



# Alpha Zeta State News

*Seek Commitment, Embrace Connections and Celebrate Achievement  
As We Share Our Vision, Strengthen Our Society*

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## Alpha Zeta State Convention 2015

*Mary Jean DiRoberto, Convention Chair*

Once again, President Mary Conover and Program Chair Barb Smith have planned an exciting convention for 2015. You don't want to miss this one, so rally your sisters for an eventful weekend!

You will find complete descriptions of all workshops, menus for all meals, information about hotel reservations, and your convention registration form in this newsletter. Be sure to register for your hotel room by **March 27, 2015, 12:00 AM** and follow instructions so that the Society receives credit for your room. We must meet our room guarantee to avoid having to pay for the unreserved rooms, so plan on staying for two nights. Breakfast is again included in the price of the hotel rooms this year.

Fill out your convention registration form online or on the form in the newsletter and send it to Convention Registrar Jan Paxton by **March 27, 2015** to avoid a late fee. Register for every activity in which you plan to participate, including those for which there is no charge. To best accommodate all those wishing to attend, we must have an accurate count for all activities where admission will be by ticket only. All convention meals are prepaid and pre-ticketed. Please indicate meal option selections and **register early!**

This year, Zeta is planning a few surprises for the book sales event, so be sure to check it out. All chapters are asked to adhere to the specified guidelines which will be posted on the website. The money from the sale goes into a stipend fund to assist sisters in implementing educational projects, so let's all support this worthy endeavor.

If you can find the time, the Doubletree offers many amenities for the enjoyment of their guests. Try out the indoor pool and hot tub or work out in the fitness room. Meet friends in the Sports Bar for some liquid refreshment and late-night snacks. If weather permits, the hotel has a lovely terrace and walking trail. Many chapters will also be hosting informal gatherings for their members throughout the weekend. Sue Davis, Jan Paxton and I look forward to seeing you at convention where we will continue to "Seek Commitment, Embrace Connections, & Celebrate Achievement."

## CONVENTION PROGRAM PROMISES TO PLEASE

The Program Planning Committee has worked diligently to provide workshops that are sure to please both your professional and personal needs. We are delighted to welcome two special keynote speakers to our 2015 AZS Convention in addition to our other presenters.

**Dr. Beverly Helms**, immediate past president of DKG International, will be fully involved in our convention! She will participate in Friday night's activities, visit with our initiates, participate as a luncheon keynote speaker, present a workshop, help install our incoming state officers, and if past experience is an indicator, be available to talk with, listen to, and encourage each and every AZS member throughout the weekend.

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*Dr. Beverly Helms*



## *From the desk of Mary Conover, AZS President ...*

Plans for the best state convention ever are being developed, refined, and executed each day as we move toward April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The convention team, state officers, Advocates of the Arts, state committee chairs, and individual chapters meeting assigned responsibilities are working to plan a fantastic weekend for all AZS members.

I encourage you to commit to attend our convention. Why? In the "Top 10 Reasons Format", you will have the opportunity to. . .

### ***"Top ten reasons to attend the 2015 Alpha Zeta State Convention"***

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#### **10. Share your opinions and insights.**

The ever-popular book discussions as well as several of the workshop sessions encourage sharing. Opinions and ideas are also encouraged at the business meeting, on evaluations, during informal discussions with chapter and state leaders, and, this year, with our international guest.

#### **9. Laugh/Smile**

In addition to the inevitable impromptu moments of laughter as sisters gather, keynote speaker Angie Ruffin is guaranteed to put a smile on your face, especially if you have spent more than six months in a classroom.

#### **8. Meet our international guest and your state officers.**

We are delighted to have Dr. Beverly Helms, Immediate International Past President, attend our convention. She is looking forward to meeting our AZS members! Also, the installation of in-coming state officers will take place during the banquet. Please come, meet, and support your new state leaders.

#### **7. Win prizes!**

Friday night offers a major win-win opportunity (for you and for the state) with our non-dues revenue fund raiser! Then too, this year two lucky first-time attendees will receive a paid registration to convention 2016 and those who solve the Educational Foundation puzzle may receive additional rewards.

#### **6. Receive professional development credits.**

Certificates for professional development credits will be offered for many of the workshops.

#### **5. Stimulate your personal and professional growth.**

Workshop topics vary to include opportunities for personal and/or professional growth. Choose your interest!

#### **4. Celebrate your talents and accomplishments and those of your AZS sisters.**

In addition to recognizing Rose and Key Award recipients, opportunities for recognition this year will include participation in the arts display, congratulations to chapters of excellence, recognition of membership milestones, and, of course, celebrating the extraordinary lives of our sisters at the Celebration of Life Service.

#### **3. Learn about the Society.**

Our Info Fair, some of our DKG targeted workshops, and information shared by Dr. Helms will provide opportunities to expand your understanding of DKG.

#### **2. Strengthen friendships within and beyond your chapter.**

If possible, chapters will be seated together at meals for great times of camaraderie. Then, too, as you mingle with sisters from across the state whether at the Friday night social, in workshops, or in the lobby you will learn AZS sisters are fantastic! Reach out. . . connect! Meet our initiates! AZS women are awesome!

