



Keynote 2023 PA State Convention Speaker: Kim Kluxen Meredith

Kim Kluxen Meredith retired from teaching in 2014 after a long career as an ESL teacher/coordinator for the Donegal School District and as a High School Spanish teacher in both the Donegal and the Hempfield School Districts in Pennsylvania.

Prior, Kim enjoyed a brief career as a commercial litigation paralegal at White and Williams law firm in Philadelphia and at Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Kim's sudden widowhood, at age forty in 1993, was the catalyst for her new-found writing career. Her first book, *Listen for the Whispers: Coping with Grief and Learning to Live Again* (Cable Publishing 2010) won a 2013 Silver Medal from the Military Writers Society of America in the spiritual/inspirational category. It became her platform book for speaking engagements both nationwide and in Canada for Soaring Spirits International, a grief support organization. Kim also conducted two radio broadcasts with Open to Hope, another national grief support foundation. In addition, her numerous grief focused articles have been published in various print and in on-line magazines.

In 2018, Kim's second book, *Ocean Whispers* (Yurchak Printing), was released and continued her theme of *whispers*. It is a collection of her photographs of forty-two seashells that she discovered in Ocean City, New Jersey along with corresponding inspirational thoughts.

Today, inspired by her grandchildren, Kim has shifted her focus to writing children's picture books. For the illustrations, Kim partnered with an accomplished Lancaster, Pennsylvania artist, Lisa Madenspacher.

Together they have produced three story books about the

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Susan Perkins, SW Regional Director



Susan Perkins is the current Southwest Regional Director for DKG International. She has been a member in DKG for over 25 years and has been involved in a variety of leadership roles in the Kansas State Organization, including State President, Membership Chair, and is currently serving as Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. She has also previously served at the International level as a member of the Golden Gift Committee and assistant to the Leadership Management Seminar, 2018, and member of the Educator's Book Award Committee.

Susan is currently an Assistant Principal/Director of Curriculum and Testing at Goddard High School in Goddard, Kansas, and has been in education for over 33 years. Her experience has been at the elementary, intermediate,

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President's Message

Eileen Little, Chi

DKG PA State President 2021 – 2023



Spring is coming and so is our 2023 PA State Convention!! The officers, chairs and committees are all busy getting ready for convention. This *Keystoneian* is full of news about our convention, chapters news, and articles about members' enrichment grant experiences. So, get your beverage of choice and sit back and take some time to read and enjoy *The Keystoneian!*

The Chapter Presidents and the Leadership Committee met via Zoom on January 17, 2023. We discussed Purposeful Seminar and 2023 State Convention. Membership was the other topic for this Zoom meeting. Second Vice President Marcie Erickson shared lots of great information and where to find resources regarding membership on both the International and State Websites.

It was with regret that I accepted the resignation of Bonnie Barnes, our State *Keystoneian* Editor. I formed an ad hoc committee to search for a new *Keystoneian* Editor. The committee members are Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta, Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta, Susan Allen, Chi, Karen Hallowell, Nu and me., the chair for this ad hoc committee. We are accepting applications until **March 5, 2023**, and the job description and application are on the PA website. Please consider applying and getting involved at the State level!

This year's Purposeful Seminar is on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. There is an orientation meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the evening and then the seminar is all day Wednesday 7:30 AM–3:30 PM. Royce Boyd, First Vice President, has planned a wonderful day that is educational, service oriented and lots of fun! Check out all the articles in this *Keystoneian* and sign up to participate! Space is limited to 50 people.

PA State Convention 2023 opens on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, with something new: *Nibbles & Network!* What a great way to network with members about common interests and get something to eat and drink. Next on the schedule will be the Album of Distinction ceremony and reception. We are adding an Art Gallery to the reception! You will have time to enjoy the artwork of PA members who have been featured in the International Gallery. Our EEC Social is music bingo - a great way to relax and have fun!

Thursday, June 22, 2023, will include the First Timers breakfast, First General Session, AM & PM workshops, Celebration Luncheon, and the President's Banquet. There will be 6 workshops in the AM and 6 workshops in the PM. They are all personal & professional growth workshops and many offer Act 48 credits. Something for everyone! Our International guest is Susan Perkins, Southwest Regional Director. Susan will share an International Update at First General Session and a Roundtable Discussion during the PM workshop time. Our Keynote speaker is Kim Kluxen Meredith. She will be

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Purposeful Seminar 2023

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta First Vice President/EEC Coordinator



A focus group of members convened with State President Eileen Little and 1st Vice President Royce Boyd recently to discuss the future of our state organization. One of the many suggestions offered was that “we need to DO more.” Taking advantage of the location of our upcoming state convention in Lancaster, PA, we saw an opportunity to “DO more” with two unique local organizations that respond to basic human needs and work for peace and justice in communities worldwide.

For our 2023 Purposeful Seminar DKG will become part of the stories of the Mennonite Central Committee and Ten Thousand Villages. At Ten Thousand Villages, we will learn how opportunities for women artisans in developing countries earn income by bringing their products and stories to their markets through long-term, fair trading relationships. You will have an opportunity to shop with intention for ethically sourced handcrafted wares and to share in the joy of empowering women to break the cycle of generational poverty.



After an included continental breakfast at the Wyndham, Kitchen Kettle Village in Intercourse, PA, we will stop at the Ten Thousand Villages store and visit all that Lancaster County has to offer – homemade baked

goods, jams and jellies, good food with unexpected touches, one-of-a-kind shops, and a working canning kitchen. Lunch here will be on your own.

In the afternoon, we will arrive at the Mennonite Central Committee headquarters in Akron, PA where we will learn about their relief and development efforts to help uprooted and vulnerable people in 45 countries. We will actually participate in the activities related to this work by volunteering our time on projects in which they have the most immediate need at the time. During the evening presentation before our visit, you will select the volunteer job that fits you best. Look elsewhere in the *Keystonian* to see the list of materials that we will be donating for the Relief and School Kits that through the convention attendees. **(see pages 14-15)**

The cost for the Seminar of Purpose includes:

- ~ Evening presentation at the Wyndham by Mennonite Central Committee and Ten Thousand Villages personnel with refreshments on June 20th
- ~ Continental Breakfast at the Wyndham on June 21st
- ~ Coach transportation from the Wyndham to Intercourse and Akron, PA and return in time for Convention activities on June 21st.

Make your reservation at the Wyndham for June 20th, one day before the state convention begins. You will receive the convention rate.

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presenting a workshop in the morning and speaking at our Celebration Luncheon. During each event Kim has a different focus and message. Check out the articles in this *Keystonian* to learn more!

Friday will include Celebration of Life, Honors Breakfast and Second General Session. Celebration of Life is a lovely ceremony to honor our sisters who have passed away. Scholarships, enrichment grants and the Nancy Grove Visionary Award are all part of the Second General Session. I love hearing what our members are doing!

The 2023 International Conferences are all on the International website. Schedules-At-A-Glance are posted as you choose which conference to attend. Mark your calendar now to attend and learn what

DKG is all about beyond your Chapter or PA State!

- ~ Michigan, Detroit, July 11-16, 2023, The Westin Book Cadillac
- ~ Arizona, Phoenix, July 18-22, 2023, Sheraton Wild Horse Pass
- ~ Finland, Tampere, July 26-29, 2023, Tampere Hall

PA State is Forward Moving Ever!

Eileen





Time Is Running Out!

Nancy Schnell, Chi
State Achievement Committee Chair

Bring your chapter to the front. Crow about the great work a member does for your chapter. It takes a bit of time, but **time is running out**, to complete the State Achievement application. You know there is someone that really deserves recognition in your chapter. The **March 15, 2023, deadline** is just down the road. Be the chapter to set an example for all the other PA chapters. Be the one to take the time to nominate a deserving DKG member. Nominating a member in your chapter creates the opportunity for other chapters to hear about all the great achievements of your chapter.

The **2023 Pennsylvania State Achievement Award** will be awarded to a member, at the 2023 State Convention in Lancaster, PA. This prestigious award

is given to a member that best meets the requirements and has promoted the purposes and policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Pennsylvania State Organization would like to honor an outstanding member. The nominee must be an active member and have a minimum of ten years membership in the PA Organization of DKG. The complete list of criteria for selection is outlined in the Achievement Award Guidelines on the DKG State Website.

Remember - the nomination form must be **submitted by March 15, 2023**, to Nancy Schnell, Chi, State Achievement Chair. Contact information, Achievement Award Guidelines, and the Nomination form can all be found on the DKG State Website (dkgpa.weebly.com)

Time is running out! The nominee must be kept in complete confidence. *Only the nominator and the State Achievement Award chairman* will know the nomination is being made.



In the recent issue of *DKG News*, Jan/Feb 2023 issue, Dr. Becky Johnen, Alpha Beta, was added to the Zoom Presentations offered nationally to our Canadian DKG Sisters. At the New Orleans International Convention, Canadian attendees were inspired by Becky's *words of wisdom* and invited her to speak at an upcoming 2023 National Zoom meeting. Becky will focus on adapting to change, another challenge of the 21st century utilizing excerpts from her book, *Facing the Sunshine and Avoiding the Shadows: Strategies to Stay Sane and Positive Amid Change (2013, Inspiring Voices)*.

Finance Committee Report

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa
State Finance Chair

The State Finance Committee will soon be meeting to prepare the budget for 2022-2023. To ensure that our budget meets the needs of the Pennsylvania State Organization, we are requesting that all State Committee Chairs and Officers submit budget requests by **March 15, 2023**. Requests can be

sent to Mary Wilhelm, State Finance Chair. If we do not receive a request, the Finance Committee will assume that your committee is satisfied with your current level of funding.

I also want to remind chapter presidents that I recently sent an evaluation form for your chapter to complete asking for input on the performance of either the State Treasurer, the State Webmaster, or the *Keystonian* Editor. Please return your evaluation to Mary Wilhelm by **April 1, 2023**. This

survey will be used to determine their stipends for the coming year.

Also a reminder that chapter bank statements, all receipts, and budget reports should be maintained for four years. Copies of the Membership Form 18 should be maintained for seven years. Thanks to all chapter Finance Chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in keeping the chapter records in order and for sending forms and information to the State Treasurer and the State Finance Chair in a timely manner.

2023 - 2025 Nominees for Leadership - PA State Organization

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon Nominating Committee Chair

This has been a unusual double biennium for many of the members of DKG. The officers and committee members have worked very hard to keep the continuity of our organization strong. I personally want to thank my State Nominations Committee for their dedication and hard work. The members are: Barbara Clark, Psi; Carol Lane, Alpha Zeta; Amy Miehl, Erie; Haddie Weber, Alpha Ph; Diane Whitaker, Omicron; Amy Radford, Beta Rho; and Clare Flynn, Alpha Kappa. These women have dedicated their time and effort to strengthen the state and chapter leadership for the future.

Thank you very much.

Barbara L. Gasperini State Nominations Chair

Nominee for President Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

Royce Boyd is presently holding a position within the PA Department of Education, Approved Community Evaluation for PreK Counts Programs. She is also the 1st Vice President/EEC Chair of PA State, DKG. Other positions she has held are: 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair; Parliamentarian; Finance Chair; Leadership Development; and registration volunteer.

