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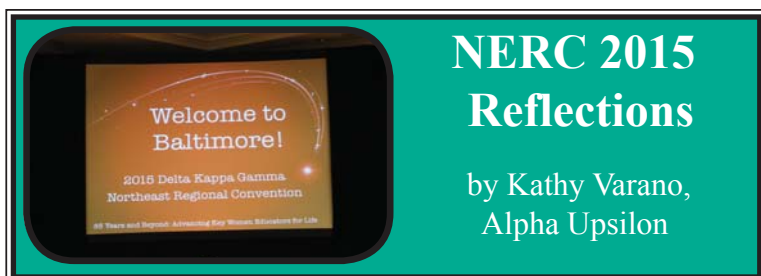
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## 2015-2017 Pennsylvania State Leadership



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### NERC 2015 Reflections

by Kathy Varano,  
Alpha Upsilon

Special  
Directory  
Pages in  
this issue.

**O**n Wednesday morning, after picking up our registration materials for the Northeast Regional Conference (and while Tracey Dusch, Barbara Gasperini, Eileen Little, and Bonnie Barnes were in pre-Conference meetings), Carol Herbert, Louann Shrader, and I set off to find something to eat and do a little sightseeing of Baltimore, since the Opening Session didn't begin until the evening. Breakfast at the famous Miss Shirley's restaurant was a site to behold. Menu offerings included Coconut Cream Cheese Stuffed French Toast, Benne Seed Chicken 'N Waffles, and Fried Green Tomatoes. Barely able to move, we then walked to the Baltimore World Trade Center and visited the 27th floor Observation Deck. From there we had a bird's-eye view of the Inner Harbor.



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**Where is your DKG  
journey taking you?**

by Tracey Dusch



**A**s I begin this next step in my DKG journey, I want to ask each of you this question...where is your DKG journey taking you? To your next chapter meeting? To a state function such as the Professional Development Seminar in April, the State Convention in June, or the Purposeful Seminar next September? Or maybe even as far as the International Convention next July?

I ask this question because one of my goals as State President is to increase member participation in DKG beyond the chapter level. Do you know about all of the opportunities that are available to each and every member of our organization? If you are not taking advantage of these opportunities, now is the time to start. Our membership in DKG is multi-leveled...chapter, state, and international. Being active only in your chapter is like standing on the platform, seeing the train arrive, and then watching it pull away from the station...only you aren't on it.

You are a **"key woman educator"** of DKG and **membership has its advantages**. Why not step-up your participation and explore the many opportunities DKG membership provides: leadership; travel; networking; financial assistance; discounts; activism; publishing; and recognitions. Your new State Leadership Team is anxious to help so please don't hesitate to contact us. Don't be left on the platform. **Get on board!**



**OPPORTUNITY: "STEP-UP" Your Participation**

**The *Historical Records Committee* has a vacancy.  
Any individual interested in serving on this committee  
should contact Tracey Dusch, State President,  
or Melody Hannegan, Committee Chair.**

# EEC...what is it, who we are, and what can we do?

by Barbara Gasperini



**C**ommittee structure may vary from chapter to chapter and state organization to state organization. We share a united responsibility: to carry out the mission of the Society and to provide opportunities and tools that will empower DKG members. Our goals for EEC for the chapters and state organization are:

**E Empowerment:** Promote leadership from wherever you are; Promote personal growth through lifelong learning; Focus on the arts and sharing them through the new collegial magazine; Focus on community leadership; and Develop programs that emphasize professional pride.

**E Educational Excellence:** Promote SEE (Supporting Early Career Educators); Focus on hot topics in education: bullying, impact of poverty, violence and many more; Encourage programs and activities that stimulate members to impact educational law and policy; and Encourage chapters to develop ways to increase member's knowledge of pedagogical research.

**E Change Global Awareness:** Encourage programs and activities about changing global awareness; Encourage programs and activities that promote DKG and the United Nations; Communicate information and develop programs to educate members about "Schools for Africa;" Publicize DKG contributions to SFA and support our biennium's new state project; and Encourage programs and activities that promote chapter to chapter interaction.

My training session at the North East Regional Conference introduced me to our new paradigm: **"Pick Your Passion:" a new way of looking or thinking about something.** What is your passion? What do you want to learn about in DKG and your community? As this biennium continues we will learn together what we can do to promote DKG's empowerment, educational awareness and changing global awareness. We will find "Our Passion" together as we make Pennsylvania a leader for "85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life."

