

Nita R. Scott, Membership Services Administrator COMES TO LEWISTOWN

Nita R. Scott joined Society Headquarters in August of 2011. Scott, an experienced educator, taught secondary mathematics and business in Tennessee and Arkansas before moving to Texas to accept the position of membership services administrator. Initiated in 2005, Scott has served her Tennessee chapter as president and as the strategic action committee chair. At the state organization level in Tennessee, she was a member of the membership committee and served as financial advisor to the convention steering committee. During her membership, she has conducted workshops at state organization, regional and international conventions. As a member of Texas, she is currently serving on the state organization leadership seminar committee.



With a Bachelor of Business Administration (marketing and management) and a Master of Science in Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership, Scott uses data as a tool to enable Society leadership in marketing the Society and building membership. Scott serves as liaison for the International Membership, Expansion, Golden Gift Fund, Educators Award and Educational Excellence Committees.

HELP IS ON THE WAY FOR CHAPTERS

Thursday, June 16, 2016 - 9AM - 4PM
First Christian Church - Lewistown

It's election time – time to elect chapter officers for the 2016-2018 biennium. “But what am I supposed to do?” is often the first question that is asked. One of the responsibilities of Alpha Mu State leadership is to provide information and assistance to officers and members – even to those who are continuing in the same position. But help is on the way!

Nita Scott, Membership Services Administrator, will be here to answer questions and make suggestions on Thursday, June 16 at First Christian Church in Lewistown. Nita, a native of Tennessee, joined the Society Headquarters staff in August of 2011. A former mathematics and business teacher, her skills have been used to facilitate workshops for members and officers especially around membership concerns. Now a member of Alpha State, Texas, she is serving on their state organization leadership seminar committee.

Scott has made membership her priority as a part of her duties on the Headquarters Staff. She will motivate members as leaders, she will discuss communication tools and skills and she will present strategies for recruiting, renewing and retaining members. She will also be prepared to talk money - a subject of interest to everyone. Nita will answer your questions and you will come away from her session feeling good about yourself and the importance of your work.

Nita and her husband, James, live in the countryside out of Austin with five horses, three dogs and a small herd of cattle. Good thing, since she is driving to Lewistown from the Alpha Omicron North Dakota's meeting in Williston. She says she is used to open spaces - we will see what she has to say when she arrives in Lewistown.

Lunch time will be spent presenting awards for the year – scholarships, recruitment awards and Golden Legacy grants. There will also be time for chapter treasurers to meet with State Treasurer, Pat Jones.

State Standing Rule 2.24.a reads “Incoming chapter presidents shall have one-half allotted expenditure for mileage paid to the workshops. The other half will be paid by the chapter.” So fill your car with members and come to Lewistown.

Registration forms are enclosed in this issue of *Alphamusings* and are also on the Alpha Mu State website. See you in Lewistown.
submitted by Jan Nerem (Sigma Nu) Leadership chairman

\$\$\$The State Treasurer, Pat Jones, will be gone the month of **July**. \$\$\$

Pat will be in Germany.

ALERT TREASURERS: Books close June 30th.

\$ End of the Year Reports are due July 15th. \$

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International Convention - July 5 - 9, 2016 Nashville, Tennessee

Register for tours before May 15, 2016.

Convention registration due before June 5, 2016 to receive the cheaper rate.

No meal tickets sold after June 21, 2016



*Alpha Mu
State
President
Mary
Vaira*

Mark your calendars and pack your bags... and don't forget to register for the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee! Please email me at maryvaira@yahoo.com if you plan to attend and are interested in rooming with me.

The convention will take place July 5 through 9, 2016. This event will provide inspirational and informative sessions to get you enthused about your service in Delta Kappa Gamma. Visit <http://www.dkg.org> for more details.

Also, remember that you can find my presentation for your chapter's meetings online. Search for it on You Tube or visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIIjZS2ZDfM&feature=youtu.be> directly. Stay tuned for an updated presentation that will follow the International Convention.

DEADLINES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1, 2016 - Lucile Cornetet Award for Professional Development Application
- May 15, 2016 - Reservation and payment due for convention tours in Nashville
- June 1, 2016 - Deadline for Leadership Workshop Registration
- June 3, 2016 - Cutoff date for Group rate for Opryland Hotel and Resort in Nashville
- June 5, 2016 - Early registration for International Convention in Nashville
- June 16, 2016 - Leadership Conference - 9:00-4:30 First Christian Church - Lewistown
- July 5-9, 2016 - Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN
- September 17, 2016 - State Executive Board Meeting....Place to be announced
- September 23, 2016 - Deadline for articles for October issue of *Alphamusings* due to Joyce English
- June 26-July 1, 2017 - NW Regional Conference in Spearfish, South Dakota

New IRS 990-N Postcard filing Procedures

As of March 2016, the IRS has a new 990-N filing procedure. The Urban Institute will no longer be processing the filings for the IRS. You will go directly to the IRS website and process your filing there. We will provide a direct link on the DKG website at www.dkg.org. You will need to create a first time users login and password. Then follow the procedures for filing. Your old username and password will not work. Remember all U.S. entities must file between July 1 and November 15 each year. If you do not file for three consecutive years, your chapter, state organization or coordinating council will be revoked by the IRS.

