

## SEMINAR IN PURPOSEFUL LIVING

Lloyd-Ann McMahan (Mu) Leadership Development Chairman

Would you enjoy attending the *Seminar in Purposeful Living* in Fort Wayne, Indiana July 23 through July 26, 2014 with a little help from Alpha Mu State? If so, consider applying for the \$500 stipend by sending your letter of application to Leadership Development Chairman, Lloyd-Ann McMahan, 8642 East Panorama Drive, Bozeman, MT 59715-9341 or email to [rlandla@earthlink.net](mailto:rlandla@earthlink.net) by April 1, 2014. In your letter write about your Delta Kappa Gamma involvement, include your reasons for applying for the stipend and how you plan to use the information.

The seminar is a fun and informative way to become acquainted with the economic, educational, cultural and ethnic diversity of the area. There are many activities, tours and speakers planned by the committee and sponsored by the Educational Foundation.

The recipient receiving the stipend is requested to write an article for *Alphamusings* and share her seminar experiences at the Fall Executive Board meeting. The announcement of the recipient will be at the June Leadership Development workshop.

Many Alpha Mu State members have attended the seminar through the years. Three Montana members have served on the Educational Foundation Board: Thelma Berntson (Theta) on the first Board of Trustees, and ex-officio members Catherine Rathman (Delta) as Executive Secretary Jan Nerem (Sigma) as International First Vice President and were a part of the Board of Trustees and of the administration of the Educational Foundation.



Plan to attend the 2014 International Convention at the J.W. Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 28 - August 1.  
*Sharing our Vision ~ Strengthening Our Society*

### Congratulations!

Newly appointed Lieutenant Governor Angela McClean is a member of Omicron Chapter.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ON MSU CAMPUS WITH BARBARA WHITING

Lloyd-Ann McMahan (Mu) Leadership Development Chairman

**Wednesday, June 11 and Thursday, June 12, 2014**

It is exciting news to announce that Barbara Whiting from Minnesota will be The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Representative for the Alpha Mu State Leadership Development Workshop. She is a leadership specialist and will be the main presenter for the workshop. It is very fitting that we will be on the MSU campus in Bozeman where Dr. Cruzado, faculty and students have had the following theme for the 2013-2014 year, "*The Year of Engaged Leadership*" with nationally recognized speakers in the field of leadership presenting monthly programs.

As the new chapter officers are beginning to prepare for a new biennium for the Society, the leadership committee is planning a workshop that will be very valuable for all of your members. We encourage the new officers to attend along with any chapter members who wish to participate.

Check the registration form in *Alphamusings* (found on page three); make your decision to attend, fill it out, send it in and start thinking about questions you would like to have answered. Those questions will be sent to Barbara Whiting and you will be able to be on your way to a great experience learning more about leadership.

Please register early so the preparation can be complete and the committee will also be able to enjoy. If you have any questions please email Lloyd-Ann McMahan at [rlandla@earthlink.net](mailto:rlandla@earthlink.net) or write to 8642 East Panorama Drive, Bozeman MT 59715-9341 or phone 406-582-1675.

There will be more to come in the May edition of *Alphamusings* about Barbara Whiting, the agenda, directions to the dormitory and evening meeting. See you in Bozeman June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014!





“COMMUNICATE AND CONNECT TO UNITE”

by

Alpha Mu State President Joan Micheletti

The promise of spring: doesn't that sound marvelous after enduring our cold, snowy winter? This is a time for renewal, to plant ideas and a time to elect new chapter officers. Alpha Mu State chapters are brimming with talent. For some of you, the talent and ability to lead awaits discovery. When asked if you are willing to serve as a chapter officer, give that good consideration. It takes a team to pull a wagon. A strong chapter requires a good blend of support in all areas. For those who choose to serve the chapter in a non-official capacity, strongly support your chapter officers by attending meetings and volunteering. Rather than enter your new chapter office with heavy heart, get excited. You have the opportunity to demonstrate your creative skills. Members will look to you to lead the way. I would not expect you to be Moses in this situation since most of us do not have forty years to wander in the desert. You have two years to serve that leadership position. Grab on to it and soar.

