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Convention Sights and Sounds

by Ellen Strauskulage, Phi

From the moment you stepped out of your car and entered the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA, you heard it...the honking and almost palpable hoping for a good parking place, the slamming of car doors, and the dragging of valises overstuffed with clothes, books, notes, and items for birthday celebrations. Then the sights kicked in...the smiles, the hugs, and the excitement of “sisters” who have not seen each other for months or may have just shared lunch during the past week. It does not matter because they know that for the next forty-eight hours or so, there will be many more smiles, hugs, and an abundance of camaraderie. You meandered through the lobby, checked in to pick up your program



Registration, Mary California and Barb Tobias

and there was a litany of instructions and an abundance of I-shall-see-you-later waves, followed by ‘don’t-be-late-for dinner-we-need-to-catch-up’ admonishments. The fun has commenced and the 2016 Pennsylvania State Convention has begun, a journey that started almost one year ago by our president, Tracey Dusch.

Friday night presented many chances: chances to get familiar with the State College area by embarking on a walking tour; chances to get familiar with the Society and other “newbies” at the first-timers session; chances to get familiar



with what others accomplished by attending the Album of Distinction presentation (see page 11); chances to get familiar with the let-your-hair-down side of chapter members at the **Friday Night Fling**; and chances to become familiar with a lady named “Luck” by purchasing tickets for a chance to win one or more baskets, (see Convention page 8)



“Funny Money”

Altoona Review

by Nancy Fondrk, Upsilon

After attending the Leadership and Personal Development Seminar in Altoona on April 22 and 23, I feel more confident in being able to fulfill the role of chapter president, or in my case, co-president. Dr. Lace Browden, the international speaker, was literally the first person who spoke to me after signing in at the Convention Center. What a personable woman! She made me feel like I was a long lost friend.

After Friday night dinner, the chapter presidents boarded the “Energy Bus” for a group discussion based on the book, of the same title, by Jon Gordon. We were now ready to jump head first into Saturday’s training.

Saturday morning, Dr. Brogden gave the keynote address. She talked about the Johari window and different types of leadership, interspersed with anecdotes and tidbits from her personal life. She then urged us to open our windows wider to let more in. She also in-

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The Train Moves On

by Tracey Dusch
PA State Organization President

It is hard for me to believe that we have been on this journey for a year already. And what a year it has been

My first two chapter meetings were to my own Psi Chapter where I had the privilege of taking part in the initiation of seven new members: seven *new passengers* on the DKG train.

My next stop on this journey was meeting with the Educational Excellence and Membership Committees. The ladies on these committees shared wonderful plans and ideas that filled the DKG train cars with possibilities.

Beta Kappa members welcomed the DKG train and shared their chapter concerns and accomplishments with me. Congratulations to Beverly Utz who made the decision to climb on board and lead her chapter in the new biennium.

Convention planning in early December brought decisions to be made for our 2016 State Convention. A visit to Lambda Chapter built new relationships with the ladies of the Grove City area. A Lambda Chapter auction raised funds for chapter projects.

On a clear, bright Saturday in February, the train pulled into the Williamsport Station to meet Omicron and Beta Nu members. My train cars were filled with fellowship and discussion of DKG issues.

Traveling across the state, in March, for a four-chapter stop with Beta Pi, Beta Omicron, Beta Mu, and Beta Alpha gave me the opportunity to share my DKG journey and my vision for the Pennsylvania State Organization. Listening in on each chapter's meeting gave me the chance to see our chapters doing the work of the Society.

The Scholarship Committee meeting in Lancaster was truly a learning experience. The lively discussion led to informed decisions regarding our scholarship and enrichment grant recipients. Kudos to the members of this committee on a job well done!

And then suddenly my train was derailed.....

Losing my mother was an unforeseen obstacle on the track. But it was my DKG sisters who showed tremendous love and support for me and my family by attending her viewing and funeral. The cards, phone calls, emails, flowers, and memorials comforted my spirit and strengthened the love I have for this amazing Society. My mom got off the train much too early, but her journey will forever be a part of my journey, as well as for so many of you, whose lives she touched.

A visit to Kappa, Alpha Kappa, Beta Theta, and Beta Iota Chapters moved the train to the central part of our state. Warm hospitality, gentle understanding, and a little poetry (thank you, Louise Hesse) helped me to get my DKG train back on track.

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Chat with your Chapter

by Barbara Gasperini
1st Vice President



CHAT AND CHEW

D K G members enjoy lunch, supper, a snack or even a drink while chatting about issues and/or concerns in the education field. Chat is talk, but Chew can be the edible food or food for discussion. Think about getting together in a “casual get together” for a program.

- C** Collaborate with colleagues and other educators.
- H** *Hold* what’s dear to the heart. Have passion, mentor, coach, cheer.
- A** *Aspire* to find at least one solution for every five chews(concerns).
- T** *Teachers* are one of our greatest resources. Mentor, Coach, Cheer.

- A** Always listen first. (Answer after listening.)
- N** *Network* to synthesize, synergize and synchronize talents.
- D** *Delegate* to members` strengths. Discuss members needs.

- C** Change is good. Our paradigm must be transformed.
- H** *Honor* your passion(s).
- E** *Educators* may want support. Mentor, Coach, Cheer.
- W** *Work* together...a winning approach.

By getting together you may find solutions to issues that could not be mentioned at a regular meeting. Find out how members in your chapter think. Solutions could happen or at least be helped. Tell members you agree and they are doing what is right. Everyone can help each other solve issues. Members will feel better and the fellowship is great.

(Used by permission from DKG Kentucky State Organization. Regional Conferences 2015.)

(Train Journey from page 2)

A chance to watch our new chapter leaders bloom and take the next step on their DKG journeys came at the Leadership and Professional Development Seminar in Altoona. Dr. Lace Marie Brogden led those passengers on board and gave all of us the courage and wisdom to “find our voices.”

Meeting with the Finance Committee to create a fiscally responsible budget for our state organization brought the train into its next station at the end of April. The committee worked diligently to make sure that this train carries on efficiently and wisely.

The Erie Chapters – Gamma, Alpha Iota, and Alpha Omega – made up for the blustery spring weather in mid-May with their enthusiasm and installation of new chapter officers. I was so grateful to be asked to be a part of their chapters’ next destination on the DKG journey.

