



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, CHI CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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Chi Chapter
Yearbook
2018-2020



The Delta Kappa Gamma
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Yearbook Updates

By Marlene Reynolds

Looking forward to the next Chi yearbook, it is time to request information updates from members.

We are also looking to include the following:

- Cell phone number and/or home phone number (you may include both or only the one you would like to be in the yearbook)
- Email address (this is optional)
- Birthday (month and day – again, this is optional)
- If you would like to have your husband's name listed – i.e. Mrs. Tom Martin (again, optional)

As this involves time to compile the information into yearbook format, please send me your information by June 1, 2018.

Marlene Reynolds:

mmreynolds2016@gmail.com

Thanking you in advance for your help with the yearbook.

It's time for Chi's 70th Birthday Celebration!

Date: April 21, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Hamilton Club, Lancaster, PA



See page 11 for details!

(There is no meeting on April 7, 2018)

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Our Chapter
President's
Message



Dearest Chi Sisters,

It is with such mixed emotions that I write this, my last President's message, to you all. It has been my pleasure to serve as Chi president and I know that we could never have accomplished all that we did without pulling together and sharing our skills! Together, we are a strong and supportive team! When people ask for a brief description of DKG, my "elevator speech" always includes what amazing women make up this Society.

The brilliant brainstorming and hard work of the committees brought such vitality and fun to this biennium. We warmed hearts and served others as we bonded more closely. We brought in new sisters and lost some special ladies who we mourn. Just as the song: "Make new friends, but keep the old...One is silver, but the other's gold!"

We look now to our 70th Birthday Celebration on April 21st at the Hamilton Club!!! We will soon be off to State Convention (June 15-17th at the beautiful Nittany Lion Inn). Nita Scott will be our International Speaker! Our birthday will be recognized there. Past President Lois Brown is busy planning Birthday hat ideas! Gisele is collecting items for our basket, so please contact her to donate Lancaster County themed items. This convention will be a memorable event! Some sisters will then be off to Austin July 16-20th). Won't it be incredible to visit the birthplace and headquarters??

Thank you for furthering our mission. Together we will continue to make a difference!

With love and gratitude,

Marj

Chi Chapter Pioneers in Education

By: Kathleen Kuzmiak

Elizabeth Richmond Martin (1887-1959)

(Information is based on the contents of a publication written by the Standing Committee of Pioneer Women from Chi Chapter of DKG.)

Elizabeth was born in Salisbury Township. Her father was a doctor and her mother was a teacher at Gap Academy in White Horse, PA. Elizabeth graduated from West Chester Normal School in 1904 and later earned her BS and Master's degrees from The University of Pennsylvania.

She taught at schools in East Earl, West Lampeter and at Burrowes Elementary School in Lancaster. In 1927 while serving as the Principal at Buchanan Elementary School she was promoted to Supervising Principal of all the schools in Lancaster Township. As a result, she was the first woman admitted to the Lancaster County Principals Association. She was also the first woman in Lancaster to earn a Principal Certificate from The University of Pennsylvania in 1930.

Elizabeth was an amateur photographer, collected fine china (specifically Blue Willow and Dresden – owned a collection of 150 pitchers), was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Lancaster and the Lancaster Historical Society. She was a charter member of Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. With her companion of 28 years (Miss Josephine Frank) she traveled to Europe, Mexico and Canada. She lived at 968 E. Orange Street (the house is still there across from a car repair shop).

She died at Town Nursing Home at 148 N. Charlotte Street and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Lancaster Township Board of Education honored her memory by naming a new school which opened on September 9, 1959, the Elizabeth R. Martin Elementary School. Miss Nancy Rill, another member of Chi Chapter, was the first principal of that school.

Tributes in the publication were written by Dr. Arthur Mylin, a Lancaster County Superintendent; Martha Bucher (Wagner), Principal of Buchanan; Sarah Bitner from Delta Kappa Gamma and Dr. Caleb Bucher, Principal of Brecht Elementary School.

Projects Committee Update

By Amy Smith



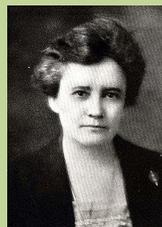
The Projects Committee is still supporting DVS, our local project. We collected items at our February meeting to help those women and their children who will transition into housing of their own after leaving DVS.

Thank you again for your generosity!

As you may recall in November 2017, four of our Chi sisters made a presentation to Cadet Troop 71264 to start them on their journey to earning the DKG patch. After speaking with their troop leader, there were twelve Girl Scouts that earned this patch, though they have not been “officially” given the patch.



These twelve future leaders began their work to earn the patch by researching Annie Webb Blanton and Juliette Gordon Low. They were asked to find out what made them decide to start such groundbreaking organizations and what set these groups apart from other women living in those times.



