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2017 Alpha
Alpha State
Achievement
Award
Recipient:
Grace
Schauer



One of the highlights of the Saturday evening banquet in alternating years at the state convention is the announcement and presentation of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award. This year was no exception. Committee chairman, Cindy Reynolds, began the presentation with an informative overview of the award explaining that *it is the highest award given by the state*, initiated in 1984 with twenty-four recipients thus far. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor a member who has given distinguished and outstanding service to Alpha Alpha State Pennsylvania and has promoted the purposes and policies of the Society.

Committee members **Carol Hartley**, **Tiffany Warner**, **Judy Schaffer**, **Terri Stetler**, along with 2016 Rosebud Recipient, **Kathy Kelly**,



joined **Cindy Reynolds** on the platform to make what was supposed to be a serious and honorable presentation of the "Delta Kappa Gamma Guessing Game." Instead, it turned out to be a lively and spir-
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The Next Adventure

Tracey R. Dusch
2015-2017
Pennsylvania State President

As my biennium ends and the train pulls into the station, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as your Pennsylvania State President. I have met so many of you who were willing to take that step and become involved beyond the chapter level. You attended state convention, or the Creative Arts Retreat, or the Purposeful Seminar, or the International Convention in Nashville. You have shared your new experiences in DKG with your chapter members, and it is my hope that you will continue to participate at all levels of the Society and take full advantage of your DKG membership.

So what's next?

Our newly initiated State President, Barbara Gasperini, spoke at the state convention about the "Circle of Member~Ship." I think I will be disembarking at the train station and stepping on board a ship bound for new destinations, giving "All Aboard" a new meaning for all DKG Sisters.

The world of DKG is out there just waiting to be explored. Even if you have been a member of the Society for years and years, there are still experiences to discover in Delta Kappa Gamma. I look forward to "sailing" with all of my Pennsylvania Sisters.

Bon Voyage!



State Convention: First Impressions from a "Newbee"

Debbie McMillin

On June 9-11, 2017, I had the opportunity to make a gaggle of new friends, strengthen my old friendships, be enriched, get great ideas to use in my chapter, Alpha Sigma, gain a better understanding of what DKG does on the state level, had a lot of fun, mourned the loss of sisters, and had a glimpse of the Netherlands! I traveled in on a train and came home on a ship. Where did I go to experience all of this? I attended my first Alpha Alpha PA

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Educational Excellence Committee

Barbara Gasperini, 1st Vice President

The Visual and Performing Arts, Projects, Professional Affairs, and U.S Forum Committees are integral parts of your chapter. These committees need to function effectively because they are the beating heart of a strong chapter. They provide program ideas to grow your membership. Where can you find programs that can work in your chapter?

State workshops presenters, at conventions or conferences, can present programs or lead discussion groups concerning either local or national educational issues. Ask the state presenters to visit your chapter and continue their presentations in a closer personal way.

Honor women who are not eligible for active membership but who make a difference in your state or community with an honorary membership. Have them explain their experiences and how they are an important part of the community.

Your Visual and Performing Arts chairman could plan an old fashion campfire sing-a-long, or, an environmental trip to learn about nature while walking along trails, identifying foliage or wildlife, and cook dinner over a campfire. Maybe even camp out overnight!!! These life experiences could bring members together in a special way.

Founders Day programs are very important to DKG but chapter founders are also very important.

New members would especially enjoy learning about the Key Women Educators who actually chartered their chapter. They would be told how these important women formed the chapter, where they worked and what kind of people they were when they formed this vital piece of DKG.

Governmental agencies make available excellent programs that would be of interest to all, such as: "How secure is ordering items on the internet," or "What is the best method to paying bills?" This information is usually free to consumers.

Muti-chapter meetings are another great way to enjoy fellowship by pulling resources together to provide a local speaker to talk about important women from the area or share their views on women in government, business, or non-profit organizations.

EEC should empower women through leadership, program opportunities, and by promoting excellence in education. Informative programs and projects can help change global awareness through collaboration worldwide.

If you are an EEC chairman ask yourself, is our chapter reaching the goals of EEC? If not, why not? Let's learn to meet our goals and desires one day at a time. Don't say we will one day. Make tomorrow day one!!!

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State Organization Convention held at the Nittany Lion Inn at State College.

After a hilarious road trip with Lynn Lindh, Sue Stamm and Bonnie Barnes, we arrived at our destination. As soon as we entered the lobby I saw two smiling faces from my chapter, **Karen Tintzman**,

Convention Coordinator, and **Carol Herbert**, Protocol, and met **Molly Spinney**, also Protocol. We

registered, met bunches of other DKG sisters, and bought raffle tickets for almost 40 exciting baskets.



After finding my room and getting the couch to sleep on (a rite-of-passage for "newbees"), I got ready for the **Album of Distinction** Awards and reception. What inspiring women!