#### **1. Relax! Have fun! Enjoy a weekend with your AZS sisters!**

## Program Promises...

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Dr. Helms has served her Florida state organization and DKG in many capacities including chapter charter member, chapter president, and state president. She also served as SE Regional Director (2002-2004). On the international level, she has been involved on numerous committees including strategic action planning, communications, society committee structure, and leadership development. Dr. Helms received the International Achievement Award (2010) and served as international second vice-president before performing the duties of international president, 2012-2014.

**Angie Ruffin**, a DKG sister from Rocky Mount, North Carolina, comes to us upon the recommendation of the AZS sisters who attended the DKG International Convention in Indianapolis this past July and upon seeing their positive reaction and that of the other convention attendees at her entertaining and humorous presentation. Angie will be one of our keynote speakers at the Saturday luncheon. Her presentation, *"Still Teaching After All These Years"*, is a comedic look back at a sometimes heartwarming, sometimes mind-blowing career in teaching.

Presently, Angie is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher. She earned her BA in Music Education from North Carolina Wesleyan College and received a Masters Degree in teaching (ELA) from East Carolina University. Angie completed the rigorous work necessary to become National Board Certified and was chosen as Teacher of the Year for the West Edgecombe School District in 2006. Angie serves as the music director at the Oakdale Baptist Church and is an accompanist for the Rocky Mount Christmas Chorus.

Please join Alpha Zeta State as we welcome both Dr. Beverly Helms and Angie Ruffin to New Jersey!

## Wrapping-up the Details on Chapter Rules

*Faith Steinfert and Babette Wise, AZS Rules and Bylaws Co-chairs*

As we begin our last quarter of the biennium as AZS Rules and Bylaws Chairs, there are some final details we need chapters to complete and some we would like them to consider.

### To Complete: **Chapter Rules**

Submit both an electronic and a hard copy of the finished, approved chapter rules. The electronic copy should be sent to the AZS Rules and Bylaws chairs by June 1, 2015. The hard copy may be mailed, or given to the chairs at convention or the June AZS meeting. (Note: Only incoming and outgoing AZS chairs will be attending the June meeting.) Thank you to those chapters who have already submitted their final, approved chapter rules. If we do not have a hard copy of your chapter rules, please give us a copy at convention or the June meeting.

### To Ponder: **Chapter Handbook**

Several chapters have created a handbook which details officers' and committee chairs' responsibilities beyond those required by AZ State and/or those addressed in chapter rules. The handbook may also include other information about the chapter, such as the location of chapter paraphernalia, etc. The advantage of the handbook, unlike chapter rules, is that it contains information that does not require a membership vote to change. The handbook can be updated at the end of each biennium as responsibilities and job descriptions change. Another important benefit is that the handbook can be made available to all officers, committee chairs and/or members, giving prospective chapter leaders a very specific idea of what a chapter position entails, allowing them to make informed decisions about serving. Finally, such knowledge can enable smooth chapter transitions as members take on new leadership positions.

As usual, if chapters have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Our sincere thanks go out to chapter chairs and their committees who have tackled this task with such diligence and commitment.

## AZS Yearbook Up-date

*Saula Cutter, Chair*

Yearbook information was distributed digitally to all chapter presidents and yearbook chairs. Each chapter received chapter information, cover pages, international and state pages. The yearbook is available, password protected, on the AZS website. Each chapter should keep their updated information. All updates to the official publication will be made annually.

The convention booklet information is due from state committee chairs and officers no later than March first. The guidelines, template and directions were emailed late January. A reminder to all sisters sending reports: you must use the template provided for your submissions.

## Congratulations, Sigma Chapter!

Our own Sigma Chapter was recognized in the latest DKG News, Jan/Feb 2015 edition in the "What's Working" column for chapter strengthening. Sigma's new strategies to encourage new membership used "Wine, Cheese, and Decadent Desserts".

### CHAPTER SALES

Look for us at Convention! The proceeds of the sales help support individual chapter projects. More information will be posted on our website.

# Slate of Candidates for State Office Announced

*Claire Swanson, State Nominations Committee Chair*

The state nominations committee met at Mastoris Restaurant in Bordentown on November 15, 2014 to select a slate of officers for the 2015-2017 biennium. Sixteen of the nineteen chapters sent representatives. The election of officers will be held at the State Convention in April.



**Barbara Smith** (Omicron) is the nominee for the position of **State President**. Smith currently is serving her second term as State First Vice President and Program Planning Chair and prior to that served as State Second Vice President and Membership Chair. Initiated into Omicron in 1986, she served two terms as chapter president and founded and served as the chair of their literacy project, Books for Babies.

Smith retired in 2010 from the Little Egg Harbor School District where she held positions of Acting Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Director of Instructional Services, and Supervisor of Instruction.

Smith in her nominee statement states, "I have had the opportunity of being a state officer for the past five years and to learn more about our society while working alongside of three AZS Presidents, observing their leadership styles, and their implementation of the duties required for the president's position. There are many challenges ahead for our professional organization. I am willing to work diligently to overcome as many of them as possible during the next biennium."