Annie Webb
Blanton



Juliette Gordon
Low

They also did research into various careers to see what skills and characteristics are needed to be successful in these various pursuits. These two areas of investigation led them to see what characteristics these women possessed and how they viewed their opportunities to make a difference. Once they concluded their research, they shared out what they learned with the rest of their troop.

We are hoping to be a part of their patch presentation, which will take place at the end of their scouting year. There is more to come on this opportunity as dates unfold. Thank you again Chi chapter for your continual support of our projects on all levels!

Membership

By Susan Fritz

Seven women were approved to receive invitations for membership at the February Chi Chapter business meeting. An Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Nancy Rill Library at Elizabeth R. Martin Elementary School. Women who accept the invitation to join will be initiated at the Chi 70th Anniversary Celebration in April. Please consider joining us at the Orientation and help introduce these outstanding women to the benefits of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.



Share the Love – DVS Project and Speakers

by Linda Young

On Saturday, February 3, 2018, the Chi Chapter met at Stayer Hall at Millersville University to create “Pampering Bags” for the women living at the DVS Shelter. The program consisted of two parts. The first part was the creation of the “Pampering Bags” and the second part was listening to two dynamic speakers, Jeania & Damon Anderson, who shared information about DVS and the various programs offered by this organization.

To make the “Pampering Bags” each Chi sister chose a station to work at to create a specific item which was added to the bag. Every station was led by a Chi sister and they consisted of:

- Letter Writing Station by Kathy Kuzmiak
- Book Mark Station by Giselle Siebold
- Decorating the Bag by Brenda Walker
- Rose Pen Station by Andrea Rutledge
- Bracelet Station by Terrie Stauffer
(Terrie designed the bracelet specifically for the women of DVS)
- Filling the Bag Station by Linda Young

In addition to the items made at the stations, the bags also contained self-care items and various small tokens for the women. The Chi sisters proudly made 15 bags.

News You Can Use from the DKG U.S. Forum

By Melissa Ostrowski

The recent edition of the U.S. Forum Connection highlighted a number of items that will be of interest to Chi Sisters!

Our Society's 4th Purpose is to initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators and the 7th Purposes is :To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

Read on to stay informed regarding a number of current areas in the headlines.

APRIL IS SEXUAL AWARENESS MONTH

Just as pink has been associated with breast cancer awareness and is observed in February, April has recently been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and is associated with the color teal. The advent of the "Me Too" movement has motivated women to speak out and become more active in politics. It is estimated that the number of women running for public office has exploded in the last couple of years. A survey of hundreds of women in the entertainment industry reported in USA Today found that 94% of the women in entertainment surveyed reported some form of sexual harassment or sexual assault.

BILLS ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Congressional Sexual Harassment Training Act (H.R.4155, S.2236) the acts provide for mandatory sexual harassment training of anyone in Congress or employed by Congress. Both bills were introduced by women and both were referred to committee.

GUN LEGISLATION

Several bills dealing with the gun issue have been filed. The Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act (H.R.3947, S.1916). According to the Congressional Record "This bill amends the federal criminal code to make it a crime to import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a trigger crank, a bump-fire device, or any part, combination of parts, component, device, attachment, or accessory that is designed or functions to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle but not convert the semiautomatic rifle into a machine gun." It does not prohibit law enforcement or government agents from possessing these weapons modifications. Both bills were sponsored by women. Two other similar bills Assault Weapons Ban of 2017 (S.2095) and Assault Weapons Ban of 2018 (H.R.5077 & H.R.5087) have been filed. None of these bills have been reported out of committee. Each state has its own set of gun laws, and these laws differ widely. Generally the southern states have the least control on gun ownership.

**Important Bill Information. Be Informed.
House Bill 610 has been introduced.**

This bill will effectively start the school voucher system to be used by children ages 5-17, and starts the defunding process of public schools.

In addition the bill will eliminate the Elementary and Education Act of 1965, which is the nation's educational law and provides equal opportunity in education. ESSA is a comprehensive program that covers programs for struggling learners, AP classes, ESL classes, classes for minorities such as Native Americans, Rural Education, Education for the Homeless, School Safety (Gun-Free schools), Monitoring and Compliance and Federal Accountability Programs.

The Bill also abolishes the Nutritional Act of 2012 (No Hungry Kids Act) which provides nutritional standards in school breakfast and lunch. For our most vulnerable, this may be the ONLY nutritious food they have in a day.

The bill has no wording whatsoever protecting special needs kids, no mention of IDEA and FAPE.