At the chapter level she is the Finance Chair and a newsletter committee member. She has also held the offices of chapter president and both vice presidencies.

Her professional experiences and honors include: 2019 to present Community Evaluator; Program Manager; 2018-2021 Adjunct Professor St. Francis University; 2005-2017 Central Office Administrator; 1990 -2005 Building Level Administrator; and 1982-1990 Middle School Teacher. Experience relevant to the nominated position of State President is 2017 to present, Board President, Central PA Digi-

tal Learning Foundation.

Her vision for the PA State Organization: *"I want to transform our organization into a viable and sustainable multigenerational society for our current and future members, with the help and support of the membership by using active communication, active participation, and the development of relationships that stretch across the state organization.*

Viability and sustainability mean making DKG affective for all members. Our founders provided us with a mission, a vision and seven purposes that has set the foundation for our society to achieve viability and sustainability. However, Annie Webb Blanton also provides another piece of advice for us to heed...be progressive, keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. Don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your ways that nothing can change you."



Nominee for First Vice President Marcia (Marcie) Erickson Beta Epsilon

Marcie is presently serving as Librarian, for grades 7-9, and is Department Chairman for the Holidaysburg Area School District. Her current DKG positions are: State Second Vice President; Membership and Expansion Committee Chair; and Leadership and Professional Development Committee Member. At the chapter level she is Corresponding Secretary and Webmaster.

Marcie has attended many International Conventions since 2014. She presented a workshop and was an Inspirational speaker in Austin, TX. In 2022, DKG Next Think Tank and Golden Gift participant was added to her activities. At Regionals, she attended and presented a workshop in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

In addition to her present position at the state level, she was Corresponding Secretary and presented

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many workshops on *Say What/ Say STEM; Going Global; Advanced Geocaching; and Post Crossing*. She was banquet speaker - My DKG Journey.

At the Chapter level, she went through the officer chairs and was also a presenter of many programs, such as *Financial Literacy*, and *Rubber Stamping*.

Since 1995, from the Hollidaysburg School District, her professional experiences and honors are numerous, which is a tribute to her skills, awards, and accomplishments. As a writer, mentor, advisor, and coach she has gained many ideas that will help her in the leadership of individuals. These skills and experiences relevant to the position are a tribute to her outstanding leadership skills.

Her vision statement for the PA State Organization: *“DKG `s mission, vision, and purposes*

are transformative. I credit the women of DKG for contributing to my personal and professional growth since my 2008 induction. I have been gifted with the wisdom, the passion, and the fellowship of a special group of women at all levels of the organization: chapter, state and International. The reason I want to serve as a state officer is to pay tribute to the DKG women who have encouraged and supported me, in addition to inspiring me. I want to “pay it forward” by celebrating members` achievements and empowering them to pursue their professional and personal aspirations. Encouraging members to take advantage of the opportunities and relationships that active engagement provides is another important objective, and pursuing it along with developing relevant programs and projects will create new leaders, thereby contributing to the Society`s sustainability.”

Nominee for Second Vice President Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa

Since her induction in 2009, Kristine Reynolds has been very active in her chapter as Second Vice President, First Vice President, President, Parliamentarian, Treasurer and served on several committees.

At the State level she is currently serving as Recording Secretary and in the past as Corresponding Secretary, Communications Chair and a workshop presenter at the Leadership and Professional Seminars. Kristine has also attended regional and international conventions.

She began her teaching career in Maryland before accepting a position at Fairfield Area School District for 7th grade Language Arts. She is very active in her district serving in many leadership roles including the Fairfield Educational Association Treasurer, teacher trainer of Schoology SuperUser, Learning Focused Schools trainer and as a member of the Student Assistance Program Team. Kristine was honored to receive the Shippensburg University School Study Council Outstanding Teacher Award for Fairfield Area School district in 2008.

Having served in both Secretarial positions within the society she has achieved the necessary communication skills to provide important information to members at all levels of the society. Her

organizational skills as well as being flexible and adaptable enable her to meet the needs of an occurring situation. She is looking forward to learning what chapters are doing and to providing support to induct and retain members in those chapters struggling with membership.



Her vision statement for the PA State Organization: *My vision for the Pennsylvania State Organization is to help the society grow both in membership and in purpose. Whether a chapter is strong, consistent, or struggling with membership, it is important to provide chapters with the necessary strategies to invite, induct, and retain members. Encouraging collegiate and early educators to join will bring new ideas that are impacting education into the society for current members to support. Now, more than ever, it is essential for current educators to advance both personally and professionally in the purpose of the society. It is the job of the venerable members of our society to promote this advancement, encourage their involvement in activities and programs of study and provide support for their endeavors. It is my hope that as Second Vice President I can promote all types of membership and help provide opportunities for members through the support and encouragement of the State Officers, chapter presidents, and all members.*

Nominee for Finance Committee Kay Stuart, Pi

Kay is a member of Pi Chapter where she has held the offices of Treasurer, President, 1st and 2nd VP and Past President, and many other committee chair positions. She also achieved the Pi Chapter Achievement Award. Since 1994 Kay has attended the State Conventions and was awarded the State Enrichment Grant and a State Scholarship. She has chaired and participated on many state Committees. For many years she was the Organizer and Registrar from 2006-2012 for the Creative Arts Retreat. 2nd VP and 1st VP, Purposeful Seminar Organizer in Lewisburg is added to her duties. PA State President topped her list of achievements from 2013-2015. Closing her duties at the state level Kay was past president, Nominations Committee Chair and Leadership Development Chair.

At the International level, she has attended conventions since 2008 and has presented workshops at several conventions. She was Constitution Committee Chair, Takeaway Presenter, Credential's Committee Chair, and on served on the International Leadership Development Committee. She assisted with Golden Gift Info Fair and Assisted with Leadership Development Fair, as theme speaker. Kay was awarded the Leadership Management Golden Gift Seminar in 2012.

Her professional experiences and honors relating to serving on Committees was advisor of the year, PA Association of Student Councils, District 7 Director, Dean of Students SWS Coordinator, teacher, Northern Tioga School District, PA Principal Certification and District Principal in Galeton Area School.



Her vision statement for the PA State Organization: *Kay's Vision for the state is that the state organization must move forward with events, projects and programs that enhance the growth of members, non-member women educators, and children. As the state leadership team plans for these, the Finance Committee must consider the cost while balancing the value of implementing these activities. Diminishing income requires careful consideration of expenses, and that our money is spent wisely. If the programs and events no longer are relevant and valuable to our members, financial support of those programs should be removed. Relevant and emerging programs will need to receive funding, yet with a responsible eye on the planning and implementation. Hard decisions may need to be made. I feel that I have experience in this process and am willing to share that knowledge with the state Finance Committee.*

Nominee for Finance Committee Carolyn Smith, Alpha Theta

Carolyn Smith was inducted into Alpha Theta Chapter in 2018 and has been the chapter treasurer for 3.5 years. Outside of DKG she has been active in the Armstrong Educational Association on the audit committee for 8 years and building representative for over ten years. She also served as student council advisor, junior high volleyball assistant coach, varsity/JV softball assistant coach, musical assistant director and stage crew manager.

Her vision statement for the PA State Organization: *All organizations, regardless of size, should be fiscally responsible. I believe that it is important that all expenditures are completed with transparency for the membership and done with responsibility to our membership as they have instilled us with their trust. I also believe that members of the Finance Committee have a responsibility to question financial expenditures so that members are getting the most benefit from their monetary contributions. Sound financial planning helps prepare the Pennsylvania State Organization for success in the upcoming years.*



Nominee Finance Committee Trisha Dilick, Alpha Theta

Due to a 2022 vacancy in this committee, Trisha Dilick stepped into the position. Her qualifications of steppingstones, from 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents to Chapter President, where she worked with members of her chapter in preparing and supervising the chapter budget, plus her one year on the Pennsylvania State Organization Finance Committee, helped her with modifications, annual review, and supervision of the state investments. Trisha also has over 17 years of experience as an educator, a 6th grade department chair, and is in charge of the schools' backpack program for 75

students. Her skills as working in a team, personal skills working with all types of personalities, and the specific backpack project shows dedication and commitment.



Her vision statement for the PA State Organization:

“to keep it changing and updating with the times. We need to keep reframing DKG to stay relevant to all of our members. As a member of the finance committee, we need to be sure that our finances meet these changes and allow us to be a thriving state organization for years to come.”

Nominee for Nominations Committee Gisele Rinaldi, Chi

Meet Gisele Rinaldi, one of the newest members of the DKG Pa State Nominations Committee! A VERY active member of DKG, she has been part of several state committees over the years, including Visual and Performing Arts, Projects, Membership/Expansion, Educational Excellence, and most recently, World Fellowship. Gisele is a familiar face at our State Convention, where she has been part of the State Chorus and has been a workshop guide. She's also active in Chi Chapter (Lancaster County), where she has served in many roles as well, ranging from committee member to Chapter President! Currently, Gisele is working as a third grade teacher in the Penn Manor School District. She's also served on the Penn Manor Education Association Scholarship Committee, worked as a parent volunteer for the Penn Manor High School Thespian Society, and has been a program volunteer for Junior Achievement of South Central PA in several capacities. As if her qualifications weren't enough, she's also a genuinely kind and passionate person who gives her all to any project she's involved with.

Her vision statement for the PA State Organization: *“An outstanding educator demonstrates a lifelong love of learning and a willingness*

to participate in creative forms of study to further her own knowledge. She cultivates a safe, caring environment by nurturing positive teacher-student interactions to encourage genuine learning and understanding. She shows a vibrant dedication to bringing curriculum components in various forms that engage student learners. The Pennsylvania State Organization assists educators in cultivating safe, caring environments where students can thrive.



My vision for the Pennsylvania State Organization is to provide the human and material resources to support, encourage, and motivate educators as they facilitate 21st century learning experiences for students who are ready to move beyond sitting at desks as passive learners. As a member of the Nominations Committee, I will seek to learn about members who will be our best leadership available. I will endeavor to find women who: think outside the box; can assist our organization with crafting motivating professional and personal growth experiences that are rich in STEAM exploration; embrace both tradition and change. I promise to be a servant leader who will nurture not only our organization's growth but also our members so they can continue to be sources of inspiration for their students.”

Nominee for Nominations Committee

Amy Radford, Beta Rho

Amy K. Radford, Beta Rho, is a 6-12th English Teacher, High School Supervisor, and a Staff Supervisor. As a member of Beta Rho, she served as a Visual and Performing Arts Chair and served on the committees of Educational Excellence and Historical Records. She did a presentation to the chapter in December 2021.



Amy attended the Annual State Convention in 2022 and has a proposal to present at the 2023 convention. She also was the 2022 recipient of the Album of Distinction Award. In her professional career she completed the MFA in Creative Writing and graduated with honors.

