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

The Sixth Purpose of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society will be: To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Beta Kappa Sisters!

As Thanksgiving has just ended and winter approaches, I am thankful for the successful meetings that we had this fall and the fundraising efforts made by those who helped at Apple Harvest Festival this year. Looking into the next few months, we will be busy.

We are participating in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Gettysburg Walmart. The last time I checked, there were still some openings available if you want to participate. I sent several emails with the link to sign up online. If you are ringing this year, make sure you have a partner with you for your safety. Also be sure to take a picture and send it to Tammy to be included in our next newsletter.

Our next executive committee meeting will be held at the Apple Bin Restaurant in Biglerville on January 27 at 9:30 A.M. All members are welcome to attend the executive committee meeting.

Our regular membership meeting on March 9th was originally scheduled to be at the Adams County Historical Society where the program would have been a tour of the museum, but due to the cost of the rental of a room and the tickets for the tour, we decided at the November meeting to instead go to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chambersburg and have a

potluck luncheon afterwards. We will have as the program the service project that we would normally do in February for Hope Walks. More information will be sent at a later date.

I have had us approved for the Raise Right campaign as a fundraiser and will send out an email to everyone with the pertinent information. This will be a great way for us to earn some extra money.

Lastly, Louann Shrader from the state organization reviewed our rules and by-laws and has made suggestions for us. Marge Keller and I will be meeting for dinner one night to go over these sometime in January. If you are interested in helping us, please send me an email.

Have a Blessed Christmas and holiday season!

Laura



December

18- Anita Schulze

27- Beverly Utz

31- Esther Sanders

January

7- Gretchen Mackey

21- Jennifer Kane

February

18- Jennifer Sauble

21- Deborah Yarger-Ree



Look at the open positions and the brief

description of what the positions entail. Maybe you might consider taking a position! Co-chairs and co- officers are welcome!

First V.P. – guides the development/organization of programs/meetings during the biennium

Second V.P.- continues to support increased membership of the chapter, offers new member training, organizes new member installment

Parliamentarian- oversees meeting procedures

US Forum- reports information received from State

World Fellowship- reports on fellowship recipients,

Recruitment Grant- chairs committee/ sends out applications for consideration, selects recipient, awards the grant

Professional Affairs- chairs committee, organizes one meeting each year with committee focusing on professional affairs

Please keep Esther and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

2022-2024 Biennium BK Officers:

President-Laura Young

First Vice Pres.-Fran Ruda-McDermott

Second Vice Pres.-Liz Fair

Recording/Corresponding Secretary-Tammy Deardorff

Treasurer-Kristine Reynolds

Parliamentarian-Jill Miller

Thank you to Beta Kappa members who volunteered for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing.





November Meeting Highlights

Twelve members and two guests enjoyed a wonderful meeting at the Four-Square Gospel Church in Gettysburg. Florance Elliot, from California, was visiting Fran Ruda-McDermott. Phyllis French, friend of Jill Miller, and resident of Gettysburg also joined us for the business meeting and presentation. Following the business meeting, Jo Tapper, presented information on "Intermittent Fasting". She explained that IF is something that everyone can do. It's free and something YOU can control. When fasting it is also important to follow the basics of good nutrition (eat whole, unprocessed foods, avoid sugar, avoid refined grains, eat a diet high in natural fats, and balance eating and fasting). The holidays are upon us but maybe you can give IF a try!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 27, 2024- Executive Committee Meeting, Apple Bin Restaurant, Biglerville, PA 9:30AM

February 1, 2024- Scholarship Applications, Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Award submissions are due

February 15, 2024- Arts and Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery due

March 1, 2024- Album of Distinction applications due

March 9, 2024-General Membership Meeting, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chambersburg, PA

April 20, 2024- Combined Beta Kappa/Omega Birthday Brunch, Dobbin House Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA

June 19-21, 2024- PA State Organization Convention, Warrendale, PA

July 9-13, 2024- International Conference, National Harbor, MD

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Members may choose to return their Key Pin to the chapter "when they can no longer wear it". Below is a form which you may use to let your family know you would like to return your pin to your Beta Kappa Chapter.

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To My Family/Friends,

This is my Delta Kappa Gamma Key Pin. I have worn it with pride since my initiation. When I can no longer wear it, please return it to:

Beta Kappa Chapter or

PA State Organization

To get the name and address of my Chapter's current president, please contact:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,
12710 Research Blvd. Ste 230, Austin, TX
78767-1589 tel: 512-478-5748, 888-762-4685

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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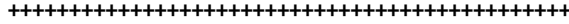
Rosebud Recognition Award 2024



Each even year a member of our PA DKG Chapters with 3 to 5 years of membership can be nominated for the Rosebud Recognition Award. Be on the lookout for members who have shown "stellar leadership qualities" and an interest in local and state leadership roles. Deadline to submit a nominee is March 15, 2024. See the state website (dkgpa.weebly.com) for more information.

2024 PA State Organization
Convention News

The 2024 PA State Organization Convention will be held from Wednesday, June 19th through Friday, June 21st at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in the Cranberry Woods Business Park in Cranberry Township near Warrendale, PA.



September General Membership Meeting- Members enjoy breakfast, the business meeting, and a presentation from Laura Young