

DKG International Conference Held in the Motor City
Susan Blazosky and Amy Dobbins, Beta Epsilon

“Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, & Sustainability in Our Changing World” was the theme of the 2023 DKG International Conference held in Detroit, MI, July 12-15, 2023. Pennsylvania was well represented by eleven members attending some or all days of the conference.

Pre-conference activities offered an all-day Parliamentary Procedures workshop presented by Lynna Gene Cook and Dr. Helen Popovich or Breath for Change Mindfulness and Classroom Yoga by Kelli Sammis, Ed.D., which emphasized nurturing your own self in order to then heal the effects of trauma on students.

Day one of the conference highlights included a Moving Forward with Relevance Luncheon. Monica Eason, Leadership Development Strategist, was the keynote speaker on “How Educators Can Build and Sustain Resilience & Wellness during Complex Times. Mrs. Eason stressed building relationships and “being the change you wish to see in the world.” At the conclusion of the luncheon, members could choose from a wide variety of workshops to attend that included offerings in health and fitness, society business, global issues, technology usage, educational topics, global concerns, projects, and classroom innovations.

One particular highlight of day one was the introduction of an electronic scavenger hunt using the Goosechase App. Up to four members could join a team to compete against others in completing tasks revolving around the DKG Conference theme. Pennsylvania entered two teams for competition, PA Way and PA Proud. Both teams had a wonderful but competitive time making memories and meeting new members from DKG.

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Goosechase Task: Snap a picture showing sustainability in DKG.

A Howling Good Time in Phoenix

Grace Schauer, Pi; Carol Lane, Alpha Zeta; Greta Marie Taft, Pi; Kay Stuart, Pi; and Deborah Yargar-Reed, Beta Kappa

Six members from Pennsylvania traveled to the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass Resort in Phoenix, AZ for the International Conference. What an amazing resort, the scenery much different from the east. We also were in Phoenix during their unprecedented heat wave with temperatures of over 115 degrees for over 22 consecutive days!

The committee chose sunflowers for the symbol for the conference. This passage was written by 3 DKG educators and was the inspiration for the planning: “As DKG International embraces the theme “Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and Sustainability in Our Changing World,” the sunflower is symbolic of our actions as we maintain love, acceptance, peace, and harmony in an ever-changing world.”

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Sustainability Moment - Detroit 2023 Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta DKG PA State President 2023-2025



At the International Conference in Detroit this past July, I had the opportunity to share a Sustainability Moment with members during a general session. Since we were in the Motor City, I thought this sustainability moment should be about cars or in this case my car - a 1965 ragtop convertible Mustang.

My mother bought this car brand new in 1965. It is the first car I remember. For many years, she drove it to work every day, through all the seasons in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. It was the car I was allowed to drive to school on special days. Thank goodness that car can't talk!

The car was eventually stored and only used for parades, proms, and summer ice cream runs. That eventually stopped as well.

When my mother passed away in 2000, the car really became mine. It was time to restore it to its original glory. Three years later and ten times what mom had paid for it in 1965, the process was complete. It took a lot of work.

While I was able to keep the chassis, engine, and chrome, the worn, tired, dated parts that were keeping the car from running had to go. I would like you to think about this restoration process in terms of your chapters and our state organization. How do we restore the DKG membership to its original glory? I challenge you to talk within your chapters about what's working, relevant, vital, and sustainable and by doing what Annie Webb Blanton said, "Don't cling to the old when its worth has passed."

I would like to join you in Austin, TX in 2029 to celebrate 100 years of Delta Kappa Gamma. To make that happen we will have to think carefully about how to make our chapters and state organization sustainable. One of the ways to achieve this is to concentrate on our biennium's focus of being Community Builders. Good members make good chapters, and good chapters make a good state organization. Chapters who become embedded in their communities through service will not only enhance the community but also attract members who want to be a part of this community building. That is true sustainability for your chapter.

