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2022 Rosebud Recognition Awardee

Nancy Schnell, Chi
State Achievement Chair



Jennifer Harclerode, Alpha Beta Chapter, was award the Rosebud Recognition Award at the 2022 Delta Kappa Gamma Pennsylvania State Convention in State College. The award is given in even numbered years. It honors members who have three to five years of membership.

Jennifer was initiated in 2019. In this biennium she became part of her chapter's executive board as second vice president. Since her initiation she has exemplified the characteristics of an active and dedicated DKG member meeting many of the seven purposes. Jennifer regularly attends chapter meetings and gets involved. Her leadership and organizational skills have given her the opportunity to co-chair the Hospitality Committee, support the Weekend Backpack Program, chair the Membership Committee, and Co-chair the Ceremonies Committee within her chapter.

In addition, Jennifer acted in two Alpha Beta Visual/Performing Arts plays. She actively assists in the collection and distribution of school supplies, personal care items, and clothing for drives put on for the Bedford County Children & Youth Services. She is also active in the local community by supporting children and families in need. She is now extending herself into the State DKG arena. At the 2022 Convention she volunteered to work at the registration desk and the Basket Raffle/State Store.

Jennifer is a vocal advocate for DKG and has become an essential member of Alpha Beta through her commitment, dedication, and personal interactions with her fellow members. What a great example for any new and existing member of our society.

Congratulations to Jennifer for her on-going involvement within Alpha Beta Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Welcome, Susan Blazosky PA State Treasurer



Susan Blazosky is our new Pennsylvania State Treasurer. She is a member of Beta Epsilon where she is the Finance Committee Chair and immediate Past Chapter President. She also served

on the State Finance Committee and lives in Saint Michael, PA.

She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education Mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Francis University, Loretto, PA, and obtained her PA Instructional II teaching certification.

Susan has over 30 years of experience in the field of education. She started her career substitute teaching for 2 years where she transitioned to working for 12 years at the [\(see Treasurer page 7\)](#)

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President's Message

Eileen Little, Chi
DKG PA State President 2021-2023






We had a wonderful 2022 State Convention! There were over 200 members present this year! Thursday's Leadership Seminar for members and Leadership Training for Chapter Presidents was a huge success for both groups! I heard many positive comments and you will want to read the articles by *Ann Peay*,  Alpha Omicron, and *Gisele Rinaldi Siebold*,  Chi, in this issue. Thanks to Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi,  and the leadership committee for providing this opportunity. Some members participated in the pre-convention event at University Wine Company. We honored twelve women for Album of Distinction. EEC Social was music bingo, ice cream social, and other snacks! We had so much fun identifying the songs and trying to win bingo. The final game was a cover all and was won by *Brittany Bertoli*,  Chi. Brittany won online registration for 2023 State Convention! Check out Brittany's article in this issue about State Convention from a first timer's perspective. This was a blast! Thanks Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta, and the EEC committee!

My day started on Friday with the First Timers Breakfast. What fun to meet so many members who were attending State Convention for the first time. *Mary Schmalzle*,  Phi, won online registration for 2023 State Convention! First General Session was full of great information and business.

Gayle Cobb, Beta Rho, and  *Anna Fulton*, Chi, presented the flags. *June Bowers*, International Second Vice President, shared an update with interactive news from International. Our new state treasurer, *Susan Blazosky*,  Beta Epsilon, shared her report and *Mary Wilhelm*,  Kappa, shared the 2022-2023 budget.

Greta Marie Taft, Pi,  promoted the Creative Arts Retreat coming up on April 21-23, 2023. We voted on eight amendments.

Thanks *Louann Shrader*,  Omega, and *Linda Nickerson*,  Alpha Zeta, for these amendments moving PA forward! Did you know *Annie Webb Blanton* is now part of the National Women's History Museum? Thanks to the dedicated work of *Patricia Brenner*,  Alpha Beta! Patricia shared her journey to make this a reality. Lastly, PA State was fortunate to receive generous donations from Becky and Ted Place, and Kathy Kuzmiak. Check out the convention minutes on our PA website to read more about our first general session.

We moved on to morning *In A Flash* presentations which were personal growth opportunities offered before the morning workshops. Members had choices to attend society business workshops or personal and professional growth workshops, with some

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offering Act 48 credits. Our Celebration Lunch honored: eighteen birthday chapters; members with forty years or more of membership; doctorate recognition of *Dr. Candace Claar*, Alpha Beta; and newsletters & website recognitions for chapters. Our Keynote speaker was *Laura Overdeck*. Her presentation, *Numeracy: The Keystone for a Thriving Society* gave us a new perspective about math. Her *Bedtime Math* books were a hit at the State Store!



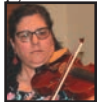
In the afternoon, professional growth was the focus of the *In A Flash* opportunities followed by more workshops of society business and personal and professional growth. There was something for everyone! Thanks to our six *In A Flash* presenters and thirteen workshop presenters and committees. Our President's Banquet in the evening was amazing. We introduced the Incoming and Outgoing Chapter Presidents and *Kristin Hills*, Psi, shared a fabulous message with the Rosebud recipient was



Jennifer Harclerode, Alpha Beta! Our chorus was stellar and *Alpha Zeta*, did an amazing job conducting and leading these members.



Rebecca Barkley, Beta Pi, shared a beautiful violin performance.



Saturday morning started with our Celebration of Life. The membership committee and chair, *Marcie Erickson*, Beta Epsilon, presented a very moving experience, *The Trees of Memory Grow*. We honored all our sisters that we have recently lost and there was a special remembrance



for *Wanda Keller*, our past State Treasurer. *Cristal Sheaffer*, Beta Theta, shared her talents with a flute solo.



What a beautiful experience for all. We do have many talented women in PA State!

At the Second General Session, *Tracey Dusch*, Psi, presented the Nancy Grove Visionary award to

Tina Smith-Gilbert, Alpha Beta. *Martin*, Eta, and the scholarship tee presented four Scholarships Enrichment Grants. Throughout convention five members shared "You Have a Voice and a Choice." These members were: *Sandra Brown-Thomas*, Chi; *Debbie McMillan*, Alpha Sigma; *Kathy Lauer*, Beta Beta; *Joyce Bigley*, Alpha Nu; and *Trisha Dilick*, Alpha Theta.



Susan and nine our their



Sue Allen, Chi,

Our IT Specialist, and our State Photographer, *Deborah Yargar-Reed*, Beta Kappa, were constantly on the go, helping to make our convention great. Our fabulous convention team: *Connie Marr*, Alpha Theta, *Dr. Becky Johnen*, Alpha Beta; *Candace Claar*, Alpha Beta; and *Tracey Dusch*, Psi, were AMAZING!



My next adventure is the International Convention in New Orleans! Look for the Fall *Keystonian* with lots of updates from International!

Eileen



Pennsylvania State is Forward Moving Ever!

Thoughts About State Convention - First Timer's Viewpoint

Brittany Bertoli, Chi

I have always heard about this amazing thing called the DKG State Convention, especially the famous basket raffles. For many years it has seemed the weekend



of the convention was always busy for me; until this year when I finally was able to experience the convention for the first time. Luckily, I was able to find a roommate I knew from my chapter and I was on my way. As I journeyed throughout the weekend, I began to notice some common themes.

