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Forward

Milestones was written to honor and record the significant achievements and decisions made by key women educators of Alpha Delta State in the past seventy years. The milestones included give the reader an overview of Alpha Delta State from 1938 – 2009.

Organized by decades, the historically significant United States and world events are presented as a backdrop to the milestones noted in education, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Alpha Delta State.

The milestones presented illustrate the advancement of our Society in Ohio. The researchers' intent was to create a publication that is readable and easily referenced. Any errors or omissions are the responsibility of the committee.

Appreciation Award: Alpha Delta State

The Appreciation Award was first presented during the biennium of **Millie Holzer** (Beta Zeta) to honor a member who had served Alpha Delta State for many years in a number of state offices and committees, but had never served as state president.

- 1998 Louisa Strock
- 1999 Arlene Ackerman
- 2000 No Award
- 2001 No Award
- 2002 Marie Pfeiffer
- 2003 Catherine Ondrejovich
- 2004 Pat Zook
- 2005 Rosemary McLaughlin
- 2006 Martha Burkhart
- 2007 Judy Logan
- 2008 No Award
- 2009 Edna Hansen



Catherine Ondrejovich, Marilyn Slusser (2001-03) and Marie Pfeiffer.

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Chronology of Grants-in-Aid

Three @ \$150	1960
Grants of \$200	1961
Nine recipients	1975
Ten @\$400	1984
Nine @\$400 Green Corsage	1985
Nine @\$400	1986
No report	1987
Ten @\$600	1988
Eleven @\$600 Renamed: Incentive Grants for College Seniors	1989
Eleven @\$700	1990
Nine @700	1991
Seven @\$700	1992
Seven @\$700	1993
Seven @\$700	1994
Five @\$700	1995
Nine @\$900	1996
Six @900 Re-named: The Esther H. Strickland Student Teaching Grant	1997
Six @\$900	1998
Six @\$900	1999
Nine @\$900	2000
Six @\$900	2001
Ten @\$900	2002
Five @\$900	2003
Ten @\$900	2004
Ten @\$900	2005
Ten @\$1000	2006
Ten @\$1000	2007
Ten @\$900	2008
Ten @\$900	2009

As We Began...1938

By the end of the 1930s Americans were recovering from The Great Depression. During the decade people had learned to entertain themselves inexpensively with movies, dancing to the big bands, reading mysteries, and listening to the radio for news and entertainment. Disney produced the first feature-length animated cartoon, “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs,” Americans enjoyed laughing with Fibber McGee and Mollie, Burns and Allen, Bob Hope, Jack Benny, W.C. Fields, and the Marx Brothers. “The World of Tomorrow” was introduced in 1939 at the New York World’s Fair. New York’s memorable skyscrapers, the Empire State Building, Chrysler Building, and Rockefeller Center were completed during this time. Advances in medicine included new and safer blood transfusions, blood banks, and improved anesthesia.

Public education was also affected by difficult financial times. School boards sought strategies to keep schools open without operating funds. School terms were shortened, teachers’ salaries were cut and parents provided in-kind resources to keep the education process afloat.

In support of women educators, Delta Kappa Gamma established Ohio as the 28th state dedicated to honoring women in the field of education. **Margaret L. White** was instrumental in making the contacts to recruit female educators in Ohio. Delta Kappa Gamma founder, **Annie Webb Blanton** from Texas, mentored her as a student and later as a teacher. In 1938 Margaret was Elementary Supervisor with the Cleveland Public Schools.

