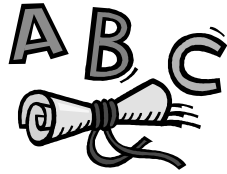


May, 2016



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Carol's Reflections

by Carol Hoffman, AB President

Thirteen members of Alpha Beta Chapter registered for the 2016 Lambda State Convention in Decatur. We tied for having the most chapter members at this April Convention. Carol Hughes is donating a traveling plaque to be used starting now and at future Lambda State Conventions designating the chapter with the most members present. Both chapters will be acknowledged on the plaque.

We had much recognition at Convention this year. Marianne Hall has been a DKG member for 50 years. Jessica Lawson was awarded a \$1,000 stipend. Debi Johnson, a junior at McKendry College won a \$2,000 Florence A. Cook Scholarship. We had two deceased members (Betty Gillette and Marge Bertsche honored at the White Rose Ceremony. I will be mailing copies of the White Rose Booklet to the Gillette and Bertsche families. Kate Walter was recognized for her Iditarod project. Thank all of you for making our chapter OUTSTANDING.

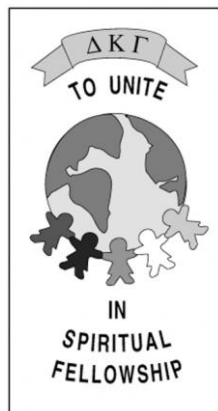
All chapter presidents were asked to choose a tree that best describes the accomplishments of her biennium. I asked for help in deciding which tree to use. Marylee Harms and her husband came up with the Cypress Tree. "The **Cypress Tree** reminds me of my biennium as President of Alpha Beta Chapter because it has *long history* and a *long life*. It is *tall and strong* and *grows in many conditions*. It has *delicate foliage* and a good fall color. The **Cypress Tree** comes in *many shapes and sizes* (much like our members.) In some areas, the **Cypress** is considered to be the *sign of life*—Noah's Ark was supposedly made of the **Cypress**. Alpha Beta continually shows initiative, strength, and support for its officers and members; we breathe life into our Chapter."

We will have out Committee sign-up sheets at our May 9 meeting. Think about which committee you would like to serve on. Decide if you would like to make a change or stay on the same committee. Everyone will be placed on a committee.

Our new officers will be inducted at our May 9 meeting: Barbara Baumann—President; Nancy Wier—Vice President; Lila McCulley—Recording Secretary; and Janet Kilgus—Treasurer. There will also be a presentation of Chapter Recruitment Grants and Early Career Educator Grants.

I have enjoyed being Alpha Beta President these past two years. Thank you for your help and cooperation. I am leaving the presidency in the good hands of Barbara Baumann.

Next Meeting:
Saturday,
September 10,
2016
9:00 a.m.
Roanoke
Methodist Church
Roanoke



Alpha Beta Members Tie for 1st at Convention!

by Carol Hughes

I want to congratulate all of you who attended the Lambda State Convention. With 13 members, we tied for having the most members present. Beta Pi Chapter also had 13 members present and received the highest percentage plaque since 54% of their members attended. (Back in 2002 when I was state president, I established that award, and the plaque is passed on each year at convention.)

Barb Baumann remarked that it would be nice if Alpha Beta could have a plaque for having the most members present. I liked that idea, told my husband Pete who has purchased many awards at Academy of Awards in Peoria, and ordered a plaque to be awarded to the chapter with the Most Members Attending the Lambda State Convention. It will be presented at our May 9th meeting.

Members attending: Barb Baumann, Elaine Cunningham, Marianne Hall, Kay Hammer, Marylee Harms, Carol Hoffman, Carol Hughes, Lou Ann Jacobs, Bert Kinate, Jessica Lawson, Connie Rich, Kate Walter, and Marcia Wahls.

JESSICA LAWSON RECEIVES STIPEND

At the membership luncheon, member Jessica Lawson was awarded a stipend of \$1,000 for completing her work on a master's degree in technology. Way to go, Jessica!!

Attend the 2016 DKG International Convention

by Carol Hughes and Shirley Mueser

We invite you to think seriously about attending all or part of the international convention to be held at Gaylord Opryland Resort Hotel in Nashville, TN from July 5-9. Eighteen of us attended and worked at the 2008 International Convention here in Illinois. But some of you have never attended an international event.

Shirley's husband secured a good deal on our airline tickets. But you could drive to Nashville. We are staying until July 11 as Carol (provided she is officially elected Northeast Regional Director) has a meeting Sunday morning with the 2016-18 Administrative Board and later with the International President, Executive Director, and the four other regional directors. But the two of us will find something to do Sunday afternoon and evening like go to the Grand Ole Opry as the hotel has a shuttle service to downtown Nashville.

