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President's Message

Have you seen them Sisters? Do you recognize those colors? Yep, fall is encroaching! Those leaves are changing colors and falling down more rapidly. The wooly caterpillars are dressing up in shades of black and brown for the colder days ahead. Deer, squirrels, and many others are stuffing their faces and cheeks with fallen acorns and/or hiding what they can. Fall is here Sisters. Fall is here!

Were you here at our September meeting at Leg Up Farms? If not, you missed the tour of a wonderful facility. It was quite a nice place to visit and hear about the abundant therapies that they offer for our citizens. Just watching the children ride the horses was amazing! A huge thank you to Trish Bowersox for booking this wonderful meeting for us.

As you are aware, we cancelled out of Brown's Orchards for the October meeting. However, we are very excited to meet once again at Bethlehem United Methodist Church 109 E. Main Street, Dallastown, PA 17313 for our October 24th meeting instead. Pat Walker will be sharing pictures and information about her trip to Africa taken this summer. You won't want to miss this meeting that starts at 4:30 pm! The Beta Beta executive board so graciously agreed to provide the

refreshments too! I heard that some pumpkin goodies may be coming. We hope that you can carve out some time to join us at this meeting.

Country Meadows will be calling me back soon to schedule our annual B-I-N-G-O days with their residents. Typically, we will have a date set for November and April and take with us prizes for the residents to win. They love our prizes! So, if the spirit moves you to donate any prizes for this, please bring them to our October meeting. (Some suggestions include: large print puzzles, quarters, candy bars, cards with postage stamps) As soon as these dates are scheduled, I will email everyone. Perhaps you would like to participate and help to bring joy to the residents of Country Meadows at Leader Heights. Stay tuned!

Looking ahead, we are ready to see you on January 4, 2020 at Meadow Hill Restaurant, 2935 East Prospect Road, York PA 17402 for our "Post Christmas Party". The meeting will start at noon that day and you will have the opportunity to purchase lunch. Start thinking about what crazy (\$1 to \$5) gift you want to bring for our post-holiday inspired game.

Scholarship

There are many ways a member can receive financial help with the classroom, studies or travel through DKG. I took advantage of the travel enrichment grant 4 years ago and was awarded \$1000 towards a tea trip to England.

The Nancy Grove Visionary Fund was originally set up by our own Nancy while she was State President. It was first known as the Visionary

Fund and used for the funding of state endeavors such as the Creative Arts Retreat. After her passing, the grant was renamed for her and in 2015, the focus was changed to a \$500 award to be given annually to an active educator who needs funds to support an innovative teaching idea in her classroom or community. We have seen amazing projects over the years that would not have happened if this money wasn't available. So if you have a classroom idea, go to the State website and apply online by February 1st.

Pennsylvania State also offers enrichment grants for Elderhostels, traveling, personal learning endeavors, or to develop an approved independent study project. You must be a three year member in good standing to apply. The amount awarded depends on the number of requests, coming from an annual pool of \$20,000. You apply online at the State website by February 1st with the event occurring after the June convention.

Pennsylvania State also offers educational scholarships up to \$7,000 per person. These are for masters or doctoral studies and again you must be a three year member in good standing. The Marian Spitzer Robling Award is for a 1-3 year member who is seeking funds for graduate study. International also offers monetary awards for graduate studies. Forms are available online at each respective website. On a side note, Marian Robling is still alive and in her 90's. She attends the convention every year just to personally give her award to the recipient. She is wheel chair bound but always dressed to the "T" with a fancy matching hat. She also has a dedicated male companion who attends in his tux and wheels her wherever she needs to be. It is very touching to witness each year.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I would love to see more Beta Beta sisters benefitting from these awards.

Pat Walker, Scholarship

State Award Winners

Did you know we have a state award winner in our midst? Our own Kathy Lauer was a recipient of the Album of Distinction at the recent Pennsylvania State Convention. The AOD is given to recognize a sister who has already received an honor or distinction beyond DKG. The nominee must be a member in good standing, nominated by a fellow member. Last year Kathy was honored by the York North Rotary Club as the "Hardest Working Non-Member of the Club" for all her efforts in fund raising and heading events especially in the culinary department. This should come as no surprise to any of us as we witnessed her generosity all last year with the raffle baskets at each meeting made and donated by her. I had the honor of nominating her and presenting her with her award at States. Job well done, Kathy.