## (Harbor from page 1)

It was so beautiful to see all the sailboats, dragon paddleboats, famous



restaurants, tall buildings, and the huge US flag flying proudly across the harbor on Federal Hill.



**Advancing Change** was the theme for NERC opening night. Louann Shrader was one of the members in charge of the First Timers. They did a Flash Mob presentation that was very well received. The State Organization Presidents were then introduced. Among them were Alpha Alpha

State Immediate Past President Kay Stuart and new State President Tracey Dusch. Afterwards, we all attended the Maryland Night Celebration. Goodie bags included hammers for shelling crabs and potato chips flavored



with Old Bay seasoning. Entertainment was a Rod Stewart impersonator.



**Advancing Education** was the theme for Thursday morning. Sean McComb, 2014 International Teacher of the Year, was the motivational speaker.



(see Luncheon page 4)



## Chapter Success on the DKG Journey

by Eileen Little

President Tracey has created the analogy of getting on the train in reference to our DKG journey. She is encouraging us to fully participate in the Society at all levels. So let's look at membership in reference to your chapter. At NERC, I had the opportunity to attend a session by Sara Sweeney. Sara is a young professional who shared *Five Step to DKG Chapter Success* with Young Professionals.

**Step One: Locate** Contact your local Board of Education; ask colleges & universities for recommendations; or hold a reception for new teachers.

**Step Two: Recruit** Social media is a must for communication! Have an informational night to share the assets: networking; professional development; grants; scholarships; etc.

**Step Three: Engage** Time is at a premium so programs need to be varied & relevant. Make a connection, be a good listener without "one upping," and mentorship are all keys to building relationships.

**Step Four: Retain** Publicize chapter success so that people want to be a part of and/or join. Go to conventions, conferences, have fun, and be positive!

**Step Five: Lead** Give ownership by asking members to serve on an ACTIVE COMMITTEE or, together, lead a program/activity. Members need to have a reason to come and participate.

I am fortunate to have a great committee of sisters and we, your Membership Committee, are available to help your chapter grow your membership and the level of involvement within the Society. Membership Committee sisters are: Eileen Little, Chi; Fern Detwiler, Beta Pi; Rosemary Krygowski, Beta Alpha; Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta; Greta Marie Taft, Pi; Kathy Varano, Alpha Upsilon; and Brenda Walker, Chi.

REMINDER: Chapter Presidents need to complete a Form 6 to report the death of a member.

### (Luncheon from page 3)

He told us that we need to "get just a little bit more" from our students and "what's old is new again." Sean is a believer in teaching kids before content. He says we should concentrate on growing their skills rather than just covering content.

The theme for Thursday lunch was *Advancing Possibilities*. Members of Distinction and Fifty Year Members were introduced. A beautiful rendition of "The Rose" was sung as a tribute. Our Shirley Newhart was a member of the sextet.

Cora Weiss, 2014 International Honorary Member, was the

keynote speaker. She spoke on Advancing Gender

Equality. She lives to teach peace and believes that education is the door that leads us out of poverty. Her "WWW" is not the worldwide web, but a **World Without War**. Then came the Advancing Change panel. Four women of different backgrounds participated and answered questions such as: Explain how you were invited to join DKG and why you decided to join. Why do you stay involved in DKG? How would you like to see DKG advance? The luncheon ended with an invitation to attend the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN from July 5-9 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

Breakout Sessions 1 and 2 followed with themes to promote both our personal and professional growth. Pennsylvania was well-represented with Louann Shrader presenting "Building a Lattice of Support" and Kay Stuart was a member of the

(see Members page 5)

**(Members from page 4)**

team presenting “Launching Leaders and Careers.”

Thursday night was Pennsylvania Night at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. No one went away hungry! There were 60+ members from Pennsylvania who attended NERC.



Friday morning brought the Advancing Members breakfast with keynote speaker Sandra Smith Bull, Acting International Executive Director. DKG has approximately 77,000 members in 17 countries and there is no one way to retain membership. We need to create a safe atmosphere where “what if” replaces “we always did it this way.”

