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Land Ho! Plymouth



Do you recognize any of these DKG members who landed in Plymouth for the 2017 Alpha Upsilon Spring Convention? They are 8 of the 68 women who attended the conference. They don't quite look like the true settlers that made the pilgrimage to New Plymouth from across the Atlantic, but our Friday night special visitor looked the part. Hillary Goodnow, portraying Elizabeth Tilly Howland, "Bess." She was born in Bedford, England and was 16 when she made the voyage. Going in and out of character Hillary gave us insight into her work. When Hillary realized she liked to tell

stories and play dress up, she knew she wanted to be part of the powerful personal experiences of Plimoth Plantation. Her part in this 1627 "moment in time" is played in the first person and most of what the actors portray is from

primary sources. Each year, in March, the players are given their part/character along with audio tapes of the correct dialect as well as their personal story. They spend hours getting their "mouth around the words." It was a fascinating program and a side of the plantation's work you don't usually see. We wish all members could have been there.

Harnessing the Power of Twitter, was back again for part 2 and Why Girls Are Essential to the Process! S.T.E.A.M. 2.0 extended the learning with a hands on activity that was enthusiastically enjoyed.

Both were well presented workshops. Thank you ladies for your hard work preparing for your presentations.

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2017 Biennium New Officers

Calling All First Timers

Alpha Upsilon State will pay for your first registration fee at any state convention or conference.

Come join in the fun!
Meet new DKG members from all over the state.

Up Coming International Deadlines

DKGNextAugust 11, 2017

Leadership/Management
Seminar
December 13, 2017

Alpha Upsilon's Important Dates

Planning Meeting.....June 17
Boxboro Regency
Fall Workshop.....September 29-30
Boxboro Regency
(Registration will be on the webpage.)
<http://alupsma.weebly.com>

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Martha's Message

This will be my last message as your state organization president. I want to thank you for the beautiful DKG bracelet. I will wear it with pride. Also, thank you for the very generous monetary gift. It will be put to good use when I travel this summer to Provence, to work on my painting skills.

I want to thank the chapters and areas that have contributed to Safe Passage. We have, over the course of two years, contributed around \$1000.00. In these times with shrinking membership and available funds being sent in all directions, that is wonderful! Of course money is essential to Safe Passage, but the program relies heavily on volunteers. Jillian Sceppa-Etienne and I will be doing a workshop at the Northeast Regional about our experience and ways we raised funds to offset the cost of our trip. Maybe some other state will join in this endeavor.

Speaking of forms, over half the chapters responded to the survey from International. These reports help the State and International serve the needs of the members. All chapters responding said they read the Baystater and the DKG news, so we are well informed. The President's page is sent to all chapter presidents and gives information about dates when different forms are due. Remember the International Organization is there to help your chapter. Keep reading these journals as they provide information and best practices both professionally and for your chapter.

It has been my pleasure to have been your president of Alpha Upsilon State for this biennium. As I said in February, where does the time go?

Looking back, over the last two years, I have learned a lot especially from my mistakes and/or omissions. I will try to pass some of this experiential wisdom to the next president.

Most recently, I learned to double check your work before you send it to the State Secretary. I learned to make sure you get a confirmed "yes, I will do it" from someone before you put them on the Agenda. I learned to discuss major changes to past practices with the board before implementing them. I learned that you can't please all the people and people do adjust to change. I learned running a meeting isn't as easy as it looks and the Parliamentarian is your BFF. I learned that what you anticipate will cause lots of discussion, doesn't and what you think will cause little discussion causes much discussion. I learned that when you ask for help someone would respond and step up. I also learned that protocol, past practices, and by-laws, are important but not as important as the friendship and collegiality obtained from spending time with each other as we live out the seven purposes. As we have recently experienced, life is precious and we should embrace our time with each other. We are phenomenal women!

Thank you.

Martha

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Attend an International Convention! Approve the proposed election amendments to the governing documents!