Please plan to attend our Leadership Development Seminar in Bozeman scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday - June 11 and 12. We have Barbara Whiting from Delta Kappa Gamma International who will serve as our seminar presenter. She will offer usable, dependable and functional ideas for you to take home to your chapters. I know you will find the two day workshop to be fun and invigorating. The seminar will be held on the campus of MSU. Lloyd-Ann McMahan and Jan Counter from the Alpha Mu State Leadership Committee are organizing the seminar. Thank you, Lloyd-Ann and Jan.

Looking ahead to July, a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana will bring us to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention. A myriad of workshops, stellar speakers and exciting events promise to fulfill your every sense. The latest bulletin from international has the registration and hotel information. The convention will be here before we know it. Don't miss the opportunity to meet other fine women teachers from around the world. Wouldn't it be great to have a large delegation from Montana? Let me know if you are planning to join our representation of Montana; a place where women are strong, intelligent, persevering and.....beautiful!



DEADLINES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 15, 2014 - Application for Seminar in Purposeful Living stipend due to Lloyd-Ann McMahan, 8642 E. Panorama, Bozeman MT 59715, rlandia@earthlink.net
May 11, 2014 - Deadline for Registration for Leadership Development Seminar - Bozeman MT
May 23, 2014 - deadline for the May issue of Alphamusings
June 11 & 12, 2014 - Leadership Development Seminar- MSU campus Bozeman
July 23-26, 2014 - Seminar in Purposeful Living - Fort Wayne, IN
July 28-August 1, 2014 - International Convention - JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN
July 29, 2015 - August 1, 2015 - Northwest Regional Conference - Saskatchewan Hotel, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
July 5-9, 2016 - Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN

ALPHAMUSINGS (USPS 014-760) PUBLICATION OF THE ALPHA MU STATE ORGANIZATION, MONTANA The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Vol. 67, No.3, March 2014 Periodicals - Postage paid at Hinsdale MT 59241 Published four times yearly, October, January, March, and May Annual state membership dues include subscription to Alphamusings Joyce English, Editor, PO Box 216, Hinsdale MT 59241 joyceenglish@yahoo.com

Mission Statement
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

ΔΚΓ Δ ΚΓ Δ ΚΓ ΔΚΓ ΔΚΓ Δ ΚΓ Δ ΚΓ ΔΚΓ ΔΚΓ Δ ΚΓ
The members of the Alpha Mu State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promote quality education and the professional development of Montana women educators.

POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to: Joyce English, State Editor Alphamusings, PO Box 216, Hinsdale MT 59241



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOZEMAN, MONTANA  
JUNE 11-JUNE 12, 2014

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OFFICER/CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMS-MSU HOUSING DIVISION (Dorm Room) ALL LINENS PROVIDED

SINGLE ROOM-\$26 PER NIGHT- DOUBLE ROOM-\$21 EACH PERSON (CHOOSE ONE) \_\_\_\_\_

PRE-PAID PARKING PASS-\$3. PER DAY (WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY)

PLEASE PAY \$6.00 IF YOU ARE THE DRIVER SO A PASS CAN BE MAILED TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_

THREE MEALS AND SNACK-DINNER JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, BREAKFAST AND LUNCH JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ \$35. \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL TIME JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 1:00 TO 4:00 P. M.

WORKSHOP WILL BEGIN AT 5:00P P. M.

DISMISSAL TIME JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> 4:00 P. M.

\*\*\*\*\*  
**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION MAY 11, 2014**

\*\*\*\*\*

**THIS DEADLINE IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE MSU CONFERENCE SERVICES MUST HAVE A CORRECT COUNT AND THE LIST OF ALL ATTENDING THE EVENT TO DETERMINE THE DORMITORY THAT WILL BE USED. WE WILL BE UNABLE TO HAVE NON-REGISTERED MEMBERS ARRIVE ON THE DAY OF THE WORKSHOP.**

SEND REGISTRATION TO: LLOYD-ANN McMAHAN  
8642 EAST PANORAMA DRIVE, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-9341

Cancellation policy in the Alpha Mu State By-Laws ARTICLE IX Section A, Number 8, a. Persons who must cancel will receive a refund for unguaranteed functions provided a written request or telephone call, followed by a letter of confirmation, is received by the registration chairman prior to the opening of the convention.

b. A processing charge will be retained on all cancellations regardless of when they are received.

ARTICLE IX Section B workshops, Number 3. State convention cancellation and refund policy shall be followed.