I encourage you to examine the practices that are keeping your chapter from its potential glory. You may have to spend a little money, change a few rules, reorganize responsibilities, and focus on new avenues of endeavor. But it will be worth the work, just like my Mustang which is back to arriving at proms, participating in parades, and making summer ice cream runs in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania.

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Day two began with the Building Relationships Breakfast and keynote speaker Kristy Sidlar. Using her experiences as a heart transplant recipient, she focuses on promoting healthy behaviors to save lives. In addition to attending the day's workshops, attendees could spend time shopping at the Society Expo and talking to members of DKG Committees about services, opportunities, and products available to members. The Moving Forward with Vitality Luncheon featured International President Debbie LeBlanc and Executive Director Nita Scott and "Lessons from the Past, Reflections on the Present, and Projects to the Future." One important topic of discussion was Avenue M, a current survey of a sampling of DKG Members. The results of this survey will be used to formulate plans for moving forward with DKG. The day's events concluded with additional workshop offerings and a special presentation, "Growing Our Mental Health Garden" by the U.S. Forum. After a panel talk, members participated in hands-on activities to stimulate relaxation and stress relief.



Our projects created at the U.S. Forum Event - Stenciling and Zentangle



At the conclusion of a full day of conference activities, Pennsylvania was ready to socialize at the traditional Pennsylvania Night dinner. Pennsylvania State members and special guests enjoyed a spectacular dinner at Texas de Brazil, hosted by PA State President Royce Boyd. We enjoyed the food, stories, friendships, and laughter.

The final conference day began with the Focus and Fun Breakfast with the Southfield Martial Arts Team. The team explained the benefits of Isshinryu Karate and performed a demonstration of their art. After a jam-packed day of workshops, the conference concluded with Celebrating in Motown: Dinner and Dueling Pianos. Much singing, dancing, and socializing were done by all. The best part of the evening was dancing to "We Are Family," with not only our PA sisters but sisters from across the nation. This truly showed vitality in DKG.

Reflecting back on the relevance of our experiences at the DKG Detroit Conference, we learned that the Society is forward moving ever to remain relevant, vital, and sustainable for not only the present but also the future.

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The PA delegation certainly felt all of this, in a most relaxing and revitalizing experience. As there were several sightings of coyotes around the resort, coyote howls were used as a cheer of appreciation or honor of groups or individuals who had done something notable. It was a wonderful way to share the love for our members.

The evening before the conference started, members and two husbands gathered at the Ko'sin Restaurant for PA night. We enjoyed fellowship, laughs, and local foods as we were taken care of by an excellent server. Stories and memories were shared, and the evening was topped off with a beautiful sunset.

During the Opening Night session, instead of music bingo we played Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Trivia BINGO. We learned about the community, plants, and animals of the area and were tested on our knowledge of DKG. None of us won, but we had fun sharing answers (not cheating) and learning a few things too.

The Keynote Speaker for the second session was Alona Kladieva, a World Fellowship Recipient and new DKG member. She is from the Ukraine and received her MA from the University of Arizona in May. Alona will start her Ph.D in the fall. Her talk was very inspirational as she spoke of her teaching in the

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Ukraine and her volunteer work and other activities.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of workshop options from leadership, membership, use of social media, teacher mental health, and understanding cultures which was a hands-on workshop. One session was a discussion with International President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc and Nita Scott, International Executive Director. There were a few hands-on workshops such as line dancing and crafting projects.



During the luncheon we gave a “Coyote Howl” when Immediate Past International President Becky Sadowski received the International Achievement Award. A rather loud “Howl” went out when we learned how generous the attendees were by donating \$1,000 worth of gift cards and 10 DKG bags full of school supplies. The school supplies were given to students from the Gila River Community. Another round of “Howls” went up when we were notified we raised nearly \$4,900 for the Emergency Relief Fund.

Greta Marie Taft was proud to serve on the Steering Committee responsible for volunteers to oversee the Properties Room. Of course, all PA sisters took their time volunteering there. Marcie Erickson, Deborah Yargar-Reed, and Greta Marie also volunteered in other areas. There was time for shopping either at the hotel, Society Expo, or at the nearby outlet mall. Several even tried their luck at the casino.