One of the common themes for the weekend was meeting new people. That started immediately. I was whisked away as soon as I arrived to the pre-convention wine tasting event at the University Wine Company. There, I was able to meet and get to know the vibrant June Bowers and listen to her amazing experiences, both as an educator and also as a member of DKG. In the evening I was able to participate with other Chi Chapter members playing music bingo. We listened to both oldies music and current music as we worked together to figure out each song. I am very thankful for our group, because most of those "oldies" were not songs I knew! I was even able to win a paid registration for next year's convention for completely

filling in my bingo card. Throughout the weekend, I was able to meet many new people and learn where they are from and their experiences with teaching and DKG. I also enjoyed our Friday night trip to Legends and to finally experience the legendary basket auction. Unfortunately, this year I struck out, but there is always next year!

Another theme of the weekend was learning new things. I came away with a better understanding of our Society's rules and governing body, as well as gather ideas to use in the classroom provided by Jessica Redcay and her workshop on STEM and Literacy programs. Laura Overdeck and *Bed Time Math*, continued to open up my mind to new math ideas. I can't wait to use them during the upcoming school year. I also had the opportunity to be a part of the Membership Committee. I really enjoyed planning and contributing to the First Timers breakfast and

For me the experience came full circle at the President's Banquet when I was able to escort my first teaching



mentor, State President Eileen Little, into the banquet. It was great to see how far I have come since my first year of teaching to where I am now.

I left convention with a renewed sense of partnership, friends, and belonging after hearing from teachers from all over the state. I have added a new addition to my "to-do" list as I will surely be applying for a scholarship and enrichment grant, for the many places I would love to travel to and learn more about it! I already can't wait until next year.



the Celebration of Life.



**See you
at State in
2023!**

Summer Fun - STEM Ideas

Jade Leung, Alpha XI
Projects Chair

It is time for some Summer Fun! For this issue I would like to share some ideas that can be incorporated into fun summer activities. I think it is very important to encourage students of all ages to get outside and enjoy the world away from screens! The three activities I am showcasing can be used for scout troops, summer camps, and can be utilized at the start of school next year to help engage and excite all ages!

Summer Fun Activity 1: Bubble Magic

At the start of the school year we review the scientific method in my high school biology class as part of the course introduction. Students analyze three types of soap to determine which type of soap blows the largest bubble. We correlate bubble size with cost to determine the best type of soap on the market. Students blow the bubbles by spreading soap on the lab tables and use a straw to blow the bubble. When the bubble pops, there is a film that shows the outline of the bubble. The outline is measured to determine the size of the bubble. For high school students there are various graphs and calculations that are part of the lab. For our younger students just blowing the bubbles may be enough science fun to excite their curiosity! This is a

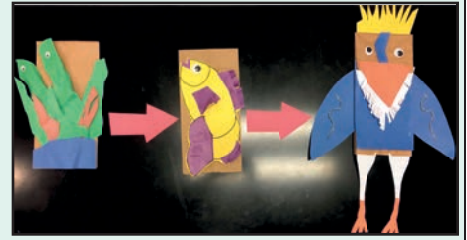
fun activity that is suitable for all age levels!



Summer Fun Activity 2: Paper Bag Puppet Food Chains

For those of you who do not know me well, I am as comfortable in front of the classroom as I am fishing on the bank of a lake or creek! In this activity students can be exposed to the outdoors and explore fish food chains. Throughout Pennsylvania there are numerous lakes, creeks, rivers and streams so this activity can help highlight some of our state's natural features! It is fitting for a summer camp or outdoor adventure! Younger students can work in groups and create paper bag food chain puppets to illustrate a freshwater food chain that involves fish. An example of a food chain would be algae, minnow, trout, blue heron. Younger students will have a blast making paper bag food chains and lining up in front of class to show their food chains. I teach at a high school that is close to a lake where students often go to walk, bike, and participate in other outdoor activities like fishing. Older students could do a

scavenger hunt as a class assignment over the weekend trying to identify specific species of fish and birds.



Summer Fun Activity 3: Windssocks & Kites

The summer breeze can be an educational opportunity! Young students can build paper windsocks to hang on their porches. You can discuss wind by asking them to observe the direction of the streamers to determine the direction and strength of the wind. The young scientists can record data and begin to learn about the force of wind. Older students can fly kites that can easily be purchased cheaply at a variety of stores. Students can measure the height of the kite by measuring the string. Data can be calculated and numerical values can be used to determine the height of the kite on various days. A correlation can be made about the height of the kite and the strength of the wind.



Nancy Grove 2022 Recipient

Tina Smith-Gilbert, Alpha Beta

Tina will use her award to fund a year's worth of individual books for 17 preschool children in her Pre-K class at Claysburg Elementary School. It would be used to purchase 10 books per year for each child in her classroom. It would also fund the



purchase of the *Novel Effect App* to help promote the love of books and reading through adding story sound effects to orally read books in her classroom. The goal of her project is to help her students gain a love of reading and for literature at a young age.

United States Forum

Deb Seng, Erie
US Forum Chair

Although I was unable to attend the US Forum National Legislative Seminar, I am sharing the minutes that Carol LaPolice, US Forum/US Forum Steering committee Northeast Rep sent. As you can see it was a very fruitful meeting.

The US Forum National Legislative Seminar was recently held in Arlington, VA. Said as one of the best with notable speakers on how to advocate, hot topics and a *Monuments by Moonlight* tour, it made up for the cancellation in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We had 20 first timers in attendance. The kickoff dinner was followed by the well-known keynote speaker, Lisa Maatz from the Ohio Citizen Organization, who talked about advocacy. Her message to us was, “Use the talents you have as educators – challenge yourself. You have opinions.” She encouraged us to write letters to the editors of newspapers, even if it doesn’t get printed it gets the editorial board talking about the issue and they will do more research on it.

Day 2 included DKG Society International President, Becky Sadowski who participated in the seminar along with Executive Director, Nita Scott. Becky explained why DKG cannot support an issue: “We are an international organization of 17 countries with different cultures and regions. We cannot speak for members around the world, but DKG believes in advocacy and wants and needs all to be advocates as individuals. You can write, “I am (name) and a member of DKG Society International. I am advocating for”

Lucy Gettman, Principal of G&S Consulting, shared bills and issues of interest. The Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act includes increasing the amount of time for new mothers to receive benefits and extends eligibility of children from 5 to 6 years of age. For childcare she said look for an alternative proposal in the next few weeks. Universal pre-K education is gaining traction in Congress. Student loan forgiveness, really a payment pause, is set to expire on May 11. Note there is a federal initiative to require teachers to provide one year of lesson plans so parents can opt out. Teacher availability is a challenge and there is a need for well-prepared personnel. Her advice, “Advocate everywhere and with everyone as one-half of the members of Congress held state government positions.

One-third of the time with direct contacts, one-third with coalitions such as DKG, and one-third with mentoring and supporting new educators.”

From the League of Women Voters, Alicia Guerri talked about anti-voter tactics including misinformation- wrong information with no intent to harm and disinformation- intentionally sharing false information with intent to harm. Two groups to learn more from are [vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) for voter mobilization and the Democracy Defense Fund who works to counter voter suppression.

