



“Chatterbox”

Delta Epsilon
Jackson chapter of Alpha Delta State and Delta Kappa Gamma International

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

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Important Dates:

- Deadlines for *The Voice* – February 1, 2012
- Many DKG Scholarships are due - Feb 1, 2012

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Blooming Roses...thoughts from your chapter president



I enjoyed attending the Fall 2011 Executive Board Meeting. There are so many exciting things going on with Alpha Delta State, but I can

only share a few of the highlights in this small space. I will provide a copy of Norma's letter with the full day's activities to anyone who wants one.

*State Convention: April 20-22, 2012 @ Easton. Communication Committee will hold two workshops on chapter websites; Personal Growth & Services will

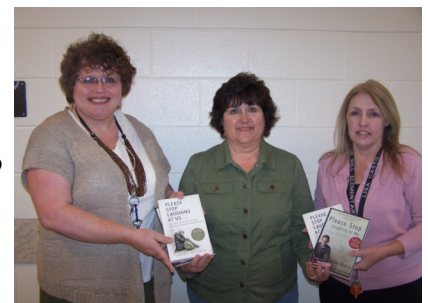
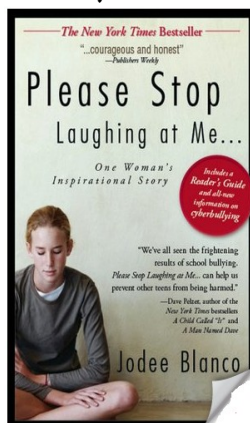
again host wellness sessions in the morning and encourage members to bring art work; Music Committee invited members to join the state chorus.

As always, there are many scholarships available with deadlines approaching very soon. I will share more details of the meeting with you at our upcoming chapter meetings.

See you soon, Debby

.....President’s Project update

Our chapter recently held a fund raiser to purchase books by nationally acclaimed anti-bullying expert Jodee Blanco. Ms Blanco traveled to Jackson last week to address students at Jackson Middle School and High School then ended the day with a community event. In conjunction with these events, she donated copies of her books, *Please Stop Laughing At Me* and *Please Stop Laughing At Us* to the Jackson City Schools. As part of our chapter's President's Project, we decided to donate copies of those same two books to the Oak Hill Union Local School District and Wellston City Schools. Ms Blanco was more than happy to autograph the copies of her books that were purchased by our chapter. We are still a little short of funds to cover the costs of the ten books. If you did not participate in the fund raiser, you can still donate money to cover the cost of the books.

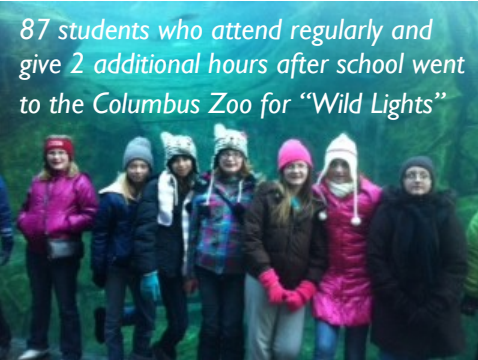


Right Photo: Karen Spees OHHS/MS Guidance Counselor; Debby Canter, Delta Epsilon President; and Lisa Casto OHE Guidance Counselor

Jackson’s After School “Success Program”by Debby Crabtree

During the 2010-2011 school year the Jackson City Schools were able to open two new after-school programs with one for students in grades kindergarten through five at Southview Elementary and one for students in grades six through eight at Jackson Middle School. The two new programs were in addition to those held at both Northview and Westview elementary

schools which began in 2009. Students in grades nine through twelve attending the Center for Student Achievement were also provided with cooperative programming to meet their unique educational needs. The Success program provides fifteen hours of tutoring and enrichment activities for students each week. Students were able to receive homework help daily and sign up for a variety of enrichment activities on a monthly basis. These group activities included arts and crafts, games, fitness, music and drama, journalism, science, cooking, and computer activities.



87 students who attend regularly and give 2 additional hours after school went to the Columbus Zoo for “Wild Lights”

At the end of each school day students who were participating in the program were given a snack, provided with homework help and tutoring, and then supervised in the activity period selected for that month. Over 200 students participated in each program held on regular school days from October 2010 until April 2011. Special cultural activities also included a field trip for middle school students to see The Nutcracker performed at the Ohio Theatre in Columbus in December 2010. Jackson Middle School students also hosted an art exhibit of the outer space photography of Dr. Mario Batista and visited an art exhibit at the Markay Cultural Arts Center in Jackson. Family nights were held throughout the year focusing on literacy, math, and science and were well attended at all of the buildings. The Success program provides employment for over 150 persons who support the program as tutors, assistants, nutrition aides, and bus drivers.