Another part of attending international events is learning more about the culture where you are visiting. This was evident during the two-day event, Gila River Indian Community Immersion Experience. Deborah Yargar-Reed was able to participate in this. She visited the Huhugam Heritage Center, which was definitely a highlight of the conference experience. The Heritage Center highlighted the ancestral and current cultures of the Gila River Indian Community made up of two tribes, the Akimel O’otham and the Pee Posh. The Heritage Center provides a way to have a better understanding of the land, culture, and traditions that honor and help to preserve the way of life for the Indian Community.



After viewing handwoven baskets and beautiful pottery, we had the opportunity to try our hand at weaving or beading. What a learning experience of how to use our hands to create something useful, practical, and beautiful! The pre-conference event ended with dancers performing a basket dance for us. Only women were the dancers, and the basket served as the focal point of the dance itself. Ask Deborah about this experience and how it made her think and look at the beauty around us and how we need to take care of Mother Earth each day.

Anytime you attend an international conference or convention, interacting with members from all over the USA and other countries is often the highlight. Forming new friendships and sharing concerns and joys are ways we share in genuine spiritual fellowship. We suggest you plan ahead for next July and attend the International Convention at the National Harbor in Maryland.

President Royce Boyd’s Schedule:

October 7, 2023

Alpha Nu Chapter Meeting

November 6-7, 2023

State Convention Planning Meeting,
Pittsburgh Marriott North

Making Connections

Kristine Reynolds, Second Vice President - Membership Chair, Beta Kappa



Hello, DKG Sisters! Let me begin by introducing myself. I am Kristine Reynolds, and I am looking forward to my role as Second Vice President and Membership Chair for the next two years. I am still currently teaching 7th Grade Language Arts in the Fairfield Area School District, and I reside in Gettysburg, PA, with my fiancé Eric. In my chapter, I am currently serving as the treasurer and webmaster. Outside of DKG, I am the treasurer for my district's teachers' union and, when I am afforded free time, I enjoy word/number puzzles, knitting, and reading.

One of the word puzzles I still enjoy, even though the craze may have ended for some, is Wordle. Just recently, the NY Times introduced a new puzzle called Connections. If you have not discovered this, it is a puzzle in which you are provided 16 words. Your task is to form groups of four words that share something in common, and you have four attempts to do so. Each category/grouping is assigned a color when you are correct from Straightforward (yellow) all the way to Tricky (purple), and each category is always more specific than "names" or "verbs." Every day's puzzle has only one solution, but words are given that can often belong to multiple categories.

In keeping with President Royce's biennium focus of chapters being Community Builders and encouraging members to make connections through their projects and in their communities which will, in turn, strengthen chapter membership, I thought I would provide my own Connections puzzle for you to solve. The answer can be found later in this issue.

CONNECTIONS

Create four groups of four! Answers can be found on page 10.

fellow	spirit	enhance	identity
sustain	leader	unity	association
relation	build	intellect	support
scholar	emotion	communication	friend

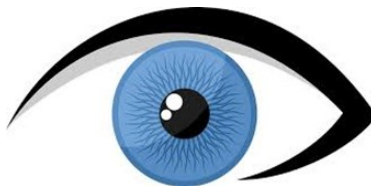
The 2023-2025 Membership Committee includes Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa, Chair; Beth Becker, Omega; Brittany Bertoli, Chi; Melissa Flynn, Alpha Beta; Deborah (Deb) Johnson, Pi; Michelle Fitzgerald, Alpha Nu; and Linda Young, Chi.

As a reminder, to report the death of a member and have her name appear in State and International Celebration of Life materials, please send Form 6 - Report of the Death of a Member to me, the State Membership Chair, as well as Susan Blazosky, State Treasurer, and to International Membership Services at mem@dkg.org. My email and mailing address can be found in the State Directory on the PA State website (dkgpa.weebly.com) - Home > PA State Directory. If you need the password to access the directory, contact your Chapter President or President Royce.

