

The Delta Kappa Society International Pennsylvania State Organization Chi Chapter Winter 2024 Newsletter

*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 New Year! I hope that you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. In this newsletter you will read of ways that Chi chapter is investing in our chapter community and our education community. Please support our Projects committee as well as take advantage of the activities planned by the Social Committee.

Our main fundraiser is just on the horizon in May. Starting recruiting your trivia team. The Ways and Means committee is looking for dessert donations and donations for the auction. This is a great way to support our Grant-in-Aid and have a fun social outing at the same time.

Now is the time to submit an application for an enrichment grant, scholarship, Visionary Award, Nancy Grove Award and to make plans to attend the State Convention in June and International in July. Don't forget about the International Arts Gallery as the spring submission period runs January 15 - February 15.

There is so much happening in DKG! Consider asking a friend or colleague to join you at the February or April meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

~Sue

IMPORTANT DATES

2023-2024 Chapter Meeting

- Sat., Feb. 3. 9:00-11:00 am
- Sat., April 20, 9:00-11:00 am ****Date change****

2023-2024 Executive Board Meeting via Zoom

- Wed., March 6, 7:00 pm



For Upcoming State Events please check the state website

NEWS FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE

By Eileen Little, Rules Chair

On November 30, 2023, Chi Chapter Rules were approved by PA State Organization! So, it is official we are done for this year. I would encourage each member to read the final version of Chi Chapter Rules, posted on our website, as there have been some changes and it will help to keep you current. Sometimes we think of past practices in Chi Chapter but it is important to know if these practices align with what our current rules are saying. Thank-you to the membership at our November meeting for the great discussion and suggestions prior to sending our rules to PA State Organization. Please think about attending the International Convention at the National Harbor, Washington D.C. July 9-13, 2024. There will be business with discussion about the proposed amendments and voting. Here's an opportunity to be a part of our organization as we decide many aspects for the future.

MEDIA RELEASE FORMS

We are still collecting the Photo Permission forms. This allows Chi chapter to publish pictures from our chapter events. If you have not completed the form, there is still time! Use the link below.

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Linda Young, Nominations Chair

The Nominations Committee is recommending the following slate of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium for Chi Chapter:

President – Paula Long

1st Vice-President – Brittany Bertolli

2nd Vice President – Ann Stachura

Secretary – Stacy Wilson

Voting by the Chi membership will take place in mass at our February 3, 2024 meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Paula Long, Finance Chair

As we begin the new calendar year of 2024, we must look ahead to our next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2024. Members of the Executive Board approved the payment amounts at the December meeting and these will be presented to the membership for a vote at the February meeting. This timeline will allow members to remit dues in a timely manner during the payment period which opens April 1, 2024, and closes May 31, 2024. The total for Active Members is \$80, for Reserve Members is \$35, and for Collegiate Members is \$30. The dues breakdown is as follows:

	Active	Reserve	Collegiate
International	\$40	\$20	\$20
State	\$17	\$7	\$8.50
Chi Chapter	\$22	\$7	\$0.50
State Scholarship Fee	\$1	\$1	\$1
Total	\$80	\$35	\$30

PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

By Brittany Bertoli, 1st Vice President

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 3 at Millersville University with our program from our very own Melissa Ostrowski. Please see the invitation for more details! A map with parking and conference center location is attached on the second page. Please feel free to invite a guest or two.

Our April meeting will now be April 20th at Millersville University Conference Center. **This date is a change from the previous date listed!** For our program we will learn more about the Catherine Hershey Schools. The Catherine Hershey schools are focused on early childhood learning. They provide weekday care and education for children from six weeks to age 5 from qualifying families and all costs covered. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings!

CONNECTING TO OUR FUTURE TEACHERS – MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY

We are moving forward with our project of **supporting our future teachers** from Millersville University. Our goal is to create our student teacher treat bags at the February meeting. An assembly line will be created to make the bags. If you are planning on going to the meeting, please bring your donations on February 3rd. If you are unable to go to the meeting, you can either make arrangement for another member to bring your donation or contact a member of the Project Committee to pick up or drop off your donation. A **SignUp Genius** link has been sent out in an email blast and is provided below. Take a few minutes to open the link and offer a donation. Any and all donations are gratefully accepted.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548ABAB22A2FC1-46396061-connectingmillers>

CHI CHAPTER PRESIDENTIAL VISIONARY AWARD

By Linda Young

Have you ever thought that you would love to have some extra money for a special project at school? Well, you are in luck with the Chi Chapter Presidential Visionary Award! The Past Chi Chapter Presidents want to help make one of your dreams a reality with the \$300 award. The recipient will have until June 30, 2025 to use the money. The application is available on the Chi website. An email request for the application and guidelines can also be sent to Linda Young or Carol Heintzelman or President Sue Allen.

