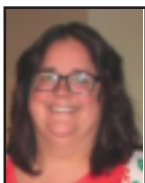


New Orleans with a NewBEE!

Trisha Dilick, Alpha Theta

New Orleans wasn't the only thing new to this sister. International Convention was a whole new experience too. New city, new experiences, and new sisters... can it get any better than that! Being a **NewBEE** was a little scary at times. Where do I go? What room am I supposed to be in right now? How do I vote on all these amendments? But the connections I made and the relationships I formed well surpassed the nervousness I felt at the beginning of the trip. Many of us from Pennsylvania were Newbees at this convention, and the other state officers in attendance were a fantastic help when it came to general sessions and explaining all the 120 amendments we were to vote on. If you ever have the chance to sit with Dr. Lyn Schmid and talk about our society, please take the opportunity. I learned so much from her about our society at the general sessions, information that I will be able to take back to my chapter to help make it stronger. She is a wealth of knowledge, and she will gladly share it with you.



It wasn't just the members from PA that made my experience in New Orleans one I will never forget. It was the members from all over the country that I got to know and now consider sisters and friends. As a NewBEE, I was given a HIVE Keeper, Connie Hoag from Iowa. It was her 20th International Convention and she provided a wealth of information if I had any questions. At our NewBEE meeting, she even introduced us to International President, Becky Sadowski, and we got our picture taken with her. It was nice to have another friendly face in the crowd each day.

That wasn't where meeting our wonderful sisters stopped. Our State President, Eileen Little, and past State President, Tracey Dusch, introduced me to the State President from Illinois, Joan Rog, and her sister Barb on our first night in New Orleans We became fast friends. Barb is not a member of DKG, but she was a volunteer at many of the events. I also volunteered to help with many things and

soon Barb and I were known as "Royce's girls." My friendship with these women grew stronger as the week went on. It was amazing to get to know them.

These ladies, among others, attended PA night where my bond with these wonderful women educators continued to strengthen. The DKG sisters from Pennsylvania are a ***force to be reckoned with***. These are important women in our Society who make an impact wherever they go. Through them it was an honor to get to meet and talk to outgoing 2nd VP June Bowers and incoming International President Debbie Le Blanc at PA night. I can't begin to tell you how much fun it was getting to know all these women.

New Orleans International Convention 2022 was an exciting experience for me. I learned so much about DKG and met so many wonderful people. All I can say is that if you have ever thought about attending an International activity, jump in with both feet! You won't regret it! In fact, I am already looking to book my tickets for the International Conference being held in Phoenix,2023. Join us and I'll show you the ropes. . . ***The Pennsylvania way!***

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President's Message Eileen Little, Chi DKG PA State President 2021-2023



It is July 31st and I am writing my message for the Fall *Keystoneian*! So, by the time you read this let's hope the hot, humid weather is behind us and we are all looking forward to the lovely days of Fall! I am hoping that your chapters have had or are having your first chapter meetings for the 2022-2023 year. I know the time I spent with the Chapter Presidents at State Convention was exciting and invigorating! The discussions and sharing of their goals and visions. Now they are developing two goals that both their chapter and PA State are working together to accomplish. It's exciting to see what PA State will achieve when we all work together!

International Convention in New Orleans was excellent! There were 16 members from PA State that attended and 6 were NewBEEs. There were breakaways, takeaways and General Sessions. We addressed 73 of the 120 proposed amendments. Soon International will be sharing a doc with all the State Organizations of these changes so we can revise our State Bylaws and Standing Rules and then, of course, chapters will need to do the same.

We had fun too! There was the Second Line Band, the Sazerac House, Mardi Gras World, Grand Oaks Mansion, PA Night at Coterie Restaurant & Oyster Bar, and International's Banquet Saturday evening. Sightseeing and the French Quarter were other events that our members enjoyed. Also, PA members were volunteering as we supported Royce Boyd, Events Coordinator; Tracey Dusch, Hospitality Chair; and Bonnie Barnes, Timekeepers Chair; in many tasks to help make International Convention run smoothly. Check out the article from Trisha Dilick, Alpha Theta, who was a NewBEE. Also, Becky Johnen, DKG Next 2021 Member, shared *Celebrating the DKG Vision* at our luncheon and her words of wisdom in this issue too!

Our Executive Board and Administrative Board met on July 26th & 27th, 2022 via Zoom. Both meetings were very productive and everyone is ready to go with their DKG work! All forms on the website are now **word docs** as we learned that the fillable PDFs limited the quantity of information that you could enter.

The Fall *Keystoneian*, 2022, is the first issue to go electronically to all members unless they have completed the "opt-out" form to request that a paper copy be mailed to them. This "OPT-OUT" form is found on the main page of the PA website. As we make this change, I think of Annie Webb Blanton's quote. *"Be Progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. But don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you."* I keep this quote in mind often as I work with the officers, chairs and committees.

I had a wonderful zoom meeting with some of our younger members to gather their perspectives on our state convention and
(see President on page 3)

EEC Wants You to do a 2023 Workshop at State Convention!

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta
First Vice-President/EEC Chair



Planning for the 2023 State Convention has officially begun! This year all twelve of the workshops will be either professional or personal growth sessions - no society workshops. The Educational Excellence Committee is looking for members to provide interactive workshops in 2023. Once again, Act 48 hours will be available depending on the content of workshops.

