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FALL 2011

National President Message

Fall 2011

The recent XXXIII National Alpha Mu Gamma Convention, hosted by the Alpha chapter at Los Angeles City College from October 20 – 23, was a huge success! I would like to thank Eiko Chatel, our National Secretary and Alpha Chapter Advisor for all of her hard work in planning, promoting and implementing all of the daunting aspects of the convention. The language professors at LACC should also be recognized for all of their commitment, participation and friendship. Hisham Malek, the National Executive Secretary and Editor of the AMG Newsletter, certainly deserves recognition for his commitment to the organization and his tireless efforts in promoting the event. Many thanks to all of you for welcoming us to your campus in beautiful, sunny Los Angeles to celebrate AMG's 80th anniversary!

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve another two years as National President and am pleased that Patty Pang has agreed to continue serving as the National Vice President. The list of all Executive Board members and regional Vice Presidents has been sent to all chapters and is also included in this newsletter.

All chapter advisors should consider sending information on Alpha Mu Gamma Scholarships to the full members of their respective chapter. There are three main scholarships (\$1000 each). The fourth scholarship, which is solely for students of Esperanto and Spanish, is valued at \$400. Please strongly encourage your students, especially language majors/minors to submit applications. Information on the various scholarships and application forms are included in this newsletter.

I would like to encourage the Regional Vice Presidents, as well as the advisors of all active chapters, to contact the sponsors of inactive chapters in your respective regions to encourage them to activate their chapters. Also, I urge all Regional VPs to solicit proclamations from their respective state governors for National Foreign Language Week 2012. If you know of a college or university in your area that does not already have a language honor society on campus, please contact the language department to see if there is an interest in establishing a chapter. Those attending ACTFL or other language conferences also have opportunities to promote the establishment of Alpha Mu Gamma chapters. Inquiries regarding the establishment of new chapters may be directed to the National Office or to me.

I look forward to working with all of you over the next two years!



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Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
ewilkinson@fairfield.edu

**From the desk of the National Executive Secretary
and the Advisor of Alpha Chapter**

It is with a deep sense of relief and resolution, I am writing this report of the satisfactory completion of the 33rd Convention and the 80th Anniversary Celebration of Alpha Mu Gamma at the founding college, Los Angeles City College. We at the department of Foreign Languages and Humanities at Los Angeles City College want to express our thanks to those who participated in this event.

When I look back, I cannot help but recognize so many people who helped make this happen. First of all, the understanding and assistance, which I received from our Administration, led by our president, Dr. Jamillah Moore, and the president of our Academic Senate, Dr. John Freitas was invaluable. Thank you to Mr. Robert Schwarz from the LACC Foundation for the financial help. Without their support, the convention could not have taken place. And finally, and most importantly, the hard work and enthusiasm I received from my colleagues at the department. Their continuous help and encouragement was the key to the success of this convention. I also received great assistance from Mr. Hisham Malek at the National Headquarters, for which I am grateful.

This issue of the Newsletter, which is coming to your electronically, contains detailed and varied news and facts of the Convention.

I am looking forward to hearing exciting news from all of you.

Eiko Kitajima Chatel
Alpha Mu Gamma, National Executive Secretary
Chair Foreign Languages and Humanities
Department
Los Angeles City College



Message from the Administrative Assistant:

We would like to reiterate the following points, many of which we have been raised and emphasized previously in earlier issues of the Newsletter.

1. Please note that the National Executive Council, at its meeting during the 33rd National Convention held on 21-22 October 2011 in Los Angeles City College, adopted a resolution that the **Newsletter, from now on, will be circulated in an electronic format and not published in paper format.** This will save the Society some monies: printer, mailing costs etc. It will also make it easier for chapters' advisors to forward, with little effort, the Newsletter, electronically, to their chapters' members, so as to ensure it is read and viewed by all.
2. It has been a long-standing policy of the National Office not to accept individual students' checks as payments. (In the past we have been burned when checks have been returned to us by our bank, stating that the payee's account has been closed, or there are insufficient funds, etc. In such cases we lose both the original amount plus the penalty imposed by our bank for returned checks (\$15 per check). We therefore suggest that chapter advisors collect the individual students' checks, deposit them in his/her account and then make out one check drawn on his account. If this is not feasible, then the students have to send their payments in the form of money orders. If this course of action is not followed, any order received with individual students' checks will be returned to the chapter unfilled.
3. Concerning the plastic membership ID cards. Please be aware that, once we receive the names of the candidates or initiates, we send the names to our embosser, located in Florida, electronically for embossing our card stock. Once done, the embossed cards are mailed back to us. The process takes no less than two weeks at the least. That is why we ask chapters' advisors to electronically send the names of the candidates to us, before mailing out the order form. That way some time in the process is shortened.
4. We again ask advisors to inform us of any change in their names (title); changes in the institution's name (college to university); changes in the mailing address; changes to their e-mail address etc.
5. And we plead with advisors who, for one reason or another relinquish their position as chapter advisor, to attempt to talk to some of their colleagues and persuade them to take on the responsibility of chapter advisor.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and we look forward to continuing a positive working relationship with all. At the same time, please keep in mind that I am the only person working in the National Office, so sometimes errors may occur, but inadvertently!