Disembarking the train at the 2016 State Conven-

tion, I was nervous and overwhelmed. Greeting sisters in the lobby with hugs and welcomes, celebrating the Album of Distinction awardees’ honors, bidding on prizes at the Friday Night Fling, celebrating chapter birthdays, remembering those we lost at the Celebration of Life, and so much more.... What wonderful experiences we shared as we rejoiced in our 79th year.

The next stop on my DKG journey? The International Convention in Nashville. I know many of you will be on the train with me as we fill our train cars with new friendships, knowledge, and experiences as our own Dr. Lyn concludes her biennium as International President.

It has been quite a journey so far. I can’t wait to see where the train takes us all next.

**Thanks for being
on board!**



Membership Committee Active at State Convention

by Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta, Committee Member

Any sister who attended State Convention noticed the Membership Committee's display at a focus table in the atrium. Highlighted were activities and endeavors of the Committee to keep DKG moving forward into the future and to serve its sisters effectively and thoughtfully. By keeping in touch with the needs of potential members to the society, DKG can thrive in this millennium as it has in the past. 2016 brought changes to DKG through the Membership Committee, some of which were noted at the State Convention. Most obvious for the Membership Committee were changes in the New Members' Breakfast and the Remembrance Ceremony/Celebration of Life.

This year, the New Members' Breakfast was not limited to sisters under the age of forty. ANY sister who has been a member or reinstated member for *less than five years* was invited to attend the breakfast, held on Saturday morning in the Alumni Lounge. By reaching out to sisters who have been members for less than five years, we hoped to expand our attendance at the breakfast and use this forum to both welcome new sisters and have a chance to have dialogue pertaining to the sisters' needs and visions for DKG, as well as introducing ourselves to the new constituents.



The biggest changes came in the Remembrance Ceremony/Celebration of Life program on Sunday morning. Since our sisterhood has blossomed to include a vast variety of cultures, beliefs, and spiritual diversities, the Membership Committee made a concerted effort to be sensitive to those differences within the ceremony itself. Visually, there was a change from the previously-donned red robes to the wearing of black and white. The black signified the mourning of those sisters who have passed on. The white signified the purity of spirit with which we honor their memories. While the attire changed, our respect for those sisters did not. Each sister's spirit of positivity and desire to look to the future, fearlessly with hope, became her tribute to her well-lived life.

In the next year, the Membership Committee will continue to strive to meet the needs of the sisterhood of DKG and promote the continuation of this worthy society. As we continue to respond to your vision for your DKG membership, our theme for this year will be **“Not for Now but Not for Ever.”** Our hope is that you do get off the platform and become an active member and, **when the time is right, accept a leadership role.**

Convention Action on Proposed Amendments

by Louann Shrader, Rules Chair

At the 2016 State Convention, the members present considered and passed 2 amendments to our State Standing Rules.

Approved by addition was the following amendment to Standing Rule IV State Committees:

B. Nominations Committee

1. Elected members of the Nominations Committee are expected to serve in the position for which they were elected for 4 years (2 bienniums). If an elected member of the Nomination Committee cannot fulfill this commitment due to personal reasons she must resign her position as soon as possible so a replacement may be appointed by the State President to do the work of the committee.

2. Any elected member of the Nominations Committee who wishes to run for an elected officer position in The Pennsylvania State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International must resign her position on the Nominations Committee by July 1 of even numbered years.

The second proposal passed was an **amendment by deletion** of Standing Rule VII A2. To be deleted was the following wording:

Host chapter(s) will be named to help with conference administration i.e., registrations, decorations, programs, and favors.

Projects Further Literacy

by Patricia Shedlock
EEC Projects Chair

Chapters across Pennsylvania continue to engage in activities that promote and grow literacy.

Establishing a Little Free Library

Nu Chapter decided to build and place a Little Free Library in each one of the Lebanon County school districts. After buying “The Essential” model from www.littlefreelibrary.org, students in the Woodworking class at Lebanon County Career and Technical Center (LCCTC) assembled the library, including an acrylic screen for the door. Because Nu Chapter purchased the library from littlefreelibrary.org, the charter sign, the registered number and a Steward’s Guide were sent to them. Next,

The Little Free Library was sent to the Commercial Arts Department of LCCTC where it was painted. At the suggestion of the instructor, the students painted each side in a different genre – fairy tales, astronomy, and dinosaurs.

The success of this project is measured by the engagement of the students and teachers in creating something for their community and in spreading the growth of liter-



acy. On June 3rd, FIVE sturdily built and beautifully decorated Little Free Libraries are ready to be installed in Lebanon County and will be sponsored by Nu Chapter.

Follow their progress in future issues of the *Keystonian*.

Adopting a School or Community Library

Beta Omicron supports two local libraries financially which assists with operating costs and summer reading programs. They also support Laundromat libraries by swapping out empty boxes for newly stocked ones.

Alpha Zeta Chapter holds a Christmas Basket Raffle to purchase board books. The books go to area hospitals for mothers and their infants. Members also volunteer their time at local libraries.

Alpha Upsilon, at their fall meeting, baked treats, and sold raffle baskets to raise money. Book sale proceeds from each chapter meeting will go to “Adopt a Library Fund.” The remainder of the books will be donated to Little Library Habitat Store in new Kensington.

Washington Insights

By Susan Fritz, US Forum/EEC Legislative Chair

The 2016 National Legislative Seminar for Key Women Educators was presented by the U.S. Forum of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) in Arlington, Virginia on March 13 to 16, 2016. Several attendees arrived the day before to treat themselves to “Mock The Vote,” a performance by The Capital Steps. This troupe of political satirists skewers the political elite with bipartisan abandon. Sunday offered the opportunity for a bus/walking tour of historical sites in Washington, DC. The seminar’s official start on Sunday evening featured Kate Campbell Stevenson portraying Lucy Stone, Rose Crabtree, and Eleanor Roosevelt as “courageous role models who dared to speak out and took bold action to solve civic problems.”

Monday’s sessions focused on presenting information on the topics selected for emphasis at the Regional Conferences last summer. Tuesday was Capitol Hill Day and included briefings in the morning and the opportunity for pre-arranged visits to Senators and U.S. Representatives, as well as visits to significant sites in the city. The seminar concluded at noon on Wednesday. Since my attendance at the seminar was limited to Sunday and Monday, I will be highlighting some of the information presented during Monday’s sessions.

