

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hello Ladies,

I hope you have been handling the winter weather well. I have been healthy, and count my blessings for that. However, I am longing for sunshine and warmer temperatures. So as we reflect on the good things in our lives and daydream of warmer weather ahead, enjoy reading this edition of Pi Publisher, which is full of information for you to consider.

#### **Upcoming Chapter Meetings:**

Lori Syzmanik and Grace Schauer have collaborated on the plans for our March meeting in Coudersport. We will be meeting at the Elliot Ness Museum and having lunch at Kaytee's Restaurant. Doesn't that sound like a good time! We will also have business to consider: Election of Officers for the 2024-26 biennium, Scholarship applicants, and Chapter Rules addition. In April, we will meet in Wellsboro and that meeting will include installation of officers, an auction, and more.

#### **State Convention:**

Will you join us for the 2024 PA State Organization Convention? Let's have a large showing of Pi Chapter members on June 19 – 21, at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Township. The Marriott North is a wonderful facility and there are several area attractions for you and perhaps your family. Be sure to let Greta Marie or me know if you will be attending. Check out the next Keystonian for more details.

#### **International Convention:**

Another exciting opportunity is the 2024 International Convention at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, U.S.A. Enjoy the Potomac River, malls, live entertainment, and more. The convention will be full of breakout sessions, Society business, and keynote speakers including Margot Shetterly, award winning author of Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race. Let me know if you would like to join us for July 9 – 13, 2024!

#### **Other important items:**

Be sure to find our Membership Spotlight article, pictures from our November meeting, and how to pay your dues for our upcoming year.

I look forward to being with you at our next meeting and working with you as we continue to make a difference in the lives of educators and children in Potter and Tioga Counties.

Fondly,  
Kay

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

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Since becoming a member of Delta Kappa Gamma in the late 1980's, I have enjoyed being in an organization of professional women, where I have felt uplifted by their dedication and ideals.

My background is 45 years in nursing, 18 of which were in a hospital setting in medical, surgical and pediatrics and 24 of where were in public school nursing. As a member of the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corp., I received my nursing education from Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing/New York University in 1948; earning a BS in Education from Millersville State College (now Millersville University) in 1966; later adding 30 graduate credit hours from Penn State University. After working with children in several Pennsylvania school districts, I retired from Northern Tioga School District in 1993. It has been my joy to have served children in both health and education fields.



*Linda Lawton*

The bedrock of my life was marriage to my late husband, Edgar. We had 62 years together. His career was also in education, both as teacher and administrator. With more time available in retirement, I have volunteered at the Mansfield Library, the Mansfield food pantry, and my church. Also, there is more time for birdwatching, gardening, reading, and walking.



## Upcoming DKG Meetings

### **Saturday, March 16, 10:00 AM**

Elliott Ness Museum in Coudersport

- Tour with our host, Lori Syzmanik
- Lunch at Kaytees Restaurant
- Coudersport, PA

### **Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM**

Wellsboro United Methodist Church

- Business meeting
- Silent auction
- Entertainment
- Founders Day program

Lunch provided by ladies of the church.

Details and cost will come later.

## Pi Chapter Slate of Officers for 2024-2026

President: Greta Marie Taft

1st Vice President: Grace Schauer

2nd Vice President: Deborah Johnson

Recording Secretary: Bonnie Miller

Corresponding Secretary: Bonnie Huzey

Treasurer: Kay Stuart

## Classroom Enrichment Grant Awardees

For those of you who could not be at our November guest tea, here are the winners of the Classroom Enrichment Grant. We had three applicants this year. The three young ladies were very deserving and thankful for our help.

Angela Lewis from Northern Potter School is an art teacher who received materials to aid in ceramics building projects. She also teaches art at the Children's School and will purchase frames to showcase student work.

Heidi Jackson from Northern Potter High School received her grant for macroinvertebrate study tools that will aid in the techniques of stream quality testing in the local streams of Potter County.

Erica Costellic from Clark Wood Elementary is applying her grant to purchase a variety of hands-on items that help her kindergarten students strengthen their fine motor skills.

In addition to these, the group voted to give Lori Syzmanik, Northern Potter SD, money to purchase books from Scholastic for her students.



Toys For Tots Donations

Guest Speaker



## DUES REMINDER

**You impact education – renew your membership anytime before June 30.**

Active Membership \$80.00

Reserve Membership \$45.00 (This designation must be voted on by the chapter.)

Collegiate Membership \$28

(If you have questions about these 3 types of membership, please contact me.)

### **What are the benefits of membership?**

Leadership Opportunities – at all 3 levels of the Society. Chapter, State, and International  
Travel & Networking - Locally and Internationally. Consider attending upcoming conventions.

Financial Assistance – Scholarships, Grants, Emergency Funds

Discounts

Advocacy – US Forum addresses legislative issues that impact women and children

Publishing Recognition – Consider writing an article for DKG publications.

You may send your dues to me at:

PO Box 15, Knoxville PA 16928.

Please make checks payable to *DKG, Pi Chapter*.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me at 814-367-8330 or email me at [kaystuart52@gmail.com](mailto:kaystuart52@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Fondly,

Kay Stuart, Treasurer, DKG, Pi Chapter

## CHAPTER RULES

In reviewing our Chapter Rules, the state rules committee has suggested we add a section on mergers. Since we are so rural, a merger is highly unlikely, but it won't hurt to include it in our document. Please consider the following wording. We will vote on this at our April meeting.

### Merger / Consolidation

The following steps should be followed when seeking merger or consolidation:

A. The Chapter or Chapters considering merger/consolidation shall notify the PA State Organization President. The state president and state membership committee chair shall be invited to meet with the chapter/s to explain the possible procedures of merger/consolidation as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, Latest Edition.

B. Any outstanding financial obligations/responsibilities of the chapter/s wishing to merge/consolidate shall be paid.

C. All members of the existing chapters wishing to merge/consolidate must vote on a proposal to merge/consolidate. The members of all chapters involved must complete a written ballot and vote in person, by mail, or electronically. A majority vote is needed to merge or consolidate.

D. The State President shall assign a state representative to guide the Chapters through merger/consolidation process which may include, but is not limited to, membership accounting, a financial review of the merging chapter/s, the closing of all bank accounts, and the consolidation of all assets, financial records, minutes, historical records, and paraphernalia into one chapter.

E. In the case of merging, any remaining funds existing in the chapter to be absorbed shall be turned over to the receiving chapter.

F. In the case of consolidation, any remaining funds of each separate chapter shall become the property of the new chapter. The new chapter must draw up and adopt a set of chapter rules.

G. Chapter/s being discontinued must file the necessary paperwork during the next fiscal year to let the IRS know the chapter is no longer in existence.

H. Chapters involved in a merger/consolidation must comply with the International Society's requirements for transfer of membership. A resolution outlining the plan for intent to merge/consolidate shall be drawn up by the Pennsylvania State Organization and presented to the chapters involved. The resolution authorizing and approving the merger shall include stipulations such as naming of officers for the first year, chapter projects, and program commitments. A copy of the merger or consolidation document shall be permanently filed with the Pennsylvania State Organization. Funds remaining in dissolved chapter accounts are to be sent to the PA State Organization treasurer; the chapter charter, paraphernalia, and records are delivered to the PA State Organization.