The thought for the day was given by Carolyn Sutton who told us that possibilities become opportunities every day. The remainder of the morning was taken up with U.S. Forum, whose purpose is to inform members on pending legislation that furthers the Purposes of the Society.



Friday afternoon there were more Breakout Sessions, the Info Fair with Kay Stuart and Barbara Gasperini answering questions about Golden Gift, and Louann Shrader on Membership Expansion Committee. The Market Place was also open with more than 15 vendors.



Friday evening we were free to go to dinner on our own and explore more of Baltimore. Carolyn Sutton, Judy Schaffer, Haddie Weber, and I took a water taxi to Fells Point and had a delicious dinner at the Waterfront Kitchen. They grow their own fruits and vegetables with the help of BUGS – the Baltimore Urban Garden Students – who also help serve in the restaurant.

Saturday morning during the *Advancing Children* session, we were told that 607 members attended this NERC. The keynote speaker was Judge Susan Hazlett who spoke about her involvement with Teen Court – a court where teens sit on the jury and decide the punishment for teen offenders to complete. \$6,394 was collected at this Conference for the DKG Emergency Fund which helps members in emergencies and disasters. We were also all invited to the 2017 NERC to be held in Ontario, Canada.

The banquet on Saturday evening began with the 2015 Northeast Regional Chorus, of which many members were from Pennsylvania. How wonderful they sounded. “Dancing Queen” from Mamma Mia was a big hit, especially when those seated spontaneously got up to dance while the Chorus sang! After dinner, **all the PA Members**



introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Lyn Schmid, 2014-2016 International President, with a parody of the song “Joyful, joyful”. Dr. Schmid spoke on *Advancing DKG*. She told us to work hard, commit to treating everyone equally, no matter what position they hold, and, above all, to have fun.



If you’ve never attended a State Convention, NERC, or International Convention, you don’t know what you’re missing. Believe me, it’s FUN!

**YOU'RE INVITED:**

**Purposeful Seminar, 2016, “Pride of Pittsburgh”  
September 23, 24, 25, 2016 Save the dates!**

**Please come & visit Western Pennsylvania as we show you Pittsburgh.**

**More details will follow!**

**Barbara L. Gasperini, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/EEC Chair  
Pennsylvania State Organization**

# Global Awareness through DKG

by Patricia Shedlock  
Projects/World Fellowship Chair

What a wonderful dream to be realized. As Delta Kappa Gamma members, we have the opportunity to help teachers be better educated to motivate their students.

The World Fellowship Program began as a project to help women in war torn countries in 1946. To date, more than 900 women from 120 countries have been granted fellowships that enable them to seek further education in the United States and Canada.

In accordance with the constitution and International Standing Rules, the World Fellowship Committee grants awards when there are funds available. They also keep in contact with the recipients and encourage members to keep in touch with the recipients who study in their states. The committee also grants requests for fellowship extensions.

The goals for 2014-2016 are:

1. Use social media to build awareness

about world fellowship.

2. Engage the members of the Society in promoting World Fellowship.

Awareness is growing and providing educational opportunities across the world.

These numbers tell the story:

\* In 1960 awards of \$2500 were given based on contributions of \$11,528.

\* In June, 2014, contributions totaled \$3,811,117.12, provided 900 women from 120 countries to receive fellowship.

\* Awards given in 2014-

2015: 19 - \$4000; 4 - \$1000 extensions.

Total - \$80,000 to 23 women in 17 countries.

Contributions to World Fellowship may be made using the on line contribution form or Form 43.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is **Advancing Key Women Educators for Life**

Source: dkg.org

*"I have a dream. I want to be an agent of change. I want to become one of the future education policy makers in Bulgaria. I dream of the day when we shall have happier and more motivated Bulgarian teachers and students. My Masters degree in technology in education in the USA is my first step in accomplishing this goal"* – **2015 World Fellowship applicant, Bulgaria.**

## Operation - Fix It!

by Louann Shrader, Rules Chair

Do you have or do you remember having classroom rules? Does or did your class help to write them. Rules are the vehicle that maintains order and eliminates confusion no matter in what situation you find yourself. And so, too, it is with DKG. Have you read our State By-Laws and/or Standing Rules? Is there a change you'd like to see? Just like your classroom rules, our By-Laws and Standing Rules are how we operate and you, the members of our Pennsylvania State organization of DKG, determine these rules. You have the power to change by deleting, adding, or clarifying our rules. If you see something that

(see Rules page 10)

Don't miss this opportunity to  
"get on the train"!