A committee of Past Chi Chapter Presidents will review all applications and present the award at our April 20, 2024 Chi Chapter meeting. Don't wait and miss this opportunity!

The application needs to be emailed or mailed to Linda Young or Carol Heintzelman by March 1, 2024.

Chi Chapter Presidential Visionary Award Guidelines

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Chi Chapter Presidential Visionary Award is to continue the legacy of leadership within Chi Chapter.

II. Criteria for Selection

- The applicant must be an active member in Chi Chapter in the Pennsylvania State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
- The applicant must be an active working professional in her respected field.
- The applicant is encouraged to resubmit this application during another year if it is not selected by the Past Chi Chapter Presidents.
- The award is presented on an annual basis at the April meeting for Chi Chapter.
- No Chi Member may receive the award a second time within a biennium; an exception will be considered if there are no other applicants.

- III. IMPORTANT NOTE TO APPLICANT: Make sure your application is complete, typed using correct grammar and spelling, and signed. You may want to have a friend read your application to make sure it states what you wish to present.
- IV. The \$300 grant will be awarded at the Spring meeting of the year submitted and must be used by June 30th of the following year.

WAYS AND MEANS

By Anna Fulton, 2nd Vice President

SAVE THE DATE!!

Trivia Night is May 2, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Mark your calendars and gather your teams for trivia night!

If you have any items you'd like to donate for our auction, please contact Anna for pick up. If you can bring a dessert, let Anna know.

HISTORICAL RECORDS

By Debbie Bridgewater, Co-Chair

The Historical Records Committee is looking for new members who would enjoy being a part of the preservation of the history and legacy of Delta Kappa Gamma Chi. Our goal for the Winter and Spring is to continue to store some of our records digitally and keep some paper copies for backup. This will also involve some organizational sessions with our stored records at the home of Marcia Trach. We also want to welcome all of our new members to give us their autobiographical information, so we have attached the form to this newsletter. Anyone else who has not submitted their information is invited to do the same. We will make paper copies available at meetings and we encourage you to send them electronically or by mail to Debbie Bridgewater at the address provided on the form. We look forward to planning these events, preserving and sharing our legacy! **Please contact Debbie Bridgewater or Carol Hartley if you would like to be involved.**

LET'S GET CONNECTED!

By Melissa Ostrowski

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Fall Game Night and holiday dinner!



Chi Book Club

Remember our rule- you can attend book club even if you did not read the book! Join us on January 11 at 7pm to discuss Barbara Kingsolver's book *Demon Copperhead* at the Panera on Rohrerstown Road.

Save the Date! (Tentative)

The Social Committee would like to invite Chi Chapter members to join them on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 7:00 at the Hempfield High School Performing Arts Center to see "Fiddler on the Roof". At this point, Carol Heintzelman is waiting to hear back from Ticket Information regarding being seated as a "block". As more information becomes available, it will be shared via an "e-mail blast". The play is 2 ½ hours long. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students/ children and seniors (age 65+).

SISTER SPOTLIGHT

This sister grew up in Lancaster on a plant farm. She was the middle of five siblings. Her father was a wholesale florist. They had a big house, barn, greenhouses with fields of carnations, mums and pompoms. There was always work to be done before and after school. However, her parents wanted us to do the best we could at school. She loved playing school as a child.

She was the first generation in her family to get a college degree earning a BS from Millersville University in 1979 followed by a Master's Degree with Reading Specialist Certification in 1995, Penn State University Principal Certification 2003 and finally a Doctor of Education from Widener University in 2011.

She began teaching in 1979 for Chester County Intermediate Unit with her first placement in Benner Elementary School, Coatesville, PA. She taught 4th to 6th grade students labeled with a learning disability in a self-contained classroom. Most of the students came from the Child Development Center in Coatesville. This was the time students with disabilities were being placed back into regular schools. That first year she had five different supervisors. It was during those first years of teaching she discovered how little she knew about teaching reading which inspired her to get her reading certification later in life.

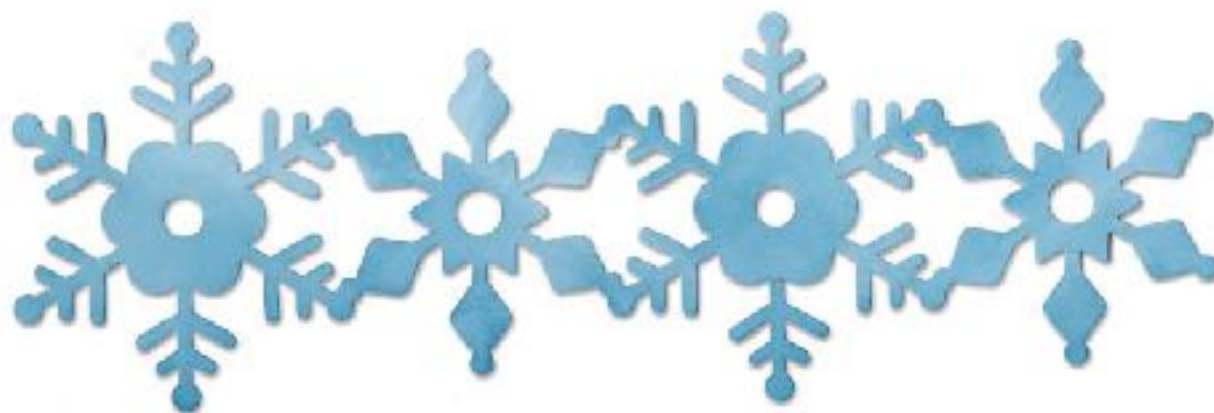
Our sister loves to spend time at her family cabin in the mountains. She also likes traveling and having adventures with my family and friends. She is enjoying retirement and now that she has time, she enjoys reading, walking, piano, puzzles, shopping and playing games.