The form for proposals can be found on the PA Website – dkgpa.weebly.com. Look for the **red** button on the Home page that says 2023 State Convention. Deadline for workshop proposals is **December 23, 2022**. Proposals can be submitted to Royce Boyd, EEC Chair. Her contact information can be found on the PA website <https://dkgpa.weebly.com> in the password protected Directory. To access the password-protected directory, select PA DKG Organization Directory and Committees located under the Home tab. If you need the password, contact your Chapter President or State President, Eileen Little.



Purposeful Seminar, 2023

The 2023 DKG Pennsylvania Purposeful Seminar is being planned to coincide with the 2023 State Convention next June.

Attendees will be able to come early for convention and take advantage of the reduced room rate

at the convention hotel. Members will enjoy a truly purposeful seminar.

Stay tuned for more information as we continue to “Reframe” the Purposeful Seminar to meet the needs of all of our current members.



(President from page 2)

DKG PA State. The ladies I invited were from all parts of PA State – Rebecca Barkley, Beta Pi; Brittany Bertoli, Chi; Trisha Dilick, Alpha Theta; Jennifer Harclerode, Alpha Beta; Kristin Hills, Psi; and Karlie Vaughn, Alpha Zeta. Royce Boyd joined us in this zoom meeting too. Topics we discussed were what they liked, what we need to re-frame or delete, suggestions/comments about workshops, and how we can market state convention so more of our younger members attend. The feedback was excellent, specific and full of suggestions! The convention team will definitely be using this information as we continue to re-frame our state convention. The evaluations this year were amazing with many positive comments! We are currently working to negotiate a contract for State Convention 2023. As soon as I know the dates, I will be sharing that information so you can mark your calendar!

So, grab a beverage and sit back as you scroll through this Fall *Keystonian*! It is full of information from your state officers and chairs. Also check out the list of Important Dates. Maybe now, while you have some time, you can complete an application for a state position, scholarship, enrichment grant, Album of Distinction or Nancy Grove Visionary award. This is what the state offers as benefits of membership. Then check out everything that is available through International! Explore the PA State and International websites frequently as there is always something new!

*PA State is forward
moving ever,
Eileen*



Supporting Chapter Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship Recipients

Marcie Erickson, Beta Epsilon
Second Vice President/Membership Chair



Each year, many Pennsylvania chapters award a Grant in Aid, a scholarship, or both. Now that a new school year is upon us, it is time to think about how to support these young recipients that are pursuing degrees in education, in addition to growing potential new membership for the Society.

Last fall and winter, President Eileen and myself attended two separate Zoom sessions hosted by then - NE Regional Director, now International President, Debbie LeBlanc, and Illinois Gamma members Denise Pawelczyk and Sandra Cook.

Denise and Sandra shared their chapter work in recruiting and retaining collegiate members, and they emphasized that it is important to keep in touch with your Grant in Aid and scholarship recipients. Match chapter members with current recipients and any past recipients that are in undergraduate or graduate-level studies. Be sure to keep in touch with them either through text, email, or phone calls, and consider sending greeting cards and even a small care package each semester. Send words of encouragement to show your support, and listen to what they care about and what their concerns are as they navigate their studies and collegiate endeavors.

Invite your recipients to chapter meetings and any special chapter activities or events. Permit them to bring a friend or two, especially fellow education majors, to increase their likelihood of attending chapter functions and to feel more comfortable while at the functions.

Perhaps the chapter can continue to support their Grant-in-Aid and scholarship recipients by providing money or gift cards for textbooks and supplies. Organize chapter members to attend college events that their recipients are involved. Providing collegiate support and encouragement will positively impact their perceptions of your chapter and the Society, and hopefully, will instill in them the want to first become a collegiate member, and then an active member once employed in education.

When your recipients are home from college during winter and summer breaks, host informal and fun get-togethers inviting recipients and their mentors.

The get-togethers will create long-lasting bonds between the college students themselves and with the chapter.

As the recipients move through their collegiate experience, help them prepare and study for their certification exams, assist them with their resumes and applications, and set up mock interviews that will build their interviewing confidence. While recipients are student teaching, consider funding special projects that they want to provide their students, thereby enriching their student teaching experiences. In addition, if your chapter inducts junior and senior undergraduate and graduate recipients as collegiate members, think about ways to fund their dues.

As your chapter experiences successes with its Grant-in-Aid and scholarship outreach, continue to build momentum by connecting with local colleges and universities. Schedule informational meetings with education majors, and share the benefits of DKG membership (dkg.org > About About > How to Become a Member > Benefits) and your chapter programs. And if your chapter doesn't already, when you select your next Grant-in-Aid and scholarship recipients, submit congratulatory articles to local newspapers and place congratulatory signs in their yards as a way to celebrate their successes and inform the community about DKG.

Remember that the PA State Administrative Board and its Membership Committee want to celebrate your chapter's membership achievements. We encourage you to share your successes and provide us with any tips and techniques that you find useful. Contact information for board and committee members can be found on the PA website – dkgpa.weebly.com – in the password protected directory. To access the directory, select the 21-23 PA State Directory button on the home page (Home > PA State Directory). If you need the password to access the directory, contact your chapter president or State President Eileen.



DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders

Marcie Erickson, Beta Epsilon

Second Vice President/Membership Chair

In 1979, to commemorate the Society's 50th anniversary, the Golden Gift Fund was established. It was generously funded by Dr. Eula Lee Carter, a Texas State Honorary Founder. The Fund's purpose is to provide leadership training, and, in the past, it also allotted special stipends for research and professional development.