2013–2015 Officers  
Alpha Mu State

**President:**

Joan Micheletti, Tau  
2939 St. Johns Ave  
Billings MT 59102  
(406) 656-4725  
[joanscorner2@yahoo.com](mailto:joanscorner2@yahoo.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:**

Ruth Carlstrom, Omega  
PO Box 434  
Fort Benton MT 59442  
(406) 622-3646  
[ruthcarl@itstriangle.com](mailto:ruthcarl@itstriangle.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:**

Audrey Collins, Omicron  
PO Box 394  
Drummond MT 59832  
(406) 288-3162  
[collins@blackfoot.net](mailto:collins@blackfoot.net)

**Recording Secretary:**

LaVonne Borgreen, Zeta  
120 Sunset Street  
Lewistown MT 59457  
(406)538-4301

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Juli Dufresne, Gamma  
3254 Granger Ave. E, A-7  
Billings MT 59102  
(406) 655-4661  
[slrvrxn@bresnan.net](mailto:slrvrxn@bresnan.net)

**Treasurer:**

Patricia Jones, Gamma  
1419 Teton Avenue  
Billings MT 59102  
(406) 259-6960  
[gmajones35@hotmail.com](mailto:gmajones35@hotmail.com)

**Parliamentarian:**

Geraldine Bantz, Alpha  
2670 Stagecoach Drive  
East Helena MT 59635  
(406) 227-7911  
[bantzg@yahoo.com](mailto:bantzg@yahoo.com)

**Immediate Past President:**

Mary Meissner, Omega  
PO Box 252  
Fort Benton MT 59442  
(406) 662-3605  
[29essex@ttc-cmc.net](mailto:29essex@ttc-cmc.net)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### State Editor

Joyce English (Alpha Zeta)

Remember that Form 6, Report of The Death of a Member, must be sent to international and the state treasurer before the death can be reported in *Alphamusings*. The president should send Form 6 as soon as possible following the death of a member.

**Correct addresses** must be sent to International and the state editor if a member wants to receive a copy of *Alphamusings* through the mail. If your newsletter is returned due to an incorrect address you will not receive a copy and it costs the state 57 cents for returned newsletters!

### Legislative/U.S. Forum

Mary Barnett (Phi) Chairman

One of the issues this month is the Paycheck Fairness Act which mandates that employees with equal qualifications and experience should be paid the same whether male or female. Similar pieces of legislation have been introduced in Congress for over a decade. In this session the bill numbers are H. R. 377 and S. 84. To see whether your Representative is a cosponsor on this bill go to

<http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/377>

click on the 207 in blue cosponsors and

<http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/84>

and click on the 52 in blue cosponsor.

STEM Education Legislation: STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education seems to be a popular subject in this session of Congress. Currently there are 2,029 bills which address STEM education in some way.

One very important piece of legislation which was passed after a good deal of controversy was the Violence Against Women Act.

Mary was planning to attend the National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, VA from March 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, but is unable to attend. Mary is the UN Liaison for Alpha Mu State.

### Membership

Audrey Collins (Omicron) Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Audrey wants to thank all the chapters that sent in their Membership Committee reports. She sincerely appreciates your efforts and candid responses. It makes it possible for her to have a clear picture of your chapter in order to submit her State Membership report to International.

Collectively, these reports told a good news-bad news kind of story. On the positive side, we have great members in great chapters, who are doing great things. There are strong personal connections that make DKG membership something to nurture and cherish. There are great programs happening across the state that add value to our membership. To round out this quick list of benefits, we must include opportunities - opportunities to build personal and professional skills, network with others who will encourage and support us and opportunities to venture outside of our chapters and take on new challenges.

However, decreasing membership is an unfortunate reality in many chapters. Be assured that this is not something your chapter alone faces, or faces alone. It seems everyone has the same concerns of not being able to attract new members, having difficulty keeping current members and saying final farewells to those who have been a part of the history of our organization and our chapters. There are many reasons for this that we have no control over. So rather than wasting effort on those things you can't change, look at the things you are able to control. Remember that you have resources available from International Headquarters, all of your state officers (including myself), and other members across the state as you face these challenges. We must stand with one another and work hard to identify ways to move forward even if that means letting go of some of the ways of the past that don't serve us into the future.

