

The Nominations Committee announces the slate of 2017–2019 Biennium officers for Alpha Mu State

The nominees are:

- State President** - Audrey Collins, Omicron
First Vice-President - Rebecca Marinko, Rho
Second Vice-President - Doris Tollefson, Alpha Zeta
Recording Secretary - LaVonne Borgreen, Zeta
Corresponding Secretary - Ruth Anne Wilson-Jones, Phi

A thank you to members of the nominations committee Joan Micheletti (Tau), Elva Pilling (Sigma Nu) and Sharon Britton (Omega)

SAVE THE DATES!

ALPHA MU STATE CONVENTION

Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish
June 9 - 11, 2017

“Climb Every Mountain”

Be inspired by International Representative
Dr. Hannah Fowler, International Member at Large

DO THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY

Hear committee reports. Elect Officers.
Vote on By-Laws and Standing Rules changes.
Recognize outstanding members.
Salute the Champion of Education.
Honor the Catherine Nutterville Achievement Award
recipient.

Connect with colleagues.
Attend a variety of workshops
and enjoy the beauty of northwestern Montana.

Registration forms are included in this issue of
Alphamusings, were emailed to chapter presidents and
are posted on the state website.

MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS!

Call Grouse Mountain Lodge Central Reservations at
406-892-2525. Be sure to tell them that you are with DKG
Rates for a standard room are \$167.61 (includes tax).
Book before April 25, 2017

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Dust off your gear and get ready to “Climb Every Mountain” on
June 9-11, 2017 at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish.

Your State Convention Committee has been working hard to
create a fun and educational convention. We have wrapped up the
registration information and food choices. Your chapter presidents
were emailed a copy of the registration form which has the
registration cost, cost of each meal and general information. Please
complete and return ASAP and/or by April 17, 2017. The dates to
“Climb Every Mountain” are June 9 - 11, 2017. If you have any
questions there is contact information on the registration form.

The committee is still working on various workshops and the
overall agenda. Friday night, June 9, there will be a Social and
Hospitality Room for members to see old friends, meet new
members and enjoy food and drink. Dinner for Past State
Presidents, State Officers and Catherine Nutterville Award
Recipients will be Friday in one of Grouse Mountain Lodge’s
smaller dining rooms. This dinner is by invitation only.

If you love to swim and are ready to brave a dip in Whitefish
Lake find the old bathing suit or head out shopping to find that new
one. For those who desire less exercise and warmer waters Grouse
Mountain Lodge offers a new spa and hot tubs for our leisure. If
you and your families have always wanted to vacation in the
Flathead Valley and visit Glacier here is your chance. Grouse
Mountain Lodge will book rooms for three days before the
convention and three days after the convention to have the room at
the discounted rates we have for the convention. Rooms need to be
booked by April 25, 2017 - information for reservations is on the
registration form.

The State Committee - Phi, Upsilon and Lambda Chapters - will
be providing updates as we finalize events. We hope everyone will
come join us in Whitefish and “Climb Every Mountain”.

submitted by Chairman Barbara Mansfield

A Reminder

Officers will be elected during the business session on Saturday
morning of the State Convention. Additional nominations will be
accepted from the convention floor. If you are going to place a
name in nomination, be sure that you have the nominee’s
permission to do so.

Officers will be installed on Saturday evening.

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Alpha Mu State President Audrey Collins

Greetings from the State President's Desk!

It may not be spring yet, but it does seem to be in sight! I hope everyone is looking forward to nicer weather and upcoming happenings.

Our State Convention is quickly approaching. The committee has been hard at work getting details worked out to host you for a memorable and productive event. The theme is "Climb Every Mountain" and I hope you take some steps along this journey. I hope you will join us to move up that incline in building your own leadership skills.

Dr. Hannah Fowler will be our International Representative. She is the 2014-2018 DKG Member-at-large and will share her insights and expertise with our organization. There will also be a variety of workshops that we hope will appeal to everyone. Of course, there will also be time to just enjoy the fabulous Grouse Mountain Lodge setting and appreciate June in Montana with friends.

I would also like to take this opportunity to send out my thanks and give some virtual high fives to chapters and members:

- ★ To all of the chapters who completed the Presidents Report/survey - I appreciate getting your information so I can compile it and send our state feedback on to International. Thank you!
★ To all of the members who have agreed to take on leadership roles, whether it be at your chapter or at the state level. Way to go!
★ To the chapters that I've visited. I have really enjoyed seeing all that your chapters are doing, and meeting your members, you are awesome! I look forward to coming to the other chapters that I have scheduled.
★ To the chapters that have initiated new members, Yahoo! Decreases in membership is a huge issue and we are all going to have to pull together to tackle it.

As always, if there is anything I can do to support your chapter, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope to see as many of you at State Convention as possible and perhaps spend a little more time with you at Northwest Regional Conference in Spearfish, South Dakota.