In addition to a tutorial on strategies for effective lobbying, seven issues were discussed: Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision; National Women’s History Museum; Paycheck Fairness Act;

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Welcome New Initiates

Epsilon

Brietta Mighells

Sigma

Nicole M. Varano-
Delgado

Kappa

Barbara Attivo

Chi

Susan Allen
Elaine Fulton
Kelly Walsh

Phi

Jennifer Hoch
Debra Nolan
Rebecca Topa

Alpha Beta

Danette Feathers

Alpha Lambda

Tricia Homonai

Beta Rho

Deana Patson
Heather Oldford
Peggy Walker

Beta Beta

Judy Alwine
Ann Marie Carberry
Patricia Landis
Mary Ann Trinkle
Joanne Nosoff

Beta Iota

Bridget R. Williams

Beta Omicron

Lois Rabinowitz Lamond
Eileen Leypoldt

Beta Sigma

Suzanne Sikora

Beta

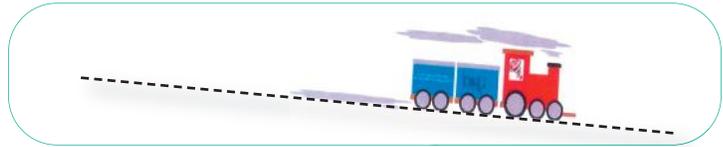
Brenda Boyer
Kelsea Didden
Cynthia Gordon
Karen Harle
Connie Kissinger
Elizabeth Wilson

Sigma

Deborah Liebscher

Alpha Xi

Jade Leung
Sallie Fisher
Deborah Steinmetz



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formed us that any member of DKG can apply and become an international speaker.

Next, State Communications Chair, Kristine Reynolds had an excellent Power Point presentation, which she sent to us via email prior to our training. My mind was reeling with all of the new information! (Thank goodness for the copy of her Power Point!) My favorite item was the Remind app that can be used to send reminders to our members via text or email. She also demonstrated Plickers – a tool for collecting data electronically. Kristine navigated us through the state and international websites and Facework pages, showing us links for creating websites and newsletters, and how to find non-copyrighted images to use.

State President, Tracey Dush, and State Parliamentarian, Royce Boyd, finished off the morning with information about committee and meeting structure, projects, and a less daunting view of parliamentary procedure, summed up as: One voice, and, One question at a time.

After lunch, Kay Stuart helped us to distinguish between the different types of memberships. She also told us of perks available to members such as different types of insurance and scholarships. We practiced elevator speeches and learned ways to market the Society.

Marianne Bartley and Bea Hauberks finished our training by guiding us in goal setting and creating the culture that we want in our chapters

to move them forward. Kay wrapped things up by giving us a flash drive holding “everything that we need to know.”

If you are asked to become a chapter president, just say “Yes.” After this training, I think it is actually going to be easier than many of the other offices and committee chair positions because you delegate. Getting trained by those with vast amounts of knowledge and experience gives you the tools you need to do the job.

I really enjoyed networking with the other new presidents and getting to know more sisters in DLO. The weekend had an extremely positive spin and filled our brains to overflowing with information to help lead our chapters in the new biennium.

Chapter Presidents at Altoona Leadership Training



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bullying/cyber bullying; mental health/gun violence; Every Student Succeeds Act/No Child Left Behind/Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA/NCLB/ESEA); and human trafficking. Imparting the essence of these fact-packed and fast-paced presentations is beyond the scope of this article so here are some of the facts I found fascinating from three of the discussions:

≥ The effects and outcomes for children who are bullied are worse than for those children who are abused by adults.

≥ Only one in ten victims will inform a parent or trusted adult of their abuse.

≥ Bullying peaks in middle school.

≥ Zero-tolerance doesn't work because students are less likely to report incidents because the consequences are so extreme.

≥ SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) has created an on-line Bullying Prevention course. It also has a "KnowBullying" app for teachers and parents.

≥ www.cyberbullying.gov provides information about laws pertaining to bullying across the United States while www.stopbullying.gov is a comprehensive website about bullying.

≥ The results of an 82 question Quality of Work Life questionnaire completed by 32,000 respondents found that

thirty percent of educators reported being bullied within the previous twelve months.

≥ Forty percent of mothers are the sole or co-breadwinners for their family.

≥ Instituting "equal pay for equal work" would decrease the poverty level for working women by fifty percent.

≥ A gun in the home increases the risk of domestic violence by a factor of ten-fold.

≥ The most common mass murder in the United States is family murder-suicide where the perpetrator kills the spouse, the children, and self.

≥ 1.7 million children live in a home with a gun that is loaded and unlocked.

≥ 900 adolescents every year complete suicide using a gun.

≥ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is banned by law from conducting research into gun violence. Without research, there is not a clear path forward toward addressing gun violence.

The U.S. Forum is on Facebook and at www.usforumdkg.org. Another site of interest is the American Association of University Women (AAUW) at www.aauw.org. Please visit these sites for additional information about political advocacy on issues facing women, children, and families. Be informed. Raise your voice. Make a difference. Have a wonderful summer.

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Congratulations Dr. Tina Selvaggi, Beta Pi. Her manuscript entitled "Principal and Literacy Coach: Collaboration and Goal Alignment" was selected for publication.

In The Spirit of Music

by Nancy Hills, Visual/Performing Arts Chair

As the first year in the position of Visual and Performing Arts Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the sisters who sang in the Alpha Alpha State Choir. It was a lot of fun getting to know and work with you, not only at the convention, but also at the **Choral Retreat**. Your participation was greatly

appreciated. I am excited as plans are already underway for next year's convention.

Along with our Singing Sisters, I am looking for talented instrumentalists willing to use their talents to perform at convention. If you are interested and willing to perform, you can reach me at: nancy.hills76@gmail.com.

Please consider this opportunity to share your talents as we plan on another awesome convention.



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donated by various chapters.