The nominee for the position of **First Vice President** is **Carol Schwartz** (Gamma). Schwartz currently serves as the State Recording Secretary and prior to that served as State Corresponding Secretary. She has served as both president and vice president of Gamma Chapter and currently serves as Gamma's Chair for Rules/By Laws and Nominations/Installation Committees.

Schwartz retired after 37 years as an elementary teacher in the Trenton Schools. She played an active role in the Trenton Education Association in the roles of Vice President/Membership Chair, Recording Secretary, Public Relations Chair, Newsletter Editor and Chief School Delegate.

Schwartz in her nominee statement states, "My experiences with the Trenton Board of Education, community outreach programs as well as my involvement with Alpha Zeta State have given me the background, knowledge and sensitivity to serve in the office of First Vice President. Additionally, my attendance at both Regional Conferences and International Conventions has provided me with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. As Alpha Zeta State's First Vice President, I will have the opportunity to continue to contribute and work with the other Officers as well as our members. By working together, we will move our state organization forward."



**Dr. Pamela Albert-Devine** (Mu) is the nominee for **State Second Vice President**. Albert-Devine currently is State Corresponding Secretary. She has served as state chair for the Leadership Development, Research and Technology Committees. Under her leadership the first Alpha Zeta State website was created. She served as Mu Chapter president for six biennia.

Albert-Devine is the principal of the Point Road School in Little Silver. Prior to her current position she served as Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for the Little Silver District.

Albert-Devine in her nominee statement states, "I can vividly remember my initiation into Delta Kappa Gamma 32 years ago as if it were yesterday; clearly joining this organization changed my life. With each passing year my membership reminds me of the importance of recognizing outstanding women educators and challenges me to continue to grow, to learn and to assist Alpha Zeta State in its mission to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Although I have held various chapter offices and have served on many committees at the chapter and state level, it was not until this past biennium that I had the privilege to serve on the Executive Board of Alpha Zeta State. I have learned so much from this experience and I feel confident that I will be able to assist with the recruitment, retention and reinstatement of members, which is crucial to the organization's viability. Chapters are experiencing membership decline; others are struggling to figure out how to get the young members they do have involved, while others are attempting to balance keeping all members engaged. I hope that, if afforded this opportunity, I can make a difference in making membership in DKG something to be valued."



# Slate of Candidates for State Office Announced

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The nominee for **State Corresponding Secretary** is **Ingrid Williams** (Nu). Williams has served as chair of the State Finance Committee since 2009. She has served as Nu Chapter president and currently holds the chapter position of co-chair of History and Archives.

Professionally, Williams was a mathematics teacher at Shawnee High School for 38 years. She also served as a mentor for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), a member of the Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee, and as a member of the Math/Science Consortium of Burlington/Mercer Counties.

Williams states in her nominee statement, "Since my initiation into Delta Kappa Gamma, I have discovered a sisterhood that not only unites women educators in a "genuine spiritual fellowship" but also provides opportunities for women to grow both personally and professionally. I have had the opportunity to fulfill many different chapter positions and contribute to Alpha Zeta State by serving as the chair of the Finance Committee for the past 5 years. I learned during my initiation that a true Delta Kappa Gamma woman, when asked, never says "no". Having been asked to serve as the Corresponding Secretary for Alpha Zeta State, I am not only honored but feel that I have the time and energy to contribute more to the state organization at this point in my life. I have watched, admired and been in awe of our past leaders. There never seems to be a lack of talent or willingness to lend a hand in the many undertakings of the society at the local, state or international level. I am truly honored to be part of this organization and hope to contribute on a larger scale to the future success of Alpha Zeta State."



**Susan Davis** (Epsilon) is the nominee for **State Recording Secretary**. Since 2010 Davis has served as the Convention Facilities contact. Before that she served as State Convention Tri-Chair for eight years. She served as Epsilon Chapter president from 2004-2008.

Davis has held the position of 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher in the Stanhope Public Schools since 1972. She has served on the NEA Board of Directors from 1997-2003 and as president of the Sussex County Education Association from 2008-2010. She currently serves on the NJEA Executive Committee.

Davis states in her nominee statement, "I feel that I have many qualities and experiences that will serve me well in my position as the Recording Secretary for Alpha Zeta State."



**Roxanne Adinolfi** is the nominee for **State Nominations Chair**. Adinolfi is the immediate past State President and State Strategic Action Planning Chair. She is also serving as the 2015 NE Regional Conference Workshops Co-chair. Adinolfi served as Sigma Chapter President from 1998-2000 and currently serves as their Expansion Chair.

Presently, Adinolfi works as a Rider University Student Teacher Supervisor/Literacy Consultant and as an education consultant with RA Literacy Consultants, Inc.

Adinolfi states in her nominee statement, "I believe strong passionate leadership and active involvement of our members is integral to the sustainability of AZS. As immediate past state president, I had the privilege of working with and meeting numerous members of every chapter. Working at the state level since 2000 has given me the opportunity to interact with members. I have great respect for the knowledge, talents, and commitment of our members and officers. I understand the important responsibilities of the nominations committee. I have the interpersonal and intrapersonal skills required to work with and lead committee members to succeed in securing new officers for chapters and state officers. I have the essential communication and technology skills necessary to handle the duties effectively. The importance of bringing new leaders into the fold and providing mentorship to support them is paramount. It would be an honor to serve AZS as nominations chair."

