



# *Beta Epsilon Newsletter*

*Alpha Alpha State – The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal  
growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Fall, Sisters!

We were honored to have girls from Girl Scout Troop #40991, along with advisors Amy Dobbins and Suzi Blazosky lead our September chapter meeting. It was wonderful to see how many of our Beta Epsilon sisters have also been Girl Scouts.

We are all sisters in DKG, and we are women educators, but I think that we also have more things in common than we many realize. That's why in each newsletter I would like to feature several members and focus on their service to others. We are all Key Women Educators and we should share our experiences and stories of serving others.

At our October meeting I distributed the *Key Women Educators-Sisters Serving Others* volunteer form. If you were unable to attend the meeting or didn't complete the form, it is attached to this newsletter and I ask you to complete it and return to me. I hope to bring awareness of your service projects. Also, if you would like to present your volunteer organization at a Beta Epsilon meeting, please contact me and I will gladly add you to any meeting's agenda.

You sisters inspire me and I know that we have the ability to inspire others!

Sincerely,  
Mari Grace

### **KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS: SISTERS SERVING OTHERS**

This section features our sisters and some of the service organizations in which they represent. Thank you ladies, for all that you do! You're inspiring!

#### **Henlen Slonac**

Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center – served as an usher for over 25 years

American Legion Auxillary – member for 47 years - serves dinners for Veterans, among other projects

Cresson Lake Playhouse – usher

Forest Hill School District – Story reading for classrooms for over 11 years

Beaverdale Public Library – library duties, Storytime

St. Michael Catholic Church – volunteers for funeral dinners, Eucharistic minister, summer school

**Beth Ann Andrews**

Blair Literacy Counsel – volunteers as tutor to help prepare students to take math portion of GEDs

Altoona Area Public Library – learn to knit program

Altar Guild – Secure communion supplies

Circle of Hope – provides Love Feast, participates in outreach programs for ELCA

**Janice Davis** –

Penn State Coopertive Extension – Cambria County Master Gardeners -presents programs and workshops to educate the public on gardening

Patton Garden Club – Work in the community to increase interest in gardening and floral design—has been a member for over 30 years

Allegheny Mountain Woodland Association – organization of woodland owners who try to educate the public on forest stewardship

Salem Homecoming Association – A Welsh Church that holds a reunion service

Penn State Forest Steward – Volunteer work to encourage the practices of sustainable forestry

Trinity United Methodist Church – Volunteers in kitchen, committees, and music

**Catherine Iapalucci**

Cresson Industrial Development Association – works in the group to improve the economic climate of the community and has been a member for over 60 years

American Legion Judge of Essay and Oratorical Contests – volunteer at the local and state level

Bloodmobile sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas – served food to donors

**Amy Dobbins**

Girl Scouts USA – Troop Leader, Service Unit Manager – 8 years

Boys Scouts of America – Merit Badge Counselor, Leader – Cub leader, committee secretary

St. Michael Catholic Church –volunteer for over 24 years, including cantor, Parish council secretary, liturgy committee, children’s choir director, CCD teacher

Greater Johnstown Community Chorus – 22 years – served as president, vice president, secretary

**2016-2017 UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS**

3/18/2017	*Service – Nicaragua
4/8/2017	*Service – Habitat for Humanity
5/6/2017	*Service – Alzheimer’s Walk

If you need a ride to any of the chapter meetings, please contact an officer to make arrangements. Rides will be provided.

The March 18, 2017 Chapter meeting will be at the St. Michael Church Hall in St. Michael, PA. Marcie Erickson will be presenting on her educational trip to Nicaragua. If you are able to bring a dish to share, please contact Marcie for a recipe of a traditional dish or drink from Nicaragua. You may also view recipes on our chapter's website.

**EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

This year the committee will create and distribute pre-school book trunks and Teacher Survival Kits for early-career educators. If you would like to contribute to the projects, please email EEC Chair Amy Dobbins at:

[dobbins400@comcast.net](mailto:dobbins400@comcast.net)

**BACKPACK PROJECT**

Our annual stuffing of the backpacks took place on August 10, 2016, at Mari Grace Lingenfelter's home.



Due to all of the generous donations, we were able to stuff 138 backpacks and donated them to 13 schools.

Continue to look for supplies and

donations for next year's backpack project.

All donations for any of our projects can be brought to our chapter meetings or delivered to President Mari Grace.

**HYGIENE PROJECT**

We are continuing the *We Care for Kids* personal care project this year. Please continue to collect toiletries and personal care items for middle school and high school students. Our donations are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Additional dates of interest:

April 21-23, 2017	Creative Arts Retreat, Ludlow, PA
June 9-11, 2017	Pennsylvania State Organization Convention, State College, PA
July 12-14, 2017	Northeast Regional Conference Ontario, Canada

More information about these events can be found on the international and the state websites:

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

[www.alphaalphapa.com](http://www.alphaalphapa.com)

**PLANNING AHEAD**

Our basket theme for the 2017 State Convention will be:

“Sisters’ Birthday Bash”

Bring birthday-themed donations for the basket to any of our scheduled meetings throughout the year.

**DUES**

Please remember to have your dues paid and sent to Beth Ann before October 31st!

Active membership is \$77

Reserve membership is \$49

**OCTOBER MEETING**

Be sure to read our minutes from the October meeting to be updated on our business.

Some highlights were:

\*Our budget was audited and approved

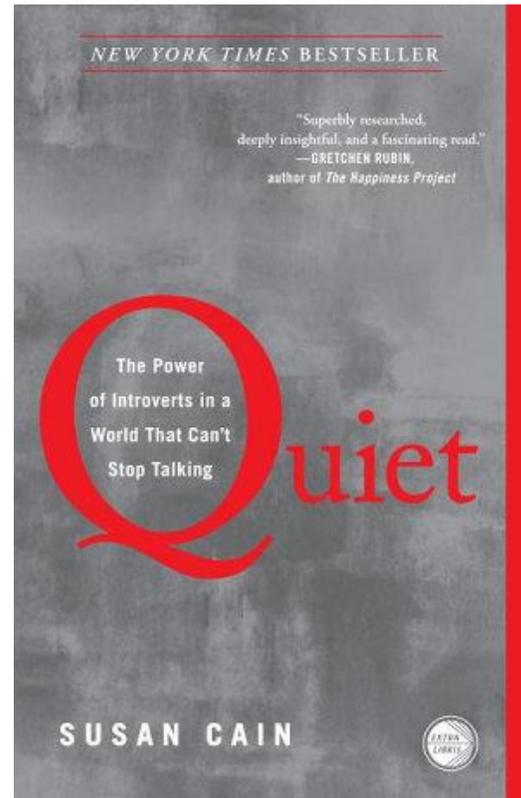
\*We will be having a “Harvest Tea Committee” to help with planning a Tea fundraising event in Fall of 2017. If you’d like to be added to the committee, please contact President Mari Grace.

\*We also set up a 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday Committee to plan our celebration at the state convention. If you’d like to become a member, please contact Mari Grace as well.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

If you have any events or pictures to be added to our chapter’s website, please contact Marcie Erickson.

If you have not already done so, please join our chapter and international facebook pages and remember to check out our chapter, state and international websites!

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

*At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer listening to speaking; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over working in teams. It is to introverts—Rosa Parks, Chopin, Dr. Seuss, Steve Wozniak—that we owe many of the great contributions to society.*  
—from AMAZON.COM

In our spring meetings, Amy Dobbins will be highlighting sections of this book. You can read it previously to the meetings if you’d like to add to the discussions.