Up until 2019, the leadership training was called the Leadership Management Seminar. Thirty members were selected initially for a two-week annual seminar that later became a biennial event held in even-numbered years during the months of June and/or July.

This year's seminar was called **DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders**, and twenty members were selected for intensive one-week training. Due to Covid-19, the 2020 DKG Ignite was postponed until 2022, and it was scheduled from Sunday, June 26th, until Saturday, July 2nd. Marcie Erick-

son, Beta Epsilon, participated in the redesigned seminar that used blind scoring to review the revamped application which included a written narrative and a video recording.

The third goal of the Society's 2015-2025 Strategic Plan is to "Develop Leaders." DKG Ignite focuses on the plan's following objectives:

- ~ Create diverse ways to conduct leadership training (3.B.2)
- ~ Empower members to take leadership roles (3.C.2)
- ~ Provide networking opportunities for leaders and emerging leaders (3.C.3)

To sustain the Leadership Management Seminar, major changes had to occur, and as described, changes occurred in the application process and the length of the seminar, in addition to providing a curriculum designed for the 21st century leader. But, as with many of the Leadership Management

Seminars, DKG Ignite was held in coordination with the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin.

On the dkg.org home page, listed under the Deadlines section, the next DKG Ignite application will be made available **July 1, 2023**, and it will be due **December 15, 2023**. If interested, keep a close watch on the dkg.org website, but expect changes to the website itself in the coming months (a site map was shared at the 2022 New Orleans International Convention) and to the Seminar. It may change in name again, and it will be administered by the Leadership Development Committee. These changes, *Bundle 3: Golden Gift Fund and Leadership Development Committees Proposals*, were voted upon the membership at the 2022 International Convention and will soon be communicated by International.



I Would Love to Include Your Chapter

Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta
State Historical Records Chair

Sisters, has President Eileen visited your chapter since she was President? If so, have you forwarded photos of her visit so that they can be included in her scrapbook? Thus far, only two visits have been documented and forwarded to me since she became President, and I would really love to include photos of her visit to your chapter in her scrapbook! If you have any photos, would you be so kind as to forward them to me via email at your earliest convenience, please?

Remember to include the date of the visit, the name of your chapter, the location of the visit, and identify who is in the photo(s) that you send. This will help me get the photos in chronological order for her scrapbook.

Celebrating the DKG Vision

Becky Johnen, Alpha Beta
DKGNext 2021 Team Member



DKGNext is all about keeping our Society relevant, vibrant, and vital in today's world. Our Society's Vision – **Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide** – is one that stands the test of time and working to keep the vision alive keeps the Society relevant.

At the 2022 International Convention, I was honored to share the following on how we celebrate our vision. Nelson Mandela said, *“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”* Change the world through education is certainly what DKG is doing! Our vision statement – leading women educators; impacting education worldwide – inspires and motivates each of us to step up and do our part to make a noticeable difference for women, children, and education. Our vision brings us together to achieve a common purpose. At the local, state, and international levels, we need to celebrate – we need to honor and recognize – our Society's vision. We do this not with fireworks and fanfares but in subtle ways.

Each time we gather at conferences and conventions to share ideas, we are celebrating our vision. Each time we demonstrate our passion for service and excellence in education, we are celebrating our vision. Each time we see possibilities

and work to make them happen, we celebrate our vision. Each time we help grow and develop leaders, we celebrate our vision.

We celebrate our vision each time we take advantage of the many opportunities along our DKG journey, or, when we embrace the possibilities that keep us moving forward, or, when we tenaciously tackle challenges and think outside-the-box to overcome them, or when we ask “What would Annie do?”

Dr. Blanton said, *“There is tremendous power in working together to accomplish a goal and realize a dream!”* We all need to look at ways we can creatively continue to lead women educators so we impact education worldwide keeping Dr. Blanton's dream of a society of key women educators alive and the DKG we love so much relevant, vital, and vibrant.

All of us in the PA State Organization have a role in moving DKG forward. Celebrating the DKG vision is one way to do this. How do you and members of your chapter celebrate the DKG vision? Send me what you are doing. (My email address can be found in the Directory on the PA State Organization website.) I look forward to hearing from you.

US Forum Deb Seng, Erie

Welcome and congratulations to Beverly Johns, from IL, who is the new NE Representative to the US Forum Steering Committee. Thank you to Carol LaPolice for her service in the 20-22 biennium.

One of the US Forum topics discussed at International Convention was Food Insecurity. The speaker Natalie Jayroe of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana shared facts about hunger in America. According to the USDA, more than 38 million people,

including 12 million children, in the US are food insecure. As we all know the pandemic has increased food insecurity among families with children and communities of color, who already faced hunger at much higher rates before the pandemic. Many households that experience food insecurity do not qualify for federal nutrition programs and visit their local food banks and other food programs for extra support.

So, what do Pennsylvania statistics say about food insecurity in our

state? According to Feeding America, 1,136,400 people in PA are facing hunger and of them 347,720 are children. That translates to 1 in 11 people facing hunger and 1 in 8 children facing hunger. In Pennsylvania, 33.9% of households receiving SNAP benefits have children.

As we start back to school, we need to be aware that not all students come to school with their food needs met. What can we do?

