

**Kay Stuart**  
**2023 Pennsylvania State Achievement Award Recipient**  
 Nancy Schnelli, Chi



Kay Stuart, Pi, was honored at our 2023 State Convention in Lancaster as the 28<sup>th</sup> State Achievement Award Recipient. The award, first presented to Anna Belle Hamilton in 1979, is given in odd-numbered years to a member who has given distinguished and outstanding service to Pennsylvania State Organization and has promoted the purposes and policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1990, Kay's participation at all levels of our organization is exemplary. As a member of Pi chapter, Kay has held all chapter offices throughout the years as well as many committee chairmanships. Within her chapter she received the Pi Chapter Achievement Award in 2010. She is a mentor to new initiates and continues to encourage fellow officers.

At the State level, Kay was President for the 2013-2015 biennium and held other offices prior to her presidency. She has been awarded both a PA State Scholarship and Enrichment Grant. Her leadership skills helped guide the EEC, Membership, Nominations, and Leadership committees. As a committee member she supported other leaders in the Creative Arts, Communications, and Visual and Performing Arts committees, to name just a few. Kay is well known for her State presentations. Over the years you may remember Social Media: What's Out There, In a Flash: The 3 C's of International, and her Alaskan Trip (Enrichment Grant).

Kay's DKG involvement reaches to the International level as well. From committee membership to chairmanships to NERC participation and presenting, Kay has done it all. Her attendance at both Regional and International Conferences and Conventions has taken her to places like Vermont, Ontario, Texas, Washington, Tennessee, and more. She received the International Golden Gift Award in 2012.

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**A New Biennium Begins...**



**Incoming PSO President Royce Boyd**  
**and Outgoing President Eileen Little**

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## President's Message Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta DKG PA State President 2023-2025



It is with honor and gratitude that I accepted the position of president of the PA State Organization at the 2023 State Convention in Lancaster, PA. First, I would like to express my appreciation to you the members as you are the heart and soul of our organization. It is your passion, tireless efforts, and unyielding belief in DKG that has brought us this far.

Your trust, collaboration, encouragement, and consistent support have been instrumental in making Pennsylvania a vibrant state organization within the various DKG communities.

It is state organizations like ours that rise to the challenge of embracing change in DKG. We need to remain committed to staying at the forefront by adapting, evolving, and preparing for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for us to remain that vibrant state organization.

I am going to take this opportunity to introduce my project and theme for the 2023-2025 biennium. DKG already has a mission, vision, and seven purposes that we embrace to form a community. Let's use those tried and true standards to expand the DKG community within our chapters and our own backyards.

Creating communities within our chapters and backyards is a powerful way to build a stronger, diverse culture for DKG. You have your favorite projects within your chapters, and they should continue. I challenge you to look within your chapter and community to see if you can make improvements, be more inclusive, and offer support and resources to others. Remember this can be achieved by making connections, communicating, networking, and participating. Our new project, our new theme is *Building Community* in our chapters and our own backyards.

I am reminded of the tremendous responsibility that lies ahead this biennium. Let us continue to push boundaries, break barriers, and create a future where education, women, and children will have a brighter tomorrow.

I look forward to hearing about your Building Community in your chapters and your backyards throughout the biennium.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this new biennium.



### (Kay from page 1)

Kay's enthusiasm goes well beyond her actions. Her creative and supportive personality has benefited many. Always present in her leadership style is her belief to involve all, and by working together for the society we can all impact education. Her professional manner has followed her from her early days of teaching. Delta Kappa Gamma has continued to benefit from her communication skills, care for members, and her gift to energize and motivate members.

Join the State Awards Committee in congratulating Kay Stuart for her superior involvement in Delta Kappa Gamma as the 2023 Pennsylvania State Achievement Award recipient! **CONGRATULATIONS, KAY!**

### "First-Timer" to Convention Stephanie Benson, Psi

Yes, I was a first-timer attending the convention as a new DKG member, but I am no stranger to a State Convention. I have attended many conventions in the past as a guest of my sister, Past State President Tracey Dusch.



I became a member of Psi Chapter in October 2022, and it was a very exciting and emotional day for me. My sister is a member and my mother had been a member. I knew that they both loved DKG. I was looking forward to attending the convention as an official member.

We traveled to Lancaster on June 19, and the fun began. I spent the first couple of days at the Wyndham working with the amazing convention team: Becky Johnen, Connie Marr, Candace Claar, and Tracey. Friends Trisha Dilick and Carolyn Smith from Alpha Theta Chapter were on board to help as well. Getting everything ready for the convention was a big job, but it was a great experience... many laughs, stories, and food. I have made lasting friendships.

I participated in the Purposeful Seminar on Wednesday, and it was an experience that I will never forget. Our day started with our first stop at the Ten Thousand Villages store where I was able to shop and purchase beautiful handcrafted products made by women artisans. We had time to shop at many other stores at The Kitchen Kettle Village. Our next stop was at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The tour of the facility was very interesting, and we heard from many volunteers about the site. I had the opportunity to volunteer my time helping with many projects such as preparing school supply bags, sewing items, inspecting canned meat, or tying knots on quilts. I chose the latter and did the tying of the knots. My mother surely was smiling down on me.

Nibbles & Network was a great way to meet new ladies, and Music Bingo was so much fun...singing along with the ladies at my table and laughing about the good and bad singing (mostly mine being bad). I attended the "First Timers" breakfast and learned some important DKG background and also Lancaster history.

I attended the birthday luncheon where many chapters were celebrating milestone birthdays. It was made even more special with Psi Chapter celebrating 75 years. Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday, PSI!

This organization has been led by many great women and will continue to be led by many more. I am grateful to have met many of them along the way, and I look forward to participating in **my** chapter. I used to say my sister's chapter when I talked about DKG. Now I can say my chapter! I am a proud DKG member! Thank you, Delta Kappa Gamma – I think the world of all of you!

