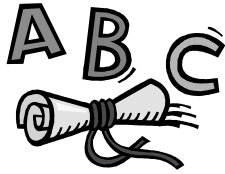


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update

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

Barb's Musings

by Barbara Baumann, AB President

Isn't this weather change wonderful? Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the leaves' changing colors and even the crunch of dried leaves under foot. The swirling leaves in a corner of building and leaves falling from the trees are also special fall sights. The temperature relief is much appreciated. I just feel so fortunate to be able to experience the changing seasons.

The change of seasons reminds me of how we change as we grow into new positions in Alpha Beta. Some of you have been in this organization for many years and have had a variety of roles in our chapter. I am grateful for the roles each of you are fulfilling during this biennium. Many of you have held the same position for many years, and others are new to your position. As a first time president, I appreciate the sense of bewilderment some of you may have as to what you need to do to fulfill your role. If you do have questions, please look in our chapter rule book to see what is listed as your duties. If you still have questions, please feel free to ask me. I doubt I will have many answers, but I can contact others who will. This may be a learning experience for some of us, but isn't that how we grow as individuals?

I attended the Executive Board Meeting on September 16 and 17, and I was struck by how Delta Kappa Gamma has many gifted women who give so much to our organization. The meeting ran so smoothly that it ended about an hour earlier than planned. I learned at that meeting and through mailings from the state that volunteers to be on state committees are being sought. Some of you may have already been suggested for committees, but please let me know if you would like to become involved at the state level. I would love to recommend you!

Thank you for all the support you have given me at the start of the biennium. I know the only way for our chapter to continue to thrive is to work together, encourage, and support each other.

Next Meeting:

**Saturday,
November 12,
2016
9:00 a.m.
Edinger's,
Pontiac**

Come to Ontario This Summer

by Carol Hughes



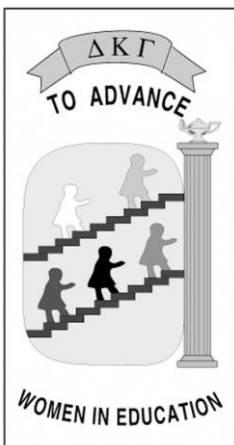
Come to the Northeast Regional Conference to be held on July 12-14 at Caesars Resort and Convention Center in Windsor, Ontario. We are one day less than the other regionals as International is responding to evaluations that suggested shortening the regionals. The registration fee is \$113 (US dollars) for the three days and \$50 for one day. But the registration form will be listed in Canadian dollars and therefore you will need to use a credit card. Your credit card bill will then list the cost in US dollars. Lodging is \$165 in Canadian dollars per night which would be less in US dollars.

The hotel, located across the river from Detroit, is a lovely facility. Our rooms are in the Augustus Tower and the meetings are on a lower level in the same tower. If you book late in the spring, you may have to get the type of room you wish in the Forum Tower which is a short walk through the Casino.



Why do we have regional conferences? We can get the latest information about the Society and we can experience professional and personal development through speakers, breakout sessions, and other activities. Plus we see another geographical area. Earlier in the week (Mon., Tues., and Wed.) training is provided for state organization presidents and other state leaders. International meetings are wonderful places to enjoy "genuine spiritual fellowship" with women from other countries and states in the US.

So think very seriously about attending the Northeast Regional. Some from Illinois have already shared they are coming and are willing to help. Ontario has about 150 members and they are going to need help. When a list of those volunteer jobs becomes available they will be shared with Northeast state presidents. If you have suggestions of speakers or other performers, let Carol Hughes, who welcomes suggestions, know. If you wish to do a breakout, a form will be online. Two pre-conference sessions—the Underground Railroad which ended at Windsor and First Nations of Canada—will be offered on Wednesday, July 12. CEU's will be available.



Make your plans to join many of us in Windsor, Ontario keeping in mind that Windsor is not that far away. From central Illinois it's a 1 1/2 hr. flight or a 6-hour drive. From Midway Airport, Porter Airlines will fly you to Toronto for customs and then a 20-minute flight takes you to Windsor. You do need a passport, and if you do not have a passport, apply for one soon! No one gets into Canada with a gun—not even one that your husband or friend may have left in the trunk of your car! When passing through customs if you are asked why you are entering Canada, say you are going to attend a teachers' conference.

Come to Windsor in July and we will share a variety of experiences and have a good time!!

Alpha Beta Dues Deadline Approaches

Dues are again \$90 for combined chapter, state, and international, and scholarship assessment. Make 1 check for \$90 payable to Alpha Beta DKG. Dues not yet paid are due by the October 11 meeting and can be brought or sent to the meeting with a friend.

Chapter Treasurer Janet Kilgus will be on a cruise from October 25 to November 10, There are papers and forms along with the dues that she must send in prior to this trip. Please help Janet by getting your dues in ASAP!