April 17, 2017
Last day to send in early Registration for Alpha Mu State Convention at Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish

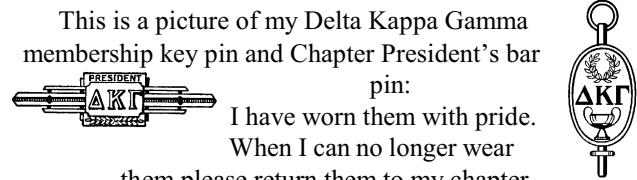
DEADLINES AND DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 15, 2017 - committee reports for Convention due to State President Audrey Collins
April 17, 2017 - Deadline for early registration for State Convention
April 23, 2017 - Deadline for articles for the May issue of Alphamusings due to Joyce English, Editor
April 25, 2017 - Final date to reserve rooms at Grouse Mountain Lodge
June 9-11, 2017 - Alpha Mu State Convention at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish (Watch Alphamusings for more information)
June 28-July 1, 2017 - NW Regional Conference in Spearfish, South Dakota
July 16-20, 2018 - International Convention at J. W. Marriott Hotel in Austin, TX

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY KEY PIN AND MY CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S BAR PIN?

This form will help you and your family know what to do.

TO MY FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS:



This is a picture of my Delta Kappa Gamma membership key pin and Chapter President's bar pin:

I have worn them with pride. When I can no longer wear them please return them to my chapter _____ or Alpha Mu State, Montana.

To get the name and address of my chapter's current president, please contact the staff at: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767 www.deltakappagamma.net

Date Signature of Member

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative

Jan Counter (Alpha Lambda)

Montana's legislature is now meeting in Helena. Governor Bullock has proposed funding preschools in the school districts around the state. Research has shown that preschool programs have a long lasting educational, social and health benefits. According to the Billings Gazette, Montana is one of six states that does not now fund preschool programs. The request for the \$12 million appears to be stalled this session.

Other education bills are being considered now in the Education Committee. This is a summary of some of those bills:

SB 85 authorizes a six mil levy for the University System to be put on the 2018 general election for a vote.

SB 307 is a bill for funding schools and school facilities.

HB 376 would establish Charter Schools.

HB 385 would allow school employees to carry concealed weapons in a school.

HB 423 creates state funded pay vouchers for private or religious schools.

If you support or oppose any of these bills, contact your legislators or members of the education committee at leg.mt.gov/css/Session/65th/legwebmessage.asp.

To find ways to participate with the Montana legislature, you may visit leg.mt.gov.

Webmaster

Eva English (Iota Chapter)

Committee chairs should send updated application and registration forms along with any deadlines that will be included on the calendar.

Chapters, committees and members are welcome to submit photos of events and happenings or any information you think your DKG sisters would be interested in seeing and reading about. Your Alpha Mu State Website is only as good and current as you help make it! Send information to the Alpha Mu State Webmaster, Eva English at evaenglish@yahoo.com.

Chapter News:

Mu Chapter

Cynthia Redmond (Mu Chapter President)

This past December Mu Chapter had a Christmas Luncheon/New Member initiation. We welcomed into membership Reneé Westlake, a retired music teacher/administrator from Bozeman School District #7. She was initiated into Mu Chapter on December 14, 2016.

Reneé arranged for the Bozeman High School String Quartet to play before her initiation ceremony. We also had a silent auction of home made food items and collected \$250 that we donated to the Head Start Program in Bozeman to purchase books for children.

Alpha Zeta Chapter

Joyce English (Alpha Zeta)

Alpha Zeta Chapter held their February meeting in Hinsdale on Monday, February 20, 2017. State President Audrey Collins visited our chapter and updated us on what is happening at the state level. The program for the evening was a book review on Losing Johanna . Several members discussed their connection with the author and different parts of the book. The Essay Contest was finalized. The Essay Contest winners will read their essays at the March meeting in Malta.

Iota Chapter

Sandra McNeill (Iota)

Suicide prevention is an important topic that our members wanted to hear about, so we appreciated Sue Swan of Havre making a repeat visit to our January meeting. She had great information and materials to share with us.

February is "I Love to Read" month. Iota continues to foster the love of reading by giving each Blaine County kindergarten student a book to have and enjoy.

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Alpha Mu State Convention Registration
June 9-11, 2017 Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish Montana
"Climb Every Mountain"

Name Chapter
Address City/Zip Code
Email address or phone number for registration confirmation

Mail registration to: Barb Mansfield, 808 Waverly Place, Whitefish, MT 59937

Make checks payable to: Alpha Mu State

Members attending must pay the registration fee even if they do not stay for all events.

