

Saturday, April 27th from 9-5: 50th Anniversary Day at The Kitchen Shoppe, 101 Shady Lane, Carlisle. Have you always wanted to learn more about the classes and kitchen items available at The Kitchen Shoppe? Come on out and meet the chefs at tasting tables, meet the Diva of Do-Ahead; sample the full line of flavored European olive oils and vinegars; and register for gift card drawings. The price is \$10.00 which is refundable toward any class purchased the day of the event. RSVP so we pick a time for the group to go together.

Tuesday, June 18-Wednesday, June 19: Chapter Presidents Training/Leadership Seminar

Wednesday, June 19-Friday, June 21 at 11:30 A.M.: State Convention 2024

Plan to attend to support our newly elected Co-Presidents who will be recognized at the President's Banquet to be held at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in the Cranberry Woods Business Park in Cranberry Township near Warrendale, PA. For more information go to dkg.org, Click on "State Organizations and Chapter Sites", Click on "NE" for chapters in the Northeastern part of the country, Click on "Pennsylvania", then Click on Pennsylvania State Organization. If you can only go for one day, Thursday is the day when most of the important events happen. Do plan to stay for the Banquet which ends at 9:00 P.M.

A Play at the Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Road, Fayetteville

Tuesdays with Morrie: Tues, July 16 OR Wed. July 17 OR Thursday, July 18 at 2:00

Cost: ??? (Last year we were able to get a group rate of \$42.00 because we had 10 people going.) Based on the NY Times bestseller by Mitch Albom that sold over 20 million copies, Tuesdays with Morrie is the autobiographical story of an accomplished sports journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. 16 years after graduation, Mitch happens to catch Morrie's appearance on Nightline, a television news program and learns that his old professor is battling ALS. Mitch is reunited with Morrie and what starts as a simple visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life. **We have a group who wants to go but tickets have not yet gone on sale so it is not too late to join us. RSVP to this email and you will be notified when tickets go on sale.** We usually go to the Dobbin House in Gettysburg for dinner.

The Membership Committee is continuing to **"Get the Word Out"** about Beta Iota chapter to the school districts in our area. Nora Kerschner will be delivering bags of Hershey Kisses and flyers explaining our organization as well as a few copies of this Membership Memo to the two elementary schools in the Susquehanna Township School District in March.

Julie Evanish has delivered bags of Hershey Kisses to the Director of the Harrisburg Dyslexia Center and the Training Class at the Intermediate Unit for the tutors.



For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way. Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day.



Book Discussion Group Titles for March through June

Saturday, March 23: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick *Eight ordinary people. One extraordinary choice.*

It seems like any other day. You wake up, pour a cup of coffee, and head out. But today, when you open your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live. From suburban doorsteps to desert tents, every person on every continent receives the same box. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective frenzy. Where did these boxes come from? What do they mean? Is there truth to what they promise? As society comes together and pulls apart, everyone faces the same shocking choice: Do they wish to know how long they'll live? And, if so, what will they do with that knowledge? *The Measure* charts the dawn of this new world through an unforgettable cast of characters whose decisions and fates interweave with one another: best friends whose dreams are forever entwined, pen pals finding refuge in the unknown, a couple who thought they didn't have to rush, a doctor who cannot save himself, and a politician whose box becomes the powder keg that ultimately changes everything.

Enchanting and deeply uplifting, *The Measure* is an ambitious, invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.

Saturday, April 20: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe.

As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.

May: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

June: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. As in all of her novels, Ann Patchett combines compelling narrative artistry with piercing insights into family dynamics. The result is a rich and luminous story, told with profound intelligence and emotional subtlety, that demonstrates once again why she is one of the most revered and acclaimed literary talents working today.



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Happy St. Patrick's Day



Monday, March 4 at 9:30: First Monday Wildwood Walk.

Weather permitting. Meet at the Olewine Nature Center

Saturday, March 9 at 11:30: DKG General Membership Meeting at Snapper's

120 E. Allen Street, Mechanicsburg

Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 AM: Book Discussion of The Measure by Nikki Erlick

Wegman's Community Room. Led by Carol Hess.

Monday, April 1 at 9:30: First Monday Wildwood Walk

Weather permitting. Meet at the Olewine Nature Center.

Saturday, April 13 at 11:30-1:30: DKG 4 Chapter Meeting

Gilligan's, 5002 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 AM: Discussion of The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride at Wegman's Community Room. Led by Barb Neff.

Sunday, April 21st from 1:00-3:00: The Kitchen Shoppe, Strawberry Fields Demonstration

Learn how to use strawberries to make many different dishes.

Thursday, April 25 at 9:00 Longwood Gardens trip

RSVP by email to DKGBetalotaMC@gmail.com if you are interested.

Saturday, May 18: Board and Brush Pick Your Own Project

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Friday, Aug. 16 Lunch 11:30, Show 1:00 Jersey Boys

Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, 510 Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA

Wednesday, Oct. 16 Hairspray: Lunch 11:30, Show 1:00.

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Questions or to RSVP to attend any of these events send an email to Julie Evanish, Membership Chairperson at DKGBetalotaMC@gmail.com Members: consult your membership directory for the address of the member hosting an event.

Prospective members are encouraged to attend any event of interest, just RSVP.