Rosebud Recognition 2024 – Keep an Eye Out Nancy Schnelli, State Achievement Award Committee Chair, Chi

DKG Members – Chapter Officers – Detectives Needed! Start Observing NOW!

It is an even year coming up, 2024, so it is time to identify a member for the Rosebud Recognition Award. At our June 2024 convention, a member from one of our Pennsylvania chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma will be awarded the Rosebud Recognition Award.



Observe and recognize the efforts of your new members. The woman must have 3-5 years of membership. Keep in mind there is no age minimum for this award! We are on the lookout for a member who has shown stellar leadership qualities and has had an active interest at the local and possibly the state level.

Chapter members **start thinking now**. Share your thoughts with your leadership. Take time to notice. Talk to your board members/committee chairs. Recognize the large and small actions and passions of a newer member to find our next Rosebud Recognition Award Recipient. Chapter officers are reminded that the nomination form must be submitted by **March 15, 2024**, to Nancy Schnelli, State Achievement Chair. Contact information, Achievement Award Guidelines, and the Nomination form can all be found on the DKG State Website (dkgpa.weebly.com) Questions? Contact the State Achievement Award chair, Nancy Schnelli.

Rules Change Proposals

All new rules proposals should be submitted to Rules Chair Karen Ball by September 1, 2023. Karen's contact information can be accessed through the State Directory on the State website. New rules proposals will be voted on at the 2024 State Convention.



World Fellowship Rose Ann Colosimo, World Fellowship Chair, Theta



Pennsylvania's World Fellowship recipient from 2018, Trang Pham from Vietnam, received her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. The degree was awarded on May 5, 2023 from the department of Education Policy Studies, Pennsylvania State University, at the Bryce Jordan Center. She taught a class at Penn State this summer. Trang will be returning home to share her educational expertise. She attended the 2021 State Convention Banquet and 2nd general session. We are very proud of Trang's accomplishments. Thank you to all of the DKG sisters for supporting and encouraging Trang. This gave her the power to succeed and accomplish her educational goals.



Chapter Treasurer Reminders

Susan Blazosky, Treasurer, Beta Epsilon



Greetings from your State Treasurer. I wanted to share a checklist of a few important dates and reminders for all chapter treasurers. Double check and make sure you have all these completed or will be getting them to me as soon as possible, if the deadline is past due. Many of you are already done, so this will just be a double check for your peace of mind. Whether new or seasoned, it is good reference information for all Chapter Treasurers. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Also, for your reference, I do not start depositing any new fiscal year deposits until I close out the previous fiscal year. With the convention running late this year, I was delayed in getting all the expenses in and closing out the year. So, if you didn't see your checks cashed yet, they should be soon. I have started on deposits for the new year.

DUES

Deadline for Membership Dues to Chapter Treasurer is June 30, 2023.

Deadline for Chapter Treasurers to input dues into dues portal is September 30, 2023.

Dues for **International** are: Active - \$40, Reserve - \$20, Collegiate - \$20.

Send payment to International.

Dues for **State** are: Active - \$17, Reserve - \$7, Collegiate - \$8, Scholarship - \$1.

Send payment to State Treasurer – **2 CHECKS: one for dues and one for scholarship.**

REPORTS

Deadline for Form 15 – Annual Report from Chapter Treasurer to State Treasurer is July 15, 2023.

Form can be found under “Finance Tools” on DKG website.

Deadline for Form 990-N (e postcard) is November 15, 2023.

Form can be found under “Finance Tools” on DKG website or directly on irs.gov website.

File between July 1 and November 15, 2023

****Send verification of filing form 990-N to State Treasurer via email or postal mail.***

****If you are having difficulty with this please contact me. I will help you.***

CONTRIBUTIONS

International

World Fellowship and other international contributions are filed on Form 43 – Society Contribution Form that can be found on DKG website under “Forms”, then “Contributions.” Schools for Africa form can be found here too.

To donate directly to World Fellowship via electronic payment, use the DKGIEF tab on DKG website.

