

GAMMA GOSSIP

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

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SUMMER SERENADES

"Could have been longer".....Karen Obenluk

"Traveling with Deb was great! Not long enough!".....Marcia Wiss

"Very full, but rewarding".....Arlene Corriveau

"Busy, but rather uneven".....Evelyn Shurtz

"Saw Picasso Exhibit".....Kay Diggs

"Missouri was hot--over 100° every day--Michigan--beautiful".....Harriet Larson

"Next summer will be better!".....Cathy Stratton

"Taught summer school--pre first grade--camping near Rogers City".....Pat Laarman

"Had the best time traveling East with my husband and finding old clocks!".....Barb Braadley

"Drove around the West with 2 friends and my aunt for 30 days--California and Colorado--visited friends and my daughter".....Alice Marks

"N.Y.C., Petoskey, Traverse City. Loved the traveling.".....Debbie Houck

"My husband and I were both laid-off. We enjoyed the first few weeks just being together. We worried together the last few weeks! (Now that we're both working, the vacation begins!)".....Sherry Green

"Our family went out west this year--Denver--Mesa Verde--Phoenix--San Diego--L.A.--San Francisco--Salt Lake City--Chicago".....Georgie Watson

"Williamsburg, North Carolina, western Virginia, swimming and relaxing at our place in Florida.".....Betty Bauer

"Ah--Myrtle Beach! The sun--the beach--the ocean! 5 weeks to play beachcomber, collect shells, walk off miles and eat glorious fresh seafood. To read books is my delight.".....Simonne Grzesik

"Enjoyed my family and played golf, swim and read the days away.".....Fran Seing

"Historical route this summer--camping with 5 families--Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Shenandoah Valley. Enjoyed a visit from my sister from Florida with new baby nephew (3 mo.)".....Joan Syon

"2 week intensive Econ class at Albion college. Drove north to see and west coast down to San Francisco--2 weeks; 2 weeks in Berkeley, Cal.".....Shirley Vahlstrom

"2 weeks in Northern Michigan. I met Gwen Frosio at her studio in Benzonia." . . . Irene Finkbeiner
 "My vacation was part of a conference I attended--Hawaii on the island of Kawaii. Then toured the rest of the islands for a glorious experience."
 . . . Dorothy Bentley
 "Traverse City--stayed at a cottage on Long Lake 1 mile from Interlochen. Excellent time!" . . . Suzanne Bacinski
 "Uneventful but pleasant." . . . Grace Morgan

*****DON'T FORGET*****

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I'm coming.

*****DID YOU KNOW*****

Delta Kappa Gamma was founded on May 11, 1909 by eleven women educators. Dr. Annie Jeb Blanton, who originated the idea for the society, had hoped fifteen women would help organize the original group, but several women were fearful of criticism from their masculine employers or lacked faith in the venture.

The original group included a grade teacher, a dean of women, two high school teachers of history and one of mathematics, three elementary school principals, college teachers of psychology, physical education and elementary education. Dr. Blanton, herself, was professor of rural education at the University of Texas.

The first constitution listed five purposes for the group:

1. to unite women teachers who have achieved prominence in the teaching profession.
2. to confer distinction upon women who are recognized as leaders in teaching.
3. to furnish an organization through which women teachers may work for better school legislation.
4. to provide an organization through which women teachers may work for equal recognition of women with men in professional organizations of teachers.

... provide financial aid to capable women preparing for the
teaching profession.

The women met until the early morning hours formulating the guidelines
of a society which was destined to become the largest of its kind in the
world. What started as a stand by a few dedicated women in Austin, Texas
has grown into an international organization.

*****MARK YOUR CALENDAR*****

Thursday, December 9, 1980 - CHRISTMAS MEETING
A Yuletide Evening at Greenfield Village

7:00 - 10:00



*****HELP*****

If you have any topics, articles, or information you would like to
see in the Gamma Alpha News, please let Sandy Becher or Esther Loskowske
know. We are looking for ways to make our newsletter better.

CONFIDENTIAL TO SHERRY GREEN-

I think this newsletter proves that my typing is worse. I'll try to b
do better in the future. A new typewriter without falling t's would help.
Bear with me—I should get better.

*We're ready for retirement - How about you?
Check the next page for your scores.*

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING?

Too long? Not long enough? Ready to retire?

Here's a test to help you answer these questions. Simply respond yes or not to each item. An analysis of your score appears at the end of the test.

1. Do you murmur "no cuts" when a shopper squeezes ahead of you in a checkout line?
2. Do you move your dinner partner's glass away from the edge of the table?
3. Do you ask if anyone needs to go to the bathroom as you enter a theater with a group of friends?
4. Do you hand a tissue to anyone who sneezes?
5. Do you refer to "snack time" instead of "happy hour"?
6. Do you ask guests if they have remembered their scarves and mittens as they leave your home?
7. Do you say, "I like the way you did that" to the mechanic who repairs your car?
8. Do you say, "Are you sure you did your best?" to the mechanic who fails to repair your car?
9. Do you sing the "Alphabet Song" to yourself as you look up a number in the phone book?
10. Do you say everything twice? I mean, do you repeat everything?
11. Do you fold your spouse's fingers over the coins as you hand him/her the money at a tollbooth?
12. Do you ask a quiet person at a party if he has something to share with the group?

If you answered yes to more than two of the above items, you are hooked on teaching.

If you answered yes to more than half of them, you're probably beginning to think about retirement.

If you answered yes to more than ten, you'll always be a teacher, retired or not!