



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Pennsylvania State Organization

BETA OMICRON CHAPTER

January 2024

## Presidents' Message

Dear Sisters of Beta Omicron,

Happy New Year and we wish you many blessings in 2024 showering you with good health and joyful moments.

As we begin this new year, it is time to reflect upon the accomplishments of our biennium and prepare to transition into new leadership. We have continued with some long-standing projects and donations and started some new ones. We now have a DKG brochure for our chapter and we have rotated our meeting places. We have had interesting speakers and activities. But we must ask ourselves – has this been enough? Will BO survive? Beta Omicron has a rich history having been established in 1979, which makes our commitment to DKG 45 years. We need leadership to make this happen. So many of you, our members, have been on the board in leadership roles. So how can we think out of the box, perhaps divide responsibilities so not to overburden a few?

We are an amazing group of women – family oriented, generous, community conscious, and active. Even as we age, we are intelligent and strive to be our best selves. We care about children and their education knowing they are our future.

Let's not throw in the towel yet. If we have the willpower to continue, we will find the collective strength to find solutions. WE are Beta Omicron within DKG.

Fondly,

Maryann and Eileen

**Our Mission:** To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

## Beta Omicron Goals for 2022-2024

- Membership
- Early Career Educators\*
- Promoting fellowship among members

\*PA Biennium Goal

## MEETING DATES:

January 13, 2024 – 9:30

Grove Methodist Church, Boot Rd, West Chester, 19380 – Matty Dalrymple, author

March 9, 2024 – Three Chapter Meeting

Desmond Hotel, Malvern

April 20, 2024 – Sullivan House, Hershey's Mill, WC

Lunch meeting – catered by Arianna's Gourmet Cafe

## January Meeting

Matty Dalrymple – CC Author

Visit [mattydalrymple.com](http://mattydalrymple.com) to learn more about Matty before her visit on Saturday.

She will talk about her books, self-publishing, and her podcasts. If you have read any of her books, particularly *The Sense of Death*, she will answer questions. Matty will bring some books to purchase; bring cash or check, if you wish to do so.

Invite friends and family to hear Matty's presentation, which will start around 10:15 after a short meeting.

Please RSVP to Marie, if bringing guests.

## Upcoming Important Dates

January TBD– Samara House Activity -4pm  
January 17<sup>th</sup> – STEM activity at Coatesville Library -3:30  
February 12<sup>th</sup> – Kings Tavern Dine and Donate – 12-9pm  
February TBD – Samara House Activity – 4pm  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – STEM activity at Coatesville Library – 3:30pm  
March 9<sup>th</sup> – Three Chapter Meeting – Desmond Hotel- 8:45am  
March TBD – Samara House Activity – 4 pm  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – STEM activity at Coatesville Library – 3:30 pm  
April-TBD – Samara House Activity – 4pm  
April 17<sup>th</sup> – STEM activity at Coatesville Library – 3:30  
April 20<sup>th</sup> – Beta Omicron Lunch Meeting – Sullivan House – Hershey's Mill, WC – 12:30 pm  
May TBD – Samara House Activity – 4pm  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – STEM activity at Coatesville Library – 3:30  
June 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – PA State Convention – Pittsburgh  
July 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> International Convention – National Harbor, Maryland

## Delta Kappa Gamma – Beta Omicron Finances 2023-2024

As of January 5, 2024

Submitted by Grace Bekaert, treasurer.

Checking	\$ 600.02
Savings	\$ 3859.90
Maximizer	\$ 6263.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,723.35</b>

Thanks to your continued fundraising support, we are positioned to meet our goals to support 2 libraries, 3 scholarships, and Samara House

### Appreciation Corner

Many positive comments flowed in about the Kennett Square library! So many of us enjoyed the lovely space of the new library that a return visit may be in our future. And a stand up and cheer is warranted for Karen's presentation! We appreciated the information she shared with us, her interesting and witty style, and the prizes – free books. Oolala – a resounding 10!!

## Samara House

We will continue to provide activities in the upcoming months from 4 – 5pm. If you have a skill or hobby, you would be willing to share, please contact Marie. The women residents change approximately every six months. So, if any an activity has been done in the past, it can be repeated. Big thanks to all who have planned activities, provided snacks, and assisted in the activity. We are a great team!

At Christmas, our members came out in full force! The ladies received tons of health and beauty aids. The children all received filled Christmas stockings and a book from LLL. With the cash we collected, we bought 30 pillows and 25 towels and washcloths. Their gratefulness was overflowing!

Our pen pal program continues. If you are willing to write or send a card once a month, please contact Eileen.