Saturday offered reports from various committees, as that is what keeps any good organization moving forward and on track. Then a stimulating talk was presented by **Becky Sadowski**, Southeast Regional Director and chair of the 2016 Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Her updates on the DKG website, headquarters changes, and strategic plan enlightened the audience. **Heather Lister**, a middle school teacher-librarian in the Derry Township School District,



told us how we can make anything we want happen by “working the purpose not the position.” She challenged us, as teachers to promote WHY we do something, not what we do. Pre-lunch offered time for breakout workshop sessions as state committees touched base with all chapters. Celebration Luncheon presented time for birthday chapters to be honored, as well as members who have been part of the society for more than four decades. Post-lunch offered more workshops from Hola Havana, a quick glimpse into a recent trip to Cuba by a mother-daughter DKG team, to Learning Commons, where the participants were challenged not to be the grocery store when it came to teaching/learning but by being the kitchen; they should make things happen! Other workshops included: You Can, Too!, Leadership-Not a Spectator Sport, Get your Giggle Going, and Going Global. The evening culminated with the passing of the torch of the outgoing chapter presidents to the incoming presidents, dinner, dessert from the Creamery, announcement of the winner of the **Rosebud Recognition Award, Kathleen Kelly**, Beta Alpha,



another exhilarating chat, Sadowski Style, and wonderful vocal selections from the **PA State Chorus**.



A Celebration of Life, honoring sisters who we’ve lost since last convention, began our Sunday, followed by breakfast and the second general session, including the announcements of the 2016 Scholarship and Enrichment Grant Recipients. (see page10)

There is a quiet that envelops the Nittany Lion Inn on Sunday, June 12, 2016. It is an almost inaudible slow shuffling of sandals and sneakers. It is an almost quiet slight smile, followed by a hug that seems longer and a little tighter. It is an almost reluctant pushing and shoving of a vehicle, already packed solid. It is time to begin the journey home to all the corners of our great state. But there is a hope that is ever present; the hope that we will meet again, only sooner than next June. There is a hope that we will be louder in our praises of our society, so that we shall attract younger members. There is a hope that the communities we live in will see us among them and know that we are Delta Kappa Gamma from the state of Pennsylvania. We are proud, and we are strong in the knowledge that we are **Key Women Educators**. We dream...we think...we do. We are the sights and sounds of an organization, beginning its eighty-eighth year.



Linda McElroy received a \$10,000 grant from the DKG Educational Foundation.

Thank you so very much for this amazing and wonderful news!! I have emailed Sefwie Ndlovu and will be in touch with her about the grant and the progress of the school. I can’t stop smiling! Being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma has brought me many blessings. However, this grant is undoubtedly the most thrilling blessing that I could have imagined. It will change the lives of children, teachers, families, and rural impoverished villages for many, many years to come. Linda McElroy, Alpha Beta



Thank You



I want to express my sincere thanks to members of the Pennsylvania State Organization for your wonderful hospitality during my visit to your 2016 State Convention. I truly enjoyed meeting you and learning more about your efforts to support our Society. I will always remember this great weekend filled with networking, blue sky thinking and so much fun! I am looking forward to welcoming you to Nashville in July!

Fondly,

Becky Sadowski,

SE Regional Director, 2016 Convention Steering Committee Chair

Notice to Chapter Treasurers

by Wanda Keller, State Treasurer

All chapters must complete a 990N e-postcard for the IRS. Reporting deadline: November 15, 2016. There will be a direct link on www.dkg.org. *Everyone will need to create a first time users login and password.* Then follow the procedure. A copy of the acceptance letter **MUST** be sent to the state treasurer. WKeller879@atlanticbb.net 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 me.

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.

Form 18, 18A, and Dues Deadline:

October 31, 2016

President's Schedule

Alpha Theta Chapter visit
August 4, 2016

Administrative Committee Meeting
State College, PA
August 5-6, 2016

Psi Chapter visit
September 17, 2016

Northeast Region Four-State Arts Retreat
Smyrna, DE
October 1, 2016

Chi Chapter visit
October 8, 2016

Chi Fashion Show
October 22, 2016

Psi Arts Retreat
November 5, 2016

Convention Planning Meeting
State College, PA
December 1-2, 2016

Theta and Alpha Xi Chapters visit
March 4, 2017

Eta, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, and Beta Delta Chapters visit
April 1, 2017

Finance Committee Meeting
State College, PA
April 8, 2017

Creative Arts Retreat
Ludlow, PA
April 21-23, 2017

Phi, Alpha Zeta, and Beta Rho Chapters visit
April 29, 2017

Lambda, Alpha Omicron, and Alpha Sigma Chapters visit
May 6, 2017



Thirteen Scholars and Grant Awardees Hop Onto the Train Seeking New Destinations

by Lois Brown, Scholarship Chair

The PA State Scholarship Committee awarded three Scholarships and 10 Enrichment Grants at the 79th State Convention in State College on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

Scholarships were presented to three outstanding PA State women educators who are pursuing higher educational study for professional enrichment. They are:

Kristina Strohm, Chi, received the **Marian Spitzer Robling Award** as a less-than-three-year-member of DKG. She is a school psychologist in the Hempfield School District in Landisville working toward her Pupil Services Supervisory certificate at Widener University.



Alyssa Elliott, Omega, received the **Laura Braun Award** for her doctoral work in progress. She has also received the Dr. Irene Murphy Scholarship and the Margaret J. Wolf Scholarship. She is a school counselor in the Dover Area SD in York County. Alyssa is working toward her Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Immaculata University.



Whitney Lewis, Psi, received the **Margaret J. Wolf Scholarship** for her master's degree work at Clarion University as a Reading Specialist. She teaches third grade Mathematics in the Brookville Area SD.



Enrichment Grants were presented to ten

outstanding PA State women educators who are pursuing additional training and

education in their selected areas. They are:

Louise Garverick, Beta Kappa, a retired art and gifted ed teacher, will travel on the rivers Rhine, Main & Danube through The Netherlands, Germany, Austria & Hungary.

Leanne Calvert, Alpha Delta, a retired 2nd and 3rd grade elementary teacher, will travel on a Danube River Cruise to Prague (Czech Republic), Germany, Hungary and Slovakia.

Polly Delaney, Alpha Rho, taught 1st, 5th, and 7th/8th grade social studies. She will travel throughout NY State and the Hudson River Valley researching Revolutionary War sites.