Registration postmarked by April 17, 2017 \$60
Registration postmarked after April 17, 2017 \$80

Please check the functions in which you will participate:

- Friday night social
Past State Presidents, State Officers/Catherine Nutterville Award Recipients Dinner
Saturday Logan's Breakfast
Birthday Luncheon
Banquet Buffet
Sunday Logan's Breakfast

Total Enclosed \$

Meals include tea and coffee. Tax and gratuity are included in each meal per Grouse Mountain Lodge. Note any dietary restrictions here:

Cancellation Policy:

- A. People who must cancel will receive a refund for unguaranteed functions provided written request or a phone call, followed by a letter of confirmation, is received by the registration chairman prior to June 1, 2017.
B. Processing fee of \$10 will be retained on all cancellations, regardless of when they are received.

Check one of the following: State Officer/Related Personnel Past State President
State Committee Chairman Member Chapter President Chapter Committee Chairman
Guest Retired Guests do not pay a registration fee. Name of guest:

We will offer renewal units for the workshops.

Room Reservation: Call Grouse Mountain Lodge Central Reservations directly: 406-892-2525 and state group name: Delta Kappa Gamma. Rates for a standard room: \$151 per night. Book your rooms by April 25.

Have you reserved your room for the Alpha Mu State Convention at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish?

Call 406-892-2525 before April 25, 2017

You must call the number above and be sure to mention that you are with The Delta Kappa Gamma convention at the Grouse Mountain Lodge.

Information from

U.S. Forum Connection #187, February 2017

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is

U.S. Forum Facebook page online at

<http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR

If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, you can call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-866-327-8670 [this is a toll free number]. Another way of contacting your senator is via email or a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at

https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

DKG Editorial Board request from the International Communications and Publicity Committee

Submissions for the next *DKG Bulletin: Journal* issue are due May 15. The topic is "Generational issues for Educators" – but articles on all educational topics are welcome for each issue!

Send submissions to bulletin@dkg.org! If you need assistance, feel free to contact editor Judy Merz at jmerz@aol.com.



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**International Guest is Dr. Hanna W. Fowler ,
DKG International Member-at-Large**



LOOKS BACK

Compliments of Janice Nerem (Sigma Nu)

ALPHAMUSINGS - SPRING 1977

The state convention is scheduled for May 6-7 at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell. Northwest Regional Director Joyce Gillie from Washington State will be the International guest. (Mrs. Gillie passed away at age 92 in early 2017).

Alpha's programs have included Belle Winestine, who was secretary to Jeannette Rankin and Attorney Ada Harlan who spoke on wills and probate.

1975-1976 Montana contributions to World Fellowships totaled \$336.45.

ALPHAMUSINGS - SPRING 1982

Janice Nerem (Sigma) was nominated for first-vice president on the International Administrative Board.

Frances Wells, formerly of Billings, reported on her work as the librarian for the school/community library located on the Miccosukee Reservation near Miami.

Heather Bain, an International Fellow from New Zealand, will appear at the Early Childhood Conference in Billings. She received a World Fellowships award to enroll in a doctoral program in Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta.

Four area leadership workshops for chapter officers and members in leadership positions were scheduled in Laurel, Sidney, Havre and Polson. Past International President Bernice Conoly will be present to inspire and inform members.

Alpha Mu State members working at the international level are Pauline Oldenburg (Eta) as a member of the International Constitution Committee.

ALPHAMUSINGS - SPRING 1987

Editor Ethel Picton on the International Communications Committee and Jan Nerem (Sigma) on the Nominations Committee.

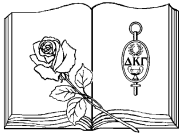
ALPHAMUSINGS - SPRING 2007

Maureen Watt (Omicron) was nominated to be State President.

Rho Chapter celebrated their 50th birthday.

Legislative Chairman Shirley Johnson (Delta) reported that several bills needed support to pass the session: (1) The governor's budget to address the unfunded liability of the Teachers Retirement System; (2) The six-mill levy for the university system; (3) Full day kindergarten and Indian Education for All.

Blanche Fousek (Omega) died at age 98. Blanche will be remembered for her musical abilities - be it playing with the Great Falls Symphony or entertaining at a local nursing home.



WHITE ROSES OF REMEMBRANCE

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



Correction to January White Roses: Myra Miller was a member of Mu Chapter not Nu Chapter

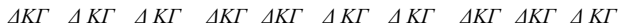


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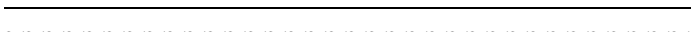
Chapter Presidents * Form 6 - Death of a member Form 6 is to be prepared by the chapter president immediately upon the death of a member. The form tells you who needs to receive a copy.

Mission Statement

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



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.

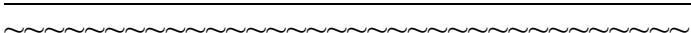


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THE BLACK HILLS WILL BE ALIVE NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

June 28-July 1, 2017

SPEARFISH HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER Spearfish, South Dakota

Pre-sessions for state leadership personnel! South Dakota Night with special guests Meet the international officers Workshops of special interest and Society concerns Family-friendly events Registration and hotel reservation forms are on line at www.dkg.org . Hotel registrations must be made by May 27, 2017 to guarantee the convention rate.