Concerns about mental health were shared by Director of Advocacy, Brandon Graham, from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). He noted that Congress is paying attention as the Surgeon General made a groundbreaking announcement with recommendations on the mental health crisis. Fifty percent of lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, 75% by age 24. The average delay between onset and treatment is 11 years. The 988 number for mental health crises will be nationwide by July 16, 2022. On advocating he said, “Facts support, but stories move.” For more ideas to help see [NAMI | Advocacy Headquarters \(quorum.us\)](https://www.nami.org/About-NAMI/Advocacy-Headquarters)

Brad Fitch, CEO of Congressional Foundation, works with many from Congress. His message was, “Advocacy is relationship building. Show empathy, 45% of Congress suffered anxiety for their safety after January 6, 2022. Their average workweek is 70 hours with 15 meetings per day.” He gave a protocol for speaking to Congressmen and we participated in an interactive exercise. He concluded with my favorite line of the day, “We don’t have a government of the majority, we have a government of those who participate.”

In between the speakers, the Steering Committee made presentations on hot topics including food insecurity, climate change, and WEP/GPO (social security acts).

On our final day, Laura Peralta-Shulte from the Network: Build Anew program spoke on their 4 cornerstone projects for racial justice. They include: dismantle systemic racism focusing on the criminal legal system; cultivate an inclusive community with a focus on immigration; root our economy in solidarity

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Commonwealth Technical Institute as the Academic Advising Coordinator. Her duties there included managing the tutoring center and supervising the tutors. She worked with both a State ACT 101 and Federal TRIO Grant by recruiting students and maintaining grant requirements for both of these programs. Susan then moved to Corrections Education. She worked part-time for one year at the State Correctional Institute (SCI) Smithfield as the Re-entry instructor during the day and at SCI Pine Grove teaching evening Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes. From there, she transitioned to full-time teaching at

SCI Cresson as an ABE instructor for 6 years until the facility closed. She then moved to her current assignment at SCI Somerset as an ABE instructor for the past nine years.

She has also just completed her 17th tax season as a tax preparer for H & R Block.

Susan is quite active in her community. She is a co-leader of a Senior Girl Scout Troop 40991 and a Boy Scout merit badge counselor. She is a member, grant coordinator, and past president of the Greater Johnstown Community Chorus. She is a previous Board of Director's member and chair of Membership Development and Student Affairs committee of the

University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown Alumni Association. She is a member and auditor of Assembly 82 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternal Lodge.

Susan is very active in her church where she is a religious education instructor, Christian Initiation Director, choir member, song leader, Eucharistic Minister, and Lay Ministry Schedule Coordinator. She also serves on various parish committees.

She likes spending time with her family and friends, playing computer games, taking pictures, golfing, swimming, walking, gardening, and traveling.

Welcome Susan!

**Mary Wilhelm, Kappa
Finance Chair**

The State Finance Committee met on May 12, 2022, at the Best Western Country Cupboard in Lewisburg, PA. We welcomed Susan Blazosky, our new State Treasurer and reviewed past budgets and actual spending for this year to develop the proposed budget

for the 2022-2023 year.

At the time of our meeting not all finances were returned for the 2021-2022 year. Our committee developed a proposed budget for the coming year based on this year's spending, consideration for the unusual circumstances this year, and budget requests. The proposed budget was passed by the committee to be presented to the chapters at this year's State Convention.

Pennsylvania Needs You

Use your VOICE and make a CHOICE to become a State Officer or be part of the Finance Committee or Nominations Committee. These present members stepped up and made an effort to be there for you.

It is now your turn. There are many people that can help you with these positions. You will not be alone and you will be so glad you did.

Please go on our website and download the application. The application must be emailed to me by **October 10, 2022**. Be a part of something great and worthwhile. You owe it to yourself to experience this leadership opportunity.

**Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon
Intermediate Past State President, State Nominations Chair**

2022 Album of Distinction

URSULA PAYNE

ALPHA SIGMA

Slippery Rock University's Liaison to the State System of Higher Education 2021



JANICE ADAIR

SIGMA

2021 Keystone State Literacy Association Exemplary Service Award



LOIS STONER

ALPHA BETA

Stone Creek Pond in the Chestnut Ridge School District Named After Her October 2021



SUE HILTY

ALPHA UPSILON

John J. Dillon PASR Service Award 2021

MELISSA MOORHEAD

ALPHA BETA

Daughter's of the American Revolution Outstanding Regent for South Central PA



SALLYE JEAN SPEIGHT

ALPHA SIGMA

Author and Presenter of "Traveling Shoes: Looking at the African American Migration" and "Black Suffragettes".



DR. KAREN MATIS

ALPHA SIGMA

Published BLOG IN "World of Words: Center of Global Literacies and Literatures" January 2021

AMY RADFORD

BETA RHO

Author of "Two Little Acorns" published in PURE OF HEART Magazine



PAMELA BLESCH

BETA NU

Community Service Award Alliance Therapy Dogs



KAREN ANTHONY COLE

UPSILON

Co-Author of "A History of Pittsburgh Jazz, Swinging in the Steel City" published in February 2021



MARY K. DAVIS

ALPHA SIGMA

Elected Vice President of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR)

MONIQUE LAUTEN-SCHLAGER

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John J. Dillon PASR Service Award 2021



Scholarship Recipients

**Susan Martin Eta
Scholarship Chair**

The PA State Scholarship Committee presented the following individuals scholarships to pursue further studies to receive an endorsement, a master's degree, and doctorate degrees. The Committee commends these individuals in their professional growth as women educators.

Susan Allen, an instructional technology specialist in the Hempfield School District and our State Organization webmaster, has received the Carolyn A. Davis Award. Sue is working towards a STEM Endorsement at Millersville University. She recently completed the Online Teaching Endorsement. Through the endorsement programs, Sue will acquire the skills that will enable her to work with the staff and students to integrate STEM, technology, and the engineering design process. Sue has been an asset to both the Chi Chapter and the PA State Organization technology expertise since her induction.



Lauren Blatchford, a middle and high school English teacher in the Union Area School District in New Castle Pennsylvania, has received the Marion Spitzer Robling Award. Lauren is working on a Ph.D. in Instructional Management and Leadership at Robert Morris University. She was inducted into the Alpha Sigma Chapter in May 2020 and has actively participated in reorganizing and streamlining the Chapter committees into more workable units. With her doctorate, Lauren will pursue a position teaching preservice teachers at the collegiate level. She realizes that teachers are the backbone of our educational system, and the effectiveness and preparedness of the teachers directly affects the success of the students.



Diana Borowski, an instructor of United States History and Reading in the Union Area School District, has received the Margaret J. Wolf Award for the second year. Diana is working towards a Master of Arts in History at Slippery Rock University. She desires to use the knowledge she gains from her studies to guide her students to use historical inquiries and analytical skills to enhance



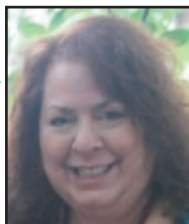
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their learning. Diana is an active member of the Alpha Sigma Chapter serving in many leadership roles promoting women teacher educators and the Seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Rose Ann Fulena, a mathematics teacher in the Union Area Middle/High School, has received the Dr. Irene Murphy Scholarship for the second year. Rose Ann is pursuing a Ph.D. in Instructional Management and Leadership at Robert Morris University. She is grateful for the



support the previous scholarship provided and has also applied this year for a DKG International scholarship. Her goal is to grow in her leadership as a teacher and in the role of Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils. Rose Ann has served her Chapter in many leadership roles since her induction in November 1998. She has been honored and received the Album of Distinction Award and Enrichment Grants multiple times. Her accomplishments and service to DKG serve as an inspirational role model to her Alpha Sigma Sisters and working teachers.