"To err is human, to forgive is Divine".



National Executive Council

MINUTES

Los Angeles City College

October 21-22, 2011

Friday 21 October 2011: at 7:30 A.M.

The following Council Members were present:

Dr. Eileen Wilkinson	National President
Prof. Patty Pang	National VP
Prof. Eiko J. Chatel	National Executive Secretary
Dr. Jose Morin	National Treasurer
Dr. Earl Thompson	Chair – Intercultural Relations Committee
Prof. Sally Shulmistras	Chair – Scholarship Committee
Dr. Catherine Campbell	Regional VP – Missouri
Dr. Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson	Regional VP - California, Oregon & Utah

Highlights of some of the issues discussed and decisions taken were:

The National Executive Secretary reported on the situation of the Society and recited some facts indicating how well the Society was doing e.g. number of new chapters established since 2009 (9 chapter) and number of full member inductees since 2009 (3,998 up to May 2011). Prof. Chatel added that she will give priority to updating the Society' web site and hopefully to do so before the end of 2011.

The National Treasurer then presented his report concerning the financial situation of the Society: both the checking account balances and the investment funds. Here he emphasized that due the vagaries of the financial markets, the value of investment had gone down tremendously in the last year or so. *He made it clear that, for countless years, the scholarships money awarded had come from the Society checking account and not from the investment account set aside for the scholarships.* He indicated that, overall, the financial situation was satisfactory although the expenses for the 33rd National Convention will make a dent in it!

Election of the new National President & National VP; was discussed. Prof. Patty Pang, the incumbent National VP, and who by tradition (although nothing written) always assumes the position of the National President, explained her situation vis-à-vis her university and the fact that she would be leaving her institution in May 2012, and stated that she was willing to carry on as National VP. Dr. Eileen Wilkinson, the incumbent National President was asked if she would continue occupying her position for another two years. She agreed to this. The Council accepted, overwhelming, this arrangement, with the understanding that if the circumstances of the Patty Pang changed, she would assume the position of National President in two years time i.e. at the next national convention.

The Intercultural Relations Committee.

Dr. Earl Thompson, the incumbent chair, declared that he was stepping down, as he had served for more than 24 years in that position. He nominated Dr. Beatriz Gomez-Acuña (Regional VP for Illinois & Michigan) for this position. The nomination was accepted by all present.

The Scholarship Committee:

The Committee, which is chaired by Sally Shulmistras, has Patty Pang & Lynn Margolies as members. The optimum membership should be three in addition to the Chair. Dr. Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson volunteered to serve as the third member. This was accepted without any objections. Dr. Eileen Wilkinson added that at the end of her tenure as National President in 2012, she would be willing to serve on the Committee.

It was also suggested that from now on the Scholarship application forms would be sent electronically as either PDF or Word attachments by e-mail and that there will be no mailing by regular mail. Emphasis was to be placed on the need to make sure that all applicants are meeting all the requirements.

The Newsletter:

It was decided that to save postage, the issues of the ***Newsletter will be sent electronically, as a PDF file, by e-mail to all chapters and not by regular mail.*** Dr. Wilkinson volunteered to design the front page (logo part) of the Newsletter.

The question of providing individual copies to members came up and it was made clear that any member wishing to have a copy has to pay a one-time subscription of \$5. However, this question is now academic as the Newsletter will only be available electronically, and therefore any interested individual wishing to receive copies of the Newsletter, should provide his/her e-mail address so it could be sent electronically to him/her.