(see Forum on page 7)

Communication Corner

Get Connected Newsletters: Your Voice to your Chapter Members

Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta
Communication Chair

Communication is a way that all Delta Kappa Gamma chapter members feel involved and informed. One of the best ways to maintain communication with your chapter is to publish newsletters on a regular basis. The efforts of publishing a chapter newsletter can be rewarded with an increase of members' involvement and commitment. In order to be recognized for a Chapter Newsletter Award a chapter must submit 4 newsletters from July 1 to May 15. They are to be sent as a PDF to the President, Communication Chair, and the Webmaster. Some suggested guidelines for a professional chapter newsletter is described below.

Each issue of a Chapter newsletter should include:

1. The Society Name - The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
2. State Name - Pennsylvania State Organization - DKG
3. The Mission Statement
4. Chapter name

5. Volume and Issue Number - (the volume number changes on July 1 and the issue number changes each month or with each new issue)

6. Editor's name

At least three (3) of the following important features:

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

The newsletters can be emailed, sent by regular mail, hand delivered and also posted on your chapter website. Please make sure to get a copy to our State President Eileen Little, our Webmaster Sue Allen, and the State Communications Chair Linda Nickerson in order to receive recognition at the State Convention.



Thank you Nancy Grove Visionary Award 2021

Dear Members of the 2021 Nancy Grove Visionary Grant Committee:

I want to thank you for your support of my project "Using Hummingbirds to Support Student Resiliency" at the State Convention in 2021. I used the funds to purchase two Hummingbird Bit kits to add to the twelve kits that I received from our school district's education foundation. With 14 kits, I am able to run creating and coding lessons for an entire class. I presented my project at the 2022 State Convention in a workshop as well as a visual display board. I hope that others are able to benefit from this opportunity in the future.

Sue Allen



(Forum from page 6)

Become a volunteer. Many churches, or communities have food banks that can always use a hand. Donate to your local food bank. Become an advocate, call on law-

makers to make ending hunger a priority. We can all do something to help eliminate food insecurity, especially for children.

Science Is Special

Jade Leung, Alpha Xi
Projects Chair

Wow! Summer has flown by. I am thrilled to return back to school with some exciting new ways to show students how “**Science is Special!**” I spent as much time as I could this summer exploring science! I fished across New England, explored the shores of New Jersey, and had a thrilling adventure in Acadia National Park in Maine! Throughout this year I will share ideas from these experiences about how to engage students in science based on real-world experiences! This edition will focus on how to introduce students of all ages to science in a fun and engaging way. It can be a daunting task after students have had the freedom of summer and now are back in class. Have fun, get students involved in their learning, and remember the joy of that “AH-HA” moment students have when they finally understand a difficult topic. To get the year started I have chosen a few activities that can be adapted to fit any age level.

Activity 1:

The Good, Bad & Ugly

The goal of this activity is to help students read science with a critical eye. Students are told to find an article that discusses any field of science. Articles can be found online, in newspapers or in magazines. Students bring in articles that are 1-2 pages at a maximum length. Students work in groups and analyze their articles for science credibility. Does the article involve experiments? Data? Follow the scientific method, etc? We discuss how the internet and news media present lots of ideas about science daily. But, as students of science the article needs to include

parts of the scientific method to truly be a valid scientific article. Articles are grouped as good, bad or ugly by the student groups. I build on this activity and turn it into a unit project where students create a newscast about their article and tie it into the scientific method. Group members may play roles as newscasters, scientists, the general public, etc. It is a chance to show students how science is displayed in the media and the importance of experimentation to explain scientific topics. If students are using articles without an experiment, they must come up with examples of experiments that could be done to test the topic of their article and must include these ideas in the newscast. The movie project is the main grade in the introductory unit and is an opportunity for students to work together and learn how to look at things in science and society with a critical eye.

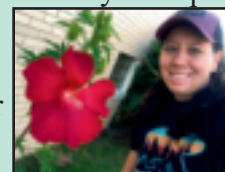
Activity 2: Paperbag Toy Surprise

For this activity I use small toys that I have collected at dollar stores or through fast-food restaurants from kids meals. They include toys such as wind-up toys, things that spin or propel, etc. I put one toy in each paper bag and close the bag so that students cannot see the toy in the bag. Students work in groups to get to know their classmates. Once they open their bag, they are told to explore their toy. How does it work? Does it move? Next, students are told to discuss ideas about how their toy relates to science. Is it a small stuffed animal that can be related to biology? Does it wind up and apply to physics? The final part of the activity involves students acting as science supply companies to create a hand drawn mini-poster on

a sheet of blank paper to sell their toy to a science department. The activity does not involve technology because it is done in the first few days of school while students are receiving their technology devices. It requires students to use their own ingenuity and brains as the main resource to come up with ideas about their toy and, to create by hand a mini-poster. I think this is important because it forces students to use rulers and get readjusted to some of the basic supplies in the science classroom! It also involves a business application where students are trying to become entrepreneurs to sell their toys.

Activity 3: Summer Science Fun

Students are asked to bring in a picture they took from summer that involves some aspect of science. I tell students ahead of time that the pictures will be hung in the classroom in case the student does not want to include a picture of themselves. Pictures can be used to create a classroom banner where students supply the caption about the science link. The activity is a chance for students to see how science is all around them! For example, the picture could show ocean waves and the student could discuss how they saw fish or dolphins in the ocean and that relates to biology. A student who had a staycation could show a picture of their yard and discuss how soil contains elements and things like bacteria which help living things to survive. A student may bring in a picture of a roller coaster from an amusement park and tie it into physics! The opportunities are endless! My example shows a hibiscus flower's photosynthesis, a major biology topic.