Workshop  
presenters  
needed



for the 2016 Alpha Alpha State Convention!  
The application for workshop presenters can be found on the Alpha Alpha State website. Click on the State Convention tab to find the application. Applications are due to Marj Paradise,

# Pennsylvania State Organization, Officers and Committees

## Alpha Alpha State, 2015-2107 Biennium\*

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<u>Chair</u> Cindy Reynolds <i>Beta Rho</i>	FINANCE <u>Chair</u> Joyce Kerrick <i>Alpha Zeta</i>	Fern Detwiler <i>Beta Pi</i>	Diane Whitaker <i>Omicron</i>
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Norma Mateer  
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It is Password Protected.  
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## **SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS**

### **from Alpha Alpha State**

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS for EDUCATION**

**For Active Members  
of 3 years or more  
pursuing Graduate Study\*  
Must be used within one year  
of award  
Member may apply more than  
one year  
Member's 2012-16 maximum is  
\$7,000**

**Application must be post-  
marked by February 1, 2016.**

**Post Office will return postage due  
applications to sender.**

#### **MARIAN SPITZER ROBLING SCHOLARSHIP for NEW MEMBERS**

**For Active Members  
in 1st, 2nd or 3rd year membership  
pursuing Graduate Study\*  
Must be used within one year of  
award  
Approximate amount will be \$1,000**

#### **ENRICHMENT GRANTS for GROWTH**

**For Active Members  
of 3 years or more  
for personal, professional or  
educational growth\***

**Must be used within one year of award  
Member may apply more than one year  
Member's 2012-16 maximum is \$5,000**

**Contact:  
Lois Brown**

**\*For Application Forms, go to  
<http://www.alphaalphapa.com/-dkg-forms.html>**

## Historical Records

by Melody Hannegan, Chair

~ Did you know that PA State retains records just as the local chapters do? Our archives are kept at the Paterno Library at Penn State so that they are well-preserved and easily accessible.

~ As you save articles, brochures, pictures, mementos and the like for your chapters, please consider doing the same for the state's records

~ These keepsakes can be sent to me at 946 Broadmeadow Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or you can contact me at viatoretis@comcast.net.

***The committee's first request?***

**Anything from NERC in Baltimore which you're willing to share.**

Historical Records Committee Members Phyllis Jenny, Karen Prince, and Dee Stout, thank you!

### (Rules from page 6)

you feel needs changed or updated in some way, please download the State Rules Proposal Form found on our State website and submit it to the Rules Committee chair by October 15, 2015. The committee will consider all proposals and, if they are in compliance with our governing documents, will present them to the members for discussion and vote at State Convention 2016.

During this new biennium the State Rules Committee will continue to collect chapter standing rules and/or help chapters write or update their current rules making sure all are in compliance with our governing documents. The information found in the 2012 Go-to Guide page 29-30 is an excellent blueprint to follow when writing your chapter rules.

Many chapters continue to implement or work on their SAP. Is there something in your Strategic Action Plan that may cause a need for a chapter standing rule revision?

Change is inevitable and constant. A healthy future is dependent on advancing our Society. Looking at and revising our rules is but one way we can keep up with change and prevent any impending chaos.

## Even the largest fire started from a small ***SPARK***

by Kristine Reynolds, Chair

**T**he goals for the Alpha Alpha Communications Committee are:

1. **S**trengthen the communication among members of state committees, chapters, states, and International.
2. **P**rovide support to chapters in creating newsletters and/or websites in promoting the society.
3. **A**cknowledge chapters who provide a means of communication to their members.
4. **R**each out to chapters looking for a start in developing or a new way of enhancing their communication.
5. **K**eep accurate records of chapter newsletters, annual reports, and additional communication documents.

Whether your chapter has a newsletter and/or website already or you are looking to start, here are some ways to enhance or begin your communication ***journey***:

**S – start SMALL.** Newsletters do not need to be packets of information. They can be brief letters to members providing summaries of recent happenings and information about upcoming events.

**P – PROVIDE** information that chapter members need to know to stay informed: President's message, meeting dates and locations, and State and International news.

