



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL



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Mark Your Calendars

Early Educator Basket Night

August 21, 2018
6 pm - 8:30 pm

St. Paul United Methodist Church
4360 Board Road
Manchester, PA 17345

Eta Book Club

Wednesday, August 8, 2018
9:00 Am
Lyndon Diner

A Tribute to the Women of the American Revolution

Purposeful Seminar: October 5-7, 2018
King of Prussia, PA



A Message from Your President

I would like to thank you all for the cards, texts and emails I received since becoming ETA president. Your support has meant so much to me. My decision to take on this role happened the morning of the 4 Chapters Brunch. Because it was made so late I was unable to participate in any leadership training. I am hoping you are all patient as I am learning the ropes! Barb has been so valuable in getting me started. She may be changing her phone number in the future because I will be contacting her a lot!

As we head into August, I hope you are all enjoying your summer doing what you love. I have spent some time at the beach, day trips with the grandchildren and cuddling with our newest grandchild who was born in May. I enjoyed our Ladies Day Out at the Watch and Clock Museum and the Zimmerman Center for Heritage. I heard many remark how fortunate we are to have such interesting places so close to home.

I hope to see many of you in August to assemble new teacher baskets and talk more specifically about the calendar items discussed at the planning meeting in May. Your input is valuable and necessary.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better and having some fun this coming year. Our chapter will only grow and thrive through participation, so please try to attend those functions that appeal to you and fit into your calendars.

Fondly,
Janys





Come and join your Eta Sisters to help assemble
Early Educator Gift Baskets
Ice Cream Social to Follow

Tuesday, August 21, 2018
6:00 pm till about 8:30 pm

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Support for Early-Career Educators (SEE) is an International DKG Project. Our chapter decided, like we did last year, to run a project such as this for beginning teachers in our surrounding school districts. We will purchase school supplies, organize gift baskets, and deliver them. **We will aim to prepare ten baskets.**

Would you participate in this project by donating items for the baskets? Last year's gifts were really great, and the recipients were very appreciative. If any of you know a beginning teacher and the school where he or she will be teaching, please forward that information to Barb Heilman or Sue March. If you have any suggestions about which district we chose to receive these baskets, also notify one of them.

Please bring your items on August 21. Additionally, President Janys will also lead a brief meeting so dates can be set for the other events we have planned for the year. We will have ice cream and enjoy socializing at the same time. Would you like to bring a topping, or snack? Whatever works for you will be fine. We look forward to making this a fun night as we get our project for beginning educators underway

Eta Members Enjoy July Girls' Day Out By Betzie O'Connor

16 members participated in our annual Summer Girls' Day Out. For many of us it was our first visit to the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia. It was filled with so many interesting and unique displays. A highlight of the visit was a presentation about the "Eighth Wonder of the World" created by Stephen D. Engle of Hazleton, PA. The "Engle Clock" literally had all the bells and whistles and we were fascinated by the mechanics of this 19th century masterpiece that took 20 years to complete. (See photo below)

"Time flies" when you're having fun so our next stop was a delicious lunch at the John Wright Restaurant, which prepared us for our next journey to the Zimmerman Center for Heritage. We all agreed that this was a hidden gem along the Susquehanna River. It definitely deserves another visit with family and friends to explore the 17th century Susquehannock Indian community and the "Dritt Mansion." The Zimmerman Center has been designated by the National Park Service as Pennsylvania's official Visitor and Passport Station for the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

We were glad to be blessed with good weather for this day of discovery and we all left with a happy and content feeling that we shared in these experiences together!



Front row L-R Susan Martin, Jo Anne Peters, Laura Emerick, Janys Kercher, Elizabeth Eisenhart
Back row L-R Ruth Althouse, Zonda Himes, Peggy Bange, Paula Trayer, Barb Heilman, Wendy



"Eighth Wonder of the World"- The Engle Clock



Zimmerman Center for Heritage

Restored and renovated by John and Kathryn Zimmerman in the late 1990s, this historic riverfront home dates to the mid-18th Century.

...AND
Then I Realized
Adventures
ARE THE BEST
Way to
Learn.



Eta Book Club News

The Eta Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next Book Club is scheduled for August 8. We chose no specific book, but asked members to enjoy a good summer read to share at the breakfast. Be sure to come to the Lyndon Diner on Rt. 30 near Kenneth Road. Call Betzie O'Connor, 225-0200 or Barb Heilman, 266-5928 for more information. We hope to see you there!