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Program Planning Committee urges you to complete the evaluation sheets after each workshop/class and return them to the facilitators in each room as an exit ticket from the session. Your comments and suggestions are valued and are used to plan our programs for convention every year.

Please register early to guarantee you are placed in the workshop of your choice. Presenters will need time to prepare for the size of the audience.

# 2015 CONVENTION OFFERINGS

Barbara Smith, First Vice-President/Program Planning Chair

## Saturday morning 10:30 - 11:45 AM

### Women and Heart Disease: Know Your Numbers

*Risk factors and treatment options for cardiac disease.* Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women and they receive fewer interventions than men to treat and prevent the disease. This workshop will provide women with the information they need to empower them to know their risk factors and treatment options.

**PRESENTER: Irene Muzyka, RN**

Irene serves as the Director of Cardiology Services at Community Medical Center, Toms River, NJ. A life long learner, Irene began her nursing education at Ocean County College and continued to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Bloomfield College. She received a Master's Degree from Drexel University and is a certified cardiovascular nurse.

### Google Apps for You and Your Students

*Learn how Google is taking over the educational needs for your personal use and your professional work.* You will be introduced to a variety of FREE apps and the changes in Gmail, Google Docs, Google Presentations and many more. Be sure to bring your own laptop computer, or any other of your own devices in order to get the most value out of the presentation.

**PRESENTER: Virginia (Jinny) Hoden (Omicron Chapter)**

A member of Omicron Chapter since 1987, Jinny is a computer literacy teacher in Egg Harbor Township School District. She has presented workshops at the NJEA Convention and in many venues in Southern NJ representing *Verizon Thinkfinity*. Jinny is a recent recipient of a DKG stipend which she used to attend a Google Docs workshop.

### The Leader Within YOU!

*This session will discuss leadership traits, skills, and abilities. Dr. Helms will assist members in looking within themselves for the leadership skills they possess and challenge members to develop and use the skills in all environments.*

**PRESENTER: Dr. Beverly Helms, DKG International Immediate Past-President (Florida)**

Dr. Beverly Helms served as president for her chapter (twice), her state organization and, most recently, as the 2012-2014 International President (DKG). She has served in other DKG positions, including Southeast Regional Director, Member at Large and Second Vice President. Dr. Helms was a district and school level administrator, as well as a speech language pathologist. Dr. Helms will enthusiastically share with us her knowledge and belief that "every member is a leader and that leadership skills can be learned."

### Get STEAMY: Integrating STEM Concepts Across the Curriculum

*Learn today how to integrate STEM tomorrow!* Science, technology, engineering, and math are all part of our daily lives. Learn how to incorporate STEM concepts into any classroom curriculum, and realize that you are doing this already! Walk away with actual examples you can implement immediately. In this session we will discuss authentic assessments, problem, and project based learning.

Examples will be given in many curricular areas and grade levels.

**PRESENTER: Janel Schafer (Xi Chapter President)**

Janel returns to the AZS Convention as a presenter this year. When hired as a technology integration specialist at the Northfield Community Middle School, the district asked that she develop and implement STEM as an entirely new curriculum for grades 5 - 8. Three years later, Janel is still enjoying her role in its implementation. She loves helping teachers in Grades K-8 make their lives easier through technology integration. Janel has presented at the NJEA Convention, the Florida Educational Technology Conference, at various Ed-Camps, and In-Service Workshops.

### The Dance of the Sisters

*An interactive movement workshop that will explore and celebrate individual and group movement in an environment of empowerment among DKG sisters.* Movement and dance will be used to incorporate self-care training for emotional, mental, and spiritual health. Although the services do not substitute for therapy, this workshop allows participants to use their bodies (in natural movement formation) to express creative thought. The overall objective of the workshop is to promote inner peace by declaring change in your personal life and honoring the self-help skills necessary to accommodate individual growth and healing. Every BODY has a story, and this workshop is designed to creatively find, and express, that story through positive affirmations and movement.

**PRESENTER: Dr. Kitsy Dixon (Epsilon Chapter)**

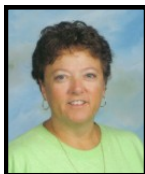
Kitsy is an assistant professor of sociology at Centenary College. Her degrees include: Journalism/Public Relations - University of Mississippi; Race/Minority Studies - State University of New York, Buffalo; Medical Humanities with a specialization in researching dance movement therapy as a healing modality in trauma victims - Drew University.

### Book Discussion - The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

*A masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom, and the desire to have a voice in the world.* This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment and expression will leave no reader unmoved. It is Amazon's 2014 top-selling new release.

**DISCUSSION LEADER: Natalie B. Smith (Mu Chapter)**

As a teacher for over 40 years and a reading specialist in middle schools for 25 years, Natalie worked to instill a love of reading and writing in hormonal teenagers. She has lobbied in Washington, DC for adolescent literacy. A past president of the NJ Reading Association, Natalie is now retired and enjoys reading, cooking, and traveling.



