

## 2020 Pennsylvania State Convention Guests

## DKG International Update Connie Rensink



I hope you can come to our Members' Leadership Seminar to hear Connie present *Diversity in Communication!* This afternoon session on Friday, June 12, 2020, will help you discover your communication style and preferences

while learning to appreciate the differences of others. Believe it or not – we don't all communicate the same way. Interacting with others is something we do every day. Learn more about communication, generations, attitudes, and adaptability. You will immediately apply what you learn in this session and leave feeling like you can communicate both personally and professionally with anyone, anywhere!

Connie will also share a DKG International Update at our First General Session. You will want to be at this session to hear all the current news and events from International. Remember the International Convention is in Philadelphia on July 7 – 11, 2020. Additionally, she will present a morning workshop to our Incoming Chapter Presidents on Saturday.

Connie has been a member of Theta Chi, Texas, since 2006. She is a graduate of the Leadership Management Seminar and has held leadership positions at the chapter and state organization levels. At the international level she has served on the Membership Committee, the Scholarship Committee, and then chaired the Membership Committee.

She currently serves DKG as Webmaster for Theta Chi, Texas State Parliamentarian, International Member at Large, International Speakers Fund

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## Women Who Code Kaylyn Gibilterra

Since STEM is our biennium project for 2019 – 2021, I wanted to highlight STEM at our State Convention. On one of the train rides home from Philadelphia doing International Convention planning, Dr. Lyn and I were discussing my plans

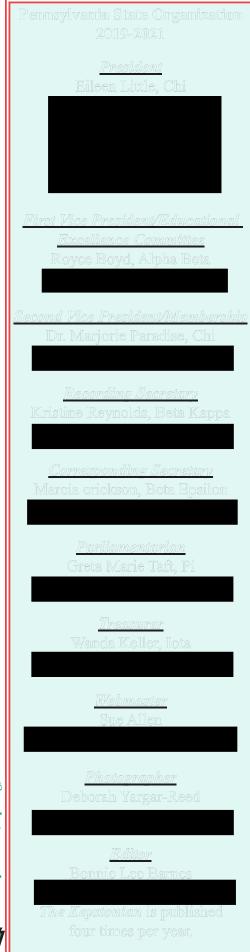


and ideas. Dr. Lyn shared with me that her niece, Kaylyn, was one of the first *Women Who Code* and that was how it all began!

Kaylyn Gibilterra, our Keynote Speaker, will present at our Celebration Luncheon on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Her keynote: *Building Confidence through STEM Educatio* will be full of interesting facts and personal experiences. STEM education, in particular, Computer Science education, is an intimidating field of study

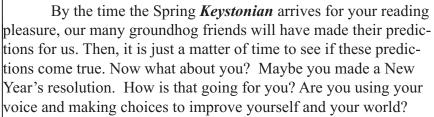
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## President's Message Eileen Little, Chi PA State President 2019 - 2021

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." Leo Tolstoy



Our *Keystonian* is full of opportunities and information so I hope you take some time to read each article and then register for our 2020 PA State Convention and Leadership Seminar, as well as the 2020 International Convention! I can't wait for all the fun, fellowship, and professional development these opportunities will provide me! Once you attend one convention you will want to come every year.

Check out our PA State Website at **dkgpa.weebly.com**. Our new State Webmaster, Sue Allen, has been working hard to make the website user friendly and easy to navigate. If you have any comments, both positive and suggestions for improvement, please send me an email. I believe specific feedback is helpful for change and growth.

Each chapter is addressing the topic of a slate of new officers for their chapter. Some chapters are having a difficult time with this task. "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow." Ronald E. Osborn.

This change may be the start of something new for you. What a perfect opportunity to share your voice. So, make the choice now to say, "YES, I'll be a chapter officer!"

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting our world fellowship recipient, Zhanar Tostubayeva. She is studying at Lehigh University and working on a Master's in Special Education. We had a great time discussing DKG, education, and celebrating our holidays with family. Check out the World Fellowship article on page 6 and consider inviting Zhanar to your chapter meeting. It is amazing how small our world is when we talk education!

Thank-you for sharing your chapter newsletters with me! It is so enjoyable to read what is happening across PA. We are an amazing group of women and I am so proud to say I am your PA State President. I have enjoyed the chapter visits thus far and I am looking forward to a busy spring visiting many more chapters. I

can't wait to meet the Incoming Chapter Presidents and discuss the impressive work happening in our state.

See you at State Convention,

Eileen





# The Keystonian, Spring, 2020

## What Can EEC Do for You?

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta First Vice President/EEC Chair

Have you heard this before? The goals of the Educational Excellence Committee are to develop programs, projects and activities that:

- 1) empower women through leadership opportunities.
- 2) promote educational excellence through programs and projects.
- 3) change global awareness through collaboration worldwide.

I am hopeful you have. If not, allow me to provide some examples for you in this article.

On the International Website, there are thirty pages of programs and projects that chapters throughout the entire organization have submitted for this database. These are program and projects that have been presented, tested, and deemed doable for others to replicate. So why reinvent the wheel when all you need to do is tweak ideas to match your chapter's needs? They are charted by the above-mentioned goals as well as further delineated to target Society Purposes 1 thru 7. It is an outstanding resource which is easy to find on the dkg.org website. Begin by signing in and click the Programs and Projects tab; click the Program Ideas for Chap-

ters; then one more click on that title and 30 pages of ideas will appear on your screen!!

Additionally, other examples of professional and personal growth opportunities can be found in this issue of the *Keystonian*. Read the article on Incoming Chapter Presidents, page 6, and how the Leadership Committee is providing sessions for both Presidents and the general membership in a pre-convention seminar. Follow that reading with the numerous articles regarding convention and the opportunities for professional and personal growth. There are plenty of sessions to expand your horizons to meet your needs as well as the needs of your chapter and DKG. I challenge you to continue to read the articles and examine the pictures for items that are examples of goal number three: *change global awareness through collaboration worldwide*.

Come to the 2020 PA State Convention to experience other ways our PA State Organization is providing opportunities to meet the Educational Excellence Committee goals for your professional and personal growth!



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Committee Chair, Strategic Plan Committee Member, and DKG/NGO Representative to the United Nations. She enjoyed being the DKG ambassador for a GoAhead Tour to Costa Rica in January.

Connie has been in education for 16 years. She was an elementary teacher for 12 years and is now a global education consultant supporting educators and schools to integrate global perspectives and competencies into existing curriculum. Through her consulting work, Connie splits time between her Texas home, New York City, and other parts of the world.

Connie is an ardent human rights advocate.

She is a member of the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), and an ambassador for Teach SDGs. She has completed graduate course work in China, a Fulbright–Hays Project Abroad to India, and the Global Competence Certificate, a graduate program for teachers through World Savvy, Columbia University, and Asia Society.