****International contributions should be paid directly to International.***

****Please send a copy of your International contribution form/direct payment to the State Treasurer (via email or postal mail) for acknowledgement of contribution that is published at annual convention.***

State

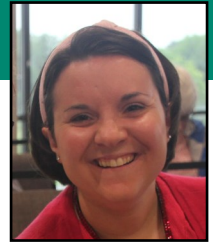
Scholarship, Emergency Fund, Visionary Fund or other designated state contributions can be sent directly to the State Treasurer.

Change in *The Keystonian* Delivery

All members will receive their newsletter via email unless they choose to continue receiving it by mail. Members must go to the PA State Website, <https://dkgpa.weebly.com>, and complete the form indicating that you wish to continue receiving ***The Keystonian*** via USPS mail. Chapter Presidents will be responsible for aiding chapter members having difficulty completing the form on the website or helping a member who does not have access to a device to complete the form independently. Member emails will also be used to send out future “blasts” (time-sensitive information) in reference to PA State activities or DKG International news, similar to what was sent out concerning our recent 2023 PA State Convention.

Communication Corner - Get Connected: Community Building, One Newsletter at a Time

Kristin Hills, Communications Chair, Psi



We are building a community in DKG and our surrounding areas through communication daily. Throughout this new biennium, we are going to continue to keep chapter members involved and informed. You, as chapter members, are a crucial part of the DKG community. You will have updated information on events and projects.

At the state level, you can be awarded for your newsletters. In order to be recognized for a Chapter Newsletter Award, a chapter must submit **4 newsletters from July 1 to May 15**. They are to be sent as a PDF to the President, Communications Chair, and the Webmaster. Some suggested guidelines for a professional chapter newsletter are described below:

Each issue of a Chapter newsletter should include:

1. The Society Name - The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2. State Name - Pennsylvania State Organization - DKG
3. The Mission Statement
4. Chapter name
5. Volume and Issue Number - (the volume number changes on July 1 and the issue number changes each month or with each new issue)
6. Editor's name

And include at least three (3) of the following important features:

- ♦ Any chapter honors or awards
- ♦ A brief summary of the last meeting
- ♦ President's message
- ♦ Legislative update
- ♦ Reminder of important dates and deadlines
- ♦ Articles about current chapter projects
- ♦ State happenings
- ♦ Chapter member news and/or achievements

The newsletters can be emailed, sent by regular mail, hand delivered, and also posted on your chapter website. Please make sure to get a copy to our **State President**, Royce Boyd, our **Webmaster**, Sue Allen, and the **State Communications Chair**, Kristin Hills, in order to receive recognition at the State Convention. The Communications email is padkgcommunications@gmail.com. Please send all newsletters directly to this email. I look forward to helping chapters increase their communication over this biennium.

Educational Excellence

Marcie Erickson, First Vice President - EEC Coordinator, Beta Epsilon



Recently, the summer issue of International's **The EEC Umbrella - News from your DKG International Educational Excellence Committee** - newsletter was released. It is a bimonthly resource that includes educator and mentoring tips, book recommendations, and important links to articles and blogs. Recent activities from DKG and global events or interesting global facts are also highlighted. The newsletter has been shared with EEC chairs across the state.

The state EEC committee will work closely with President Royce to accomplish its work in a way that will support her biennium focus – community building – through its trainings, programs, and projects.

The committee looks forward to working with the state chapters during the 2023-2025 biennium. Call, text, or email anytime with questions, ideas, or any chapter EEC news. Committee contact information can be found on the PA website – dkgpa.weebly.com – in the password-protected directory. To access the directory, select the directory button on the home page (Home > 23-25 PA State Directory). If you need the password to access the directory, contact your chapter president or State President Royce.

Site Found for 2024 State Convention!

Save the date for the 2024 PA State Organization Convention. The convention will be held Wednesday, June 19th through Friday, June 21st at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in the Cranberry Woods Business Park in Cranberry Township near Warrendale, PA. The Marriott North is a beautiful, modern, ergonomically designed facility that will welcome us as DKG members



to its well-designed convention layout. You will be able to visit several attractions before or after the convention, including *Fun Fore All Family Fun Center*, *Cranberry Mall* and *Ross Park Mall*.