Melody Hannegan, Alpha Xi, a retired secondary Latin and English teacher, will travel to Cape Town, Africa and the surrounding areas.

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa, an Instructional Support teacher, will travel to Barcelona SP, Provence FR and the Italian cities of Florence, Pisa and Rome.

Kathy Varano, Alpha Upsilon, a Spanish, French, and English teacher, will travel with the Road Scholar Program to St. Augustine FL to learn more about the Spaniards during pre-Colonial times (1500s).

Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma, a HS Spanish teacher, will travel to Costa Rica to deliver school supplies and exchange learning ideas.

Norma Mateer, Beta Theta, a retired principal and superintendent, will become certified to train others to teach Reiki, a discipline of relaxation and awareness for healing purposes.

Janet Lee Hay, Alpha Delta, a retired language arts teacher, will venture to the Lesser Antilles: from Puerto Rico to Tortola, Antigua, St. Lucia, Barbados, Guadeloupe, St. Kitts, St. Martin, and home thru St. Thomas.

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2016 Album of Distinction



Shirley A. Allis, Alpha Zeta

“John J. Dillon Service Award”

Bradford-Sullivan PASR

Loretta R. Baran, Alpha Iota

The Experience Children’s Museum dedicated the “Reading Corner” at the 20th Anniversary Celebration and is from now on named for “Miss Loretta.”

Beth Becker, Omega

South Central Pennsylvania Outstanding Teacher Award

LaCinda Betz-Coup, Sigma

Education Support Grant

Northumberland County PASR

Susan Blazosky, Beta Epsilon

Pitt-Johnstown Alumni Association Board of Directors President’s Award, 2015

Elizabeth Brewer, Sigma

Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) Best Practice Award

Rose Ann Fulena, Alpha Sigma

PASC District 2 Conference Three permanent student leadership scholarships have been named the

“Rose Ann Fulena PASC District 2

Summer Leadership Camp Scholarships.”

Carol B. Hartley, Chi

Episcopal Church Verger’s Guild “Fellow of the Guild”

Susan Herman, Lambda

Grove City Area School Board Master School Board Director

Dawn M. McManus, Sigma

PASR Lauretta Woodson Award

Patricia A. Shedlock, Nu

“Supporting the Mission” award from South Central PA Dress for Success

Karen Smith, Upsilon

“Legacy of Caring Award” from the American Red Cross

Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma

Semi-Finalist for the National Teachers Hall of Fame

Greta M. Taft, Pi

“Honorary Chapter Degree” for outstanding service, Jasper Troupsburg FFA

Stephanie King, Alpha Iota*

Afterschool Ambassador for the State of Pennsylvania

Nina Esposito-Visgitis, Theta*

Allegheny County Labor Council, AFL-CIO’s Woman of the Year

Ellen Nicholas, Nu*

Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Lebanon County Educational Honor Society

Octavia Payne, Alpha Sigma*

2015 Recipient of the Inaugural ATHENA

Organizational Leadership Award

Catherine C. Riley, Alpha Omicron*

John J. Dillon PASR Service Award

Mercer County PASR Chapter

(* unavailable for group photo)

(Grants from page 10)

Ann Nowaskie, Sigma, a biology teacher, will explore the Galapagos Islands with a trip to Ecuador.

Congratulations to these outstanding women educators. Their applications were a delight to read.

And thank you to this biennium’s Scholarship Committee: Barb Emmer, Monique Lautenschlager, Susan Martin, Patricia Walker, and Gloria Werner – all past recipients of Enrichment Grants.

Enrichment Excursions

One Stitch at a Time Project by Jan Flinchbaugh, Beta Xi

The year I retired from teaching my friend, Jan Sawhney, opened a gift shop in State College and I began my “retirement career” working part time at “Home Reflections.” In December of 2013, with the recession still so evident, the “two Jans” decided to contribute to organizations in our community that help those in need.

Jan S. has given space in her store to showcase my quilts. 100% of quilt sales are donated to local organizations, including the Food Bank of State College, Centre Volunteers in Medicine, the Cancer Survivors Association, the Literacy Council of Central Pennsylvania, and the local Head Start program. As of April of this year we have contributed over \$5,000.

Over the past ten years, members of my Beta Xi Chapter have been purchasing quilts at our holiday meetings, and during the past seven years Delta Kappa Gamma members have been frequenting the quilt focus table at our June Convention. Proceeds

from those events have helped Beta Xi to contribute to organizations like Head Start, the Food Bank, and a school in Ghana, where one of our members has taught. We also give “new teacher scholarships” to Centre County schools.

Last year the DKG Pennsylvania Scholarship Committee awarded \$600.00 to me to purchase fabrics. By contributing my labor, the award amount is leveraged into several thousand dollars. Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for the grant and to Delta Kappa Gamma members for purchasing quilts and making it possible to continue helping others, “*one stitch at a time.*”



Jack Potter's Cowboy Courtship in the Wild West by Georganna Kresl, Sigma

If you are a lonely trail hand looking for love during the late 19th century, where do you go to find a sweetheart? During that period there was a critical lack of females throughout the plains of Texas and New Mexico, with men far outnumbering women. Besides, cowboys were gone for months while driving cattle to markets up north; so if you happen to sight that girl of your dreams back home, when do you have enough time to get to know her? And, if you are lucky enough to make the acquaintance of that special gal and lose your heart to her, how do you go about wooing and winning her affection?

These are all issues faced by Jack Myers Potter (1864-1950), a trail driver in the Old West. Potter was an oral historian who loved to recount his personal experiences of life on the range. Two Texas historians/writers, J. Frank Dobie and J. Evetts Haley, who knew Potter and were familiar with his stories, encouraged him to put pen to paper and cre-

ate a written record of his personal encounters and events.

Though he had only a fourth grade education, Potter wrote down some of his recollections, entered one in a contest sponsored by the *Pioneer State Tribune* and ended up in second place! In his 60s at the time, and retired from the range, he embarked on a new career as an author. Subsequently, Potter had a number of stories printed in a variety of Western magazines, wrote numerous newspaper columns, and published two books, *Cattle Trails of the Old West* (1935, 1939), and *Lead Steer and Other Tales* (1939).