### PLAN TO JOIN

**Keynote Angie Ruffin (pictured left),  
Dr. Beverly Helms, and your AZS sisters  
for lunch**

# 2015 CONVENTION OFFERINGS

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## Saturday afternoon 2:30 - 3:45 PM



### Castles of New Jersey

A look at some of New Jersey's stately, disguised and whimsical castles. Although not as numerous or as grand as their European counterparts, a surprisingly large number of castles were built in New Jersey a century or more ago. This program shares well-known castles such as Lambert Castle, as well as lesser-known ones throughout the state. Most of them still exist, some have been disguised over the years and a few have vanished.

**PRESENTER: Phil Jaeger**

Phil was a mathematics teacher for the Millburn School System. When he retired he turned his passion for history into an avocation, researching and creating programs about local history. Phil has written two books in the Arcadia series: *Montclair: A Postcard Guide to Its Past* and *Cedar Grove*. Phil has been active in the Passaic County Historical Society and the Cedar Grove Historical Society.

for personal and professional growth. Members will interact to maximize their understanding of all that DKG has to offer them at all three levels of the Society. They will leave with a complete list of opportunities to pursue for their personal and professional growth.

**PRESENTER: Dr. Beth Ann Richey (Beta Chapter, 1997-1999 AZS President)**

Dr. Beth Ann Richey has been active on all levels of DKG, including president of Alpha Zeta State, Northeast Regional Director for The DKG International, and a member and chair of many international committees. She has been recipient of a DKG state scholarship, international stipends, and acceptance to International Leadership Management Seminar. Her career has included work at every level, from kindergarten to university, and as teacher, coordinator, and administrator. Beth Ann firmly believes that her DKG experience contributed significantly to her career.



### Appy Hour!

Bring your device and share your favorite educational technology tools as we share our favorite visually interesting websites and iPad apps. Given the vast possibilities and advancements in educational technology, it is important to share our findings. Bring your device, share your favorite technology apps, and Lisa will share her favorite useful iPad apps. We will discuss some of the current issues/trends in ed. technology professional development.

**PRESENTER: Lisa Hirkaler (Epsilon Chapter)**

Lisa has been presenting around the country and throughout the state for many years. Her presentations have included technology, global concerns, AP strategies, and art. Lisa has presented at the NJEA, Art Educators and National Art Educators conventions.



### Pilates Sculpt

Come ready to move, stretch and strengthen your core from the inside-out! This 45-minute class will magically transform your body. The benefits of practicing pilates include better core strength, flexibility and posture, streamlined muscle tone, relief from back and joint pain, weight loss and a happier you. In Pilates Sculpt, we work the muscles to efficiency not fatigue so that you will leave feeling refreshed, rejuvenated, and energized! Please wear workout clothes and bring your own yoga mat or towel, as we will be lying on the floor exercising.

**PRESENTER: Carrie Campbell, [www.positivelypilates.com](http://www.positivelypilates.com)**  
Carrie Campbell, owner of Positively Pilates, was introduced to pilates as part of a physical therapy program. After receiving her certification through Power Pilates NYC in 1998, Carrie has been teaching pilates in NYC and NJ. Her celebrity clientele included Naomi Campbell, Whoopi Goldberg, Laura Linney, Mandy Moore and Mary Louise Parker. You can see her in numerous pilates videos, online workshops, workouts and training manuals and has an audio CD of mat work called "Pilates on the Go!" She was featured in Allure, Us Weekly, Pilates Style, and Fitness Magazine. Carrie appeared on Good Morning America, The Today Show and the WB news. She presented at numerous fitness conferences including IDEA, PMA, and Power Pilates regional conferences.



### The Teacher Leader: Supporting School and Student Success

In today's educational and financial climate, it is very clear that the school principal cannot go solo. It is virtually impossible to have school and student success without the use of distributive leadership. The Teacher Leader Model Standards offer some ideas for implementation, as well as a plan of action to support teacher leaders. In this presentation, participants will gain an understanding as to how teacher leaders can work within their schools and districts to support teachers, program, and students.

**PRESENTER: Dr. Judith Nappi (Omicron Chapter)**

Judith S. Nappi, Ed.D., is currently an assistant professor of Educational Leadership at Rider University. Previously she was the Asst. Superintendent/Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Manchester Township School District in Ocean County New Jersey. Dr. Nappi also held positions as a principal, grade level administrator, and teacher. She has degrees in psychology, social sciences, educational administration, and administrative policy and urban education.



### Book Discussion: Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

This book is an extremely interesting and powerful historical fiction novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we really are. The history in this novel may be unknown to many, but nonetheless, it is our country's history. You will enjoy reading about our country's Orphan Train.

**DISCUSSION LEADER: Judy Jordan (Lambda Chapter)**

Judy, a retired reading specialist, has served in many capacities in Lambda Chapter and AZS. She has shared her travel experiences with her DKG sisters at state conventions. Judy has led our very first book discussion and we are pleased to have her return to lead this book discussion.



