



The Keystoneian

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Key Women Educators

The PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION Official Publication

**2021 Creative Arts
Retreat
Olmsted Manor
Ludlow, PA
April 23 - 25, 2021
See page 10 for Details!**

Happy Birthday

70th Alpha Epsilon – May 12, 1951

65th Alpha Mu – January 4, 1956

Alpha Nu – April 21, 1956

Alpha Xi – December 8, 1956

60th Alpha Sigma – January 14, 1961

Alpha Upsilon – April 29, 1961

Alpha Phi – April 29, 1961

Eight Pennsylvania DKG
Members

“kept it positive”

during the pandemic by
submitting their work to the
DKG Gallery of Fine Arts!
Check inside and enjoy their
inspirations.

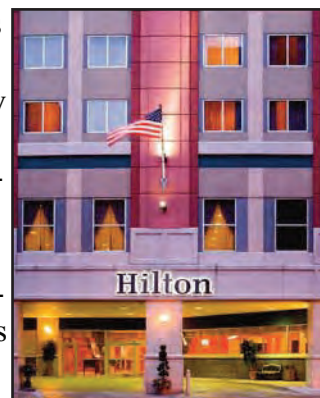


Planning Ahead to 2021

The "Electric City" of Scranton, PA welcomes you to our **PA State Convention this June 11th - 13th, 2021!**

There will be time to celebrate: Album of Distinction; Birthday Chapters; Reognitions of 40+ Years of Membership; Communication Awards; Nancy Grove Visionary Award; Rosebud Award; State Achievement Award; Scholarships and Enrichment Grants.

In addition to exciting workshops, many with Act 48 credits available, we will welcome our International Guest & Keynote Speaker, Kaylyn Gibilterra.



Join us in the "Electric City" for PA State Convention 2021. Get ready for fun & fellowship at the Hilton Scranton Conference Center.

**Let's Celebrate
and
Reunite in 2021!**

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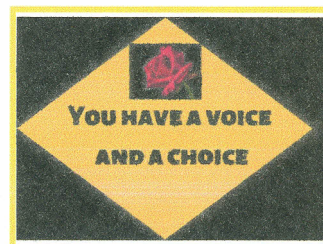
As we approach the holidays, we are reminded to take time and reflect on all the things we are thankful for, yes even in a pandemic year! We have choices. We can choose to make a negative remark, or to hold it back. We can choose to smile when we want to frown. We can choose to shift our position just a few degrees to see the situation from a different perspective. We can tell someone what a great job they are doing and watch their smile light up their face. We can celebrate the big and small parts of life. As Paulo Coelho said, ***"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion."***

Did you know that we have eight PA sisters whose work was accepted to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery! International will be unveiling this new DKG Fine Arts Gallery by mid-November. Our own PA Celebrations are in this issue of the Keystoneian and on our PA website. Please join me in celebrating these sisters: Bonnie Barnes, Alpha Sigma; Sally Becker, Beta Kappa; Denelle Diehl, Alpha Beta; Patricia Carpenter, Beta Rho; Amy Radford, Beta Rho; Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho; Carolyn Wert, Alpha Nu; Jackie Thomas, Omicron!

Mark your calendar now for the PA State Convention 2021 to be held June 11 – 13, 2021 at the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center! I shared a PowerPoint with Chapter Presidents and it is on our PA website under the 2021 State Convention button. Please take some time to check it out and see all the opportunities Scranton has to offer us. The Convention team will be meeting December 10 & 11, 2020 for our planning meeting. In January we will post the link for the Hilton so you can reserve your rooms. We got a great price of \$115.00 plus taxes/per night! We have a new team for Convention and they are: Convention Coordinator – Dr. Becky Johnen; Convention Treasurer – Candace Claar; Convention Protocol – Tracey Dusch & Connie Marr! Our former Convention team is working with these sisters to help with the transition. The PA State Officers are excited to work with the new team and our new venue! It is going to be a great weekend!

My wish for you this holiday season is to embrace and enjoy each day and time spent with family and friends.

Eileen



EEC - Leadership

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta
First Vice President/EEC Chair

Each One, Reach One

(Borrowed from Becky Johnen, Alpha Beta Chapter President)



The PA State Organization Chapter Presidents recently participated in a **Zoom** meeting with the PA State Leadership Team to share ideas and actions during this unusual start of their biennium. ***Each One, Reach One*** was a mantra shared by Becky Johnen that is a “walk your talk” version of the DKG mission. Several chapters across the state are using their time and their members to reach out to early career educators and active teachers to encourage and support them throughout the school year. Chapters are also using this mantra to recruit members. Communication is the key to chapters and the state organization continuing to grow during these uncertain times.

Each One, Reach One has also taken the form of reaching out to schools through backpack programs, tutoring, Girl Scouts, or community organizations to make a difference in peoples’ lives. All of this keeps us connected and gives purpose to the efforts of each chapter. Individual members or small groups within the chapter can accomplish these connections.

During the recent Zoom meeting, chapter presidents also shared how the life of the chapter has changed during these uncertain times. Some are meeting face-to-face, using all the CDC and local guidelines including individually wrapped meals, desserts, and hand sanitizers as favors. Chapters have also gone full virtual, while other are using a hybrid for face-to-face and Zoom for the same meeting.

Current trends in education have education learning pods for some families. Could your chapter have meeting pods? A pod is a small group of people who are already in contact with one another outside of DKG. If one of the pod members uses Zoom, she could bring her pod mates to the chapter meeting. Think virtual breakout rooms. Be creative and flexible, but ***Each One, Reach One!*** Successful programs, projects, and meetings can be achieved by using this mantra to maintain members’ and chapters’ health during these times. Thanks to our Chapter Presidents for sharing their ***Each One, Reach One*** ideas.



Workshop Presenter Needed for the 2021 Convention

Pat Walker, Beta Beta

With the cancellation of the 2020 State Convention, not only have the 2020 workshop presenters, but also, the 2021 holdovers have all agreed to present in June of 2021.

**We have just one
opening to fill.**

Several topics are STEM related which is President Eileen’s thematic concentration, while others cover dance, writing and publishing a book, and mindfulness, to name a few. Suggestions ranged from exercise to healthy living to computer/iPad usage to Lyme disease. If you are knowledgeable in one of these topics or know someone who is, please come forward and be a part of our state celebration. Of course, the workshop topics are by no means limited to these suggestions.