The large bulk of Potter's subject matter, however, revolved around men. As a result he was told, “...you seem to have too much lead steer and not enough romances [sic] and elopement...” This led to the addition of several tales featuring women as characters. First and foremost of these, was the story of how Potter met and courted his own future wife, Miss Cordelia Eddy.

Potter's tale of his proposal served as the in-
(see Proposal page 13)

(Proposal from page 12)

piration for a poem, “*Jack Potter’s Courtin*,” by S. Omar Barker, which is published in several cowboy poetry anthologies. It also receives specific treatment in Kenneth L. Untiedt’s text, *Inside the Classroom (and Out): How We Learn Through Folklore*. This poem is regularly performed today at Cowboy Poetry gatherings and is available on CDs by a variety of artists. To read it, hear a live performance, or learn more about Potter’s courtship check out the following links:

<http://www.cowboypoetry.com/sobarker.htm#Potter>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw9xqAqzmU>
<https://www.facebook.com/cowboypoetryandmore/posts/985825668147124:0>

Additionally, Stephen Crane, author of *The Red Badge of Courage*, spent time in the Southwest during the mid-1890s, where he apparently heard tales by or about Jack Potter and/or his father, Andrew Jackson Potter. Jointly, or individually, these men are felt by some scholars to have been the stimulus for Crane’s story *The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky*, in which the main character is named Jack Potter. (Potter also appears as a character in Crane’s story *Moonlight on the Snow*.)

Jack Potter’s own tales involving women provide an introduction to important aspects of the history, culture, and geography of the Southwest from the 1880s through the early 1900s. These authentic stories of love and loss revolve around real-life issues existing during Potter’s lifetime. They highlight actual incidents with which he was familiar, including hangings, homesteading, elopements, mail-order brides, and Indian raids.

For several years I have been independently researching characters, places, and events in Potter’s works, which are scattered among diverse libraries and institutes throughout the Southwest.

This past fall, thanks to the generosity of an Enrichment Grant from PA State of Delta Kappa Gamma, I was able to spend time at a variety of institutions containing material by and about Potter in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Primary among these places was the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library & Photo Archives at the Museum of New Mexico. This research facility, which houses transcripts from the WPA, contains dozens of records of interviews with and/or about Potter, as well as stories by him. These documents were created as part of Roosevelt’s

New Deal during the Great Depression, and I spent four days there reading and photographing transcripts from the collection. Additionally, I was able to obtain copies of historical maps and pictures from the era. A trip to the research library at the New Mexico Museum of Art yielded information about Wilfred Stedman, who illustrated one of Potter’s books and who also drew a portrait of him. I visited the New Mexico State Capital (Potter served as a legislator for two terms) and was able to view records about him there. Finally, the timing of my visit to Santa Fe was scheduled specifically around an exhibit at the New Mexico History Museum entitled “Setting the Standard: The Fred Harvey Company and Its Legacy.” This presentation provided illumination about the era when Potter’s stories of cowboy courtship took place. Harvey’s chain of railroad restaurants and hotels employed young, single females from other parts of the country who were transported to the Southwest to work in his establishments. As Will Rogers wrote, “Fred Harvey kept the West in food – and wives.” (Fred Harvey’s contributions to “romance on the range” were memorialized in a 1940’s MGM movie called “The Harvey Girls,” which starred Judy Garland and Angela Lansbury!)

That part of the country is so sparsely populated that much of it isn’t even included in the US Census, which only takes an enumeration if...

<http://www.cowboypoetry.com/sobarker.htm#Potter>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw9xqAqzmU>
<https://www.facebook.com/cowboypoetryandmore/?fref=nf>
<https://www.facebook.com/cowboypoetryandmore/posts/985825668147124:0>

S. Omar Barker’s “*Jack Potter’s Courtin*” is a trail driver’s true story. Find that and a photo along with the poem <http://www.cowboypoetry.com/sobarker.htm#Potter> ...

<http://www.rattle.com/a-brief-introduction-to-cowboy-poetry-or-whos-the-guy-in-the-big-hat-and-what-is-he-talking-about-by-rod-miller/>
<https://www.discogs.com/Randy-Rieman-Old-Favorites-Classic-Cowboy-Poetry/release/5803048>

Inside the Classroom (and Out): How We Learn Through Folklore, by Kenneth L. Untiedt

Apply for an Enrichment Grant before February 1, 2017. Applications can be found on our PA website.

Rosebud Recognition

By Tiffany Warner, State Achievement Committee

Kathy Kelly, Beta Alpha, was honored as our second Rosebud Recognition Recipient at the 2016 Alpha Alpha State Convention. Kathy was initiated in April, 2012, and is a high school math teacher in the Haverford School District. Kathy attended the NERC in Portland, Maine, and in Baltimore, Maryland. Her silent auction idea not only earned her chapter \$600 to be donated to a Christmas Party Charity and to working teachers in her chapter for classroom materials, but it also brought Kathy's chapter together in camaraderie to complete these projects that they were passionate about. Kathy regularly attends chapter meetings, has served as the Finance Committee Chair, has been the chapter auditor, photographer, and has served on the Play Committee of her chapter. She also presented a program to her chapter entitled, "Work/Life Balance." The purpose of her pro-

gram was to help working teachers find a healthy balance between work and life. She acquired this information that she shared from a workshop that she attended at a regional conference.

In a letter of support from her chapter's secretary, Kathy was described as *an outstanding professional, teacher, sister, and also one who never shied away from leadership roles. As a new member, she certainly "got on board" as recommended by President Tracey.*

The purpose of the Rosebud Recognition is to recognize and honor a young member who has given outstanding service to her chapter, Alpha Alpha State, and has promoted the purposes and policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

In 2012, Amy Buddock was honored with the Torchbearer's Award which was created to also commemorate

75th Anniversary of Alpha Alpha State. This award sparked the idea to continue honoring younger members who have been very active within their own chapters therefore the Rosebud Recognition was born. It was first given at state convention in 2014 to Tiffany Warner. Now Kathy Kelly continues this wonderful tradition and honor.

Congratulations Kathy on your dedication and service to Beta Alpha Chapter, Alpha Alpha State, and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



Heather Lister, Kay Stuart, Kathy Kelly, Cindy Reynolds

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See the Spring issue of *The Keystonean* for complete weekend information and schedule of activities.