**A – ALLOW** other members to write articles rather than having one member be responsible for the entire newsletter.

**R – REMEMBER** copyright rules and only use writings, pictures, and other information that is in the public domain.

**K – KNOW** your members' strengths and use them to enhance your newsletter/website. Is there an avid photographer in your midst? What about an author or poet? Feature their photos and works. The possibilities are endless.

**Reminder – Chapter newsletters can be emailed, sent by regular mail, hand-delivered, or posted on the chapter website. Additionally, a copy should be emailed to the State President, Communications Chair, and Webmaster.**

## Start the Search for the 2016-2018 Chapter Leadership

by Kay Stuart, Nominations Chair

**A**ttention Chapter Nominating Committees! It is time to start the search for your chapter officers and committee chairs for the next biennium. By starting now, there is time for questions to be answered, mentoring and training to happen, and a smooth transition at the end of June. The incoming chapter president's training will take place in April of 2016. You will want to have that individual attend this event. Other members of the chapter will want to attend the Leadership Development Seminar held in conjunction with the president's training.

**Who** should consider holding an elected office or holding a committee chair? **Each member** is a leader. **Each member** is an educator, and has demonstrated her leadership as she stood before her students. **Each member** was invited to membership by someone who recognized her abilities. **Each member** has the skills. **Each member** should consider holding an elected office or holding a committee chair.

We each have skills in different areas and should offer those abilities to the chapter. Chapter Nominating Committees should actively seek out members to fill positions AND Chapter members should eagerly offer to serve.

### What should the Nominating Committee let the membership know?

- ~It is an honor to be selected to lead as an officer or committee chair.
- ~Doing the work of DKG is fun!
- ~You will encourage and support one another.
- ~Coaching, mentoring, counseling, and tutoring is available from the chapter and the state.
- ~Leaders will be appreciated and communicated with respectfully.
- ~Credit will be noted for their leadership.
- ~Your chapter is a team, and the team will work collaboratively.
- ~The work chapter leaders do is important, and makes a difference!

## "THANK YOU, PA State"

Dear PA State Organization Members,

Thank you for including me as a guest during your state outing to Bubba's at this summer's NERC in Baltimore!

Not only did it give me the opportunity to reconnect with PA friends I made during my visit to your 2015 state convention, but I met and made new friends there. It was a lively, relaxing and delicious

event! Again, I was reminded of the "best" part of being a DKG member – the relationships we build with one another. I love being a DKG member and cherish the PA friends I've made through the Society.

My best to all,  
Cathy

Can't wait to be with PA again! Will be reading about your work via *The Keystonean*!

Cathy P. Daugherty 2014-2016 International 1<sup>st</sup> President



## New Initiates

### Pi

Jessica Knowles

### Alpha Theta

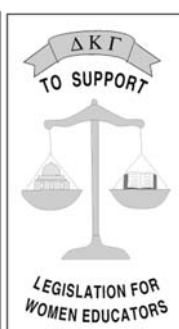
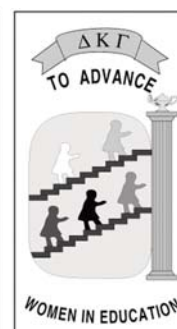
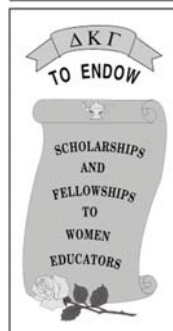
Erin Burkett

Laure Glover

Corrin Linkes

Ashleigh Wasson

## DKG PURPOSES



## Important Notice

Wanda Keller, State Treasurer

### Dues Reminder

**Active - \$58**  
(or \$57.40 for designated chapters) This includes \$40 International, \$17 state, \$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.  
Chapter dues added to this amount.

**Reserve - \$28**  
(or \$27.40 for designated chapters) This includes \$20 International, \$7 State, \$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.  
Chapter dues added to this amount.

### IRS Reporting

All chapters must complete a 990N e-postcard for the **IRS**. Reporting deadline: **November 15, 2015**  
A copy of the acceptance e-mail should be forwarded to Wanda Keller at:

Please make sure that the dates for your year are **July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**. If dates are wrong or you experience problems with the process, please contact Wanda Keller, State Treasurer.