Applications will be available on the state website at dkgpa.weebly.com. Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2021** to Pat Walker. Her contact information can be found on the PA website 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.

How Can Pennsylvania State Organization Chapters Stay Vital During the Pandemic?

Dr. Marj Paradise, Chi
Second Vice President/Membership Chair



With a world pandemic and the winter months upon us, should DKG slow down as we wait for things to get “back to normal?” I do not believe these need to happen. There are many ways that your chapter can grow and flourish even as things around us feel dormant. Yes, I believe growth is possible.

Many people are yearning for connection during this disconcerting time. What better time to reach out and invite new members to your chapter. For a step-by-step plan, consult the DKG Membership Plan readily available on the [dkg.org website](http://dkg.org).

When you do bring in new members remember:

- ~ Be a supportive sponsor and provide reminders and details for planned meetings.
- ~ Introduce them to a few other chapter members to build familiarity and comfort.

- ~ Include her in activities that you are currently involved with or areas you are serving DKG.
- ~ Check-in regularly to offer assistance in clarifying the workings of the chapter and roles that she may be asked to be a part of, such as committee work.
- ~ Ask if she has ideas for programs that would benefit the entire chapter.
- ~ Assure her that you will assist and support her in navigating the DKG website, which holds multitudes of information.

Please remember to check in on your currently working members too. Most are exhausted and what better way to reach out in support than to let them know you care!



Finance Committee Report

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa
Finance Committee Chair

Finance Committee budget development time is quickly approaching. To ensure our budget meets the needs of the Pennsylvania State Organization, the finance committee requests that all Committee Chairs and Officers submit budget requests by **March 15, 2021**. These requests should be sent to Mary Wilhelm via mail or email.

If I do not receive a request from you, the committee will assume that your committee is satisfied with your present level of funding.

I want to thank the members who have chosen to receive their newsletter online. This definitely saves the organization money and helps to ensure we will not need to increase dues. The expense for printing and mailing the *Keystonian* is significant. These are funds that could be used for a better purpose. If you have not opted to receive your *Keystonian* by email, please give it some consideration.

Secondly, I want to remind First Vice Presidents that I will be sending out an Evaluation Survey in the near future asking for input on the performance of the State Treasurer, the *Keystonian* Editor, and the Web Master. Each chapter will be asked to evaluate one of these positions. The survey will be used to determine their stipends for the

year. Please fill it out and return as requested, preferably to my email address.

Finally, I want to remind all Finance Chairs throughout the state to please refer to the Finance Guidelines document for record keeping. If you do not have one, the booklet can be requested from the International Society website. Please be aware all chapter bank statements should be maintained for four years as well as all receipts and budget reports. Copies of Membership Form 18 should be maintained for seven years. Thank you to all chapter Finance Chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in keeping the chapter on a firm financial foundation.

Notes from the US Forum

Susan Fritz, Chi

US Forum/Educational Legislation Chair

Greeting from US Forum! These past weeks have been busy with announcements of events past and future. Let us start with what is happening in the future.

At the end of September, the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), announced that it will be organizing a series of virtual mini conferences/webinar on issues that impact global citizens, starting at the end of this year and extending into the beginning months of 2021. Two of the main topics will be *Misinformation* and *The Indigenous*. These issues will be examined through background and resources from CTAUN's network of speakers at the UN along with other experts and local leaders.

CTAUN is taking this step because having a large in-person conference at the United Nations is not seen as feasible during the next several months. While I enjoy going to the United Nations for CTAUN, I am hopeful these virtual events will allow a wider audience of Delta Kappa Gamma sisters to experience the depth of content and problem solving that

CTAUN brings to issues of importance for all of us.

CTAUN's past February 28, 2020 Conference at the UN, is available at <http://webtv.un.org/>. Entering CTAUN in the Search Box at the top will give you access to Parts I and II of the 2020 Conference "**War No More**" with its amazing roster of speakers. Summaries of past conferences, along with Teacher Resources and other information are available on the CTAUN website www.teachun.org.

The DKG US Forum Steering Committee hosted a webinar, "**Advocacy that Works: Best Practices for Successful Legislative Programs**" on September 29, 2020. This round table discussion was moderated by Daphne Cagle (California) and featured Roni Embry Indiana), Carrie Frye (Florida), Pat Bennett-Forman (Washington), and Dr. Kathy Kinley (California) speaking about their experiences with legislative advocacy as Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters.

The panel was asked to respond to the following questions:

~ What are you doing at the State level?

- ~ How are you doing virtual advocacy?
- ~ How does your State Organization select for what you will advocate?
- ~ How do you prepare people to advocate with their legislature?

The panel also responded to questions from webinar participants about what websites they use to gather their information in preparation to advocate on a subject and how to involve the general public in advocating for a position. The webinar was recorded and will be available at a later time.

By the time you read this newsletter, it is my fervent hope that the election will be over, and the candidates and their constituents will know who the voters have chosen in all local, state, and federal positions. It has been a difficult election season. Regardless of who is elected, that person is responsible for the people in their jurisdiction. It is our job as individuals to hold them accountable and advocate for the positions we hold dear.

Best wishes for a peaceful and safe holiday season.

World Fellowship Rose Ann Colosimo, Theta World Fellowship

It is very heartwarming that several chapters are supporting our World Fellowship Scholarship Recipient, Zhanar Tostubayeva. Many special bonds have developed and memories that last a life time. All communications,

gift cards, cards, packages and support are greatly appreciated. Our continued support is significant.

During these very challenging times DKG International has not released information regarding the 2020-2021 scholarship recipients. As soon as information is avail-



able, I will contact the chapter World Fellowship Chairs.

Please think about using AmazonSmile which donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) purchases to Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation. Every amount helps to quickly build our World Fellowship fund.

Deadline is Fast Approaching

Susan Martin, Eta
Scholarship Chair

Are you looking to advance and/or improve yourself through graduate study in a degree, certification, or endorsement program? Now is the time to complete an application for a PA State scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded to DKG members who are active and in good standing for at least three years. Credits may be earned during the regular school year or summer session at a credited college or university. A scholarship recipient may apply more than one time within the five year plan but awards can not exceed \$7,000 in the 2017-2021 Five Year Plan.

If you are an active, good standing member in your first three years of membership in DKG and considering graduate study, you may apply for the Ma-

rian Spitzer Robling Scholarship.