Important Chapter **Treasurer Reminders**

Susan Blazosky
Beta Epsilon
PA State Treasurer

DUES

Members were to pay dues by **June 30, 2022**. However, the deadline for Chapter Treasurers to input dues into dues portal is **September 30, 2022**.

Dues for *International* are:

- ~ Active - \$40
- ~ Reserve - \$20
- ~ Collegiate - \$20

Send payment to International.

Dues for *State* are:

- ~ Active - \$17
- ~ Reserve - \$7
- ~ Collegiate - \$7
- ~ Scholarship - \$1

Send payment to State Treasurer with **2 checks**: one for dues and

one for scholarship.

REPORTS

The deadline for Form 15 – Annual Report from Chapter Treasurer to State Treasurer - was due to State Treasurer, Susan Blazosky, by **July 15, 2022**. If you did not turn that in, please do so. Delinquent chapters will be notified soon.

The deadline for Form 990-N (e postcard) is **November 15, 2022**. Form can be found under “Finance Tools” on DKG website or directly on [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) website. Please *send verification of filing form 990-N to State Treasurer via email or postal mail as soon as completed*.

CONTRIBUTIONS

International

World Fellowship and other international contributions are filed on Form 43 – Society Contribution Form that can be found on DKG

website under “Forms,” then “Contributions”. Schools for Africa form can be found here too.

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

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

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

State

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

You Can't Direct the Wind but You Can Adjust the Sails.

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Epsilon

State Nominations Chair / Immediate Past President

This has been so evident these last few years, as we scrambled around to keep DKG, Pennsylvania on track. We adjusted in many ways at the Chapter, State and International Levels. Our leaders stepped up and made, “THE CHOICE” to show their leadership skills and keep Pennsylvania strong.

It is your turn to keep Pennsylvania leaders going in the right direction. It is time to establish a new slate of officers and elected committee members. We need leaders for State President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corre-

sponding Secretary. We also need two members for the Finance Committee and three members for the Nominations Committee. I know you have thought about how you could broaden your understanding of DKG. This is the time to put those thought into action. You will be so glad you did. It will be such a rewarding time in your DKG life. The application for these positions is on our website. Go to Home, click on Nomination for state office, click on Nomination form for elected office/committee and follow the directions. All applications must be emailed to me, Barbara Gasperini on or before

the **October 10, 2022**, deadline. My email can be found in the State Directory. Click on Home, drop to DKG PA Organizations Directory and Committee. Click on Pennsylvania State Organization Directory. It is Password protected.

What an amazing CHOICE you could make as you use your VOICE and say yes. ***It is time to try a new leadership position.*** You will have many leader-mentors who will step up and assist you in any way you need. Believe in yourself and make Pennsylvania strong. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals.

We Want You: 2023 State Achievement Award

Nancy Schnelli, Chi
State Achievement Chair

The State Achievement Award Committee needs you, yes you, to stop and think about a woman in your chapter that truly stands out. Nominate her. **Do it now**

instead of later. Share your thoughts with your chapter president. The State Achievement Award is the highest honor given to one of PA's DKG members.

At the 2023 State Convention, the 2023 Pennsylvania State Achievement Award will be awarded to

a member that best meets the requirements and has promoted the purposes and policies of the DKG Society International. PA State Organization would like to honor an outstanding member. The nominee must be an active member and have a minimum of ten years' membership in the PA Organization of DKG. The complete list of

criteria for selection is outlined in the Achievement Award Guidelines on the DKG State Website.

Think about it and ACT NOW. Take time to recognize greatness and leadership among us. Nominate a woman who makes you proud to be a DKG member.

In complete confidentiality, nominate a member who shines. Only the nominator and the State Achievement Award chair will know the nomination is being made.



Remember - the nomination form must be submitted by **March 15, 2023**, to Nancy Schnelli, Chi, State Achievement Chair. Contact information, Achievement Award Guidelines, and the Nomination form, can all be found on the DKG State Website (dkgpa.weebly.com).

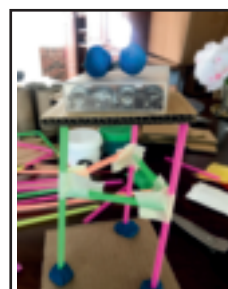
DKG Scholarship Recipient 2022

Sue Allen, Chi

I want to thank the members of the Scholarship and Enrichment committee for selecting me to receive a scholarship at the 2022 State Convention. I am using the scholarship for a graduate class pursuing my STEM endorsement at Millersville University. In the Integrative STEM course, I learned what is STEM, how to create a STEM identity in students, how to create, adapt and evaluate STEM lessons. The class activities



included making a (<) periscope, Squishy circuit (>),



(<) BristleBot, exploring STEM resource websites and learning more about the NGSS and Cross-Cutting concepts.



Scholarship & Enrichment Grant Opportunities Abound

Susan Martin, Eta
Scholarship Chair

Are you seeking the means for professional and personal growth and excellence in education? It is DKG's mission and one of the Seven Purposes is to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pur-

suing graduate study.