Thirty color Nooks were purchased and during the Family Night parents were able to learn this technology.



The history club has been studying local history and was able to go to the local Lilian Jones Museum.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers are funded by competitive grants awarded through the Ohio Department of Education and are renewable for a five year grant period. The four projects in Jackson are the result of a partnership between the Jackson City School District, The Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center, and a large number of community organizations and businesses willing to offer their support for the programs. Jackson staff, students, families, and community members have expressed an overwhelming appreciation for the programs and look forward to their continued “Success” for our students in the

Doctoral Degree Awarded..... Full article on Dr. Nancy Russell-Fry



An Oak Hill teacher and Wellston resident recently received her Doctorate of Education degree at Ohio University. Dr. Nancy Russell-Fry, Ph.D. received her degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a cognate area of cultural studies. Russell-Fry has been an elementary and middle school art, music, language arts and social studies teacher. In addition, over the years she has been an advisor and instructor for Master's level graduate programs, as well as being a featured speaker at education related meetings and conferences on topics including Data Driven Decisions, Cultural Connections, Technology Integration and others. During the pursuit of this degree, Dr. Russell-Fry received the Fulbright Memorial Teacher award and studied education and culture in Japan. Later, she was granted the A. Margaret Boyd Fellowship through Delta Kappa Gamma that allowed her to study the education system and culture of the United Kingdom focusing on Wales. Her dissertation, which is now published, is entitled *A Phenomenological Case Study: South-eastern Ohio Rural White Teachers Understanding of*



At the ceremony, Dr. Russell-Fry was hooded by her advisor and author, Dr. Adah Ward Randolph.

Currently, Nancy serves as a teacher and the Curriculum and Technology Integration coach through an ARRA grant at Oak Hill Middle/High

“TransGlobal and MAT in biological science”



Friday Dec 16, 2011 Delta Epsilon Member Kim Lewis will travel to Miami University in Oxford, OH to receive her Master's Degree in biological sciences in the Global Field Program (GFP). GFP brings Master's degree candidates, scientists, educators, community leaders, and others together at conservation hotspots in Africa, Asia, Australia, and the Americas for firsthand experience with inquiry-driven education, environmental stewardship, and global understanding. Kim has



A Coolamon is a tool that was used by Aboriginal women.

traveled to Belize, Trinidad, and most recently Australia where she was Open Water Scuba Certified on the Great Barrier Reef.



Photo: Kim at the Plum Mitan Presbyterian Elementary School, Trinidad, W.I. One of the trips thru the GFP.

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Meeting Reminders:

December 19, 2011

- Monday Regular Meeting at the Markay Cultural Arts Center in Jackson
- Carry in dinner with optional ornament exchange

March 10, 2012

- Saturday Tri-Meeting at the University of Rio Grande
- Turn in new member applications

April 16, 2012

- Monday Regular meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson
- Vote on new members

May 21, 2012

- Monday Regular Meeting at LaRosa's in Jackson
- Induction of new officers



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a professional honorary Society of **women educators**. The Society promotes professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education.

Established in **1929**, Delta Kappa Gamma has attained major objectives in improving opportunities for qualified women employed at every level of education, as well as in advancing the status of women educators. To this end, the **Purposes** set forth by the **Founders** continue to embody the spirit of the Society. The Purposes have grown and changed over time, but continue to be as valid in today's contemporary world as when first adopted. **Membership** is by invitation only and considered a prestigious honor with a variety of **benefits and privileges**.

From the Delta Kappa Gamma International Website: <http://www.dkg.org>

Chapter President Notes/Dates from Fall Executive Board Meeting

- *Legislative Committee: Legislative Day May 14, 2012 STRS and State Board of Education
- *Leadership Development: sessions are being planned for new chapter presidents in June 2012
- *International Convention: New York City July 2012
- *75th Anniversary Committee: Celebration at State Convention April 12-14, 2013; all chapters are asked to submit a group picture by Feb 1, 2013
- *Biennial Seminar: July 2013 in Chillicothe (YEA! it's really close so I'm hoping that many of you can participate)



Southern Ohio Performing Arts Association at the Vern Riffe Center for Performing Arts in Portsmouth, Ohio



"Sleeping Beauty"
performed by the
Moscow Festival
Ballet
Thursday,
January 12, 2012 at
7:30 pm

McKinley Box
Office Ticket
Information

Is open

Mon - Fri 10am

to 5pm

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"In the Heights"

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 7:30



This is the story of a vibrant community in Manhattan's Washington Heights—a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is always light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams, and pressure—where the biggest decisions will be which traditions you take with you and which ones you leave behind.