### A Thank You from Ten Thousand Villages...

Wanted to reach out to you personally to thank you for allowing us here at Ten Thousand Villages to share our maker to market mission with all of you at DKG. It was inspiring to be in a room full of women who have a heart for missions like this. You are all absolutely wonderful with what you do and the passion that is shared for a bigger purpose. Anytime you are in the area, don't hesitate to reach out or stop in. Again, thank you for all the support here at Ten Thousand Villages because it truly means the world to us and our artisans. I hope the rest of the time spent here in Lancaster was great! Take care and wishing you all the best. :)

Shannon Mottern  
Store Manager  
Ten Thousand Villages



## Music Memories Karlie Vaughn, Alpha Zeta

As I reflect on this year's state convention, I wish to thank each of you who shared their music talents with us and tell you what a privilege it was to work alongside you. Like many of the inspiring stories told by others, when I was approached about taking on the responsibilities of Visual and Performing Arts Chair in 2021, I agreed without really knowing to what it was I was agreeing. As a relatively new member of DKG, I had never previously attended state convention and was very apprehensive about what my experience there might be. It was such a welcome relief to find a group of women who were there to encourage, support, and help where needed. From behind-the-scenes supporters offering assistance and answers to my questions to hands-on musicians willing to play for us and/or sing in the chorus, my first convention experience was overwhelmingly positive. This year was no different. To serve musically alongside so many inspiring, talented, and hard-working sisters was a reminder of the wonderful community of women educators that DKG represents. As a music teacher, the strong musical traditions upheld by our organization are so meaningful. I again thank all who have been a part of the music the past two years, and I invite others to get out those instruments or join the choir. My sincerest gratitude to all for the music, motivation, and memories cultivated by the sisterhood of DKG.



## Serendipitous Convention Michelle Fitzgerald, Alpha Nu

I can not tell a lie...I was a little apprehensive about attending convention this year. My chapter had dissolved and I transferred my membership to Alpha Nu (a great bunch of sisters), but I wasn't sure how I was going to feel...melancholy or re-energized. However, I should have known better because being a DKG member is like winning the lottery!



I had the good fortune of being able to room with my chapter's co-presidents. It was an opportunity to get to know them better. We decided to venture out and dine at a local tavern that Karen was familiar with due to her children going to college nearby. The food and conversation were excellent, but we knew we needed to get back to the hotel for convention obligations and commitments. We flagged the waiter and to our surprise a couple of patrons had paid for our meals. The waiter handed us this card that said, ***"As a Mom, you've got the ultimate Pay It Forward job. It is the most important and most challenging job on the planet. This small gift from us is a token of our admiration and respect for what you do. It comes to you with our very best wishes."***

We were floored! What an amazing and generous gift. As any good DKG sister, we promptly took out some stationery and penned a thank you.

Maybe all of this was unforeseen or coincidental, but maybe being a DKG sister is just like having a four-leaf clover. Someone recognized me for membership, a team fostered my growth, and yet another chapter has lifted me up and embraced me. This convention has taught me that my membership in this society has blessed me, and for that I am truly grateful.

## 2023 Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Awardee Jennifer McKay, Alpha Upsilon

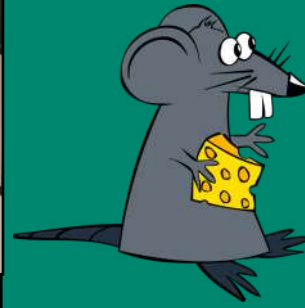


**Congratulations, Jennifer!**



## New to Convention 2023...Nibbles & Network

Convention attendees had a new opportunity to connect with members on topics of interest. Thank you to our 13 presenters for sharing their knowledge and experiences with our members!





## 2023 DKG Album of Distinction



Susan Allen, Chi  
Linda Nickerson, Alpha  
Zeta  
Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho  
Patricia Brenner, Alpha  
Beta  
Brittany Farrell, Beta  
Gamma  
Nancy Hills, Psi  
Heather Pavuk, Beta Rho  
Patricia Colangelo, Theta  
Dorothy Kieff, Phi  
Rosemary Hulsman, Theta

(missing from photo:  
Zoe Akhtar, Alpha Phi  
Catherine Kasun, Beta  
Epsilon  
Janet Small, Beta Rho)

### 2023 Pennsylvania DKG Purposeful Seminar Sandra Smith Bull, Chi

Authors from His Holiness Dalai Lama to Victor Frankl to Rick Warren to a lady named Edith Hall\* have written about finding purpose, meaning, and fulfillment in life. And these books sell many, many copies. We are interested in finding meaning, not only in our own lives, but in the efforts of organizations who put the needs of others over personal aggrandizement and the bottom line. Certainly Delta Kappa Gamma and its members have benefited from the thousands of projects, scholarships, grants, and other efforts that have changed lives all over the world. It is gratifying to help others. It's also inspiring to learn about other organizations who work to change lives for the better, especially in the world we now find ourselves.



The Pennsylvania Purposeful Seminar started on the evening of June 20 with two presentations that defined the nonprofit organizations we would visit the next day. The first presentation was made by Steve Jacobs, company stores general manager for Ten Thousand Villages and Shannon Mottern, store manager for Ten Thousand Villages in Kitchen Kettle Village. Steve presented the mission of Ten Thousand Villages with its emphasis on supporting artisans in developing countries and the fair-trade process. We learned that as an agreement is made with an artisan or group of artisans, an interest-free loan is made to cover 50% of costs so that materials, etc. can be purchased and that the rest of the agreed costs including profit are made before the product is shipped. Shannon shared candy from the store and also stories from artisans. Especially touching to me was the story of artisans in Accra, Ghana and their multi-stage processing of shea butter cream for skin. We were impressed with all the work in this process. It was gratifying for me to learn later that the makers of the containers for the butter and even the artisans that make the decorations for the container are a part of the fair-trade agreement.

The second presentation was made by Carol A. Zook, manager of the Mennonite Central Committee Materials Processing Center, who described the mission and range of the center. A wide variety of necessities are collected, packaged, and shipped to countries around the world to aid refugees and other victims of war, repression, hunger and poverty. She described some of the kits and other materials the center disperses, but she said seeing the work was much more revealing than any descriptions. She was so right!

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### (Purposeful Seminar from page 6)

Bright and early next morning we set off for Kitchen Kettle Village in Intercourse, PA. Who wouldn't be excited about the prospect of seeing the Ten Thousand Villages store in person in such a quaint locale? We were given time on our own to visit the store, talk to Shannon, and perhaps purchase intriguing items (I headed straight to the shea butter!). Spending money there felt like being a part of the fair-trade agreement ourselves and that felt good. After time to browse in other shops and have lunch, we headed to the Mennonite Materials Resource Center.

At the center we were divided into groups to see each section and hear a description of what was done there by volunteers and center staff. It was incredible! We were amazed at the volume of what was being prepared for shipment. For example, one area was for making comforters (made by volunteers) ready for shipment. I was mesmerized by a machine that took many of the comforters and squished them down to a manageable bale-like size for packaging and shipping. We saw school supply kits and dignity kits being assembled and cans of meats being inspected and packaged. The dignity kits were especially touching – these kits included toiletries and washable sanitary supplies so girls in developing countries could go to school all month. We saw fine quilts being made. These are sold to help fund the center. Then came the highlight of the visit: we each chose an area in which to actually work for a couple of hours. My area was working with the comforters to “knot” the three layers of material together at the corners of the patches to keep the comforters together. Harder than it sounds! But it was so very satisfying to know that we contributed even a little to such a worthwhile endeavor.

