



Delta Kappa Gamma International Society
Alpha Alpha State
Sigma Chapter
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We sing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song at the end of each meeting. Did you ever wonder about the meaning of some of the words in the song that was written in 1929? The following information is taken from an article by Agnes Moynihan on the DKG website titled, [History of Music in DKG](#). The article is an interesting read and we thought it explained some of the song's phrasing well. The following is an excerpt from this article.

"In reply to criticism of the lyrics of the official song, Dr. Blanton once wrote: In the song, the word 'brother' was used to indicate the close ties of friendship and love that bind our members together. 'Brotherhood' is a word of deeper meaning, unfortunately than sisterhood. The last verse 'each is bound to each as brother' was meant to show the men that women could be supportive of each other just as well as the men. 'We return their gifts to heaven' refers to the debt we owe pioneers in higher education who battled for the advanced training of women. They made sacrifices that we might benefit. We return their gifts to heaven by aiding other women to advance, by founding scholarships, and by stretching out our hands to help women teachers who need aid. Also, 'With this faith in one another we shall win, for aye!' the word *aye* has two meanings. A *y e* pronounced 'I' means yes and doesn't make sense in this line. A *y e* pronounced 'A' which rhymes with *hay* means 'always'. The song was meant to end on a heartfelt note of 'A' encouraging women that the faith they had in each other would be for always."

It is nice to think about the reason why some of these phrases were selected so long ago when our organization was founded. We do have a bond to each other and to other educators. We hope to see you involved in DKG by doing what you can to keep our profession moving forward in this century so that we can give our gifts to future members.

Information

- **Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Pine Barn Inn in Danville at 6:30 PM**

The hostesses for the meeting are Elizabeth Brewer, Jennifer Gurski, and Joanne Aurand from the Danville call group. The cost of the meal is varied according to menu choice. Menu choice is **Pot Roast of Beef Jardiniere** (slow roasted, with carrots and celery napped with a natural gravy) **\$23**; **Orange Vegetable Stir-Fry** (vegetarian venue with lightly steamed vegetables including zucchini, green and red peppers, broccoli and onions in a light orange sauce that is served with brown rice pilaf) **\$19**; **Chicken Marsala** (boneless breast of chicken with mushrooms in a marsala demi-glace sauce with starch and vegetable) **\$25**. All dinners will be served with a Faith Salad of field greens and romaine with pecans, golden raisins, crumbled feta cheese, julienne carrots and red cabbage that is tossed in a special champagne vinaigrette. Desserts will include an assortment of pie, cake, and cheesecake. Coffee, and hot and cold teas are also included with the meal. Please notify your call person regarding your attendance and dinner choice by **April 23, 2015**. (If you discover that you can attend the meeting after this date, you can call a hostess to make a reservation closer to the date.) The address is Pine Barn Inn, One Pine Barn Place, Danville, PA. (570-275-2071). Lewisburg call group will be responsible for the raffle basket.

- The March meeting minutes are attached as a separate document. Please review them before the meeting.
- **Executive Board and Committee Chairs:** Officers and committee chairs will meet prior to the membership meeting at 9:30. Committee Chairpersons please be ready to report your committee activities during the meeting and if you cannot attend please have someone from your committee be responsible to give a report. If you have submitted a report to state or to national, please bring a copy so that we can include it in our records.
- **Program:** There is no formal program for this meeting. We will be remembering our Sigma Sister Elizabeth Brown who passed away this year. We will also be initiating two new members, Denise Giacomini and Mary Reinhard. Also for the May meeting we will be collecting money for the "**Hat**" project to buy books for school libraries. Shikellamy will be the recipient school district for this year. We will also be collecting nonperishable food items for our annual food drive. A food bank in the Warrior Run School District will be the recipient of the items. Please bring food items with you to the meeting. You can still have a chance to win the beautiful chair designed by Sandra Kessler by purchasing chances at \$1/chance. "**One Chair, Blue Chair**" is Alpha Alpha State

President Kay Stuart's project. The project benefits the underfunded Head Start program. The chair will be given away at our June meeting.

- **Reminder:** If you are retiring this year or know of a Sister who is retiring, please let one of us know so that they can be honored at the June meeting.

- **Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Pine Barn Inn in Danville at 5:30 PM**

The hostesses for the meeting are Madeline Blamble, Carol DiRocco, and Jennifer Harter from the Lewisburg call group. The cost of the meal is \$18. The picnic menu will include the following served buffet style: Faith Salad, coleslaw, roasted corn/rice/black bean salad, 1/3 pound Angus hamburger, all beef hot dogs, original garden burger, rolls, lettuce, tomato, and onion tray, cheese tray, condiments, kettle chips, vegetarian baked beans, and macaroni & cheese. Desserts will include cookies, brownies, and seedless watermelon. Iced tea and lemonade are also included. Please notify your call person regarding your attendance by **May 28, 2015**. (If you discover that you can attend the meeting after this date, you can call a hostess to make a reservation closer to the date.) The address is Pine Barn Inn, One Pine Barn Place, Danville, PA. (570-275-2071). Milton call group will be responsible for the raffle basket.

- **Executive Board and Committee Chairs:** Officers and committee chairs will meet prior to the membership meeting at 5:00. Committee Chairpersons please be ready to report your committee activities during the meeting and if you cannot attend please have someone from your committee be responsible to give a report. If you have submitted a report to state or to national, please bring a copy so that we can include it in our records.
- **Program:** There will be no formal program. We will take the time to get to know new Sisters and visit with old friends. There will be a minimal business meeting. June is also a time to participate in **"Read It Forward."** Bring books to donate to the sale and plan on purchasing a few for your summer reading pleasure. The monies donated benefit our general fund. Please remember that if no one purchases your books please take them home with you.

- **Guests:** The May and June meetings would be a good time to bring guests to the meetings to let them see what Sigma and DKG is all about.
- **Historical records and scrapbooks:** If you have any historical records or scrapbooks could you bring them to the March meeting so that we can get them to the right chairperson and organize information to possibly digitize the information.
- **Next Meeting:** Our next DKG meeting will be Thursday, October 1, 2015. Milton will be the hostess for the meeting. Selinsgrove will be responsible for the raffle basket.
- **State Activities:** Alpha Alpha State Convention will be held June 12-14 at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College. Information can be found in the current *Keystonian*. It is a great opportunity to learn more about DKG, make new friends from across the state, and have an enjoyable weekend. Remember scholarships are available for first-time attendees. Please contact us for more details and an application.
- **Websites:** Delta Kappa International Society: <https://www.dkg.org> Alpha Alpha State: <https://www.alphaalphapa.com>

Hope to see you at the May and June meetings, *Linda Shupp and Dawn McManus*

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