### Chapter, State, and International: Realizing the Real Opportunities of DKG

Members will realize the wide range of opportunities available to them at the chapter, state, and international levels

# Register for Alpha Zeta Convention

## April 17 - 19, 2015

*Registration for convention is a two-step process. If you are staying overnight at the hotel, you must register with the Doubletree in Somerset for a room. Additionally, you need to register with Alpha Zeta State to participate in convention.*

### Register for a hotel room:

- ◆ Guestroom rate: \$131.10 per night includes New Jersey sales tax of 7% and State and Local Occupancy Tax of 8% as well as breakfast in Tuscany restaurant/TK's Pub for up to 2 people. If more than 2 people are staying in the room, the rate will be \$142.60 for a triple and \$154.10 for a quad.
- ◆ Reservations will be made by individual call or online at this url: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/E/EWRDADT-DKG-20150417/index.jhtml>.
- ◆ When calling in for reservations, guests must call 1-800-222-TREE and ask for the reservations in the Delta Kappa Gamma 2015 room block to ensure obtaining the group rate. Online the Group Name is DELTA KAPPA GAMMA 2015 and the Group Code is DKG. If you do not register as DKG you may get a cheaper rate, but we will not get credit for you. If we do not make our room guarantee, we'll pay a huge penalty!
- ◆ Room reservations with the hotel must be made by 3/27/2015 12:00:00 AM (so really 3/26.)

### Registering with Alpha Zeta State for the convention:

- ◆ Registration deadline and cancellation date: **March 27, 2015.** **Note:** Late registrations may not be accepted and, if accepted, will require a Late Registration Fee of an additional \$10. You may find that your meal seats are with other late registrants, not with your chapter. ***Your registration is not late, even if you have not yet mailed your check, as long as it is online by March 27. Snail mail is late if postmarked after March 27.***
- ◆ If you never get any confirmation of any kind from Jan Paxton, you are not registered! If you think you registered, please contact Jan at [AlphaZetaState@gmail.com](mailto:AlphaZetaState@gmail.com) or 908-638-8693 sooner rather than later to make sure that you are registered! If you plan to sing in the chorus, please contact Diane Dohrmann to get your music prior to convention.
- ◆ Complete the entire registration form. It is online at: <http://goo.gl/forms//xcMC4P8CYx>.
- ◆ The details about the menus and the workshops are on the website and are also in this newsletter. Answer all the questions and do not forget to click "submit"! If you do not receive a "Thank You" message, you have not registered.
- ◆ If you do not wish to register online, use the registration form on the next page to register.
- ◆ In addition to completing the form, you must make your payment. You may use the online PayPal button on the website and pay with your credit card or you may mail a check. A fee of 2.9% + \$0.30 will be added to your total payment amount at checkout if you use your credit card. Your registration confirmation will be a copy of your application e-mailed to you **after** your payment has been received. ***Your registration is not complete without payment.*** Use the chart below to compute what you owe. **Make checks payable to "NJ DKG" and mail to: Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829.**

| COST CHART  |             |                |              |                 |
|---|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| CATEGORY  | CHECK HOTEL | CHECK COMMUTER | PAYPAL HOTEL | PAYPAL COMMUTER |
| Registration ONLY (Everyone pays!)                  | \$40.00     | \$50.00        | \$41.50      | \$51.80         |
| Initiate/Presenter: registration, luncheon, banquet | \$85.00     | \$95.00        | \$87.85      | \$98.15         |
| Member: registration, luncheon, banquet             | \$119.00    | \$129.00       | \$122.36     | \$133.16        |
| Initiate/Presenter: registration, luncheon          | \$40.00     | \$50.00        | \$41.50      | \$51.80         |
| Member: registration, luncheon                      | \$74.00     | \$84.00        | \$76.20      | \$86.82         |
| Initiate/Presenter: registration, banquet           | \$85.00     | \$95.00        | \$87.85      | \$98.15         |
| Member: registration, banquet                       | \$85.00     | \$95.00        | \$87.85      | \$98.15         |

**NOTE:** The "BUY NOW" button goes with the drop down menu directly above it. You need to use the arrow on the right to show all of the options and select the one for your registration before you hit the "BUY NOW" button.





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As We Share Our Vision ♦ Strengthen Our Society



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

## DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

### Alpha Zeta State Convention April 17 - 19, 2015 Registration Form

Register for Alpha Zeta State DKG Convention. Answer all questions. Snail mail a check in the correct amount to: **Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829**. If you do not receive a note from Jan Paxton confirming your registration and payment, YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED! Contact Jan at 908-638-8693 to make sure that you are registered - please do not wait until Convention! Your complete registration, including payment, must be postmarked by March 27, 2015. After that date, there will be a late fee of \$10 and you may not be seated with your chapter sisters for meals! **All hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by midnight on March 26, 2015!**