It is hoped that chapters' advisors will forward the electronic issues of the Newsletter to their members.

Membership Dues:

It was agreed that the present National dues of \$25, would remain as is for the foreseeable future.

The National Office wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to the following chapters for their contribution to the AMG Scholarship Fund. As we had stated on many occasions before, it is not the amount of the contribution that counts, but the gesture and consideration behind it. We have to clarify that the Scholarship Fund generates no income, except as dictated by the vagaries of the financial markets. At present we have suffered a large loss!

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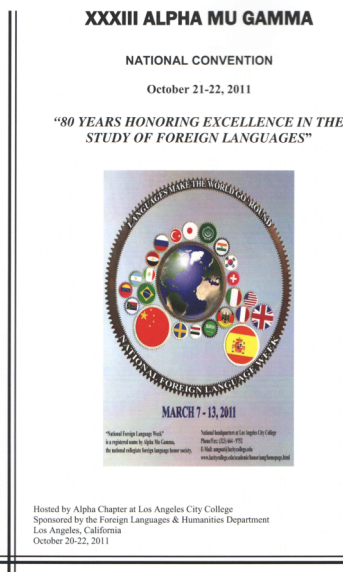
\$20

Mount Mary College

Alpha Omega

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XXXIII ALPHA MU GAMMA CONVENTION



As most of you are aware by now, the 33rd AMG National Convention was held at Los Angeles City College, hosted by Alpha chapter, on 21-22 October 2011. By all accounts and comments it was a very successful convention, well organized and well attended. There were 25 presentations,

which were enthusiastically well received. We had a number of students from different chapters presenting (and it is something we wish to encourage in future AMG conventions. As the students members form a vital element of the Society. In fact the Society is geared to recognizing and honoring their excellence in the study and pursuit of foreign languages and cultures).

Included in this newsletter are various items from the convention, as well as texts and photographs.

We sincerely hope that this will encourage more chapters to attend and participate in future AMG conventions. The 34th convention, hopefully, will be held in 2013. We ask all of you to start looking into the possibility of attending and participating.

XXXIII ALPHA MU GAMMA PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

All presentations will be given in Jefferson Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

1) "The Gateway to Self-Actualization: The Study Abroad Experience."

"After time spent studying abroad in Germany, both Jennifer & I will discuss our experiences and how they have impacted and enriched our lives, self and perspective."

Presenters: Kaitlyn Devlin & Jennifer Infante – Students
Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut

2) "Chinese Tea Ceremony"

3) "Kaleidoscope of learning: Cervantes and Bacon"

"I will present some common points in Cervantes' Don Quixote and Exemplary novels and The Advancement of Learning to advance learning and make it popular and accessible to many."

Presenter: Dr. Montserrat Reguant
Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, California

4) “How the Humanities can Encourage Second Language Acquisition”

“My paper discusses how a Humanities Curriculum outside of Foreign Language classes can support the foreign language acquisition. I teach a multicultural world cultures Humanities curriculum which emphasis global community and global citizenship, and the complex interactions between cultures. My students get a strong sense of the history of cultural interactions and conflict world wide and learn that one of the necessary tools needed in the world needed in the world today is foreign language acquisition. This paper will discuss the courses I teach on globalization and cultural exchange, and that ways in which this curriculum emphasizes foreign language skills as a necessary component of contemporary education.”

*Presenter: Dr. Andrew Walzer
Foreign Language & Humanities Department
Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, California*

5) “The History of Alpha Mu Gamma: A personal Perspective.”

“As a member of the National Executive Council for almost 30 years, and a former National President of the Society, Dr. Earl Thompson has a unique perspective on our Society. He will reflect on the history of Alpha Mu Gamma and the person who have contributed to its development and success. Dr. Thompson is also the chair of the Intercultural Relations Committee of the Society and has, over many years contributed much in the process of producing the National Foreign Language Poster and the Week’s Theme annually.”

*Presenter: Dr. Earl G. Thompson, Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages
Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois*

6) “Teaching Spanish Vocabulary with Children’s Songs”

*Presenter: Dr. Lourdes Morales-Gudmundsson
La Sierra University, Riverside, California*

7) “Woman in a Christian Mirror”

“Woman in History in different languages in the Holy Scripture & finally comparison”

*Presenter: Father Markos R. Hanna
Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church
Los Angeles, California*

8) “German – That Extraordinary Second Cousin to English”

“A light-hearted, often humorous view of the relationship between German and English using spelling, verbs, adverbs and nouns of interest as well as some “false friends”. Using the overhead projector I will show the audience the usage the special connection between the two languages: mutual grammatical spellings that make these 2 “Germanic” or “Teutonic” languages so special as well as closely related.”