The scholarship selection criteria focuses on the applicants proposed use of the graduate study, active DKG society participation, professional involvement, and community involvement.

Or, are you interested in developing a special classroom project, continuing your education for personal or professional growth, embarking on a travel study tour, developing an independent study project, or presenting a research study? Then complete an application for a State Enrichment Grant which addresses at least one of the seven purposes and outlines your active participation in the Society, as well as professional and community involvement.

Enrichment grant recipients may apply more than one time within the five year plan but awards can

not exceed \$5,000 in the 2017-2021 Five Year Plan.

The scholarship and enrichment grant applications are available on the Pennsylvania State Organization website (dkgpa.weebly.com) under the Awards/Scholarship tab. The applications must be post-marked by **February 1, 2021**.

NOTE: The awarded scholarship or grant must be used within the year following the 2021 convention and prior to the 2022 convention.

Honorary, Reserve, and Collegiate members are not eligible to receive scholarships or enrichment grants.

Contact information for the Scholarship Chair is available on the PA State Organization website directory.

**Apply Now for 2021 PA
State Scholarships &
Enrichment Grants!**

2020-22 DKG International Administrative Board

One action taken prior to the 2020 DKG Virtual Event was voting for members of the 2020-2022 DKG Administrative Board.

Rebecca "Becky" Sadowski (TN)

was elected the new DKG
International President.

Administrative Board:

Dr. Lace Marie Brogden (SASK)

First Vice President

June M. Bowers (NE)

Second Vice President

Dr. Debra "Debbie" LeBlanc (IL) NE Regional Director

Barbara Clausen (WA) NW Regional Director

Candace "Candi" Martin (AR) SE Regional Director

Janis Barr (CA) SW Regional Director

Margarita Hanschmidt (EE) Europe Regional Director

Connie Rensink (TX) Member-at-Large (2018-2022)

Cynthia "Cyndy" Moore (BC) Member-at-Large (2020-2024)

Marjorie Sinclair (NB) Area Representative - Canada

Grace Rodriguez-Mesa (Panama) Area Representative Latin America

Dr. Helen Popovich (FL) Parliamentarian

Cathy Daugherty (VA) Immediate Past President

Nita Scott (TX) Executive Secretary

Are You a Visionary?

Tracey R. Dusch, Psi
Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Chair

Do you consider yourself to be a visionary?
Are you actively teaching and have an innovative idea
that you would like to see become a reality? Apply
for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund, and your vision

could be realized.

The NGVF is a \$500 grant awarded to active
teacher members to fund innovative ideas and activ-
ities related to Excellence in Education within the edu-
cational community. The application is available on
the Pennsylvania State Organization website and must
be postmarked by **February 1, 2021**. Any questions
regarding the application can be directed to Tracey R.
Dusch, NGVF Chair.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION NANCY B. GROVE VISIONARY FUND APPLICATION FORM

The Pennsylvania State Organization Nancy Grove Visionary Fund awards a grant to in-service active teacher members to fund innovative ideas and activities related to Excellence in Education within the educational community. This annual award is administered by the Past State Presidents of the Pennsylvania State Organization and will be awarded at the annual state convention. The grant is to be used during the school year immediately following the state convention. **It is imperative that the recipient be in attendance at the Pennsylvania State Organization Convention to receive her award.** Interested applicants shall complete the following application form and send the completed application form postmarked by **February 1, 2021** to: Tracey R. Dusch, NGVF Chair

Please complete the following:

Name: _____
Address: _____
School District Name: _____
Professional Position: _____
Phone: _____
Email Address: _____
Chapter: _____

Please answer the following, attach additional paper if needed:

1. Describe the proposed plan or activity. Include goals and objectives.

2. Describe the group to be targeted (students – grade level or age; specific minority groups; parents; community).

3. How will this proposed plan/activity enhance excellence in education? (include need and expected outcomes)

4. Have you made application for this proposal to other sources of funding? If so, please name the source and what you expect to receive.

5. Outline the budget for the proposed plan/activity, i.e. specifically, How much money will be spent on different parts of the proposal.

6. How will the activity be evaluated and shared? (include outcomes to be expected and how the results will be shared with the educational community)

Applicant's Signature: _____

Signature of Chapter President: _____

Please note:

This has form has
been resized.
You must go to the
State Website to
obtain your
application.

dkgpa.weebly.com

You will also find
the evaluation
rubric used to
judge your entry.
Mail your
completed
application to
NGVF Chair. Log
into the password
protected State
Directory for
address
information.

**Don't have the
password?**

Contact your
Chapter President
for the password.

In Search of a 2021 DKG Star State Achievement Award Nominations

Nancy Schnelli, Chi
State Achievement Chair

The State Achievement Award Committee is requesting nominations for the 2021 Pennsylvania State Achievement Award. Do you know someone who shines in your chapter? The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor a member who has given distinguished and outstanding service to the Pennsylvania Organization and has promoted the purpose and policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. 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.

Think about it. **THEN ACT!** Take time to recognize greatness among us. Nominate a member

who shines. **In complete confidentiality,** **only the nominator and the State Achievement Award Chair** should know the nomination is being made.

Chapters are reminded that the nomination form must be submitted by **March 15, 2021** 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)

QUESTIONS? Contact the State Achievement Award chair listed on the website.

Remember, this award is secret!

Album of Distinction

Fern Detwiler, Beta Pi

Professional Affairs Committee Chair

Hello Society friends and colleagues! I come to you representing your Educational Excellence Committee overall, but specifically the group of members on the Professional Affairs branch of the committee.

Professional Affairs works almost exclusively with our Album of Distinction award. This award represents a members' life work outside DKG and represents our Purpose #6... ***To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members, and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.*** This accolade should represent their passion to work for and improve the lives of others on a global, community or personal level. We are looking to honor these women and share their stories at our Album of Distinction Ceremony Friday evening of Convention weekend in June.

Each Chapter should take this opportunity to have their voice heard and look within their ranks

for a worthy member to put forward for this award. Self-nominations will also be accepted. The committee feels that in some circumstances only YOU can tell your story so that others will understand the importance and quality of your work.

To be considered for the 2021 State Convention, the nomination form must be submitted by email or postmarked no later than **March 1, 2021**. Send to Fern Detwiler. Her email and postal address can be found in the Directory on the PSO website. Contact your Chapter President for the Directory password.