Reading about adding meaning to life can be very helpful. Actually learning and participating in real world settings not only adds meaning to our own lives but ripples to others as well. This was a rewarding seminar of learning and especially of doing with purpose. Many thanks to Royce Boyd and Dr. Lyn Schmid for arranging this experience.

\*Edith Hall wrote *Aristotle's Way: how ancient wisdom can change your life* which is on a list of best books for adding meaning to life.





## More Photos from the Purposeful Seminar





## PA State Organization 2023 Scholarship and Enrichment Grant Recipients

### Susan Martin, Eta

The PA State Scholarship Committee presented the following individuals scholarships to aid them in the pursuit of doctorate and master's degrees. The Committee commends these women as they advance in their professional growth as women educators.



Rose Ann Fulena, Alpha Sigma, received the Dr. Irene Murphy Award. She has passed the halfway point in her three-year cohort studies for a doctorate degree in Instructional Management and Leadership at Robert Morris University. Rose Ann has set her goal to grow both as a teacher and as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils. The skills and knowledge she has already acquired are evident in her leadership roles. She teaches math in the Union Area School District. Rose Ann was also presented with the Rebecca Place Honorary Award to recognize her many contributions and service to her chapter and the state organization.

Lauren Blatchford, Alpha Sigma, received the Past State Presidents Memorial Award. Lauren is in the cohort program with Rose Ann Fulena and is also pursuing a doctorate degree in Instructional Leadership and Management at Robert Morris University. Her ultimate goal is to teach pre-service teachers in a collegiate setting to become effective and successful teachers integrating technology in their classrooms. She currently teaches English in the Union Area School District.



Andrea Rutledge, Chi, received the Margaret J. Wolf Award. She has earned two master's degrees and has been accepted to Widener University to achieve an Instructional Coaching Certificate which will lead into her doctoral program in Cognitive Studies in Reading. Andrea currently is an English Language Arts Interventionist at the middle school level in the Hempfield School District. The committee also presented Andrea with the Kathleen Kuzmiak Memorial Award. Kathleen was a member of Chi Chapter and served as the state organization Finance Chair prior to her passing.

Catherine Kasun was recently inducted into Beta Epsilon Chapter and received the Marian Spitzer Robling Award. The Robling Award is presented to a woman within the first three years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. Catherine is pursuing a Master of Music in Conducting at Messiah University. She teaches instrumental music in grades 4-12 at the Conemaugh Township School District. She has already set her goal to advance the professional interest and position of women in education, the community, and professional organizations.



The PA State Scholarship Committee presented the following Enrichment Grants to members in their pursuit of personal and professional growth:



This year the Committee was able to award an additional enrichment grant made available to the scholarship fund following Wanda Keller's passing. Wanda's honorarium was donated to the scholarship committee for an enrichment grant. This memorial award was presented to Bonnie Lee Barnes, president of Alpha Sigma Chapter and PA State Organization *Keystonian* Editor. Bonnie will be adventurous on a five-day stay in a "Yurt" in Gordonsville, Virginia, to experience what the nomadic lifestyle of the past may have been like. During her stay in the Yurt, she will stimulate her personal growth by exploring how the past has been important building blocks for the present as she visits and observes the construction of two historic estates, James Madison's Montpelier estate and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello estate. She also plans to visit the geological site of Luray Caverns.

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**(Enrichment Grants from page 9)**

Joyce Bigley, Alpha Nu, is a science teacher who will use her grant to stimulate the personal and professional growth of others to participate in appropriate programs of action. She wants to learn more about the geothermal energy and the conservation practices being used in national parks and reserves as she travels to Yellowstone and the Grand Teton National Parks. Her second purpose will take her to the Black Hills of South Dakota to acquire more historical background to inform others of the economic, social, political, educational, and cultural issues the indigenous people are facing over the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial and the Badlands National Parks which are located on their tribal lands.

Elizabeth “Liz” Brewer, Sigma, will embark on a follow-up voyage to last summer’s excursion on the Queen Mary II with a trip this year around Alaska on Queen Elizabeth II. Liz’s insatiable curiosity and desire to investigate history of her immigrant ancestors who journeyed on the Cunard ocean liners from England to New York sparks her desire to vicariously experience the history of past family adventures.



Rebecca Hilzinger, Alpha Epsilon, will be heading to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with a friend and another grant recipient, Ann Ryan, to explore the geologic and historical aspects of the areas. Rebecca is interested in knitting and fiber arts. Prince Edward Island is home to a fiber arts community where she will be able to explore alpaca and sheep farms processing the fiber in historical and modern ways. She looks forward to learning about the local culture and history.

Melissa Ostrowski, Chi, will travel with her husband to visit sites on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail traveling from Nashville to Jackson, Birmingham, and ending in Memphis. As a school counselor, she is aware and empathetic of the unique value of all of her students. She develops this awareness through reading, conversing, and traveling to understand the perspectives and cultural backgrounds of her students. She will continue her travels this summer with this grant to more destinations which address human and civil rights.



Karen Prince, Alpha Omicron, will embark on a cruise to Alaska and the Northwest Canadian Coast to increase her knowledge and appreciation of the history and culture of Alaska and to understand how earth’s forces created the geological features. Cruising along the coast of Glacier Bay National Park, she will have the opportunity to view blue glaciers, whales, and other native wildlife and marine life. She will also encourage and demonstrate to her chapter sisters how to complete the application for an enrichment grant.

Ann Ryan, Alpha Mu, will be traveling to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with her friend, Rebecca Hilzinger. The enrichment grant will enable her to expand her knowledge to learn about geologic and historical aspects of those areas. Ann, as a secondary science teacher, is interested in the geologic features of the Bay of Fundy and its tides. Prince Edward Island offers opportunities to see and learn about the processing of the alpaca and sheep fibers since fiber arts and knitting are her interests. She will also have the opportunity to explore the local lighthouses and learn about local history.





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Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma, will use her grant to explore “The Mighty 5” National Parks in Utah. The Mighty 5 Parks are said to be the most scenic, most photographed, and most visited National Parks in the world. Through her travels, she will increase her awareness of the features and the wildlife at each location.

