

I contacted Beth Gillette, Betty Gillette's daughter about attending the "White Rose Ceremony" this year at convention. Beth will not be able to come, so I will send her a booklet from the Ceremony.

I have received a few suggestions for the tree that best represents Alpha Beta Chapter. If any of the rest of you have ideas about the tree that best describes us and why, please email me or tell me. Thank you.



Join Us at Lambda State Convention!

Are you ready for the Lambda State Convention? Be sure to register now and to reserve your room as soon as possible. Register before April 1 to "Make the Block" and get the lower rates on meals.

The special room rate is available until April 1. After that date, reservations will be accepted based on room availability and at regular room rate. It is

important to get your rooms reserved ASAP.

The pre-conference tour "Mansions and Museums" in Decatur starts at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15. The tour includes lunch. The cost, including lunch, is \$30 per person and reservations are due by April 4.

Information and registration forms are available on the Lambda state website.

Go to <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL> and click on the Events link.

Leadership Management Seminar

Don't miss the 2016 Leadership Management Seminar being sponsored by Lambda State Delta Kappa Gamma and open to all interested leaders or current leaders in the field of education. A great program featuring topics from "Relationships in Leadership" to "Leading Change to Multi-Tasking" to "Help--I'm on Circuit Overload" to "Technology to Make Your Leadership Life Easier" is planned plus many more sessions.

The two day seminar will take place on the campus of Bradley University in Peoria on June 21-22, 2016, with an opening session on Monday evening. The theme for the Seminar is: Leadership Skills for Changing Times.

Professional development hours will be provided for most sessions.

Online registration is open. You can register online by going to: <https://bradley.eventsair.com/lms/lms/Site/Register>

More information is available on the Lambda State website. Go to <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/events.html> and click on the link for The Leadership Management Seminar. Schedule, session descriptions, and a printable registration form are on the site.



Dawn Conway Receives Honor from the Illinois Alliance of Special Education Administrators



The IAASE Larry D. Vuillemot Leadership Award is given to recognize an IAASE Governing Board member who has demonstrated leadership and significant contributions to the field via their involvement with the Governing Board.

Melissa Taylor presented this award to Dawn Conway at the Fall conference. Dawn has served as the Executive Director of Special Education for Livingston County Special Services Unit in Pontiac for eleven years. She has membership in many professional organizations yet retains her strong alliance to IAASE, including serving two terms as the Member at Large and representing our organization on the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC).

Dawn has been a member of IAASE since 1994. She continually supports our voice with the Illinois State Board of Education, with other state and regional organizations, and she advocates for the field of special education at the national level. She is dedicated to providing quality leadership and guidance. Her understanding of state and federal laws and regulations makes her a valuable resource for her staff and for IAASE. She is caring, conscientious, and willing to share her time and knowledge with anyone. She is responsive to questions and people count on her knowledge of the Performance Evaluation Reform law when they need support for implementation.

Dawn is an IAASE member who demonstrates exemplary leadership qualities through her continued involvement in our organization and her tireless efforts to champion the cause for the growth and progress of our special education students and staff.

By: Gineen O'Neil, Ed.D. IAASE Past-President from the IAASE Newsletter, November 2015

Congratulations Dawn for your deserved award!

A Date to Remember in Lambda State History

March 16, 1935, the day Lambda State was founded by 14 distinguished and exceptional key women educators.

These women met at the Chicago Women's Club, Chicago, to form a new organization for women educators in Illinois affiliated with Delta Kappa Gamma.

Do you know who they were?

Miss Stella Bench, Principal of Galena High School, was a charter member first of Zeta, later of Pi.

Dr. Ruth Brown, Professor of Classics, Illinois College, Jacksonville, while initiated as a Founder of Lambda State, did not go on to join a chapter.

Mrs. Ethel C. Coe, County Superintendent of McHenry Schools, Woodstock, was a charter member first of Epsilon, later of Alpha Theta.

Miss Flora J. Cooke, honorary member, Principal of Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Isabella Dolton, Principal of Kelly High School, Chicago, and later Assistant Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Erma F. Imboden, Training Teacher, Illinois State Normal University, was a charter member of Beta.

Dr. Helen L. Koch, Associate Professor of Child Psychology, University of Chicago, was a member of Kappa.