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New DKG website

With the launch of the new DKG website in January, 2016, members must sign in to access member resources, register for events and order from the Society Store. Please share with members that in order to sign in, they do not need to create a new account. Simply choose "Sign In" and:

- * Use the six digit Member ID as the username (first six digits of publications labels or the number on the member ID card), and
- * the default password that is available from your chapter president or International. (The password may be changed after log in, if preferred).

State Treasurer's Reminders to Chapter Treasurers

Patricia Jones, Alpha Mu State Treasurer

Reports for the end of the year are as follows:

1. Your books should close on JUNE 30th
2. Form 15 (end of the year report) is due to the State Treasurer by JULY 15th. Form 15 is available on the DKG website. It will not be mailed to you.
3. After JULY 1st and before NOVEMBER 15th file Form 990-N (e-postcard) electronically to the IRS in order to keep your tax exempt status. PLEASE SEND A COPY OF YOUR CONFIRMATION OF FORM 990-N TO THE STATE TREASURER.
4. All dues and fees must be paid to the Chapter Treasurer by October 31. Form 18 (dues) and Form 18-A (members dropped) are due to the State Treasurer by November 15th.

☺ A "special thank you" to the Chapter Treasurers who sent their reports and dues in on time. It was greatly appreciated. You are a dedicated group of Delta Kappa Gamma women.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award

Audrey Collins (Omicron) Chairman

The Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award Committee would like you to be thinking about a member in your chapter who has made an outstanding contribution to our society. We would encourage you to fill out the application and submit it. Applications will be available on the Alpha Mu State website and will be handed out to chapters at the Leadership Workshop in June. The deadline for applying will be December 1, 2016.

As a reminder, the criteria for the award AS STATED IN THE 2015 ALPHA MU STATE BY LAWS reads

The Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award will be presented to an Alpha Mu State member who

1. *has made outstanding contributions to education*
2. *has rendered exceptional service to the Society at the state level*
3. *has been a member in good standing for at least four years. If two candidates have comparable qualifications, the member having the longest membership in Alpha Mu State shall receive the award*
4. *has not been a state president or served on an international committee*
5. *A member may receive the award only once.*

Membership

Doris Tollefson (Alpha Zeta) Alpha Mu State 2nd Vice President
Moving from Prospect to Member

Doris says, "In the March *Alphamusings*, I challenged each chapter to visit the DKG website and download the Recruitment Plan under the Membership committee tab. I have no idea how many chapters responded to my challenge, but I applaud those who did. I especially wanted chapters to download the prospect card and start looking for new members in their respective areas. For those chapters who have successfully mined a new member, you have done well. Don't let this mining adventure be a one-time event though—each and every chapter should "mine" for new members each and every year. For those chapters who have not recruited a new member, keep "mining" your area for those "nuggets." I would suggest that the chapter membership chairperson keep a file of the prospect cards to be revisited in the future."

Now that your chapter has found hidden treasures, it is time to go to the next step of the recruitment plan, and that is invitation. Again on the DKG website home page under the committees tab, click on membership. You are on the Membership Committee page, scroll down to Membership Recruitment Plan under Helpful Links, click on the recruitment plan, sign in under your username and password and viola, you are on the membership recruitment page. If you have completed the prospect for members, then your chapter is ready to invite these prospects for membership. What to do? Follow steps two through six from invitation to initiation. The steps are easy to follow and are a very handy guideline. Before you leave this page, scroll down to the very bottom of the page to find links to the prospect letter, chapter member application and initiation letter. Download these to your computer so that you may make the necessary changes for your individual prospects. The membership

chairperson and the chapter president may want to make hard copies of these documents for the membership file.

This really isn't a new way to invite women to membership—we have all looked in our areas for new members, but this recruitment plan is an organized way to increase membership. Once again, chapter presidents and membership chairmen are encouraged to download the recruitment plan, the letters and forms for membership. In the next newsletter, you will get some hints on keeping Nancy Newmember active in your chapter. Until then, keep mining for those nuggets

Champion of Education

Mary Meissner (Omega) Chairman

Alpha Mu State recognizes individuals, groups and/or organizations for their contributions to education by presenting the Champion of Education award each biennium. It's time to think about a nomination for that award. The deadline will be March 1, 2017.