Connie's favorite part of our Society is meeting other members and learning about their DKG journey. So, mark your calendar now and plan to attend our PA State Convention, June 12-14, 2020, to meet Connie, other DKG sisters, and reconnect with your DKG friends!

## **Circle of Membership**

Melissa M. Flynn, Alpha Beta **State Membership Committee** 

You are at a social gathering with a variety of folks - including educators. Conversation becomes centered on our interests and pursuits and you mention membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. The educators in the group perk up with interest and questions. What are the benefits of belonging? Why would I want to join?

Okay sisters - here are your talking points. The advantages of our wonderful organization made easy.

Leadership Opportunities - There are opportunities to shine on the local, state and international level. You can be a visible leader or one who is behind the scenes. If you'd like to develop your leadership skills, there are opportunities in management

trainings and seminars.

- Fravel and Networking Do you like to see new places and have fun experiences? You can attend our International Conference and meet women from around the world. You can also check our regional themed conferences where you meet women with like interests and can attend top notch professional and personal development trainings. There are state and area workshops too - all in locations that offer fun as well as learning.
- Financial Assistance Are you continuing your education? There are scholarships available to help defray those costs. Looking to travel and broaden your world? We have grants for worthy trips and experiences. Also, if you have a great idea you'd

like to implement in your classroom, you can apply for educational foundation grants to fund that too.

- Activism Our U.S. Forum supports nonpartisan legislation that is of educational interest and particular to women's interests. If you desire to support and interact with international projects, we partner with the UNICEF project and also provide World Fellowship Grants to worthy women seeking to further their educations.
- **Publishing** Have something to say? Your work can be published in the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. Just the opportunity to read what women are doing across our country and internationally is stimulating and informative. If you create art, we feature members in a Fine Arts Gallery - this includes many mediums of creativity!
- FUN Need a pause from lesson plans, reports and meetings? The fellowship of time with like-minded, intelligent women is a welcome relief that helps to fill up your tank!

So, if you see education as a profession; if you need support with challenges; if you desire interactions with key women educators; then .....

- Delta Kappa Gamma believes in your potential.
- Delta Kappa Gamma seeks your association.

Sisters, you have your talking points. Today is a good day to reach out to a potential member.

## **CALLING ALL SINGERS!** Come Use Your Voice!

If you love to sing and are planning on attending the 2020 DKG Pennsylvania State Convention, please consider singing in our PA State Chorus!

Beta Theta will be hosting a Choral Retreat on Friday evening, April 3, at:
The Presbyterian Congregation Church 290 N. Union St.
Middletown, PA 17057

This is NOT a prerequisite to sing in the chorus. If you cannot attend the retreat, I will gladly send you the folder of music and rehearsal tape. That way you have the opportunity to look it over before convention.

You will be able to sign up for the retreat online at the web site! I am looking forward to a great time of making music again this year.

Nancy L. Hills Visual and Performing Arts Chair

## **Notes from the US Forum**

Susan Fritz, Chi US Forum/Educational Legislation Chair

The National Legislative Seminar is scheduled at the Holiday Inn Crystal City on March 15-18, 2020. The registration form can be found on the United States Forum website: www.usforumdkg.org. Issues to be addressed include human trafficking; gun violence as it pertains to school shootings; the opioid crisis and vaping among our students; and mental health issues with students. There will be additional topics from the survey taken at the international conferences this past summer.

The 19th Amendment states: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall

have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." https://www.history.com/topics/wo mens-history/19th-amendment-1

United States Census Bureau July 2014 statistics indicate 50.8% (162 million) of the 319 million people in the United States are women. 75% of women in the United States are 18 years or older, and therefore are of voting age. Women voters were responsible for 52% of the votes cast in the 2016 elections (ropercenter.cornell.edu). The percentage of women who voted in mid-term elections increased from 43% in 2014 to 55% in 2018. In the 116th Congress, twenty five of the 100 United States Senators are women while there are 102 women and 332 men in the House of Representatives (amny.com).

Imagine all those votes disappearing and those voices being ignored. What would our world be like? The 19th Amendment is 100 years old this year. Let's celebrate this hard-fought passage by honoring our opportunities to vote and raise our voices.

Do you vote in each election afforded to you? Do you encourage your friends and family to vote? Do you take your children to the polling location, so they see the process and know that you make voting a priority in your busy schedule? Do you talk about the importance of voting with your students? You do not have to be in Congress or on the global stage to make a difference. Raise your voice and cast your vote right where you are.

#### (GIBILTERRA from page 1)

for students, educators, and industry professionals alike - and is only intensified for women and minorities. Insight from experiences in academia, industry, and as a non-profit educator for women entering Software Engineering careers, will unmask some of the most common issues while learning in this field. This presentation will cover fixing this confidence gap and present best practices for Computer Science education at any level.

Saturday afternoon, Kaylyn will present a workshop, *Online Game Development: No Experience Required!* In this workshop, we will create games using MIT's Scratch platform. Scratch is used in over 150 countries with over 50 million projects shared. No programming experience is necessary as this workshop will cover all the fundamentals needed to create your own game. We will even cover some of Scratch 3.0's new integrations since January, 2019, such as LEGO robotics, Makey Makey, micro:bit, Google Translate, Amazon Text-to-Speech, and

Raspberry Pis! Everyone in this workshop will walk away with enough experience to not only impress their friends and family but also share their new skills with anyone else that may want to learn.

Kaylyn Gibilterra is a tech lead for modernizing core banking systems at Capital One, where she trains teams on development best practices and distributed systems. She studied Computer Science with minors in Engineering Leadership Development and Psychology at Penn State University and is pursuing her Masters in Computer Science from Georgia Tech. She was the founder of the Women Who Code DC Network, where she created an organization centered on training and developing women Software Engineers, with hundreds of successful new careers and promotions as a result.

You will not want to miss this Celebration Luncheon to learn more about women and STEM. Perhaps you would want to stretch yourself and attend her afternoon workshop too!

## **Incoming Chapter President's Training & Members' Leadership Seminar**

Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi Leadership Chair

The Incoming Chapter Presidents' Training and Members' Leadership Sessions will be held as a **pre-convention event June 11-12, 2020** at the Nittany Lion Inn according to the following schedule:

#### 1) Incoming Chapter Presidents:

Thursday June 11, 7–9 PM Friday June 12, 8 AM–3 PM Additionally, during the convention, there will be two Break Out sessions for Incoming Presidents.

## 2) Members' Leadership Sessions:

Friday June 12, 9–11 AM and 1–3 PM

Please see the registration form for this event that is found on page 7 of this *Keystonian* for more specific information.

## Registration for this event is separate from registration for the convention.

Those attending will be able to make a room reservation for Thursday night at the Nittany Lion Inn and remain in that room for the extent of the convention if so desired.

Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chair, Royce Boyd, First Vice President, Dr. Marj Paradise, Second Vice President, Amy Dobbins, and ex-officio member, Eileen Little, State President, are the Leadership Development Committee that will be directing the Incoming Chapter Presidents' Training. This year's theme is *Juggling Elephants the DKG Way*.

Royce Boyd and Connie Rensink, our International Representative, will conduct the Members' Leadership sessions on Friday. Royce's presentation, from 9-11 AM, will focus on our theme: *Juggling Elephants the DKG Way.* Do you feel you are juggling elephants every day? Come to this session to learn a few tricks to better manage your three rings and be the ringmaster of your circus!

Connie's 1-3 PM session is entitled: *Diversity in Communication*. Discover your communication style and preferences while learning to appreciate the differences of

others. Believe it or not – we don't all communicate the same way. Learn more about communication, generations, attitudes, and adaptability. You will immediately apply what you learn in this session and leave feeling like you can communicate both personally and professionally with anyone, anywhere!

Members and in-coming presidents desiring four Act 48 credit hours for these sessions may pay \$5.00 on the day of the seminar. You will need your PPID (Professional Personal ID) number and complete an evaluation.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Incoming Chapter Presidents to gather their leadership team and other key members of the chapter to gain information and ideas, as well as inspiration and support to lead your chapter for the next biennium. Don't miss this chance to network with key women educators throughout Pennsylvania!

World Fellowship News Rose Ann Colosimo, Theta World Fellowship Chair

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Vorld Fellowship awarded 19 scholarships and 10 attensions for 2019-2020. All personal information acluding email is confidential and cannot be pubshed. Information has been sent to all Fellowship Thairs or Chapter Presidents. Contacting and supporting PA scholarship recipients is very rewarding.

Last year's recipient Trang Pham, from Vict-

dissertation to earn a Ph.D. in Educational Leadershi at Penn State University. Doris M. Goerlitz, Phi Chapter keeps in touch with Pham.

-Pennsylvania's 2019–2020 Scholarship Recip -ent Zhanar Tostubayeva, from Kazakhstan, is study

ing at Lehig University. Zhanar is pursuing a masters degree in Education.



Eileen Little, Zhanar Tostubayeva, Dr. Schmid

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## 2020 Pre-convention Chapter Presidents' Training and Members' Leadership Sessions

Chapter Presidents' Training, June 11-12 Members' Leadership Seminar, June 12 Nittany Lion Inn State College, PA

Juggling Elephants – The DKG Way

NameChapter
Address
City/State/Zip
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Email address
Please check one:
I am a first-time incoming Chapter President attending the training.  (Thursday night through Friday, no fee, plus ½ double room rate for Thursday night, breakfast and lunch on Friday)  I am a Chapter Co-President attending the training. (Registration fee of \$75, no room allowance, includes Friday meals)  I am attending the Members' Leadership Sessions on Friday. (No fee, meals on your own) Sessions on Saturday: 9-11 AM; 1-3 PM
Dietary restrictions for Presidents:vegetarianno glutenother

## Registration form and room reservation deadline is May 12, 2020

Register online with this link: https://forms.gle/x1QQeER2YFs3vVDw8
To Register by mail, copy this form sent to:

## Royce Ann Boyd,

All Co-President checks for \$75 must be mailed to this address.

Room reservations for Thursday June 11 may be made by calling the Nittany Lion Inn at 800-233-7505 using **code: LEAD20D** for a standard rate of \$136. You may want to extend your reservation for the full convention through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, so you don't have to change rooms.

## Please register separately for the convention.

#### (ZHANAR from page 6)

President Eileen Little is keeping in touch with Zhanar. On Friday, December 20, 2019 Eileen and Dr. Lyn Schmid traveled to Lehigh University to meet Zhanar and have lunch. They had a wonderful time discussing education in the USA and in Kazakhstan, as well as learning about Zhanar's family and how they will be celebrating the holidays.

Of course during lunch, they discussed DKG

and Zhanar is very interested to learn about our society. Zhanar would be willing to attend a chapter meeting if meeting aligns with Zhanar's university schedule. Check with your World Fellowship Chair or Chapter President to get Zhanar's contact information. Zhanar shared that she had received cards from several members and she really enjoys the warmth from our PA State sisters.

# State Project: STEM Amy Miehl, Gamma Projects Chair

Hello, Sisters! I am really looking forward to hearing about some of your amazing STEM projects that you've been working on this year! Still at a loss for where to begin. There are some wonderful books for kids (that adults can certainly appreciate as well) out there, and I'd like to share a few of them with you.

Have you had the chance to read *Rosie Revere: Engineer* by Andrea Beaty? Originally published in 2013, the great-great-niece of Rosie the Riveter, Rosie Revere works hard to build a working contraption for her aunt. Does it work? Well, not so much. However, a valuable lesson is learned: you can only truly fail if you quit. If you like Rosie Revere, be sure to check out *Iggy Peck: Architect* and *Ada Twist: Scientist* by the same author.

Math Curse (1995) is by Jon Scieszcka and Lane Smith, of "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales" fame. The young lady featured in this book looks at everything as a math problem. "I wake up at 7:15. It takes me 10 minutes to get dressed, 15 minutes to eat my breakfast, and 1 minute to brush my teeth. Suddenly everything is a problem!" The fun illustrations help to make math a little less daunting, with a healthy dose of humor, too.

Kids a little older? *Try Girls Think of Every-thing: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* by Catherine Thimmesh. Did you know that windshield wipers on cars were invented by a woman? Of course, they were! They are useful and necessary!

High school students (and adults) may also enjoy *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Amelia Skroot It a true story of an African-American woman whose cancer cells became one of the most important cell lines to support medical research from the polio vaccine to the long term effects of radiation. Ms. Lacks and her family did not know that her cells had been cultured until more than 20 years after her death.

Deb Salvatore of Upsilon Chapter, read the story *Giraffes Can't Dance*, by Giles Andrea, at her preschool storytime. After reading the story, she taught a science lesson on sound. The children created and decorated maracas made from paper towel tubes. She plans to present a math related STEM activity in March to children at local Head Start.

Check out the PA website at **dkgpa.weebly.com** under the Home tab and 2019 – 2021 Projects. There are more suggestions for books. Do you have any book suggestions for STEM? I'm always looking for a good read. I can't wait to hear about the fantastic projects you are doing in your chapters to enhance STEM in your communities. Please email me your stories at so we can celebrate with you!

## Nominations Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon State Nominations Chair

Your chapter nominations committee has determined the slate of officers for your chapter for the 2020-2022 biennium. Congratulations to those members who have stepped up to take a leadership role. These sisters have made a **Choice** to make their chapters stronger by having their **Voice** heard. Congratulations to the Nomination Chairs who worked hard to fill these positions.