**Congratulations to our PA members selected  
for the Spring DKG International Art Gallery!**



Amy Radford  
Beta Rho



“Grand Canyon West”

“Apple Blossoms in Spring”



Arlene Fuller  
Alpha Beta



“Birds in Paradise”



Bonnie Barnes  
Alpha Sigma



“The Point of Pittsburgh”



“First Snow”

## Congratulations to our PA members selected for the Spring DKG International Art Gallery!



Jackie Thomas  
Omicron



"Where Is Wallops Island?"



"Hope Is  
the Antithesis  
of Despair"



Sue Allen  
Chi



"Early Morning Light"



"Monticello Mantle"



Cindy Reynolds  
Beta Rho



"Red and Blue in White"

In the latest issue of *Collegial Exchange*, Pennsylvania's Carolyn Wert's Fall 2022 Art Gallery entry, "Bubbles of Joy," was published with an article on "Promoting Mentoring." It can be found in the issue on page 54.



## Creative Arts Retreat Connie Marr, Alpha Theta



Have you ever wanted to spend time with your DKG friends and meet new DKG sisters? Have you wanted to try your hand at something new? Have you dreamed of going away for the weekend to relax? Have you wanted to match wits with a murderer to solve a murder mystery? If any of those things sound remotely interesting, then you should have been at the Creative Arts Retreat in April!

The beautiful Ladore Lodge in Waymart, PA, was our destination for a weekend of fun and adventure. Whether you were helping assemble a puzzle, playing games, making nametags, swimming, talking with others, or enjoying a relaxing meal, new friends surrounded you.

Learning to make dip mix ornaments to give as unique gifts is a great idea. The taste-testing proved that friends and family would enjoy receiving an ornament and the recipe.

Who knew that Doodles could be something that required mind-clearing concentration? It was also exciting to find that with little artistic skill, mine could still turn out looking cool!

A watercolor class was next on the schedule. Well, my question to the teacher was, "What if we have absolutely no ability or experience with watercolors?" The answer was just what every student wants to hear: "That is the kind of student I love." While my cupcake watercolor is not a candidate for the International Arts Gallery, it really does look quite nice in the frame. Cindy Reynolds is just the consummate teacher! I'm kind of thinking I want to be like Cindy when I grow up!

While I was having my adventures, others were making earrings, exploding boxes, loom knit hats, quilt patches, as well as learning the basics of pencil drawing, and experiencing yoga, Aquacise, a singalong with a ukulele, and learning about stress management. At the end of the day, it was fun to watch people chatter and share about the things they learned and experienced.

After dinner on Saturday, we were confronted with a unique problem: there had been a murder! The police were coming; we needed to find the guilty party. After many questions, laughs, and missteps, the murderer was uncovered. All I can say is, it was FABULOUS!

Be sure the next time you see the registration for the Creative Arts Retreat that you clear your calendar and plan to spend a weekend with friends, making new friends, learning new things, and laughing lots!





First Timers



Protocol +



40+ Years of Membership



Chorus



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Installation of 2023-2025 Officers



Memories from  
Convention 2023  
Lancaster, PA



## More Memories from 2023 State Convention





## Strengthening One's Membership Experience

### Marcie Erickson, Beta Epsilon

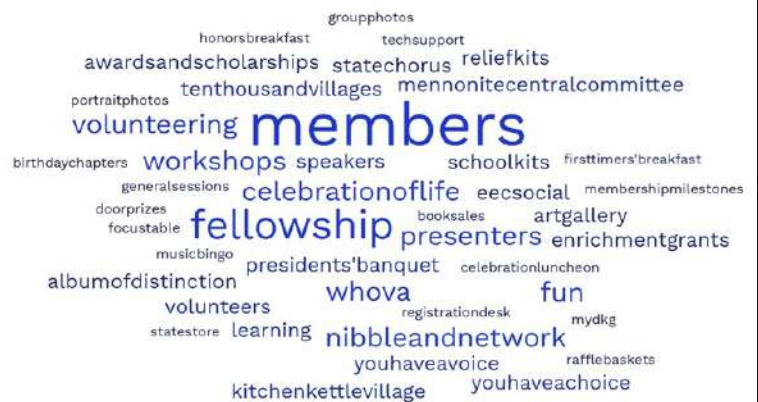
Now that I've returned home and settled in from Pennsylvania's 2023 Purposeful Seminar and State Convention, I've been able to pause and reflect on how both events provided opportunities to strengthen one's membership experience, and collectively, it looks something like this ...



And, like this...



And even this...



No matter how the word cloud is visualized, or arranged, the distinctive characteristic of each cloud is that all of the seminar's and convention's activities and events strengthen members through fellowship and meaningful experiences, and it is energizing!

Share this energy with your chapter, and in addition, consider how to further strengthen chapter membership by building and growing your chapter community and outreach, as this will be President Royce's 2023-2025 biennium focus.

And always remember the State Membership Committee is available to support your chapter, so don't hesitate to reach out to the committee. Be sure to share your chapter's successes, too, so they can be celebrated and shared with other chapters, continuing to strengthen Pennsylvania State Organization.



## Celebrating Earth Day Everyday Through STEAM

### Jade Leung, Alpha Xi

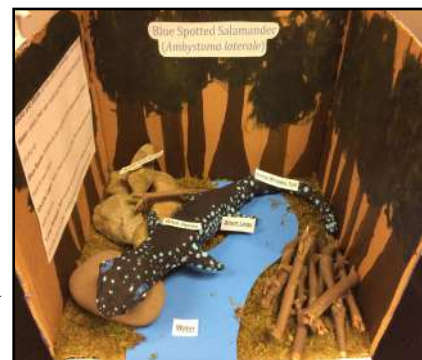
April 22 is designated as Earth Day, but there are always opportunities to celebrate Earth Day year-round with children of all ages! Three STEAM Earth Day activities that I have incorporated into my curriculum include the “Junk-a-Saurus,” the PA or World Endangered Species Project, and the newly created Earth Day bumper sticker design challenge. All these activities can be adapted for organizations and/or used in the K-12 school setting to help to promote an awareness of environmental concerns in our world.

The “Junk-a-Saurus” Earth Day challenge involves the use of non-perishable recycled items such as cans, bottles, and plastics. Students use the recycled items to build a “junk-a-saurus” dinosaur. As part of the project we discuss how works of art can be used to tell a story and can also incorporate scientific concepts and themes. This challenge can be adapted to any age group and ability. To incorporate a technology component, a requirement can be to engineer the dinosaur to move or complete a task such as opening and closing its mouth. To incorporate math you can set up puzzles that are math problems students have to solve in an “escape room” like fashion. As students solve the puzzles, they unlock items they can use for their dinosaur such as metal cans or plastic bottles. For a more scientific dinosaur students can research a particular dinosaur of interest to build and provide a fact page about the dinosaur they tried to build. Once all the dinosaurs are constructed, they can be put on display to promote an awareness of recycling.



