



# DKG Society International

Alpha Phi Chapter – Pennsylvania State Organization – February Issue 2024

## Alphie-Gram Newsletter

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*"In memory of May Frances Archey Janice Cmar, and Donna Shultz.  
These lives that are gone  
live on in the memory of us all."*

*In Memory of our Alpha Phi sisters*

*By Zoe Akhtar*

*Jan*

*Donna*



*Our loss has been great!*

*Please join us at our next Alpha Phi meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>  
to celebrate and remember our sisters, Jan Cmar and Donna Shultz.*





Jan Cmar, President (2022 to Jan 6, 2024)

Alpha Phi member for 4 years

Jan was inducted into our chapter on November 14, 2020.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Mansfield University. She furthered her education by attaining a Master's Degree in Special Education from Duquesne University. Her passion for teaching led to a fulfilling 35-year career as a Home Economics teacher, beginning with Duquesne School District, later the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, and finally the most years at Peters Township School District, from where she retired in 2015. She was a dedicated public servant, serving on the Board of Jefferson Hills, as Vice President and Mayor. She had numerous accolades and awards for her service to her community and church. She was active in many professional organizations, and we were one of the last on her long list.



Donna Shultz, Treasurer (?? to February 1, 2024)

Alpha Phi member for 49 years, 5 months

Donna was inducted into our chapter in September 1974, passing away just months from attaining 50 years of membership. Donna received her Bachelor's of Education from California University of Pennsylvania and a Master's of Education from West Virginia University. She retired from the Elizabeth Forward School District serving as a teacher and later Director of Elementary Education. She was an active member in many organizations, community and civic, often attaining leadership roles in those organizations. Among others, she was involved in Elizabeth Forward Alumni and Friends Association, Rotary Club, and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club. Her longest leadership role was most likely in Alpha Phi, serving over 30 years as our Treasurer. Her commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Phi was enormous and will surely be missed.

## **Alpha Phi News**

By LuAnn Sebastian

Our speaker for March 16<sup>th</sup> is Carolyn Monyok. She will be speaking about "Caring for your Garden Roses." We will also have a guest—Tracy Roman attending our meeting.

Reservations are due by March 1, 2024 to LuAnn Sebastian

Hope to see you at the South Hills Country Club.

Mr. Don German will be presenting on Our Great American Eagle at our meeting on April 13th.

Officer Induction for 2024 will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Royce Boyd our DKG PA President will do the honors.

Alpha Phi will be the Host Chapter to Tri- Chapter Meeting of Alpha Phi, Theta, and Alpha Xi. We will be meeting at the South Hills Country Club on Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

Our menu choices are Asiago Chicken, Grilled Salmon, Eggplant Manicotti with Red Skin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Salad (with choice of Paris, Ranch, or Balsamic dressing) and Burnt Almond Torte for Dessert. Rolls, Coffee Tea, Iced Tea, and Soda will be available. The cost of the meal is \$40.

### ***Reservations are due May 1, 2024***

Each chapter will display a Tri- Board focusing on Activities of their Chapter.

Members' hobbies, travels, etcetera will also be displayed.

Each of the three chapters will contribute \$25 toward Royce Boyd's gift—theme of basket is items made in Pittsburgh, PA.

## **Info from Royce Boyd our PA President**

### **At the International Level**

Our Administrative Board is interviewing a new membership director. They are also in the process of advertising and interviewing for a new Executive Director as Nita Scott is retiring next year. If those two were not enough, the link to register for the International Convention is live on the DKG International website. As well as the link for hotel registration.

The 2024 International Convention at National Harbor has much to offer. Join other PA members July 9-13 as we vote on Constitutional revisions, listen to keynoters, learn at workshops, and volunteer our time to help make the convention a success. Many of our PA members have a role in making this happen. There will also be a PA night dinner on Friday to celebrate all things PA.