To those of you who have taken on your new role as chapter officers please come to the Pennsylva-

nia State Convention, June 12-14, 2020 at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College. There will be workshops to help you understand your new positions. Bring all your questions and ideas you would like to try with your chapter to the workshops. The state officers will be there to try to answer any of your questions that you might have.

If one of your officers can not attend the state convention please assign one of your chapter attendees to go to the Society workshops for them. It is a wonderful time to meet and discuss the new biennium activities. The Society workshops will be divided in the morning and afternoon sessions so all can attend.

<u>CORRECTION:</u> The website listed in the Album of Distinction article published in the winter issue was printed incorrectly. The AOD nomination form and criteria sheet is found on <u>dkgpa.weebly.com</u>. Remember that the deadline for AOD nominations is <u>March 1, 2020</u>.

## Finance Committee Report

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa State Finance Chair

The State Finance Committee will soon be meeting to prepare the budget for 2020-2021. To ensure that our budget meets the needs of the Pennsylvania State Organization, we are requesting that all State Committee Chairs and Officers submit budget requests by April 1, 2020. Requests can be sent to Mary Wilhelm, 24 Sussex Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013. Requests can also be submitted by email to:

If we do not receive a request, the finance committee will assume that your committee is satisfied with your current level of funding.

I also want to remind chapter pres-

idents that I recently sent an evaluation form for your chapter to complete asking for input on the performance of the State Treasurer, the *Keystonian* Editor, or the State Webmaster. If your chapter has not yet completed the evaluation, please return your evaluation to Mary Wilhelm at or by mail to Mary Wilhelm, 24 Sussex Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013 by April 1, 2020. This survey will be used to determine their stipends for the coming

Also, a reminder that chapter bank statements, all receipts, and budget reports should be maintained for four years. Copies of the Membership Form 18 should be maintained for seven years. Thanks to all chapter Finance chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in keeping the chapter records in order and for sending forms and information to the State Treasurer and the State Finance Chair in a timely manner

year.

## State Treasurer Reminder Wanda Keller, Iota

The time frame for 2020-2021 chapter dues collection has changed to align with International's "fiscal year." Dues will now be collected in the spring. All chapters must submit their dues to the State Treasurer, Wanda Keller, by June 30, 2020.

## Rosebud Recognition 2020

The purpose of the PA State Rosebud Recognition Award is to recognize and honor a new member who has given outstanding service to her chapter and PA State activities, and has promoted the purposes and the policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Chapters are reminded to submit their nomination form by March 15, 2020 to Dr. Bettie Bertram, Omega, State Achievement Chair.

Go to dkgpa.weebly.com for more information.

## Convention Kate: Volume 6

Dear Convention Kate,

I was appalled that smoking was not permitted at last year's convention, even in the usual "outside" places. There should have been a designated smoking area for those who still smoke.

Wilma Withdrawal

#### Dear Wilma Withdrawal,

Penn State University now has a campus-wide ban on smoking. Since the Nittany Lion Inn is considered part of campus, there are NO designated smoking areas. Fortunately for you and others who still smoke, the hotel is located on the fringe of campus. So, for now, one just

needs to cross over West Park Street to legally smoke. This new PSU policy continues to evolve, and the convention staff will continue to monitor its status.

## Dear Convention Kate,

I think the NLI needs more servers at our meals. Last year there were no coffee or tea refills. Could we at least have a pitcher of water at each table?

Thirsty Thelma

#### Dear Thirsty Thelma,

Good News! Because of your "squeaky wheel", the NLI has agreed to pre-set carafes of coffee and pitchers of water at each table. No extra cost! Tea will still need to be served. Thank you, NLI!

Rules Committee: Chapter Status Report Lois Brown, Chi

PA State Organization Rules Chair

It is the goal of the Rules Committee to assure that all PA Chapters are in compliance with DKG International rules. The Rules Committee will assist each Chapter in reviewing and revising their rules as necessary. Some Chapters have completed the process (rules approved), some are in the midst of their revision process (revising rules for chapter vote), some are at the preliminary stage (exploring revision process), and some have not responded to the Rules Committee's emailed request for their latest revision.

<u>Sixteen</u> (16) Chapter Rules have been **approved** for the 2019-2021 biennium.

Fourteen (14) Chapter Rules are in the revision process.

Four (4) Chapter Rules are in the **preliminary** stage.

Please submit your latest Chapter Rules to the PA State Organization Rules Committee for assistance in updating your rules to comply with DKG International rules.

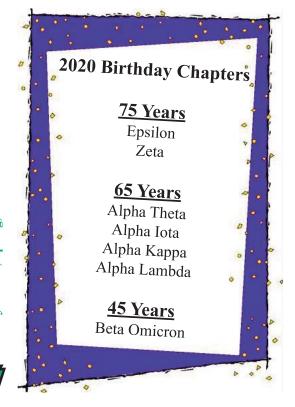
## **New Inductees**

### Beta Pi

Laura Smith Rebekah Stefanawicz

**Zeta - Collegiate Member** 

Victoria Dragonjac.



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chapters' websites and newsletters. Our Keynote speaker, Kaylyn Gibilterra will present *Building Confidence Through STEM Education*. Also, Kaylyn will present an afternoon workshop, *Online Game Development*.

Saturday Evening Banquet is chaired by Dr. Marj Paradise. This year we honor all our Incoming and Outgoing Chapter Presidents and Dr. Bettie Bertram and her committee will present the Rosebud Recognition. The State Chorus directed by Nancy Hills, Visual & Performing Arts Chair, will share their talents with us.

## **Sunday, June 14, 2020**

The <u>Celebration of Life</u>, presented by Dr. Marj Paradise and the Membership committee, is our time to remember those sisters who have passed away since last year's convention. It is a beautiful and memorable ceremony.

At the **Honors Breakfast, Second General Session,** we will share the excitement of those receiving Scholarship and Enrichment Grants presented by our Scholarship Chair, Susan Martin, and her committee. DKG PA State Business will be discussed and votes taken at the Second General Session.

At the conclusion of session, check out of the Nittany Lion Inn.

Safe Travels Home.

## Helpful Hints for the 2020 Convention

Here is your opportunity to use your Voice and have a Choice in DKG PA! Below are some helpful hints to help you be prepared and get the most out of the weekend.

## Dress for convention weekend

Friday – casual
Saturday – Business casual
Saturday Evening – Your Best
Dressy (dress or pants)
Sunday – casual/traveling
clothes

There is air conditioning in the Nittany Lion Inn (NLI), so please dress in layers or bring a sweater, shawl or light jacket.

The **PA State Chorus** will be rehearsing throughout the weekend. Even if you did not attend the chorus retreat, you can still join in and sing with the group.