Audrey wants you to know that she is always at your service to help in any way she can. She encourages all chapters to focus on the positive rather than the negative and celebrate the one new member you do gain and make every effort to connect with her and all or your members in a personal way so that they may grow to value their membership and its genuine spiritual fellowship all the more as time passes.



## Expansion

Madalen Sugrue (Omicron) Chairman

EXPANSION continues to encourage existing chapters to regain, maintain, motivate and increase membership. Committee members are available for chapters if assistance is wanted.

Some good **news**: Phi has increased their membership to eleven. This is the Missoula area where Audrey Collins worked very hard in re-instating and increasing membership. Teri Klein, Phi President, has been working hard in this chapter with encouragement and obtaining interesting programs for the meetings. Both members spearheaded the project of making baby receiving blankets for new mothers and planned for a workshop on February 22, inviting other chapters.

Madalen's suggestion. . . . . continues: Continue to ask for suggestions from chapter members and share with other chapters.

Madalen continues to ask any chapter to notify her of any problems so she can take them to the committee and the State President, Joan Micheletti. The committee is more than willing to work with you.

## Educational Excellence Committee Impacts Education Worldwide

Ruth Carlstrom (Omega) 1<sup>st</sup> vice president - EEC Chairman

The Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) was established by the 2010 International Convention. This committee replaces the Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs and Research committees at the International level. However, Alpha Mu State By-Laws include those committees at the state level and changes can only be made by action of the Alpha Mu State Convention..

The goals of the Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) are to promote programs and activities that advance excellence in education, empower women, and increase global awareness.

### 1. Support Early-Career Educators (SEE)

Retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. Currently the U.S. rate of teachers leaving the profession is 10% in the first year, 50% by year three and 70% by year five. Other countries are experiencing similar challenges.

The SEE program encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators, those with up to five years' experience. Each chapter keeps a record of both the hours and money spent in member support. This can include not only first year teachers but educators who are in new positions.

### 2. Empower Women

Increase member's personal and professional pride

Focus on arts, leadership and life-long learning

### 3. Increase global awareness

Promote DKG/U.N. relationship and encourage programs and activities that improve global awareness

Promote Schools for Africa

Through the Schools for Africa project nearly five million African children will gain access to quality basic education. This project focuses on girls, orphans and vulnerable children. DKG's partnership with UNICEF will train more than 100,000 teachers and build or rehabilitate approximately 1,000 schools.

The DKG vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, begins with each chapter, each of us as members. We must understand how we impact education – not from the top down but from the bottom up.

When the donations, grants, scholarships, projects, mentoring programs and early educator support are all added together from 2700+ chapters, the impact on education world-wide is greatly significant.

Only by understanding and sharing how each member's participation in the goals of our Society lends to a worldwide impact can we truly embrace our vision.

The ALPHA MU STATE (Montana State Organization) EEC chair for this biennium is the First Vice President: Ruth Carlstrom, Omega Chapter. Her best contact is [ruthcarl@itstriangle.com](mailto:ruthcarl@itstriangle.com), snail mail PO Box 434, Fort Benton, MT 59442, or 406-799-3638

In what ways might you assist the state organization in accomplishing EEC goals? Each chapter should appoint an EEC chair. These chairs will become the state EEC Committee. Please contact Ruth with the name and contact information of your chapter EEC chair so Montana can facilitate the exciting work of the Educational Excellence Committee.

## Rules

Marilyn Hamer (Sigma Nu) Chairman

It is time for all chapters to review the rules for their chapter. The rules should reflect what is happening in your chapter, but they should not contradict state or International rules. Please make changes and send them via email to the following address: [marilyn\\_hamer@msn.com](mailto:marilyn_hamer@msn.com).

Look at the state rules and send changes to the same address. State changes will not be made until the convention next year, but it is never too early to send in changes.

## Chapter News:

### Tetra Council in Billings

Bina Collins, Alpha Alpha Chapter

The four chapters of Tetra Council Delta Kappa Gamma - Gamma, Tau, Alpha Alpha and Alpha Mu - decorated a tree for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees celebration in early December 2013. Members of the chapters purchased toy lambs to go along with the theme, "I'm Getting 'Mutton' For Christmas".