The Awards Ceremony will take place the evening of June 11, 2021 in Scranton. All applicants will be notified of their status by May 1, 2021 to allow ample time to register for the convention.

The nomination form and Criteria Sheet may be found at www.dkgpa.weebly.com Click on Awards and download these forms for detailed information on how to apply. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. Our committee is waiting to hear from YOU!

Please log onto our State Website dkgpa.weebly.com to obtain the application and to review the selection criteria for the Album of Distinction.

Proposal to Amend Pennsylvania State By-Laws or Standing Rules

Article X – Activities; Section 2 Publications

[1] By-Law or Rule now reads:

- A. The **Keystonian** shall be made available four (4) times a year to all members. The **Keystonian** shall be available on line and through snail mail.
- B. Special publications shall have prior approval of the state president and the Finance Committee before being submitted to the Executive Board.

[2] To be amended by striking out and/or inserting new word(s), sentence(s), or paragraph(s) as follows:

- A. The **Keystonian** shall be made available four (4) times a year to all members. The **Keystonian** shall be available on-line ~~and through snail mail.~~

[3] If adopted would read:

- A. The **Keystonian** shall be made available four (4) times a year to all members. The **Keystonian** shall be available on-line or by special request.

[4] Rationale for change: By recommending this change, The PA State Organization will be better able to provide programs, projects, meetings and chapter resources through the work of PA State Committees to move the state organization forward.

[5] Financial Impact: The total budget for the **Keystonian** for 2020 was \$16, 250, actual expenditures was \$16,588. This includes printing, postage and an honorarium for the Editor. This cost is based per page printing which averages 20 pages. There are approximately 2,100 copies printed and mailed by USPS 4 times per budget year. Simply by using email to distribute the **Keystonian**, \$13,000 would become available to be reallocated to other state committees, trainings and projects as suggested through the budgeting process via the finance committee.

Submitted by: Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

Proposal to Amend Pennsylvania State By-Laws or Standing Rules

Article VIII Section 3D - amend by deletion and addition

currently reads:

D. Nominations

The Nominations Committee shall consist of seven (7) members. ~~The immediate past president shall serve as chairman for a two-year term.~~ The Executive Board shall elect three (3) members each biennium for a four- year term.

Delete the sentence: “The immediate past president shall serve as chairman for a two-year term.”

Replace with the following sentence: "A past state organization president, appointed by the newly installed state organization president, shall serve as

chairman of the Nominations Committee."

Article VIII Section 3D would read:

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The Nominations Committee shall consist of seven (7) members. A past state organization president, appointed by the newly installed state organization president, shall serve as chairman of the Nominations Committee. The Executive Board shall elect three (3) members each biennium for a four-year term.

Rationale for Change: The updated wording would account for any unforeseen circumstances that might arise if an immediate past president is unable to, or does not want to, assume the duties of chair of Nominations.

Financial Impact: None.

Submitted by Louann Shrader, Omega

2021 Creative Arts Retreat – PA Organization Registration

April 23, 24, 25, 2021

Olmsted Manor Ludlow, Pennsylvania

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip _____

Chapter: _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

Expected time of arrival on Friday? _____

Registration includes room, meals, snacks, workshops and activities. **\$165.00** total per person in the room.

- Some workshops require a fee for materials.
- Workshop fees will be collected by the presenter prior to workshop.

Please indicate how many in the room _____

_____ One night only registration is **\$110.00**

_____ Saturday only registration - includes 2 meals is **\$60.00**

Roommate (s) _____

If you are staying only one night, you will be staying

_____ Friday night?

_____ Saturday night?

I have special Dietary needs. Please specify:

To register use this form OR register online at dkgpa.weebly.com. When registering, don't forget to contact Doreen Weaber by **March 30, 2021** at dkgpacartreasurer@gmail.com for address information on where to send your check. Thank you.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

Registration - 3:00 - 9:00

Make and Take Activity - Open all evening

Meet and Greet - 5:00

Dinner - 6:00

Game Night - 7:00 - 9:00

Workshop Selections (Mark your choice)

Saturday

6:30 - 7:30 _____ Yoga

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 _____ Labyrinth Walk

8:30 - 10:30 _____ Ukulele Basics and African

Drumming

_____ Tatting

9:40 - 10:40 _____ Creative Ornaments

9:40 - 11:40 _____ Making an Exploding Box

_____ DKG Shadow Box Applique

10:45-11:45 _____ Creative Coasters

_____ Doodle Therapy

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:15 Creative Arts Retreat Photo

1:30 - 2:30 _____ Book Discussion

1:30 - 3:30 _____ A Brush with Watercolor

_____ Churn Dash Quilt Patch

2:00- 4:00 _____ Beaded Bracelet

_____ Loom Knit Hats

2:40- 3:40 _____ Stress Management and
Meditation

4:00- 5:00 _____ Chorus Rehearsal

6:00 Dinner

7:00 It's A Mystery To Us?

Sunday

8:30 - Reflections

9:30 - Brunch

10:30 - Departure

Workshop Descriptions.

Doodle Therapy - Carol Lane.

Doodle Therapy is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful designs by drawing structured patterns. It increases focus and creativity along with an increased sense of personal well-being. All ages and skill levels can enjoy this art form.

Labyrinth Walk - Carol Lane.

The labyrinth walk will provide you with a meditative experience that dates back 3,500 years. A brief history of labyrinths will be reviewed. Then, weather permitting, the participants will walk this concentric circular path to reflect and discover our sacred inner space. Walking the labyrinth clears the mind and gives insight into the journey of life.

Book Discussion - This self-directed workshop is open to all those who love a book and want to share or discuss it with others.

Yoga - Karen Portale, MD.

A basic practice with stretching and meditation - a great way to start the day. Participants need to bring a mat and blanket. Karen is a 500 hour certified yoga instructor and has been teaching yoga for many years.

Making an Exploding Box - Carolyn Sutton.

An exploding box is made from sheets of sturdy scrapbook paper or card stock that nest inside each other. When it is folded up and the lid is on top, it looks like a normal gift. When it is opened, it "explodes" into many layers. The boxes are fun to make and can be used for gift giving or memory keeping. *Materials needed: 4 double sided sheets of scrapbook paper that is heavy; a tape runner of double-sided adhesive (clear is best); pair of scissors; a scorer if you own one (I'll bring several); a 12 inch paper trimmer if you have one; and photos if you want your box to be a memory keeper.* Fee is \$5.00 if you use my papers and adhesive tape. Class size: 10-12 participants.