The Endangered Species project introduces students to an appreciation for how museum dioramas are constructed and the vast array of professional expertise required to properly open an exhibit. Students focus on a Pennsylvania endangered species or an organism that is listed on the worldwide endangered species list. Students research the organism and construct a model of the organism in its habitat. Non-perishable recycled items such as paper towel rolls, shoe boxes, coffee filters, and construction paper are used to make the construction paper dioramas.

Students research an organism of interest and laws that exist in protecting the organism. Part of project also involves learning about the unique team that is required to construct and display a museum exhibit. All these lessons are put together for the final project where students construct a 3D organism in its habitat and include a fact sheet about the organism. A classroom “museum exhibit” is created in the room to showcase the projects. To become more engaged in the exhibit, students vote on their favorites and they are showcased in a special area of the room.



#### Earth Day Environmental Bumper Sticker

-write your name on the back  
-bumper sticker must be drawn,  
colored & take up the entire space

Environmental Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Explain in 1-2 detailed sentences how your bumper sticker illustrates the environmental issue you chose to study: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Bumper stickers are an excellent way to voice your opinion and personalize your vehicle, room, or bulletin board with your favorite messages. In this short activity students take a stance on an environmental concern and design a bumper sticker using their own artistic flair (since these are done by hand and not computer generated). Their bumper sticker can include words and phrases to help promote an awareness of their environmental concern. This activity can be enhanced to include business aspects and consumer research looking at the cost of bumper stickers and public opinion about the effectiveness of messages on bumper stickers.

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### (Earth Day from page 17)

At the end of the activity a classroom mural is created to showcase all of the designs that were created by students. This is a new activity I have created this year, and I am eager to see the results! I encourage all of you to celebrate Earth Day EVERYDAY!

As a final note since this is the last article for the STEAM initiative, I would like to extend a special thank you to Eileen Little and Royce Boyd who helped me through this wonderful adventure as part of the state team. It has truly been a privilege. Many thanks to Karen Ulrich who proofread my articles and to the rest of my chapter sisters in Alpha Xi! Thank you all for the help, advice, and support you have provided to me as I have taken on this role. Thank you to the chapters who supported the initiative and sent pictures and information for the state convention! I am so impressed by the wonderful things happening across Pennsylvania. I was excited to share your stories and create the PowerPoint for state convention. I have enjoyed writing about STEAM and am honored to have been a part of the DKG STEAM initiative.

### More Photos from Convention 2023





## In Memoriam

**Margaret Maser**  
**Alpha Xi**  
**October 27, 2022**

Margaret participated in several chapter projects and organized the charitable Busy Boxes Project for Children's Hospital and Children and Youth Services. The Busy Boxes were filled with interesting and educational materials designed to occupy patients' time while hospitalized and to help stimulate children's minds while waiting at a courtroom hearing or a parental visit. Margaret retired from Shaler Area School District after teaching French and Spanish for thirty-four years and leading multiple student trips overseas.

**Ruth Stiles**  
**Erie**  
**February 19, 2023**

In 2004, Ruth was inducted in DKG, and she was an active member. Ruth earned her B.A. in Education from Mercyhurst College and her Master's in Education from Edinboro College. She was a teacher at St. George Catholic School for two years, the Erie's Public Schools for thirty-one years, and until her 1997 retirement, at St. Boniface Catholic School for two years. Ruth was also a member of the Western Square Dancers for fifty years, and she was an honorary member of sixteen other square dance clubs in the Erie area.

**Dorothy Winner**  
**Alpha Xi**  
**March 29, 2023**

Inducted in 1967, Dorothy (Dottie) served on the Social, Membership, Communication, Finance, Research, and Programs Committees, in addition to serving as a chapter hostess. Dottie also became a chairperson and helped organize the chapter's yearbooks and historical records. She taught business at Ford City High School and at North Allegheny School District until her retirement. While at North Allegheny, Dottie was the Head of the Business Department and the Future Business Leaders of America, and she never took a sick day or missed a day of school in thirty years!

**Elaine Fair**  
**Nu**  
**April 1, 2023**

Elaine was an active member of Nu chapter since 1992. She was currently serving as the chapter's Personal Touch Committee Chair. The committee sends cards and flowers to Nu Chapter sisters. She received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Millersville State Teachers College and taught 29 ½ years in the Lebanon and Annville-Cleona School Districts, retiring in 1996. Elaine was also a member of the Lebanon County Teachers Honor Society.

**Carol Main**  
**Sigma**  
**April 9, 2023**

Carol served as Sigma's First Vice President (2006-2008) and Co-President (2008-2010). She also served on the Program, Nominations, and the World Fellowship Committees, in addition to serving as the Scholarship Committee Chair. Carol began her teaching career in Hollidaysburg, PA, teaching history, but spent most of her teaching career in Sunbury, PA, at Shikellamy High School, teaching German, advising the German Club, and serving as a tour guide for her language students' trips abroad. She also was a counselor for the Peer Leadership Program, and during her retirement Carol taught in an English Language Learners Program.

**Marilyn Melhuish**  
**Erie**  
**April 16, 2023**

An active member for fifty-seven years, Marilyn was inducted into Alpha Iota Chapter in 1966. Marilyn served as a chapter president, and she was the chapter treasurer for thirty years. At the state level, she served on the Historical Records Committee for four years. Marilyn received her Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Mansfield State Teachers College and a Master's in Education from Penn State University. Marilyn began her teaching career as a first grade teacher in Montrose, PA, and then became an Edinboro University Assistant Professor in Elementary Education for thirty-one years.

**Miriam Cady  
Alpha Gamma  
April 18, 2023**

Miriam (Mim) was a member of Alpha Gamma for fifty years, retaining her membership even though her husband's work took them to many states and countries. Mim received her B.S. in Home Economics Education from Baldwin-Wallace University and taught all levels of home economics. In China, Mim was approached by the Chinese government to teach a select group of young Chinese women. In lieu of payment, Mim negotiated the obtainment of a driver's license and to hold Christian church service, which at that time was outlawed. She was the first Western woman to have a Chinese driver's license. Mim was also a founding member of the Owen Sound Area of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

**Colleen Reese  
Beta Delta  
May 2, 2023**

Inducted in 2004, Colleen served as Beta Delta's parliamentarian, second vice president, first vice president, and president. She served as the chapter president during the 2012-2014 biennium. Colleen was a second grade teacher in the South Western School District, Hanover, PA. She taught second grade for thirty-eight years, first at Park Hills Elementary, but most of her career was spent at West Manheim Elementary. Colleen had been named as a South Western School District Teacher of the Year and was also recognized by Shippensburg University as an Outstanding Educator.