## DKG Grant Opportunity for Educators

by Carolyn Sutton, Chair

This fall, the seventh grade world history students in Marcia Erickson's Hollidaysburg Area School District classroom will have a different educational experience. Their classroom learning of Ancient Rome will be enhanced by museum-like artifacts. These teaching materials are funded through the Alpha Alpha State Nancy B. Grove Visionary Award.

The Alpha Alpha State **Nancy B. Grove Visionary Fund** will award a grant of up to \$500 to fund innovative ideas and/or activities within the educational community. If you are a Pennsylvania DKG member who is actively involved in the classroom environment, consider this opportunity.

The monies from the grant are to be used in the school year immediately following the state convention. This annual grant will be awarded during the 2016 Alpha Alpha State Convention at the Saturday Celebration Luncheon. To facilitate the awardee's attendance to accept her award, the fund will also pay her registration fee for Saturday and her meal ticket for the Celebration Luncheon.

The Nancy B. Grove Visionary Fund is administered by the Past State Presidents of Alpha Alpha State. Carolyn Sutton is presently chairman of the committee to award this grant. The application and rubric that will be used in judging the applicant's idea are available on the state website. The application form can also be found in this edition of The Keystonean.

**Start today to plan your activity/project for Educational Excellence and complete the application form postmarked by February 1, 2016.**

**Download the application form from our state website.**

## Important Dates to Remember

### October 15, 2015

**Deadline** to Propose Amendments to the Pennsylvania State Organization By-laws

### January 15, 2016

**Deadline** to Apply to be a State Convention Workshop Presenter

### January 22, 2016

CTAUN  
UN Headquarters, New York City

### February 1, 2016

**Deadline** to Apply for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund

**Deadline** to Apply for Scholarships and Enrichment Grants

### March 13-16, 2016

National Legislative Seminar  
Washington, DC

### March 15, 2016

**Deadline** to Apply for the Rosebud Recognition

### April 1, 2016

**Deadline** to Apply for the Album of Distinction

### April 22-23, 2016

Leadership Training for Incoming Chapter Presidents and Professional Development Seminar  
Blair County Convention Center, Altoona

### June 10-12, 2016

Pennsylvania State Convention  
Nittany Lion Inn, State College

### July 5-9, 2016

2016 International Convention  
Nashville, TN

### September 23-25, 2016

Purposeful Seminar  
"Pride of Pittsburgh"





## Legislative Heartbeat

by Susan Fritz, US Forum/Legislative Chair

**T**he Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has International Forums for the four regions of **Canada, Europe, Latin America** and the **United States**. The purpose of the Forums is to assist members by providing information “to plan and take action on educational issues of interest to the individual Forum groups.” According to the DKG website, “The United States Forum supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators. We provide U.S. members of DKG with relevant information on pending issues and legislator contact numbers to enable more effective advocacy.”

Each Northeast Regional Conference (NERC) hosts meetings for the Forums of the United States and Canada. The US Forum meeting on July 10, 2015 at NERC in Baltimore featured Lisa Maatz as the main speaker. Ms. Maatz has served as Vice President of Government Relations at AAUW (American Association of University Women) since 2003 and is active with two other organizations, Leadership Education Network (PLEN) and **Women’s Information Network (WIN)**, which mentor and provide leadership opportunities for women.

The focus of Ms. Maatz’s remarks was reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. ESEA became known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) in 2001.

Reauthorization for this legislation is far over-due as this should have been accomplished in 2007. Although the House already had passed their reauthorization bill, the Student Success Act (SSA), the Senate version, the Every Child Achieves Act (ECAA) of 2015, was scheduled for consideration by the full Senate the week after convention and subsequently did pass.

A coalition of organizations that included the AAUW, National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, the NAACP, and others, had significant concerns about the provisions of the House bill relating to Title I and expanding school choice vouchers. As a result, this coalition was working hard to get an acceptable bill from the Senate that might be able to pass in the House without conferencing. Ms. Maatz was directly involved in this work and detailed a number of provisions that the group had lobbied for and against.

Since the House and Senate have passed their own versions of an ESEA reauthorization, they now must come together and sort out the issues that differ between their two versions so that they might present a single bill to both houses for a vote. How the resolution of these versions will proceed will be of significant interest to all educators as we are well aware of how laws affect our daily lives as educators.