Stress Management and Meditation - Stephanie Olver.

Feeling stressed and anxious? Come and learn some practical tips for dealing with stress in these difficult times. There will also be a focus on meditation, a common way to help deal with stress.

Making Coasters - Karen Ball.

In this class we will be making a single coaster. We will use a ceramic tile and the napkin of your choice. We will secure the napkin to the tile with mod podge and once dry add a cork backing with little feet. Once they dry we will seal them with a spray sealant. **Cost: \$5 for materials.**

A Brush with Watercolor - Cindy Reynolds.

Description: Whether you have never picked up a paint brush, have always wanted to give it a try or are a seasoned watercolor painter, this is a welcoming workshop for you. You will be introduced to some basic skills for successful watercolor painting. You will learn how to mix a variety of colors using the three primary colors. You will have time to utilize the skills to complete a painting. Number: maximum 12.

Ukulele Basics and African-Style Drumming - Nancy Hills and Christina Myers.

Have you ever been curious about ukulele or African-style drumming, but were scared to take the leap? Here is your chance to jump in, no experience (or music reading ability) necessary! During our two-hour session you will learn the basics of both the ukulele and African-style drumming in a split session and will cap off the experience with a combined performance. No session fees required. Come and join a community of music-makers and drum and strum up the fun!

Loom Knit Hats - Amy Meihl.

Loom Knitting creates a knit fabric just like needle knitting, but the process is super simple, extremely easy to learn and to do! We'll learn some basic stitches and create beautiful knit hats on a round loom. The best part is that you can hold a conversation while you work, since there's no counting stitches! Bring your favorite yarn (1 regular size skein divided into two yarn balls, or one bulky weight skein) and I'll provide the rest. **Cost: \$8.00**, limit of 12.

Churn Dash Quilt Patch - Melissa Flynn.

Participants will *need to bring their sewing machines*, light grey thread, and scissors. They will receive pre cut pieces for the block and a pattern and directions to make additional blocks. **Cost: \$3.00**, limit of 25.

Beaded Bracelet - Vonda Reed.

This year will be a different look. This bracelet uses tubler beads and is called Linked Ladders in a book by Jean Power. My book says it is for beginning headers, but I feel you advanced ladies would enjoy it also. **Cost: \$7.00**, limit of 10.

Creative Ornaments - Barbara Summers.

In this workshop we will be creating a decorated clear ornament and embellish them. Whose home couldn't use a little sprucing up with a little pretty? \$7.00 to participate.

DKG Shadowbox Appliqué - Jackie Thomas.

Stitch interesting shapes of cloth onto a cloth square. Add a button, a bead, a DKG charm, etc. and pin the finished

(see workshops page 12)

(workshops from page 11)

applique square into a shadowbox frame. Make one for yourself or a DKG Chapter gift. Add an applique to a special DKG PA Community gift for our outgoing President, Eileen Little. All materials will be provided, but bring anything special you would like to include (i.e. DKG charm). **Cost: \$10**

Tatting - Elaine Harmon.

This class will teach the ancient art of tatting lace. Participants will learn about the basic tools, materials and techniques for needle tatting. They will learn how to read tatting symbols and directions. Step-by-step directions will be given to complete a small project. Participants will need to bring scissors. **Cost: \$15** includes materials, limit 10.

DKG Gallery of Fine Arts Awardees

Denelle Diehl, Alpha Beta



An Autum Walk Through the Orchard

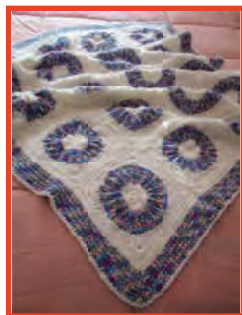


Playing Spoons

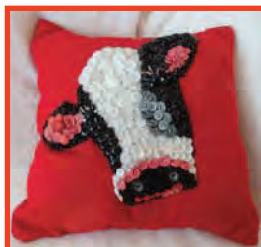


**Caroline Wert
Alpha Nu**

Love at the Lake



**Going in
Circles
Baby
Blanket**



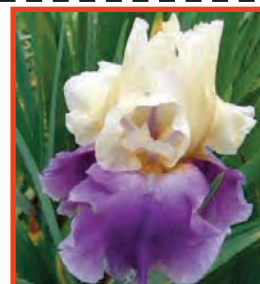
Cow in buttons on Pillow

**Patricia Carpenter
Beta Rho**

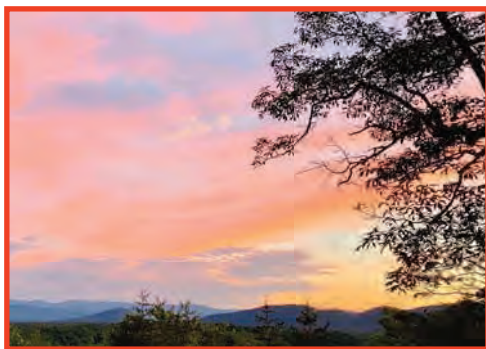


**Bonnie Barnes
Alpha Sigma**

Spring Perfection



Amy Radford, Beta Rho



Mountain Sunset

Seasons Cadence

The spring rises
Its warm horizon
soft colors grow
Maple sweet
A delicious treat
warm in the glow

Fall colors set
Vivid shades met
oaks in blaze
Cider filled mug
Flannel warm hugs
Autumn verse raise

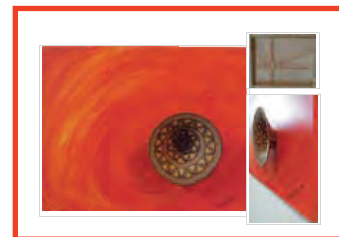
Summer shines bright
A vibrant delight
Joy full play
The birch waves
in verdant praise
Dancing all day

Winter's velvet night
Moon's soft light
The evergreen sleeps
Stars shine array
The fresh snow lay
My hope keeps