Eta Past President Barbara Heilman presented the **Melhorn/Stetler Grant** to **Madeline Stoner** on Friday, June 1, 2018, at the West York Area High School. Madeline, who is the granddaughter of Eta member Sue March, plans to pursue a degree in secondary education starting in the fall at Millersville University. She has also been accepted into membership on the Millersville Mauauders Swim team. The Melhorn/Stetler Grant is fortified through Eta fundraising efforts, as well as the many generous Red Box donations collected throughout the year.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2018 Alpha Alpha State Convention
By Susan Martin

The 81st Alpha Alpha State Convention was held June 15-17, 2018 at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. Barbara Gasperini, State President, was pleased to welcome the DKG Sisters who had chosen to embark on another voyage in the DKG Circle of Member-ship encompassing Leader-ship, Scholar-ship, Member-ship, Friend-ship, and Fellow-ship. Barbara Heilman, Ruth Althouse and Susan Martin represented Eta Chapter on this voyage.

On Friday evening we celebrated 19 key women educators who were recipients of the Album of Distinction honoring them for their voyages of service outside of DKG. At the First General Session on Saturday morning, we welcomed the new International Executive Director, Nita Scott, as our international guest and Keynote Speaker. Nita also presented a Saturday workshop session detailing 'Story of Possibilities' for the Society as a whole, the states and the chapters . Nita addressed the possibility of changes that we will see with the 122 amendments that will be brought to the floor at the International Convention in Austin, Texas July 16-20. We will await the impact and direction of the amendments to the International Constitution and Standing Rules for guidance to our Chapter in the revision of our Chapter Rules. We were encouraged to widen our perspective for membership and look for possible members in any field of education. We too often limit our focus to women educators in our schools neglecting invitation of membership to educators in other fields as corporate trainers and paraprofessionals.

Saturday morning workshops helped members who were boarding a new ship in Leader-ship to learn more of how the Society functions. Barb Heilman attended the president's workshop to gather information to share with our new president, Janys. Ruth Althouse attended the workshop on World Fellowship and Membership. Susan Martin attended the session on Parliamentarian, Nomination and Chapter Rules to share the information with Barb and Janys. The afternoon sessions offered a variety of topics from which we could select.

The speaker at the President's Banquet on Saturday evening, Christine Mabon, spoke on The Five Essential Friend"ships" that Enrich our Lives. Christine shared her story of how her life changed dramatically in December 2006 when she became a widow at the age of 44 when her husband died suddenly of a heart attack. She reflected on navigating this new and frightening world and the impact of encouragement, knowledge, and an anchor from friends and relationships to keep her steady and on course. She shared her journey and what she has learned – good friends renew, restore and revitalize the spirit.

The convention concluded on Sunday with the Celebration of Life honoring those members who had passed last year. The Second General Session followed with the Honors Breakfast and recognition of those members who earned Scholarships and Enrichment Grants.

Our voyage ended as we said our farewells to old friendships and new friends we met on this voyage and prepare to set sail on our new voyage in our Chapter's next biennium with President Janys Kercher.

Information about the DKG Purposeful Seminar which will be held October 5-7, 2018 is included in the newsletter, page 5. The focus of the Seminar is A Tribute to the Women of the American Revolution. You may have been to Valley Forge before, but this time the focus will be the women's role. Consider joining in this learning experience with other DKG Sisters from Pennsylvania.



Eta Delegates to DKG Alpha Alpha State Convention
Barbara Heilman, Susan Martin, and Ruth Althouse

A Note of Thanks - How can we ever express our gratitude to our past president Barbara Heilman, for her generous and gracious leadership to our Eta members? Your years of service have not only been fruitful, but have planted seeds for a future full of hope and possibility. We are so thankful to you, Barb, and to you, Janys Kercher as well! You have accepted the gavel of presidency with such generosity, love for Eta, and humility, and we look forward to supporting you and working together for an exciting time ahead!

