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**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**ALPHA ALPHA STATE, PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA BETA CHAPTER**

**Alpha Beta Bits**

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**President's Message**



Robert Frost once said, “Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.”

My Dear Sisters,

We have all been in that moment when we listen to a student, parent, or colleague that is not sure of what they want to say, but feel the need to say something. We have been trained to listen and not speak or pass judgment on the event discussed, but always wanting to help.  These are skills that are not easily taught or learned and as we have been embracing our new teachers I find it important for us to think about all of the ways that we help, guide, instruct, embrace and engage those in our lives and how can we share this knowledge with these entrepreneurs.  I found this poem that I think says it all.

A teacher will guide you in many ways,   
Displaying patience and inspiring hope,   
A knowledgeable person with a spirited soul,

Preparing you to be in a position to always cope,   
An untiring ability that is always exhibited,   
The crown of intelligence adorning the head,   
A special and charming person every day,   
Teaching you to tackle problems just ahead.  
A devoted teacher that you will always respect,   
That prepared you to select a future career,   
To think of your posterity in a positive way,   
And to glorify in the sunshine without any fear.

*by Joseph Renaldi*

I think that the world sometimes forgets the role   
educators have with future generations.  How we embrace and support these young adventurers will help prepare our future teachers, mechanics, plumbers, florists, doctors, etc. the list is endless. The support that we give the newest members of our profession is what will help to sustain the only profession that is the starting point for every profession.

I hope to see you at Somerset and at the State Convention.

Educationally Yours,

Kris

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**DUES CHANGE TIMELINE**

At the International Convention in Austin last summer, the fiscal year was changed for DKG making it July to June. That changed the timeline for when dues need to be paid. International, state treasurers and chapter treasurers have been working on this, but time has slipped away from all of us. The time to ***pay our dues is now, or at least by June 15th!!***

The Finance Committee is making the following recommendation. There will be no change in dues for 2019- 2020. Active dues will remain $89 and reserve dues will continue at the rate of $32. The State has not had a budget meeting, nor have State dues been set for 2019-2020. After the Convention in June, we will meet and construct a budget for the 2019-2020 year. It will be presented to the Chapter at the August meeting. The Finance Committee believes that the Chapter budget will be able to handle level funding for the 2019-2020 year.

However, beginning next year (2020-2021) the budget timeline will begin in March and we will have a better idea from the State as to how this will all unfold. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please contact Joanie or Royce. And remember to begin ***to pay your dues to Joanie beginning now but no later than June 15th!!***

Thank you.

Royce Boyd, Finance Chair

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**Chapter Dues   
Active $89; Reserve $32.  
Deadline - June 15, 2019  
Send to  
Joan McGreevey  
P O Box 52**

**Fishertown, PA  15539  
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***INVITING OTHERS TO JOIN US…***

The health and viability of our chapter depends on our membership.  Think about someone with whom you work or have worked that would make a great fit for our Chapter as well as benefit from membership in DKG.  Share that name with Becky or Kris so we can begin the invitation process.  Let’s follow up on Immediate Past International President Carolyn Pittman’s “each one reach one” campaign and work to make our Chapter become vibrantly viable!

*DON’T FORGET to check out the weekly quote (a new one is up usually on Sunday) on our website (alphabeta-dkg.weebly.com). It is located at the bottom of our home page.*

*And, don’t forget to periodically send this year’s PA World Fellowship recipient a card or a note. (Mehr Asma Javed, 6656 Woodwell St., Pgh, PA 15217, add her email address, MehrJaved.32@gmail.com.)*

***---****Becky Johnen*

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*June 14-16*

*Pennsylvania State Convention*

*Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA*

*Remember:*

*You can come one day or stay for the whole convention.*

See the Spring 2019 Issue of *The Keystonian* for reservation due date and all the exciting details concerning the convention

REMEMBER: Alpha Beta pays a $25 stipend for each attendee.

**State Convention Basket **

If anyone would like to donate items to the basket for State Convention in June, you may do so at the April meeting. Examples of needed items include beach items, games, books or anything which could be used for "Summer Family Fun."

If any member has a donation but is unable to make it to the chapter meeting, contact Lois or Royce. We will make arrangements to obtain them from you.

Thanks,

Lois

**Wanted Alpha Beta Members**Once again our chapter is hosting the basket raffle at the State Convention.

There really only is one qualification for these prestigious positions -- must be able to make change.

Stay tuned to a sign-up that will be sent via email.  We would love to see you there and representing our chapter.  Under our leadership, the amount we  
have collected has increased each year!  How much will we raise this year?  Come on up even for a few hours to help.  We have loads of fun too!

***---****Candace Claar*

*F.Y. I.*

**June Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, May 28**

Send your email or snail mail articles to Pat Harrison by that date. Note: this the day following Memorial Day, so please plan accordingly. Thanks.