



Pennsylvania State Organization – DKG

The Delta Kappa
Gamma Society
International

Psi Chapter

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President's Message

I am so happy that spring will soon be here. Even though we have had a mild winter, it still seems like winter lasts forever. This time of year, it is easy to be discouraged and a little down in the dumps.

All of our members are super busy. Most of you are involved in many activities and have a lot of responsibilities. On a personal level there may be many concerns which can include caring for an elderly parent, health concerns for yourself or a loved one, children worries, or financial concerns. At work concerns may include that student who comes from a rough home life, a student not making the progress you would like, reaching a student who just won't connect with you or maybe it's pressure of paperwork and clerical duties that seem to take too much time. Wow! That's a lot! Many of us would just like some time for ourselves.

I want to encourage each of you to not give up. To keep trying to be a light. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

You **ARE** making a difference. Sometimes we just do not see the results immediately. It's okay to be discouraged but don't give up.

I have two more meetings as President. I want to thank each of you for your support and work during the last two years despite how busy you are. It has gone fast. Psi Chapter is made up of amazing women. Thank you for being you! ~Yvonne Ransbottom

Looking ahead to the new biennium

President: Lisa McMeekin

1st Vice President: Vanessa Lefler

2nd Vice President: Kim Curtis

Secretary: Stephanie Benson

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As always, the summer months is used as a transition period between the previous biennium's officers and the new ones. We look forward to these women leading the Psi chapter into the new biennium!

During the October Ways and Means meeting, four recruitment grant recipients were honored

As of the last school year, almost 10,000 PA teachers left education according to a Penn State survey. More alarming is the critically low number of newly certified teachers to replace the chasm in the classrooms. As we have for the last 75 years, the Psi chapter offers scholarships to college women pursuing degrees in teaching. To help facilitate improvement of this emergency, the members in the recent past have increased their number of available scholarships and the amount awarded. As educators, Psi members care deeply about this crisis.

On Saturday October 21, 2023, four women were recognized and awarded with the annual grants. All of these outstanding women share a common bond in being Dean's List students while also being employed. Further, three of the women have a double major which requires additional coursework.

Member Linda London introduced the young women at the meeting. Psi chapter president, Yvonne Ransbottom expressed the group's response to these four awardees, "You are the promise of the future of our profession. You embody the character and drive we admire."

~ Submitted by Barbara Emmer



Recruitment Grant Recipients



Allison Beimel

Allison is a graduate of St. Marys High School and in her senior year at Slippery Rock University. She is enrolled as a double major in Early Childhood PreK Education and Special Education K-12.

Grace Hall

Grace is a Punxsutawney HS graduate and a senior at Slippery Rock University. She is majoring in Secondary English Education with a minor in Literature & Strategic Communications and Media.

Haley Sherman

Haley is a North Clarion HS graduate, now a senior attending Penn West University Edinboro. She is pursuing double majors of Early Childhood Education and Deaf Education.

Megan Stahlman

Megan, a graduate of Clarion Limestone High School, now a senior studying at Penn West University Clarion. Her double majors are Special Education and Early Childhood Education.

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Ways and Means Update

At our October 2023 Ways and Means fundraiser, we raised \$2448.25!! A recap and pictures from the day will be shared in a future issue of the newsletter.



World Fellowship Reminder

You gave your dollar to World Fellowship when the hat was passed at our meetings and it was appreciated. But did you go the extra mile to communicate with one of the many recipients of the World Fellowship Fund? Not all are seeking degrees in Education, but our chapter focuses on one of the women from a foreign country looking to advance in our profession.

This year we are exchanging greetings with ***Naila Latifova from Azerbaijan**** who is studying at the University of Nebraska –Lincoln. She is pursuing a masters' degree in Teaching, Learning, and Education.

Please take time to send an email, a postcard, or a "Thinking of You" card, simply saying you wish her well in her pursuits. Include your name with Psi chapter and the Pennsylvania State Organization.

Show your support with this gesture and make her feel welcome in our country.



**Azerbaijan is a republic located at the border of Eastern Europe and Western Asia.*

~ Submitted by Barbara Emmer

DKG NEWS –Extra Extra! – Read all about it!

Do you have information for the newsletter or suggestions on what YOU want to see in future issues? Do you have member news or committee updates to share? Are you interested in contributing a reminder, recap, or feature story? Would you like to share pictures from past DKG gatherings?

Reach out to your Newsletter Editor Kelsi Wilcox Boyles with any suggestions, ideas, and/or newsletter contributions. Her inbox is ALWAYS open!

Kelsi Wilcox Boyles, Newsletter Editor, Psi Chapter

Little Free Library Update



It is that time of year when we get antsy about spring cleaning—getting started, avoiding it with elaborate excuses, or making plans in earnest. If you have a DONATE pile as you proceed, don't forget that our Little Free Libraries are always in need of books—*novels, cookbooks, how-to books, humor materials, children's books on all levels. **Basically all kinds!*** Our efforts to support literacy continue and are well received by the documented activity at both our library sites. Bring you books to our next meeting along with food donations. *Cereal, juices, jam, soup, tea, cocoa, and tuna are particularly welcomed,* but all donations make a big difference to those in need. ~Submitted by Barbara Emmer

DUES REMINDER: \$70 dues will be accepted for the upcoming fiscal year (July 2024–July 2025) beginning at the March meeting and continuing also at the April meeting. Phyllis hopes to have all dues collected by the end of May.

March Meeting

If this time of year makes you as mad as a March hare, please join your fellow teachers at our next meeting.



Reserve by March 17

March 23, 2024

**Cobblestone Hotel
1188 Alliance Drive
Punxsutawney, PA**