



PRESIDENT CINDY SAYS:

“And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning again with the summer.” F. Scott Fitzgerald, [The Great Gatsby](#)

In our profession, this is a season of mixed emotions. We are so ready to wrap up this school year and we are prepared to enjoy the upcoming summer months of relaxation and reflection and to spend time with family and friends. In September we will embark upon another year of professional growth and service to our community while enjoying the friendships that we have formed with our Sisters in Alpha Kappa Chapter.

I want to share with you this message from Cathy Daugherty, our International President. She sent this to Chapter Presidents upon the 90th Birthday of DKG, celebrated on May 11, 2019. Her thoughts provide us with much food for thought as we address the challenges which we face as an organization.

“Happy Birthday, DKG! 90 years ago on May 11, 1929 Dr. Annie Webb Blanton along with the other founding members of DKG met at the University Faculty Women’s Club on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin to form what is now the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Today, with over 65,000 members across 17 countries and encompassing 78 state organizations, we, the members of DKG, have much to recall, to consider, and to contemplate regarding our Society.

In my most recent article in the *DKG News* I offered my birthday wish on this auspicious occasion. My wish is that we all face reality and act upon it to move DKG toward a productive future that we can share on our 100th birthday in just 10 short years. We must grow in purpose, realize and share the worth of DKG with more key women educators around the world, foster a contagious enthusiasm that elicits energy and motivates service to our communities and globally, and develop succession plans at all three levels that prepare and promise leaders who will eclipse the work begun by our Founders. It’s a huge wish, but one I know we can realize. Why? Because we are indeed “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.” Celebrate our 90 years now, and keep that 100th birthday in mind and the birthday wishes made today with our future in mind! Happy Birthday!”

President Cindy Con't::

Our chapter officers will be spending time this summer thinking about and planning for our continuing mission to promote opportunities for our members to grow personally and professionally. Thank you for all each of you has done in the past to support each other and our projects!

Now it's time to celebrate the end of school! Our final meeting of the year will be a picnic on Saturday, June 8 at the smaller pavilion at the Mifflintown Playground near the Juniata County Library. We will meet at 11:30 am and we want to honor those of you who are not yet retired and who are trying to wind down from a busy year. If you are in that category, you do not need to do a thing! Those of us who are retired are going to supply all of the food for this event and you just need to come and enjoy! An email will be sent closer to the picnic giving an update but we would like for everyone to RSVP to me (cbkenn@aol.com) by June 1 so that we know how much to prepare. Those of us who are retired should plan to bring a dish to share with our honorees. Elsewhere in the newsletter are details about the Chinese Auction that we are also planning as a fundraiser on that date. Since we are in the smaller pavilion, you might want to bring a lawn chair.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on June 8 and I extend best wishes for a smooth transition into summer vacation!

Cindy

TREASURER'S REPORT AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Balance as of April 22--\$7,980.74 (I deposited a \$130 anonymous donation for our scholarship fund from a generous sister.)



A reminder to sisters that \$72 annual dues need to be paid by June 30 this year. I greatly appreciate the many sisters who do this with punctuality each year. If you are unable to attend our June meeting, please mail your dues to me at: 106 Wagon Wheel Lane, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Please note that I will not be depositing dues checks as promptly as usual. For clarity of record-keeping, I want to finish out this financial year, have the books audited, and submit my report for 2018-2019 before depositing money for 2019-2020. I know of no other way to keep our records clear. Thank you!

Finally, please keep our State Treasurer, Wanda Keller, in your prayers. I have recently learned that she is currently receiving chemotherapy for bladder cancer, continuing until the end of June. Following recuperation from treatment, she will then undergo surgery.

THIS and THAT

"Thank you to all of the sisters who helped prepare the cards for distribution to our teaching colleagues, and to those who helped distribute them. We hope those in the classroom will be able to feel our support for them as they go about preparing students for the future and making a difference in our communities.



Delta Kappa Gamma Grant-in-Aid Award Winners



SIERRA CURRY. She is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education at Shippensburg University.



KAYLA FORRY. Shirley will provide details at meeting.



NEXT MEETING

Saturday, June 8th @ 11:30 A.M.

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Make a basket (or two)Bring a 'nearly new' item that other's might like..... Re-gift that present you just don't know what it do withGift cards and coupons for goods and services are great auction items.



Bid on the offerings as a treat for yourself, a gift for a friends, or an early Christmas present.

This auction will benefit our Scholarship Fund.



Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2019

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met at the OIP Tyson Hill, Mifflintown, PA on April 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Eighteen members were present for the dinner meeting.

President Cindy Kennedy conducted a brief Business Meeting. With a motion made by Molly Kinney and seconded by Nancy Chrismer, the March 20, 2019 minutes were approved. Treasurer Pat Brown reported the bank balance remained the same as stated in the newsletter. She is still awaiting an update on payment of dues (\$72) by end of June. Nancy Chrismer will notify membership of a date and location for note card work session. Under Old Business, Shirley Covert reminded us to complete the shoe boxes so they can be distributed. Under New Business, membership selected June 8 as the date for our last chapter meeting. Location will be finalized at later date. A motion was made by Tena Kauffman and seconded by Jennie McCardle that we hold a Chinese Auction at the picnic. Proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund. Clare Flynn and Shirley Covert are checking on candidates for our Grant in Aid Scholarships. Two seniors (one from MCHS and one from EJ) will each receive a \$500 scholarship. The Business Meeting adjourned at 6:15 with a motion made by Pat Brown and seconded by Angie Beward.

The program for the evening followed our dinner. Molly Kinney introduced our speaker Jane Cannon Mort, Special Projects Editor, from the Lewistown Sentinel. Jane's topic for the evening was the publication of the book School Days: Memories from the Juniata Valley. She shared the background and sources involved in compiling the information about the history of the educational institutions of the Juniata Valley. To our surprise, 7 DKG members helped by submitting memories included in the final project. The induction of educator Thelma Leister concluded the evening's activities. Assisted by sisters Kay Varner, Angie Beward, Sarah Wieseman, Pat Brown, and Cindy Kennedy, Parliamentarian Tena Kauffman conducted the ceremony. All present welcomed our newest member.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Berich, Recording Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Dottie Peiffer, Cindy VanGavree, Mary Grimm, Bonnie Seigler, Molly Kinney, Kay Varner, Jackie Heidenreich, Shirley Covert, Cindy Kennedy, Nancy Chrismer, Sarah Wieseman, Tena Kauffman, Pat Brown, Stephanie Bonnell, Angie Beward, Jennie McCardle, Kelly Beward, Bev Berich

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