She has been married to her loving husband Mark for 45 years. They have a daughter Jen married to Matt with two children Mark (9) and Jaxon (6). Jen is an orchestra/music teacher at Pennridge High School in Bucks County. They

have a son Matt married to Lauren with two children Luke (14) and Leah (11). Matt and his wife run Allwein Flooring in Lebanon County. Over the years her family has had many pets including dogs, cats, turtles, hermit crabs, rabbits and goldfish. Currently, she has a one three year old cat named Socs. In addition to DKG this sister has been actively involved in PTOs, Post Prom, Suzuki Moms, Horizons, Shalom Partnership, Leader in Me and many professional organizations. She was also involved in her church as a Youth leader, Sunday School director, VBS director, choir, handbells and leadership teams. Currently, she is involved with her church as a deacon, playing handbells and singing in the choir.

Our sister wanted to share this with the chapter: I believe every child is a unique and special gift to our world. I also believe children need to feel a sense of love and connect those around them as they grow to become healthy adults. There have been studies done about the need for physical contact. Around 1979, I had a bumper sticker on my car "Have You Hugged Your Child Today." Too often we forget to give our children a hug or a kiss good night. Think about your childhood memories. You remember the good and also the bad. I will never forget when my 83 year old uncle told me about how his 3rd grade teacher ridiculed him at school in front of his peers. After all those years, this still bothered him. I challenge myself and all of us to speak kindly, love lavishly, forgive generously, and hug your child today.

Our Sister Spotlight for November is Barb Andrews.





INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Seventh Chi Program and Business Meeting 2022-2024 Biennium

Program:

Melissa Ostrowski - Black, White and Blues: Enrichment Grant Experience

Saturday, February 3, 2023

9:00-11:30am

Millersville University

Gordinier Hall & Bolger Conference Center ★

30 South George Street, Millersville, PA 17551

University and Kline Room

Free parking across the street - See map below. Lot is circled.

The cost is \$25.00 per person for scrambled eggs, bacon, parmesan potato slices, assorted doughnuts, specialty coffee cakes, fresh fruit, fresh coffee, assorted teams and orange juice.

Not eating? The cost is \$10.00.

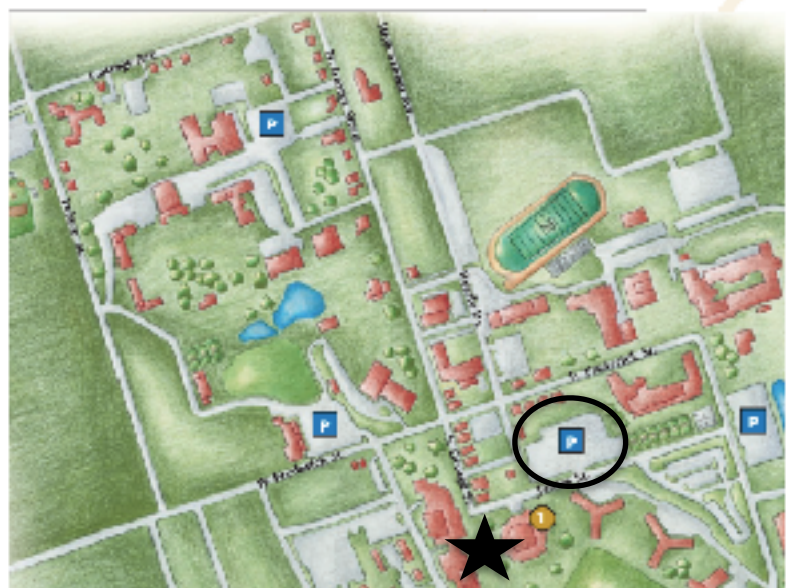
Casual dress is encouraged.

RSVP using this [link](#) by **January 19**.

Checks should be mailed to:

Barbara Andrews, Treasurer

Millersville University Campus Map



Gordinier Hall & Bolger Conference Center 30 South George Street, Millersville, PA 17551