Her vision statement for the PA State Organization: *I believe in DKG and its mission “to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.” As an educator with leadership abilities, I have found DKG to be a place that has made me feel at home while encouraging me to grow. I am grateful for the opportunities DKG has given me and desire to serve the organization in whatever way possible., One way I can do this is by serving on the State Nominations Committee.*

Nominee for Nominations Committee

Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma

Karen Snyder has been an active member of Beta Gamma Chapter by holding the various offices, especially Co-president for three bienniums. At the state level, she served on the World Fellowship Committee. In 2017 she was Dr. Lyn Schmid’s translator at the LATAM DKG Conference in Antigua, Guatemala. Karen is a member of several Foreign Language Educational organizations as well as a presenter at two conferences. She also has been active as an advisor, translator, tutor and trip organizer for trips to Spain, France, and Italy; Ecuador and Galapagos Islands; Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil; and Spain and Portugal. She received many certificates, grants and awards for her work in education.

Her vision statement for the

PA State Organization: My vision for the Pennsylvania State Organization would be to get more female educators involved at the local and state levels. At this time, it is difficult to get people to make a commitment and take on extra responsibility. It is imperative that members know that there are many resources and leaders at the state level that can help them grow professionally. In addition, getting involved at the state level provides a network of sisters that share a passion for moving DKG forward and represents the enthusiasm and dedication of members in the PA State Organization.



Nominee for Recording Secretary

Greta Marie Taft, Pi

Since her induction into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1998, Greta Marie Taft has very actively served at the chapter, state and international levels.

Within the Pi chapter she has held the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian and has served on several committees. Greta Marie has been the chapter Webmaster and was the Chairman of the chapter’s 70th Birthday Celebration. She was the recipient of the Pi Chapter Achievement Award.

Currently Greta Marie is serving as Corre-

sponding Secretary for the Pennsylvania State Organization and has been Parliamentarian. She has served on several committees, received the Album of Distinction Award, was an Enrichment Grant recipient and is the Creative Arts Retreat Coordinator. Greta Marie has been the EEC/Committee Convention Workshop Coordinator, gave the DKG Journey Presentation at convention and has sung in the choir on a regular basis.

Great Marie has attended several Regional



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and International Conventions and has participated as a chorus member and volunteer.

As a teacher in the Jasper Troupsburg School District, she held several offices in the Teachers Association, was class advisor and member of the Honor Society Advisory Committee. Greta Marie was awarded an Honorary FFA Chapter Degree in recognition for her support of the local FFA program.

Her vision statement for the PA State

Organization: My vision is to increase membership and member participation in the Society. I would share with members the many opportunities to them at all three levels of the organization. Relating how my participation has given me a chance to travel,

network and learn new skills. Letting them know there are a lot of opportunities for personal growth as well as opportunities to help others through educational projects at all three levels. As the recording secretary I have the responsibility to keep an accurate record of the business conducted at each meeting. This will give members who cannot attend the Convention a chance to be aware of the proceedings keeping them aware and hopefully an active participant in the activities of the society. This position would allow me to share my skills and encourage other key women educators to take part in the many personal and professional opportunities DKG has to offer.

Nominee for Corresponding Secretary

Amy Dobbins, Beta Epsilon

Amy M. Dobbins, Beta Epsilon, is a Secondary Socials Studies Teacher-Hollidaysburg Area School District. As a member of Beta Epsilon. Amy has been a very active member serving as Corresponding Secretary, 1st Vice President, President and now is Immediate Past President, Parliamentarian and Nominations Committee Chairman.

Amy has attended the 2022 International Convention as a co-presenter at the virtual 2020 convention: "Empowering Girl Scouts through the DKG Patch Program. Currently Amy is the State Parliamentarian.

At the chapter level in DKG, I have held a plethora of positions that use the aforementioned qualities. My tenure as the corresponding secretary of the chapter directly correlates to corresponding secretary position for Pennsylvania State. Excellent communication skills, attention to detail, technology usage, and organizational skills were essential in the

chapter position in order to keep members informed of events, news, and meeting information. Additionally, in the corresponding secretary position, I was responsible for the creation of invitations to meetings and tallying luncheon responses and payments of members. Being organized, communicating information in a clear and timely manner, attention to detail ensured that this process was handled effectively.



Her vision statement for the PA State

Organization: I feel that I would be a valuable asset to the Pennsylvania State Executive Board in the position of Corresponding Secretary due to my strong communication skills, technical knowledge, attention to detail, leadership abilities, and overall organizational skills. These attributes are essential in not only the positions that I have held in DKG but also in my employment and my roles in community organizations.



Deadline for **Album of Distinction** nomination form is **March 1st**.

The Nomination Form and Criteria Sheet may be found at

www.dkgpa.weebly.com

Click on the Awards tab to find the detailed information on how to apply. Complete the form and send it to Tina Smith-Gilbert. Her email address may be found in the state directory.

A STEAM Exploration of Acadia National Park

Jade Leung, Alpha Xi
Projects Chair

I was fortunate enough to receive a partial educational enrichment grant to help support some of my explorations and travel to Acadia National Park. Because of the enrichment grant I specifically studied the park with the goal of developing new ideas and activities that I could use in my ecology unit for my biology courses. In December of 2022, I did an interactive presentation for my DKG chapter (Alpha Xi) on Acadia National Park with a STEAM focus titled “New England Road Trip Extravaganza 2022.” This once in a lifetime trip involved traveling across 7 different states and reminded me of the beauty of our country.

Every state taught me new things and opened my eyes to unique experiences. However, for this article I thought I would specifically share some of the STEAM activities that



I created for members to participate in while learning about Acadia National Park.

I created an interactive Acadia National Park workbook for chapter members that involved various activities. It was my intention to use these activities in my biology classroom too. After a coloring page with the national park symbol, we began with an icebreaker about lobster trivia since

Bar Harbor Maine is famous for its lobster. While on an educational lobster fishing boat tour I learned all about lobster and conser-



vation efforts to fish lobster the right way without depleting their numbers. Bar Harbor has a rich history in fishing, and I was amazed at how well the fishermen work with scientists to help control the number of lobsters to keep the population viable. The information I learned will contribute to my ecology unit and discussion about animal conservation efforts in the wild. Members participated in a lobster trivia true/false competition, and national park stickers were awarded as prizes. It started our discussion about the location of Acadia National Park and got participants engaged in their learning.

After the icebreaker, our first main activity involved trivia about the National Parks in the United States. Sisters participated

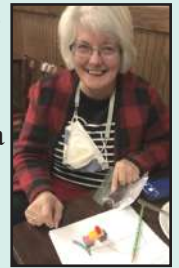


in a series of questions to try to identify the national park. There were multiple choice questions, true/false and

word scrambles. It was a fun activity to understand the history of the national parks and a segway into a larger discussion. In the classroom, I am hoping to use this activity as an intro in our national parks projects where students research a national park of interest. After a brief discussion about national parks in general we focused our attention specifically on Acadia National Park.

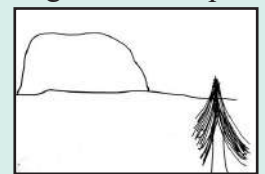
Acadia is famous for cairns which are used as trail markers to help guide hikers. As an introduction into these unique manmade rock formations, chapter members participated in a Lego STEAM challenge as the second activity. Each group was given 1 baggie of

Legos and a picture of a cairn. They were not told what a cairn was but were challenged to try to construct it using the Legos. I posed two intro questions: “What did you build?” and “Why is it important to Acadia National Park?” While building the structures there were a lot of STEAM discussions related to the Lego models. After they were built, our discussion focused on what a cairn was and how they were part of the national park.



Our third activity involved learning about the unique ecosystem of Acadia National Park. It is a combination of two different biomes and climate zones that merge and result in the diverse plants, animals, and ecosystem of the park. In its early history, artists were drawn to its landscape and rocky coastlines, which led to a rise in popularity among visitors to the park. In the third activity, I created a partial sketch of a forest coastline and a single tree. Chapter members were

invited to become STEAM artists and use their own creativity to finish the sketch to create their view of Acadia National Park. In this creative exercise we talked about how when you visit the natural world every experience is different, and each day is unique based on the weather and organisms that you see!



To wrap up the hour-long presentation members were invited to work with a partner to finish a concept map about Acadia National Park and how it ties in to science. I

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adventures of a hermit crab family. Each book has a universal message for young readers and their families.

Henri's Home (2020) highlights the importance of family as Henri searches for his way back home after a storm.

Henri to the Rescue (2021) emphasizes the importance of diversity and working together with his new friend, Simon the Sea Turtle.

Heidi Saves the Day (2023) features the strength of girl power by Henri's sister, Heidi, in a challenging situation with Olivia, the Octopus.

Kim has published five stories in the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series. She also has many published pieces in various anthologies, in print and online magazines, and maintains a blog on her web site. Details

of her work can be seen at www.kimkluxenmeredith.com.

Originally from a small village in upstate New York, Kim has lived in Lancaster County since 1977. She feels fortunate to be surrounded by the beauty of the Amish landscape.

Kim spends her time writing, traveling, and enjoying her cherished grandchildren. Throughout all of her endeavors, Kim feels a need to share a message of hope, joy, and gratitude for the many blessings she has been given.

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and secondary level in social studies instruction and special education instruction, primarily with learning disabilities and emotional disturbances. She has also taught summer workshops at the collegiate level for teachers, focusing on working with special needs students in the regular education classroom. She has been the assistant principal at Goddard High School for the past 13 years, focusing on supporting student growth

in assessments and activities. She is also a member of the Kansas State Licensure Regulations Committee and is a mentor for the Kansas Educational Leadership Institute. Susan has earned degrees from Kansas State University, Emporia State University, and Wichita State University and is currently working on her doctorate from Kansas State University.

Susan is a native Kansan and lives in Wichita with her husband and Labrador. Susan loves to cook

and owns a part time catering business along with her family. She is dedicated to fighting cancer, assisting in numerous local and state fundraisers with the American Cancer Society. Her other passion is supporting her Kansas State University Wildcats. She has one daughter, Tegan, who works in her district as a curriculum technology specialist, along with a wonderful son-in-law and the most adorable six-year-old grandson, Quincy.

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discussed with members the link between science, society, and everyday experiences. We pulled our ideas together and talked about how science is part of our everyday lives if we can open our minds and explore our world! Though many miles and states away from PA, Sisters in Alpha Xi were brought to Bar Harbor, Maine and Acadia National Park during this presentation. I am hoping I can create the same experience for the students I teach in my high school biology courses.

When I finished the presentation and saw the fun and excitement during our chapter meeting, I

finally understood the significance of my trip and the countless ways I can utilize STEAM applications to teach about the national parks. What I learned in Acadia National Park has become part of many of my biology units to excite and engage students about the world around them! I challenge all of you to think outside the box and explore your world using approaches in STEAM! With creativity and ingenuity anyone interested in STEAM can take a trip or experience and create activities to bring the audience to their location and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math to life!



DKG Purposeful Seminar, June 20 & 21, 2023
Lancaster, PA
REGISTRATION FORM



Name: _____
 Chapter: _____
 Address: _____

 City/State/Zip: _____
 Cell Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

Board Bus: 8:45 AM - Ten Thousand Villages & Kitchen Kettle Village
Lunch on your own
Board Bus: 11:45 AM - Mennonite Central Committee
Board Bus for return to Wyndham: 3:00 PM

Participation is limited to 50 members.