The 2017 Album of Distinction Recipients

Then on to the Friday Night Fling...we had great fun playing all of the different games! On Saturday (see **First Timer's Breakfast** page 4)

The DKG Train

Eileen Little, 2nd Vice President

Convention 2017 was the culmination of two fabulous years aboard the train with Tracey as our engineer! Upon arrival Friday afternoon, the welcome from DKG sisters is heard loudly and enthusiastically at registration, in the rotunda, and at Whiskers.

That enthusiasm continues with the Album of Distinction event, recognizing sisters who have made a difference outside DKG in their community and the world. What a way to start the weekend realizing that you are part of this group of educators!

Afterwards, the evening includes an Executive Board meeting and the Friday Night Fling. The Fling is a casino night where the true spirit of our sisters comes alive with games, fun and fellowship. But, a fiercely competitive side of our sisters permeates the room during the auction!

At Saturday's New Members Network Breakfast, first-timers to convention meet to connect with other first timers, officers, our international guest, and the keynote speaker. Next, is the first General Session, where new and old business is discussed. Then it is on to workshops to learn new things, both personally and professionally. At lunch we celebrated 21 Chapter Birthdays ranging from 55 – 75 years! After lunch was more workshops, a time for fellowship, and the announcement of the basket raffle winners!

Saturday evening is the President's Banquet. This beautiful evening included installation of our new officers, announcement and recognition of the State Achievement Award winner and entertainment from our PA Chorus.

On Sunday morning, the Celebration of Life provides a stunning and meaningful tribute to

our departed sisters. After a delicious continental breakfast, the Second General Session convenes. During this session the announcement of scholarship and enrichment grant recipients are announced. Wow what exciting adventures for these sisters! Additional Society business is conducted regarding new business and the budget is approved for the next biennium.

I hope that you continue to grow and reach out to all the opportunities that your membership in DKG has to offer YOU! Remember, it all started when someone from DKG believed you were special and invited you to membership. You accepted, boarded the train, and began to grow personally and professionally as Key Women Educators. The journey continues. DKG believes in YOU!

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morning I was invited to the First-Timers' Breakfast. I introduced myself to **Carol Hughes**, our Northeast

Regional Director, and made a new friend. I received a goody bag and a Canadian flag, inviting me to attend NERC, Windsor, Canada.

There were meetings and workshops throughout the day, and I made many more

new friends. My first workshop was *Get On Board the Fun Bus*, and, after lunch, I attended *Secrets of Working With Others in Leadership Positions*. I learned innovative methods of leadership that I can use in my life and in my Chapter.

Saturday night we were inspired by **Sara Sweeney**, Coordinator of Graduate Studies and

Highland Campus Manager for West Liberty University in West Virginia, member of the 35 & Under DKG Advisory Committee, West Virginia State Organization Webmaster, mother of two, and captain of a Roller Derby team.. WOW!!

Then it was time to disembark from outgoing President Tracey Dusch's train, and

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(Grace from page 1)

ited one. Each committee member arrived on the stage with a letter to spell out the word GUESS. Clues to the describe the award recipient were to correspond to the letter being held.

Holding the letter “G,” Carol began with adjectives such as grandmother and go-getter which described the recipient. The committee members holding the next three letters, U, E, and S gave adjectives such as *unreliable, uninterested, eccentric, somber and sluggish* which certainly did not describe the recipient (nor any DKG member)! Cindy asked them politely to retire those letters from the presentation. Continuing, in an attempt to salvage the proceedings, Cindy called on Kathy, holding the remaining letter “S,” and asked for accurate clues to describe the awardee.

Accolades describing Grace and her DKG involvement noted that she certainly had gone beyond the chapter level, evidenced by the fact that she had attended fifteen state conventions, eight regional conferences and six international conventions. She has accompanied the state chorus, received an Enrichment Grant Scholarship in 2003 and encourages and promotes the success of others. The clincher which identified Grace as the recipient was the fact that she had chaired six Alpha Alpha State Creative Arts Retreats as well as attending and presenting at a number of others. The letters **GS**, which Carol and Kathy were holding respectively, were brought together to reveal the initials of the recipient, **Grace Schauer**.

The assembly cheered, tears flowed, and hugs were freely given as the final clue revealed the fact that could only describe Grace. She was initiated into the Phi chapter in 1993 and then transferred to Pi Chapter when she and her husband relocated. As committee member **Terri Stetler** escorted her to the platform, Grace was humbly overwhelmed.

When **Cindy Reynolds** asked **Grace** if she would like to say a few words, she said, “As I look out at all of you ladies, there are so many more of you who are more deserving of this award than I am.” Her words were touching and revealed the true spirit of Grace as she gave credit to everyone else.



**Congratulations
Grace Schauer,
the 25th recipient
of the
Pennsylvania
Alpha Alpha State
Achievement Award.**



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board incoming President Barb Gasperini’s fleet made up of Leadership, Scholarship, and Friendship.

