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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Closing A Chapter...

Two years can go quickly when you're having fun! Kathy and I have had the honor of leading you all for the past two years, and it has been a distinct pleasure. Over the past two years, we have had many laughs and cried a few tears but always with a sense of the pride in the group of women we represent. I don't want to make a list of our accomplishments at the risk of sounding as though I am running for something (election season is already getting to me!). I do want to say thank you to our great Executive Board, to the chapter chairwomen, and to the membership at large. A huge thank you goes to Kathy, who guided me along the way and picked me up when I stumbled and fell. As a former librarian, I know that it is time to close this chapter and move on to the next. I look forward to seeing what our next team, Joyce and Cathy, has in store for all of us!



Karen



So, with great fanfare, we anticipate the installation of the following officers at our upcoming May meeting:

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| Co-presidents | Joyce Bigley and Cathy Caligiuri |
| First vice-president | Carolyn Boodey |
| Second vice-president | Cheryl Szogi |
| Recording secretary | Trish Davis |
| Corresponding secretary | Pam Ottenheimer |
| Incoming treasurer | Deb Garonski |



...and a special nod of appreciation to Janice Gibson...

I wonder if you realize how many times present and past presidents have called, emailed, or texted this now part-time Floridian to clarify all things DKG. She has graciously and continuously served Alpha Nu as treasurer for many, many years, tending the funds, writing reimbursement checks, corralling us for dues, and leading the balanced budget brigade. Janice had the friendship and foresight to activate the assistance of Deb Garonski as she mentored her to assume the presidentially-appointed position of chapter treasurer. Janice, we thank you for your dedicated service to us all through the years. You shine as an example of the way that service adds the polish to membership in a professional women's educators' organization.

Won't you join us at our **May 4 breakfast at the Cock 'n Bull** kicking off at 9:30 a.m.? Clap out your former leadership team and witness the installation of the new. Applaud the awarding of grants-in-aid to students majoring in education at Bucks County Community College, too. ---Mail your checks to **Deb Garonski** today 😊

Write-Read-Write



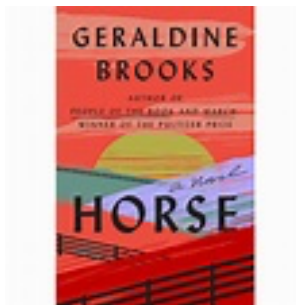
Having collected donated books and letters at the December meeting, **Kathy Gabriel** has orchestrated the delivery date of Tuesday, April 9 at 1:15 p.m. for distribution to the intended second and third grade students. Check your email for ways to R.S.V.P. to Kathy if you plan to join in on this literacy initiative at Holy Trinity School in Morrisville, PA. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the activities of Alpha Nu outside the realm of meetings. Having completed two years at the helm of this project, Kathy will be stepping down. **IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR YOU TO STEP INTO ANCHORING THIS PROJECT SO THAT WE CAN BRANCH OUT INTO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL.** Thank you, Kathy, for two great years as chair.

Update: Comfort Bags from Karen Fisher

I was recently in touch with Kristina Fenimore, Director of the Kin Center. She reported that they are down to the last box of bags that we sent in November. One reason I had contacted her was to inquire about the kind of hand sanitizer they prefer. Mary Ann Ritchie had a large quantity of scented hand sanitizer and wanted to know if it was appropriate for donating. Her answer is that unscented products for the guest going through treatment is best. In the meantime, we have collected a great number of products, so we can look at a date in October for assembling more bags for the center. Stay tuned for confirmation of the date!



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Book Club luncheon meeting
Thursday, April 4 at 12:30 p.m. at
Greystone in Newtown. RSVP to
Mary Lelinski, who is seeking a
replacement to anchor Book Club
correspondence.



Thank you for your service, Mary.

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Attention, retirees

Arlene Williams, president of PASR, recently forwarded me a letter from a doctoral candidate interested in **interviewing retired teachers** about why they left the profession as well as what factors kept them teaching as long as they did. The candidate is **Kelly Kozik**, and she is the Director of Human Resources in the Neshaminy School District. If you would like to participate in a **15-item survey** to facilitate the completion of her dissertation, please join me in contacting her at

**Betty Lee grew up
“Morrisville” and
stayed to inspire
others**

kkozik@neshaminy.org or 215-809-6601. Don't pass up this chance to help a fellow educator with professional research.



**...49 years in Alpha Nu...
and still counting!**

In another Alpha Nu first, Mrs. Betty Lee's former student, **Assunta Deliman**, a fellow Alpha Nu member, has recently paid tribute to her in an article published in *The Morrisville Times* and other local newspapers. Such publicity not only honors the life and times of **Betty Lee**, but it also helps the public become more familiar with the workings of DKG in Bucks County. We're blessed to have both of you in our chapter, ladies! Keep up the good work.

Congratulations to Carolyn Wert



Carolyn's submissions to the **Delta Kappa Gamma Fine Arts Gallery** were selected for inclusion on our organization's international website. They should be appearing mid-April online and should remain accessible for six months. For your convenience, Carolyn has given permission to print them here. Enjoy her artistry!

Day Off



Wonderment

To lead well is simply to serve...

In passing the gavel to the new co-presidents, I reflect on just how much more I got out of coming to DKG meetings as a presider, having the opportunity to interact with a room filled with outstanding women educators whom I call friends, and to serve the greater Alpha Nu good.

I invite you to do more for Alpha Nu in the years ahead and hope that you will feel gratified in doing so. As Karen mentioned earlier, we commend each committee chair for her contributions. Members of the executive board have given many hours in service towards creating and maintaining chapter projects. Your giving made our giving so much easier. Karen, I hope we modeled that teamwork really can make the dream work. Wishing good things to the incoming leadership team.

Kathy

For your consideration and planning purposes:

JUNE 18-21, 2024

**State Convention Pittsburgh, PA
Marriott North Cranberry**

JULY 9-13, 2024
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International Convention National Harbor,

Chapter breakfast meeting dates for 2024-2025 at the Cock 'n Bull

OCTOBER 5, 2024; DECEMBER 14, 2024;
MARCH 1, 2025; MAY 3, 2025