Four convention centers were visited from all regions of the state - central, east, and west - before making the Marriott North selection. Two phone conferences were also held. A central location was our first choice but after a phone call to The Penn Stater, the only hotel in the central part of the state that has the accommodations that our convention requires, it was determined that the new ownership has priced us out of using that facility in the future. The pursuit is underway to find the site for the 2025 convention. Stay tuned!

US Forum

Deb Seng, US Forum Chair, Erie

Although I did not make it to Detroit or Phoenix, I would like to share some of the ideas that were presented. Educators' mental health and wellness have been the focus of many webinars this year. You may be asking why is DKG concerned about this issue? Here is what the research tells us.

- ♦ **73% of teachers report frequent job-related stress compared to 40% of other working adults.**
- ♦ **27% of educators have symptoms consistent with clinical depression (compared to 10% of other adults).**
- ♦ **Disrespect, bullying, and threats by elected officials, parents and community, students and the media contribute to stress and anxiety levels, as reported by over 30,000 educators.**
- ♦ **Teachers reporting that they are likely to leave their jobs has risen from pre-pandemic levels of 16% to over 25%; 57% are seriously worried about burn out.**

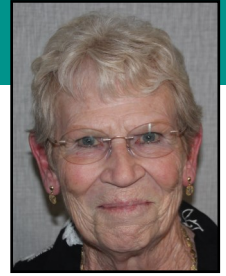
Here are a few activities that you can use at your chapter level or personally to help reduce stress.

- ♦ "Monthly Challenges for Wellness." Some examples are a walking challenge, literacy challenge, reduce your screen time challenge, learn a new skill challenge, clear the clutter challenge, gratitude journal challenge.
- ♦ "Thankful Journal"—at a chapter meeting, each member is given a blank journal. Each puts her name on it and then passes it around. Every member present writes something that she is thankful for that the journal owner has done.
- ♦ "Create Music for Exercising"—develop a list of songs that matches an exercise you can do, Example: *Tiptoe Through the Tulips*—stand behind your chair on your tiptoes.
Ain't No Mountain High Enough—lift your hands to the sky.
Rock Around the Clock—move around in a circle.
I Feel Like Dancin'—do your favorite dance step.

There are many things that can be done as stress relievers. Find a good one and start your meeting that way. No matter what our station in life, we can all live better with less stress. Good luck to all those starting a new school year. Your retired DKG sisters support you!

Scholarship and Enrichment Grant Opportunities Waiting for You

Susan Martin, Scholarship Committee Chair, Eta



The PA State Scholarship Committee has scholarships available for DKG members who are furthering their education through doctoral and master's degree programs or seeking a certification or endorsement for professional and personal growth. It is DKG's mission and one of the Seven Purposes to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study.

We encourage new DKG members within their first three years of membership who are working on advancing their professional interests and position in education to apply for the Marian Spitzer Robling award. For those with more than three years of membership, there are a variety of scholarships available. Some are specifically for doctoral programs and others for technology, business education, graduate study in administration, study in a foreign country, or a study-travel program in the U.S. or abroad.

Members are also encouraged to apply for DKG International Society scholarships awarded for doctoral and master's degrees. The deadline for submission of the international and state scholarships is February 1, 2024. The applicant information and applications are available on the international and state websites.

As DKG members aim to promote the professional and personal growth of all women educators and excellence in education, they may seek to advance their own professional interests and position in education and life through participation in appropriate programs of action or other endeavors related to education and women educators. These members may apply for enrichment grants to aid them in fulfilling these purposes through enrollment in a purposeful educational program, a project or study of individual interest, or a research project for the personal and/or professional interest to the individual. Enrichment grant applicants must explain how they will grow personally and professionally and use the knowledge learned through their grant experience to advance their lives and share their interests with others.

The Enrichment Grant application and guidelines are available on the state website. The application deadline for submission is February 1, 2024.

