



Delta Kappa Gamma • Nu Chapter

A Quasi-Quarterly Newsletter • Lebanon, PA • Fall, 2022

President's Message

Dear Nu Chapter Members:

Welcome to the start of our new biennium 2022-2024. The officers and committee chairs met over the summer to set up our meetings for this year. After many suggestions, we reached consensus; here are the meeting dates for the rest of this year:

- Saturday, December 3, 2022, 9:30AM at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown
- Thursday, March 23, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 5:30 PM at Iona Church

We hope to see you at our meetings and interacting with your friends, plus getting to know new members.

As summer faded into fall, my favorite season, we celebrated the ritual of children returning to school and the opportunity for parents, children, and grandparents to create new memories, connect more deeply, and enhance their relationships with their children.

This fall, we welcome the return to some of our favorite activities that strengthen relationships with our families and community — seeing fall foliage outdoors, attending sports events, taking time for a weekend drive. Those drives are a wonderful time to spend with our children and grandchildren. Autumn also means a return to the kitchen and making slow-cooked comfort food such as chili, beef stew, or baking apple crisp.

We usually do not pay attention to the changes in our lives that take place in the fall. In this time of switching our activities, remember to use your energy and effort to reach out and interact with your family, neighbors, and friends in DKG-Nu Chapter and let them know you care.

Have a safe Halloween and memorable Thanksgiving.

Blessings,
Sharon Gettel, President

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Meeting Wrap-up

September 27th Meeting:



Hail, hail, the gang's all here!

Designed to help us all get to know each other a bit better, we first had a delicious potluck dinner provided by our retired sisters. For the main course, we sat with sisters from our area of discipline and for the dessert course, we sat with teachers from our district. We've started a collection of the recipes presented. What we have so far can be found here: [Cookbook](#). If you brought a dish to share and haven't already done so, please send your recipe to [DKG-Nu Chapter](#). After our meal, we enjoyed a rousing game of "DKG Getting to Know You BINGO" that required us to fill our bingo card by finding sisters that fulfilled a category and securing their signature...a fantastic way to make connections with our sisters! After our meeting closed, we had a brief opportunity to meet with our committees to exchange ideas and plan for the coming year.

Karen Hallowell, Communications Chair

Here's the BINGO fun in action and the four sisters who filled their card the fastest:





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Meeting Wrap-up (cont'd)

October 17th Meeting:



A light supper of delicious delicacies, pastries, and beverages began an evening of introducing new food ideas and creative edible masterpieces. The program, “The Artistry Behind Tantalizing Foods,” was presented by Jim Woltman, multi-talented chef, baker, food designer, and manager of Little Essie Mae’s Sweet Shoppe in Hummelstown. Sisters enjoyed a delicious light supper topped off with samples of a variety of desserts. Chef Jim showcased decorating techniques and the behind the scenes creativity of Little Essie Mae’s Sweet Shoppe. He offers unique custom catering, cakes, pastries, breads, and more to fulfill our entertainment planning. Items were available for purchase to share with family and friends. It was an exciting evening in the Sweet Shoppe learning some new food and decorating techniques to personalize our holiday and gathering traditions.



Chef Jim Woltman doing his thing!

Margaret Sowers
Chairperson for the October meeting



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Getting To Know You...

As we continue to Get to Know more of our sisters, please take time to read about a few of our special gals:

Nancy Agurkis taught second grade at Northern Lebanon School District and is retired from education. Being a member of DKG-Nu chapter since 1999, Nancy enjoys meeting fellow teachers from the area. In her spare time, she likes to read, shop, and travel.

Karen Hallowell retired in January 2021 from teaching Elementary Technology at Ebenezer Elementary School in Cornwall-Lebanon School District. She enjoys getting to know fellow educators with passion for teaching and learning. In her free time, she participates in powerlifting, knitting, cooking, reading, traveling, sailing, gardening, and kayaking.

Marie Hibshman taught Chemistry at ELCO for 37 years. Being a member of Nu Chapter since 2006, Marie enjoys making many new friends, but the Book Lovers Club is the best! We have such wonderful discussions. Since retirement, she has been traveling, spending a lot of time with her six granddaughters, and relaxing by playing in the dirt in her garden. She volunteers at LCCM and the Richland Library.

Carolyn (Joy) McNally taught English to Grades 7-12 in the Lebanon School District. She also served as a Literacy Coach. Having been a member since 1995, the friendships she has made in DKG-Nu Chapter are what she enjoys most. In her free time, she enjoys reading 200+ books a year, swimming, aquacize, teaching Sunday School- Grade 3 and Special needs, playing bridge, doing needlepoint, working special events at church, visiting the sick, going to the movies and working/prepping for the Lebanon Historical Society Gala.

Natalie Wenzke is currently teaching second grade in th Cornwall-Lebanon School District. In the past, she taught kindergarten and first grade. A member of DKG since 2019, Natalie loves seeing everyone at the meetings, supporting worthy causes, and learning new things from great programs. In her free time, she enjoys reading, walking, traveling, crocheting, and spending time with family and friends.

Michelle Whitmoyer teaches 7th Grade English/Language Arts in ELCO Middle School. Since joining DKG in 2008, Michele enjoys meeting new people. She says, what is free time? LOL – She likes reading, walking, and snuggling with her cats.



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Committee Connections

Sister Acts-Laurabeth Kapp, Chair

The Sister Acts Committee is happy to report that the Rosebuddy program will continue to support our working sisters again this year. Feedback from Nu sisters has shown this encouragement is definitely valued. Cards of encouragement were signed by those in attendance at our first meeting and mailed to the reserve members of our chapter. The committee is in the process of discerning where the Annual Christmas gift from Nu Chapter will be sent this year. We invite you to join us in reaching out to our reserve members and letting us know about others who could use an extra burst of encouragement and kindness!

Professional Affairs-Diane Mummert, Chair

Application information for the Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Grant-in-Aid was distributed in August to Education Deans and Financial Aid Officers at various colleges. Our chapter offers a \$1,000 Grant-In-Aid to a college sophomore or junior who is majoring in education and who has decided to make teaching his/her profession. To be eligible the candidate must be a resident of Lebanon County and a graduate of a Lebanon County high

school. The deadline for this year's application is November 18, 2022. We are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to assist a future passionate educator.

Yearbook-Vicki Smith, Chair

Our new Nu directory has arrived and was available for pick-up at our September meeting. Thanks to everyone who assisted in this project! If anyone did not receive a yearbook, please let Vicki Smith know. Also remember to send any changes to your mailing address, phone number, and/or email address to her.

Communications-Karen Hallowell, Chair

- Our [website](#) now has a [Calendar of Events](#) page. By clicking on an event, you'll be able to easily see available event details.
- Did you know Nu Chapter has a [Facebook](#) page? Please drop by and join the page!
- To submit items for either the newsletter or the website, please send them to:
DKGNuRose@gmail.com.
- Finally, look for a short survey in your email in the near future. The Communications Committee would like to know what your communication preferences are.



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Next Meeting Reminder

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