Betty Grossheim, 228 Claremont Drive, Lower Burrell, PA 15068 Questions? Contact Betty at 724-335-0988 or email at sophiesmom1991@yahoo.com Confirmation of registration receipt will be emailed to you. **Limited to the first 75 received.**

Guess Who Came to State Convention?



Margaret Wolf and Vincent



Roulette Gisele



Casino Money Bidding Frenzy



Fritz & Paradise "bag-police"



Linda & Cindy - "lobbyists"



...the Blues Sisters?



\$817 winning bid?



Authentic DKG Money, honey!



"Ticketeers" Pat & Joan



Dr. Lyn



Alpha Mu 60



Alpha Xi 60



Alpha Epsilon 65



Alpha Nu 60



Alpha Omega 55



Alpha Phi 55



Alpha Upsilon 55



Birthday Chapters

...who was gonna water it while I was here?



Chapter Newsletter Awardees



Chapter Website Awardees

Chapter News

Alpha Nu

This photo from the May 7, 2016, is our 60th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Alpha Nu (Bucks County). Attending members wore decorative hats as they might have worn 60 years ago.



Beta Delta

After gathering for a delicious lunch at the Glen Rock Mill Inn, on a frosty Saturday in November, members and friends of Beta Delta chapter enjoyed an historic ride with President Lincoln on the *Steam Into History* train in southern York County. We were emulating State President Tracey Dusch's theme, to "Get on the Train."



Front row: Laura Fitz, Shirley Stitley, Marion Young, Mayetta Becker, and Betty Raymond. Back row Terri Klinedinst, President Lincoln, Mayetta's husband, Richard, and Betty's husband, Gene.

Chi

This Monster Brings Comfort and Hope

Members of Chi Chapter of DKG Society International, recently raised nearly \$400 from member donations to purchase 50 copies of the book, *Jonathan James and the What-If Monster*, along with an accompanying plush version of the monster himself for the Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County Children's Reading Program. Usborne Books published the book, authored by Michelle Nelson-Schmidt, and manufactured the monster. They matched Chi Chapter donation.

The book and plush toy will be part of welcome packets given to children in the emergency shelter. Aimed at children who may be experiencing uncertainty, the book encourages them to be courageous, confident, and to try things – particularly new things. Marty Althouse, DVS volunteer

says, "It's really about the power of positive thinking on a child's level." (Taken, with permission, from the DVS Summer 2016 Newsletter article written by Judy Pehrson.)



Coming together to unpack the books and monsters at the shelter were (l-r) Deb Manning, DVS Children's Program Coordinator; Lindsey Albright, Usborne Books Representative; Marty Althouse, DVS Volunteer; Amy Smith, Chi Project Chair; Lois Brown, Chi President.

Nu

Nu Chapter Members participated in a "Painting Party" at Splat Studio, Annville, Pa.

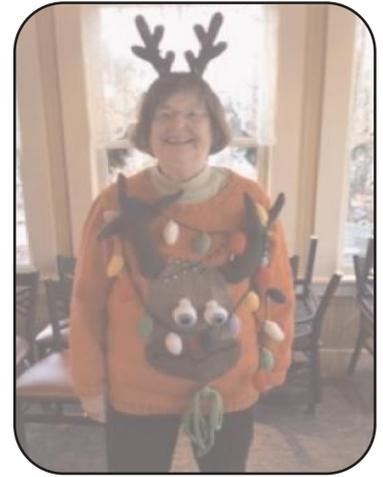
Members and friends who attended: (left to right back row) Linda Hower, Jackie Dohner, Sue Mechura, Pat Shedlock, Barbara Tobias (front row left to right) Elaine Dietz, Julie Baumbach, Carol Holt, Linda Reinbold



Epsilon

One of the highlights of the yearly meetings of the Epsilon Chapter is its annual Christmas meeting held in December. Neither sleet nor snow can keep the “*Epsilonions*” from attending this meeting! Held annually in a cozy house turned restaurant, the members come together bearing gifts and supplies for the local Alice Paul House and its clients; monetary donations for the Salvation Army to buy toys for children; and, presents for a gift exchange among our members.

This year, however, the Epsilon sisters added something new for the season - all members who attended this meeting wore the ugliest Christmas sweater they could find to be a part of the “Ugly Sweater Contest!” The unanimous vote went to **Thelma Smith**, a member of DKG for 44 years. She actually knitted her own sweater and then decorated it with blinking lights.



Thelma Smith



In May, the Epsilon Chapter initiated another member. **Brietta St. Clair Mighells**, a retired teacher from the Purchase Line School District, joined our Epsilon Chapter on May 10, 2016.

Our Inducting Officers were Carolyn Ferrence and Marlene Buchner, who planned the ceremony, and was presided over by President Deborah Wright, Vice President, Sally Oliver, Secretary Mary Roberto, and Treasurer Diane Paulina.

Sigma

At the March meeting of Sigma Chapter, Mary Bach, Consumer Issues Task Force Chairperson for AARP, presented an amusing and educational program entitled “Are You Getting What You Pay For?” Red rose recipients for March were **Nancy Murray** and **Lois Miller**, both honored for their 47 years of exemplary service to Sigma.



Co-Presidents Dawn McManus and Linda Shupp, **Nancy Murray**, and **Lois Miller**

In May, new member Nicole Varano Delgado was inducted and new officers for the 2016-2018 biennium were installed. They are President Carol Kruskie of Coal Township, First Vice President Brittany Bunting-Specht of Northumberland, Second Vice President Aimee Diehl of Millville, Recording Secretary Marilyn Frear of Bloomsburg, and Corresponding Secretary Michelle Lawrence of Selinsgrove. Reappointed are Treasurer Anita Shaffer of Shamokin and

Parliamentarian Carol Harrison of Selinsgrove. Red rose recipients for May were **Carol Harrison**, **Anne Lawrence** and **Marilyn Frear**, all honored for outstanding service to Sigma.