You can register for the whole convention or just one day whatever works in your schedule just come to see a bigger picture of how awesome DKG is on all levels!

### **At the State Level**

First, a big thank you for responding to the surveys that have come your way (Avenue M). The data collected will be used to help support you, your chapter and DKG overall.

The Leadership Training for Presidents is complete as well as the Leadership Seminar for members. We have added a twist for continuing presidents that you will find in the *Keystonian* article. The convention is planned and ready for you to get involved. Now it is your turn to plan to attend. The *Keystonian* will be out to you by the end of February, if not sooner, to provide you with all the information you need to know to come to Cranberry for a few days. Read it, register for the Leadership Training and convention. There is something for everyone at this convention!

## **Keystonian**

The *Keystonian* is online now. It is full of valuable information. You can access it now.

## **Dues Reminder**

By Haddie Weber

American author Leo Buscaglia said, "There are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our encouragement, who will need our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give."

Sharing what we have is a hallmark of The Delta Kappa Gamma International (DKG) and Alpha Phi. With your involvement in the chapter and your membership in DKG; with your energy, your drive, your passion, and your ideas we will continue to make a difference for women, children, and educators in the communities we serve. DKG and Alpha Phi need you and your continued membership.

It is that time of year to renew your membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma International (DKG) for 2024-2025. The dues have not been raised:

**Active**     \$ 85.00

**Reserve**   \$ 40.00

Checks are made payable to DKG. Please send your check to:

Haddie Weber

1009 Broughton Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15236

**Receiving your dues no later than June 10, 2024**, will give us time to enter everything into the DKG dues portal and submit payment to DKG and to the state treasurer by June 30, 2024.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me by e-mail address at:

[haddiewebe@mac.com](mailto:haddiewebe@mac.com) or

412 897 8002

Thank you for everything that you do for Alpha Phi Chapter. This enables our Pennsylvania State Organization and Delta Kappa Gamma International to continue with it many opportunities to enrich our students and fellow educators.

## **Membership News**

By Zoe Akhtar

Please contact Zoe Akhtar if you have someone to recommend as a prospective member and is interested in learning more about our chapter and organization.

We will be hosting a visitor and prospective member at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. I believe some of you will know her. Let's all be sure to make her feel welcome!

## **Grant-In-Aid News**

Zoe Akhtar

There have been no applications to date. The Park News promised that they would run the notice in March.

If you would like to announce our Grant-In-Aid scholarship in your church bulletin or with another

organization, please feel free to use the following announcement:

## Scholarship Application Available

The Alpha Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (an honor society for women educators) is accepting applications for an educational grant-in-aid award.

Women who are in their junior or senior year of college, majoring in education, and attending a western Pennsylvania university or college are eligible to apply.

Two grants of \$1500 each will be awarded in 2024. Applications are available on the Alpha Phi website ([alphaphiipa.weebly.com](http://alphaphiipa.weebly.com)), Community Outreach tab, Grant-in-Aid and are due to the chapter webmaster by April 1, 2024.

Questions about the award can be sent to the chapter by using the Contact Us tab on the website.

## The 'Bursting the Bubble' Campaign

by Becky Johnen



What does this bubble graphic represent?

Why should DKG members have a thorough knowledge of this graphic?

How can this knowledge impact the future of DKG?

The 'Bursting the Bubble' campaign is a multi-month marketing campaign designed to showcase opportunities through DKG. Each circle (bubble) in the graphic represents an opportunity or benefit of membership in the Society. The campaign will take a deep dive into each bubble and will include multimedia resources for marketing DKG within and beyond the Society.

Watch for the first “bursting the bubble” feature on or about March 1 and then twice a month to follow as the campaign intentionally bursts the bubbles of opportunities through DKG. Check things out at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org).

## Christmas, 2023



Haddie played Christmas songs

Chinese Auction Table

Members who enjoyed the day



Everyone had a wonderful time sharing the Holiday together.