Purposeful Seminar fee: \$50

Registration Form deadline for Purposeful Seminar is **May 17, 2023.**

Checks should be made payable to : **Delta Kappa Gamma**

Mail completed form and check to:

Purposeful Seminar Treasurer
 524 East Watson Street
 Bedford, PA 15522

Purposeful Seminar Schedule

June 20, 2023, Tuesday Evening

Orientation 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm

June 21, 2023, Wednesday

Continental Breakfast at the Wyndham 7:30 to 8:30 AM, Hopewell Room



Calling all Volunteers!

Can you donate a bit of your convention time to keep everything running smoothly and help your sisters enjoy the convention experience? Then you are just who we need!

We are looking for people willing to serve as:

- Assistants at the registration desk to greet participants and hand

out registration materials.

- Banquet Hostesses to keep the doors closed until time for the Luncheon and President's Banquet.

Band checkers/ticket takers for meals

- Convention Hostesses to help people find locations of rooms on the convention floor during the day Thursday.

- Raffle Basket Sales Representatives to help with the raffle

baskets.

- State Store Sales Representatives to help sell items at the State Store.

There will be a short meeting on Wednesday evening 6:00 – 6:30 PM to discuss your job assignments and duties. Cool aprons and badges are also available to identify you as a person in the know. Be sure to make your selection on the **registration form** to join the Volunteer Crew!

Giving With a Purpose: Purposeful Seminar Expanded

The Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) is excited about the planned Purposeful Seminar to be held on June 21st before the upcoming state convention. Learning about and participating in the work of both Ten Thousand Villages and the Mennonite Central Committee in Lancaster County will be the Seminar's focus. Please read the full article on the Purposeful Seminar elsewhere in this issue of the *Keystonian*.

You can help DKG's commitment to support the Mennonite Central Committee's work in 45 countries by bringing items to state convention to supply School Kits and/or Relief Kits. This can be done as an individual or as a chapter project. Any or all of the materials for these kits will be welcome.

School Kits: Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits are often requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes.

Contents (New items only):

- ~ 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5" x 10.5" and 70 sheets)
- ~ 8 new unsharpened pencils
- ~ 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)

- ~ 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
 - ~ 1 large eraser
 - ~ 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
 - ~ 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)
- School kits are distributed in a useful, durable draw-string cloth bag 11 ¾ x 16 ¾ inches. You may sew the bag yourself or donate contents that we will place in a bag. For bag-making instructions visit mcc.org/kits/bag.

Relief Kits: Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. An immediate need currently exists in Ukraine.

Contents:

- ~ 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- ~ Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz.)
- ~ 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote brands)
- ~ 4 adult-sized toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- ~ 4 new bath towels (light weight dark or bright colors; approximately 29" x 60")
- ~ 2 wide-toothed combs (6-8 Inches)
- ~ 1 nail clipper
- ~ 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- ~ Sanitary pads (Thin; 1-2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

Place donations in a box or bag. The kit will be re-packed at MCC in a new 5-gallon pail with lid.



This is a picture of Moses Akot, a student at Loreto Primary School in South Sudan. He displays the items contained in his MCC school kit. The provision of school kits lessens the burden that many students and parents face in accessing pens, books and other essential school supplies. Many cannot afford the supplies and have no alternative ways to get them due to poverty. Providing school kits for secondary and primary school students helps to ensure the continuing education of every student regardless of their family background and financial situation.



Attention Chorus and Musicians Members



Calling all musicians! As the Visual and Performing Arts Chair, I am looking forward to seeing you and making music together again at the 2023 Convention in June. Singers are needed for the chorus, as are accompanists. I hope those who participated in the past will do so again. If you have never participated, I invite you to join us.

To prepare and connect us, there is an existing Google Classroom on which I post information, updates, and provide links to practice materials/recordings. Sisters planning to be first-time chorus members: please access this resource by visiting <https://bit.ly/3AUjr4n> and clicking “join.” (A free gmail account is required to use this platform.) Anyone who cannot access the site, prefers email, or simply has further questions, is welcome to email me. Should you wish to participate in convention music, please confirm via the site or email as soon as possible, so I am able to adequately prepare.

Thank you-and see you in June!

**Karlie Vaughn, Alpha Zeta
Visual and Performing Arts Chair**



New Inductees

November 2022

Alpha Sigma – Alyssa Trocci
Beta Theta – Tammy Feeser
Beta Theta – Heidi Tobias
Chi – Joyce Wright
Tau – Bobbie Shurnicki
Theta – Mary Young

December 2022

Alpha Upsilon – Julie King
Lambda – Linda fee
Lambda – Heather Fry
Lambda – Barbara Hedegore
Lambda – Teri Ketler
Lambda – Susyn Klinger
Lambda – Amy Nelson

January 2023

Alpha Beta - Laura Vent
Beta Beta – Colleen Hoover
Beta Beta – Lynne McDaniel



Welcome

From International

Building the Next DKG Slate of International Nominees Begins With YOU

Your invitation to DKG membership highlighted your leadership. Are you ready to apply for an elected position at the international level, or can you encourage another member to do so?

Applications will be accepted by the International Nominating Committee (INC) in summer 2023. The time to plan and recruit is now! You, as a DKG member, may self-nominate or nominate another DKG member. Leadership in our organization is key to our future, so please give careful consideration to this important task.

All qualifications and recommendations for applicants for each position are listed in the International Standing Rules (ISR) 8.82.f. These are the only qualifications considered when the INC evaluates the applications.

Please ignore commonly assumed rumors. Applicants need not have. . .

- Earned a doctorate
- Attended Leadership Management Seminar (Ignite)
- Participated in a prescribed number of international conferences/conventions
- Held a certain number of specific state positions
- Been a member for a minimum number of years

The duties and responsibilities of the elected INC members are outlined in the Constitution Article VIII Section B.8.b. INC members MAY NOT...

- Recruit applicants
- Assist applicants in any way with the application process
- Discuss any application with anyone other than another INC member
- Support or advocate for any nominee in any way

Act now! Evaluate your interests and skills with the qualifications listed in SR 8.82.f noted above.

Guidelines and applications will be posted on the DKG website in May 2023



**2023
DKG Conferences
Detroit - Phoenix - Finland**

Now is the time to submit an ad for a DKG Conference program book.
Ad Deadline: **April 15, 2023**

DKG International is accepting ads for the 2023 summer conferences. State organizations, chapters, members, vendors, and more are invited to place an ad in the conference program book of your choice. Submission details are included on the [DKG Ad Form](#).

Detroit, Michigan - July 11-16, 2023

Phoenix, Arizona - July 18-22, 2023

Tampere, Finland - July 26-29, 2023

Ad Deadline: April 15, 2023

TO CONVENTION FOR 2023



NIBBLE & NETWORK

Wednesday, June 21
5:00-6:30 PM

- ~ What types of new technology should I consider for my classroom?
- ~ How can I integrate STEM into the curriculum?
- ~ What types of projects could our chapter consider?
- ~ How could our chapter do a better job at recruiting new members?
- ~ Life is crazy! Are there ways to incorporate relaxation techniques into my life?

If you have questions and are looking for answers then we have the event for you! Nibble & Network is designed to give you time with a facilitator to network and share ideas, concerns, and questions regarding assorted topics. Facilitators and topics include:

- Technology in the classroom - Sue Allen
- Science/STEM - Jade Leung
- Literacy - Andrea Rutledge
- Tips and Tricks for Apple Products - Linda

Nickerson

- Relaxation/Stress Reduction - Marj Paradise
- Lifelong Wellness - Deborah Yargar-Reed
- Balancing Caregiving with one's own life - Amy Snyder
- Meet The Author: Kim Kluxen Meredith - Kim Kluxen Meredith
- DKG: Scholarships and Enrichment Grants - Karen Snyder
- DKG: Recruiting, retaining, engaging members - Becky Johnen
- DKG: Community Service Projects - Rose Colosimo
- DKG: Creating chapter visibility through project work - Trish Dilick
- DKG: Road Map to the Convention - Kay Stuart

Groups of up to 10 will meet for 15-minute sharing sessions that will be facilitated by "those in the know" on the topic. Participants will have the opportunity to network at several of the topic tables throughout the evening. **Registration for this event is required** and includes reception-style food and beverages. (See Convention Registration form.)

Hotel Rooms at the Wyndham Resort and Convention Center, Lancaster, PA

A block of rooms has been reserved for our convention for Tuesday, June 20 through Friday, June 23. The room rate is \$139.00 per night plus taxes.

To reserve your room, call 717-299-5500. Mention DKG or Delta Kappa Gamma to get our room rate. Reservation cut-off date is Sunday, May 21, 2023.

The Wyndham is conveniently located to major tourist activities in Lancaster such as: Sight and Sound Theater; American Music Theater; Magic and Wonder Theater; Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park; history museums; and outlet shopping. (There is a roadway from the hotel parking lot to the Tanger Outlet. The Rockvale Outlet is just down the road.)



Hotel Information:

- Check-in is 4:00 PM
- Check-out is 11:00 AM
- ` Complimentary parking
- ` Complimentary high-speed wireless internet access
- ` In-room mini-refrigerator, coffee/tea maker
- ` On-site restaurant
- ` On-site Starbucks for coffee and pastries
- ` Sundries shop (snacks and personal care items)
- ` Comprehensive business center
- ` 18-hole golf course
- ` Fitness center
- ` 1.9 mile walking trail
- ` Basketball and tennis courts
- ` Indoor and outdoor pools; hot tub
- ` Game room
- ` Child play area, children's activities, and children's pool
- ` 100% non-smoking

Chapter News

Alpha Beta

Alpha Beta Chapter has awarded four teacher enrichment grants. The grants, available to teachers from local school districts, are designed to fund a special project or program that a teacher would like to use in the classroom.

Receiving the 2022-23 grants are:
 ~ Cortney Booher from Forbes Road School District, whose project will focus on creating hands-on learning opportunities for students to explore the connections between science, technology, engineering, and math (her award will be used to purchase STEM-related materials).
 ~ Ali Imler from Bedford Area School District, whose project will focus on tile/glass mosaics (her award will be used to purchase materials needed to create a per-

manent mosaic installation in the high school).
 ~ Kelly Lazor from Tussey Mountain School District, whose project will focus on enrichment programs for her 6th grade students (her award will be used to purchase “Breakout EDU” language arts lessons and archeology dig kits for social studies lessons).
 ~ Tracey Williams, also from Tussey Mountain School District, whose project will focus on one element of art, that of form, to help students understand how to draw figures (her award will be used to purchase drawing mannequins).

In other chapter projects, school supplies for Children and Youth of Bedford County were donated by members and packed in backpacks. Stan Howes, from the Bedford County Children and Youth Advisory Board, thanked the group for the donations of school supplies and blankets made by chapter members and Girl Scouts.

Filling Backpacks: Linda Clapper (Projects Chair), Melissa Moorhead, Maria Scott-Bollman, Stan Howes (of Children and Youth), Kristine Walters, and Lois Stoner.