A Tribute to the Women of the American Revolution

Purposeful Seminar: October 5-7, 2018

Hyatt House Philadelphia/King of Prussia

240 Mall. Blvd. King of Prussia, PA 19406

Friday, October 5, 2018 check in by 5:30 PM

- Dinner & Program 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, October 6, 2018 depart hotel at 9:00 AM

- Tour Valley Forge National Park with our own guide and focus on the women's role
- Lunch at City Tavern in Philadelphia which is a reconstructed Colonial tavern like the original tavern with servers in period dress
- Museum of the American Revolution- self tour of the exhibits and a lecture - Revolutionary Women: Writing About War
- Time to explore in the Historic area
- Depart Philadelphia at 5:00 PM
- Dinner & Program about Fraktur 6:00 PM –9:00 PM



Sunday, October 7, 2018

- Hyatt House Breakfast at their Bistro 7:00 AM –10:00 AM
- Program 10:00 AM –11:30 AM
- Check out 12:00 PM

Registration Deadline is August 17, 2018. Click on the link below to access more information, as well as the registration form.

http://www.alphaalphapa.com/uploads/1/1/9/9/11998510/0.2_purposeful_seminar_registration_form.pdf

Liz Eisenhart Reaches Goal as Advocate for Safe Walking

When North York Borough resident Liz Eisenhart made the decision to stop driving due to a decline in vision, she knew she didn't want it to keep her from participating in the activities she enjoyed, which included workouts at Curves. Fortunately, a N. George Street Rabbit Transit bus stop was only a short walk from her home, which made taking the bus to Curves very easy. But coming home from Curves wasn't as convenient. The bus dropped her off on the opposite side of the busy street, which meant she needed to cross N. George at 6th Avenue, which lacked both a cross-walk and traffic light. This is when Liz began advocating for improvements in walkability in her neighborhood. She phoned the council president and learned it's not as simple as painting a cross-walk, it also needs to be handicap accessible. They say timing is everything, and that's the case with Liz's story. As she researched this concern, she learned about several community initiatives occurring to help support the need for a safe place to cross the street.

York County Planning Commission shared the city was making plans to improve walkability from George Street to Parkway. While attending an OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) class at

Penn State York, she heard about Healthy York County Coalition's York County Walks and the importance of pedestrians speaking up to improve walkability. She also learned of a rabbit transit assessment to identify barriers to accessibility in the community. Using this information, Liz went to a North York Borough Council meeting and made presentation to request a cross-walk at the N. George and 6th Avenue location. Liz continued her advocacy by attending subsequent council meetings, asking at each meeting for updates to ensure this need remained in front of the Council. Liz's diligence paid off. In April 2018, a report of the extensive changes to the George Street/Parkway area was announced, and it includes a cross-walk/handicap accessible curb cutout at 6th Avenue. Improvements are to begin in the fall 2018. Since starting her advocacy, Liz made the decision to move into independent living at Normandie Ridge, so she won't directly benefit from her advocacy in North York, yet she's thrilled she did it and encourages others to speak up for ways to make a community safer and more age-friendly. As for Liz, she's already thinking of what her next crusade will be. We wish Liz the very best and thank her for sharing her story and being a role model to embracing aging!

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Eta Chapter, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Minutes of Chapter Meeting - May 30, 2018

Eta Chapter met on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at Normandie Ridge in the Multi-Purpose Room. There were 16 members present.

President Barbara Heilman called the business meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.

Minutes - Reading of the May 5, 2018 minutes were dispensed with on a motion by Zonda Himes, seconded by Ruth Althouse. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report - Sue March, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4771.71.

The Red Box was passed. This money will go toward the Melhorn/Stetler Recruitment Grant. Madeline Stoner will receive the grant.

Old Business

Jan Kercher showed the raffle basket she and Chris Runk prepared for the Alpha Alpha State Convention. Girls' Day Out will be held on July 10, 2018. Participants will meet at Boscov's at 9:15 A.M. In addition to touring the Clock Museum and lunch at John Wright we will visit the Zimmerman Center at Long Level.

New Business

President Barbara Heilman shared farewell remarks concerning her time in office.

She graciously presented her officers and all members with acknowledgement and gifts.

Barb announced that all officers had been installed at the Four Chapter Meeting, or had been previously installed.

Planning Session

June 15-17 - Alpha Alpha State Convention

July 10 – Girls' Day Out

July 16-20 - International Convention

August - Early Educator Baskets

September - Deliver the Early Educator Baskets

October - STEM Speaker from Edgar Fahs Smith and Isaac's Fundraiser

Nancy Altland will contact

November - World Fellowship - Ruth Althouse will check

Schools for Africa - Sue Reich will check

December - Christmas Caroling at Normandie Ridge

Christmas Dinner Party - Mary Goodwillie will plan

February - Isaac's Fundraiser/Birthday Party

Paint Night; Write poetry; Membership Drive/Interest Stations

Martin Library Community Room for meetings - Lyn Karlitskie will check

March - Panel of early educators to discuss education

April - Four Chapter Meeting

May - Planning Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Terri Stetler, Recording Secretary