Sunday morning I attended the **Celebration of Life** for our sisters who have graduated to Heaven, a truly moving tribute of remembrance!



Afterwards, I attended the Second General session, my last meeting before saying good-bye.

Looking back over my first experience at State, I realized that everyone has their own means of transportation, but my weekend made me feel as if mine was a Magic Carpet! I learned that DKG can take me as far as I want to ride. I made many new friends and observed my DKG sisters beam with a passion for service with loving and welcoming hearts. It was an experience that I’ll never forget. I want to humbly thank you for taking me along for the journey. I guarantee that **“I’ll be back!”**



2017 Visionary Fund Recipient

Louann Schrader, Omega
Past State President, 2011-2013

A *visionary* plans the future with imagination and wisdom. This has always been in the forefront of educators' minds as we plan and implement the ideas to help our children grow. Taking children where they are and preparing them for a future that we can only imagine, often requires a budget line to permit an idea to take action. In many cases, unfortunately, that budget line in school districts is missing when a *visionary* comes up with an innovative idea. **The Nancy B. Grove Visionary Fund**, through The Delta Kappa Gamma Society of the Pennsylvania State Organization, is the catalyst that can turn the vision and innovation of in-service teachers into action.

For the past 3 years the Visionary Fund, administered by the past state presidents, has been there to award \$500 annually to a

teacher who has had the vision of possibility or an innovative idea, but couldn't find the funds to implement it. As a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Pennsylvania State Organization, we have your back!

This year the 2017 Visionary Fund recipient of this award is **Deborah Yargar-Reed**, a Physical Education teacher in the Upper Adams School District. Deborah and her district's fine arts team designed a unit to enhance the global and cultural awareness of the Balinese culture of Asia. During the next school year, through an artist in residence program and through the coordination and cooperation of Dr. Brent Talbot of Gettysburg College and his music education stu-



dents, the third and fourth graders in the Upper Adams School District will be immersed in Balinese life, culture, games, and songs. As part of the experience, the children will be learning and playing songs on a Balinese gamelan and will study the historical roots of the gamelan on the Balinese Culture.

Congratulations Deborah!

A visionary plants seeds for the future and nourishes them by imagination, innovation, wisdom, and action. The Nancy B. Grove Visionary Fund has the means to turn innovation into action and bring ideas to fruition. What are your dreams? What is something new and innovative you'd like to try in your classroom? Let your imagination soar! Plan now to apply for the 2018 Nancy Grove Visionary Fund award.

News from the U.S. Forum

Susan Fritz
U.S. Forum/Educational Legislation Chair

The U.S. Forum Connection is a free monthly publication sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh is the editor of this publication and is the person to contact at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com if you wish to subscribe. The Forum website is <http://www.usforumdkg.org>. The following infor-

mation is from the May, 2017, issue.

HEALTH CARE UNDER CONSIDERATION

In this session of Congress, major changes in the law regulating health care costs are being considered. A proposed health care law has passed the House of Representatives (H.R.1628) and is currently being considered in the Senate. The Senate is writing a separate version of the law.

Because a number of topics, in either bill, directly affect only women, it is disturbing that all thirteen members of the Senate Committee are male and Senator Susan Collins, who has had extensive experience with health care legislation in the past, was not named to the committee. Some of the medical conditions which have been mentioned are possibly being **(see Law page 7)**

New Initiates

Beta Epsilon

Wanda Lingenfelter

Sigma

Eckie Friar
Judith Skinner

Alpha Omicron

Audrey Chova
Margaret Cozad

Chi

Kimberly Ernst
Barbara Hartman
Rebecca Murphy
Laura Quinn
Nancy Schnell
Terrie Stauffer

Alpha Sigma

Michelle McCollin

Alpha Phi

Michele Knoll

Theta

Patricia Colangelo

Epsilon

Kathleen Jones
Susan Bauer

Alpha Xi

Judith Horne
Norma Miller
Jeanne Vendeland

Upsilon

Lorraine Allen



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considered as preexisting conditions, including maternity and C-sections, neither of which would affect males.

Go to <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1628>. Find out how your representative voted.

<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2017/roll256.xml> (Note: Representative Newhouse did not vote.)

NET NEUTRALITY

As the Internet was being developed, the Internet providers gave some preferred customers (mainly businesses) faster downloads. A few years ago the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) began enforcing “net neutrality.” This basically means that *all Internet providers must provide the same download speeds to all subscribers*. Recently this has been the subject of debate at the FCC, and that agency is considering abandoning enforcement of net neutrality. The consequence of this is that some Internet users may experience slower Internet downloads. As a result of this proposed change in policy a group of Internet providers has taken out an ad in the Washington Post op-

posing this change. The companies which sponsored the ad are Altice USA, Armstong, BOY-COM, Buckeye Broadband, Cable ONE, Charter Communications, Comcast Corporation, Cox Communications, Eagle Communications, GCI, MCTV, Mediacom Communications, MetroCast Communications, Midco, RCN Grande, Service Electric Cablevision, Shentel, Sjoberg’s Inc., TDS, Vast Broadband, and Vyve Broadband.