If you are a new member to DKG, within your first three years of membership, and working towards advancing your professional interests and position in education, there is a

scholarship available for you: the **Marian Spitzer Robling** Scholarship. If you have been a member of DKG for more than three years, there are several scholarships available to

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you for doctorate degrees, master's degrees, certifications, and endorsements. The Committee has received additional funding for the next five years enabling the Scholarship Committee to award more scholarships. Apply now for aid for your professional and personal growth and excellence in education. Applications are available on the State website and are due by **February 1, 2023**. The scholarships are awarded at the State Convention in June 2023.

Scholarships are also available

through DKG International for members working towards doctorate and master's degrees. The deadline for submission of the International applications is also

February 1, 2023.

Another purpose of DKG is to stimulate the personal and professional growth of its members and encourage participation in appropriate programs. The Scholarship Committee also provides the means to fulfill this purpose. Enrichment Grants are available for the advancement and development of classroom or curricu-

lum projects, enrollment in a purposeful educational program as a Road Scholar program, engagement in a project or study of interest to the individual, or research project which stimulates personal and professional growth of the individual. The applicant must explain how she will grow personally and professionally and use the learned knowledge to share with others.

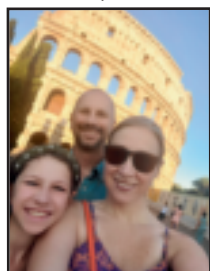
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Enrichment Excursions

Cruising Through Italy, France, and Spain

Violet and Melissa Costantino-Poruben, Alpha Xi

In the general assumption that my worldly DKG sisters have traveled to Europe before, I thought a fun alternative for this enrichment grant article would be to view it from the eyes of a 10-year-old; specifically, my daughter, Violet, a rising 5th grader in the Quaker Valley School District, just north of Pittsburgh. As the only child of two avid travelers, Violet already



has quite the travel vitae, with adventures to Iceland, Canada, the Caribbean, 25

US states, and 33 US National Parks and Monuments. This trip gave her a few new experiences to add to her list, which included cruising Italy, France, and Spain.

Like many people, we enjoy the "Hop-On-Hop Off" tours in different places we have traveled. We feel it gives us adequate information, transportation to the best spots, a general introduction to a city, a break when we need it, and air-conditioning in some places. When considering a trip to Europe for a 10-year-old, we thought a cruise ship would give our daughter a sort of "Hop-On-Hop Off" experience, which was exactly what it did! We had the chance to plan for excursions and tours we thought she would enjoy but also had time to relax at night on the ship.

Our trip consisted of 2 days in Rome, then a 7-day cruise through the Western Mediterranean, with 2 travel days (which turned into 3, but that is a different story). Ports of the cruise included Civitavecchia (near Rome), Livorno (near Florence), Naples, Ajaccio, Cannes, Mallorca, and Barcelona. The cruise ship had many other families like ours, with children and many grandparents with their grandchildren. It was wonderful because our daughter was excited to get back to the ship at night to play and swim with the other children she met at the Kids Club. It also gave Violet time away from us, which was probably a welcome experience for her! Our excursions included tours in Rome, Pompei, Cannes, Mallorca, and the Vatican. We were on our own in Pisa, Lucca,

Barcelona, and Ajaccio, an island town in Corsica, and France, which we considered our "Beach Day".

At dinner each day, we would talk about our favorite parts of the day or tour. Violet evaluated our experiences to develop seven tips for those traveling to Europe.

Tips from Violet:

1. You are not only permitted but encouraged to eat at least two gelatos per day.

2. If a restaurant wants you to eat there, and they are asking you to enter, chances are, it won't be very good. The best places usually have a line, so look for them! The good places don't need to beg for customers.

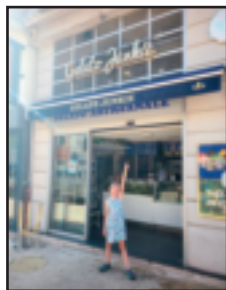
3. If someone tries to give you something, don't take it. People don't give things away for free in (see Cruising page 12)

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Europe! Just because someone is selling something, it doesn't mean you have to buy it!

4. Watch out for Jellyfish in the ocean – in France, they call them Meduse, like the evil Medusa, which we thought was very funny!

5. Get lost and then eat gelato. Many of these



cities are very old, and it was cool just to

wander around looking at signs. Rome is like New York City's great grandpa. There are parks all around, but not many playgrounds,

which was different.

6. Don't miss the Sagrada Familia, it was my favorite.

7. Silencio Por Favor – I heard many types of languages, and some sound very funny when they yell using them, but you should never laugh.

If you have ever considered doing this with your children or grandchildren, GO! Overall, I thought our experience was a great mix of history, culture, adventure, and food. We are not necessarily "cruise people" but enjoyed the dining options and entertainment aboard the ship. Waking up in a new port each day allowed us to bypass a lot of the timely bus and train travel that

occurs on land tours in Europe. Our suitcases stayed in our room, and that was very convenient for a 10-year-old who loses things! We had a mix of cruise excursions and private tours, and although the cruise excursions were convenient, we found that private tour companies were more affordable and offered similar services. The pandemic has changed cruising. Although we were on a massive ship, it didn't seem crowded. All the workers wore masks. Cleanliness was a top priority, and in Italy, masks were still required for guests while in port there. There were no group meetings, and on our specific ship, all sit-down meals had appropriate

social distancing. When walking into any buffet or restaurant, customers were asked to use sanitizer, and workers even brought it around throughout the meal. Our specific company required cruisers to be vaccinated and boosted. We felt safe, protected, and came home healthy. It is time to get out there and start to travel again!