Jackie Thomas, Omicron



Femme Fatale Dibe Mask



Radial Native Glow



A Heart In Flowers

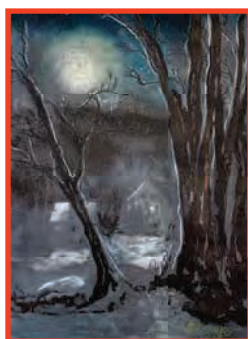


A Thistle In Bloom

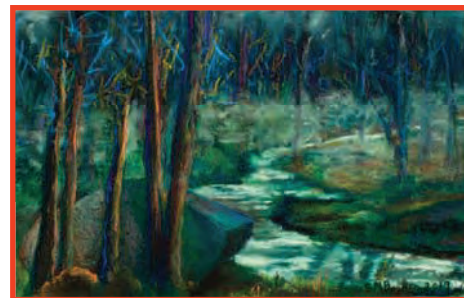
**Cindy Reynolds
Beta Rho**



Sally Becker, Beta Kappa



Wolf Moon 5 AM



Fogged Creek Dusk

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 15, 2020 *Bulletin*: Journal Submissions

January 3, 2021 Deadline to apply for the DKGIEF Project Application

February 1, 2021 Deadline to apply for: DKGEF Cornet CIPD Application; PA State Scholarship; PA State Enrichment; Grant; Nancy Grove Visionary Fund; International Scholarship Application

February 15, 2021 Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery

March 1, 2021 Deadline to apply for: PA State

Album of Distinction; PA State Achievement Award; International Achievement Award, *Bulletin*: Journal Submissions

April 23 – 25, 2021 State Creative Arts Retreat, Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA

May 1, 2021 Deadline for DKGEF Cornet CIPD application

May 15, 2021 *Bulletin*: Journal Submissions

June 1, 2021 Submit Articles for Spring *Keystonian*

June 11 – 13, 2021 PA State Convention, Hilton Scranton & Conference Center, Scranton, PA

(see Important Dates on page 20)

Welcome, New Inductees!

Beta Alpha - Joy Tolar

Tau - Kathy Finnerty

Alpha Zeta - Sarah Kemp
Trina Beers

Alpha Upsilon
Ann Andrews

Nu

Jayne Hain
Karen Hallowell

Chi - Julia Hoffman
Anne Stachura
Kathleen Wert

Alpha Xi - Jeanne Keys

Alpha Nu

Kathleen Gabriel
Rachel Hoffman
Cheryl Szogi

Beta Iota

Stephanie Andrejack
Abigail Spiegel

Chapter News

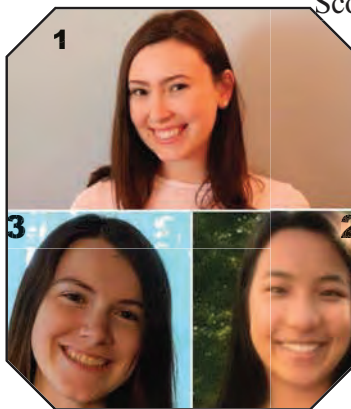
Beta Pi

DKG Beta Pi would like to congratulate and recognize our three grant-in-aid scholarship recipients for 2020! Each recipient was awarded \$1,000 to assist with college tuition, needs, books, etc. (Recipients, pictured starting clockwise from top) **1. Margaret Ostrich** is our college scholarship recipient, this year. Margaret is a senior at West Chester University where she is majoring in Early Grades Preparation with a minor in Literacy. Margaret is currently student teaching in the West Chester Area School District. In the summer, Margaret is a Summer Camp Director with Upper Merion Parks and Recreation!

2. Nya Cherry is the first of our two high school scholarship recipients this year. Nya recently graduated from Methacton High School and will be attending

Penn State University this fall, where she will be majoring in Secondary Education specializing in Biology and Physics. While at Methacton, Nya was an active participant in, Student Council, National Honor Society, Girl Scouts, and the National Charity League.

3. Alyssa Galban is our second high school scholarship recipient this year. Alyssa recently graduated from Upper Merion Area High School and will be attending Penn State University this fall where she will be majoring in Elementary Education. While at Upper Merion, Alyssa was an active participant in: National Honor Society; Octagon Club; Student Council; Best Buddies; Crew; Gardening Club; Environmental Club; Girl Scouts, Reading Buddies; and the Special Needs Adaptive Program at Upper Merion Township Community Center. Please join us in wishing all of them the best of luck this year!



Alpha Omicron

The Alpha Omicron Chapter held its first Biennium 2020-2022 chapter meeting Saturday, August 29. Fifteen members met at Pearson Park in



New Castle under an open picnic shelter. Members practiced social distancing and wore



masks. President Karin Kosior called the meet-



ing to order. The annual \$1,000 Caroline Daverio Grant-In-Aid Scholarship was presented by Yvonne Chichin, Scholarship Chair, to Slippery Rock University junior Lauren de Caussin. Miss Caussin is majoring in Elementary Education and Special Education.



To celebrate the chapter's 63rd birthday, President Karin Kosior made "Let's raise our cup of tea to celebrate '63' favors. Individually wrapped "china" paper teacups and saucers were each filled with candy, a bear honey jar, a tea bag, a teaspoon strainer, and a teacup shaped lollipop. Members brought their own lunch and beverage. Desert was a cake provided by President Kosior to celebrate the chapter's birthday.

First Vice-President Linda Morrison and member Carol McKnight collected money and donated household and cleaning supplies, (such as paper products, and laundry pods) for the Crisis Shelter of New Castle. They delivered the \$422 check and supplies to Deborah Hennon, the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County Executive Director.

Again this year, members brought donated school supplies, bookbags and money donations to

the meeting. Projects Chair Ruth Leone collected and will deliver the school supplies and money donations to the Mercer County Children's Aid Society. These supplies help the children experience a great start to a new school year.

The second meeting and first Alpha Omicron Chapter Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 10, at Edward's Restaurant in



New Castle. The chapter members were seated on the outside patio and wore masks. After lunch, members



shopped at their Fall Festival for donated fall crafts, gift baskets, homemade or store-bought items, baked goods, fall treats and decorations. The monies raised will go towards next year's Grant-In-Aid Scholarship Fund. Members also donated money and needed items for the Crisis Shelter of New Castle and donated Christmas gifts for children at the Children's Aid Society of Mercer County.



President Karen Kosior (center) with "masked" members

Pi

Pi Chapter held their first meeting of the year in September at the Susquehannock Lodge in Ulysses, PA. The members were thrilled to be having a face to face meeting and had a lot of catching up to do. Society business was completed, upcoming projects discussed and a successful Chinese Auction was held. The highlight of the meeting was a visit by State President, Eileen Little. Eileen shared her goals for the biennium with the group. Members enjoyed a yummy luncheon prepared and served by the owners.