HOW WOMEN PREVAIL

With the world championship in women’s hockey scheduled for the end of March, the women on the team asked for an increase in salary as well as equipment provisions. There was a huge differential between the salaries of the male and female hockey players. The women also threatened to boycott the World Championship games. USA Hockey, the governing body of hockey, decided to replace the entire team with female college hockey players even though this would result in the strong possibility of losing the World Championship and deny the women, who had won the right to play in the championship

game, the opportunity to defend their title. The professional players undertook telephone calls to about 500 female college players urging them not to serve as replacements for the professional team. The college players did not take the offer to act as replacements, and the women won a pay increase, business class airfare, disability insurance and money to support youth leagues which trains the next generation of women hockey players. The U.S. Women’s National Team went on to win its fourth consecutive International Ice Hockey Federation Women’s World Championship. This was the team’s seventh win in eight years.

DKG GIRL SCOUT PATCHES

Information on the Girl Scout patch is available at <https://www.girlscouts.org>. Nita Scott at DKG Headquarters in Austin is knowledgeable about this. Her number is 888-762-4685 extension 113.

Please Note

The Regional Conference Forum Session for the Northeast Region will be held at Windsor, Ontario, 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM on July 13, 2017.

ALBUM OF DISTINCTION



First row left to right:

Bonnie Miller, Pi: Service to Boy Scouts of America - 40 years of service

Ruth Leone, Alpha Omicron: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Fellow - 19 years of service

Joyce Kerrick, Alpha Zeta: Honored for 25 years of service - Central Bradford Chamber of Commerce

Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta: Selected as President of the Bradford County Regional Arts Council

Ursula Payne, Alpha Sigma: Named as Director of the Frederick Douglass Institute Initiative at Slippery Rock University

Diana Rittman, Alpha Xi: Living Education Everyday Award Recipient; Best New Children's Book Winner for *Grady Gets Glasses* from the Author's Zone; Top 100 Pennsylvania Educators to follow on Twitter

Not Shown:

Hanna Cook, Theta: Dr. Sizemore Spirit Award for Engaging Urban Youth in Viable Careers in Education

Kathryn Helgemo, Pi: 2016 Firefighter of the Year, Lawrenceville Fire Department and Ambulance Association

Joanna Kapinos, Beta Gamma: Keystone Technology Innovator Star at Star Summit, Shippensburg University

Back row left to right:

Michal Buchanan, Beta Gamma: Recognized by the American Choral Directors Association for her outstanding contributions to music

Heather Baker, Lambda: Inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society

Rose Ann Fulena, Alpha Sigma: 2016 Earl Rume Region 2 Award of the National Association of Workshop Directors

Kathy Dinger, Psi: 2016 Outstanding Volunteer Award by the Clarion County PA Association of Retirees

Amy Dobbins, Beta Epsilon: Volunteer Appreciation Pin from Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania

Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa: First Place and Best of Show at South Mountain Fair Cross Stitch from a Digital Photo PNC Bank

Jean McCleary, Alpha Theta: Worthington-West Franklin Community Library - 30 years of service

Jane Nyiri, Beta Alpha: Search for Excellence (Youth Gardening) and Seeds of Service; Friend of Delaware County Cooperative Extension - 30 years of service



Congratulations, Marcia Erickson, Beta Epsilon, for receiving the Cornet Individual Professional Development Award from the DKG Educational Foundation.

Nine Scholars and Grant Awardees: On the Train for New Destinations

Lois Brown, Scholarship Chair

The PA State Scholarship Committee awarded one Scholarship and eight Enrichment Grants at the 80th State Convention in State College on Sunday, June 11, 2017.



Front row left to right:

Candace Claar, Alpha Beta chapter, received the “Margaret J. Wolf Scholarship” for her Residency Letter of Eligibility Program for Superintendents. Her goal is to become a college professor within an Education Program.

Gisele Siebold, Chi chapter, taught Gifted Education and now writes for periodicals and news magazines. She is a past chapter president, sings in the State Chorus, and is State World Fellowship Chair. Gisele will use her Grant to attend a Yoga & Health Retreat where she will learn relaxation, movement, and nutrition.

Lois Stoner, Alpha Beta chapter World Fellowship chair, has been a biology & physiology instructor at the high school and college levels. She will travel to Iceland, Finland, and Estonia’s capital cities to discover her roots and to meet with her Estonian DKG pen pal.

Karen Matis, Alpha Sigma chapter President, is a Reading Specialist in her school district and an Adjunct Professor at two local colleges. Karen will visit Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello and the Virginia region where Jeffersonian stories abound.

