

Delta Kappa Gamma

Beta Gamma Chapter

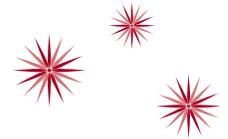
Upcoming Events

State Convention

June 14-16, 2013
In State College,
Pennsylvania

Northeast Regional Conference

July 24-27, 2013
In Portland, Maine
at
the Holiday Inn by
the Bay



Letter from the Co-President

Dear Members,

First, I would like to thank you for your support during my husband's illness and death. I received many beautiful cards, notes, and letters that were greatly appreciated. Also, thanks for sending a contribution to the Lehman Center in Alan's name.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the April meeting due to taking a much needed trip to visit my daughter and her family in Florida. Ann was there to greet you with her suntan and sunny smile having recently returned from Arizona. We both appreciate your support and attendance at Fall/Winter meetings and activities. We are not the largest chapter; however, we do have a great percentage of our members attending events. Please, keep looking for potential new members and invite them to a meeting to get to know us. Ann and I especially want to thank those who have been supporting House of Hope with the donations, visits and making of peanut butter eggs. We are looking forward to joining you in more activities!

Some activities you might like to attend this summer are as follows:

Alpha Alpha State Convention--June 14-16 at Penn State-Registration Forms in March Keystoneian.

Northeast Regional DKG Convention--July 24-27-Portland, Maine-- I have been forwarding updates for in from Louann Schrader, Alpha Alpha State President. Note: Ann and I are considering going to this. Want to join us?

The more the merrier!!!

See You Soon,

Diane Markey-Campbell, Co-president

Scholarships for DKG Members



It is such an honor to share the story of one of our dedicated sisters. We are most proud of Karen Snyder, of the Beta Gamma York Chapter, who has received numerous opportunities from the DKG Organization. She is prime example of what a dedicated professional can accomplish through Delta Kappa Gamma and its projects and grant opportunities.

In 2006-2007, she secured a \$1,000 International Enrichment Grant, which allowed her to donate school supplies and money to a school and orphanage in Guatemala. She she was also able to use some of the money toward her travel experience to visit Guatemala.

In 2009-2010, she was awarded a Projects Grant of \$210.00 for her "Connecting with Puzzles" project. Karen had her students create jigsaw puzzles, which were sent to schools in Spanish-speaking countries.

During the 2011-2012 and the

2012-2013 school years, Karen was awarded a \$350.00 DKG Projects Grant for her "Amazing Amigos" project, which partnered Spanish IV and V students from Kennard Dale High School with English as a Second Language Learners at Hannah Penn Middle School. In 2011-2012 she received a \$900.00 Enrichment Grant to teach English in Ecuador for two weeks.

Karen recently was notified that she would be a recipient of a 2013-2014 DKG Projects Grant of \$950.00 for her project "Launching Language Learning." This will partner Karen's students with people at the York Literacy Council, so the students can tutor and improve their skills while helping others. Purchasing some bilingual supplies for the Literacy Council is also a goal.

Kudos, Karen for searching for opportunities for yourself and your students to make a difference in the lives of others! Thank you Delta Kappa Gamma for encouraging educators to grow and learn!

Article Submitted by Dawn Brenner

Scholarships to Be Awarded to High School Seniors

The Scholarship Committee reviewed the existing scholarship guidelines and recommended changes that were approved by the members. It was approved that we award a \$500 scholarship in May 2014 to one high school senior planning to attend a college/university in pursuit of a teaching career. Applications will be sent to the school districts in November and will be due by March 1. Members will discuss the possibility of building a line item into the budget for scholarship.

Article Submitted by Barb Snare



Membership

Membership in a DKG organization is by invitation only and considered a prestigious honor so please take the time to extend an invitation to friends and colleagues in the teaching profession who would be an asset to our organization. We need to make it our goal to increase our membership next year so please distribute membership forms to worthy candidates.

Please share the benefits of becoming a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Did you know DKG members can attend leadership conferences and get educational training? If you would like money to further your educational as a member of DKG, you can apply for an educational scholarship. Are you interested in increasing your knowledge and appreciation beyond the classroom? If so, you are eligible to apply for a DKG enrichment grant. In addition membership in DKG can make you eligible for discounts on insurance and other services. Also, DKG can provide group discounts and networking opportunities through attendance at conferences and conventions. If you enjoy reading and improving your professional knowledge, you will like taking time to peruse DKG's professional journal, newsletter and other publications that are provided to members.