## Laundromat Laundry League Laundromatlibraryleague.org

The LLL is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year this year!!  
From one great idea mentioned around the dinner table in 2014 to 265 laundromat libraries in 35 states!

Many of you have donated books to place in laundromats and children's clinics. Eileen, Marie, and most recently, Janet Lane serve as stewards to laundromats. Lois mails boxes of books to those locations too far to travel to WC. I, Maryann, maintain inventory, packaging sets to be picked up, and processing donations. Both Lois and I are on the LLL board.

Please like LLL us on facebook and visit the website. If you wish to take a more active role in getting children's books in the hands of children, please talk to one of us.



**STEM Collaboration Project  
Coatesville Library and Beta Omicron  
Be the Scientist**

**Planning team : Rosemary, Lois, Maryann, Pattie Hill**

Building and testing catapults on November 15<sup>th</sup> was sure a lot of fun. Who doesn't like projecting things in the air! The elasticity of the rubber bands provided enough torsion to propel marshmallows, candy pumpkins, and cotton balls in the air. Hats off to Janis, Cyndi, and Jackie who came to assist.

January 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 4:30 – Be the Physicist – Aerodynamics-Parachutes

**Come and join the fun! Rosemary, Lois, and Maryann will be there. How about you?**

**Upcoming activities**

February 21 – 3:00 -4:00 Be the Chemist – Slime

March 20 – 3:00- 4:00 Constructional Engineer – Building

April 17 – 3:00 – 4:00 Be the Biologist – Eat like a Bug/ Make your own bug

May 15 – 3:00 – 4:00 – Be the Chemist – Bubble gum experiment



**April 20<sup>th</sup> Lunch meeting**

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30, we will gather at Sullivan House in Hershey's Mill for a luncheon and plant auction. It will be catered by Arianna's Gourmet Catering. We have a choice of cold or hot luncheon. Please check out [ariannasgourmetcafe.com](http://ariannasgourmetcafe.com). to give input to Marie as to which you prefer.

Additional information will be provided as time draws near.

We will induct new board members at this time.

## From Royce Boyd, State President

### 1. International Convention 2024

National Harbor, Maryland July 9 - 11

Hidden Figures author, Margot Shetterly will be one of the lunchtime keynote speakers

### 2. Avenue M survey results are in and will be shared soon.

### 3. **This is a nomination year for chapter leaders. Amy Dobbins, State Corresponding Secretary, has sent out letters to chapter presidents asking that the forms for new officers be turned in by April 1, 2024.**

### 4. This is also a Rosebud Award year for newer members.

### 5. Executive Board Meetings are open to others. Ask members for input on what we are doing well and what do we need to reform.

## World Fellowship Update

Submitted by Colleen Barndt

*Rose Ann Colosimo, Theta Chapter, World Fellowship Chairwoman, asks us to consider sending a welcome email or card to one of our World Fellowship recipients. If you're interested in doing so, a list of World Fellowship recipients and their contact information will be available at our next DKG meeting.*

*Another way to support World Fellowship is to remember a loved one by sending a memorial or special tribute for a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. Form 43 is located on the International Website, under DKGIF.*

*If you use Amazon Smile, they donate 5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.*  
[Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

## US Forum News -Northeast Region

From Bev Johns, NE Regional Director,  
US Forum

President Biden has established a White House Initiative on Women's Health Research led by First Lady Jill Biden. Women have been understudied and underrepresented and underfunded in health research for far too long.

The US Forum Committee on Mental Health is excited to share with you an opportunity to learn about practical and effective suicide prevention strategies for work, school, at home, or in the community. This program is open to all educators and other interested persons free of charge( regardless of where you live) by the Family Education and Support Services(FESS) of Olympia, Washington.  
[www.familyess.org/qpr-suicide](https://www.familyess.org/qpr-suicide)



## **DINE & DONATE**

**Monday, FEB 12th**  
**12 noon-9pm**



**@ KINGS TAVERN**

**313 W. Kings HWY**

**Coatesville, PA 19320**



COME ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD AT KINGS TAVERN AND  
TELL YOUR SERVER YOU ARE THERE TO HELP DKG!  
KINGS TAVERN WILL DONATE 10% OF YOUR CHECK TO  
OUR LOCAL DKG CHAPTER. WE ARE WOMEN  
EDUCATORS WHO SUPPORT COATESVILLE AND  
DOWNTOWN LIBRARIES, GIVE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOLARSHIPS, AND SUPPORT SAMARA HOUSE, A LOCAL  
SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!**

**Come for  
lunch and  
stay for dinner  
12 noon-9pm**