Linda Stahlman, Psi chapter President, was a school librarian. She recently established a Little Free Library in Frogtown & Dubois. Linda will go on a family trip to Germany, France and Switzerland

where she will research Anabaptists and Mennonites in her family tree.

Back row left to right:

Bonnie Lee Barnes, Alpha Sigma chapter, is active at DKG Chapter and State levels. She is editor of *The Keystoneian*. She has never been outside the US. Her travels will take her to Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Deborah Yargar-Reed, Beta Kappa chapter, is the recent past-president. She teaches physical education in her school district. She has presented at the Arts Retreat and is our State photographer since 2014. Her grant will take her to Germany, Switzerland and Italy where she will show her students the world beyond a rural school district.

Marcia Erickson, Beta Epsilon chapter, will travel to Belize in Central America to bring back information for her classes on “The First Americans” and “The Fall of the Aztec & Inca Empires.” She will also be collecting great food recipes. She is her chapter’s webmaster.

Not pictured:

Ann Ratay, Beta Kappa chapter, was a math teacher while becoming involved on DKG state and chapter committees. Ann will travel with her granddaughter to Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

Congratulations to these outstanding women educators.

Thank you to this biennium’s Scholarship Committee: Barb Emmer, Monique Lautenschlager, Susan Martin, Patricia Walker, and Gloria Werner.

Notice to Chapter Treasurers

by Wanda Keller, State Treasurer

All chapters must complete a 990N e-postcard for the IRS. Reporting deadline: November 15, 2017. There will be a direct link on www.dkg.org. *Everyone will need to create a first time users login and password.* Then follow the procedure. A copy of the acceptance letter MUST be sent to the state treasurer, WKeller879@atlanticbb.net Please make sure that the dates for your year are July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. If dates are wrong or you experience problems with the process, please contact me.

Active - \$58
(or \$57.40 for designated chapters)
This includes \$40 International,
\$17 state,
\$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.
Chapter dues added to this amount.

Reserve - \$28
(or \$27.40 for designated chapters)
This includes \$20 International,
\$7 State, \$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.
Chapter dues added to this amount.
Form 18, 18A, and Dues Deadline:

October 31, 2017

A "Note" from Nancy Hills

Dear Alpha Alpha Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of my sisters who gave of their time to share their talents at convention by singing in the Alpha Alpha State Choir! It has been my sincere pleasure to have this opportunity to work with each of you.

You are an amazing and very special group of ladies!

I am excited to begin working on selecting music for the next biennium. I wonder what it will bring?

Please consider making a trip to Middletown for our annual Choral Retreat in the spring. This provides a great opportunity

to learn our music and create musicianship, so we can begin cruising along to next year's convention!!!

*In The Spirit of Music,
Nancy Hills*



Dear Tracey and Members of Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Organization,

Thank you so very much for the warm hospitality and great time you provided for me the weekend of June 9-11. I enjoyed visiting and eating with some of you on Friday evening in the Gilpin Room along with receiving the bag of goodies and mementos from your state. That gathering made it very evident that your Executive Board is a team that works diligently to make the **DKG Journey** a reality and thoroughly enjoys each other's company. A spe-

cial thank you for the Talbot's gift card, silver rose, train pin, and rose note cards. You also took care of my travel needs, to and from, by having Lois Brown pick me up at State College Airport and treating me to a delicious bowl of Creamery ice cream before returning me to the airport.

How impressed I was with your state project, the Album of Distinction, which recognizes members for their contributions in their communities. You also recognize your members through awarding a variety of scholarships, the Nancy B. Grove Visionary Fund Award, and the Achievement Award. Your Enrich-

ment Grants are unique as they serve as a way for busy educators and members to achieve personal growth. Noteworthy is the variety of projects in your chapters that benefit the local communities—especially for children and women along with the recruitment grants for college and high school students. The Little Free Libraries project is serving a number of communities.

Also impressive is the membership support you have for the Creative Arts Retreat and the Purposeful Living Seminar. Further, Pennsylvania members were instrumental
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Enrichment Grant Excursions

VIGOROUS VIKING VENTURE

by Janet Lee Hay, Alpha Delta

Thank you PA State Scholarship Committee of Delta Kappa Gamma for the Enrichment Grant to allow me to take my first exciting ocean cruise on the Viking Star exploring the West Indies from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to the southernmost island of Bridgetown, Barbados. (No one under 18 and only 930 persons on the ship.)

PUERTO RICO and its alluring capital of San Juan encompass the finest qualities of the Caribbean: white sand beaches, lush rain forests, and inspiring Spanish colonial ambiance. Juan Ponce de Leon landed here in 1508 and it soon became a stopover for explorers from the Old World. Today, San Juan is a picturesque Caribbean capital rich in colorful architecture, lively music and delicious and creative cuisine. Each island had its own interesting personality as follows...