**Norma McLean  
Lambda  
May 15, 2023**

Norma was a thirty-two-year member of Lambda. She was an active member and served on various chapter committees. After teaching in several communities in the United States, Norma returned to Grove City and taught sixth grade at Hillview Intermediate Center for many years. She served on the committee that earned Hillview the distinction of being a Blue Ribbon School in 1997. After retiring, Norma returned to Hillview and served many hours as a volunteer.



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## Chapter News

*Following the publication of the Summer 2023 Issue of The Keystonean, all future submissions for Chapter News will be placed on the State Website. They will no longer be printed in The Keystonean.*

**Beta** On May 6, 2023, Beta Chapter celebrated its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Moselem Springs Country Club. The chapter was honored to have State President Eileen Little join us and share some thoughts about sisterhood and her time as State President. We were also joined by members of Hamburg Area High School's orchestra who shared their musical talent with us prior to the meeting.



The chapter meeting began with sisters singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song and taking a group photo. After the business meeting President Andrea Heckman presented a PowerPoint on Delta Kappa Gamma history, Beta Chapter history, and Beta photos from the past five years. Past Presidents in attendance were recognized and given a plant in honor of their service.



Membership Chair Gretta Young led the sisters in a Recommitment Ceremony, and long-time member Ruth Ann Price began the luncheon with a toast. After lunch sisters enjoyed some anniversary cake. Each sister went home with two favors: a red rose and a rose jewelry bookmark.

The chapter would like to thank the members of the planning committee for organizing a memorable day: Karen Braucher, Vicki Dissinger, Angela Dowd, Andrea Heckman, Wendy Hromiak, Connie Kissinger, Teisha Madden, Kathy Macaronis, and Gretta Young.

**Theta** Thirty-one years ago, two determined Pittsburgh women recognized the need for a residential facility to provide a safe and supportive space for women recovering from addiction. They found an empty convent, secured the necessary permits, won over the local community, and took in their first fourteen clients. Today that facility, known as POWER, serves 1700 clients a year and has grown to include additional space in a new building. Rosemary Hulsman, a 50-year member of Theta Chapter, worked as a community volunteer with POWER from its beginning and eventually involved the entire membership of Theta Chapter. Our chapter has provided Christmas gifts, newspaper subscriptions, and clothing for job interviews; established, decorated, and supplied a children's room for the women to visit with their children; made birthday bags for the residents; and served as hostesses at various fundraisers. In recognition of our thirty-year partnership, POWER honored our chapter with its annual Seeds of Hope Award in 2022. In addition, Theta will receive the Album of Distinction Award at the June 2023 DKG convention, the first time an entire chapter has been recognized for its volunteer work and dedication.



**Kappa** On March 25, Kappa had a program with Marci Taylor, the co-founder and Vice President of the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation. Tragically the Taylor family lost their son, Drew Michael Taylor, in a car accident at the age of 3. Drew was the inspiration for the Drew Michael Taylor Foundation and Drew's Hope Grief Center.

The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation provides grief education and support

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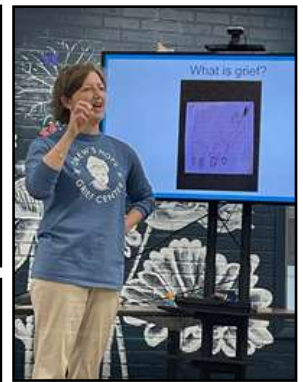
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**Kappa**

families who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Our meeting was held at the Drew's Hope Grief Center. The Grief Center is used for grief support groups, community workshops, and educational programming, and has a grief and loss lending library of books and DVDs for both children and adults. All programs and support groups are provided to the community at no cost.

The Drew Michael Taylor Foundation is a non-profit organization that is providing our community with a place to go and people who understand grief and are willing to support those who need it.

**Sigma**

Sigma Chapter held its March meeting at the Country Corner Café in Elysburg. Members celebrated Women's History Month with an activity highlighting quotes of famous women in history. They also presented personal stories of women who have been an inspiration in their lives. Pictured is Elizabeth Brewer showing a poster she made representing many women who have influenced her over the years. Also pictured is Carol Kruskie who arranged a display of STEM books about and by famous women in history.



At the May meeting three Selinsgrove students presented a program about their high school Forensics program. Pictured from left are Van Slavishak, Forensics coach and Sigma Chapter member Brittany Bunting-Specht, current Sigma President Deb Bernhisel, Quinn Stanford, and Philip Gesumaria. Van performed her speech about social media from the local Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest. She earned second place in the local contest. Quinn earned first place in the same contest and has advanced to the state finals which will take place on May 20. Quinn and Philip performed their national news broadcast from the Pennsylvania High School Speech League state tournament where they earned 2nd place in the state. Quinn and Philip will also be heading to the National tournament in Louisville over Memorial Day weekend, competing in original oratory and extemporaneous speaking.



Our June meeting was held at the Lewisburg Hotel. Pictured in the center is special guest Makenna Bish, the 2022 recipient of the Recruitment Grant for aspiring teachers. She is currently a sophomore at Misericordia University majoring in elementary special education. She is flanked by Sigma members Marilyn Frear (left) and Barbara Bohling (right), both retired teachers from Bloomsburg.



New officers were installed for 2023-2024. At left is Recording Secretary Karen Tinstman, Corresponding Secretary Brittany Bunting-Specht, and President Deborah Bernhisel. Bonna Cafiso (far right) conducted the installation.

An In Memoriam ceremony was conducted for Carol G. Main, a former Sigma Co-President who passed away in April.

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### Sigma

Members enjoyed a fun ice breaker "You know you're a teacher when....," traded books at the Read It Forward table, and discussed fundraising projects for the next year. Also donations were collected for the school kit and relief kit project to be delivered to state convention.

### Tau

At the March meeting of Tau Chapter, the Scholarship Committee presented a scholarship to Chloe Weaver, an education major. Pictured are President Jean Michael, committee member Deborah Milford, Chloe Weaver, Mrs. Weaver, committee member Florence McCabe, and committee member Ann Tinner.