Dr. Mayme I. Logsdon, Associate Professor of Mathematics, University of Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa and after retirement, a member in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Ada M. Manning, Superintendent of Lombard Schools and later Assistant Superintendent of McHenry County Schools, was first a charter member of Epsilon and later of Alpha Theta.

Dr. Helen R. Messenger, Professor of Education, Northern Illinois State Teachers' College, Lambda State's first president, was a charter member of Alpha.

Mrs. Livia Y. Peterson, First Grade Teacher, Winnetka, was a charter member of Eta.

Dr. Emma Reinhardt, Chair of the Department of Education, Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College, Charleston, was a charter member of Gamma.

Miss Grace E. Storm, Assistant Professor of Kindergarten and Primary Education, University of Chicago, was a charter member of Kappa.

Miss Pearl Tiley, Superintendent of Kindergarten and Primary Grades, Belleville, was a charter member of Delta.

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A great way to donate to Delta Kappa Gamma is through your purchases at Amazon.com. If you already have an account with Amazon, just go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose DKG Supporting Corporation. You can put an icon for smile.amazon on your browser to link you immediately to purchase and DKG gets .5% of that as a donation. I did and it was easy.

Lou Ann Jacobs

Save these DKG & Lambda State Dates!**2016**

April 15-17 **Lambda State Convention**
The Decatur Conference Center and Hotel

June 11 **Training for Chapter Leaders South**
J.L. Buford Intermediate Center, Mt. Vernon, IL

June 18 **Training for Chapter Leaders North**
Ottawa High School, Ottawa, IL

June 21-22 **Leadership Management Seminar: Leadership Skills for Changing Times** Bradley University, Peoria, IL

July 5-9 **International Convention**
Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN

September 16 -17 **Lambda State Executive Board Meeting**
Holiday Inn & Suites, Bloomington, IL

October 7-9 **Creative Arts Retreat**
Lorado Taft Field Campus, Northern Illinois University, Oregon, IL

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April 21-23 **Lambda State Convention**
Hilton St. Louis Frontenac, St. Louis, MO

June 3 **Lambda State Transition Meeting**
Ramada Springfield North, Springfield, IL

June 20-21 **Taming Technology**
Bradley University, Peoria, IL

September 15-16 **Lambda State Executive Board Meeting**
Holiday Inn & Suites, Bloomington, IL

Have you read *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Dawkins and/or *It's Complicated (social life of networked teens)* by dana boyd? These are the two titles for the Lambda State Convention book discussions. You may want to attend the workshop for the book you read and share your impressions with fellow members.

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ABC Sisters Keep Busy

Kay and Wayne Hammer spent the first week of January, 2016 at a Roadsolar program on Sanibel, Island, FL with 9 other participants. Kay reports that it was very enjoyable in spite of the rainy weather. We visited with Bert & Rollie Kinate on the drive south.

On March 7, Elaine Cunningham and Carol Hughes left for a trip to Italy. They will be touring in Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, and Milan returning on March 16. Last year Elaine and Carol traveled to Paris and Normandy. Elaine reports "Visited Rome and its ancient structures as well as the Vatican. The life of St. Francis was lovingly told at Assisi. The medieval city of Perugia was fascinating. Florence has such a rich history. Michelangelo 's fame is widespread here: the original marble 'David' statue at the Academie Museum, his famous church - The Duomo, his gravesite.... Plus all the other wonderful buildings...and shopping. Today (Sunday) we travel to Venice and then on to Milan. And, yes, we will be home for DKG on Saturday!"

From Connie Rich: It's Sunday, March 13, and this comes to you from a hotel in Duluth, Georgia. I wanted to wait and write after we had attended our first PBR event last night. "PBR", you ask? Professional Bull Riding! Last weekend we drove to Atlanta to pick up friends from Davis, California. THEY are the PBR fans and asked us to join them. The first few days were spent in Savannah, a new experience for them - great food, history, gorgeous weather, and a drive out to Tybee Island. Paula Dean seems to have fallen off her pedestal, as there were no lines. (We ate elsewhere.) Driving back to Atlanta, we made a stop (the men had no choice) to tour Stately Oaks, an antebellum plantation home that inspired Margaret Mitchell's Tara in Gone With the Wind. This afternoon it's back for an afternoon of PBR. What remains unknown is whether or not John will make the winning bid for the shark cage in the middle of the arena!