Checks can also be mailed to Janet Kilgus at 10 Timber Ridge Drive, Fairbury, IL 61739, but must be received by October 11.

Constitutional Amendment on Nov 8 Ballot

When you go to the polls on November 6, you will also be voting on an amendment to the Illinois Constitution. If passed, the amendment requires that all funds collected by the State of Illinois for transportation shall be used for that purpose only. Transportation related taxes and fees include motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees, and other taxes user fees dedicated to public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit (buses and rail), ports, or airports.

This new section

restricts the power of the General Assembly or a unit of local government to use, divert or transfer funds for a purpose other than transportation.

Proponents want the transportation funds to be used exclusively on transportation as the law states. Transportation infrastructure in Illinois is aging with many improvements needed especially to bridges and roads. Improving the state's transportation infrastructure will help reduce accidents and

and damage to vehicles caused by road conditions or hazards.

Opponents see the amendment unnecessarily limiting the ability of the state and local governments to appropriate public revenues for the general welfare of the citizens of the state of Illinois. Elected officials should prioritize the use of public funds, but this amendment would restrict their ability to spend funds as public officials and citizens deem fit. This would reduce funds spent on other needs.

General Election 2016

Early Voting in Illinois has begun. Each county has assigned locations for early voting sites. Further, a voter can request a ballot by mail for this election. These options will allow the voter to avoid the predicted long lines at many polling places.

Consult your county clerk's website for details. City of Bloomington voters need to consult the Bloomington Board of Election site.

The League of Women Voters of Illinois has a site that will give nonpartisan information on the candidates. That can be accessed at www.ballotready.org where you can put in your address to get information on the elections in your area.

The IEA has a site that will list the names of those candidates that are recommended by IPACE at <http://www.iea.yourvoterguide.com/#/search>

“Ties That Bind” by David Isay and “Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah are the two books to be discussed at the Lambda State Convention April 21-23, 2017 in St Louis.

Chapter members are encouraged to “check these out” at their library or a bookstore.

Put These Events on Your Calendar!

2016

November 12 **Legislative Seminar**
Lincoln Library, Springfield, IL

2017

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

July 12-14 **Northeast Regional Conference**
Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Caesars Resort and Convention Center

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

Keep your chapter informed of any changes in your email or other contact info. Updates will be published in the newsletter.

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ABC Sisters Keep Busy

Sue Coons was elected and installed to the position of Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the Illinois Great Rivers Conference United Methodist Women at their annual meeting in Decatur on October 1. Sue is currently finishing up a 4-year term as President of the Vermilion River District United Methodist Women.

The Vermilion River District United Methodist Women are sponsoring a mini-mission entitled "Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action" on Thursday, October 20, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. -- 12 noon at McDowell United Methodist Church, 18156 E 1400 North Rd., Pontiac. Teedra Hudson, Illinois Great Rivers Conference Education & Interpretation Coordinator, will be the presenter. She is a certified instructor for this Mission u course. This seminar is open to the public, and you are all invited to attend. For any further information, contact Sue Coons.

Sara Kaufman has been busy on the legislative trail She attended fundraisers for Sen Chuck Weaver and Jason Barickman, Reps Keith Sommer and Tom Bennett and discussed educational issues with them. She met with the Eureka College president to set up an IEA Student chapter on campus. Sara was the emcee for the Eureka HS Alumni Association luncheon and for her 50th class reunion. Sara worked with TRS to set up meetings for area groups and is working with IEA Region 13 to get active and retired educators together. Subbing and enjoying her grandchildren also keeps her very busy.

Tyler and Sue Schoenherr spent the week of September 11th with a motor coach tour circumnavigating Iceland on its Ring Road. Such a land of contrasts: volcanoes and huge glaciers (one is the largest in Europe), tiny trickles to huge, thundering waterfalls (one is the largest in Europe), clear snow-fed rivers and bluish glacier-fed rivers, lush green fields and barren wastelands, both the North American and European tectonic plates, fine black lava sand and huge basalt boulders, and more! The population is only 323,000 with an additional 800,000 sheep, and 80,000 Icelandic horses in a country about the size of Kentucky. One stop was at a championship Icelandic horse farm where we were treated to a demonstration of their unique 5 gaits and to interact with these beautiful horses. While on a boat tour through a glacier-made lake full of calved icebergs, we were given a chip of 1,000 year old ice to suck on. We also spent time soaking in the famous Blue Lagoon's geothermal waters. For most of the trip it was windy, rainy, and cool (40s)--so different from the central Illinois heat!

Dawn Conway is a new Grandmother! Addisyn Rae Conway arrived at 7:42 a.m. on Sept. 30 weighing 7 lbs 13.5 oz, and is 20.5 inches! Dawn will be in Southern Illinois enjoying her grandchild and helping the new Mom and Dad.

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