Join DKG and encourage your friends to get involved in an organization that makes a difference in education!

Article Submitted by Karen Snyder



Beta Gamma Members Gives Back to the Community

On Saturday, March 2, Dawn Brenner, Jane Oerman, Marilee Kessler, Brenda Klawitter, Joan Walters, Marlene Spark and grandson and potential member Samantha Shoup gathered in Jacobus to help make peanut butter eggs for the House of Hope's fundraiser. We donned aprons, hairnets and rubber gloves to do our work. There were several girls who live at the House of Hope who also helped as well as some other volunteers. Some of us worked scooping the dough, others shaped the eggs, and others helped dip the eggs in the chocolate. After our work session we cleaned the work tables and the dishes and utensils we used so that everything would be ready for the volunteers coming the following day. Each of us had a chance to chat with the girls and get to know them better. It was a nice experience and would recommend visiting or helping with any future projects our chapter might do with the girls from House of Hope.

Article Submitted by Joan Walters

Beta Gamma Members Are Making History

Our Beta Gamma scrapbooks continue to fill with pictures of our members and program presenters from our meetings throughout the year.

If you have any photos or other items to add, feel free to let me know.

Is there a better way that we should be storing our archives? I am open for any suggestions.

Article Submitted by Brenda Klawitter

Review of Programs for the 2012-2013 DKG Year

We're planning for next year!

Do you have an idea for a guest speaker for next year? If so, contact Marilee!

Do you have a specific educational topic that you would like to discuss at a DKG meeting? If so, don't hesitate to let Marilee know!

We have enjoyed an interesting array of speakers for our programs for our 2012-2013 Beta Gamma Year! Each was based on seventh purpose of DKG: to inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

In September, we dined at Hoss's in East York. Our guest speaker, Betty Bertram, both informed and entertained us with a delightful presentation about 'Stress and Spirituality.'

October 17, we enjoyed our annual turkey dinner at Bethany United Methodist Church in Red Lion. Dr. Dennis Baughman, President of the Board at York Academy, a charter school, informed us about the growing interest in charter schools throughout the country. He told us about the intensive research conducted by a few citizens of York and the eventual opening of York Academy, a student-centered cooperative learning model in which parents are required to participate.

In November, Perkins Restaurant was our dining location. Linda Clark, a former school librarian and Gettysburg Battlefield tour guide, treated us to "Books in 1863: Is This Your Cup of Tea?" She showed us some school books and novels from the Civil War era and also showed us the books about Gettysburg's history, which she herself has written. A surprise for the evening was that Linda is a former student of Marilee, who started teaching in Gettysburg, PA. Imagine my delight in learning that one of my English students is a published author!

Michal entertained us on Dec. 3 at Normandie Ridge when she brought the William Penn Singers to our Christmas dinner meeting. Thank you for the joy that only young people and Christmas music can bring!

March 3 we again met at Perkins Restaurant. (The shrimp menu was featured – yummy!) Miesha Hill, representative for the York County Human Trafficking Task Force, brought the concept of modern day slavery to our ears. Meisha defined Human Trafficking (as opposed to human smuggling) and explained that as many as 400,000 American citizens and foreign nationals are caught in this web of slavery. She explained ways we can be on the alert to identify current slaves at restaurants, nail salons, hotels, massage parlors, sweatshops and domestic service in private homes. Slavery can and does happen in York, PA. It is a terrible thing in a "free" society.

April 8 we will conduct a business meeting with time to discuss the facilitation of our scholarship program to future teachers now attending one of the public York County High Schools. We will discuss the Four Chapter Brunch and other new business.

On Saturday, May 4, Normandie Ridge was revisited for the four chapter brunch.

Last, but not least, we can attend the Alpha Alpha State Conference at State College, PA June 14 -16. The latest issue of the Keystonian and the DKG website will provide all the information you need. Dawn Brenner has graciously agreed to create our "Garden Basket," the basket we will send to the auction at the State Conference. Please see Dawn Brenner if you would like to make a donation towards the basket.