Some things ESSA does for Children with Disabilities

- Ensures access to the general education curriculum.
- Ensures access to accommodations on assessments.
- Ensures concepts of Universal Design for Learning
- Includes provisions that require local education agencies to provide evidence-based interventions in schools with consistently under-performing subgroups.
- Requires states in Title I plans to address how they will improve conditions for learning including reducing incidents of bullying and harassment in schools, overuse of discipline practices and reduce the use of aversive behavioral interventions (such as restraints and seclusion).

Please call your representative and ask him/her to vote NO on House Bill 610 (HR 610) introduced by three Republican reps.

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Nancy Schnell

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This sister is from Berwyn, PA. She has two older brothers. She graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. She then worked in the insurance industry for a little while. This sister received her Teaching Certification and Masters in Reading from Millersville University. She taught 14 years in fourth grade and is currently teaching her first year of gifted education in seventh and eighth grade. This sister enjoys running, boating, biking, hiking, working out, and traveling. She loves vacationing to National Parks. Fun Fact – in college, this sister rode crew and won a silver medal at the Dad Vail Regatta Small School College Nationals! She has a husband, Craig, and two sons – Michael (29) and Steven (28). She and her dog, Lola (a miniature golden doodle), make a wonderful K-PETS therapy team!

Sister Spotlight by Linda Young

Pat Jacobs

This sister was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Willow Street, PA. She attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Lancaster until Grade 8. She is still an active member of St. Mary's Parish and teaches religious education to Grade 1 students. She graduated from Lampeter-Strasburg High School. This sister has 1 sister and 3 brothers. Her sister, Margaret, lives in Ocala, Florida, 2 brothers, Charlie and Ray Fulton, live locally and 1 brother, Bob, lives in LA.

She graduated from California University in California, PA with a BS in elementary education with a minor in Early Childhood Education. She earned a Masters of Education and Reading Specialist Certification from California University in California, PA and a Reading Supervisor Certification from Millersville University. This sister's first teaching experience was at Kiski Area School District where she taught Grade 4 as well as Developmental and Remedial Reading in the middle school. Later, she taught 36 years in the School District of Lancaster where she taught elementary education and Developmental and Remedial Reading in the middle school. She spent 4 years at McCaskey High School as a Literacy Coach as part of the PA Dept. of Education one-on-one instructional coaching initiative funded by the Annenberg Foundation. She also taught gifted education in elementary schools and worked as a Literacy Coach in several elementary schools. This sister is presently teaching K-5 Art at OMPH Catholic School in Ephrata. Her husband, Hank, is a manufacturing manager as well as an adjunct professor at York College and Lebanon Valley College. She enjoys traveling and walking and working out with a personal trainer, Tom Weaver in New Holland. She has had the wonderful opportunity of traveling to Europe several times. Santa Fe, New Mexico is a favorite vacation spot.



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Marj, Kathy, and Melissa O. have designed a Facebook group for Chi. Any Chi members who are on Facebook are asked to send a friend request to either Marj Paradise, Kathy Kuzmiak, or Melissa Ostrowski and they will add you to the Facebook Chi group.

The 365 portion of the DKG app is now ready. The announcement is on the rotator of the DKG homepage. Clicking on the image will direct members to the instructions and information for downloading and using the APP. Access the app yourself and spread the word!

**Remember to delete the previous DKG app and to download this new one.*

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Biennium
Chi Chapter General Meeting
Stayer Building at Millersville University
February 3, 2018

Call to Order: President Marj Paradise called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Welcome/Introduction of Guests (Marj Paradise): Marj welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Paula Long introduced her guest, Jen Risser.

Necrology Service (Susan Fritz): The necrology service was presented in the memory of Erma Forry. Rae Newhouse read her obituary and Eileen Little shared information on Erma. Carol Hartley and Kay Gontner shared their memories of Erma. The service concluded with the song "It is Well with My Soul" which was led by Kay Gontner.

Stations for DVS Care Bags (Linda Young): Items for the bags for the ladies who come into DVS were either purchased by Chi or donated. The stations included the following: bag decoration, bracelet making, bookmark, rose pen, letter writing, and filling the bag with the items.

DVS Speakers (Linda Young): Linda introduced the speakers, Gina and Damon Anderson from DVS. The women are encouraged and aided in moving forward from their trauma and abuse. DVS also has a goal of enrichment for the women. A background on the patterns of domestic violence and the cycle of abuse was given. Domestic violence is the most under reported crime. It occurs in all areas and social economic levels. They are also currently working on a new program called Coaching Boys into Men. This deals with the topic of rape and how to respect women. It also teaches the coaches on how to teach their young men. This shelter is one of the oldest shelters in the U.S. All services are free: legal, counseling, protection education programs, programs for the children. A 24

hour hotline is available. They thanked Chi for all their support to DVS.