Enrichment Grant Recipients

The PA State Scholarship Committee presented the following individuals Enrichment Grants for purposes of personal and professional growth.



Front: Patricia Brenner; Carol Koehler; Ann Peay; Back: Lis Brewer; Kathleen Simmons; Karen Snyder (missing: Heather Buffington; Melissa Costantino-Poruben; Jade Leung)

Patricia Brenner of the Alpha Beta Chapter is looking forward to growing professionally and personally as she plans to travel with her two daughters in exploration of her Irish roots. By taking her daughters, Patricia will fulfill the second purpose of DKG to honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in the field of education. She is determined and relying on the saying “third time is a charm” for this trip to come to fruition. COVID caused the cancellation of the trip in 2020 and 2021.

Elizabeth “Liz” Brewer of the Sigma Chapter has previously received Enrichment Grants for education, classroom, and research projects which stimulated her personal and professional growth as well as participation in programs of action. This grant will be on the Queen Mary 2 along the eastern seaboard. The trip will allow her to reminisce and wonder about the ventures and experiences of travelers sailing on passenger ships from one continent to another in the past.

Heather Buffington and Carol Koehler of the Nu Chapter will be traveling to Italy and Germany to ultimately see the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Both ladies have been active in their Chapter serving on committees. Carol is currently the First Vice President and Heather con-

tributes her musical talents and leadership qualities. Both have had the Passion Play on their bucket list and are looking forward to seeing the play which was moved from 2020 due to the Pandemic. Their follow up presentation will be “Oh, the Places You’ve Gone” in a Dr. Seuss style.

Melissa Costantino-Poruben, a member of the Alpha Xi Chapter, will be following her passion for travel and learning about diverse cultures as she fulfills Purpose 6 of stimulating personal and professional growth. She will be embarking on a cruise with her daughter from Italy to stops in France and ending in Spain. She will use her travel experiences to inspire and connect to her 6th grade students.

Jade Leung also is a member of the Alpha Xi. Jade will be utilizing her grant to expand her ecology unit and other areas of her biology curriculum in the Acadia National Park in Maine. She plans to explore and relate the ecosystems, food chains, and natural resources found in the national park to the curriculum. Jade’s trip meets Purpose 3 of advancing the professional interest and position of women in education and Purpose 6 to stimulate the personal and professional growth and encourage participation in appropriate programs of action.

Ann Peay, a member of the Alpha Omicron Chapter, is trying for the third time to embark on a horseback riding holiday to the Lipizzan Riding Center in Slovenia. The pandemic and an Equine Herpes outbreak in Slovenia prevented her holiday in the previous two years. She will have the opportunity to ride the famous Lipizzan horses on the “living museum” path which is designated as an ecologically important area and to tour the breeding farm. Ann is the chapter’s secretary, photographer, and technology guru.

Kathleen Simmons, a member of the Alpha Nu Chapter, will use her grant to travel through Western Canada via train and bus through the Canadian Rockies. The exploration of the natural beauty of a neighboring country

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Spring Gallery of Fine Arts - DKG International



Amy Radford
Beta Rho

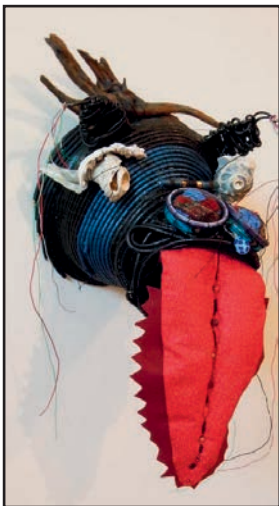
“Half Dome At Yosemite”

“Yosemite Tunnel View”



Patricia Carpenter
Beta Rho

“Farm Fresh Eggs”



Jackie Thomas
Omicron

“Blue Cable Dragon Mask”

“Soi-distant Form”



Bonnie Lee Barnes
Alpha Sigma

“Calm Before the Storm”

“Frozen Whimsy - Left-handed Sky Hook”



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will stimulate her personal growth and fellowship with members of the chapter who will be traveling with her. Kathleen has served as president, vice president, and on various committees as well as creating a book club which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Karen Snyder, a member of the Beta Gamma Chapter, will be traveling to St. Louis, Missouri and surrounding areas within the state to increase her cultural

awareness of the Gateway Arch, the Old Courthouse site of the Dred Scott case, and walks through National Parks. Karen will apply Purpose 7 to inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues to participate effectively in a world society. She is very active in her chapter serving in many officer positions and presently as co-president. Karen involved her students in travel and volunteer experiences with Spanish speaking cultures through previous grants she received.



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for labor reform; and transform our politics for democracy and voting rights.

Mark Egan, Director of Government Relations for the NEA shared some important statistics: 55% of NEA (73% females) are looking to leave sooner than planned. Also, 41% hold more than 1 job to make ends meet and according to labor statistics teachers are 3 times as likely to hold second jobs as other workers.



Chapter Treasurer Reminders

Susan Blazosky, Beta Epsilon
PA State Treasurer

Greetings from your new State Treasurer. I wanted to share a few important dates and reminders that were the most asked questions at State Convention this year at the Chapter Treasurer's/Finance Committee Society Business Workshop. Whether new or seasoned, it is good reference information for all Chapter Treasurers. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

DUES

Deadline for Membership Dues to Chapter Treasurer is **June 30, 2022**.
Deadline for Chapter Treasurers to input dues into "dues portal" is **September 30, 2022**.

Dues for International are:

Active - \$40, Reserve - \$20,
Collegiate - \$20. Send payment to International.

Dues for State are:

Active - \$17, Reserve - \$7,
Collegiate - \$7, Scholarship - \$1.

Send payment to State Treasurer – 2 checks: one for dues and one for scholarship.

REPORTS

Deadline for Form 15 – Annual Report from Chapter Treasurer to State Treasurer is **July 15, 2022**. The report form can be found under "Finance Tools" on DKG website.

Deadline for Form 990-N (e post-card)* is **November 15, 2022**. Form can be found under "Finance Tools" on DKG website or directly on irs.gov website.

File between **July 1 and November 15, 2022**.

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Three Viewpoints about State

Reflections on Chapter Presidents' Leadership Training

Ann Peay, Alpha Omicron Chapter President 2022-2024

I'm a retired teacher who spent thirty-five years in the classroom being a leader and trying to inspire my students to be good citizens and productive members of society. I had even taught parliamentary procedure as part of the curriculum. I figured I was equipped to be the new chapter president. All I have to do is run the meeting.

But as Dr. Lyn Schmid began the leadership workshop for chapter presidents at the State Convention, I was reminded that there was much more to being a leader than just running a meeting. She used exercises to show that meetings should bring out the needs of the



members and promote the sharing of ideas. During the next several hours, I listened to and brain stormed with incoming presidents from chapters all over Pennsylvania. Just being with so many exciting women and talking with them about their personal situations in their chapters was exhilarating.

Dr. Schmid asked us to recall past meetings. Did they make us feel valued or energized or even enriched? That exercise was profound. I never considered what the emotional effect my meetings would have on the members.

There were two points from the workshop that were very important to me. The first was that members choose their own level of participation. I can't force something to happen. I can inspire. The second

and most significant was the word "reframing", a much better word than change. Change can elicit negative feelings that are unproductive. I have to look at the framework of my chapter. What do we do well? What is keeping us from moving forward?