Alpha Mu

Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Mu Chapter welcomed the society’s state president, Eileen Little, during the September meeting held at the Conewango Club. Eileen encouraged the members to support STEAM education (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics), especially for girls. She also emphasized the need to support educators just starting out in the field of teaching. Eileen advocated for continued assistance in the society’s “Schools for Africa” campaign which began in 2004. DKG International Society was founded in 1929 and the Alpha Mu Chapter was organized in 1956 in Warren, PA. One of the society’s purposes is to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

Seated: Eileen Little and Alpha Mu Chapter President, Janet Peterson. Standing L to R: Gloria Werner, Treasurer; Maria Palmieri, Second Vice President; Marcia Madigan, First Vice President; and Chris Allen, Corre-



sponding Secretary

At our October 26, 2022 meeting, Cyril Jedor was the guest speaker. Mr. Jedor spoke about the long and tedious - but very rewarding - process of becoming a U.S. citizen. Mr. Jedor was born in France. He moved to the United States when his French-based company relocated to South Carolina, where he met his wife, Kristine Peterson, a Warren County native. Cyril credits Kristine as instrumental in helping him through the many steps of acquiring citizenship. The couple moved to Warren County during the pandemic to be closer to family and friends. Cyril works remotely as a concept artist designing and producing video games. He is grateful and proud of his United States citizenship.



L to R: Barb McAvoy, Chris Allen, Mary Belleau, Mary Pat Shattuck, Jen Dilks, Sally Beckerink, Julie Myler, Cyril Jedor, Janet Peterson, Ann Ryan, Jennifer Blum, Maria Palmieri, Linda Falconer, and Marcia Madigan

Alpha Omicron

The Alpha Omicron Chapter held its annual Christmas Breakfast on Monday, December 5, 2022 at Bob Evans Restaurant in Hermitage. Fourteen members attended and were greeted by Hospitality Chair Karen Prince, who hosted the breakfast and handed each member a numbered candy filled box to be used for conducting the gift exchange. Karin Kosiorek presented each member a giftbox as well. President Ann Peay welcomed members to the breakfast. Chapter sisters donated to the Lawrence County's ARISE, the domestic violence center in New Castle, by purchasing raffle tickets from First Vice-President Linda Morrison. Linda is a volunteer at ARISE. After a delicious breakfast was served members enjoyed a \$10 dollar gift exchange. Each member was then asked to show the gift they received and thanked their chapter sister for the gift. Much fun and great fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Beta Gamma

Members of the Beta Gamma had their annual Christmas Party and December meeting. During the event a silent auction was held to raise money for the chapter's scholarship fund. Each year Beta Gamma presents a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior majoring in education from a York County school.



Presidents: Janys Kercher, Eta; Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma; Kathy Bortner and Sallie Durika, Beta Delta; and Sally Chase and Connie Conrad, Beta Beta; held a meeting to discuss and plan a 4-chapter Brunch in April for all the York County DKG members. Having a four chapter Brunch has been a great way to get members together for a time of friendship, fellowship, and networking.



Kappa

At our October meeting each member selected one or more children from a Star Tree for needy children. The counselor from a local elementary school supplied each child's age, size, gender, and "wishes" for Santa. Each sister decided how much she could spend and we went shopping. At our December meeting, we had a wonderful and uplifting time wrapping the presents. We all felt pleased that we could provide gifts for children who may not have received any. We enjoyed the activity so much that we decided to do it again next year.



Alpha Xi

If variety is the spice of life, sisters in Alpha Xi are well-seasoned. As of February 1, we have had four of our six scheduled meetings at a variety of venues on a variety of topics.

We began our year in September at Trinity Lutheran Church with a program by Vivian Sylvester, a contact for The Olive Branch, a fair-trade/10,000 Villages type store located in Wexford, and their connection to the Needs Care School in Zambia. We learned about the Sew Powerful Purse Project, which provides colorful purses and fabric sanitary pads so girls can continue to attend school during their period. Volunteers here make the purses and pads and also make soft Port Pads to be used on seatbelts for people with medical ports. We support them by supplying fabric, notions, or money for JoAnn Fabrics gift cards, to be collected by members Terry Klein and Jeanne Keyes. We also collected our final 23 Busy Boxes for the Allegheny County Children, Youth, and Family Services Department.

In October, we had our annual meeting at the Heinz History Center, where Bob Stakeley, History Center Affiliates Program Manager, led us on a tour of the curated exhibit, "Pittsburgh's John Kane, The Life and Art of An American Workman." We also selected names of members who had not attended meetings for a while in order to send cards and notes to tell them we were thinking of them. Shortly after that meeting, we learned of the passing of Peg Maser, who had spearheaded the Jared Box/Busy Box project for many years. We will hold a chapter Celebration of Life for her at our March meeting.

On Dec. 1st, we had hoped to welcome State President Eileen Little, but the threat of bad weather forced her to cancel those plans. Member Jade Leung, who received an Enrichment Grant last year, presented a program on her trip to Acadia National Park. She made activities for us to complete and showed us how she ties in her experience in her Biology classes ([see her article in this issue](#)). Her Shaler Area colleagues also provided a raffle basket that included a product from each state she visited and in which she fished on her journey. Jeanne Vendeland and her Ways and Means Committee also presented us with the selections they had made for our chapter's Teacher Enrichment Grants. Using librarians from school districts in northern Allegheny and southern Butler Counties to disseminate the basic information, we had more applicants than in past years.

Finally, on January 25th, we held our meeting at Shaler North Hills Library. We participated in chair yoga and relaxation exercises led by Maggi Aebi. We also awarded Teacher Enrichment Grants to Dina Donini, Shaler Area High School social studies teacher, to enhance her Heritage Month activities and to Autumn Dosch, librarian, and Julie Crupie, computer science teacher, at Ross Elementary School in the North Hills School District to purchase a Sphero Bolt Robot for their Makers' Space to teach coding. In addition, members selected names of World Fellowship recipients to send notes of encouragement.

Our U.S. Forum Chair, Melissa Costantino-Poruben, continues to update us on voting issues and informs us of her adventures and work as an NEA Director. She has been to the White House twice: for an Elton John concert and to see the White House holiday decorations. She also recently attended Governor Shapiro's inauguration. She personifies a passionate, involved educator.

Alpha Xi would also like to thank Bonnie Barnes for her dedication to *The Keystoneian* these past eleven years. You have been a wonderful editor!



Melissa in front of the White House



The chapter "framed" at the Heinz History Center



Members from Shaler holding products which represented Jade's trip

Our 3 Teacher Enrichment Grant recipients.



Lambda

Our kick-off meeting in September was held at the Hillview Elementary School on September 28. Dr. Brendan Smith, high school principal, explained the safety precautions that have been installed throughout the district to keep the students safe. Mr. Kevin Persh, elementary assistant principal, gave a guided tour of the newly renovated elementary school. We were all impressed by the labs and studios used by the students today!

On December 3rd, Lambda Chapter gathered for our annual Christmas Breakfast at Slippery Rock Golf and Events Center with 27 members, 7 inductees, and 1 guest in attendance. Members brought bags of groceries and money to be donated to the Grove City Community Food Bank. After breakfast, Molly Spinney gave a brief overview regarding World Fellowship and our World Fellowship donations were collected. We inducted 7 new members into Lambda Chapter and welcomed them with a rose and poinsettias. These ladies come from varying backgrounds and are welcomed additions to our chapter!



New members L to R: Linda Fee; Susyn Klingler; Amy Nelson; Teri Ketler; Barb Hedegore,; Heather Fry; and Amber Crescini

Sigma

Sigma Chapter recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. Members reminisced about the charter members, their own induction into DKG, and why DKG has been important in their professional and personal lives. They enjoyed the slide presentation that was also shown at state convention in honor of this special birthday. They also shared memorabilia, photos, and stories of their time in Sigma. Gifts were presented to Immediate Past Co-Presidents Doris Mertz and Elizabeth Brewer, at right, who are shown with Chapter Facilitator Deborah Bernhisel, center. Deborah Bernhisel, at left, and Co-Treasurer Margaret Auten, are shown with the celebratory birthday cake.



In December, Sigma Chapter, held its meeting at the Lewisburg Hotel. Chapter Facilitator Deb Bernhisel is pictured with Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Assistant Superintendent of the Shikellamy School District. Dr. Murphy-Kahn presented an overview of The 7 Mindsets Program. She instituted this program in all grade levels of the district at the beginning of the current school year to promote self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.



Theta

Theta's newly installed president, Kathy Reim, has introduced her President's Project to the members of her chapter. In keeping with the State's mission to highlight helping children and supporting educators, Kathy has partnered with Jemutai Karen Krul, who is stationed at a military camp in Kuwait. Jemutai and her husband are committed to making a difference in the lives of underprivileged children. Currently, they are collecting school supplies for children in Uganda, and Kathy and her Thetan sisters have agreed to support Jemutai's project by donating not only new and gently used books, but also other needed educational supplies like crayons, markers, and erasers.

Beta Rho

Member Bonding: Patricia Carpenter, Beta Rho's new president, is certainly fulfilling her theme for the biennium, "BONDING AND BUILDING BRIDGES." Celebrating her tenth year of DKG membership she is utilizing the members to help with that important bonding in our sisterhood. Categorizing the list of chapter members between retired and actively teaching members, she has created a way of supporting both groups. Early in August, she contacted the retired members to surprise those fifteen Beta Rho sisters who are still in the classroom to show them that they are supported and thought about. The retirees, knowing how difficult teaching has become as a result of the times, gathered to pack Welcome Back bags of donated supplies and treats. Then the retired members personally delivered the bags. It was quite a hit as shown by their smiling faces, notes and personal comments during the October meeting. They were overwhelmed. So, President Pat, recruited the retired members to offer another surprise support. They donated Dunkin Donut gift cards and homemade sugar cookies, packaged them and once again in early February made personal deliveries. What better way to create a bonding of members?

So what else is planned? President Pat is looking into having a Tea Party at the Montrose Rosemont Inn for a social gathering this summer. Projects Chair Peggy Walker is encouraging Beta Rho members to use their creative talents for a fund raiser. Member Teresa Cavalier is generously planning a day to make items to sell at Christmas in Montrose. One of the churches is donating a table for the chapter to set up and sell things. Teresa has many samples and is donating the materials. What better way for DKG sisters to bond while having fun and working for funds to support education in various ways.

The chapter's business meetings are great and the addition of social events strengthens the bonds.

The smiling faces of some of the fifteen actively teaching Beta Rho members show how pleased they were when they were surprised with the Welcome Back to School bags of supplies and treats.



Actively teaching Beta Rho Sisters were surprised by the personal deliveries from their retired Beta Rho Sisters.



The bags were donated and packed by the Beta Rho retired members to show their support. Two Dunkin Donut gift cards and homemade rosebud sugar cookies were another gift of encouragement given to them in early February.

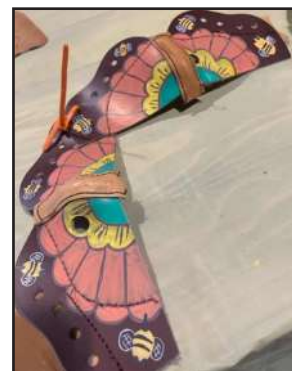
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Beta Kappa

Members of Beta Kappa Chapter participated in a service project for Hope Walks, an organization that makes braces for children born with clubfoot. The members and guests painted leathers that will be sent to Kenya to be made into shoes on the braces that help correct the genetic condition.