*Presenter: Eve Lee
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California*

9) “Home Town is a Fig”

“English Translation of a short story I originally wrote in Chinese. It was published both in the US and in China ... A young Chinese immigrant was Americanized in many ways, but memories of her hometown stayed with her through the years, even the ones she was not fully aware of. One night, she met a middle-aged businessman from Beijing, whose name triggered the unfolding of a memory deeply hidden inside her.”

*Presenter: Huaiyu Helen Liu
Foreign Language Department, Los Angeles City College
Los Angeles, California*

10) “Integrating Free Web 2.0 Tools to Promote Oral Communication & Interaction”

“Participants will learn how to integrate several easy to use, no-download Web 2.0 tools to promote oral communication and interaction in their classes. Practical ways of how these tools are effectively incorporated into course curriculum and teaching methods in order to enhance language acquisition are also demonstrated. Participants are encouraged to discuss and share ideas and experience as well. Hand-outs with detailed instructions and access to these technologies will be distributed.”

*Presenter: Thuy-Kim P. Le
Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona*

11) "European Study Abroad"

"In this presentation I will be discussing my experiences in France and Spain while studying abroad as a French and Spanish major. I studied in Caen, France (northwest) for four months and in Granada, Spain (southwest) for one month."

*Presenter: Jacob Daniel Watson (Student)
Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana*

12) "Differences in Writing of three Major Asian Languages"

*Presenters: Eiko Chatel, National Executive Secretary
Chair: Foreign Languages & Humanities Department
Mikey Hong – Korean Instructor
Richard Liao – Chinese Instructor, Los Angeles City College
Los Angeles, California*

13) "My Moroccan Experience"

"This presentation will cover my experiences as a French major studying abroad in a francophone country. I will speak about the culture of Morocco including daily life, religion and other major aspects that affected my time abroad. I lived in the capital Rabat, but had many opportunities to travel."

*Presenter: Lisa Drake (Student)
Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana*

14) "The Triple Heritage found in West African Francophone Literature."

"In the literature of authors from Cameroon, Senegal, and Guinea we see the influence of the continent of Africa, of Islam and of France. We will see how three different authors each present this heritage in one of their works."

*Presenter: Sally Shulmistras
Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana*

15) "Language Diversity Profits Business"

*Presenter: Assumptia Oturu - Student
Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, California*

16) "A Study Abroad Experience: Discovering Chile"

"The presentation will be a description of Chile and Chilean Culture, highlighting aspects of the culture such as language, food, familial relations, friendships, geography, and education. The purpose of the presentation is to inspire students to consider studying abroad, and more specifically, look at Chile as a realistic option for all that it offers as a nation."

*Presenter: Hannah Mistovich - Student
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
West Chester, Pennsylvania*

17) "Language & Narration in Cervante's 'Don Quijote'"

"I will look at the various levels of narration in 'Don Quijote', analyzing in particular the purported sources of information available to the narrator. This evaluation will lead to the conclusion that 1) the various information gaps are logical and explicable, and 2) there are other, unnamed, sources that the narrator within 'Don Quijote' makes use of to relate his tale."

*Presenter: Matt Borden
Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin*

18) "Implementing 'Shadowing' in the College Classroom"

"Shadowing is known as a method to train simultaneous interpreters, but recently it is gaining attention among language teachers as an effective method to improve listening and speaking skills ... The presenter will report on the implementation of shadowing at the first and the third year college levels and on its effectiveness in each level. For the first year, this will include shadowing effectiveness in listening, speaking, grammar and vocabulary. For the third year (a course in the language of Japanese Popular Culture), this will focus on men's and women's speech styles, honorific expressions and dialects. Students' sample recording will be prepared. The use of Wimba Voice Board for recording and materials (a recording by instructors of the text of a folktale for the first year, a movie and TV drama for the third year) and grading system will be explained ..."

