

Beta Kappa



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

The Fifth Purpose of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society will be: To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Beta Kappa Sisters!

Summer was a busy time for Beta Kappa with our joint picnic on Flag Day with the Omega chapter, State Convention, and our Finance Committee Meeting.

The picnic was a great success with good food and happy feet as Frank Hancock came and led us in some line dancing. We had about as many participants from Omega as from Beta Kappa, so it was a good crowd and a lot of fun.

At State Convention In June, Deborah Yargar-Reed and I participated in the Purposeful Seminar that started a day before the Convention. We learned about the work of artisans from around the world from the people at 10,000 Villages and had a chance to do some shopping. Then we went on to the Mennonite Central Committee, which is an amazing charitable organization. They do outreach to communities around the world, but mostly in

war-torn countries. They produce hygiene kits, school kits, comforters, canned meat, rugs, etc., all made at their Lancaster facility which is one of several throughout the country. Some of what they make, such as the handmade quilts, are sold to raise funds for other projects. We provided boxes of school supplies and hygiene items for their outreach. In May alone, they sent over 50,000 school kits to the Ukraine.

Wednesday when the Convention started, there was a gallery of art from several members. Our own Sally Becker exhibited her beautiful work! The rest of the Convention involved the basket raffle, various workshops on wellness and teaching, the birthday celebration, and a bit of business. Be prepared for next year as we will have our 60th birthday to celebrate there. Also, our treasurer Kristine Reynolds was installed as the State Second Vice President, and we won an award for our newsletter!

One of the outcomes from the State Convention Presidents' Meeting was the establishment of a page in the State website for chapters to list programs that they have done. This will help a lot of chapters who might struggle with finding programs. We can use the same presenters or just the idea, but it'll be nice to have a place to go for inspiration.

On August 29th, I had the opportunity to tour the new offices for the Hope Walks charity in York Springs. They are using part of the York Springs Foursquare Church for offices, and during the tour, they detailed the procedure used in the various countries around the world where they fight club foot. According to just their statistics in the countries they serve, 154,913 have received treatment for this debilitating birth condition. We will be doing another service project for them in January to paint the braces and raise funds for them. This is a non-stressful service project, and I encourage you all to come out and help. Those

with children, this is also something that they can do, so please, bring them along.

We will also be doing the Salvation Army bell ringing this year and will be working at the Apple Harvest Festival to raise money. Please try to help out wherever you can.

Last, but definitely not least, is membership. If you know of an exceptional teacher who should be part of our group, let me or Liz Fair know. I know that for those of us who are retired, that is a more difficult task. But ask parents you know who have school-age children. They are one of the best resources to find good teachers. I'd like to send out at least 10 invites this school year.

It's going to be an enjoyable year, our 60th. Please plan to come out and participate in the fun.

Laura

2024 PA STATE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION NEWS

The 2024 PA State Organization Convention will be held from Wednesday, June 19th through Friday, June 21st at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in the Cranberry Woods Business Park in Cranberry Township near Warrendale, PA.

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Apple Harvest Time!

Volunteers are need to work!

Dates: Oct. 7-8 and 14-15

**Shifts: 8am-1pm, 9am-2pm,
10am-1pm, 1-7pm.**

***named in honor of her two
grandmothers.***



September

20- Liz Fair

October

15- Mary Ann Dissinger-Amspacher

18- Jane Little

26- Fran Ruda

November

19- Kristine Reynolds

**2023-2025 PA State Organizations
Officers**

President- Royce Boyd

First Vice-President/ Educational Excellence Committee-
Marcie Erickson

Second Vice-President/Membership- Kristine Reynolds

Recording Secretary- Greta Marie Taft

Corresponding Secretary- Amy Dobbins

2022-2024 Biennium BK Officers:

President-Laura Young

First Vice Pres.-Fran Ruda-McDermott

Second Vice Pres.-Liz Fair

Recording/Corresponding Secretary-Tammy Deardorff

Treasurer-Kristine Reynolds

Parliamentarian-Jill Miller



***Jill Miller is excited to announce the
birth of her granddaughter, Violet
Joyce, on June 30th. Parker, who is 4
years old, is her big brother. Violet is***

**Stay tuned for information
about “Ringing the Bell” for the**

Salvation Army!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 9, 2023- General Membership AM Meeting, Perkins, Chambersburg, PA

October 7,8 and 14-15 - Apple Harvest

November 11, 2023- General Membership AM Meeting, LTBA on East Side

January 20, 2024- Executive Committee Meeting, Apple Bin Restaurant, Biglerville, PA (snowdate- January 27)

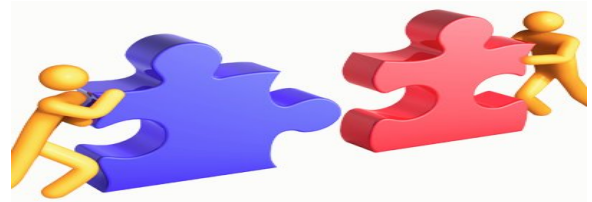
March 9, 2024-General Membership Meeting, LTBA

April 20, 2024- Birthday Brunch, Dobbin House Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA

June 19-21, 2024- PA State Organization Convention, Warrendale, PA

July 9-13, 2024- International Conference, National Harbor, MD

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Be sure to “check out” Kristine Reynolds’ article “Making Connections” in the Fall Keystoneian. Were you able to make those connections?

The Fall issue of the Keystoneian is now available on line. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Keystoneian go to the PA State Website:

<https://dkgpa.weebly.com>, to complete the form requesting future editions of the Keystoneian.

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Members may choose to return their Key Pin to the chapter “when they can no longer wear it”. Below is a form which you may use to let your family know you would like to return your pin to your Beta Kappa Chapter.

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To My Family/Friends,

This is my Delta Kappa Gamma Key Pin. I have worn it with pride since my initiation. When I can no longer wear it, please return it to:

Beta Kappa Chapter or

PA State Organization

*To get the name and address of my
Chapter's current president, please contact:*

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International, 12710 Research Blvd. Ste 230,
Austin, TX 78767-1589 tel: 512-478-5748,
888-762-4685*

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Photo Gallery...June 2023



*June 14th Combined Beta Kappa and Omega
Patriotic-Themed Picnic*



Peg Lady's Dancing Partner, Frank Hancock

PA State Organization Convention



*Laura Young, Fran Ruda-McDermott, and Kristine
Reynolds at the Luncheon*



*BK Sisters at the Birthday Luncheon (Deborah Yargar-
Reed, Tammy, Frances, Laura, Kristine, Fran, and Jill
Miller)*



*The Remembrance Service was attended by Frances
Bassett, Tammy Deardorff, and Kristine Reynolds.*



Beta Kappa Sisters following the Convention Dinner