Lambda

Two local Grove City businesses and Lambda Chapter said “thank you” to ALL Grove City Area School District staff and faculty with a special treat. Dave Knopp, co-owner of County Market in Pine Township, and wife Nicole, plus Amanda Arnhold of Shannon’s Kandy Kitchen joined members of Lambda at Grove City High School to donate County Market gift cards and chocolates to district employees.

Sue Herman, DKG Professional Affairs Chair, reached out to the two local businesses to see if they would like to partner with Lambda in supporting educators during these uncertain times. Administrators, secretaries, nurses, custodians, and cafeteria workers – all 90 non-teaching employees - received gift cards and all 250 teachers received a beautiful handmade chocolate school house inscribed with “To My Teacher.” Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Finch and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joshua Weaver greatly appreciated the project that recognized the worthiness of all teachers and employees of the Grove City Area School District.



(L to R) County Market Owners, Dave and Nicole Knopp, 5 Lambda Members (Chapter President Becky Sopher 4th from left), Shannon’s Kandy Kitchen Owner, Amanda Arnhold, and 2 Grove City Area School District Administrators.

Beta Kappa

The Beta Kappa Chapter held a meeting in September at Renfrew Museum and Park located in Waynesboro, PA. The Executive Director, Tracy Holliday, presented a program entitled “The Institute at Renfrew.” The mission of The Institute is to guide the people of the Cumberland Valley region to become stewards of their natural and cultural worlds. To do that the Institute: provides environmental and cultural education to elementary and secondary school children; supports and conducts research on natural and cultural history; provides opportunities for adults to learn more about the nature and culture of the region and the world beyond; and presents programs that inform and entertain the community

We were social distancing during the meeting, but afterward, walked outside to take the unmasked picture of our President, Jill Miller, and the Tracy Holliday.

(I don’t want others to think our chapter was being careless or not following the guidelines).



Alpha Theta

During the October meeting of the DKG Alpha Theta Chapter, members assembled cards to say "Thank You" to all returning teachers and staff in their school district. Card stock was purchased, original sayings were created, card fronts were decorated with cardstock, stickers and



stamps, and the final touch was a DKG label on the back of every card. Chap-

ter members then distributed a card to every faculty and staff member, (including secretaries, principals, guidance counselors, nurses, custodians, cafeteria workers, and district administration) in their perspective building's via personal mailboxes.

Alpha Theta mainly services the Armstrong School District which is made up of 6 elementary

schools and two high schools as well as affiliation with one vocational technical school. Classes began in early September with all in-person learning with an option to learn virtually from home. We are very proud of our teachers' ability to navigate such uncertain, difficult times. One of the cards read, "Your resilience is contagious, your flexibility is unsurpassed, your dedication is immeasurable." Alpha Theta created and distributed 550 cards.

Alpha Theta wants to express a special thank you to all educators for their commitment, dedication and resilience during such difficult times. One of the many card recipients expressed, "It just made my day!"

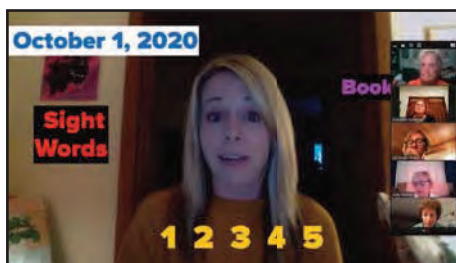
This project was initiated by Connie Marr and Denise Gamble.

Pictured are Denise Gamble (signing her cards) and Trisha Dilick, Alpha Theta President, (enjoying the card making process).



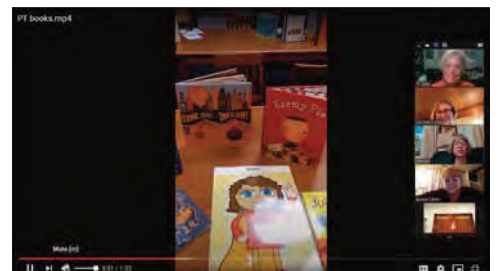
Sigma

Sigma Chapter held the first meeting of the 2020-2022 biennium via Zoom on October 1st. Newly elected Co-Presidents Elizabeth Brewer and Doris Mertz presided. Chapter members Brittany Bunting-Specht, Ann Nowaskie, Jennifer Vovakes and Danielle Williams shared their experiences teaching in the world of distance learning. They utilize a wide variety of systems and applications to engage students and to maintain personal connections with them while teaching virtually. In the first photo (screenshot 14) Jennifer Vovakes explains the app that she uses to send daily videos to her students.



During the meeting, Past Co-President Deb Bernhisel is recognized with the Red Rose Award for editing and publishing the latest chapter yearbook.

In the third photo Carol Kruskie shows a display of some of the books which were purchased for the Line Mountain Elementary School with monies awarded from the chapter Hat Fund.



Alpha Beta

Alpha Beta Chapter members contribute food to local Weekend Backpack Programs that are designed to provide food for children considered “food insecure.” We also donated monies to provide food for students at the Jabulani School in Africa, a school that DKG helped build.

Pictured:(L to R) Jenn Harclerode, Linda Clapper, Kristine Walters, Lois Stoner, Sonya Browell, and Judy Conrad.



Beta Epsilon

“Hand in hand, our loyal band, forward moving ever” is a familiar line.

It is the second verse of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song. Beta Epsilon Chapter has chosen a portion of this line as the theme of their next biennium; *forward moving ever*. Our chapter embraced this line as our theme so that we would continue the work of the society, despite the current difficulties with Covid-19. Forward moving ever, we adapted to the situation and managed to complete two of our chapter projects.

Our annual “Backpacks for Kids Project” typically provides backpacks filled with school supplies to local school districts. However, after consultation with school administrators, it was discovered that the greatest need this year was school supplies for remote learning. The chapter project evolved to fit this need. School supplies and whiteboards were placed



in two gallon bags and donated to local schools. The Northern Cambria Rotary Club also provided funds to purchase additional supplies. In total, 144 remote learning

bags were donated to 14 schools in Cambria and Blair Counties.

The second project the chapter completed was the “We Care For Kids Project.” Typically the chapter completes this project in the spring, however, due to the quarantine, it was placed on hold until this fall.