*Presenter: Miko Foard
Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona*

19) "Language & Narration in Cervantes "Don Quijote"

"I'd like to discuss the power of language in this book and present an argument for teaching it in Spanish as opposed to English, backed up with example of meaning, humor, and depth. I'm really impressed with Cervante's grasp of Spanish in all its dialects and colors; it seems there are really four languages in this book: the rustic colloquial jargon of the goat herders and laborers; the language of common speech among equals; the higher formal language of the educated and the nearly incomprehensible archaism of Quijote and the ancient poetry. These come to interact in interesting ways: Sancho's grammar is constantly corrected and ordinary folk don't understand a word that Quijote says, but the language also serves to elevate literary and philosophical conversations."

Presenter: Hunter McKenzie -Student
Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin

20) "The Challenge and Rewards to Teaching in a Study Abroad Program"

"My paper will use the example of the study abroad program that I designed and run each year in Rome, Italy as a way of exploring the specific pedagogical and logistical challenges and rewards to teaching and coordinating a study abroad program. It will also demonstrate the value of such programs to teaching language and culture and advancing the study of modern languages and literatures among undergraduates and will conclude by discussing the various options open to college looking to start their own study abroad initiatives."

Presenter: Dr. David Aliano
College Mount Saint Vincent, Astoria, New York

21) "An Artistic Adaptation based on the play the 'House of Bernarda Alba' by Federico García Lorca."

"In my presentation I will discuss a poem I wrote for my Spanish literature class based on the famous play; "The House of Bernarda Alba" by the Spanish playwright Federico García Lorca. My poem contains the voices of the five most important female protagonists as they discuss their lives, hidden desires and expectations. The voices intersect and echo each other to underline the main themes of the play."

Presenter: Elizabeth Majerczyk -Student
Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois

22) "Spanish Children's Literature in the 20th Century: Elena Fortún and José María Sánchez Silva"

"In my presentation I will discuss several examples of children's literature produced in Spain during the first part of the 20th Century, contrasting the texts written under the Second Republic and under the first years of Francisco Franco's dictatorship. Elena Fortún, creator of the famous series "Celia", presents the progressive ideas of the Second Republic while José María Sánchez Silva, who wrote the novel "Macelino Pan y Vino, echoes the social and political ideals presented in Franco's *nacional catolicismo*."

Presenter: Michelle Petersen - Student
Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois

23) "Student Study Abroad"

"Why Study Abroad is Important"

Presenter: Sandra Yarina Parada- Student
Northridge University, California

24) "Real Time Interpreter/Translator Availability via Technology"

"As a Spanish interpreter, I have witnessed lots of compensated incompetence in high places when it comes to the "pro-dog" syndrome? Safeguards must be instituted to protect interpreter/translators and the receptors of information of the service we provide and those who create the technology that we need."

Presenter: Denise Cecilla Neal
Spanish Interpreter, Los Angeles, California

25) "Post Spanish Civil War Blues: The Significance of Selected Elements of Social Theatre in "Historia de una Escalera" by Antonio Buero Vallejo"

"In this presentation the Settings, Characters and Language will be examined as they relate to social theatre in 'Historia de una Escalera' by Antonio Buero Vallejo."

Presenter: Phyllis Cooper
Norfolk State University, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Keynote Speaker

Gordon Berger. PhD of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, the well-known expert in Japanese culture, was the Keynote speaker at our 33rd Convention.

The title of his presentation was:

“What has the Study of Foreign Language Done for Me in My Life?”

" ... without any exaggeration, I can't think of very much in my life that hasn't been affected by my experiences of learning and using foreign languages.

First, foreign languages and a sense of agency: How does the study and use of foreign languages help us feel that we are able to handle the world we live in, more or less competently? It's the opposite of feeling helpless.

Second, foreign languages and the development of personal identity: How does exposure to, or immersion in, foreign language experiences help us establish a sense of who we are in the world?

Third, foreign languages and the capacity for empathy: How does using – especially, trying to understand – a foreign language promote our ability to put ourselves in someone else's shoes, to understand the world or situation from another person's perspective? This is the capacity that allows us to understand someone else, a vital ability in forming healthy human relationships.

Fourth, foreign languages and friendships of all kinds: Since we can feel able to handle responsibilities, to have some sense of who we are, and to have the ability to put ourselves in the position of someone else – these all enable us to have relationships with others, and especially friendships. Of course, when we have friendships in different languages, it's only possible to do so if we have foreign language skills ourselves! But that's only one way in which experiences in foreign languages help us have relationships with others.