Evaluations are important. We want to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Before you leave on Sunday, please return your evaluation to the registration table or go on the PA website, download the Convention evaluation and send it to Karen Tinsman at

The dining room at the NLI and Whiskers fill up quickly so you may want to call and make your reservation before convention or make a reservation at one of the many wonderful restaurants in State College.

## Friday, June 12, 2020

Check in at the Nittany Lion Inn when you arrive. You will receive a card tag to put in your vehicle to park for free in the adjacent garage. (Access to rooms is not guaranteed until 4:00 PM)

Check in at the DKG Registra-

tion table to get your materials for Convention. You may wish to put your name on the program in case you misplace it.

Bring your sparkly "bling lanyard" from the previous convention. If this is your first convention, you will get a "bling lanyard "at registration.

Bring your favorite DKG bag from a previous convention. If this is your first convention, you will get a bag at registration.

Buy chances for the raffle baskets donated by the chapters. There are times throughout convention when you will have time to put your tickets in to win. Some members bring address labels to place on their tickets, so you don't need to write your name on each ticket. Proceeds from the raffle baskets defray the convention costs.

Stop by the <u>Tech Table</u> and learn how to set up your My DKG account and/or DKG app.

Attend the <u>Album of Distinction</u>, presented by our State Professional Affairs Chair, Fern Detwiler and the EEC Committee. At this ceremony, recognition is given to our members' accomplishments outside of DKG.

Album of Distinction Reception follows the ceremony. There will be a cash ice cream bar and a cash alcoholic beverages bar. President Eileen's signature drink, Prosecco, will be available all weekend.

Friday Night Fling, presented by our EEC State Chair, Royce Boyd, and the EEC committee. It is open to all convention attendees. The cash ice cream bar and a cash alcoholic beverages bar will remain open. Come meet everyone for some fun and STEM excitement! Saturday, June 13, 2020

All First Timers to the
Convention are invited to attend
the Complimentary Continental
Breakfast. Dr. Marj Paradise, State
Membership Chair and her committee will help you meet other
first timers. Also, you will get to
meet State Officers, our International Representative, Connie
Rensink, and our Keynote Speaker,
Kaylyn Gibilterra. Make sure to
sign up for the breakfast on your
registration form.

Attend the Executive Board and First General Session in the ballroom. President Eileen will be presiding over the society business and Connie Rensink our International Representative will share an update from International.

New this year, <u>In a Flash</u>, sessions. These are 10-minute sessions located in three lobbies where the presenter shares a quick tip/information. Check out your program for more information.

Attend <u>Workshops</u> in the morning and the afternoon. This year the Society Business workshops are split between AM and PM so there will be three workshops each time that are not Society business. Lots of choices and many are available for Act 48 credit!

If you are a workshop presenter your luncheon meal is complimentary!

Our <u>Celebration Luncheon</u> is chaired by Royce Boyd, our State EEC Chair. Join in celebrating Birthday Chapters and members with 40+ years of membership. Congratulate any members who have received their doctorate degree. Linda Nickerson, State Communications Chair will honor

(see HINTS page 10)



## 2020 Convention Workshop Information

If you are an active teacher and wish to receive Act 48 hours, please indicate this on the registration form. Eligible workshops have an \* and a fee of \$5.00 (covers 1 or 2 workshops) must be included with your registration. You will receive further information at the convention.

## MORNING WORKSHOPS 10:30 - 11:30 AM

## Journey Dance with Gisele: by Gisele Rinaldi Siebold.

Release, shake loose, let go. Access your inner power, aliveness, and your passionate heart. Burst forth with energy, expand freely into space, vibrate with joy, and celebrate your life! Rejuvenate your body, your mind, and your spirit in ritual and prayer dance to create the life you want. Become bright, shining, radiant!

# \*STEM Through Literacy: Challenges and Robotics: by Dr. Jessica (Jadi) Redcay and Sue Allen.

There are many opportunities to build connections between STEM and literacy. This session will provide ideas for teaching STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math) to elementary students. These integrated classroom strategies will help you develop 21st century

thinking skills in young learners.
We will challenge you to program robots, build towers, and explore other options in this interactive workshop. Come prepared to think, collaborate, create and solve!

## \*Mindfulness in the Classroom: by Sarah Adams.

Social Emotional Learning has become greatly important for our students. Many children come to school unable to learn due to trauma and stress in their home lives. Mindfulness is one way to help students and adults regulate their emotions and improve their mental health. I have incorporated several mindfulness strategies into my classroom including a daily yoga practice, meditation, breathing exercises, growth mindset, and a peace corner. These quick and easy strategies are increasing my students' mental and emotional well-being. Learn how you can add some mindfulness into your classroom, school, and personal life.

#### <u>AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS</u> 2:30 - 3:30 PM

## \*Online Game Development (no experience required!) by Kaylyn Gibilterra.

In this workshop, we will create games using MIT's Scratch platform. Scratch is used in over 150 countries with over 50 million projects shared. No programming experience is necessary, as this workshop will cover all the fundamentals needed to create your own game. We will even cover some of

Scratch 3.0's new integrations since January 2019 such as LEGO robotics, Makey Makey, micro:bit, Google Translate, Amazon Text-to-Speech, and Raspberry Pis! Everyone in this workshop will walk away with enough experience to not only impress their friends and family but also share their new skills with anyone else that may want to learn.

## \*<u>STEM Projects for Elementary</u> Classrooms: by Kathy Lauer.

STEM activities enhance thinking skills and scientific investigation for students in the elementary grades. This workshop will provide information about "50 Women in Science Through the Ages" and give two activities that can be completed easily for classroom use: an individual archaeological "dig" and construction of a simple sextant (an instrument used to measure latitude).

## Okay, I Have Written a Book. Now What?: by Amy Buckley.

Have you ever thought that you could write the mythical "great American novel"? Do you dream of being the next Janet Evanovich, J.K. Rowling, or Mo Willems? I have just gone through the process of publishing a first book and will describe the ups and downs of making the story in your head a physical prize in your hand.

## **Pre-Convention Opportunity: Escape Room**

Did you know that there is an Escape Room in downtown State College? DKG has booked two rooms on Friday, June 12, 2020 from 2:30 – 4:00.
One room has the Diamond Heist and the maximum

number of people is ten. The other room has the Chancellor's office and the maximum number of people is eight. The time frame allows for 1 hour to solve the problem and 20 minutes to explain the rules and playing the game and then questions after the end of play.