In June, Sigma Chapter celebrated the end of the academic year with a picnic. Members **Mae Jones**, Carol Watts and Karen Martello, were awarded red



Linda Supp, **Mae Jones**, with 44 years of service, Dawn McManus

roses for their significant contributions to Sigma. Incoming President **Carol Kruskie** and U.S. Forum Chair, **Elizabeth Brewer** presented a program based on their research at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC on women pioneers in STEM careers. They had previously received an Alpha Alpha State enrichments grant for their research. Both members have conducted special activities in their respective schools for the purpose of increasing students’ awareness of, and encouraging their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



Parliamentarian **Carol Harrison**, Visual and Performing Arts Chair, **Anne Lawrence**, Recording Secretary, **Marilyn Frear**



Elizabeth Brewer, **Carol Kruskie**

...more Chapter News

Lambda

The local Lambda chapter has been very busy supporting the local library and educational programs in the schools. The service project this year supported the **American Girl Tea** event. The event hosted 75 young ladies who learned about etiquette and the history of tea. The event was held at the Grove City Library and organized by DKG member, Heather Baker.



Our April meeting was held at the Moraine Elementary School, in Prospect PA where 3-5th graders shared their musical talents by singing patriotic and contemporary songs. The program was directed by DKG member Becky Sopher.



Beta Kappa

With the “Adopt a Library” focus, we thought it was quite fitting to have our most recent meeting at the local library, where two of our members actually sit on the board of directors for the Harbaugh-Thomas Library.



The meeting was very informative, highlighting all the digital components that libraries have available to patrons today. Many of our members were not aware of the “newer technologies” available at the library.

Beta Gamma

Dave Miller, President of the Miller Plant Farm, gave a tour of the facility to a small group of Beta Gamma members. Dave is a fourth generation farmer who shared his knowledge with the group and accompanied them on a walking tour of the farm complex and its greenhouses. He explained agricultural practices; gave demonstrations; answered questions; supplied background knowledge on the history of the farm and the hard work associated with running a family business; offered advice on planting and maintaining house and outdoor plants; and additional suggestions relating to agricultural techniques. If you are interested in learning more about this York County business, visit their website, give them a call, or stop by their store on Indian Rock Dam Road.



To learn more about the Beta Gamma organization visit our website at dkgyork.org.

Alpha Sigma

Alpha Sigma Chapter donated \$200 to the New Castle Public Library Summer Reading Program and \$200 to the Butler Public Library Summer Reading Program as their part in President Tracy’s Biennium Project. After researching the possibilities of Little Free Libraries, the chapter decided to switch tracks and take another direction. Alpha Sigma is on the Train and enjoying the ride!

In Memoriam

Fay Carpenter Garman **March 18, 2014, Chi**

Fay was initiated in 1968 and served as President for the 1978-80 biennium. She also served as chair or committee member for: initiation, retired teachers' tea, world fellowship, projects, membership and necrology. Fay began her teaching in a one-room schoolhouse teaching eight grades and 50 students. She was hired in 1956 as the first speech therapist for Lancaster Co. with a caseload of 300 students.

Frances Mural

December 6, 2014, Beta Alpha

Fran was initiated on April 28, 1962, and was a charter member of the chapter. She audited the treasurer's books and prepared the chapter budgets. She was always there to help the chapter in any way. She taught first grade in Upper Darby School District, Hillcrest Elementary.

Nancy V. Rill

January 23, 2015, Chi

Nancy was initiated in 1962 and was very involved in all aspects of the chapter and the community. Nancy was a principal in Lancaster School District at both Hamilton and ER Martin Elementary Schools. The library at ER Martin Elementary is dedicated to Miss Rill.

Dorothy Mae Grow

April 24, 2015, Sigma

Dorothy was initiated in 1979 and was an active member serving on many committees. She was a teacher in the Shamokin Area School District for 41 years. She was involved in her church, American Assoc. of University Women, and state and local teacher organizations.

Karen Sue Lingg

June 6, 2015, Beta Delta

Karen was initiated in September

1996. She was an active member serving on many committees. Karen taught first grade at Weiglestown Elementary for 41 years. She was served on numerous building and district committees.

Phyllis Fox

June 11, 2015, Alpha Beta

Phyllis was President during the 1978-80 biennium and served on many committees within the chapter. Phyllis taught in the Bedford School District.

Joan K. Beggs

September 9, 2015, Theta

Joan was initiated in 1963 and was a devoted member for 52 years. She served as President during the 1978-80 biennium. In 2000 she received the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award. Joan was a teacher in the Pittsburgh Public School system for 35 years.

Eugenia (Jean) Griffith

October 14, 2015, Alpha Psi

Jean was initiated on September 15, 2012, and was an active member of the chapter. Jean was an elementary teacher for many years in the Brownville Area School District.

Marian Edwards

February 24, 2016, Phi

Marian was initiated on September 15, 1973, and was an active member. Marian served as song leader and accompanist at chapter and tri-chapter meetings. She was a music educator for 40 years teaching chorus, band, and piano, and was the organist for her church.

Ruth E. Birch

March 16, 2016, Iota

Ruth transferred her membership and joined Iota in July, 1966, and was an active member of the chapter. Ruth graduated from Juniata College in 1944 and earned a Master's degree from Penn State. Ruth was an elemen-

tary teacher for 39 years in the Hollidaysburg Area School District.

Judith Britten

March 29, 2016, Psi

Judy was initiated on October 19, 2013, and was active with DKG for many years prior to initiation. She served on the Ways and Means committee. Judy attended many State Conventions, Regional Conferences and International Conventions. She was a parent volunteer and then a teacher's aide at Brockway Area Elementary School for 26 years. Judy was a member of BAESPA and PSEA.

Arlene L. Patcyk

April 4, 2016, Alpha Theta

Arlene was initiated on November 4, 2009, and was an active member of the chapter. She co-chaired the special projects committee. Arlene was a social studies teacher for 33 years and long-term advisor for the Jr. High Student Council.

Philippa Mary Follert

May 12, 2016, Beta Rho

Philippa was initiated in 1986 and was very involved in her chapter. She was President during the 2004-06 biennium. She served as Corresponding secretary and was involved in many committees: membership, program, musical & performing arts, projects, nominations, and scholarship. Philippa was an elementary music teacher.

Eleanor M. Walter

May 13, 2016, Alpha Theta

Eleanor was initiated in October, 1969, and was an active member of her chapter. Eleanor was a math teacher in the Armstrong County School District for almost 36 years. She taught college prep math, calculus and trigonometry.





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October 1, 2016

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