The TAU Chapter held their Spring meeting at Irem Temple Country Club. The Chapter was honored to host Eileen Little, DKG PA President. A luncheon and Basket Raffle followed the meeting. Pictured are Treasurer Jane Fritz, First Vice President Lovey Woronowitz, Recording Secretary Cathy Ostroski, State President Eileen Little, Tau President Jean Michael, and Pat Warunek, Arrangements.



### Psi

Psi Chapter celebrated its diamond jubilee in May with a banquet dinner at the Parkside Community Center. Incoming State President Royce Boyd shared her remarks about this milestone and the vitality of Psi's membership. Congratulatory messages were received from area governmental leaders, State Congressmen, and the acting Secretary of Education Dr. Khalid N. Mumin. President Yvonne Ransbottom reflected on the chapter's rich history.

Dressed in hats and gloves, the de rigueur at all meetings in the past, members at the celebratory meeting renewed their pledge to Delta Kappa Gamma in a solemn candlelight ceremony led by Tracey Dusch. A chronicle of Psi's legacy was prepared by Barb Emmer and given to each member. Hostesses were Becky Raybuck and Carolyn Rhoades. Pictured are Phyllis Howard, Molly DeSantis, Karen Ball, Kathy Dinger, and Nancy Hills.



### Alpha Beta

Photos from Alpha Beta's 75th Birthday Celebration!



### Alpha Mu

Jeremy Snell was the guest speaker at the recent Alpha Mu meeting, sharing his love for Warren County and especially the youth of the community. Jeremy and his wife Jackie founded the Snell Family Foundation with the main purpose of giving back to the community through scholarships, clothing give-aways, and financial support for Caring for Life, foster care, and Blue Star Moms, just to name a few. Pictured are First Vice President Marcia Madigan, Jeremy Snell, and President Janet Peterson.



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**Alpha Mu**

Two new members, Kara Hess and Jennifer Blum, were inducted into the Alpha Mu during the chapter's March meeting. Pictured are First Vice President Marcia Madigan, Second Vice President Maria Palmieri, Kara Hess, Jennifer Blum, and President Janet Peterson.



Kristen Allison, the current Delta Kappa Gamma Grant in Aid Recipient, was a guest speaker at the March meeting. Kristen shared her path in obtaining her Master's in Education degree at PennWest University. She thanked Alpha Mu Chapter for the scholarship and support while she works toward her goal. Pictured are Kristen Allison and President Janet Peterson.

**Alpha Nu**

On March 28 Morrisville Holy Trinity School's 3rd and 4th graders were given a gift that could be held in one's hand for a short period of time, and in one's memory, for a lifetime.

As it has done for over two decades, Alpha Nu has fostered the Write-Read-Write program. The goal of this initiative is to encourage lifetime readers in elementary schools. This year's school selection was spearheaded by Holy Trinity teacher and DKG member Kathy Gabriel.

Months before the actual book distribution, students were asked to write a letter to members of DKG. Each letter brought a clear understanding of what the child loved about books and why the child enjoyed a particular genre. It was evident that the children in both the 3rd and 4th grades gave careful detail to penmanship and grammar.

The letters were distributed to Alpha Nu members. Members carefully read the letters and purchased a book to encourage the interest of each child. After purchase, members placed a DKG label on the back of the front cover, enclosed a personal letter, and wrapped the book. The school also received a donation of non-fiction books which could supplement the school library collection of reading materials.

Many members of DKG and principal Jeffrey McCusker were there to evidence the smiles on the faces of the students and staff on distribution day. Kathy Gabriel talked to each class about the importance of lifetime learning through reading books, as well as asking students what genres they enjoy. Hands went up quickly and students were eager to share personal favorites. A lively activity was done in conjunction with an Easter poem. It was not long before the noisy room quickly became quiet. One by one, the students were sitting in their seats reading their new book, picked out just for them.

At our May meeting, we will receive letters from the 3rd and 4th grade students that will share their thoughts about their new book.

The Write-Read-Write Program is one of the many community service initiatives supported by the women educators of Alpha Nu. Literacy programs such as annual grants-in-aid, a Book and Blankie project aimed at promoting literacy with new moms, and quarterly donations to food drives coincide with chapter meetings.

**Alpha Xi**

Alpha Xi held its final two meetings of the year in March and April. On March 14, we heard from retired teacher Carleton Young about his book *Voices from the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War*, which is based on letters he found in the attic of his late parents' home. The letters had been written by two brothers who were fighting in the war. After finding the letters and painstakingly deciphering handwriting and other issues, Young spent ten years visiting the brothers' Vermont hometown and the battlefields where they fought. We learned that the soldiers used every possible space



**Alpha Xi** when writing on precious paper, even writing vertically over horizontal lines.

A Celebration of Life was held for Peg Maser, a retired French teacher, who died in October. Member Darlene Farrell made and distributed Kleenex holders made from French-themed fabric and using thread that Peg's husband had given her.



We learned that we have one new member as a result of our Teacher Enrichment Grant. Dina Donini will be welcomed in the fall at our first meeting.

Our final meeting was held on April 29. Although only 13 members were able to attend, we enjoyed a luncheon and a program led by Melody Hannegan, our recording secretary and newsletter editor. Melody helped us learn how to navigate the international, state, and local websites. Our basket raffle, which supports the Teacher Enrichment Grants, consisted of brain-booster activities and was prepared by the North Hills School District members, who also provided a list of suggested book titles to keep our brains active over the summer and beyond. We also donated PA scratch-off lottery tickets to be used as a part of our state convention basket.

Sadly, we lost another long-time member. Dorothy Winner was initiated in 1967 but had been a reserve member for a number of years, so many current members did not know her personally. One detail that came out in her obituary was that she had not missed one day of school in her entire teaching career!

President Paulette Hemmings is eagerly awaiting knee replacement surgery, so she will not go to the convention in June, but Jade Leung will help to fill that void as she will be active in many different aspects of the convention, even as a first-timer. After a busy and productive year of meetings and projects, Alpha Xi will take a breather until fall. Have a great summer!

## Alpha Omicron

Alpha Omicron Chapter held its first spring meeting on April 22 at the Avalon Golf and Country Club in Hermitage. The dining tables were decorated with colorful potted geraniums provided by Hospitality Committee member Carol Bauzo. Nomination Chair Karin Kosior presented each member with a large red rose cookie. President Ann Peay welcomed the thirteen members and a guest to the meeting and then called the business meeting to order. After members enjoyed lunch together, Personal Growth Chair Laura Kublyko introduced the guest speaker Sandy Carangi, CEO of Mercer County Community Federal Credit Union, who informed the group about the differences between banks and credit unions. She offered ideas to avoid fraud and ways to protect their money. A raffle was held to distribute the geraniums.