## President’s Schedule

9/25-26, 2015...EEC and Membership Meeting, Breezewood	4/16/2016...joint meeting – Kappa, Alpha Kappa, Beta Theta, and Beta Iota	5/14/2016...Erie chapters’ visit – Gamma, Alpha Iota, and Alpha Omega
12/3-4, 2015...Convention Planning Meeting, Nittany Lion Inn, State College	4/22-23/2016...Incoming Chapter Presidents’ Training and Professional Development Seminar, Blair County Convention Center, Altoona	6/10-12/2016...State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College
4/2/2016...York chapters’ visit – Eta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, and Beta Delta	4/30/2016...Finance Committee Meeting - Location TBD	7/5-9/2016...International Convention, Nashville, TN

## In Memoriam

### **Angeline Julie Venditto**

**November 4, 2014, Alpha Sigma**

Julie was initiated in 1965, just four years after Alpha Sigma chapter was founded. She was active all 49 years of her membership serving as President (1972-1974). Her last committee assignment was Nominations (2010 – 2012). Julie brought in many present members who eventually served as chapter presidents. Several of her nieces are active in different chapters in the Pittsburgh area. She loved DKG until her death last year. Julie was an elementary teacher who taught in New Castle and Butler.

### **Zatae B. Atkins**

**April 23, 2015, Beta Beta**

Zatae was initiated in 1968 and was a charter member of Beta Beta. She was chapter President from 1988-1990. Zatae served on various committees during her membership in DKG. Zatae received a BA in Education from Elizabethtown College. She retired in the mid 1980's from Southeastern School District/Kennard Dale High School.

### **June Owens**

**April 31, 2015, Tau**

June was initiated in 1955. She was the President of Tau Chapter from 1962-1964. June was a member of DKG for 60 years! Her sisters were sad to hear the news of her passing and she will be missed!

### **Dorothy Toncini**

**May 3, 2015, Alpha Upsilon**

Dorothy was initiated in 2001. She Co-Chaired Membership Committee, Ways and Means, US Forum and Grant-in-Aid. Dorothy gave 33 years of service at Kiski Area School District and served on various committees including the After School Homework Club.

### **Ruth Anna Graves**

**May 5, 2015, Alpha Nu**

Ruth was initiated in 1983. She was an active and much loved sister of Alpha Nu. Ruth was parliamentarian for many, many years. She attended all meetings, including summer planning sessions, providing our chapter with memorable

anecdotes, welcomed suggestions and a tremendous spirit of good will. Ruth was a friend, teacher and mentor to us. She retired from the Morrisville School District with over 30 years as a home economics teacher. Ruth made over 8,000 pillowcases to benefit children with cancer and volunteered at the Morrisville United Methodist Church food pantry and at local homeless shelters.

### **Jayne S. Manzer**

**May 7, 2015, Beta Rho**

Jayne was initiated in 1972. Jayne was President for Alpha Zeta. Jayne was Finance Chairman, Nominations, World Fellowship, Professional Affairs and US Forum, Contact Committee, Membership Committee, Initiation Committee and Personal Growth and Fellowship for Beta Rho. Jayne was an Elementary Teacher at Blue Ridge School District. She was President of the Louise Bache Business & Professional Women's Club. Jayne volunteered as a reading teacher with the Literacy Council of Susquehanna County and she volunteered with Challenged Children at Mountain View School District.

### **Virginia Dare**

**May 19, 2015, Alpha Nu**

Virginia was initiated in 1969. Ginny was a sister of Alpha Nu for 46 years and was recently recognized for being the second longest member. She had witnessed many changes in our chapter and enjoyed staying current with our news. Ginny taught 46 years in Centennial Schools. She was a social studies teacher for the 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Ginny was the first guidance director at William Tennent High School. Later she transferred to the same position at Eugene Klinger School in Southampton. In the 1960's, Ms. Dare was recognized for her service in education by Who's Who of American Women and later, by the Leaders in Secondary Education.



### **Kathryn Elizabeth Hartman**

**May 24, 2015, Alpha Zeta**

Kathryn was initiated in 1979. She was active in all chapter activities. Kathryn was an elementary teacher and a reading specialist.

### **Eleanor A. Lantzy**

**May 27, 2015, Beta Epsilon**

Eleanor was initiated in 1979. Eleanor was a particularly accomplished woman who served as a role model to the Beta Epsilon sisters. She attended meetings and provided an inspirational speech at a chapter meeting. In 1979, Eleanor was inducted as an honorary member of Beta Epsilon chapter for her role in establishing the library system in Cambria County. In addition, she actively supported the arts and founded the Cresson Lake Playhouse Theater in 1974.