Answers to Connections Puzzle on page 5

Words ending in "ship"			
fellow	friend	leader	scholar
Synonyms for "community"			
association	identity	relation	unity
Ways to strengthen membership			
build	enhance	support	sustain
Ways to connect with others - "with"			
communication	emotion	intellect	spirit

In Memoriam

Dr. Frances E. Sabo Upsilon July 2, 2023

Frances was inducted into DKG in 1975. She was a member of various committees during her 48 years in Upsilon Chapter. Frances was an avid supporter of Upsilon's yearly auction which funded their Grant-in-Aid scholarship to a future female teacher. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master's Degrees from California State College and her Ph.D. from the University Pittsburgh. An educator and reading specialist, Frances worked in the Norwin School District, Carlow College, and LaRoche College.

Evelyn Mary Varner Beta Epsilon June 29, 2023

Evelyn was a founding member of Beta Epsilon Chapter of DKG in 1962. She had a love of music throughout childhood and earned her degree from Indiana State Teachers College. Evelyn became skilled in playing the piano and organ and in singing. She was an elementary music teacher in the Ebensburg School District, now Central Cambria, enhancing her skills with a Master's Degree from Penn State. Her greatest passions were helping students appreciate music in their lives and in helping her church use music in its ministry.

Pauline Deluca Zeta July 25, 2023

Pauline was inducted into DKG in 1976. She earned her Bachelor of Education Degree at Duquesne University. She devoted her professional life to nurturing young minds as an elementary teacher in the Rochester, Monaca, and Center Area School Districts. Pauline's last teaching assignment was at C.J. Mangin Elementary School in Monaca, where she taught 4th grade from 2002-2003. Her passion for education and her dedication to her students left a lasting impact, inspiring many to pursue their own paths of knowledge and discovery.



Important PSO and International Dates

- ♦ September 15, 2023: Nomination recommendations and endorsement forms for International Officers/elected committees
- ♦ September 15, 2023: International Speakers Fund speaker application
- ♦ September 15, 2023: Arts and Humanities Gallery Submissions for Fall Gallery
- ♦ September 30, 2023: All dues must be entered in the portal to avoid members being dropped October 1, 2023
- ♦ October 1, 2023: *Bulletin*: Journal submissions
- ♦ October 1, 2023: Amendments to C/ISR
- ♦ November 1, 2023: DKGIEF Cornet C/ISR and CIPD applications
- ♦ November 15, 2023: All Treasurers to file IRS 990
- ♦ December 15, 2023: *Bulletin*: Collegial Exchange submissions
- ♦ December 15, 2023: DKG Ignite applications
- ♦ February 1, 2024: Scholarship applications
- ♦ February 1, 2024: Educators Book Award submissions
- ♦ February 1, 2024: Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Award applications
- ♦ February 15, 2024: Arts and Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
- ♦ March 1, 2024: Album of Distinction
- ♦ March 1, 2024: DKGIEF Project applications
- ♦ March 1, 2024: *Bulletin*: Journal Submissions

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Important PSO and International Dates continued

- ♦ March 10-13, 2024: National Legislative Seminar, Washington, D.C.
- ♦ March 15, 2024: Rosebud Award
- ♦ April 30, 2024: Dissertation Recognition
- ♦ May 1, 2024: DKGIEF Cornet CIPD application
- ♦ May 1, 2024: International Committee recommendations
- ♦ May 1, 2024: Editorial Board applications
- ♦ May 1, 2024: Jury applications
- ♦ May 15, 2024: *Bulletin*: Journal submissions
- ♦ May 15, 2024: Report of Chapter Officers
- ♦ June 19-21, 2024: State Convention - Pittsburgh Marriott North
- ♦ June 20, 2024: Members to submit dues to chapter treasurers
- ♦ July 9-13, 2024: International Convention - National Harbor, Maryland - Gaylord National, D.C. Area
- ♦ October 31, 2024: Website Compliance renewal
- ♦ June 30 - July 4, 2026: International Convention - Aurora, Colorado - Gaylord Rockies