Also, mark your calendars for July 12-14, 2017 as the Northeast Regional will be held at Caesar's Resort and Convention Center in Windsor, Ontario in Canada. That is a six-hour drive from central Illinois. Those who attend a regional or international convention learn much, have a good time, and never forget the experience!



ABC at State Convention

Sunday Morning Awards Breakfast Attendees--



Marianne Hall (r) is recognized as a fifty-year member and Jessica Lawton receives a \$1,000 Special Studies Stipend for a course in Educational Technology at Saturday's Membership Luncheon.

Deb Johnson, Pontiac, receives a \$2,000 Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant at Sunday's Awards Breakfast. She is seated with her parents and AB President Carol Hoffman.





AB members enjoy a break during Convention.



Marylee Harms and Carol Hughes are moving with the music during an interlude at Convention.



Elaine Cunningham played the pipes for the Memorial Service Sunday morning. Marjorie Bertche and Betty Gillette were honored during the ceremony.



Big smiles must mean that they are having a great time at Convention!



INFO FOR YOU**Chapter and State**

The first program planning meeting for the summer will be on Friday, June 3, at Chenoa Family Restaurant at 8:30 A.M. All officers, committee chairs, and any members interested in helping determine the programs for the 2016-2017 year are asked to attend. The more participants involved, the better the programs will meet the needs of all members. We hope you will plan to attend.

A wonderful opportunity awaits all current educators this summer on **June 21-22, 2016**, at Bradley University in Peoria. **Leadership Skills for Changing Times** is a two day institute sponsored by Lambda State of Delta Kappa Gamma. The seminar is open to anyone. **Professional Development Hours will be available for most sessions.**

You can either register online by going to: www.deltakappagamma.org/IL and click on the events page and then click on Leadership Management Seminar.

Member News

Heather Hoke, Ann Hoke's oldest daughter, will be married to Kiefer Bartel in Rochester, Minnesota at the historic Plummer House on May 6th. Congrats and best wishes!

I want to thank all of my DKG sisters for their prayers, cards, gifts and messages during my most recent stays in the hospital and at short term rehab. It was very comforting to hear from you and know that you were thinking of me. I'm getting better each day and feel almost back to normal. Thanks again for your concern and friendship.

Sue Coons

Gail Thorson reports: We have a new granddaughter, Carley Adelynn Nourie. She was born March 14, 2016, weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. She was named after my husband, Carl and her mother's middle name and grandmother's middle names are Lynn. Her parents are Michael and Cindy Nourie.

ABC sisters, by the time you read this and meet in May, John and I will be visiting our daughter and her family in Germany. We arrive there early Saturday morning, April 30. Mother's Day weekend the six of us are going to Amsterdam Thurs-Sunday. In route we will stop to see a fabulous display of tulips and stay in a boatel once we arrive there. It is a boat permanently docked along a canal in Amsterdam. John returns May 9, but I'm staying another week. Jessica, Marissa, and I are flying to London for three days. I've never been there, so am looking forward to some sightseeing and theater – *Lion King* and *Matilda*.

Speaking of theater, Lou Ann Jacobs and I attended Heartland Theater's *Love Letters* on April 21. DKG sister Dr. Cyndee Brown and her husband starred in a cast of 2, reading letters that started as notes in 2nd grade. It was a touching performance.

Connie Rich

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ABC Sisters Keep Busy

Karen Harms reports on her recent adventure-- I was so thrilled to fly to Boston with my son Ryan and his family from Ankeny, Iowa. We met at the airport in St. Louis on Friday, April 15th and flew to Boston. Ryan ran the Boston Marathon for the first time. His bib number for Boston was 3258 out of 30,000 runners. A bib number is the number he wore on his chest and based on his qualifying time. Brea, 8 year old Addison and 10 year old Carter and I got to cheer Ryan on at Mile 5 and Mile 25. He finished the race 1741st place out of the 30,000 runners with time of 3:02:14!!! So totally AWESOME!!! He was able to HIGH FIVE Carter and Addison at both these mile markers and my daughter Angie recorded him crossing the finish line.

We also walked part of the Freedom Trail, went on a DUCK ride (guess who volunteered to drive the DUCK after the 3 young boys did) ha! We also went on a Whale Watch, Boston Red Sox game, Harbor Boat tour, Paul Revere home tour, Boston Commons and walked around one of the old cemeteries, as well as other site seeing events. We managed to eat at some delicious places, have two meals with a niece who lives in Boston and dinner with a friend of Ryan's and her husband and son. WOW! Boston is such a truly fantastic historical place and I absolutely LOVED my time with family, the marathon and site seeing. Home on the 21st!!!

Lou Ann Jacobs viewed the costumes used for the television series *Downton Abbey* while on tour in Chicago. Sponsored by the ISU Senior Professionals program, the trip included the tour of the Driehaus Museum, a Gilded Age mansion, time for a little shopping at the Eataly shops and restaurants, and lunch at the Osteria Via Stato.

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