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| Please give your first and last names as you want them printed on your name tag.   | Membership Status - Please choose the appropriate category: member, initiate, presenter, guest.  | Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter - Name of the DKG Chapter of which you are a member or an initiate. If you are a guest, just put "guest".  |
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| If you are an initiate, please name your sponsor and /or escort.   | E-mail address & Phone Number  | Registration Type: Choose one: Staying at the hotel (\$40) or Commuting to the hotel (\$50)  |
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| Will you attend the Friday evening program and social? No charge, but a ticket is required.<br>___Yes ___No<br>Will you attend the Chorus Rehearsal?<br>___Yes ___No   | Will you attend the Saturday morning (8:00 a.m.) Initiation Rehearsal? Initiates, their escorts and chapter presidents are expected to attend.<br>___Yes ___No   | Initiates - Will you attend the Saturday morning orientation? This will be at 9:00 a.m. following the rehearsal. (Sponsors and chapter presidents are expected to attend the business meeting.)<br>___Yes ___No  |
| Will you attend the Saturday Luncheon (12 noon)? Please select your entrée. Cost: \$34 for members. Initiates and presenters will be guests of AZ State<br>___ I will not attend the luncheon<br>___ Mixed green salad with chicken<br>___ Steamed Jasmine Rice with Tofu, Snow Peas and Carrots - Gluten Free (vegetarian)  | Will you attend the Saturday evening banquet? Please select your entrée. Cost: \$45<br>___ I will not attend the Banquet<br>___ Grilled Salmon with a Lemon Butter Sauce (Gluten Free)<br>___ Roasted Sirloin of Beef with Home Made Red Wine Sauce<br>___ Vegetarian Wellington   | Do you have any food allergies or other dietary restrictions? Please explain your needs specifically - diabetic dessert, gluten free diet, etc. <b>All special requests must be made on this registration form!</b>  |
| <b>Morning Workshop 10:30 - 11:45</b><br><b>Choose one of 4 and an alternate (1, 2)</b><br>__ I will not attend a workshop<br>__ Women and Heart Disease: Know Your Numbers<br>__ Google Apps for You and Your Students<br>__ THE LEADER WITHIN YOU! Beverly Helms, DKG International, Immediate Past President<br>__ Get STEAMY: Integrating STEM Concepts Across the Curriculum<br>__ The Dance of the Sisters<br>__ Book Discussion: <u>The Invention of Wings</u> by Sue Monk Kidd | <b>Afternoon Workshop 2:30 - 3:45</b><br><b>Choose one of 5 and an alternate (1, 2)</b><br>__ I will not attend a workshop<br>__ Castles of New Jersey<br>__ Appy Hour<br>__ The Teacher Leader: Supporting School and Student Success<br>__ Chapter, State, and International: Realizing the Real Opportunities of DKG<br>__ Pilates Sculpt<br>__ Book Discussion: <u>Orphan Train</u> by Christina Baker Kline | Will you attend the Sunday morning Celebration of Life?<br>__Yes __No<br><br>Do you have any accessibility needs during the workshops? Please specify.<br><br><br><br>If you have accessibility needs regarding your hotel room, please contact the hotel. |

## General Driving Instructions

to

### The DoubleTree by Hilton Somerset

Hotel and Conference Center  
200 Atrium Drive  
Somerset, NJ 08873-4197

**From Route I-287 North** Take exit 10 for Route 527 New Brunswick/Easton Ave. Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

**From Route I-287 South** Take exit 10 for Route 527 Easton Ave/New Brunswick. Follow Route 527 North and bear left toward signs for Davidson Avenue. At the first traffic light make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

**From the New Jersey Turnpike** Take Exit 10 for Metuchen/Edison to I-287 North. Take exit 10 for Route 527 New Brunswick/Easton Ave. Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Ave. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

**From the Garden State Parkway North** Take Exit 127 for I-287 North. Take exit 10 for Route 527 New Brunswick/Easton Ave. Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Ave. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

**From the Garden State Parkway South** Take exit 129 for I-287 North. Take exit 10 for Route 527 New Brunswick/Easton Ave. Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance of the hotel. (Optional- exit for Route 22 West to I-287 North) Take exit 10 for Route 527 New Brunswick/Easton Ave. Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

**From Philadelphia** Take the New Jersey Turnpike North to Exit 10 for Metuchen/Edison to I-287 North. take exit 10 for Route 527 New Brunswick/Easton Ave. Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Ave. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

**From Princeton Area** Take Route 202/206 North to Route 22 East to I-287 South. Take exit 10 for Route 527 New Brunswick/Easton Ave. Follow Route 527 North to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Continue on Davidson Avenue for one half mile and make a left into Atrium Corporate Park. Follow to the front entrance of the hotel.

## 2015 Convention Menus

Wondering what epicurean delights are in store for AZS Convention attendees? The following menus will answer your questions.