And fifth (because I won't have time for more), foreign languages and work: We all know so well how rewarding it is to teach, and use, foreign languages professionally, and how valuable an asset that capability can be in a globalized world. But there is much more to be said about this subject later.

So to conclude, from my perspective, it may not show up in your syllabus, but know well that when you're teaching your students foreign languages and cultures, you're truly helping them develop life-skills having nothing at all to do with communicating with foreign students or travelling to Europe on vacation, or working in the Tokyo financial markets. You are, in fact, doing nothing less than helping them become human, and providing them with skills they can use to create rich and fulfilling lives and relationships and professions for themselves."

[Any reader interested in obtaining the full text of his remarks should contact us and we will e-mail the entire text.]

A short synopsis of Dr. Berger's academic career highlights:

B.A. Wesleyan University, Connecticut (History), 1964 (Phi Beta Kappa)
M.A. Yale University (East Asian Studies), 1966
Ph.D. Yale University (History), 1972
Ph.D. Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute, 1990

2008-Present Professor Emeritus (Japanese History).

1991-Present Registered Research Psychoanalyst, certified under RP40 to practice psychoanalytic psychotherapy by the California State Medical Board

Department of History, University of Southern California. Los Angeles,

Selected as Distinguished Lecturer in Japanese Studies by the Northeast Asia Council, Association for Asian Studies (1985)

Japanese Government, Order of the Rising Sun, with Gold Rays and Neck Ribbon, 2009

Distinguished Scholar, International Cultural Society of Korea (1987)

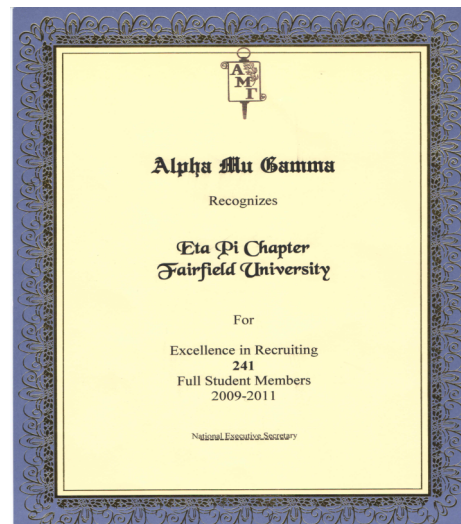


Prof. Eiko Chatel, National Executive Secretary, presents Dr. Gordon Berger with an Alpha Mu Gamma honorary membership at the XXXIII National Convention

Chapter Recognition

During the Society's 33rd National Convention, a certificate recognizing and lauding "**Eta Pi**" chapter for its high students induction, was presented to Dr. Eileen Wilkinson, co-advisor of the chapter.

"**Eta Pi**" chapter inducted a total of 241 full members into the Society during the period 2009-2011.



Alpha Mu Gamma**BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

The following is a list of AMG National Conventions since the founding of the Society. We thought it might be of interest to chapters who have hosted them, but have no record or recollection of the events. It is hoped that this list may inspire chapters to think about hosting our next National Convention ...

The 34th!