TORTOLA, the British Virgin Island, is where the famed pirates Blackbeard and Captain Kidd took up residence. The sugar industry boomed

here. **ANTIGUA** has a rich past as a naval outpost of the Royal Crown. Its most famous resident was Admiral Horatio Nelson. **ST. LUCIA** boasts some of the Caribbean's most idyllic beaches.

Where you see green and white buildings, you know Hess Oil Company is a major industry in St. Lucia.

BARBADOS is often called "Little England" for its lasting British influence. Since 1870 it houses the British Commonwealth's third oldest parliament (after Britain and Bermuda). The French territory of **GUADELOUPE** is often called the "Butterfly Island." The cemeteries reminded me of the ones in New Orleans.

The following islands were favorites of mine... **ST. KITTS** was once a sugar producing powerhouse, but now mangoes dominate the harvests. It is home to Vervet monkeys, banana trees and coconut palms.



ST. MAARTEN (St. Martin) is a



fascinating mix of France and Holland, lush with Caribbean beauty all its own. Many resorts and casinos are located here. **ST. THOMAS**, purchased by the US from Denmark in 1917, is a rich blend of colorful architecture, stunning beaches and intriguing history. Impressionist painter Camille Pissaro was born on Charlotte Amalie's Main Street.

My Viking Star cruise, a "thinking person's cruise" and a voyage of cultural and personal enrichment, is one filled with memories and over 3000 photos. The PA State money allowed me to take additional island trips to see and learn more about each island I visited. Truly a VIGOROUS VIKING VENTURE of 9 countries and 9 ports in 11 days! (see Excursions page 12)

(Hughes from page 10)

in founding a Joint Creative Arts with three other north-east states.

In the past few years you have lost members, but that loss has declined. Since last September, 27 chapters have brought in 69 members who are already making contributions to their chapters. You are concerned with chapters who are faltering and plan to use the talents of past state presidents to assist these chapters. You have had and still evidence dedicated leaders at the chapter, state, and international levels. Pennsylvania members, you definitely are LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE!

I look forward to seeing a number of you at the Northeast Regional Conference. You will be experiencing a different culture but one with many similarities to

our own. Take advantage of all the events that are being offered to you in Windsor. I guarantee that at the Northeast Regional you will experience that "genuine spiritual fellowship" of being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

As I shared last Sunday, the Pennsylvania State Organization Railroad is a strong and powerful vehicle, and you have kept it on the right track. Thank you for having me travel with you!

With deepest appreciation,

Carol Hughes

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South Africa: A Land of Contrasts

by Melody Hannegan, Alpha Xi

Two decades ago, my college friend, Sara, and her husband, Bob, worked for 3 years in South Africa. During that time, they lived under apartheid and witnessed its demise with the free election of Nelson Mandela. With every one of their newsletters, my desire to see this nation increased. Therefore, when they decided to lead a guided tour, I anxiously signed on.

Each day on this March trip offered our group of 23 Americans varied and magnificent sites. We stayed in the modern cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town. While in those cities, we traveled by bus past towering buildings and luxury homes to the black townships. In Soweto, we toured Mandela's house and visited a community after-school program for the children of Kliptown. We worshiped with Sara's former church in Gugulethu and saw women creating beautiful textiles in the Philani Nutrition Center for Women and Children in Kheylitsha. These communities still have far too many shanty homes as there continues to be a shortage of adequate housing.

The South African terrain

also presented us with contrasts. Mountain ranges lined the horizon and offered us spectacular views. We drove along hilly roads to the rich wine country of Stellenbosch and down mountain highways to the coast until we reached the



Cape of Good Hope. One highlight of the tour was our ride up the cable car to the top of the famous Table Mountain where we viewed glorious vistas of Cape Town and environs.

We met wonderful people – black, white, and colored – who mostly speak at least two languages. In the Apartheid Museum, we strolled aside high school seniors who have never lived under that system. On Robben Island, our guide was a former prisoner who served time with Mandela. In District Six, we learned of an entire community that was raised and displaced and has now reclaimed much of its own.

Finally, our two day Safari at the Madikwe Reserve was incredible. From the posh, little airport and three small planes that

transported us there to the fancy lodging and gourmet foods, to the swimming pool that faced the wa-



tering hole of the **giraffes and zebras**, we were pampered. Then in the mornings and late afternoons, we rode through the wild where



we observed **lions**, impalas, wildebeests, elephants, rhinos, and exotic birds. The animals nuzzling their children and an elephant carcass showed us the progression of life in the wild.

Many thanks to The Scholarship Committee and those of you who contribute to the scholarship fund for the grant that helped me have this opportunity of a lifetime.