On May 6, Alpha Omicron met at the Avalon Golf and Country Club for its second spring meeting. President Ann Peay greeted the twelve members attending and called the meeting to order. Hostess Carol Bauzo decorated the table with a colorful, potted impatiens plant at each place setting. Member Karin Kosior gifted each member with a black and gold giftbag filled with candy to celebrate our chapter's 66<sup>th</sup> birthday. Following lunch, members enjoyed a presentation by President Ann Peay who shared her travel experiences in Slovenia. Ann was an Enrichment Grant recipient in 2022 and used the grant to travel to Slovenia to take a horse-back trip to ride Lipizzan horses and to visit places that her ancestors once lived and worked. Chapter member Barb Borts, who travelled with Ann, also described highlights of their trip. President Ann brought a cake decorated with beautiful red roses for dessert to celebrate our birthday. Members enjoyed fellowship, good food, and conversation.



## Alpha Upsilon

Barbara Summers was installed as President of Alpha Upsilon Chapter in June 2022. Barbara has chosen as her President's Project to support a charity called Jared Boxes. These boxes help children cope with the stress when entering the hospital. Barb and members of Alpha Upsilon filled plastic shoe boxes with items of interest to children of preschool and elementary school levels, the age levels selected by the members.



This project was initiated by classmates of a young boy named Jared McMullen from State College, PA, who had passed away due to a malignant brain stem tumor. When Jared went to the hospital for treatment, he would carry a backpack filled with games and toys to entertain himself. When he noticed that other children did not bring items with them, he would share his with the other patients.

Jared passed at the age of 6, and his classmates honored his life by filling boxes for other children to assist them in coping with their own hospital visits. The mission of these boxes is to lift the spirits, entertain, and put a smile on the face of a child who receives them. In Jared's short life, he demonstrated faith, wisdom, and compassion for others. The Jared Boxes project has grown across the nation to involve 473 hospitals, and over a million boxes have been distributed.



Under Barbara Summer's leadership, Alpha Upsilon members have donated over 40 boxes to Allegheny Valley Hospital in Natrona Heights. They were delivered to the hospital by Barb and fellow Alpha Upsilon member Trish Cavanaugh. In addition to toys and games, members included socks, books, activities, special pillowcases, and encouraging notes in their boxes. The staff who shepherd this project at Allegheny Valley Hospital expressed sincere appreciation for the donation and noted that they appeared at a time of great need. Barbara plans to continue to create, collect, and distribute Jared Boxes to the hospital throughout her presidency.

## Beta Pi

Beta Pi held three dining nights this year. Members, friends, and family could visit P.J. Whelihan's, Habit Burger Grill, or Chickie's and Pete's, and a percentage of each bill supported our society. We raised \$162 as a result of just going out to dinner!

In November, Beta Pi held a theatre fundraiser at Playcrafters of Skippack. Participants and members enjoyed a cheese and wine social prior to the performance of "A Little Night Music." We also held a basket raffle with a lot of great items. Our chapter raised \$1,500!

In December, Beta Pi decided to hold a holiday outing and members traveled to Chalfont, PA, to the Byers Choice Museum, Factory, and Holiday Shop. It was very festive, and members came home with some new carolers. A true gem close to home! We also held our Annual Norristown Ministries Shoebox Project. Our members collected hats, socks, scarves, toiletries, snacks, and handwarmers to create care packages to be distributed on Christmas Day to the less fortunate at the Norristown Hospitality Center. We were able to assemble 132 care packages this year!



In January, a winter breakfast meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We enjoyed lots of great dishes and fellowship. We also collected items for the children's department of Upper Merion Township Library. They were very grateful.

In March, our chapter participated in the SEPA Three-Chapter Brunch at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA. Our chapter presented the guest speaker, Laura Arnhold, Director of Upper Merion Township Library. Laura shared all of the amazing programs that were offered throughout the COVID shutdown and currently. They have done an awesome





## Beta Pi

job supporting the community and providing a variety of programs to meet the needs of all ages. Stop by your local library to see what exciting things they have to offer! Our second guest speaker was Eileen Little, PA State President. Eileen discussed the great events she had participated in this year and promoted the Arts Retreat and State Convention.



Our second event for March was a morning spent volunteering at Unite for Her in West Chester, PA. We learned the mission of Unite for Her and learned about the varieties of support they provide for women undergoing treatment for breast and ovarian cancers. We learned about the various fundraisers they led throughout the year. We then broke into two groups to build information packets and care packages that get shipped all over the USA.



Our chapter has taken part in an ongoing service project all year. Ladies of Beta Pi have sewn colorful pillowcases that are then donated to pediatric units across our area to brighten the days of children undergoing treatments. The pillowcases are given to the Ryan's Cases for Smiles Project and from there, they distribute. For more information about this wonderful project, visit <https://caseforsmiles.org/>



Finally, our chapter purchased twenty copies of *On the Night You Were Born* and donated them to the Maternity Unit of Paoli Hospital in memory of our dear friend and member Nancy Craig. Nancy led this same project when she was Vice President of our chapter, and we thought it would be a wonderful way to honor her. Each book has a dedication label inside and will be given to the next twenty babies born.

## Thank You, PA State Members!

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve as your State President for the past four years! I have enjoyed the experience and especially visiting chapters. Getting to know the members and your hometowns has been a wonderful experience. DKG PA State is strong because of you, the members, and all that is happening in your towns and communities.

I am excited that during my time as your State President, we have added 187 new members! This is quite an accomplishment given all that we experienced these past four years. We have become quite adept with Zoom and made some difficult decisions, but I am proud to say we are financially strong. We have a new IT Specialist, Sue Allen; State Treasurer, Susan Blazosky; and Keystonean Editor, Tracey Dusch. So, all our stipend positions are in good shape too. I know the new Officers and Chairs will continue to move PA State forward.

Thank you for all the love and support while I was taking care of my parents during this time. I was so happy they could be with me for my first Installation at the Nittany Lion Inn! I lost my Dad in September 2019 and my Mom in September 2021. Your support will never be forgotten.

Thank you for the generous monetary gift! I am not sure what I will spend it on yet, but I know it will be something that will be a remembrance of my time as PA State President. I look forward to seeing PA continue to grow, and I will see you at DKG events!

Take Care,  
Eileen

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- July 25-26, 2023, Executive and Administrative Board Meeting, State College, PA
- October 7, 2023, Beta Nu Chapter Meeting