I would like to thank the Enrichment Grant Committee, specifically Susan Martin, and my chapter's president, Paulette Hemmings, for your support with this enrichment grant. Grazie, Merci, Gracious. Melissa Costantino-Poruben (and Violet), Alpha-Xi.

New England Extravaganza Jade Leung, Alpha Xi

THANK YOU DKG for the \$400 grant to help support my educational adventure! I had a once in a lifetime experience during my July 2-10, 2022

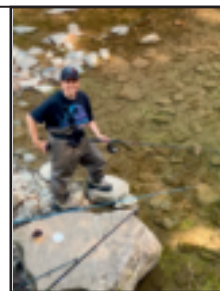


New England Extravaganza. My best friend traveled with me and I explored 7 states and sites I have never been to before: New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The main focus of the trip was Acadia National Park in Maine. My grant focused on this park and utilizing my knowledge of exploring to integrate into my high school bio-

logy curriculum. Aspects that tie into the curriculum relate to the national park's ecosystem and the organisms that reside in the park. I plan on using the images and information I obtained in my introductory unit, photosynthesis unit, and ecology unit through a wide range of activities and projects that I am designing based on what I have learned on this trip. I want to share with you as many pictures as possible as a photo-journal of my trip. I am also presenting for my local chapter in December, 2022 about writing an enrichment grant and how it was used.



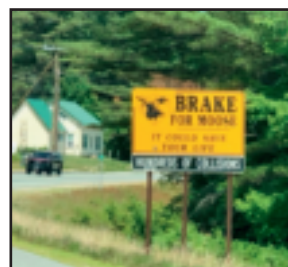
Learning about rock formations in Watkins Glen River Gorge, NY



Learning about ecosystems while fishing during the drive to Acadia in Maine



Learning about tide-pools in Bar Harbor, Maine's sandbar



Learning about New England organisms (moose sign vs. deer sign back home)

(see Extravaganza page 13)

Welcome New Members/Inductees

September, 2021

Alpha Zeta – Rebecca Colton
Alpha Zeta - Debbie Geist
Alpha Zeta – Jennifer Judson
Alpha Zeta – Debra Lindner
Alpha Zeta – Brandy McRoberts
Beta Beta – Beverly Strayer

October 2021

Alpha Beta - Samantha Fickes
Alpha Kappa – Leigh Ann Kurz

November 2021

Alpha Gamma – Marie Marteeny
Alpha Gamma – Showandah
Terrill
Beta Omicron – Tina Stuber

December 2021

None

January 2022

Zeta – Jessica Inman

February 2022

None

March 2022

None

April 2022

Alpha Mu – Grace Cameron
Alpha Mu – Nancy Foster
Beta Iota – Kimberly Trason
Beta Iota – Sandra Wood
Epsilon – Emily Hayes
Epsilon – Leigh Anne
Wenckowski
Phi – Caitlin Henneforth
Phi – Catherine Henneforth
Phi – Mary Lou Samson
Psi – Cyndi Aiello
Psi – Ann Defilippi
Psi – Stephanie Lesser
Psi – Jacqueline Manno

May 2022

Alpha Nu – Patricia Davis
Alpha Nu – Margaret Mitchell
Alpha Nu – Ellen Payne
Beta Gamma – Kimberly Engler



June 2022

Beta Iota – Mary Ann Albert
Beta Xi – Cheri Harte
Tau – Katherine Rinaldi
Zeta – Melissa Keith
Collegiate

July 2022

Alpha Delta – Sarah Layton
Alpha Delta – Erika Stern
Alpha Sigma – Madisyn Clark
Collegiate
Alpha Sigma – Ava Ekstam
Collegiate
Alpha Sigma – Megan Park
Collegiate
Alpha Theta - Carol Donnelly
Alpha Theta – Martha Hellein
Alpha Theta – Ingrid Sell
Beta Iota – Donna Guida
Beta Iota – Christine Jacobs
Nu – Ashley Harrison
Nu – Rebecca Hoover
Nu – Susan Hostetter
Nu – Diane Mummert
Nu – Lora Varvel



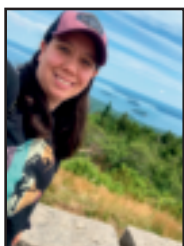
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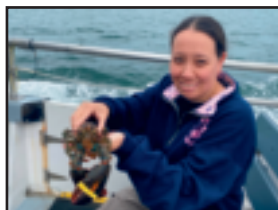
Acadia National Park Bus Tour with educational guide



Exploring Acadia National Park's unique ecosystem



Cadillac Mtn. Acadia National Park (highest peak in park)



Lobster fishing educational boat guide trip in Bar Harbor, Maine



Learning about Acadia's plant life

In Memoriam

Jean Quinn
Alpha Theta
May 29, 2022

Jean was inducted into Alpha Theta Chapter in 1973, and she was an active member of DKG for many years. Many of Jean's friends were DKG members, and she enjoyed being involved in the organization with them. Although Jean could not attend meetings during the last few years, she participated in the chapter projects whenever possible. Jean obtained her Bachelor of Science in Education degree at Slippery Rock State Teachers College. She taught 5th and 6th grades at Elderton Elementary in the Armstrong School District for twenty-seven years. Jean retired in 1989.