The members donate personal hygiene items for distribution to school nurses for their personal care cupboards. Ten schools

were the recipients of these care bags. The chapter plans to continue to participate in the project in the spring and will choose an additional ten schools to receive those care bags.

Despite these trying times, Beta Epsilon Chapter plans to continue to be *“forward moving ever.”* This may require overcoming obstacles and adapting our project plans to fit the current needs of schools and students.

Beta Theta

On a crisp, sunny September morning nineteen members of Beta Theta met in the yard of incoming chapter President Stephany Davidson. Outgoing President, Jeanette Thomas, installed the incoming Officers for the 2020-2022 biennium. During the meeting the Co Second Vice- President’s inducted three new members. Our chapter welcomed our first Collegiate member, 1. Lauren Miller, as well as two distinguished librarians, 2. Allison Mackley, and 3. Geneva Reeder. We conducted our normal business



and donated supplies for gift baskets for new educators in the Lower Dauphin School District. The meeting concluded with the presentation of The Woman of Distinction Award to Kathy Dunn. Kathy, who passed way in April, was a talented musician that generously shared her talents in the community and with her Beta Theta Sisters.



President Stephany Davidson, 1st Vice President and Parliamentarian Suzanne Long, Co-Vice Presidents Norma Mateer and Susan Davis, Secretary Linda Geesaman, Treasurer Nancy Thompson

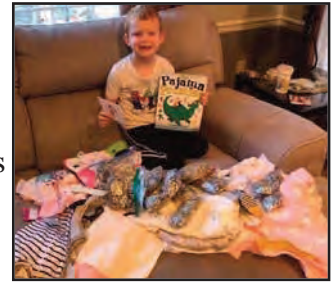
Kappa

On September 26, 2020, Kappa Chapter held their Fall meeting via Zoom. The program was about the THON, Ronald McDonald House and the Four Diamonds Program.

Our guest was 9 year old **Trey Fry** who had a bone marrow transplant at the age of 3 at Penn State Hospital for Children. He had attended the THON 5 times and told us about the 'famous' people he had met—Nittany Lion, Saquon Barkley, Trace McSorley and Coach Franklin. He had also stayed at the Ronald McDonald House. Trey's Mother Brooke told us about his operation and the Four Diamonds program.



Due to a computer glitch our other guest **Owen Bonn** was unable to attend. Owen, 7 years old, has cancer in the eye and he goes to CHOP (Children's Hospital in Philadelphia) and of course, has stayed at the Ronald McDonald House and also attended the THON.



Each young man was given a bag filled with children's pjs for the hospital, soda tabs and a book for the Ronald McDonald House.

The Kappa sisters had collected 40 pairs of pjs, 3 (2 gallon bags) of tabs. The book was placed in the Ronald McDonald Houses in honor of Trey and Owen.



In Memoriam

Dr. Mary Anne Smith

Alpha Phi

10/28/2020

Dr. Smith was inducted on 04/01/1995. Her contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma include Chapter President with Beta Zeta and Grant-in-Aid Committee Member (with Alpha Phi). She was an elementary school teacher throughout her educational career.

She will be missed.

Dorothy J. Cressler

Beta Iota

08/15/2019

Dorothy was a Charter Member of Beta Iota in 1963! She went on to be Chapter President and also had served as 1st Vice President, Program Chair, Research Chair, Professional Affairs Chair and World Fellowship Chair. She served as an elementary teacher in Pennsylvania

and a School Library Media Specialist in Maryland. Dorothy represented the Pennsylvania Association for Childhood Education at the 75th Anniversary Conference of the International Conference in Washington, DC in 1967. In addition to DKG, Dorothy held memberships in NEA, PSEA, Maryland EA, the International Reading Association and the Maryland Media Association.

**** Sincere apologies that Dorothy's Memoriam was missed in past Remembrances****

Margaret Wolf

Kappa

09/26/2020

Kappa lost a dear Sister who had been a member since November 01, 1953! A Shippensburg graduate, she taught for 30 years, mostly with first graders.

Margee was an active Chapter committee member and a Chapter President. She also served on the PA State Scholarship Committee.

Margee was a chaperone and ambassador with People to People. In addition to being a lifetime member of the Girls Scouts, she was a lifetime member of the Colonial Park United Church of Christ where she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent and Lay Minister.

She will be forever loved and remembered for her sponsorship of a State Scholarship granted to graduate level students. State Convention will not be the same without her and her companion Vince.



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State President's Schedule

November 9, 2020 Zoom Mtg. with NE State Presidents
December 5, 2020 Chapter Visit via Zoom: Sigma -
(Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland,
Snyder, Union)
December 10 & 11, 2020 Convention Planning Mtg.
Hilton Scranton
January 11, 2021 Zoom Mtg. with NE State Presidents
January 27, 2021 Zoom Mtg. with Chapter Presidents &
Leadership team
January 27, 2021 Zoom Mtg. with International World
Fellowship Committee
February 6, 2021 Chapter Visit: Chi - (Lancaster)
March 8, 2021 Zoom Mtg. with NE State Presidents
March 23 & 24, 2021 International World Fellowship

Committee Mtg.

March 27, 2021 Scholarship Committee Mtg.
April 10, 2021 Chapter Visit: Kappa, Alpha Kappa, Beta
Iota, Beta Theta - (Cumberland, Dauphin,
Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry)
April 17, 2021 Chapter Visit: Lambda, Zeta, Alpha Omi-
cron, Alpha Sigma - (Beaver, Butler, Lawrence,
Mercer)
April 23 & 24, 2021 Creative Arts Retreat - Ludlow
May 10, 2021 Zoom Meeting with NE State Presidents
May 12 & 13, 2021 Finance Committee Mtg.
May 22, 2021 Chapter Visit: Phi, Alpha Zeta, Beta Rho -
(Bradford, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna,
Wayne, Wyoming)
June 11 - 13, 2021 PA State Convention

(Important Dates continued from page 14)

June 30, 2021 Members to submit dues to Chapter
Treasurer
July 7 - 10, 2021 International Conference, Portland,
Oregon - Theme - DKG: A World of Opportu-
nities, Contributions, Impact

July 21 - 24, 2021 International Conference, San An-
tonio, Texas - Theme - DKG: Opportunities,
Contributions, Impact
July 28 - 31, 2021 International Conference,
Tampere, Finland - Theme: Well-being and
Sustainability in Our Changing World