

**Omicron News**

Omicron Chapter, Alpha Beta State

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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**Message from the President**

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**Next Meeting:** **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**

Place – Westminster High School
Program – Personal Safety, Bruce Lohr, Maryland Crime Prevention Unit

Donation Collection: Non-perishable food items for the WHS Food Pantry (most requested items: cereal, white rice, canned pasta, peanut butter and jelly)
Raffle – Women In the Arts Committee (Terry Eckard, Chair)

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***Mission Statement:***

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

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***Alpha Beta State Convention at Solomons Island***

 The Alpha Beta State Convention will be held on April 21-23, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in beautiful Solomons Island. One of the highlights of the Convention will be the Presidents's Banquet and seeing the chapter presidents, including our own Kathleen Brunnett, honored for their service to the state chapters. Members with fifty years or more will also be recognized.

 Several workshops are planned for this meeting including an hour and a half tour of the Calvert Marine Museum (registration is limited to the first 25 people who sign up for a cost of $6.00), a session that will provide skills to assist in genealogy research in which free and paid online sites will be examined, a make-it-and-take-it workshop (no skills needed for this), and a session featuring hot topics. To learn more about these fun workshops and to print out a registration form, you can find all of the information that you need in the Spring ABS Newsletter at <http://omicrondkgmd.weebly.com/publications.html>.

 In order to stay overnight at the Solomons Island Holiday Inn, call the Holiday Inn’s booking desk at 410-326-6311 and use the code A8A. A double room is available, with all taxes included, at $143.19 per night.

 The deadline for room reservations is April 7, 2017. You won't want to miss another fun Delta Kappa Gamma outing and a chance to mingle with sisters from our chapter and across the State!

***Omicron Spring Outing***

 Save the date of **Saturday, May 6** for a field trip to **Hampton National Historic Site** located in Towson off of Dulaney Valley Road. It's just a short ride into Baltimore County to visit the beautiful Georgian mansion and gardens established in the early 1800's. The mansion and grounds are owned and operated by the United States Park Service.

 Tours of this beautifully restored mansion are given on the hour. Admission is free. This trip is open to all chapter members, family and friends. We will either car pool or simply meet there.

 For a group tour, I will need a count of those who plan to join me for the visit. I'm still working out the details regarding the meeting time and arrangements for lunch at a local Towson restaurant. Those details will be forthcoming at our April meeting.

 I am open to suggestions for a place to meet for lunch in the Towson area. You can contact me, Iris Wingert, at iwingert3@comcast.net.  For more information about the Hampton National Historic Site, visit -  <https://www.nps.gov/hamp/index.htm>.

***Don’t Forget the Spring Fundraiser:***

***Gift card orders are due by our next meeting, March 14***



**May Meeting Dinner Reservation Form**

**May Dinner Meeting at CCCTC on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.**

Send $12.00 to Stella by Friday, May 6 or bring to the April meeting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Amount enclosed: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma; Omicron Chapter

Mail to: Stella Letras; 2128 Herbert Ave.; Westminster, MD 21157