Martha Hoy
Beta Iota
June 14, 2022

Martha was a forty-year member of Beta Iota Chapter. She served as the chapter treasurer from 1984-1988. Martha taught all grades, kindergarten through 12th grade. She began her teaching career at Boiling Springs School District. Martha taught at Boiling Springs for ten years, and after thirty additional years of dedicated service, she retired from the Cumberland Valley School District.



...never far from our thoughts...

Chapter News

Alpha Beta

The Projects Committee of Alpha Beta is continuing the Blanket Project begun in 2019. Members and Girl Scouts from Roaring Spring Troop 43009 are creating "more warmth" for those receiving services through Your Safe Haven, Inc.; Bedford County Children and Youth; Rebecca's Personal Care Home; Arbutus Park Manor; and U.S. Renal Care. To date, a total of 84 fleece blankets have been distributed to these five agencies. This is one project in the chapter's 100th Anniversary Caring Project. The chapter members are also donating items to local backpack programs at local school districts and are providing school supplies to children served by Bedford County Children and Youth. From 2022 to 2029, the members plan to annually log 100 hours of service or donate 100 gifts to community agencies and school districts to celebrate DKG's upcoming 100th anniversary.



Alpha Omicron

Alpha Omicron Chapter held its 2022 executive board meeting on July 20th at the home of First Vice-President Linda Morrison. New Chapter President Ann Peay brought the meeting to order. Board members scheduled dates, venues and programs for the four chapter meetings for 2022-2023 as well as for the four chapter breakfasts that are enjoyed during months when chapter meetings are not held. Committee Chairs gave their reports. After all business was concluded, other members arrived, and all enjoyed a potluck picnic.



Members brought school supplies, backpacks and monetary donations for the Mercer County Children's Aid Society. Projects Chair, Ruth Leone, presented the donations to Emily Palmer, Public Relations Coordinator for Mercer County Children's Aid Society, who was invited to the picnic as a special guest. She thanked members for the school supplies that the chapter donates every year to help children in need get a good start to their new school year.

Sigma

Members of Sigma Chapter partnered with Girl Scout Service Unit 646 at Schwaben Covered Bridge Day Camp to present a program at Himmel's



Grove in Rebeck, PA. Sigma sisters, Elizabeth Brewer, Carol Kruskie, Ann Nowaskie, Beth Ann Reed, Judith Skinner, Mary Ann Taxis introduced fifteen young women to the various program of works from their local chapter, state organization and international society. They also developed an agenda to engage the Service Unit in a couple team building activities before working on a paper rose craft. At the conclusion of the program each Girl Scout was presented with a certificate of completion.



Important Dates

September 15, 2022, Arts & Humanities Gallery Submissions for Fall Gallery
September 15, 2022, International Speakers Fund Speaker application
September 30, 2022, All dues must be entered in the portal to avoid members being dropped Oct. 1st

October 1, 2022, Bulletin: Journal submissions

October 10, 2022, PA State Nominations & Endorsements for Officers, Finance & Nominations committee positions due to Barbara Gasperini & Nominations Committee

October 15, 2022, Proposed Amendments due to Lois Brown & Rules Committee

October 31, 2022, Website Compliance Renewal

November 1, 2022, DKGIEF Cornet CIPD and CIPD applications

November 15, 2022, All Treasurers to file IRS 990 (send to State Treasurer)

December 15, 2022, Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions

December 23, 2022, Workshop Presenter Proposals for 2023 State Convention due to Royce Boyd

February 1, 2023, PA State Scholarship & Enrichment Grant Application due to Susan Martin & Scholarship Committee

February 1, 2023, Nancy Grove Visionary Award Application due to Tracey Dusch and Past State Presidents

February 1, 2023, International Scholarship Application

February 1, 2023, Educators Book Award Submissions

February 15, 2023, Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery

March 1, 2023, International Achievement Award recommendations

March 1, 2023, DKGIEF Project Application

March 1, 2023, *Bulletin*: Journal Submissions

March 1, 2023, PA State Album of Distinction forms due to Tina Smith Gilbert & EEC Committee

March 15, 2023, Nominations for PA State Achievement Award due to Nancy Schnell and State Achievement/Rosebud Committee

May 1, 2023, DKGIEF Cornet CIPD Application

May 15, 2023, *Bulletin*: Journal submissions

June 30, 2023, Members to submit dues to chapter treasurer

2023 International Conferences

~ Michigan, Detroit, July 11-16, 2023, The Westin Book Cadillac

~ Arizona, Phoenix, July 18-22, 2023, Sheraton Wild Horse Pass

~ Finland, Tampere, July 26-29, 2023, Tampere Hall

State President Eileen Little's Schedule:

August 4, 2022, Chapter Visit: Alpha Theta - Armstrong

September 20, 2022, Zoom Meeting Chapter Presidents & Leadership Committee

September 29, 2022, Chapter Visit: Alpha Mu - Warren

January 17, 2023, Zoom Meeting Chapter Presidents & Leadership Committee

March 18, 2023, Scholarship Committee Meeting

April 18, 2023, Zoom Meeting Chapter Presidents & Leadership Committee

April 21-23, 2023, Creative Arts Retreat, Waymart, PA

May 6, 2023, Chapter Visit: Beta – Berks

May 10-11, 2023, Finance Committee Meeting

May 20, 2023, Tri-Chapter Visit: Alpha Zeta, Beta Rho & Phi – Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Monroe, Wayne, Pike

Summer 2024, International Convention, Gaylord National, DC Area National Harbor, Maryland

Summer 2026, International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado



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