(see ESCAPE page 14)

## THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION,

Friday, June 12 -Sunday, June 14, 2020

Please print ONE NAME per form. Send this entire form to: BARBARA TOBIAS, CONVENTION TREASURER



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	Member since 1980 or earlier: Year initiated
State Chorus participant	Workshop Presenter** (Comp. Sat. luncheon <i>if</i> not a Society member)
	State Officer and/or State Committee member
	Chapter Focus Table—Saturday only (include \$30 with registration)
	from 2:30-4 p.m. (include \$25 nonrefundable with registration) (see page 12)
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No reservations or cancellations m	ay be made after May 31, 2020. Tickets will be collected for all meal func-
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Weekend	\$40.00
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Are you interested in joining your DKG sisters where you will be locked in a room and will need to solve clues and puzzles to find the key to escape! Diamond Heist will require players to steal diamonds and then break out before it's too late. Chancellor's Office is loosely based off of Penn Star Chancellor's Office is loosely based off of Penn State and Happy Valley.

Tickets for this pre-convention event are\_

## \$25.00 and you pay DKG with your registration.

Tickets are non-refundable. You will need to be at the Escape Room, 210 E. Calder Way at 2:30 so your group can start on time. Will you and your DKG sisters beat the record and solve your case in record breaking time?

# he Keystonian, Spring, 2020

# Pennsylvania State Convention Delta Kappa Gamma Society International June 12-14, 2020

This form should be sent directly to Penn State Hospitality Services. For phone reservations, be sure to mention our DKG Society ID: #DELF20A

Penn State Hospitality Services				
Central Reservations Dept.				
215 Innovation Boulevard				
State College, PA 16803				
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## **RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2020**

There are a limited number of rooms in our block, so please reserve early.

Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## In Memoriam

## Donna Newell Beta Pi 10/12/2019

Beta Pi lost a very active member when Donna Newell passed away on October 12, 2019. Inducted in 2016, she participated in the chapter's Shoebox Event to help Norristown area homeless. She also worked on the End-of-the Year Dinner Committee which planned the Induction of New Members and Installation of Officers. Her superb organizational skills served her well as an Administrative Assistant at Candlebrook School.

## Catherine Escandel Beta Rho 12/03/2019

Catherine Escandel was a faithful member of Beta Rho. She was originally inducted in Alpha Zeta Chapter 1979. Catherine participated in all committees on the chapter level. Her contributions to education included the position of Elementary School Nurse for the Mountain View School District in Kingsley, PA.

## Lelia Calderwood Iota 1/5/2020

Leila Calderwood was inducted into Iota chapter in 1967! She served on many Iota chapter committees and earned her 50-year pin. Leila respectfully held the roles as President, First Vice President and Second Vice President and she was known to be a program presenter at chapter meetings. Greater Johnstown High School is where she taught French for many years.

## Marian Hayduk Zeta October 1, 2019

Marian Hayduk was inducted to Zeta Chapter in 2004. Part of her chapter involvement included serving as Recording Secretary. Marian had

been a Special Education Teacher for 25 years with Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. She will be missed

## Elizabeth "Betty" Jane Wallace Zeta

October 6, 2019
Betty Jane Wallace was a
Home Economics
Teacher in Big Valley
Falls School District for
42 years! She became a
Zeta Chapter member in
1965. Active in her community, she was a founding member of New
Florence Historical Society; was a member of
DAR and was very involved in her church.

## What Would the Founders Do?

## Royce Boyd, Chi

This is the question we should be asking ourselves regarding the Standing Rule change for the method of distribution of the *Keystonian*. International has made all publications available via the International website following a line from the DKG song "forward moving ever." Yet at the PA State Organization level we have not followed suit. Several years ago, at a State Convention during a vey spirited debate about the budget and raising dues, a motion from the floor was purposed to "go electronic" and very soundly defeated.

There is a motion that will be voted on at the upcoming 2020 state convention that will ask for the Keystonian to be electronically distributed to members. There have been many attempts made by local chapters and the state organization to have the members voluntarily receive their Kevstonian via email to save money. To date only 15% members of our 2000+ membership receive their Keystonian via email. Looking at this data point one can draw some conclusions – 85% of our members do not use email to communicate with family, friends, colleagues or to do business by using email or have fallen into "this is the way we have always done it so why change it?"

Another assumption that members may be making is the erroneous \$5.00 thought process. This thought suggests that \$5.00 of our state dues pays for the mailing of the *Keystonian*. After much research and interviews there is nothing in any of our governing documents that refer to this \$5.00 notion. Our State Treasurer does not follow that suggestion but does follow the budget adopted at every State Convention to pay all bills incurred.

Our budget very simply put is money-in and money-out. Moneyin comes from two sources; dues and savings over the years (balance we bring forward). We have continued to dip into that savings to balance the

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# Vendor and Exhibitor Opportunities in Philadelphia Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho

Hopefully you and/or others in your chapter are making plans to attend the International Convention in Philadelphia this summer, July 7-11, 2020. There are so many opportunities for everyone who attends an international convention and this year's convention is practically in our own backyard. One of the features of this year's convention will be **The Marketplace.** This will be an area with vendors and exhibitors who are DKG members as well as non-DKG members. It will be set up for attendees to peruse the area and perhaps purchase something to take home or learn something from an exhibitor.

But you don't just have to think about what you will buy but also can think of something your chapter sells or a service it provides. You might also have friends or businesses which have something unusual to sell or exhibit. Go to the dkg.org website and click on international convention: click on forms and then click on vendor/exhibitor application. Fill it out completely and submit it via email or snail mail and both addresses are on the application. The application must be submitted to Phyllis Hickey at DKG no later than April 15, 2020. The administrative board approves all vendors. Once your application is submitted and if accepted, then you will be contacted with a complete listing of the rules/guidelines.

Kathleen Kelly, Beta Alpha Chapter and Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho Chapter, are Pennsylvania members who are co-chairs for <u>The Marketplace</u>. They will be looking for attendees at the convention who would like to volunteer some time in The Marketplace. The hours for <u>The Marketplace</u> will be Thursday, July 9 from noon to 6 p.m. On Friday, the hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and then 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

So now is the time to check out the application on the international website and take advantage of this opportunity to raise some funds for your chapter or contact a company/organization in your area which might be interested in renting a table(s) at our convention. Encourage any local vendors to apply as well. Hope to see you in Philadelphia in July.

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budget for the past several years, and we must become more fiscally responsible. Money-out is the expenditures (bills paid) to operate the PA State Organization. These are expenditures such as committee meetings, incoming presidents' training, insurance, honoraria, and the *Keystonian*, etc. This budget process is very transparent as it is developed every year by the committee chairs, and the finance committee as well as state officers who are ex-officio members of the finance committee. The budget is then presented twice at the state convention with time for discussion before it is voted on during Sunday's second general session.

The total budget for the *Keystonian* for 2019 was \$16,250. This includes printing, postage and an honorarium for the Editor. This cost is based per page printing which averages 20 pages. There are approximately 2100 copies printed making the average cost \$2700 per issue. We send 4 issues per budget year.

Simply by using email to distribute will allow \$13,000 to be reallocated to other committees, trainings and projects as per the budgeting process through the finance committee.

Finally, the big question- how do members access the *Keystonian* if they do not have email capabilities? The obvious solution is an opt-in mailing. This would be where a member would sign-up to receive the *Keystonian* via the postal service. This is how international disseminates our international publications except for the Collegial Magazine. A system will need to be developed and communicated to members for the opt-in option to be implemented. An additional option would be to have chapters provide copies to members with no access to a computer/printer.

So... what would our founders do? Will we move the PA State Organization forward or will we do what we have always done?

## **Enrichment Excursions**

# Tackling Tough Genealogical Research Faith Jack Alpha Xi

Thank you to the Committee for selecting me as a recipient of an Enrichment Grant to take "Tools and Strategies for Tackling Tough Research Problems" and "Irish Genealogical Research Part I" at the Genealogy Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) held at LaRoche University this past summer.

Each week-long course, taught by nationally and internationally recognized professional genealogists, was packed with detailed resources, strategies and tips. The syllabi alone are worth the tuition. Spending each week networking with like-minded researchers was the cherry on the sundae. For the 2020 offerings, see https://www.gripitt.org.

In "Tough Research Problems," I was hoping to glean a strategy for breaking through my brick wall which is my paternal 4x great grandmother Eunice Doty Boney (1776-1854) whose elusive parents hold the key to my Mayflower connection. Eunice is supposedly the daughter of William Doty and Rachel Murphy, but no verification has been found of Eunice's birth in Burlington, New Jersey on November 19, 1776. Instructor Kimberly Powell, a professional researcher who specializes in genealogy of southwestern Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, North Carolina, and South Carolina, employed a handson interactive approach which the guest lecturers also used. One homework assignment had the large class working on a Chicago mob family. Talk about skeletons in the closet!

Like-minded Researchers of the class



As I had taken Part II previously, "Irish Genealogical Research Part I" reunited me with

instructor **David E. Rencher**, Director of the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. Checkout the free resources at **familysearch.org**. David did not disappoint. Take-aways included an understanding of Irish history, knowledge of what record groups exist and where to find them, and a renewed passion for my Irish heritage.



For a mini taste of what a genealogy institute entails, consider attending a local conference. North Hills Genealogists Spring Conference is Friday March 13th and Saturday March 14th at The Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center and features David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA. See <a href="https://northhillsgenealogists.org/">https://northhillsgenealogists.org/</a> for registration and more information.

Each year, GRIP provides a dynamic institute with world-class genealogists. Each week, three evening lectures are open to the public. Local sponsors of the lectures are: the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society https://wpgs.org/ and North Hills Genealogists. Maia's Books is always on hand with a large selection of genealogy resources. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced researcher, GRIP is a great experience.

Kimberly Powell presents Faith Jack with a *Certificate of Course Completion* in Tools and Strategies for Tackling Tough Research Problems at GRIP in July 2019.



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AM SCHEDULE and PM SCHEDULE	Breakfast On Your Own	Registration for Members Outside Mt. Nittany	Juggling Elephants, Mt. Nittany	Lunch On Your Own	Diversity in Communication Mt. Nittany

## Incoming Chapter Presidents Leadership Seminar Schedule for Thursday and Friday, June 11-12, 2020

THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2020	<u>5:00 - 7:00</u> <u>PM</u>	7:00 - 7:30 <u>PM</u>	7:30 - 9:00 <u>PM</u>		
PM SCHEDULE	Registration for Incoming Chapter Presidents Alumni Lounge	Welcome Incoming Chapter Presidents Meet & Greet, Alumni Lounge	Juggling Elephants, Alumni Lounge		
FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2020	7:30 - 8:00 <u>AM</u>	8:00 - 8:45 <u>AM</u>	9:00 - 12:00 <u>PM</u>	12:00 - 12:45 PM	1:00 - 3:00 <u>PM</u>
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## **Chapter News**

**Beta Kappa**Beta Kappa had their meeting on November 16, at the Harbaugh-Thomas Library in Biglerville. Kim Brainard wa our guest speaker. Kim is an International Trainer, Coach, and Keynote Speaker in the area of "Training from the Back of the Room!" State President Eileen Little joined our members for this program and for our induction of a new member as well.

**Beta Gamma** Members of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held a silent auction to raise money for their scholarship fund. Each year Beta Gamma raises money to offer a \$500 scholarship to a senior graduating from a York or Adams County high school that plans on majoring in education.







**Beta Pi** Delta Kappa Gamma Beta Pi had a very successful Fall/Winter Season!

We kicked off our new year with our annual **Meet and Greet Social** where we welcomed new inductees, shared summer stories, and provided a Beta Pi Calendar of Events that previews the upcoming year.

In October, DKG Beta Pi hosted a SOLD OUT **Designer Handbag Bingo** and Basket Raffle at Black Rock Fire Company in







Oaks, PA for over 200 participants! 20 lucky winners went home with Designer Handbags, 63 lucky winners went home with raffle baskets, 1 lucky winner went home with a jackpot of gift cards totaling over \$1150, and 1 lucky winner

went home with a 50/50 prize of over \$500. We want to thank those who traveled from near and far for joining us and would love to welcome new participants next year.

Additionally, we participated in the Upper Merion Fall Fest and Community Fair. We set up a tent and table to share our story using a **tri-fold display**, sold chapter cookbooks, and offered children crafts. We had a great time with other community organizations and businesses!

In November, DKG Beta Pi held a fantastic Fall Dinner Program at McKenzie Brewhouse in Devon. We inducted two new members, Laura Smith and Rebekah Stefanowicz. We welcomed guest speaker, Dr. Karen Portale. Dr. Portale gave a wonderful presentation on stress management, meditation, and gratitude. At the end of her presentation, she raffled off four great books and provided each participant with a gratitude journal. A fabulous way to kick off the

holiday season! The following week, DKG Beta Pi joined together to fill 145 gift wrapped shoeboxes for Norristown Ministries. Each box was filled with hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toiletries, snacks, and hand warmers. These shoeboxes were distributed during the holiday season to those in need at the Norristown Hospitality Center.

In December, DKG Beta Pi volunteered their time **gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble** in Berwyn, PA. Gift wrapping was complimentary, however, DKG Beta Pi accepted donations that would support our grant in aid scholarships and community outreach programs. Shoppers were very generous this year and Beta Pi raised \$227.

In January, Beta Pi held a dining night at Habit Burger Grill in King of Prussia. Thanks to our friends, family, and colleagues, we brought in \$336.61 in sales and made \$67.32 for our chapter. We ended January by holding our annual Winter Breakfast Meeting. Members enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet, chapter meeting, and white elephant swap. Members also generously donated art supplies for the Upper Merion Township Library

Children's Department. All of the art supplies collected will be used for upcoming children's programs and work-shops at the library.