The nomination procedure is quite simple. Download the form from the Alpha Mu website and complete the information. One section calls for a general introduction of the nominee; the second, a description of the nominee's contribution to education, and the third, an application form may be obtained from, and returned to, Mary Meissner, Chairman, Champion of Education Committee at Box 252, Fort Benton, Montana 59442-0252 or by e-mail to 29essex@itstriangle.com. The past state presidents will select the recipient who will be recognized at the convention.

The Champion of Education award recognizes persons who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma but who have made a significant contribution to education in the community where there is a Delta Kappa Gamma chapter. Yes, men are eligible. It also provides a vehicle for Alpha Mu State to be recognized as a visible and viable educators' organization.

Honor someone you know and appreciate for their contributions to education by completing and sending in a nomination. It's a wonderful way to say thank you.

Golden Legacy

Charmaine Mansheim, Chairman

Charmaine is not at home where her information is available so this is a brief report. We had three applications for Golden Legacy grants. The committee approved all three. The applicants were Bozeman, Great Falls and Big Timber. I apologize for not listing the chapters. Jan Nerem has kept me informed on Sigma Nu's project. They have a special speaker coming to talk about autism. They had over 300 applicants. She will give a report at Executive Board meeting as I will and the chapters that received the grants. Thank you and see you in September.

Educational Excellence

Audrey Collins (Omicron) Alpha Mu State 1st Vice President

As we wind down another school year and chapter officers are wrapping up their program years, it is a great time for some reflection and goal setting. Resources from the International website were highlighted in the EEC article in the March 2016 issue of *Alphamusings*. Please refer back to those as great end-of-the-year tools.

The Hot Topic List is a comprehensive list of topics that chapters might want to compare to the programs they included this past year

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and see what other areas might be good to be thinking about for next year. I know there was a wealth of potential program topics included that I would never have thought of when my chapter planning committee meets in August. I plan to send copies of this to my committee in advance so they can relate it to local resources and experts.

In addition, I hope your chapters are giving consideration to supporting our International projects. Did your chapter include support for Early Career Educators and Mentoring and/or Schools for Africa in your programs? Will you plan to include these themes next year? Again, the International website has resources readily available for programs on these projects. You won't have to come up with your own presentation materials and your members will learn about the projects and see one example of the important work our International Society carries on to promote our purposes.

I plan to be at the Leadership Workshop in Lewistown in June so if there is anything I can assist you with to benefit your chapters, please let me know.

Great Falls Educators say Thanks to Golden Legacy Fund

submitted by Jan Nerem (Sigma Nu)

When members of Delta and Sigma Nu Chapters met in August to plan activities for the year, those members who are serving in our classrooms were asked, "What is your greatest need for help to make your work easier?" Their immediate reply was "Autism." Conversations began with Great Falls Public Schools and the Friends of Autism group in Great Falls and we were on our way. We wrote a request to the Golden Legacy Fund and were granted \$1500 to help fund the event and another request to the Educational Foundation was funded for \$1500. Carol Kranowitz, author of "THE OUT-OF- SYNC-CHILD" was engaged to come to Great Falls on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Holiday Inn to present a day-long workshop.

While the grant was written to include 200 people, the event is SOLD OUT at 350 vitally interested persons - teachers, parents, counselors and therapists. Because of the funding that we received and with the cooperation of Great Falls Public Schools and the Friends of Autism, we are able to offer the session free to participants. Those wishing CEU credits will pay \$20.

Members of Delta and Sigma Nu Chapters are grateful to the members of the Golden Legacy Committee. We certainly "struck a nerve" within our community and we are pleased to be a part of aiding teachers in this sensitive subject.

LifeLong Learning Grants

Lori McCurdy (Upsilon)

Tennis, anyone? Photography? Water colors? Are you interested in pursuing a hobby? Attending a workshop? Remember you can apply for up to \$200 for a Life Long Learning grant to develop your personal interests. The last recipient was Eva English. Email Lori McCurdy at lkmcurdy@centurytel.net if you would like more information.

Chapter News:

Delta Chapter's 76th Birthday

submitted by Katherine Stuart (Delta)

Fifteen Delta Kappa Gamma members from four chapters came together on April 16, 2016 to help Delta Chapter celebrate their 76th Birthday. Representatives from Sigma Nu, Omega and Alpha Gamma Chapters were present.

