

BETA KAPPA BANTER

FALL, 2020

August and September, 2020

President's Message:

“Teachers are the brightest colors in the quilt of life.”

As we say farewell to summer temperatures and traditions, and swing into September back to school anxieties and activities, we recognize we're continually challenged with changes in our circumstances related to COVID-19. I'm honored to begin this new biennium as your president, and I'm looking forward to a positive and productive year with our incoming officers and chairpersons who have already initiated their selected duties. From the Finance Committee and their enclosed recommended budget, to our Treasurer paying our dues on time, to our Newsletter Committee communicating with our Beta Kappa Banter, to setting up the tentative chapter program dates and board meetings, we are all collaboratively working for our sisterhood. Our biggest concern, however is your personal health and safety throughout



these turbulent times. As we progress through this year, take time to reflect on Eileen Little, our PA State President, and her recurring theme, “YOU have a voice and a choice”.

I also want to share heartfelt gratitude to our Past President, Bev Utz, for her creative commitment of four years of service to us in her leadership role as chief communicator and giving of her personal time and talent. Bev's professional experience will continue to be a guiding light for each one of us.

While our state and international conventions were unexpectedly canceled due to the ongoing pandemic, as an incoming chapter

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President, I was able to participate in leadership training through Zoom sessions held in June and July. Zoom sessions did provide an insightful learning opportunity to communicate with other local chapter Presidents and share in the responsive reading of Juggling Elephants {the DKG Way} by Jones Loflin and Todd Musig.

Workshop sessions included “Introduction to the DKG International and State Websites,” “Membership Recruitment and Retention,” and “Biennium Goals.” Follow ups in the leadership training will continue throughout the year.

Our Fall Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 AM at The Institute at Renfrew at Renfrew Museum and Park, 1010 E. Main St., Waynesboro, PA. 17268. The meeting will be held at the Renfrew Museum Park Barn and Visitors Center in the Wagon Shed Room.

Our presenter, Tracy Holliday, is the Executive Director of the Institute at Renfrew, Inc. that provides environmental and cultural education

programs for school children through authentic hands-on experiences in a historic setting. From “The Tale Trail” of The Little Gardener book by Emily Hughes to “*Family Creatures of the Night-Family Owl Walk*” to “*Nose to Nose with Nature*” and “*GLOBE*”{*Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment*}, Tracy will inspire you to engage in the natural world of The Institute at Renfrew.

Our Fall Beta Kappa Membership Meeting will follow her unique presentation. However, due to the state required mandates related to the pandemic, please RSVP to Jill Miller by Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020 to ensure required distancing procedures for the indoor room set-up. Also, for the health and safety of our members, you are required to wear a mask. There will be no refreshments served and no singing of our beloved DKG song due to COVID-19 restrictions. Remember, “You have a voice and a choice”.

And finally, as a retired reading teacher {been there, done that with

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class!}, my recommended reading is How to Survive Change...You Didn't Ask For-Bounce Back, Find Calm in Chaos, and Reinvent Yourself by M.J.Ryan. The author reveals the deep strength and resiliency that reside in every person and presents a four-part game plan with a focus on "AdaptAbility"- accept, expand, and take action. What are you reading?

Hope to engage and inspire you on Saturday, September 12, at Renfrew and this is a reminder to RSVP to Jill Miller by Saturday, Sept., 5, 2020.

Shine with strength through sisterhood,

Jill Miller,

Beta Kappa Chapter President

REMEMBER!!!

Please submit any updated information you have to Jill Miller and to Kristine Reynolds as soon as possible.

Important dates:

*Sept. 12th – 10:00 AM General Membership Meeting at Renfrew

Museum and Park, 1010 East Main St. Waynesboro, PA (RSVP to Jill Miller by Sept. 5th)

*Nov. 7th – 10:00 AM General Membership Meeting, STEM Project at Fairfield Middle School, 4840 Fairfield Rd, Fairfield, PA

*Jan. 30, 2021 – 10:00 AM Executive Board Meeting/ Breakfast at Hoovers Grill, 2019 Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville, PA (Snow Date, February 6, 2021)

*Mar. 13, 2021 – 10:00 AM General Membership meeting at Grove Library

*May, 2021 – Executive Board meeting, Location and Time TBA

*June, 2021- Picnic with Omega hosting, Location and Time TBA

* tentative dates due to Covid-19

Congratulations to Louise Garverick, Deborah Yargar-Reed,

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*and Beverly Utz for receiving State
Enrichment Grants for travel.*

**Brenda Newman & Tammy
Deardorff**

Birthdays!!!