The work done during these sessions helped me to start developing my leadership voice. What will members expect of me? What do I want the chapter to look like at the end of the biennium?

After five hours of training I thought I would be ready for a nap. Instead, I was energized and excited to get started. I was writing down ideas so I wouldn't forget them. A week later, I'm still feeling that energy. I no longer feel burdened by the prospect of the job, but confident in my skills as a leader. Thank you, Dr. Schmid and the Leadership Committee.

Tapping Into the Leader Within

Gisele Rinaldi Siebold, Chi

The DKG Pennsylvania State 2022 Leadership Seminar offered members opportunities for personal and professional growth. Members learned that by joining in, they can expand their horizons and tap into the leader within themselves.

June Bowers, International Second Vice President, provided an interactive morning session entitled, *Leadership: Designing the Future - Learning from the Past*. She asked participants to consider the following questions: "Where are you on the road of



life? Where are you going? Are you the driver, the passenger, or the backseat driver?"

Reflecting upon the characteristics of a driver, passenger, or backseat driver can encourage members to learn more about themselves and their personal level of involvement. During breakout sessions, members considered strengths and areas of improvement at the chapter and state levels. Discussions ensued about what is working and what isn't, and the whole group reconvened to share ideas.

June ended her session with a short video montage featuring the book, *212° The Extra Degree*,

written by Mac Anderson and Sam Parker. The website of Simple Truths: Inspirational and Motivational Books, provides a short summary of the book's content: "The concept is simple: At 211°, water is hot. At 212°, it boils. And with boiling water comes steam. And steam can power a locomotive. That *one extra degree* makes all the difference. Extraordinary results begin with one small change."

"Life doesn't get better by chance; it gets better by change," said June. "If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you. Leadership is vision and bravery. We can strive for one extra degree to [\(see Degree on page 13\)](#)

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influence change within DKG,” she affirmed.

The theme of purposeful change continued during the afternoon session, Leadership: Reframing DKG for Members, presented by Dr. Lyn Schmid and Royce Boyd. “DKG can make a relevant difference in education because of what it can give back to educators,” said Dr. Lyn. “Chapters can provide mentorship and programs about staying up to date with ever-changing laws, policies, and forms. They can also provide opportunities for networking, professional growth, and fellowship.

Participants collaboratively brainstormed ideas about how chapters can help women thrive as members of DKG and in the ever-changing world of education. Important takeaways from the discussion about what members want included:

- Opportunities to be involved and learn without being shoved into leadership roles
- The importance of fostering a sense of camaraderie
- Support in the form of sharing ideas for improving teacher preparedness which results in high levels of student engagement and understanding

- Act 48 credits
- Mentoring: “I will go; will you come with me?”

Essential interlocking pieces for establishing and maintaining a successful chapter of involved members include flexibility, planning, communicating clearly, balancing customs and traditions with innovative ideas, and finding and highlighting member’s special talents. By reframing the past and innovating for the future, we ignite involvement with and for one another and tap into the leaders within ourselves.



First Timer’s Thoughts About State Convention

Brittany Bertoli, Chi

I have always heard about this amazing thing called the DKG State Convention, especially the famous basket raffles. For many years it has seemed the weekend of the convention was always busy for me; until this year when I finally was able to experience the convention for the first time.

Luckily, I was able to find a roommate I knew from my chapter and I was on my way. Throughout the weekend I started to notice some common themes.

One of the common themes for the weekend was meeting new people. That started right away as I was whisked away as soon as I arrived to the wine tasting event at the University Wine Company where I was able to meet and get to know the vibrant June Bowers and her amazing experiences, both as an educator and also as a member of DKG. In the evening I was able to participate with other



Chi members at music bingo and experienced both oldies music and current music as we worked together to figure out each song. I am still thankful for our group, because most of those “oldies” were not songs I knew! I was even able to win registration for next year’s convention for filling in my bingo card. Throughout the weekend, I was able to meet many new people and learn about both where they are from and their experiences with teaching and DKG. I also enjoyed our Friday night trip to Legends and finally was able to experience the legendary basket auction. Unfortunately, this year I struck out, but there is always next year!

Another theme of the weekend was learning new things. I came away with a better understanding of our rules and governing body, as well as ideas I am able to use in the classroom from Jessica Redcay and her program on STEM and Literacy. Laura

Overdeck and *Bed Time Math* continued to open up my mind to new math ideas. I can’t wait to use them this coming school year. I also had the opportunity to be a part of the Membership Committee. I really enjoyed planning and contributing to the First Timers breakfast, and the Celebration of Life.

For me the experience came full circle when at President’s Banquet on Friday night I was able to escort my first teaching mentor, Eileen Little, into the banquet. It was great to see how far I have come since my first year of teaching to where I am now.

I left convention with a renewed sense of partnership, friends, and belonging after hearing from teachers from all over the state. I also have a new addition to-do list as I will surely be applying for a scholarship and enrichment grant, for the many places I would love to travel! I already can’t wait until next year.

In Memoriam

Vivian Cobbs Phi

January 3, 2020

Vivian passed away at the age of 100 years. At an early age, Vivian graduated from Hunter College in New York City, and she shared her many gifts with others. Vivian was a forty-year member of Phi Chapter.

Susan Fello Epsilon

October 2, 2020

Dr. Fello was a beloved sixth grade teacher in the Indiana Area School District. She acquired her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she also was a professor of middle level education for twenty years. Susan's greatest purpose was to help shape and inspire students to love learning and teaching.

Helenirene Kuehne Beta

February 12, 2021

In 1991, Helenirene was inducted into Beta Chapter, and served as the Arts and Music Committee Chair. While at Kutztown University, Helenirene was a charter member of its American Association of University Women Study Group.

For forty years, Helenirene was an elementary school and a high school art teacher in the Kutztown Area School District. While retired, Helenirene was also an active member in the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

Elinore Lynch Nu

March 17, 2021

Elinore was inducted into Nu Chapter in 1985. She received her registered nurse license at the Jefferson School of Nursing in Philadelphia, and she obtained her Master of Education degree at the University of Pennsylvania. Before becoming a school nurse at Cedar Crest High School in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District, Elinore worked for Jefferson Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, and Philhaven.

Patricia Schillaci Tau

June 5, 2021

Patricia was a member of Tau Chapter for seven years. She belonged to several committees and held the position of recording secretary until her passing.

Patricia was always willing to help in any way possible. Patricia had a Master of Education degree and two Bachelor of Science in Education degrees; one in mathematics and science and the other in Spanish. She taught math at the Pittston Area High School for many years.

JoAnn Wolinsky Tau

June 7, 2021

JoAnn was a member of Tau Chapter for thirty-three years. She served on committees and fulfilled offices, including chapter president. JoAnn instituted many ideas and practices that are still used by Tau Chapter today. JoAnn taught special education in several Wilkes-Barre Area School District elementary schools, and she also served as president of the Wilkes-Barre Area Women's Teachers Club.

Carol DuBois Alpha Nu

June 18, 2021

Inducted in 1964, Carol was a fifty-eight year member of DKG. She transferred to Alpha Nu from Mentor, Ohio, and she last resided in South

Carolina. Carol was a high school social studies teacher and a private tutor. Additionally, she served as a Pennsbury School District school board member.