Margaret Wolf, Vincent, Cindy Devonshire



DK Gina, (a.k.a. Carol Herbert)



Rose Pin



PA State Choir



Dr. Lyn, Tracey Dusch

Barbara Gasperini, Eileen Little, Royce Boyd



Chapter News

Alpha Nu

In March, chapter member, **Donna Danielewski**, presented a program on her recently published book, *Journey: A Memoir*, which describes her family's flight from eastern Europe at the end of World War II. It was a long, difficult journey that reached the United States in 1947.



The chapter's 'Books and Blankies' project continues to make new contacts. Doylestown Hospital in Doylestown, Pa, has a New Beginnings Program in the Maternity Center. About 40 families each year are assisted with

diet and nutrition information, social services and counseling, insurance applications, and delivery at the hospital. The Center was delighted to accept the 25 baby afghans plus caps which were knitted and crocheted by Alpha Nu members, along with story books. Each set is wrapped in decorated boxes for the recipients. Pictured from left: **Kathy Donahue, Director; Linda Seifried, Alpha Nu; Alice Kirby, Alpha Nu; Diana White, Nurse Manager.**



At the May 6, 2017, meeting, two students, **Chelsea Mendez and Kylee Gale**, each received



the chapter's annual grant-in-aid. They are graduates of Bucks County Community College and will continue their studies in the field of education. They are pictured with **Nancy Sheehy** (right), Alpha Nu chapter president.

Sigma

At the March meeting of Sigma Chapter Lewisburg High School senior **Jordan Hartzell** (L) gave a presentation about her passions for the sciences and for the promotion of opportunities for young women in the sciences. She writes a blog "It's All Relative" for the Huffington Post. First Vice President **Brittany Bunting-Specht** (R) presented Jordan with a certificate of appreciation.



Sigma member Carole Hepner received the red rose award for her many years of service to World Fellowship.

At the May meeting, 2 new members were inducted, initiation chair,



Joy Knapik (L), conducted the ceremony for **Judith Skinner**, a gifted support teacher from Mt. Carmel, and **Eckie Friar**, an educator with Transitions Crisis Center, Danville. **Brittany Bunting-Specht**, (R).

At left, **Liz Brewer**, US Forum Chair, presents a glass vase to **Brittany Bunting-Specht**, in memory of Lois Bryner. A remembrance ceremony was held for Lois who was initiated in 1954 and passed away in August of 2016.



She served as chapter president from 1962-1964.

In June, **Barbara Corbin** (L) presented a program detailing her 2 month



backpacking trip on the Via Francigena pilgrimage route through Italy. **Deborah Bernhisel** (R).

Brittany presents a certificate of appreciation to **Barbara Corbin** (R) who holds her stamped pilgrimage passport and parchment certificate stating that she completed the Via Francigena.



Iota

IOTA chapter was very busy during the fall of 2016. In September, the annual silent auction was held in Johnstown. Money from the auction and from donations was used to support the Salvation Army Angels project. Kris Olsen and Wanda Keller enjoyed shopping for clothes, toys, and books for small children.

President Tracey Dusch and her husband Rick attended the November meeting in Roaring Springs. Our speaker was a gentleman who was in the towers on



September 11th. It was very appropriate for a Veterans Day meeting. IOTA has been collecting hats in support of Matt's Hats this year. Tracey and Rick made a very generous donation to the hats.



These hats will be sent off in the summer to be used for children who are going through chemotherapy. Currently over 50 hats have been collected. IOTA also collects canned goods, blankets, and children's books at meetings throughout the year. These items are then distributed by the hostesses in the area where the meeting is held. It was a busy year for the sisters of IOTA.

Epsilon

The Epsilon Chapter is steadily growing as we celebrate two new initiates joining our Epsilon chapter. Kathy Jones, a retired Learning Support teacher from the United School District and Susan Bauer, a Life Skills teacher from the Marion Center School District joined our Epsilon Chapter on May 11, 2017 at our Induction Ceremony.

Induction Officer Carolyn Ferrence planned the ceremony, and which was presided over by President, Deborah

Wright; Vice President, Sally Oliver; Secretary: Mary Roberto; and Treasurer, Diane Paulina. All present members of the Epsilon had a part in the induction of these new members.



From Left: Cary Ferrence, Induction Officer; Susan Bauer, new initiate; Jeanne Creps, Epsilon chapter's oldest member of 53 years, and Kathy Jones.

Beta Gamma

Our March meeting was held at Hoss's Restaurant.

Joanna Kapinos educated us on one of the latest trends in technology called Breakout EDU.

We engaged in an activity using our knowledge of DKG and the winning team is pictured.

Members of Beta Gamma toured Brown's Orchards and Farm Market located in Southern York County, PA. Members toured the market facilities, participated in a wine and cheese tasting event, and toured the Honey



House, an attraction used to educate people about bees and honey. Farmer Stan Brown and his wife Nona have been sharing their knowledge with the community for over thirty years. Visit their website or stop by their store located 8892 Susquehanna Trail S, Loganville, PA 17342.