As a Convention Attendee in 2020 you would be able to cast YOUR vote for international officers.

As a result of a motion at the Nashville International Convention, President Carolyn Pittman appointed an ad hoc committee to review the work of the 2012-2014 Ad Hoc Election Process Committee and propose amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules to enable convention attendees to vote for officers.

In order for attendees to vote for the officers in 2020, the governing documents must be amended at the upcoming 2018 convention in Austin, Texas. Attend a workshop about the election process at your regional conference! Learn the difference between Delegate, General Election and Convention Election options.

Cast your vote for the proposed amendments! (2018 in Austin)

DKGNext

Would you like to spend an expense-free weekend at DKG headquarters discussing the future of the Society? It will involve a diverse mix of up to ten (10) members in a weekend Think Tank event in Austin, September 29-30, 2017. The application to be a member of DKGNext! is now available, on the Alpha Upsilon State website at:

<http://alupsma.weebly.com/dkgnext.html>, to be downloaded. Let's have Massachussetts represented at this weekend Think Tank. Please be mindful of the deadline, **August 11, 2017**.

If you have any questions go to societyexec@dkg.org.

Spring Convention Photos



Gabrielle Montavecchi Twitter II



*Lynn Howard and Brandy Jackson
presented S.T.E.A.M. 2.0*



*Carol LaPolice and Audrey Smith
created a working keyboard*

State President's Project

Bette Bridges

I have chosen a service project for my state project. The "Holocaust Stamp Project" began in 2009, by the Foxboro Charter School (teachers, of course) to help understand the significance of 11 million people losing their lives because of one man's intolerance and prejudice. It resulted in the annihilation of so many innocent victims from 21 European countries. 6 million who were murdered solely because they were Jewish, of which 1.5 million were children and another 5 million for being "different" or resisting the seemingly endless acts of disrespect, prejudice, discrimination, and cruelty by Hitler.

Each cancelled postage stamp that is collected symbolizes one wasted life. As of May 2017, just over 9 million stamps have been collected. The Foxboro Charter School and community counts the stamps sent to them and then make appropriate collages from them for display.

This project provides opportunities to understand how important it is to demonstrate acceptance, tolerance, and respect for diversity in our lives. It can lead to discussions on why a diverse world is so important.

It is an important lesson. Intolerance and bullying have no place in today's society. All of us, and our students can easily collect cancelled stamps. It is so easy to just put a "stamp box" in your classroom, and collect! It is my hope that all Alpha Upsilon State members will embrace this project.

As the stamps are collected, they may be brought to a state meeting or sent to me and I will deliver them to the school.

Ms. Jamie Droste, project director, will present a session at our Fall State Workshop, September 30, 2017, in Foxboro.

Ursula Hogan

For nearly 20 years Ursula Hogan was a devoted member of Alpha Chapter DKG of Massachusetts. She was the one who only saw possible solutions to all challenges. She was the one who rolled up her sleeves, and made you roll up your sleeves, because she knew nobody could do it all alone.

I had the privilege of accompanying Ursula on this final journey against cancer this past year. It was her final gift to me with lessons aplenty. I learned patience, resolve, kindness, and surrender to a higher power. We spent hours at doctors' offices, going for MRI's, CAT scans, bloodwork, infusion sessions. Others stepped in when I couldn't. Ann Marie Towne and Nancy Laino filled in. People from all of her different programs and organizations stepped up to the plate to help her and at first she found this difficult. Probably the biggest lesson we both learned together over this time was that ultimately we are not in control, that we have to trust others to step up. And Ursula's people did. Why?