We have had one other winner to my knowledge, Norina Bentzel, after her heroic efforts at Winterstown Elementary. If you become aware of one of our members receiving an award outside of DKG, and that is quite possible as we are such a giving, volunteering group of ladies, please note that she could also receive recognition from DKG through the AOD. Forms are available online at the state website and the deadline is March 1st. The award must be in the previous past year... in this case 2019.

Pat Walker

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

In case you missed the article in the *Keystonian*, I am in charge of the presenters' workshops at the state convention for the next biennium. Topics may be educationally relevant or of a personal nature meaning health related, social media, the arts, spiritual, a specific talent that you want to share, or travels. In other words, almost any topic would be of interest. If you have an expertise or experience to share, please go to the state website and fill out an application. They are due January 15, 2020. Again, I would also urge you to consider attending both the state and international conferences in 2020. International is in Philadelphia and several of us are going to go by train from Lancaster and save the hassle of the drive and parking fees at the hotel. It should be a lot of fun.

Pat Walker

Donations Needed!

Do you have children's books gathering dust from your teaching days? Hannah Penn library is desperately seeking books for children in grades K-8... any condition, any appropriate book, any cover (hard back or paper back).

If you have books to donate, please either bring them to the next Beta Beta lunch or to a chapter meeting. Any donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

This will be an ongoing project for our chapter throughout the year.

Fundraising Made Easy

Once again, we are going to raise money for our grant-in-aid donation to York College students by raffling off a basket at each meeting. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Bonnie Thompson won the September basket and a gift card to go to the movies. Please support this project at the meetings. Because of input from you, we are not selling anything or asking you to do anything except purchase chances to win a basket to fund this project. We made over \$100 at the first meeting...with this participation, we should meet our goal by the May meeting.

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you cannot attend the meeting, you might consider asking a sister to purchase tickets for you. In that way, you can still support this fundraising project even if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Our grant-in-aid project is our most important project and directly benefits students attending college in preparation for a career in education right here in York County!

Beta Beta Minutes September 18, 2019

Welcome Members and Visitors:

President Kitty Reinholt welcomed members and visitors. Leg Up Farms Therapy Center in York County was the location of the meeting. We started our meeting with a tour of the Therapy Center. Equine therapy helps special needs children heal physically and emotionally. The facility and grounds are very impressive and beautiful.

Mindful Messages:

Kitty shared a mindful exercise as we visualized and remembered our experience around the farm in terms of our 5 senses.

Refreshments:

Thanks to Projects, Communications and Programs of Work. The fall themed treats were delicious.

Approval of Minutes: Joan Hammond

Norina asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 7th. minutes included in the newsletter. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Correspondence: Linda Ehrhart

Thank you note from Kathy Lauer for raffle basket love. Note and check for membership from Kirk Slenker for Gladys Slenker PO BOX 365, Red Lion, Pa. 17356. Thank you from African Schools for \$100.00 check. Thank you from the winner of the State raffle basket.

Treasurer's Report:

Pat presented the treasurer's report with the following noted addition: Thanks everyone for paying your dues. Dues need to be paid from this. The following is a breakdown of our collected dues-\$40.00 International, \$17.00 State, \$1.00 scholarship fund and \$32.00 local. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasure's report as presented. The motion carried and the report will be filed for audit.

Standing Committees:

Finance: Eleanor Lawyer - Audit in late June went well.

World Fellowship: Linda Gallagher - None

Historical Records: Ruby Schmidt -None

Visual and Performing Arts: Sally Chase - None

Scholarship: Pat Walker - Please read the articles in Newsletter.

Travel and Educational Expenses scholarships are given by the state organization.

Nominations: Crystal Mueller - None

Programs: Trish Bowersox - Next meeting Oct 24, Africa trip presentation at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Dallastown

Program of Work/Educational Excellence: Joanne Nosoff - None

Projects: Kathy Lauer

-Suggested books for newborns initiative was more costly then we can afford. Books for Hannah Penn is our new initiative. They need books. New or gently loved. They are having a family fun day Dec.7. Kathy is looking for volunteers to help her with a family fun activity of clothes pin reindeer.