Initiated Cleveland, Ohio
 January 22, 1938
 by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton

Inyrie ~~Donna~~ ~~Judson~~
 Marie Gagle
 Amelia Kirkland
 Edith M. Keller
 Chloe D. McShinchay
 Alice Rosemond
 Alada V. Ranft
 Mabel Syinger
 Edna Morgan
 Nancy Kathryn Baswell
 Bette R. Wyson
 Alice Adams
 Margaret L. White
 Ida W. Baker

**Signatures from end pages in Constitution and By-Laws
 of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, 1937**

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| Nature, Nostalgia, and Nasturtiums
Sandra Sutherland (Zeta)
Holiday Inn, Mansfield | 2003 |
| A Palette of Promises
Pat Zook (Beta Theta)
Findlay Inn, Findlay | 2005 |
| A Timeless Adventure
Linda Porteus (Beta Omega)
Carlisle Village Inn, Walnut Creek | 2007 |
| Rockin' On the River – Cincinnati
Center Stage
Marlene Vorheer (Beta Nu)
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza | 2009 |



Pat Zook and Donna Myers (2003-05), June 2005

Golden Anniversary (Biennial) Seminars

Theme-Name/Coordinator/Location	Date
Holistic Health and the Professional Educator Doris Rey Coy (Gamma Mu) Hilton Inn North, Worthington	1988
The Language of Laughter Donna Wolford (Gamma Mu) Lenox Inn, Columbus	1990
Creating a More Effective You – Personally, Socially, Professionally Millie Holzer (Beta Zeta) and Louisa Strock (Beta Zeta) Lenox Inn, Columbus	1992
Rising to New Heights in a Diverse Society Marilyn Slusser (Delta Kappa) Lenox Inn, Columbus	1994
Making the Most of Yourself Rose Seck (Alpha Mu) Atwood Lake Resort, Delroy	1997
A Kaleidoscope of Culture Delores Snyder (Gamma Pi) Hampton Inn, Youngstown	1999
A Patchwork of Life’s Little Pleasures Charlotte Shrider (Beta Zeta) Sauder Village, Archbold	2001

Annie Webb Blanton initiated sixteen founders into Alpha Delta State on January 22, 1938. They were from all parts of the state and became founders of a number of local chapters. From these women the first state officers were selected.

Additional women teachers living outside the Cleveland area were invited to be state charter members. Initially, they were not members of any chapter. Eighteen were initiated on January 22, 1938 and paid their fees and dues to the state treasurer, **Ida M. Baker**. Alpha Chapter formed January 22, 1938. State founders formed chapters in all parts of the state.

<i>FOUNDERS OF ALPHA DELTA STATE AND LOCAL CHAPTERS</i>
Margaret L. White (Alpha)
Virginia Sanderson (Gamma)
Alice Rosemond (Omicron)
Cecelia M. Fish (Alpha Epsilon)
Alice Blair Adams (Alpha)
Ida M. Baker (Alpha)
Amelia Kirkland (Beta)
Mary Kathryn Boswell (McClosky) (Theta)
Mabel Dysinger (Alpha)
Marie Gugle (Gamma)
Edith M. Keller (Gamma)
Elfreda Littlejohn (Theta)
Chloie McGlinchay (Gamma)
Edna Morgan (Alpha)
Bertha Nixson (Theta)
Aleda Ranft (Alpha)

1938-40

- **Margaret L. White** (Alpha) founding member, first state president and first chapter president of Alpha
- Ten chapters founded in 1938
- Membership increased to fifty-eight chapters by the end of the biennium
- First convention held at Cleveland's Hotel Cleveland, October 13-14, 1939
- Dues were \$3.00 plus \$1.00 scholarship fee
- **Ida M. Baker** (Alpha) founding member, first state treasurer



Margaret L. White (1938-40)

Alpha Delta State Convention Award

This award was first presented at the 1984 Convention to honor the chapter with the highest membership percentage in attendance at the Convention.

Delta Chi	1984	Delta Beta	1997
Delta Omicron	1985	Delta Kappa	1998
Beta Psi	1986	Delta Kappa	1999
Alpha Beta	1987	Beta Sigma	2000
Alpha	1988	Delta Kappa	2001
Delta Zeta	1989	Delta Kappa	2002
Eta	1990	Delta Kappa	2003
Gamma Nu	1991	Delta Kappa	2004
Beta Sigma	1992	Zeta	2005
Delta Sigma	1993	Zeta	2006
Gamma Rho	1994	Zeta	2007
Beta Rho	1995	Delta Chi	2008
Gamma Omega	1996	Delta Mu	2009