I've thought about this a lot over the past few months. The conclusion I come up with is that Ursula inspired people by going beyond herself to help others, and helped you to believe that you could, too. She saw your potential and helped you believe in yourself. She taught by example, and sometimes by insisting in no uncertain terms, that you join her for the journey. It was never boring around Ursula. I will miss her a lot. **Claire LaBonte**



Welcome New Literacy Committee Chair

Happy Summer to my DKG sisters in Massachusetts! At our Spring Conference in Plymouth, in-coming President Bette Bridges informally approached me, and as all active DKG officers do, asked how I was planning to serve Alpha Upsilon this biennium. I replied "What do you need, Bette?" And so, I am happy to begin serving as your Literacy Committee Chair and will do my best to continue the marvelous work established by Beverly Shaw Johnson and Gail Laffer during the past two years. Working with Kit Dunlap and Christine Bonci, I plan to continue online book chats with our members, and provide suggestions on provocative readings. I hope to uncover interesting museums, literacy curriculum enhancing ideas for classrooms, and

thoughts on integrating literacy into all curriculum areas, in particular the social, emotional, and play aspects of school. As for me, I am recently retired from 37 years of educating elementary students in Massachusetts, 10 years of teaching and 27 years as an elementary principal in Hadley and South Hadley. I became a sister in DKG in 1992 in Alpha Epsilon Chapter. I have served as President of our chapter a number of times, and have presented programs at our Area IV meetings over the years. Most exciting and rewarding was presenting at the Northeast Regional Conference in Boston in 2001. I look forward to serving you and our Society!

Leadership/Management Seminar

The 2018 Leadership/Management Seminar will be held at the University of Texas, at Austin, from July 1st to the 13th, 2018. Applications can be submitted starting June 1st and must be complete and submitted by December 13, 2017. You may obtain the application at: www.DKG.org The applications requires some time to complete, so give yourself plenty of time to do so.

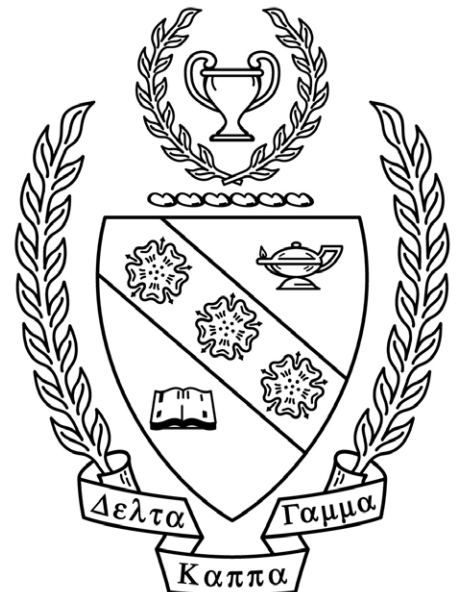
Please consider applying for this life changing seminar! As you probably know, we have a number of Massachusetts members who have attended. Please speak to any of these people to get an in-depth idea of what you will gain. I cannot stress enough what a wonderful experience this is! Not only will you learn a great deal of useful information, but you will meet members from all over the world, who will become lifelong friends!

If you are not aware of which Massachusetts members have previously attended, please e-mail me at:

mdburns8@com-cast.net. I know

that if you speak to anyone who has attended, you will be more than encouraged to apply! You can also obtain information at the Northeast Regional Conference to be held in Windsor Canada, this summer.

Marge Burns, 2016-2017 Golden Gift Chair



Baystatements

Epsilon

Members of Epsilon enjoyed an outing to the Peabody Essex Museum to view the “Shoes, Pleasure and Pain” exhibit. More than 300 shoes from various eras were on display. They included shoes from famed collectors to shoes that were worn by prominent figures. Exploring this exhibit brought lots of amazement and conversation as we walked to Red’s Sandwich Shop for lunch. The Peabody Essex Museum is truly a wonderful place for students and adults!

At another meeting many members were presented with certificates for their membership and service to our chapter. We thank them for their dedication and longevity.

On Sunday, May 7th we participated in the “StepUP-4Colleen5K” Walk in Andover. We were all there to honor the untimely death of a very talented young teacher....Colleen Ritzer. What an exhilarating feeling to see the outpouring of people there to walk and support her memory. Over the last three years they have given out 30 scholarships. We are hoping to spread the word and have more of our DKG Sisters from chapters across the state participate with us next year! We will be in touch!!