The tree was decorated with lambs in raffia and sparkling lights and it sold for \$1,400 at the gala auction. All the proceeds go to the Family Tree Center to help fund their many projects as they work to prevent child abuse and neglect in Yellowstone County and the surrounding areas.

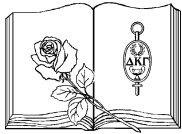
The Family Tree Center is proud to offer the following programs: Parent Education, Home Visiting, Respite Care, Parents Learning and Nurturing Together, Prevention Education and a Resource Library. The Family Tree continues to provide services to the Department of Corrections at the Montana Women's Prison in Billings and has a family advocate who gives support and home visitations to local families of children who have mothers incarcerated.

These four Delta Kappa Gamma chapters have supported this outreach program since 1994 with a commitment of \$26,550 to date.

### Iota Chapter

Sandra McNeill (Iota)

Fort Belknap Agency Aaniiih Nakoda College Library Director, Eva English, was one of forty librarians and camp directors chosen to visit the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, November 15 and 16, 2013. At that time she got to witness the launch of the Maven whose mission is to test the atmosphere around Mars. Eva shared her NASA experience with her Iota sisters at the January meeting.



**WHITE ROSES  
OF  
REMEMBRANCE**  
“A Moment to Remember...  
A Lifetime to Honor.”

Kathie Jensen, Kappa Chapter, July 28, 2013  
Meg Anderson, Omega Chapter, October 11, 2013  
Gertrude Weishaar, Alpha Gamma Chapter, February 8, 2014



**Kathleen Jensen**

submitted by Linda Alley (Kappa)

Kathleen (Tritschler) Jensen, 64 died Sunday, July 28, 2013 in Glasgow, Montana from Lou Gehrig's disease.

She was born April 22, 1949 in Billings, Montana, one of 13 children to Joseph and Mary Tritschler. Kathie grew up in St. Xavier and graduated from Hardin High School in 1967. She would often recount over school lunch, happy and amusing memories of her childhood in her large family and close-knit community. Continuing her education at Eastern Montana College, now MSU-Billings, she earned a degree in elementary education.

Kathie met her future husband, Jim Jensen, while she was student teaching in Wolf Point. They were married June 7, 1971 and enjoyed 42 years of marriage. Their three children, T. Ed, Tyler, and Jana, were the focus of her life and her greatest joy. Their spouses and three grandchildren later enriched her life and received the same love and devotion she showered on Jim and her children.

Kathie taught elementary school in Poplar and at Frontier until 1982, when Jim and she moved to Havre, where she operated a day care. The family later moved to Kalispell where she also taught, before moving to Glasgow where she was a teacher and librarian in the Glasgow schools. Kathie loved reading and learning about new things and her enthusiasm was reflected in her classroom and the library on a daily basis.

Soft spoken, kind, witty and generous, Kathie was the first to offer help and to share her many talents. She was an accomplished quilter and cook and particularly enjoyed baking. When her health allowed, she loved to bowl and play cards and board games with family and friends. Even as her illness progressed, she remained cheerful and courageous, always thinking of others before herself.

Kathie joined DKG in 2010 and brightened every meeting she was able to attend. Her friends and colleagues continued to visit her at home, play cards and visit when the disease left her housebound. Her calm demeanor and positive attitude inspired all who knew her and she is greatly missed.



**ALPHAMUSINGS**

(USPS 014-760)

PUBLICATION OF THE ALPHA MU STATE  
ORGANIZATION, MONTANA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Vol. 67, No.3, March 2014

Periodicals - Postage paid at Hinsdale MT 59241  
Published four times yearly, October, January, March, and May  
Annual state membership dues include subscription to Alphamusings  
Joyce English, Editor, PO Box 216, Hinsdale MT 59241-0216

[joyceenglish@yahoo.com](mailto:joyceenglish@yahoo.com)

**POSTMASTER:** Please send address changes to:  
Joyce English, State Editor Alphamusings,  
PO Box 216, Hinsdale MT 59241-0216



Alpha Mu State is now on Facebook!  
“LIKE” and follow us for all updates:  
Alpha Mu State Organization,  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Communicate with International Headquarters:

888 / 762-4685 (toll-free in Canada, U.S.)

512 / 478-5748 FAX: 512 / 478-3961

web site address: [www.dkg](http://www.dkg)

Address to go directly to the Montana web site:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/MT/>