First	December 20-21, 1935	Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA
Second	April 11-12, 1938	Epsilon – Chico State College [CSU-Chico], Chicago, CA
Third	March 17-19, 1940	Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA
Fourth	March 28-30, 1942	Xi – UC – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Fifth	March 20-21, 1948	Xi – UC- Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Sixth	April 1-2, 1950	Alpha – Los Angeles City College. Los Angeles, CA
Seventh	April 5-6, 1952	Phi- Valley College, [Los Angeles Valley College] LA,CA
Eighth	April 10-11, 1954	Gamma – Long Beach City College, Long Beach, CA
Ninth	April 14-15, 1956	Nu – UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
Tenth	April 11-13, 1958	Xi – UC – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
Eleventh	May 7-8, 1960	Psi – USC, Los Angeles, CA
Twelfth	May 5-6, 1962	Alpha Beta – Marymount College. Palos Verde, CA
Thirteenth	April 18, 1964	Psi – USC - Los Angeles, CA
Fourteenth	April 23, 1966	Sigma – Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA
Fifteenth	March 22-24, 1969	Gamma Xi -Wilbur Wright College & Delta Pi, Southwest College, both in Chicago, Illinois
Sixteenth	April 2-4	Alpha Xi – College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY
Seventeenth	April 26-28, 1973	Delta Epsilon –M.I.I.S, Monterey, CA
Eighteenth	1975	Epsilon Rho – Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska
Nineteenth	1977	Gamma Rho – Casper College, Casper, Wyoming
Twentieth	April 6-8, 1979	Gamma Sigma – California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA
Twenty-first	April 2-3, 1981	Zeta Xi – Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX
Twenty-second	March 4-5, 1983	Beta Iota – Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, CA
Twenty-third	Feb. 22-23, 1985	Iota Pi – Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas
Twenty-fourth	Nov. 1987	Kappa Nu – Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA
Twenty-fifth	March 16-18, 1989	Iota Theta – Anderson University, Anderson, IN
Twenty-sixth	March 19-21, 1992	Beta Chi – Cardinal Stritch College [University], Milwaukee, Illinois
Twenty-seven	March 24-26, 1994	Epsilon Chi – Oklahoma City University. Oklahoma City,
Twenty-eighth	January 18-21, 1996	Kappa Omega – Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona, FL
Twenty-ninth	Sept. 24-27, 1998	Lambda Omega–Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA
Thirtieth	March 29–Apr., 2001	Eta Pi – Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
Thirty-first	Sept. 14 – 16, 2006	Gamma Rho – Casper College, Casper, Wyoming
Thirty-Second	Oct. 15-17, 2009	Eta Pi – Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
Thirty-Third	Oct. 20-22, 2011	Alpha – Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA

National Foreign Language Week



The 2012 National Foreign Language Week poster has been mailed out to all chapters. If any chapter did not receive a copy, please e-mail us and we will mail a copy out to you.

Any chapter that desires to have another copy, please send \$3 to cover S&H.

The following is directed to the Regional VPs:

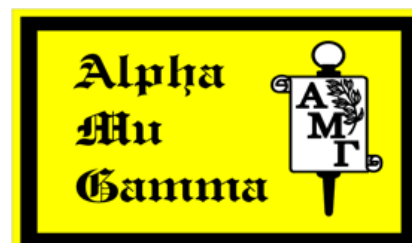
As is the usual practice every year, would you please consider writing to your State Governor, around the second week of January, requesting the issuance of a gubernatorial declaration commemorating the Week?

Also would any other chapter advisor whose chapter falls outside the State of the Regional VP for that Region, consider volunteering to approach their respective state governor for the same purpose. In most cases governors of states will only accept a request from a resident of that state! To avoid duplication between chapters in the same state, we ask those chapters' advisors to send us an e-mail indicating their willingness to do so, before actually taking any further step, so that we can coordinate the efforts and avoid duplication i.e. two chapters from the same state writing to the state's governor. A list of Regional VPs and their regions appears in another part of this Newsletter.

AMG BANNERS

The National Office would like to remind chapters that they can order AMG banners. The banner is 4ft. x 3ft. and it is made of tough plastic with grommets for hanging. The banner is durable and, with care, should last for years. It can be used for all type of chapter activities and other occasions, indoors and outdoors. The banner is bright yellow in color and the lettering and logo are in black. The banner has a black border running all along the outside. The cost per banner is \$85, which includes shipping & handling.

At present we have three banners in stock. If more are needed, we can order them as required. The turn-around time is about 2 weeks.



Alpha Mu Gamma
THE NATIONAL ALPHA MU GAMMA SCHOLARSHIPS
2012-2013

The following opportunities for scholarships in the year 2012 are available through the National Scholarship Committee of Alpha Mu Gamma, on a competitive basis to all students, **FULL** members of Alpha Mu Gamma (undergraduate & graduates). **The scholarships must be used for continued study of a foreign language** and may be applied to study at any accredited academic institution during summer or fall 2012-2013.

1. **Three \$1000** *Goddard, Indovina & Krakowski Scholarships.*
2. **\$400** *James Fonseca Scholarship for the study of Esperanto or Spanish.*

Application packets have been emailed to all chapter advisors, who should distribute the information to AMG members at their academic institutions. If you did not receive the scholarship information, please contact the National Office.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Lynda Durham, a past National President of AMG.



