

Alpha Beta Members Go to DKG Convention

Eleven members attended the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Convention on April 26-28 at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. Alpha Beta was recognized as one of the chapters with the most members in attendance.

Those present were Barb Baumann (Minonk), Kay Hammer (Fairbury), Karen Harms (Fairbury), Louann Harms (Fairbury), Carol Hoffman (Fairbury), Carol Hughes (Roanoke), Lou Ann Jacobs (Normal), Janet Kilgus (Fairbury) Alberta Kinate (Forrest), Jan Masching (Dwight) and Nancy Wier (Eureka).

On Sunday morning at the Awards Breakfast, Brittany Hari (Fairbury) who is a secondary English education major with a minor in athletic coaching at Illinois State University, was awarded a Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant of \$2,000. Her mother Stephanie accompanied Brittany to the breakfast.

One of highlights of the convention was the Heart and Soul Choir whose members have special needs but have learned to express themselves through music. Another highlight was keynote speaker Steven Layne who said all of us have those individuals who have had a great influence on our lives. Chances are good that many of these people were teachers whom he calls our "balcony people" as they continue to look down on us even if they have passed from this earth.

Members attended a variety of workshops, 10-minute takeaways, and poster sessions; helped with the Chapter Bazaar; served as conveners; or were in the chorus. Janet Kilgus presented a takeaway on being a caregiver and Carol Hughes led a poster session on applying for Foundation stipends.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The Society has chapters in 17 countries and serves over 70,000 members by providing grants for educational projects, scholarships, leadership training, mentoring, and global networking. For more information, visit www.dkg.org or contact Carol Hughes (chughes@mtco.com).

Pictured in photo - Back row: Carol Hughes, Karen Harms, Louann Harms, Barb Baumann, Carol Hoffman, Kay Hammer, Alberta Kinate. Front Row: Lou Ann Jacobs, Janet Kilgus, Nancy Wier, Jan Masching.



Pictured in photo – Mother Stephani Hari and her former first grade teacher Karen Harms congratulate Brittany Hari on her receiving the Florence A. Cook Recruitment Grant.