Enrichment Excursions

Third Time is the Charm Ann Peay, Alpha Omicron

Riding a horse on trails through woods and meadows preserved as a “living museum” is the most unique way to appreciate the beauty of the country. But to do all that on the back of a famous white Lipizzan horse was a dream come true.



A fellow Alpha Omicron member and I traveled to the 500-year-old Lipizzan breeding farm in Lipica, Slovenia in September to do just that. I had waited three years to ride these magnificent horses, but COVID, travel restrictions, and equine disease in the country prevented us from making the trip. I

had applied and received the Enrichment Grant three times.

Most people know of the famous Lipizzan stallions because of the 1963 Disney film and the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria. The horses originated in the Lipica area of Slovenia. The Habsburg Archduke Charles II bought the farm in 1580 to breed horses. Lipizzan horses are born brown and begin to turn gray within a few months. The horse is completely white by ten years old. Not every horse is white; occasionally a bay horse is born. They are a sturdy breed, compact and of average height.



Though the farm is more than five centuries old it has been turned into a resort to be able to continue breeding these special horses. There are five hundred horses on the property. The breeding barns, pastures and stables are enclosed, and tickets are purchased to enter. The perimeter has an ultra-modern hotel and restaurant, a playground, disc golf course and regular golf course. There are special events throughout the year and a dressage show several days a week.

Early each morning for five days, we walked to the barns to saddle our horses for the day’s trail ride around the area. We rode up into the mountain known as the Karst Living Museum because of its ecological importance. It reminded me of trail riding in Pennsylvania, but with

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unique trees and plants native to Eastern Europe. The trails were dirt tracks deep into the forests, along gravel roads, around farms, and paved roads through towns. The well shod horses' hooves rang on the paths of worn white stones.

One day involved a ride across country to the Skocjan Caves. Slovenia is famous for sink holes and limestone caverns. We tied our horses to trees in the picnic grove near the cave parking lot. Our trail guide stayed with the horses while we joined a guided tour to descend into the cave featuring six kilometers of beautiful underground passages, deep chasms, waterfalls, underground lakes, and a river. Our tour was three kilometers of man-made walkways and steps down to the river that travels through the cave. The guide pointed out beautiful features of the cave and admonished us not to touch any of the formations because the fats in our skin would eventually destroy them. As we continued walking down ramps and steps, it occurred to me that at some point we will have to go back up. Five hundred steps later we reached the first landing out of the cave. We rode a funicular to the second landing, then more steps back to the surface. After all of that, we saddled our horses and rode the three hours back to the farm. Needless to say, I took a nap before dinner.

Each day we rode out to a different destination. On one of those days, we rested the horses in a park-

ing lot and walked a short distance to a lavender farm. The owner treated us to samples of products that can be made with lavender. As we stood in the field of harvested plants, we tasted wine with distilled lavender. It had a unique taste, but very pleasant. We also tried brewed tea with lavender.

Our last ride was an arduous climb up a steep 60 degree path through dense woods to the top of the mountain that overlooked Trieste. The view was spectacular. We had lunch at a little way station restaurant serving local dishes, cheeses and meats. After eating, we took the road back down the mountain. I was afraid it might have been like a scene from *The Man from Snowy River* if we had ridden back the way we had come up. When we reached the farm, our guide took us across the golf course to the horror of those playing. Actually, we rode on the rough. No harm done.

I had a dressage riding lesson with a master instructor the last morning at the facility. I was riding a different horse than the one I had ridden all week.



We rode in the show arena with a spectator's gallery above us. The instructor had us perform some movements to estimate our abilities, but my horse seemed to be afraid of something in the gallery, so I was dealing with that as I was trying to

do my best. Near the end of the lesson, the horse decided that he didn't want to go past that strange object anymore and wheeled around and bucked me off. To my credit, I dusted myself off and got back on and finished. An ignominious way to end my riding holiday.

Our plane was leaving from Trieste, Italy, so we hired a car to take us the 10 miles from Lipica. My friends and I spent the day exploring and eating our way around the seaport. We had lunch at a restaurant with outdoor seating and ate true Italian style pizza and drank an Aperol Sprits. (Look this drink up, it's so good!) Of course, we shopped and walked on the wharf. My grandmother had worked as a cook in a home in this city as a young girl. It was hard for me to imagine what it would have been like for her here more than one hundred years ago.

Though I have taken riding vacations all over Western Europe and the United States, riding many different breeds of horses, this was the most thrilling trip yet. I must thank PA State Delta Kappa Gamma for the Enrichment Grant and encourage others to apply. In my case, "three times is the charm."



**Oh, The Places We've Been!
Carol Koehler and
Heather Buffington, Nu Chapter**

Dr. Seuss suggests, "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day!"



Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!" We (Carol and Heather) were blessed to receive

enrichment grants from DKG toward our trip to Europe. Carol's sister, Bea Hamman, who is a fellow DKG member from Chi Chapter in Virginia, joined us. All three of us (see Places page 26)

(Places from page 25)

had seeing the Passion Play on our bucket lists for quite some time so this was the main focus of the trip. We were fortunate to find a tour that included visiting Italy and Austria as well - a dream come true from Sept 2-13, 2022.

Trafalgar was our travel agency which we booked through AAA. Florence, Italy resident, Rebecca Dinwiddie was our tour director who was very knowledgeable and kind with a great sense of humor, all of which enhanced the trip.

The people of **Europe** are very welcoming and friendly. They were so appreciative of visitors in their shops even if you didn't buy anything. And no tipping expected, nor rushing through dinner. More on that later.

Rome reminded us of an older New York City. Lots of buildings, people, traffic, litter and graffiti. We passed by the Colosseum a few times, visited Pompeii, the Vatican, and the Sistine Chapel. It's own country, the Vatican, and the Sistine Chapel both have a lot of gold on the ceilings. To enter, ladies must have their shoulders and knees covered and men must remove their hats. Bea especially enjoyed the rich history of Rome. The Trevi Fountain is a place where you toss coins which go to the needy. \$1.26 million is collected annually.

The umbrella pines, which produce pine nuts, reminded us of the trees in The Lorax.



Florence, cleaner and more rural, has wider streets, bigger cars, more modern buildings, and less graffiti than Rome. We agree with *Forbes Magazine* who calls it "One

of the most beautiful cities." Carol is especially fond of The



Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi because he is a lover of all animals and she was born on his birthday. We saw the Statue of David, visited a fine gold store and a leather store complete



with demonstrations and discounts.

"Look deep into nature and then you will understand everything better." Dr. Seuss.

Florence School System: Each village has a state-run nursery school. Elementary school hours are 8:30-4:30PM. Students have the same two teachers all five years. Medium School lasts for three years followed by a specialty high school, either artistic, hands-on, or academic from 8:00-1:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. They must pass a written and oral test to graduate.

Heather's mother, Pat Walter (Nu Chapter) asked if we got tired of holding up the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Isn't that why so many people go to visit - to take turns holding it in place?



Venice has



400 bridges which connect 120 islands. A Gondola ride is a must! The only transportation there is by water taxi or walking. No cars or

bikes. Major Appliances, furniture, etc. are all delivered by boat. Most locals shop for groceries every day.



Murano is

where we watched a glass blowing demonstration. Unfortunately, this is a dying art. We went to the glass store - how does one choose? Jewelry, drinking glasses, chandeliers, and more. Everything is so lovely!

In **Burano**, every building is a



different color so fishermen can find their houses from the sea after fishing. This was a favorite spot for us due to all the bright colored buildings and lace making.



Innsbruck, Austria hosted the Olympics three times. We

rode a gondola to the top of a mountain and spontaneously burst into singing Karen Carpenter's, "Top of the World."



In **Seefeld**, we rode a horse drawn carriage through the beautiful countryside. Schnapps and blankets were available to keep us warm. Our driver wore Edelweiss on his hat.

Three memorable meals. In

Italy, meals took hours since Italians savor their food and enjoy each other's company.



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Naturally, the pasta in Italy is amazing! We ate a four-course dinner in Rome complete with opera singers. All thirty-one of us on the tour had a private dinner in Florence at a villa which included five courses and five types of wine. Limoncello finished off our delicious meal. In Austria, we were treated to a dinner theater, Bavarian style. The performance included dancing, a band with alpine horns, alpine bells and yodeling. Oh, and



there's always room for Gelato. If Heather didn't eat it one day, she had it twice the next.



On to **Germany** for the *Passion Play!* This is performed every ten years because in 1634, the townspeople of Oberammergau made a pact with God to keep away the Black Plague. (We all wish they would have included COVID-19 in that pact!) Only residents may participate. Forty percent of the population is



involved. Those who want to learn an instrument to play in the orchestra are provided with the instrument and the town pays half the lesson price. It runs from May to Mid-October 5 days a week. Audience members are provided with a translation since it is completely in German. The show lasts 5 hours with a break in the middle for dinner. Participants get paid. Some actors quit their jobs and those who don't are only in half the show. The choir is one of the best Heather has ever heard. We went to be enriched and enriched we became. Many thanks to DKG!

Top Ten Things Learned

10. No wash cloths in European hotel rooms
9. Hotel room key operates electrically
8. Gas prices were \$7 and \$8 per gallon
7. No trucks on highways on Sundays and holidays (unless transporting perishables) to make more room for traveling families.
6. Monetary bills are different sizes according to denomination
5. No large department or grocery stores
4. Gondoliers make up to \$150,000 a year
3. Public fountains
2. Unisex bathrooms
1. Gelato is better than ice cream

Correction to the Gallery and Fine Art's article published in the winter issue, page 15:

(Carolyn Wert's photo was that of her mother.)



Carolyn Wert
Photographs



Bubbles of Joy



Seas the Day

Congratulations, Patricia Brenner!
Your article, *"The Quest to Honor Dr. Annie Webb Blanton: Follow Your Passion,"* has been selected for inclusion in the 2022, Volume 89-2 issue of ***The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.***

Additions to PA Creative Arts Retreat

Please add to the Saturday morning schedule:
Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30 AM

Please add to the workshop choices:

Churn Dash Quilt Patch - Melissa Moorhead

Participants will need to bring their sewing machines, light grey thread and scissors. They will receive pre-cut pieces for the block, a pattern and directions to make additional blocks. Cost: \$3.00, limit 25 (2 hours)

AM Workshops

*Means Act 48 credit available

***Title: Coping With Grief and Learning to Live Again**

Presenter: Kim Kluxen Meredith

Grief is an unwelcome visitor in anyone's life. But we cannot escape its presence as it barges in anyway. What we do with it is the key. When a single car accident left my forty-five-year-old husband a quadriplegic for two weeks before his death, I realized that life never really was in my control and now I had to deal with it. I learned how to listen to my inner soul, *my whispers*. This did not come easy at first. Doubt and intense heart ache took over at times as I singularly parented two elementary school children. But the more I trusted myself and accepted my fate, the stronger I grew.