Left to right: Marilee Kessler, Jane Orem, RuthAnn Guertin, Michal Buchanan, Karen Snyder, Sarah Metallo, JoAnna Kapinos, Marlene Spark, Linda Martin, Joan Walters, and Corinne Horne



In Memoriam

Dorothy Patterson

December 28, 2015,

Alpha Kappa

Dorothy was initiated on April 16, 1955. She had a long and excellent career in public education in the Mifflin County Schools.

Janice Duerr

October 2, 2016, Beta Mu

Janice was initiated on November 13, 1993. She served two terms as President and held many chairmanships. She consistently attended state and regional conferences. Janice was a mentor for an Afafanto scholarship student in Ghana. She received DKG's Woman of Distinction Award.

Jane R. Richards

January 31, 2017, Beta

Jane was initiated on April 1, 1966. She was a Past Chapter President and served as committee chair and numerous other offices in DKG. Jane was a Professor of Elementary Education at Kutztown University and she worked with student teachers. Upon retiring she was granted Professor Emeritus.

Constance S. Roupp

February 1, 2017, Alpha Zeta

Constance was initiated in 1988. She was 2000-2002 Chapter President. She was 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Membership Chair and served on various chapter and state committees. She worked for 33 years as a librarian for Athens Area School District and was secretary and treasurer for the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association. In 2013, she was awarded the Outstanding Contributor Award from PSLA. Connie was a member of the board of directors for Spaulding Library, Athens and volunteered at the Bradford County Emergency Management Services.

Patricia A. Shedlock

February 20, 2017, Nu

Patricia was initiated was on October 1, 1980. She was the State's Project Chair for 2015-2017. She served on the State Achievement Award commit-

tee and was State Corresponding Secretary 2007-2009. Pat was Chapter President and sang in the State Chorus. She was a promoter of Little Free Libraries. Pat taught elementary school in the Lebanon School District for over 30 years. She was an active member of Salem Lutheran Church with the church council and choir. Pat was a member of the Lebanon Arts Council.

Jane Leach

February 22, 2017, Psi

Jane was initiated on October 12, 1978. She was Psi Chapter President 1984-1986, served as 1st President, Expansion Chair, and the Founder's Day program and World Fellowship committees. Jane attended fall area conferences, State Conventions and International Conventions. At the State level, Jane served as Saturday Banquet reception Chair and Luncheon Hostess for Past State Presidents. Jane was a Home Economics and Science teacher for Dubois Area Schools.

Elizabeth Verner

February 27, 2017, Theta

Elizabeth was initiated on May 5, 1994. She was a DKG member for 23 years. Elizabeth was a teacher for St. Mary's Grade School, Home of Good Shepard, Little Sisters of the Poor and Supervisor for Pittsburgh Public schools for 44 years. She was the Director of Pittsburgh Public Schools volunteer program. The National Council of English Teachers recognized her for designing and implementing cursive and manuscript writing for Pittsburgh Public schools. WQED recognized Elizabeth for her dedication and volunteer service to radio and TV stations.

Margaret A. Puhalla

February 28, 2017, Alpha Chi

Margaret was initiated on May 21, 2002. She was an active member for 15 years.

She served as President and Vice President. Peggy was an Elementary teacher for 35 years in the Woodland Hills School District, Allegheny County.

Bonita E. Kinsinger

April 24, 2017, Gamma

Bonita was initiated on October 1, 1979. She was an active member of Gamma chapter serving as President and 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. She maintained the music committee for many years. Bonnie was an Elementary teacher for 38 years and received the "Golden Apple Award" and named Educator of the Year. She was a Professor of Education at Mercyhurst College and supervised student teachers.

Joyce K. Wherley

May 19, 2017, Nu

Joyce was initiated in 2006. She was an active member and served on the Projects and Strategic Action Plan committees. She was a Family and Consumer Science teacher in Eastern Lebanon County School District for 35 years. She started the preschool program known as Kiddie Komer. ELCO School District honored her dedication with the Secondary Teacher of the Year award in 2015. Joyce was a member of the Lebanon County Home Economics Association and Lebanon County Educational Honor Society.

Peggy L. Paul

May 28, 2017, Alpha Gamma

Peggy's initiation was on October 1, 1973. Peggy was a long time faithful member who served on various committees. She taught high school Business Education and retired from Cory Area High School in 1992. She was involved with PSEA-PACE and Cory Federal Teachers Credit Union. She was known to say her biggest contribution to education was raising her four daughters all of whom are in education, three having their doctorates.



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- August 4-5, 2017** Executive Board Meeting, State College, PA
- October 8-15, 2017** "Fall Foliage Tour to Vermont and Massachusetts" with The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
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- December 1, 2017** Deadline for the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar application
- June 14-16, 2018** Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
- March 29-31, 2019** Creative Arts Retreat, Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA