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**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women.

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**President's Message:**

In September as I paged through the Keystonean and listened to the rain on the roof, I was thankful to be in PA instead of TX. I looked at the devastation from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, sent prayers upward, and reveled at the way people were working together to save lives and eventually rebuild the Houston area. No political correctness, no looking at the color of one's skin or political party affiliation, just Texans and Floridians, helping one another along with the help of many disaster relief personnel and agencies.

As a second year president I reflect on the ways I can improve and what we have accomplished. I saw a young Tracey Dusch get on the train and get installed as State President in 2015. This past Convention I saw a well polished Tracey pass the baton on to Barbara Gasperini who will be shipping out to accomplish her goals for DKG.

Going through some Nu Chapter history showed me several people who had great impact at the local and state levels. In the past, Marion Miller, Carol Ulrich, and Karen Light have served on the state level. In recent years it has mainly been Pat Shedlock and Barbara Tobias who have served or are serving at the state level. Now that Pat is gone, please give some thought to serve at the local level or perhaps even the state if and when the opportunity arises. Next year we will be needing a Membership Chair, a First Vice-president, and a Communications Chair. (Newsletter)

Please come to meetings, get involved with your committee and use a little time to encourage those still in the teaching profession or going into it. Deb Kern

**Nu Chapter Reads:**

The Book Lovers Group will meet on Thursday, January 18, 2018, for the purpose of choosing a list of books to share for the current year. The group meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month at a different venue each time. When the list is compiled, we will publish the information.

**Nu Chapter Gives:**

Recently we have donated to the Sharing Cupboard in Myerstown, the Joy Pantry in Jonestown, and the Rescue Mission in Lebanon.

**Nu Chapter Plays:**

All are welcome to play Scrabble at Joy Longenecker's home on Monday, Jan 29 at 6 PM. Please let her know if you are able to play! The \$5. fee to play goes to our scholarship fund.

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### A WONDERFUL Day Trip

“I had such a GREAT time with my daughters just before Christmas when we went to visit THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS CENTER in Paradise, PA !!!!! I know some of our DKG Sisters would enjoy it !!!!” exclaimed Melanie Schaeffer to me, and so she offered a day trip, via her van, to our Book Group and four of us, Shirley Folmer, Kathy Wickenheiser, Carol Holt and Melanie, were able to go. What a WONDERFUL and DELIGHTFUL time we had !!!!! The center is full of rooms with all kinds of Christmas memorabilia, Christmas customs in different countries along with the Santa Claus of that country portrayed in small exhibits, a Woolworth’s store as it existed in the 1950s was a very interesting display, and brought squeals of “Oh, I had one of these when I was a kid !!!!”\_a walk through a personal yesteryear \_\_\_SOOO NEAT !!!! There were Hummel and Byers displays, a large mountain with all kinds of early train displays, old Christmas lights, ornaments and so on and on and on\_\_\_Truly FUN !!!! It has secular and religious displays and ends with a small theater with a display of Bethlehem which lights up the various areas as it tells the story of Jesus\_\_BEAUTIFULLY done !!!! Of course we had to spend some time in the gift shop and after 2 to 3 hours, we finally headed out for something to eat. We had such a relaxing, wonderful time and relived it as we downed our vittles.

This is a GREAT place for anyone and their kids or grandkids to visit !!!! It is up for sale and, hopefully, someone will buy it and keep it as it is. It has been open for most of the year but the times during the days vary. It is closed now for the winter season.

IF you have had a really neat trip somewhere, please consider sharing it with us. Some great trips come from friends who have already been there. If you don’t want to write it up, share it with Shirley or me and we will write it up for you. May the New Year bring you many very safe and pleasant trips !!!

With Warm Wishes, Carol Holt



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**From the Membership Chairperson:**

Please remember to submit names for possible new members by February 1, 2018. The vote will be taken at the March 17 meeting. Orientation will take place between then and May 3, when initiates will be inducted into the Society. Donna Kuntz

**From the Yearbook Chairperson:**

If anyone has any changes or anticipates a change (retirement?) please let me know. Sue Mechura.

**From DKG International:**

Stay tuned to the DKG International website (which can be accessed from our chapter site) and social media accounts in January for the official launch of a **new DKG app!** We are looking forward to sharing this new endeavor with our members.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Please remember to attend our final two meetings of 2017-2018. Look for an invitation to the March meeting sometime next month.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 Cornwall Manor's Freeman Hall 9:00 a.m.**

Tap Dance Demo by Heidi Hubbard. Continental Breakfast. Basket Raffle. Food to Palmyra Food Bank. Annville-Cleona hosts.

**THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018 Lebanon Country Club 5:30 p.m.** Dinner Meeting.

Initiation.

Lebanon hosts.

**JUNE 15-17, 2018**

**Alpha Alpha State Convention**

Nittany Lion Inn

State College, PA

**JULY 16-20, 2018**

**International Conference, Austin TX**