DELTA KAPPA GAMA

Alpha Beta The Projects Committee of Alpha Beta is heading up a community service project for 2019-2020 – making fleece blankets for children receiving services through **Your Safe Haven, Inc. (YSH).** YSH is

Bedford County's crime victim center and is dedicated to assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing comprehensive services from counseling through navigating the court system and everything in between. YSH

> provides direct services to approximately 1,400-1,500 adults and children each year.

The project kicked off with a work session in October 2019 with six members trimming the fleece and readying the ends for knotting. The prepared fleece is then completed by

members of the Roaring Springs Girl Scout Troop 43009 who will knot the ends. Eight blankets were delivered to Beth Hickey, the Executive Director of YSH on December 11, 2019 with more scheduled for delivery throughout 2020.





Alpha Kappa Nineteen sisters from the Alpha Kappa Chapter met recently at a local restaurant for a scrumptious breakfast meeting. Sisters from Juniata County and Mifflin County brought with them donated items for the Mifflin County School District's homeless

students' supply bank and for the Backpack Blessings program which provides weekend food items for the needy elementary students in Juniata County School District. The chapter's scholarship fund grew after the sisters participated in a gift-wrapped bag or box auction as well as a raffle for a Christmas basket do-

nated by a sister. The jolly

Homeless Supply Bank - Deb Filson, Dottie Peiffer, Bev Berich



**Backpack Blessings - Pat** Brown, Sarah Wieseman, **Mary Grimm** 



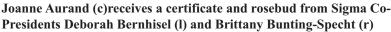
Santa, Dr. Molly Kinney (holding Elf)

old elf himself stopped by to wish us all a very merry Christmas!

Sigma Chapter held its December meeting at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville. Joanne Aurand received a certificate and rose bud recognizing her as the recipient of the 24th Annual Robert N. Pursel Award. Presented by the Danville Area Community Foundation, this award honors Joanne and her late husband Bob, both former teachers, for their exemplary community service over many years. A program presented



by Susan Tonzetich, Brittany Bunting-Specht, and Elizabeth Brewer featured the story of the twelve founders of DKG. During the meeting members donated funds for World Fellowship. Jewelry was also collected for Jewelry Shop for Mom, a local outreach for area Headstart children.





Susan Tonzetich, Deborah Bernhisel and Brittany Bunting-Specht display photos of some of the twelve founders of DKG



Alpha Phi One of the most successful ways to improve the reading achievement of children is to increase their access to books, especially at home. But according to the U.S. Department of Education, up to 61% of low-income families do not have any books for their kids at home. Little Free Libraries play an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books in areas where books are scarce. The Alpha Phi Chapter (Allegheny County) enlisted the help of teachers and students at Pleasant Hills Middle

School for this project. Integrating this project into her curriculum, **Rebecca Reid and** her students designed and built two little libraries which were placed in Elizabeth near

the Bethesda United Presbyterian Church and the other at



Olivet Presbyterian Church in West Elizabeth. Chapter members donate books to be placed in the libraries.





## Beta Rho

Chapter of the DKG International Society at Dreyer Hall in Montrose, membership chair and second vice president Pat Carpenter conducted the induction ceremony for two new members. They are **Joanne Yanchick**, Instructional Coach K-12 in the Tunkhannock School District and **Angela Zick**, the elementary computer teacher in the Blue Ridge School District.



Teresa Cavalier, Joanne Yanchick, Angela Zick, Kathy Fuller.

Beta Rho recently had a safety awareness program by

Raymond Telnock, a former Lieutenant with the Federal Protective Service who has spent thirty-



two years in Law Enforcement and is presently the president of Phoenix Personal Defense, a Pennsylvania State Constable and a Law Enforcement Instructor for Temple University.

The program provided members with some excellent practical tips on being aware of one's surroundings, noticing things that don't seem quite right and being prepared so that you don't become a victim. Don't advertise with stickers on your car or house because they tell others about you. Your jewelry, expensive watches, the type of car you drive or who you talk with on social media again gives "the bad people" ammunition. What you put out in your garbage or recy-

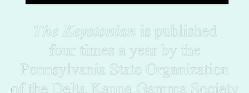
cling again gives others information about your personal life. Think ahead so that if you are faced with danger, you have an idea of what you would do to survive. Anything can become a weapon: your keys, a heavy purse, a pen, a nail file, a rolled up newspaper or magazine

Ray's presentation led to much discussion, shared examples of situations and questions which provided additional information for the members in attendance. This type of program is valuable for all members and you might want to look in your area to see what is available for a similar program.

Editor's Note: Chapter News is a historical record of what chapters are doing in our PA State Organization.

It is important to recognize your chapter's work as well as share your ideas with other DKG chapters.

*The Keystonian* Bonnie Lee Barnes, Editor



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#### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATES:**

Summer Issue #1 - June 1 Fall Issue #2 - August 1 Winter Issue #3 - November Spring Issue #4 - February 1

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## **Important Dates**

March 15, 2020 Deadline for the PA State Rosebud award

March 15 – 18, 2020 National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, VA

April 30, 2020 International Dissertation recognition

May 1, 2020 DKGEF Cornetet CIPD Application

May 15, 2020 International Bulletin: Journal submissions

June 11–14, 2020 PA State Convention, Leadership & Professional Development Seminar, State College, PA

June 30, 2020 Chapter Dues Deadline

July 7 – 11, 2020 International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

July 12 – 16, 2020 New York City Getaway Tour after International Convention



## State President Schedule:

February 27 -28 CTAUN in New York

March 7, 2020 Chapter Visit Alpha Nu - Bucks

March 14, 2020 Ch. Visit: Alpha Phi - Pittsburgh

March 21, 2020 State Scholarship Committee meeting

March 28, 2020 Ch. Visit: Upsilon - Allegany, Westmoreland, Armstrong

April 2, 20020 Ch. Visit: Alpha Rho - Luzerne

April 18, 2020 Ch. Visit: Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma, Eta - York

May 2, 2020 Ch. Visit: Alpha Iota, Alpha Omega, Gamma - Erie

May 9, 2020 State Finance Committee meeting

May 13, 2020 Ch. Visit: Alpha Upsilon - Pittsburgh

May 16, 2020 Ch. Visit: Iota, Beta Epsilon, Beta Xi - Johnstown/Altoona

June 11 – 12, 2020 Incoming Chapter Presidents

Training/Leadership Professional Development

June 12 – 14, 2020 PA State Convention

June 14, 2020 Administrative Board meeting

June 23, 2020 Ch. Visit: Alpha Beta - Bedford

July 7 – 11, 2020 International Convention

September 17, 2020 Ch. Visit: Nu - Lebanon

September 19, 2020 Ch. Visit: Pi - Potter & Tioga

October 17, 2020 Ch. Visit Kappa, Alpha Kappa, Beta Theta, Beta Iota –

Cumberland, Franklin, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Dauphin