June – 8th- Lorraine Junkin

13th – Tammy Deardorff

19th – Jill Miller

July - 5th – Jean Inskip

6th – Barb Montgomery

August – 11th – Brenda Newman

17th - Marge Keller

25th – Sally Becker

September– 20th – Liz Fair

October– 15th – Mary Ann

Dissinger Amspacher

18th – Jane Little

26th Fran Ruda-McDermott



It's Never Too Late...

Act on your dreams.

Be what you want to be.

Change your future.

Do things differently.

Enrich others' lives.

Face your fears.

Get out of neutral.

Have fun.

Initiate friendships.

Jumpstart possibilities.

Knock the "t" off can't.

Live enthusiastically.

Make a difference.

Newsletter Editors:

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be Nonjudgmental.

Orchestrate your legacy.

Plan for tomorrow.

Question your priorities.

Reinvent yourself.

Stop keeping score.

Take a leap of faith.

Uncork your mind.

Value who you are.

Wake up your luck.

Explore your spirituality.

Yearn for fulfillment.

Zoom in on love.

By: Meiji Stewart

OFFICERS and CHAIRPERSONS:

The following is our current listing of officers for our 2020/2021 biennium. Please recognize that these dedicated sisters are giving of their time and talent for their selected positions. Consequently, plan to be positive and proactive as they engage in their duties with reciprocity from YOU and reflect on our PA State President, Eileen Little's inspiration, "You have a voice and a choice". Let's prepare

for an actively productive and memorable Beta Kappa Chapter year ahead! Thank you for serving your sisters!

President- Jill Miller

1st Vice President- Laura Young

2nd Vice President- Elizabeth Fair

Corresponding/Recording Secretary-Tammy Deardorff

Parliamentarian/Past President-Beverly Utz

Treasurer- Kristine Reynolds

Finance Committee Chair- Marge Keller

Nominations Committee Chair- Beverly Utz

Communications Chair- Deborah Yargar-Reed

Historical Records- Kristine Reynolds & Beverly Utz

Membership Chair- Elizabeth Fair

Education Excellence/Program at Work- Laura Young

Scholarship Chairs- Sally Becker & Carol Hozman

U.S. Forum Chair- Gretchen Mackey

Visual & Performing Arts Chair – Gayle Griffie

World Fellowship- Peg Lady

Newsletter Chairs- Brenda Newman & Tammy Deardorff

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Marge Keller requested the proposed budget information be attached to the newsletter mailing/email. Please review and copy if needed for the next meeting.

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News From State President

Eileen...

The new directory password is:

Alph^alpha

Each time the directory is updated there will be a new password. Changes to the directory will occur every six months if needed; unless there is an officer change then the change will be made immediately and "we" will email "you" a new password.

Website Addresses

Beta Kappa:

www.betakappapa.weebly.com

State: www.dkgpa.weebly.com

Delta Kappa Gamma: www.dkg.org

"Seashells remind us that every passing life leaves something beautiful behind."

Jill Miller's father, Warren Alan Gingrich, passed away at the age of 96 on May 23, 2020 at his home in Hollidaysburg, PA. Surviving Warren

are his wife Joyce, five children, twelve grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two sisters. He was a 1941 graduate of Greencastle HS and a 1949 graduate of Gettysburg College. He served in the United States Navy during WWII from March 1943-1946.



Jill is grateful for the caring support graciously given to her through your thoughtful words of peace and prayer as well as the traditional rose presented to her by Fran Ruda McDermott from our Beta Kappa sisters to honor the recent celebration of life for her beloved father. His inspirational legacy will be cherished forever and your caring consideration through this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

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With heartfelt gratitude for all you
do,

Jill Miller