My book, *Listen for the Whispers: Coping with Grief and Learning to Live Again* will be featured in this workshop. I intend to project a message of hope and resilience by providing some tools to open up your heart and return of a joyful life.

***Title: "Fog Lights"**

Presenter: Mike Resh

School Counselor and Children's Book Author, Mike Resh, will shine direct light on valuable topics impacting young children in a post-pandemic world. This session will help to project your knowledge base and understanding of current childhood mental health challenges, social skill limitation/deficits, and various other areas that might sometimes seem "foggy" or unclear as they relate to supporting students and young children. Take away tools that are practical and easy to use for building connections, overcoming obstacles, and supporting students and their families facing various spots of darkness and unclear direction in their lives.

***Title: RoboKind Phonics: Learn How to Teach Students to Read and Enjoy Reading Using the First Teacher's Assisting Robot**

Presenter: Dr. Jessica Redcay, Chi

Join us to learn about how we translate the Science of Reading into action. Learn about the systematic and explicit phonics program supported by research to help students learn to read and enjoy the process. *RoboKind Phonics* consists of innovative technology, play-based, and multi-sensory strategies. This session will include a demo and an opportunity to try out the program. Learn more about how to integrate humanoid

teaching assistants into the classroom

Title: Writing Memories: A Recipe for Preserving the Past

Presenter: Amy Radford, Beta Rho

Every person has a story experiences that are uniquely her own. Maybe you have thought about sharing your story, but you are not sure what to do. Even if you have never considered yourself a writer, writing your own memories can be an exciting endeavor. With the right ingredients and some creativity, anyone can share her story.

***Title: Martial Arts in Society**

Presenter: Jade Leung, Alpha Xi

Kihap! Have fun in this interactive presentation about martial arts and society. Jade is a 3rd degree blackbelt and instructor in traditional taekwondo. She will share ways to use taekwondo in the classroom to teach biology units. You will take part in these activities and leave with a taekwondo STEAM inspired craft that you create! No experience or physical activity will be required, but you will have the opportunity to learn a basic punch to culminate your experience in this creative and unique workshop!

***Chapter Presidents Celebrate Mid-biennium**

Presenters: Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi and the Leadership Development Committee

Chapter Presidents Celebrate the 1st year of their biennia. Join the Leadership Development Team in reflecting on your accomplishments and proactively thinking about what your leadership legacy will be.

Audience: Current Chapter Presidents

PM WORKSHOPS

* Means Act 48 credit available

**Title: Roundtable Discussion
Susan Perkins, International Guest**

Join International Guest Susan Perkins, SW Regional Director, to share you DKG voice. Possible discussion topics may include: How do you contribute to DKG? How do you want to contribute to the Society? What are you proud of in your chapter? What questions or concerns do you have?

***Title: Sensory Fun in School Gardens
Presenters: Grace Julian & Beth Horst**

Most of us heard "Eat your vegetables!" at some point in our lives. For some, this was an unwelcome command as we stared at a plate of overcooked green beans. What if there was a way to encourage

students to eat vegetables from a place of curiosity? Beth Horst and Grace Julian, Co-founders of The Edible Classroom, will share what they see on a daily basis...if children are part of the process, they are more inclined to *taste* their vegetables. Bringing state standards, healthy eating and environmental stewardship into the realm of exploration and discovery is what ignites our passion. Join us for a literal taste of garden education.

***Title: Literacy and STEM**

Presenter: Sue Allen, Chi

In this workshop participants will experience how books can be tied to STEM activities. Chi chapter had a STEM-book program and followed this with a chapter project to assemble STEM supplies to support books that were then donated to an area classroom.

COM-MUN-I-CATE with CANVA!

Presenter: Amy Snyder, Alpha Beta

Learn how to use a FREE online app that provides copyright free artwork to your chapters' newsletter. Canva also allows you to get a newsletter printed without resources. Canva offers other features that allows for social media posting, flyer and brochure creation, and even slide presentations that could be shared with your chapter's media committee. Feel free to bring your own device to begin creating.

What is an Enrichment Grant and Why Should I Apply?

Presenter: Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma

In this workshop, participants will learn, how, why and details about applying for an Enrichment Grant. This session will show participants examples of :individual or partner grants; show the grant application; view the seven DKG purposes; review the grant requirements to be completed; and provide information relevant to applying for an Enrichment Grant. Start brainstorming some ideas and apply for a 2024 Enrichment Grant.

***Title: Purposeful Seminar: What We Learned and What We Did**

Presenters: Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi and Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

Come see and hear what you missed at the Mennonite Central Committee and Ten Thousand Villages. We will share our experiences from Wednesday's Purposeful Seminar. There will be an opportunity for a hands-on activity.

Please consider completing the registration online this year at
https://whova.com/portal/registration/scdps_202306/
 (You can submit your online registration along with payment.)



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
Pennsylvania State Convention - Registration
Wyndham Lancaster Resort & Convention Center
Wednesday, June 21 - Friday, June 23, 2023

First Name (as preferred on name tag)		Chapter Name
Last Name		<p align="center">~Check ALL Pertinent Categories~</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Incoming Chapter President <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer and/or Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member or Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate Degree in 2022-2023 <input type="checkbox"/> First Timer to Convention <input type="checkbox"/> State Chorus Participant <input type="checkbox"/> Member since 1983 or earlier: Year initiated _____
Address (City, State, Zip)		
Phone Number (Include Area Code)		
Email Address		

Registration & Meals

~Non-refundable~

~Postmarked on or before April 30, 2023~

~Late Registration Between May 1-May 15, 2023~

~No Registration after May 15, 2023~

Registration		Meals	
Full Conference	\$65.00	All Access Meal Package	\$185.00
OR ONE DAY		<i>Wednesday - Nibble & Network/EEC</i>	
Wednesday, June 21	\$25.00	<i>Thursday - Breakfast, Luncheon, AM/PM Snack Breaks, Banquet</i>	
		<i>Friday - Breakfast</i>	
Thursday, June 22	\$35.00	Wednesday Bundle - June 21 (Only)	\$40.00
		<i>Nibble & Network/EEC</i>	
Friday, June 23	\$25.00	Thursday Bundle - June 22 (Only)	\$130.00
		<i>Breakfast, Luncheon, AM/PM Snack Breaks, Banquet</i>	
Late Registrations (Double Above)	\$ _____		
Chapter Focus Table (no electricity) -Thursday only	\$30.00	Thursday, June 22 (Luncheon ONLY)	\$40.00
Act 48 Credit Fee	\$10.00	Thursday, June 22 (Banquet ONLY)	\$65.00
		Friday, June 23 (Breakfast ONLY)	\$30.00
TOTAL REGISTRATION	\$ _____	TOTAL MEALS	\$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION & MEALS

\$

*Make checks payable to:
Delta Kappa Gamma*

For special dietary needs, mark below:

- Gluten-free diet Lactose Intolerant Diabetic Vegetarian Allergic to _____

Workshop Registration

Thursday Membership Workshops
(Please check one below for morning & afternoon.)

Thursday Morning	Thursday Afternoon
<input type="checkbox"/> *Chapter Presidents Celebrate Mid-biennium <i>- Dr. Lyn Schmid & Leadership Development Committee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> COM-MUN-I-CATE with CANVA! <i>- Amy Snyder</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> *Coping with Grief and Learning to Live Again <i>- Kim Kluxen Meredith</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> *Literacy and STEM <i>- Sue Allen</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> *Fog Lights <i>- Mike Resh</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> *Purposeful Seminar: What We Learned and What We Did <i>- Dr. Lyn Schmid & Royce Boyd</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> *Martial Arts in Society <i>- Jade Leung</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Roundtable Discussion with International Guest <i>- Susan Perkins</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> *RoboKind Phonics: Learn How to Teach Students to Read and Enjoy Reading Using the First Teacher's Assisting Robot <i>- Dr. Jessica Redcay</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> *Sensory Fun in School Gardens <i>- Grace Julian & Beth Horst</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Memories: A Recipe for Preserving the Past <i>- Amy Radford</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> What is an Enrichment Grant and Why Should I Apply? <i>- Karen Snyder</i>
<i>*Denotes workshop is eligible for Act 48 hours.</i>	

Volunteering at State Convention

(Please check any of the categories below if you are willing to volunteer to assist.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Registration (indicate day) <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Baskets & State Store (indicate day) <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday
<input type="checkbox"/> Celebration Luncheon – Banquet Hostess – Assist with Keeping the Door Closed Until Event	<input type="checkbox"/> President’s Banquet – Banquet Hostess - Assist with Keeping the Door Closed Until Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrist Band Checker for Meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Hostess – Assist with Locating Rooms on Thursday
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Volunteer (indicate day/event) <input type="checkbox"/> Assist Members with Setting Up Their DKG Account (Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning) <input type="checkbox"/> Assist Chapter Presidents with Preparing for Electronic Voting (Thursday, Friday) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Support in 1-2 Workshop Rooms (Thursday morning and/or afternoon) <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Support for First General Session, Luncheon, Banquet, and/or Second General Session <input type="checkbox"/> Videographer for Album of Distinction	

Photo Release

- Yes, I grant permission to use my image in current or future promotional media.
- No, I grant permission to use my image in current or future promotional media. Thursday

Send form to:
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 Convention Treasurer
 P.O. Box 235
 Osterburg, PA 16667
 814-977-7485 padkgconvtreasurer@gmail.com

Helpful Hints for the Pennsylvania State Convention 2023

Here is your opportunity to use your Voice and have a Choice in DKG PA! Below are some helpful hints to help you be prepared and get the most out of the weekend.

Dress for convention weekend:

Wednesday – casual

Thursday – Business casual

Thursday Evening – Your Best Dressy (dress or pants)

Friday – casual/traveling clothes

There is air conditioning at the Wyndham Resort and Convention Center, please dress in layers or bring a sweater, pashmina or jacket

The **Chorus** will be rehearsing throughout the weekend. Even if you did not sign up for the chorus, you can still join in and sing with the group. Just go to their practices!

Evaluations are important! We want to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Before you leave on Friday, please return your evaluation to the registration table or do it online like you did your registration.

Wednesday, June 21

Check-in for the Wyndham Resort and Conference Center Hotel is 4:00 PM.

Check-in at DKG Registration, lower level, to get your materials for Convention between **12:00 PM – 7:00 PM**. You may wish to put your name on the program in case you misplace it.

Bring your sparkly **“bling lanyard”** from previous conventions. If this is your first convention, you will get a lanyard at registration.

Bring your favorite **DKG Bag** from a previous convention. If this is your first convention, you will get a DKG Bag at registration.

Buy chances for the **raffle baskets** donated by the chapters. There are times throughout convention when you will have time to put your tickets in to win. Some members bring address labels to place on their tickets. Proceeds from the raffle baskets defray the convention costs.

Stop by the **Tech Table** and learn how to set up your My DKG account and/or DKG app.

Attend **Nibbles & Network!** This is new this year and a great way to

connect with members on topics you both have an interest in and/or learn more about that topic. Be sure to sign-up for this opportunity when you register.