Thought for the Day (Joan Stemen): Joan related some of her remembrances of Chi.

President's Report (Marj Paradise):

- Thank you to the auction committee for all their hard work in planning and organizing the auction.
- Thank you to Ay Smith for organizing the caroling in December.
- Thank you to Linda's dentist for the donations for the DVS bags.
- April 13-14 is the Leadership Training. Sign up if you are an officer.

Consider signing up for the State Convention in June and the International Convention in July.

Voting on Slate of Officers (Gisele Siebold): The slate of offices was not listed in the newsletters. Members should review the list now and the vote will be taken later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Kathy Kuzmiak): Checking account balance is \$15,671.61 and the savings account balance is \$6,015.21.

Ways & Means (Brenda Goddard /Pat Jacobs): Thanked all who helped with and supported the auction in December. The total of \$3,625.00 was made. Marlene Reynolds reported the organizations could participate in the selling of booklets for Community Days at the Bon Ton. For each booklet sold organization can keep the \$5.00 from the cost of the booklet. Any money we sell will be placed in Ways & Means.

Correspondence (Marlene Reynolds): Notes were received from Judie Wynn and Carrie Glick. They appreciated the visit by the carolers and also being informed of DKG events.

Sister Spotlight (Kathy Kuzmiak): Nancy Schnell and Pat Jacobs were the sisters featured in the spotlight.

Membership Results (Susan Fritz): All 7 prospective members were approved to be offered an invitation to join Chi Chapter. They are Titina Brown, Cheryl Desmond, Erica Hershock, Shannon Madara, Linda McDowell, Kim Rineer, and Heidi Weber. The orientation for these prospects will be held.

Scholarship Committee (Chris Kowalski): Over 50 emails have been sent with information on the scholarship to be distributed.

Projects Committee (Amy Smith): Amy contacted the Girl Scouts and Sue Allen to see how the Girls were doing as far as the DKG badge was concerned. The scouts observed women in education, made posters, and visuals for the DKG song. After completing the activities for the badge, they have earned their badge. The badges are on order. They plan to meet with the girls to recognize their earning of the badge. Consideration is being given to the possibility of reaching out to other troops about earning the DKG badge.

World Fellowship (Rae Newhouse): Rae emailed the 3 recipients who are studying in PA. and they responded. She extended an invitation to each one to contact her if they are in Lancaster. She is also going to send a Valentine box to each one.

Chi Chapter Rules Changes (Gisele Siebold): Gisele reviewed the proposed rule changes. Currently the document is in draft form.

Nominations Committee (Barb Andrews): Members can make nominations for the Album of Distinction.

Initiation Committee (Lois Brown): New officers will be installed in April. New officers are:

- President – Linda Young
- 1st Vice President – Susan Fritz
- 2nd Vice President – Marlene Reynolds
- Secretary – Melissa Ostrowski

Historical Records (Carol Hartley): They are compiling a list of Chi Chapter members. Information can be sent to the committee.

2018 Birthday Celebration Committee (Eileen Little): A meeting in early March will be held at Eileen's home.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Adjournment of business meeting followed by lunch, birthday cake, and singing.

Founder's Day Program (Melissa Ostrowski): Related the 12 founders of DKG to the words in the DKG song.

Important Dates

Executive Board Meeting March 06, 2018 (4:30 RES)

Chi 70th Celebration April 21, 2018 Hamilton Club

State Convention June 15 – 17, 2018 (State College)

International Convention July 16 - 20, 2018 (Austin, Texas)

Eighth Chi Chapter Meeting, 2016-2018 Biennium
Enrichment

70th Chi Birthday Celebration at the Hamilton Club

Saturday, April 21, 2018
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Lunch Menu:

House Salad

Char-Grilled Flank Steak OR New England Style Salmon

Fresh Vegetable Du Chef

Starch Du Chef

Rolls & Butter

Iced Tea, Decaffeinated & Regular coffees, Assorted Hot Teas

Birthday Cake

Cost: \$24.00

Please feel free to invite past Chi members and guest!

Return this form by Saturday, April 7, 2018, to make your reservation to:
Kathy Kuzmiak, 1819 Windsong Lane, Lancaster, PA 17602, (717)299-3458
Regrets only to:KKuzmiak@aol.com

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Member Name _____

Check all that apply:

Entrée Choice: _____ Flank Steak OR _____ Salmon

Check all that apply:

_____ Yes, I will attend the April 21, Chi 70th Birthday Celebration. Enclosed [Please find a check for \$24.00 made out to “Chi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma”].

_____ I will be bringing a guest. (Please include an additional \$24.00 in your check.)

_____ I am unable to attend the meeting.

*Have something to crow about? Share it with us on the back of this form!