Lynda Durham
October 6, 1949- June 18, 2011

Lynda Durham began her career as a Spanish instructor at Caspar College in 1983 and retired in 2008. She was the chair of the Department of World Languages as well as an energetic and dedicated Faculty Advisor to the Gamma Rho Chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma (established in 1965) from 1985 until her retirement. She attended two AMG National Conventions and she used fund raising activities, her favorite being the selling of chocolate advent Calendars from Germany, to bring few students with her to the conventions. Under her direction, the chapter hosted a very successful 31st convention in September of 2006 at which time she became National President of AMG. Unfortunately, she was not able to complete her term due to her declining health.. When she retired in 2008, she planned on traveling with her husband Harry, playing the piano, horseback riding, and working on needlepoint projects. Lynda passed away on June 18, 2011.

Alpha Mu Gamma

NEW ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2011-2013

National President:

Dr. Eileen Wilkinson (Fairfield University, Connecticut – Eta Pi chapter)

First Vice-President:

Patty Pang (Arizona State University – Arizona – Iota chapter)

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Eiko J. Chatel (Los Angeles City College, California, Alpha chapter).

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Dr. Beatriz Gomez-Acuna (Elmhurst College, Illinois, Theta Upsilon chapter)

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[1] Alabama: [Vacant]

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Patty Pang (Arizona State University - Pi chapter)

[3] Arkansas, New Mexico & Texas:

Dr. Miguel Estrada (Houston) Baptist University, Texas - Iota Rho chapter)

[4] California, Oregon & Utah:

Dr. Lourdes E. Morales-Gudmundson (La Sierra University, Riverside, CA- Gamma Tau)

[5] Carolinas:

Dr. June C. D. Carter (University of South Carolina, Spartanburg, SC - Nu Iota chapter)

[6] Colorado, Idaho, Montana & Wyoming: [Vacant]

[7] Dakotas:

Katherine Stevenson (Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota – Mu Rho chapter)

[8] Delaware, Maryland, the Virginias & Washington D.C.:

Dr. Dominick DeFilipps (Wheeling Jesuit University, West Virginia – Mu Nu chapter)

[9] Florida:

Jeanne R. Gilleland (St. Petersburg College, Florida – Lambda Delta chapter)

[10] Georgia:

Dr. Ivan Ruiz-Ayala (Georgia University, Georgia – Theta Kappa chapter)

[11] Illinois, & Michigan:

Dr. Beatriz Gomez Acuna (Elmhurst College, Illinois - Theta Upsilon chapter)

[12] Iowa & Minnesota:

Mark Bates (Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa – Zeta Delta chapter)

[13] Kansas & Nebraska:

Dr. Liborio Gomez (Benedictine College, Kansas – Iota Pi chapter)

[14] Indiana & Kentucky:

Lynn Margolies (Manchester College, Indiana - Nu Gamma chapter)

[15] Louisiana & Mississippi:

Dr. Linda Lassiter (Southern University, Louisiana – Beta Sigma chapter)

[16] Missouri:

Dr. Catherine Campbell (Cottey College, Missouri – Kappa Gamma chapter)

[17] New England States:

Angela Tauro (Fairfield University, Connecticut – Eta Pi chapter)

[18] New York:

Rev. Martin Conkling (Concordia College, NY- Nu Pi chapter)

[19] Wisconsin:

Matt Borden (Carthage College – Kenosha – Pi chapter)

[20] Oklahoma:

[Vacant]

[21] Pennsylvania & New Jersey:

Sandra Laurie Reynolds (Raritan Valley Community College, New Jersey – Mu Sigma chapter)

[22] Ohio & Tennessee:

Dr. Frank Triplett (Mount Union College, Ohio, Theta Nu chapter)

[23] US Virgin Islands:

[VACANT]

(As may be noted, there are several positions [Regions] that have not been filled. Any chapter's advisor from a "vacant" Region, interested in becoming a Regional V.P., should inform us, as soon as possible; and he/she would be so designated without a vote! Also, if there is a chapter's advisor from a region containing several States, and he/she wishes to act as advisor for his state only, then he/she should inform us, on the condition that the present Regional V.P. for that region is not from the same state? And we will split the region accordingly).

NOTICE TO ALL CHAPTERS

As you can see from the list of Regional VPs, we have increased our services to you. Please stay in touch with the your Regional VP in your area and please let him/her help you with anything you need ... That is what they are there for and they are anxious to work with you in any way that facilitates your functioning. You may even find it interesting to get together with them and members and advisors of other chapters in your region/area!