### Friday's Evening Social

Display of Vanilla and Chocolate Ice Creams,  
Including Sugar Free

Served with Chopped Nuts, Chocolate Sauce, Strawberry Topping, Cherries, Sprinkles and Chocolate Chips, Caramel Sauce, Whipped Cream  
Brownies and Blondies

Coffee, Decaf and Tea

*Complimentary, registration ticket required*

### Saturday's Luncheon

Corn Chowder - *gluten free*

Mixed Green Salad with Chicken & a choice of two Dressings: Balsamic and Ranch to be served on the side

**OR**

Vegetarian Option:

Steamed Jasmine Rice with Snow Peas, Carrots, and Tofu -  
*gluten free*

Chocolate Cake

Water and Iced Tea

Coffee Decaf and Tea

*For members: \$34 inclusive of tax and service charges. Initiates and Workshop presenters are guests of Alpha Zeta State. Registration and ticket required.*

### Saturday's Dinner

Double Tree House Salad: Field Greens tossed with Diced Cucumbers, Spanish Olives, Plum Tomatoes, Gruyere Cheese and Citrus Dressing

Grilled Salmon with a Lemon Butter Sauce - *Gluten Free*

**OR**

Roasted Sirloin of Beef with Home Made Red Wine Sauce

**OR**

Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Wellington

All Entrées include Chef's Selection of Starch & Vegetables  
Cheese Cake

*(Diabetic/gluten free desserts can be requested on registration form.)*

Water and Iced Tea

Coffee, Decaf and Tea

*\$45 inclusive of tax and service charges. Attendees must register with ticket required.*

**Note:** *Diabetic/gluten free dessert options are available provided that the request is made on the registration form. All special dietary requests - gluten free, allergies, nightshade free, etc. must be on the registration form!*

### Saturday and/or Sunday Breakfast Buffet

*Since breakfast is included with the hotel room, no "Coffee and" will be served on Sunday morning.*

**BON APPETIT!**

# The Progression of DKG's World Fellowship

## "Look How We Have Grown"

*Karen Cohen, DKG State World Fellowship Chair*

The power of World Fellowship is to reach out to educate and then to inspire, as people learn from each other and then go forth to make a better world. We live in an era where globalization defines our world. We share similar interests, ideals, or experiences. Our global human community is based upon mutual understanding and respect and driven by passion and compassion. DKG clearly demonstrates these values as shown through their efforts to reach out and impact education worldwide. The program has grown through the 2013-2014 academic year. There were 881 women in 120 countries who have received awards totaling \$3,193,100 since 1960. This is so very impressive considering DKG began the World Fellowship Fund with an initial award of \$2,500 based on \$11,528 in contributions. The program has grown through the 2013-2014 academic year to impressive totals. There were awards given for a total of \$100,200 to 33 women in 28 countries and based upon \$3,730,479.96 in contributions through June of 2013. \$48,000 had been contributed from July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Donations from chapters and individuals along with bequests determine the number of awards given each year by the committee. Our AZS sisters, led by each of their respective World Fellowship Chapter Chairs, continue to come up with some very creative and profitable ways to raise money for the World Fellowship Fund. All of our DKG sisters' dedication and efforts are very much appreciated. I continue to encourage all of you please continue to contribute to the World Fellowship Fund.

**Contributions to the World Fellowship Fund can be made by using Form 43 or with the on-line contribution form. Both can be obtained through [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under Forms, Contribution Forms.**



~ WOMEN AT WORK ~  
IMAGES  
FROM OUR  
JANUARY 10, 2015  
STATE MEETING

*Michelle Contala, AZS Photographer*





## Calling All Artists For "First" Fine Arts Exhibit To Debut at Convention 2015

The very first "Fine Arts Exhibit" will be featured at the upcoming AZS Convention on April 17-19, 2015, at the Doubletree Hotel in Somerset, NJ. This special event will give members a forum to display their works. Come share your artistic talents with your DKG sisters!

Please submit your application to reserve a space for up to two items either in a digital or a live display. The application outlining the criteria may be found on the AZS/DKG website under the Convention section.

Questions?? Please e-mail Irene Maskaly at [wesrosee@verizon.net](mailto:wesrosee@verizon.net) or Linda Adams at [lin150@pdt.net](mailto:lin150@pdt.net).

## Dates and Deadlines

### March 2015:

- 1 - Confirmation of Invitation to Membership and the Recommendation for Membership/Form 11 due
- 1 - AZS Art Show application due
- 1 - Deadline for submission of Application for President's Award for Chapter Excellence
- 1 - Items needed for Convention due:
  - State Chairs' and Officers' Narrative Reports for Convention Booklet;
  - Names of facilitators from Sigma, Nu, and Delta Chapters;
  - Celebration of Life narratives; and
  - Banner information
- 7- Last day to register for hotel room reservations at Convention
- 27 - Deadline to register for AZS Convention or for cancellations

### April 2015:

- 17, 18, 19 - AZS State Convention
- 30 - AZS News due

### May 2015

- 1 - Lucille Cornet Award for Professional Development electronic Application due

### June 2015:

- 1 - Last day to submit revised Chapter Rules to state co-chairs
- 6 - AZS Chapter Officers' Training

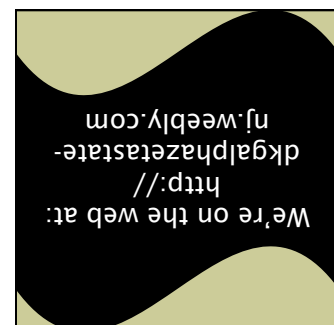
### July 2015:

- 6 - 11 - Northeast Regional Conference, Baltimore, MD



Baltimore, MD --home of the Walters Art Museum and the Inner Harbor's National Aquarium

# Convention Issue



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