### **Inez Jean Lyne**

**June 10, 2015, Beta Rho**

Inez was initiated in 1986. Inez was an active member serving on Initiation, Projects, Communications, World Fellowship, Professional Affairs, Scholarship and Contact Committees. Inez was a Physical Education Teacher and Girls Basketball Coach at Montrose School District. She was a Special Education Teacher at Elk Lake School District. Inez was a Brownie & Girl Scout leader, a Sunday School Teacher at Meshoppen UME Church, Worthy Matron OES, District Deputy, OES, member of the Daughters of The American Revolution and mentored many students! Inez was a true nature girl!

### **Eleanor Churchill**

**June 14, 2015, Beta Rho**

Eleanor was initiated in 1975. Eleanor served many roles including: Membership Chairman, Recording Secretary, Music & Performing Arts, Research Committee, Auditor, Scrapbook Committee, World Fellowship Committee and Scholarship Committee. Eleanor was an Elementary Teacher at Mountain View School District. She was a member of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

## Chapter News

### Alpha Phi

#### *Grant in Aid Check Presented to a Future Teacher*

Ms. Paige Recaldini, from Clairton High School in Southwestern Pennsylvania, was selected by the members of Alpha Phi Chapter for \$750.00 Grant -in- Aid. The check was presented at the high school's annual honor as-

sembly. Ms. Recaldini, while in high school, participated in the Community Service Challenge Program, was a member of the honors program, served as cheer leader, supported the Expect Respect initiative, and was secretary of the senior class. She plans to earn a degree in elementary education from Chatham University.

From left to right in the photograph are: Dr. Mary Frances Archey, Scholarship Chair, Ms.

Paige Recaldini, the 2015 recipient, and Ms. Karen Vaccari, retired third grade teacher from the Clairton School District and member of Alpha Phi Chapter.



### Beta Omicron

The Beta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Alpha State celebrated its 40th anniversary at their May meeting. The chapter invites all DKG members to our silent Auction and Raffle on October 4 at the Coatesville Country Club. For ticket information contact Marcia McQueen at 610.384.6252.



Mindy Patton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Amy Buddock, President

### Sigma

Sigma Chapter celebrated the end of the first year of the biennium with a picnic in June at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville. The annual recruitment grant was awarded to Heidi Ross, a 2015 Shikellamy High School graduate who will attend Shippensburg University with a major in chemistry and focus on secondary education. Shikellamy School District was the recipient of the annual library book fund. Ann Nowaski won the decorated chair which was raffled to support the Alpha Alpha State Head Start project. The June red rosebud was given to Carriann Shultz for her efforts creating the first Sigma website.



Carriann Shultz, of Milton, is the June recipient of the red rosebud awarded by Sigma Chapter for her work creating the new Sigma website. Left to right are Sigma Co-President Dawn McManus and Carriann Shultz.



"Heidi Ross, a 2015 Shikellamy graduate, is the recipient of the annual recruitment grant awarded by Sigma Chapter. Left to right are Sigma Co-President Dawn McManus, Heidi Ross, and Deborah Bernhisel, Sigma member and retired Shikellamy teacher of English and Latin."

### Beta Gamma

Beta Gamma members recently toured ForSight Vision with Bill Rhinesmith, President. He mentioned the various services provided at ForSight Vision and reminded members that there are many volunteering opportunities available that allowed interaction with an art class of visually impaired students and their siblings. To donate, volunteer or have an interest in learning more about ForSight Vi-

sion contact them at [www.forsight.org](http://www.forsight.org).



Michal Buchanan, Karen Snyder, RuthAnn Guertin, Linda Martin

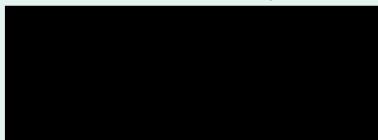


Art class activities



Lehman Center

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## Have You Ever Wondered?

(a column for DKG questions)

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As a member in good standing, you do have access to complete directory information simply by going to our PA State website and using the “password” provided by your chapter president to access the file. The file is “password protected.”

Or, you can contact any state officer via email to request information or assistance.