-March 7and 8, Special Olympics need volunteers.

-STEM kits for archeological digs. Hannah Penn also. November will be the date to help assemble them.

-Baskets are all woven. \$116.00 was raised tonight. Bonnie WON!!!
Basket and movie tickets.

U.S. Forum: Beth Koontz - None

Communications: Debbie Mitzel

Remembrance: Becky Cohenour - Send a birthday card for Gladys

Membership: Judy Alwine -None

Rules: Phyllis Hildebrand - Changes have been made to the Standing Rules by the committee. When sent to the State Rules Chair some changes were needed for the standing rules. The committee will resend to State now that they have been approved.

Unfinished Business:

A brief conversation and clarification updated the State Rules.

New Business:

Congratulations Kathy Lauer on her award, Album of Distinction 2019

Congratulations Beta Beta- Newsletter recognition award and Convention

Attendance Recognition Award.

New State President Eileen Little has the following DKG program of work-

2020

Theme: You have a voice and a choice

Goals:

Grow and maintain membership

Promote STEM

Supporting and grow leadership

Supporting International projects and World Fellowship Recipients

Kitty and Norina shared their 2019-2020 Meeting Overview:

Mindfulness Moment

Celebrations

Meeting Trivia

Raffle Ticket Bonanza

Yearbooks have been sent electronically. Updates to Yearbook March 18 is a Wednesday and May 14 is a Thursday.

Pat Walker won this month's gift card by answering questions about Leg Up Farms.

Emily Olenicks resignation was accepted.

DKG Profile update: MyDKG Account at www.dkg.org (can be done on a computer or cell phone easily)

PA State Organization of DKG International- Key Women Educators

www.dkgpa.weebly.com

2020 Alpha Alpha PA State Organization Convention

July 12-14, 2020

access state/International websites

www.dkqpa.weebly.com

www.dkg.org (membership number)

2020 DKG International Convention opportunities in Philadelphia!!!!

During the first week of July 2020 the DKG International Convention is being hosted by the Middle Atlantic States in Philadelphia.

Convention Help Opportunities can be found at:

<https://goo.gl/7a7ypG>

Next meeting:

Date/Time: Thursday, October 24, 2019 4:30-6:30

Program: Africa presentation

Location: Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Dallastown

Mindful Message: Trish Bowersox

Refreshments: Executive Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hammond

Treasurer's Report through August 31, 2019

Reported October 24, 2019 Meeting

Checking Account

Balance - June 30, 2019 \$6300.10

Deposits

2019-2020 Dues, 1 active member @\$100.00 plus 1 reserve

member @ \$60.00 \$160.00

Total Deposits \$160.00

Disbursements

DKG, 2019-20 Dues, 36 active members @ \$40.00 each plus

1 reserve member @ \$20.00 \$1460.00

DKG, PA State, 2019-20 Dues, 36 active members @ \$17.00

each plus 1 reserve member @ \$7.00 619.00

DKG, 2019-20 Scholarship fees, 37 members @ \$1.00 each 37.00

Linda McElroy, donation toward DKG

African schools project 100.00

K. Reinholt, reimbursement, fees and mileage, PA State Convention 300.44

N. Bentzel, reimbursement, fees and hotel, PA State Convention 446.92

Meadow Hill Restaurant, room deposit for Jan. 4, 2020 meeting 25.00

B. Thompson, P. Walker, reimbursement for portion of fees,

PA State Convention @ \$50.00 each

100.00

Total Disbursements \$3088.36

Balance - August 31, 2019\$3371.74

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Savings Account (Book Grant Fund)

Balance -June 30, 2019\$6845.40

Deposits

July interest\$ 0.58

August interest0.58

Total Deposits \$1.16

Disbursements

Total Disbursements \$0.00

Balance - August 31, 2019

\$6846.56

TOTAL ASSETS

CHECKING ACCOUNT

\$3371.74

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

\$6846.56

TOTAL

\$10,218.30

***Raffle receipts for Book Grant Fund received at Sept. 18, 2019 Meeting = \$116.00**

Pat Landis, Treasurer