Lois Miller Sigma July 25, 2021

Lois was a member of Sigma Chapter since 1969, and she received her fifty-year pin in 2019. Lois was the president of Sigma during the 1976-1978 biennium. She served on the Music Committee, and for many years, Lois played the piano for her sisters. In 1956, Lois began her teaching career at the Selinsgrove Junior-Senior High School. She served as a team leader and a social studies department chair, and continued her service as a Field Supervisor in the Teacher Intern Program at Susquehanna University for ten years.

Gladys Slenker Beta Beta October 6, 2021

Inducted in 1962, Gladys was a charter member of Beta Beta Chapter, and served as its president during the 1970-1972 biennium. For

forty-seven years, Gladys taught kindergarten at the Red Lion Area School District. In 1992, she was one of the first of six individuals inducted into the Red Lion Area Senior High School Hall of Fame.

Barbara Tubbs

Alpha Mu

November 23, 2021

Barbara served on the Warren County School District Board of Directors for ten years. She was a staunch supporter of public education and a strong friend to educators. She sought the needs and opinions of educators during her years on the school board, hence the honorary membership to DKG. She participated in many education-based organizations such as Cub Scouts, Jefferson DeFrees Family Center, and Zonta Club, to name a few. In addition, Barbara worked at the Warren Public Library for 50-plus years.

Lorie McGinnis

Beta Gamma

February 5, 2022

In 1999, Lorie was inducted into Beta Gamma Chapter. She served as the Visual and Performing Arts Chair. Lorie taught at Canadochly Elementary School in

the Eastern York School District for thirty-eight years. Lorie was dedicated to a life of service. She was the Mt. Pisgah Trinity United Methodist Church organist for fifty-five years, and Lorie also served as the Canadochly Valley Ambulance Club secretary for over twenty-five years.

Doris Teufel

Omicron

February 5, 2022

During her fifty-five years as a member of Omicron, Doris served on many committees, such as Visual and Performing Arts, Personal Growth and Services, and most recently, Membership. With her music background and beautiful singing voice, Doris led Omicron's members in the choral grace before meals. From 1955 to 1990, Doris taught art and music at many of the Williamsport Area School District elementary schools, as well as the middle and high schools. Doris also directed the Williamsport Junior Music Club for seventeen years.

Frances Levin

Theta

February 10, 2022

At the age of 104 years young, Theta's dedicated sister of forty-five years

passed away. Frances served on the Executive Board as corresponding secretary in the mid-1980s. She taught in the Pittsburgh Public School System for thirty-nine years, primarily at Dilworth Elementary. She served as a volunteer at the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh for thirty-one years, mostly at the Carnegie Museum of Art. Frances was very charitable to Jewish causes, especially to Rodef Shalom Congregation and the Greater Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

Cecily Bailey

Alpha Gamma

February 17, 2022

An active member for twenty-four years, Cecily was inducted in 1998. She was a Chapter President, and served in other chapter offices. Cecily went into the field of education after obtaining a college degree in accounting. Cecily continued her education at Edinboro University and acquired her bachelor degree in elementary education and her master degree in reading. She retired from the Crawford Central School District after twenty-two years of teaching.

Joann Walthour

Epsilon

February 17, 2022

In 1962, Joann was inducted into Epsilon. She was a kindergarten teacher at Indiana University of Pennsylvania's University School, and she was also an early childhood professor. In 1988, Joann received IUP's Senate Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching. She was also a part of the People to People International Travel Delegation. In 1991, Joann retired after thirty-five years of dedicated service to early childhood education.

Wanda Keller

Alpha Beta

February 24, 2022

Wanda was inducted into the Society in 1982. She served as the PA State Organization Treasurer for eight years. At the chapter level, she served on many Iota committees, was Chapter President, and member of the Finance and Hospitality Committee. For thirty-six years, Wanda taught high school math at the Greater Johnstown School District where she also served as the Math Department Chair.



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Ann Palmer
Alpha Upsilon
March 16, 2022

Inducted in September 1975, Ann served as Chapter President from 1988-1990. Ann was an elementary teacher and a head teacher in the New Kensington-Arnold School District. She was also an elementary school principal at Stewart Elementary in the Burrell School District. While a teacher at Martin Elementary School in New Kensington-Arnold, Ann was recognized as one of the

top ten teachers in Pennsylvania. She was also a co-founder of Project SEED, a community-based program that provided weekend food supplies to underprivileged children.

Barbara Cooper
Pi
April 9, 2022

As an April 1975 inductee, Barbara was a member of Pi for forty-seven years. Barbara taught reading at the Williamson Junior-Senior High School in the Northern Tioga School District. She

enjoyed the outdoors, camping, traveling, and spending time with her family.

Dr. Betty Schantz
Omicron
June 2, 2022

Dr. Schantz was inducted into Omicron Chapter in October 1994. She served on the Scholarship Committee and as the Professional Affairs Committee chair. Betty was a full professor at Temple University, and held the positions of Director of Student Teaching, Assistant Dean, and

Chair of Curriculum and Instruction. In 1990, Dr. Schantz began working part-time for Lock Haven University as a Supervisor of Student Teachers and served as the Associate Dean in the College of Education and Human Services until her retirement in 1996.



*A true friend
is never truly gone.
Their spirit lives
on in the memories
of those who
loved them.*

Chapter News

Alpha Mu

The newly renovated Warren County Career Center in Warren, PA, was the location for the DKG Alpha Mu chapter meeting on April 28, 2022. Mr. James Evers, Director of the WCCC, conducted a tour of the school explaining the twelve vocational programs currently in place and discussed potential future programs. The original building was constructed in 1970, an annex was added in 2000, and the new project was completed in 2020. A delicious luncheon of sandwiches, fresh fruit and vegetables, and desserts was prepared by the Food Production and Management students for the members to enjoy.

Two new members were inducted into the Alpha Mu. Nancy Foster (left) and Gracen Cameron (right) committed to



take part in the chapter's programs, special projects, and organizational activities. They were welcomed into the society with the presentation of a rose to signify the beauty of mind and spirit.

The installation ceremony for the new officers of the Alpha Mu Chapter was conducted. Left to right: Linda Falconer, Parliamentarian, Janet Peterson, President, Marcia Madigan, First Vice President, Maria Palmieri, Second Vice President, Mary Pat Shattuck, Recording Secretary, and Gloria Werner, Treasurer. Missing from the photo is Christine Allen, Recording Secretary.



ALPHA OMICRON

On Saturday, May 14, Alpha Omicron held its business meeting at Avalon Golf and Country Club in Hermitage. President Karin Kosior welcomed 16 members and two guests. She thanked member Carol Bauzo for being the hostess and decorating each table with colorful geraniums. Our Communications Chair, Karen Prince, installed new officers for 2022-24: President Ann Peay, 1st VP Linda Morrison,

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Sigma

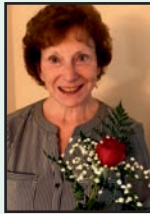
Sigma Chapter held its March meeting via Zoom.

Sigma member Ann Nowaskie, of Coal Township, presented a program about her travel adventures, which began with a trip to Germany and Austria when she was a high



school student. To date she has visited 68 countries. A newly retired science teacher, Ann had “Explore Your World Fridays” while she was teaching and would build a science lesson around the country that she was introducing to her students. She now posts Travel Tuesdays on her Facebook page.