Alpha Zeta

Alpha Zeta held their annual “Spring Fling” Dinner at the Old Hitching Post Restaurant in Hanson, on March 23rd. There were 16 attendees and we inducted two new members: Joan Garity and Kathleen Garity. They are sisters and now they are our DKG sisters! Our literacy chair, Kathleen Kelly, started an annual book donation drive last year. Kathleen is a retired elementary school principal from Quincy. In 2016 we donated 35

books to a Quincy elementary school and this year we donated 45 books to the Vinal Elementary School Library, in Norwell.



Alpha Epsilon

Our small but mighty chapter has increased its coffers enough over the past two years to offer a scholarship to a local graduating high school senior who intends to major in education. This was our outstanding news from our winter meeting, and we set out to describe the parameters for a prospective recipient. Based on the home towns of our current members, we decided to offer a scholarship to a young woman from South Hadley who is planning to become a teacher. Members Doreen Bobala, Kathi Chlanda, Helen Clark and Jill Flanders met to review the applications and selected Ms. Jayde Thomas. In her essay, Jayde writes of her mission trip to Ethiopia in April, 2016. She met a 12 year old girl who dreamed of attending university and becoming a doctor, determined to make a difference in her community. Jayde feels the same determination to help others in any way she can.

Jayde attends the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaboratives’ program in early education and care at the same time as she attends South Hadley High School. She has been in the advanced math curriculum, culminating in completion of AP Statistics this spring. She has been a member of the swim team all four years, and is their captain. Currently she is employed part time at Alphabet Soup Day Care in South Hadley. Jayde Thomas is the epitome of the Delta Kappa Gamma Key Woman Educator. Congratulations to her, and we look forward to welcoming her to Alpha Epsilon Chapter in four years!

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Alpha Iota

Yvonne Husbands was a charter member of Alpha Iota and was initiated in 1973. She was a music teacher in the Boston Public Schools and Chapter One Supervisor for Reading. Her musical talents did not go unnoticed. She was the Chapter and State Music Chairperson, and played the piano at the Northeast Regional Conference



in Boston in 2001. Unfortunately Yvonne passed on March 15, 2017 due to complications of Alzheimer's. Yvonne will be greatly missed. This year we are dedicating our walk to the memory of Yvonne Husbands in the Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, September 24, 2017, in Boston. Please join our walking team, or sponsor our team by finding us on act.alz.org. Team: Alpha Iota DKG, Captain: Nanci Flaherty.

Alpha Gamma

In honor of World Fellowship, Evelyn Sinni, a member of Alpha Gamma Chapter, presented a travelogue of her recent trip to Russia. Evelyn shared pictures, artifacts, and intriguing anecdotes of travelling on the river cruise and her time in Russia. Members enjoyed this informative and entertaining evening during our March meeting at the Publick House in Sturbridge. Alpha Gamma sisters are pleased to welcome four new members into the chapter during the May meeting.



These young women represent talented educators, relatively new to the field, but already earning the respect of their peers who were proud to nominate them for membership. In keeping with a long-standing service project, the chapter will be observing "literacy night" in May. Members bring books to donate, or funds to purchase books. The donations are then given to Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. The books are sent home with new mothers to encourage read-aloud to young children and underscore the importance of reading in the home. Our chapter also wishes to recognize Natalie Januskiewicz for the excellent job she did in leading a moving necrology service at the recent state conference.



Chapter Membership Awards

Save the Date
September 29-30, 2017
Fall Workshop at Boxboro Regency
Agenda and Registration
found on our webpage at
<http://alupsma.weebly.com>

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1. To **unite** women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship;
2. To **honor** women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education;
3. To **advance** the professional interest and position of women in education;
4. To **initiate, endorse, and support** desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators;
5. To **endow** scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries;
6. To **stimulate** the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action;
7. To **inform** the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.