Attend the **Album of Distinction**, presented by our State EEC Committee. At this ceremony, recognition is given to our members' accomplishments outside of DKG.

Album of Distinction Reception & Art Gallery follows the ceremony. Relax with some refreshments and a non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverage from the Cash Bar. President Eileen's signature drink, Prosecco, will be available all weekend.

EEC Social, presented by our EEC State Chair, Royce Boyd and committee is open to all convention attendees. We will be playing Music Bingo again! Come join the fun and get to know other DKG sisters.

Thursday, June 22

All **First Timers** to the Convention are invited to the Continental Breakfast. You are in a separate room with Marcie Erickson, State Second Vice President and Membership Chair, and the Membership Committee. You

will meet other first timers, State Officers, and our International Guest, Susan Perkins. Make sure to sign-up for the breakfast when you register.

Attend the **Executive Board and First General Session** in the ballroom. President Eileen will be presiding over the society business and Susan Perkins our International Guest will share an update from International.

Attend **workshops** in the morning and the afternoon. This year all workshops are personal or professional growth topics. Many are available for **Act 48 credit!** There are 6 workshops in the AM and 6 workshops in the PM.

Our **Celebration Luncheon** is chaired by Royce Boyd, our State First Vice President and EEC Chair. Join in celebrating Birthday Chapters and members with 40+ years of membership. Congratulate any member who has received their doctorate degree. Our Keynote speaker, Kim Kluxen Meredith, will share about her three children's picture books. The three storybooks are about the adventures of a hermit crab family. Each book has a universal message for young readers

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and their families.

Thursday Evening _____
Banquet is chaired by Marcie Erickson, our State Second Vice President and Membership Chair. This year we honor our Current Chapter Presidents. Nancy Schnell, State Achievement Chair, and her committee will present the State Achievement Award. The State Chorus,

directed by Karlie Vaughn, Visual & Performing Arts Chair, will share their talents with us. We will end the evening by singing the DKG song.

Friday, June 23

The Celebration of Life is presented by Marcie Erickson, Second Vice President, and the Membership Committee. It is our time to remember our sisters who have passed away since Convention

2022. It is always a beautiful and memorable ceremony.

At the **Honors Breakfast**, followed by the **Second General Session**, we will share the excitement of members receiving Scholarship and Enrichment Grants, presented by our Scholarship Chair, Susan Martin and her committee. The Nancy Grove Visionary Award recipient will be

recognized. DKG Pennsylvania State Organization business will be discussed and voting on the 2023-2024 budget will occur during the Second General Session.

Check-out of the Wyndham Resort and Conference Center by 11:00 AM

Thanks so much for coming and Safe Travels Home!

DISCOVER LANCASTER

Did you know that the Wyndham Resort & Convention Center is extending our hotel rates so you could arrive early or stay later for our State Convention? There are many things to do in Lancaster and many are close to our hotel. Check out the list below for a few suggestions or visit discoverlancaster.com. You will be given a Discover Lancaster magazine with your registration materials. Bring your family or have some girlfriend time in Lancaster!

Attractions

- Sight & Sound Theater – Moses is playing
- American Music Theater – Happy Together Tour and Brian Regan
- Magic & Wonder Theater – magic & variety show
- Fulton Theater – Grease is playing

- Dutch Wonderland – amusement park
- Strasburg Railroad – Thomas the Tank and friends will be there too
- Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania
- Hands on House, Children’s Museum
- Lancaster Science Factory
- Lancaster Barnstormers – baseball game
- Amish Experience at Plain & Fancy Farm
- Amish Farm and House
- Abe’s Buggy Rides
- Strasburg Scooter Tours
- Shopping at Tanger Outlets
- Shopping at one of our markets
- Visit Lititz – Budget Travel calls it one of the coolest small towns in America
- Visit Adamstown – widely known as Antiques Capital, USA
- Visit Lancaster City’s many Art Galleries



Application is available on the State Website

2023 State Convention Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 Purposeful Seminar	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Registration for Purposeful Seminar & State Convention	7:00 PM - 8:45 PM Purposeful Seminar Orientation			
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 Purposeful Seminar	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast for Purposeful Seminar Participants	8:30 AM - 8:45 AM Board Buses	8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Purposeful Seminar		
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 State Convention 2023	12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Registration for State Convention	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Deliver Raffle Baskets Raffle Baskets Sales State Store Sales	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Tech Support Set up your My DKG Account and/or add the DKG app to your device	5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Nibble and Network	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Officers & Special Guests Dinner
	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Chorus Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Volunteer Training Session	7:30 PM - 8:00 PM Album of Distinction	8:00 PM - 8:30 PM Album of Distinction Reception, with Cash Bar and Art Gallery	8:30 PM - 10:30 PM EEC Social - Music Bingo Snacks & Cash Bar
Thursday, June 22, 2023 State Convention 2023	6:30 AM - 7:45 AM Ticketed Continental Breakfast	6:30 AM - 7:45 AM First Timers Breakfast	7:00 AM - 7:45 AM Past State Presidents Breakfast & Meeting	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Registration	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Focus Tables Set-up & Sales Raffle Ticket Sales State Store Sales
	7:00 AM - 7:45 AM Tech Support	7:00 AM - 7:45 AM Chorus Rehearsal	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM First General Session and Executive Board Meeting	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Focus Table Sales Basket Raffle Sales State Store Sales	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Morning Workshops
	11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Focus Tables Sales Basket Raffle Sales State Store Sales	12:00 PM - 12:15 PM Doors Open For Celebration Luncheon	12:15 PM - 2:15 PM Celebration Luncheon & Keynote Speaker	2:15 PM - 2:45 PM Focus Table Sales Basket Raffle Sales State Store sales	2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Afternoon Workshops
	3:45 PM - 4:30 PM Focus Table Sales Basket Raffle Sales State Store Sales	3:45 PM - 5:00 PM Afternoon Snack Break	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Procession Review Chapter Presidents & Escorts	4:30 PM - 4:45 PM Focus Tables Taken Down	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Raffle Drawing
	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Chorus Rehearsal	5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Photos (Officers & Guests)	5:45 PM - 6:45 PM Reception & Cash Bar	6:15 PM - 6:30 PM Doors Open for Banquet	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM President's Banquet
Friday, June 23, 2023 State Convention 2023	7:30 AM - 8:00 AM Registration	8:00 - 8:45 AM Celebration of Life	9:15 - 10:00 AM Honors Breakfast	10:00 AM - 11:30 PM Second General Session	11:45 AM - 12:00 PM Administrative Board Meeting of Officers and Committee Chairs



In Memoriam

Mary Furlong Omega

November 21, 2022

Mary was a member of the World Fellowship Committee for many years. She traveled extensively in Africa and presented programs based on her work in Africa, both at the chapter and state levels. Prior to her retirement, Mary was a high school English and social studies teacher at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown. In addition, Mary coached the award-winning forensics and mock trial teams at Delone Catholic and was a co-founder of the Mock Political Convention which has continued since its establishment in 1968.

F. Joan Bown Omega

November 28, 2022

A sixty-two year member of DKG, Joan was inducted into Omega Chapter in 1960. Joan was a third grade teacher and an elementary librarian in the Chambersburg Area School District for thirty-six years, retiring in 1990. She was a life member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association, as well as the Franklin County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

Marie Kaufmann Beta Pi

December 2, 2022

Marie was a beloved member of Beta Pi. An excellent baker, she catered two of the chapter's teas. Marie held the office of recording secretary for two years, and she also served as treasurer from 2009-2015. As a school nurse in the Upper Merion School District, Marie was an active participant in Upper Merion Emergency Aid, an organization that provides clothes, food, and financial assistance for district families in need. After retirement, Marie volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and she served as president of the John B. Deaver Auxiliary of the Lankenau Hospital.

Barbara Green Kappa

January 6, 2023

Barbara, who all sisters knew as *Linkey*, joined Kappa Chapter in October, 2012, as a transfer from a chapter in Texas. While in Texas, she joined DKG in 1998. Barbara was a school librarian at Jensen Elementary in the state of Texas.



Technology Volunteers Needed!

Can you share a bit of your convention time and technology expertise to help your sisters and the convention? Then you are just who we need!

Volunteer for technology help - Assistance for the following tasks:

- Members with setting up their My DKG Account (Wed afternoon, Thursday morning)
- Chapter Presidents preparing their device for electronic voting (Thursday, Friday)
- Presentation support in 1-2 rooms during

Morning workshops

- Presentation support in 1-2 rooms during Afternoon workshops
- Presentation support for First General session, Luncheon, Banquet and Second General Session
- Videographer for Album of Distinction (camera and tripod provided)

There will be a short meeting on Wednesday evening 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM to discuss your job assignments and duties. Be sure to make your selection on the registration form to join the Technology Volunteer Crew!

Important Dates

March 1, 2023	International Achievement Award recommendations
March 1, 2023	DKGIEF Project Application
March 1, 2023	<i>Bulletin</i> : Journal Submissions
March 1, 2023	PA State Album of Distinction forms due to Tina Smith-Gilbert & EEC Committee
March 15, 2023	Nominations for PA State Achievement Award due to Nancy Schnell and State Achievement/Rosebud Committee
May 1, 2023	DKGIEF Cornet CIPD Application
May 15, 2023	<i>Bulletin</i> : Journal submissions
June 20 – 23, 2023	PA State Convention 2023 & Purposeful Seminar
June 30, 2023	Members to submit dues to Chapter Treasurer
2023 Conferences	~ Michigan, Detroit, July 11-16, 2023, The Westin Book Cadillac ~ Arizona, Phoenix, July 18-22, 2023, Sheraton Wild Horse Pass ~ Finland, Tampere, July 26-29, 2023, Tampere Hall
Summer 2024	International Convention, Gaylord National, DC Area National Harbor, Maryland
Summer 2026	International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

State President Eileen Little's Schedule

February 4, 2023	Chapter Visit: Chi – Lancaster
February 24 – 26, 2023	International Scholarship Committee Meeting – Austin/Pflugersville
March 4, 2023	Three Chapters Visit: Beta Pi, Beta Omicron, Beta Mu – Chester & Montgomery
March 18, 2023	Scholarship Committee Meeting
March 23, 2023	Chapter Visit: Alpha Delta – Somerset
March 25, 2023	Chapter Visit: Alpha Beta – Bedford, Blair, Fulton & Huntington
April 15, 2023	Four Chapter Visit: Eta, Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma – York & Blair
April 18, 2023	Zoom Meeting Chapter Presidents & Leadership Committee
April 21-23, 2023	Creative Arts Retreat, Waymart, PA
May 6, 2023	Chapter Visit: Beta – Berks
May 10-11, 2023	Finance Committee Meeting
May 20, 2023	Tri-Chapter Visit: Alpha Zeta, Beta Rho & Phi – Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Monroe, Wayne & Pike
June 20 – 23, 2023	Purposeful Seminar & State Convention 2023 – Lancaster



2023 Birthday Chapters

85 years

Beta

75 years

Phi
Chi

Psi

Omega

Alpha Beta

Alpha Gamma

Alpha Delta

60 years

Beta Theta

Beta Iota

55 years

Beta Mu

Beta Nu

45 years

Beta Pi



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