Barbara Corbin, of Selinsgrove, received the Red Rose award for her service as Scholarship/Enrichment Chair. At our May meeting, held at the Watson Inn in Watsontown, she presented a program

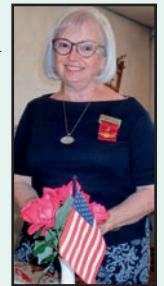


detailing her search for her family roots in northern Italy and her immigrant grandparents’ journey to the United States.

Co-President Doris Mertz presented the Red Rose award to Madeline Blamble for her work as chapter historian. Janice Adair, of Northumberland, was recognized for her award from the Keystone State Literacy Association for her exemplary service. During the meeting members signed cards of gratitude and encouragement for those members who are in active service.



Sigma Chapter celebrated the last meeting of the biennium recently with a dinner at Masser’s Restaurant in Paxinos. Pictured is Co-President Elizabeth Brewer, who dedicated the Red Rose award to all the chapter members who supported her and Co-President Doris Mertz during their biennium.



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2nd VP Nancy Babos, Recording Secretary Julie Gettings, Corresponding Secretary Carol McKnight, and Treasurer Virginia Brooks. Each was presented with a red rose.



Second Vice President Nancy Babos thanked President Kosior for her leadership as chapter president for the past four years. She presented her with a gift certificate to an area restaurant.

Scholarship Chair, Yvonne Chichin, presented Thiel College Junior Emily Main with the annual \$1000 Caroline Daverio Grant-in-Aid Scholarship. Emily, from Meadville, is an Early Education and



Special Education Major. After Chair Chichin read Emily’s winning essay and her many accomplishments, Miss Main was presented with a check and a scholarship certificate. The scholarship is given every year to a woman education major chosen from Westminster College, Grove City College, Thiel College or Slippery Rock University.

Members enjoyed a slide show, narrated and prepared by President Karin Kosior and Secretary Ann Peay, celebrating the chapter’s 65th Birthday. Pictures depicted past officers, members honored by the state organization, and members participating in community projects, such as The Mercer County Children’s Aid Society, Arise (former Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County) and the New Castle School District’s STEM program. Lunch was served and dessert was a slice of the “Happy 65th Birthday” cake. President Kosior

gifted each member with a small glass red rose, Rocher chocolate and miniature bottles of wine that had a tag that read “Sip, Sip Hooray!”



Members sang the Delta Kappa Gamma Song and the meeting was adjourned. The geraniums on the tables were raffled off after the meeting. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share fellowship with her sisters!

The executive board will meet on July 20th at the home of 1st VP Linda Morrison. The annual chapter picnic will be held following the meeting. Once again members will bring needed bookbags and school supplies for the Mercer County Children’s Aid Society. They will also collect personal and household items for Arise.

Alpha Sigma

Alpha Sigma participated in a four chapter meeting with Alpha Omicron, Lambda, and Zeta, which hosted the meeting. Our guest was President Eileen who presented a program about teachers, then and now. The decline in choosing teaching as a career choice was enlightening and gave us much food for thought about the career.

Each chapter met individually for a brief chapter meeting before sharing lunch. During Alpha Sigma's meeting, we initiated plans for our summer picnic, voted on stipends for members attending State and International Conventions, and honored our four Album of Distinc-

tion Sisters, Ursula Payne, Sallye Jean Speight, Dr. Karen Matis, and Mary K. Davis. We also congratulated our three scholarship awardees: Lauren Blatchford, Diana Borowski, and Rose Ann Fulena.

Our final order of business was to reveal our Chapter Achievement Award selection. To be eligible, a member has to give distinguished and outstanding service to Alpha Sigma Chapter and promote the purposes and policies of DKG. She needs to have served in numerous leadership roles, participated on several committees, and be actively involved in chapter activities. Dr. Karen Matis fulfilled



all these criteria and was awarded Alpha Sigma's Chapter Achievement recognition. A DKG Society emblem, rose, and certificate was presented to a 'some-what' speechless member. **Congratulations, Dr. Karen Matis.**

A final note to Alpha Omicron, Lambda, and Zeta Chapters: Alpha Sigma greatly appreciates your generous support at this meeting by donating to our chapter projects (books, used eyeglasses, and coupons.) Chapters that support each other is a wonderful way to connect and to fulfill purposes #1, #6, and #7.

Thankyou!

Alpha Xi

It's a wrap! Alpha Xi wrapped up its 2020-2022 biennium with three meetings in 2022. In January, we met at Luciano's Restaurant in Mars, PA for a program on "The U.S. Brig Niagara: 1813 and Now." Ed Hale, a retired teacher and current volunteer on the brig, presented a history of the brig and its restoration, and shared samples of his handiwork as a crew member in the summer. We also presented four local teachers with \$125 Enrichment Grants each, to be used for supplemental projects for their classrooms. Monies were raised from chapter raffles, donations, and additional fundraisers. Our March meeting was held at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh's Strip District. We experienced a docent-led tour of the Special Collections, which include items from the Mr. Rogers Neighborhood television show and also sec-

tions of items from the various ethnic groups in our area. For World Fellowship, we sent encouraging notes and small gift cards to the recipients studying in the US.

We ended our year with a brunch at Diamond Run Golf Club in Sewickley. First we installed our officers for the 2022-2024 biennium. Many officers opted to serve a second term with President Paulette Hemmings (4th from R). The elected



officers are Phyllis Jenny, 1st VP; Jeanne Vendeland, 2nd VP; Melody Hannegan, Recording Secretary; Sal-lie Fisher, Corresponding Secretary. Barbara McDonald will take over the Treasurer's duties and Terry Klein

will remain Parliamentarian. Also, at this meeting, we revealed our Secret Sisters, brought in

clothes for Dress for Success, picked up our Busy Boxes to be filled by the September meeting, and held our end-of-year book sale. Any leftovers are sold to Half Price Books, and proceeds go toward the Teacher Enrichment Grant.

Two members received Enrichment Grants from the state organization this year - Melissa Costantino-Poruben and Jade Leung. After our brunch, Tracy Ferguson delivered a moving program about the Lakota Friends Circle which helps residents on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. We presented Tracy (center) with gift cards, cash, and the clothing items we had collected for the residents there.



Many thanks to the program committee, projects chairs, and leadership for another wonderful year.



Beta Gamma

Members of the Beta Gamma Chapter listened to a guest speaker from Olivia's House talk about grief. A member of the chapter as well as numerous friends and family members have passed away during the last five months, therefore this program was a compassionate way to share loss and remember the good times.



Beta Omicron

The Beta Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma honored its past and present officers during their May meeting. Our international organization of key women educators supports local libraries and grants annual high school scholarships.



(L to R: Eileen Leypoldt, Janet Lane, Cindy Austin, Mindy Patton, Marie Lentz, Grace Bekaert, Jackie McCalla, Maryann Schwab)



Maryann Schwab, Eileen Leypoldt

The Beta Omicron Chapter conducted its first plant auction at this annual May dinner. It was a great success as a fund raising project.

Beta Pi

DKG Beta Pi had a very eventful winter and spring, FINALLY! In January, Beta Pi hosted a dining night fundraiser at MOD Pizza in Wayne! Thanks to our members, friends, and family, we raised \$78 for our society! In March, Beta Pi hosted a dining night fundraiser at Chili's in King of Prussia. We raised \$123. Our chapter has found dining nights to be an easy and convenient way to raise money for our society because each fundraiser usually runs from open until close and allows dine in or take out, which provides a lot of flexibility for our members.

