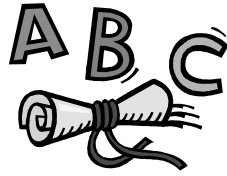


November, 2016



Update

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

Barb's Musings

By Barbara Baumann, President

I hope we have a huge number of members at our November 12 meeting. This is the day we get to share all the wonderful projects and activities in which our chapter is involved. I've asked all Alpha Beta committee chairs to give a brief overview of their committee's activities and goals. I look forward to hearing all the special activities in which our chapter is involved, and I know these reports will be welcomed by our State Ambassador, Chris Berto. This is our chance to share all the exciting things we do as a chapter. Let's "toot our own horn".

It never ceases to amaze me how much our chapter does behind the scenes. Committees make plans and carry them out, officers do their job and complete necessary paperwork for State and International without question, and members present programs, host meetings, provide centerpieces and/or table favors, and so much more. We do have a fantastic chapter, and this is our chance to brag!

Our next meeting will be on January 7, and at that time we will have the opportunity to discuss the book Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker written by Jennifer Chiaverini. I hope a large number of us spend time reading this book in order to make for lively discussion. We'll also have a potluck at that meeting, so we'll all have a chance to make and share some of our favorite dishes.

Let's continue to meet together for fellowship, learning, and sharing.

Next Meeting:

Saturday,

January 7, 2017

9:00 a.m.

**St. Paul Lutheran
Church ,
Pontiac**

Annual Mission Trip to Russia 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 October 26. Besides funds, we will be taking medicines, reading glasses, and a flute for the church band.

It will be Pete's 27th trip to Russia and my 11th. Again our trip is for 11 days. This year we will not be able to visit the Russian school a 2-mile walk from the school because the students will be on a week vacation. However, we will go to Olga Gorshenin's apartment for blini (Russian pancakes) and enjoy a visit with Olga, her husband Vitale, Ira (16) and Gleb (12).

Most of our activities center around the Novgorod Church, its village churches, and the Drug/Alcohol Rehab Center. We always visit the Rehab Center, meet the men, and hear their testimonies. It is always very touching to spend the afternoon with them.

We are excited that we have reconnected with the orphanage located close to the Rehab Center. In past years we would take school supplies, but the last director wanted nothing to do with the church in Novgorod. The new director contacted Pastor Anatoli and shared that she welcomed visitors from the church. Funds were raised at the Eureka United Methodist Church to buy some clothing for the children—about 25 of them. Pastor Anatoli has the sizes and what the children need and so we will go shopping with Olga and Sveta from the church. We look forward to seeing the children at the orphanage and taking them the clothing.



Membership

Chapter members who know of a potential new member should contact Louann Harms, chapter membership chair. New members can be initiated at any meeting.

PSST! Want to make music at the Lambda State Convention in St. Louis? Yes, you can do that! Go to the Lambda State Music page on the web <http://deltakappagamma.org/IL/Music/index.html> for all the details. There you will find links for the Chorus and Instrumental information as well as forms for you to fill out. Music is an important part of our conventions and those who participate have a lot of fun, too.

Be sure to check out the information on the new T-shirt, too. Forms were due Nov 1 for Christmas gift-giving but you can order yours for convention now for delivery at Convention.



Bugsy Malone Jr. will be presented at the Community Children's Theater, 1125 W. Lake Avenue in Peoria on December 8, 9, 10, and 11. Laura Hughes is the Music Director and daughter Sylvia is part of the dance group.

Village Aires Fall Concert

From chapter member Elaine Cunningham:

The Christmas Season is just around the corner, and Minonk's Village-Aires want to help you get into the spirit of the season by presenting you with a special "Holiday Invitation" to its 2016 Winter Concert!

Just like shopping early, these singers began preparing this delightful program with weekly rehearsals in September. Use your "Holiday Invitation" and come to our show, held on Saturday evening, Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20, 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Minonk.

To view pictures from previous Village-Aires shows, go to:

www.facebook.com/thevillageaires

Scholarships and Stipends

Applications for Lambda State Scholarships and Special Studies Stipends must be postmarked January 9, 2017. This is a great opportunity for financial support for those pursuing an advanced degree (scholarships) or taking a single class, workshop or seminar during the calendar year for personal and/or professional growth (stipends).

Details and forms can be found on the Lambda State website at this address:

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

Take time now to examine these opportunities. Funds that have been allocated for both programs are unused each year due to lack of applicants. It would be great to see more of our chapter members make use of these funds.

Lambda State Update

The Taming Technology for Innovative Learning Seminar will be held at Bradley University, June 19-21, 2017. Mark your calendars! More information will be forthcoming

The committee is calling for presentations from members and others. Forms are available on the Lambda State Website. Share your expertise with other members.

The Lambda State Educational Excellence Committee is seeking proposals for workshops for the 2017 Lambda State Convention. Proposals are due January 15, 2017. Forms are on the Lambda State webpage for the committee.

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ABC Sisters Keep Busy

Karen Harms enjoyed a fun three days with five ISU friends in Sterling/Rock Falls, October 9th, 10th and 11th. “Four of us live in Illinois, one in Missouri and one friend drove from Florida for our Fell Hall Fun Fest time together. We shopped, ate out, played games and gathered at an art studio for a painting lesson – and of course had wine and snacks to encourage our creativity. We all painted a unique and creative “sunflower”! We have been getting almost every year since we graduated in Spring of 1971!”

Jan Liston enjoyed an October Cinderella weekend in Madison, Wisconsin with all the female members of her France family. “The sixteen of us shared an airbnb house, complete with pool and three large-screen televisions, shopped, enjoyed the live production of Cinderella at the Overture Theater (especially the four little princesses in their tiaras and wands), and indulged in a banquet of Cinderella-themed treats. Living the fairy tale. . .!”

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