After a nice lunch, Delta President Genelle Hocevar gave a brief history of Delta Chapter's founding. Then, with Genelle reading the Seven Purposes of the organization and the group responding with their meanings, we reaffirmed our loyalty to Delta Kappa Gamma.

A beautiful birthday cake was then cut and shared amid much fellowship.

Iota Chapter

submitted by Sandra McNeill (Iota)

At our March chapter meeting, we held a silent auction which is our annual fund raiser. Each member was asked to bring one or two items to be auctioned off to chapter members. This is a fun way to earn chapter money. This money is used for our community involvement projects such as the Missoula Children's Theater, kindergarten books for "I Love to Read" month and a senior scholarship.

Alpha Zeta Chapter

submitted by Joyce English (Alpha Zeta)

Officers for the 2016-2018 biennium were installed at the April meeting preceding an *Ikebana* flower arrangement demonstration by Sandy Dungan and Kathy Makich from Glasgow. Members were given the opportunity of making an arrangement of their own.

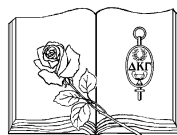
Following a light lunch a birthday cake was served to honor the 36th birthday of Alpha Zeta.

Mission Statement

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

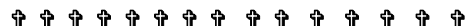
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The members of the Alpha Mu State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promote quality education and the professional development of Montana women educators.



WHITE ROSES OF REMEMBRANCE

"A Moment to Remember... A lifetime to Honor."



Hollie Genevieve Hoover, Omicron Chapter, March 29, 2016
Joan Stroup, Beta Chapter, April 2, 2012



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THE ABC'S OF DKG LEADERSHIP

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Day Phone _____ Night Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Chapter _____

2016/2018 Office _____

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Yogo Inn (211 East Main Street). Call 1-800-238-0767 or 406-535-8754. Cost of each room is \$103.63 including tax. Mention DKG when you call. Deadline is JUNE 1!

Registration fee of \$25 includes snacks, lunch, and supplies.
Make checks payable to Alpha Mu State Leadership

Mail to Kathy Stuart, 805 East 50th Street South, Great Falls MT 59405
Call 406-761-5293 or email kathystuart41@gmail.com.



MEMBERSHIP SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR AS GUEST

Nita Scott joined the DKG Headquarters Staff in August of 2011. She taught mathematics and business in Tennessee and Arkansas before moving to Texas. Initiated in 2005, she has conducted workshops at all levels. As a member in Texas, she now serves on the state organization leadership seminar committee. She has extensively studied the membership of the Society and will present strategies to help us build and keep members. She is a delightful person and the day will be one of motivation, information, and fun!

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Hollie Genevieve Hoover

1914 - 2016



Hollie Hoover passed away at the age of 101, on March 29, 2016, in Deer Lodge, Montana. Hollie was born December 28, 1914 to Ada (Hogan) Hoover and Chester Hoover in Gold Creek, Montana, at the ranch home of her grandparents, David and Emily Hogan.

She attended grade school in New Chicago and graduated from high school in Drummond, Montana in 1932. Hollie graduated from Montana State Normal College in Dillon in June 1934 as an

elementary teacher. She later attended summer schools in MSU in Missoula, and UOC in Boulder, Colorado.

Hollie's teaching career began in a country school on the east fork of Rock Creek south of Philipsburg. The session ran from March through November since the snow was too deep in the winter. Her duties, in addition to teaching, were to build the fire in the stove every day and clean the school house. She rode her horse two-and-a-half miles to school every day and taught in this school for two years.

Hollie then taught at Hall School for five years and taught at the Philipsburg school for four years. In 1945, she accepted a teaching position in Kalispell and taught in the Cornelius-Hedges School for 28 years before retiring in 1975.

She was a proud member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for sixty two years. Hollie was initiated into Lambda Chapter on April 1, 1954 and transferred to Omicron Chapter when she returned to Deer Lodge. She served as president of Lambda Chapter and of Omicron Chapter. She also held many positions in Alpha Mu State-she was membership chairman and served on the Board of Directors. She received the Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award in 1987. She and her friend Thelma Berntsen attended many conventions and conferences including the 1968 New York Convention. They were present at Alpha Mu State events so long as their health would allow.

She was an active member of the Lutheran Church for seventy years and especially enjoyed making quilts for Lutheran World Relief which were distributed world-wide. School vacations were spent traveling and she visited France, England, Ireland, Alaska and all of Canada and the United States. She loved her yard, flowers, hummingbirds and watching the deer in the field near her home.

Hollie was a leader in her quiet and unassuming manner. She encouraged many to become involved, to accept responsibility and to give their assignment their best effort.



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