In May, we held our Designer Handbag Bingo and Basket Raffle *IN PERSON* for the first time in two years! We had over 150 participants and 20 designer bags, 60 raffle baskets, a jackpot of \$1000 in gift cards, and a 50/50. We are planning to hold another bingo in



the Fall of 2023!

The Beta Pi Community Outreach Committee met and chose the following organizations to support for 2021-2022: Upper Merion Emergency Aid; Upper Merion Community Cupboard; Upper Merion Township Library; Theatre Horizon (funding for two scholarships to the Autism Drama Program); and The Center for Loss and Bereavement of Skippack (funding for three scholarships to Camp Millie).

Towards the end of May, our chapter held our End of the Year dinner meeting at Peppers in King of Prussia!



We celebrated the retirement of two members; welcomed one new member; celebrated the lives of our members who recently passed away; inducted

three new officers; and held our fourth and final meeting of the year.

Lambda

Throughout the 2021-2022 program year, Lambda has identified a specific non-profit to focus on at each meeting. We collected socks and underwear of all sizes for AWARE (woman's shelter). We collected hotel-size soaps and dark washcloths for Days for Girls (Days for Girls advances menstrual equity, health, dignity and opportunity for all,



transforming periods into pathways). We are also collecting various school supplies, paper products, and snacks for the students of the Grove City Education Center for Adults. We are working to increase our involvement in the community and our outreach to local non-profits.



Omega / Beta Kappa

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, Omega Chapter and Beta Kappa Chapter celebrated a birthday brunch together. Our guest was State President Eileen Little who attended the festivities. She also graciously assisted with the installation of the new officers for the 2022-2024 biennium at the meeting as well.



New Officers of Beta Kappa and Omega Chapters with President Eileen



Beta Kappa members with President Eileen

Some 2022 State Convention Photos to Enjoy



Program Proofs



Carol Lane presents walking safety "In a Flash"

Phi Chapter

PHI Chapter recently donated \$500 to the DKG World Fellowship Fund in honor of Chapter member, Doris Goerlitz's 90th birthday. Shown behind Doris are Chapter Officers, Grace Clauss, Debra Nolan and Jen Hoch. Doris, among many other responsibilities has been the longtime Chair of Phi Chapter's World Fellowship Committee. She has informed Phi members about the committee and its purposes annually. Additionally, she corresponds with the women who are receiving World Fellowship Grants and provides the chapter with ideas to keep in contact with these ladies during their study in the United States.



Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Eta, and Beta Gamma Four York County DKG Chapters Celebrate

On Saturday, April 23rd, members of Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Eta, and Beta Gamma, held a DKG York Four Chapter Celebration. Refreshments, chapter meetings, inspirational poems, the DKG song, and fellowship were all part of the agenda. In addition,

the guest speaker was Eileen Little, DKG PA State President. She honored us with her words of wisdom and presided over the installation of new officers for the upcoming biennium. Since the four York County chapters were unable to get together due to unforeseen circumstances for the last three years, it was great to be able to make this event happen.



(Convention photos continued)

Your 2021 - 2023 PA State Officers
with June Bowers



Ever wonder what goes on during those 'special' incoming chapter presidents' training sessions?



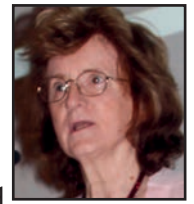
Louann Shrader and June Bowers enjoying the moment

Alpha Beta

Our chapter is committed to helping scouts in the Roaring Spring Girl Scout Troop 43009 earn badges in STEM through STEM-related work sessions. One session was held on February 27, 2022, when nine scouts participated in a presentation on the Women of STEM. Session Two on March 20, 2022, involved ten scouts visiting stations where they worked with a green screen, created movies with Stikbots, created jewelry using binary codes, and participated in our chapter's Spaghetti Challenge. Teams competed in constructing the tallest free-standing structure, topped off with a marshmallow, using only 20 sticks of spaghetti, a foot of masking tape, a foot of string, and ingenuity. Teamwork, collaboration, communication,



critical thinking, and logic contributed to each team's success. The tallest structure was 18 inches. Over the past several months, Pat Brenner of Alpha Beta has worked tirelessly to have Dr. Annie Webb Blanton included in the National Women's History Museum collection. The Museum and American History Organization researches, collects, and exhibits the contributions of women to the social, cultural, economic, and political life of our nation in the context of world history. Thanks to Pat's persistence, Dr. Blanton is now included in the museum's holdings.



HONORING DR. ANNIE WEBB BLANTON

The National Women's History Museum (NWHM) is a museum and an American history organization that "researches, collects and exhibits the contributions of women to the social, cultural, economic and political life of our nation in a context of world history."



Self Evaluation Test

This self-evaluation test was taken from the February, 1985 *Keystonian*. The author is unknown but E. Margaret Gabel, Membership Chair at the time, thought it would challenge members to set goals and grow in the life and work of their chapter. Since chapters are beginning a new biennium this year, is a good time to reflect. Where do you stand?

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member, the kind who would be missed,
Or are you contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you just satisfied to be the kind who just belongs?
Do you work on a committee to see there is no trick,
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
Do you come to meetings often and help with hand and head?
Don't just be a member, but take an active part instead!
Think this over and remember, do you know right from wrong?
Are you an active member?
Or do you just belong?

- Author unknown -

Important Dates

June 30, 2022, Members to submit dues to chapter treasurer

July 12 – 16, 2022, International Convention, Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana

July 15, 2022, Chapter Treasurer Annual Report to Pennsylvania State Organization

August 1, 2022, International's *Bulletin*: Collegial Exchange Submissions

September 15, 2022, Arts & Humanities Gallery Submissions for Fall Gallery

September 30, 2022, All dues must be entered in the portal to avoid members being dropped October 1st.

October 1, 2022, International's *Bulletin*: Journal submissions

October 31, 2022, Website compliance renewal

November 1, 2022, DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD application

November 1, 2022, Cornetet CSPD application

December 15, 2022, International's *Bulletin*: Collegial Exchange Submissions

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

July 11 – 16, 2022, International Convention New Orleans, LA

July 26-27, 2022, Executive Board and Administrative Board Meeting, State College, PA

March 18, 2023, Scholarship Committee Meeting

April 21-23, 2023, Creative Arts Retreat, Waymart, PA

May 6, 2023, Chapter Visit: Beta Berks County

May 10-11, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting



Have You Ever Wondered? (A column to answer your questions about DKG.)

Have you ever wondered about the obligations of membership in DKG? If you are ever asked someday, what would you say? The following is a response taken from the 1972 *Keystonian*. The author is not given but the answer is worth pondering. It is summarized as such:

Membership in DKG is a privilege and with that, comes responsibility. Besides paying dues, attendance and participation in chapter, state, and/or international activities is also necessary. Our Society of Key Women

Educators is only as strong and vital as individual members make it.

At the beginning of this new chapter biennium, each member should re-examine the purposes of the society as set forth in the Constitution. A renewed dedication to our program and purposes is the foundation of a strong organization. Ask yourself, "If each member were the kind of member I am, what would be our Society's image and achievement?"

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You have a ‘Voice to make a Choice’ on how you want to receive your *Keystonian*. Contact your Chapter President for more information on the delivery change taking place and what you must do before the publication of the Fall, 2022, *Keystonian*.