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Sadowski at Nittany

A member of the Society for 26 years, Becky Sadowski currently serves at Southeast Regional, chair of the 2016 Convention Steering Committee, and Parliamentarian for the Tennessee State Organization. At the International level she has been a member of the Golden Gift Fund Committee and chair of the Leadership Development and Membership Committees.



She has also served at chapter president as well as the 2003-2005 Tennessee State Organization President.

Becky's DKG membership has provided many opportunities for personal and professional growth. She attended the Basic and Advanced Leadership Seminars in her state organization and is a graduate of the 1999 International Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. Becky is a frequent breakout session presenter and speaker at

(see Becky page 4)

Lister as Keynote

Heather Lister is a middle school teacher-librarian in the Derry Township School District. She received her Bachelors in Education in Library Science from Kutztown University in 2010 and then received her Master's Degree in Instructional Technology with a concentration in Digital Classrooms from Kutztown University in 2012. Heather also received a graduate certificate in School



(see Heather page 8)

DKG Educational Foundation Hosts Wildhorse in Nashville

Dust off your western wear and boots as you pack for Nashville this summer! The DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) will sponsor **Call Me Country** at the world-famous **Wildhorse Saloon** during the 2016 DKG International Convention. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the convention, either online (www.dkg.org) or using the registration form found in the Jan./Feb. issue of the *DKG News*.

(see Wildhorse on page 8)



Pennsylvania Projects Promotes Literacy

By Patricia Shedlock,
EEC Projects Chair

Pennsylvania is promoting literacy all across the state. Chapters are doing amazing work and an amazing amount of work. Read how our sisters are involved.

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Alpha Xi member, Melody Hannegan's grandson, visits a Little Free Library.

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Opportunities Abound

Tracey Dusch, President
PA State Organization

As I sit at my desk reviewing all the opportunities scheduled for our PA State Organization, I find myself asking, “Will we have time to do it all?” Our DKG Train is fully loaded and ready to pull out of the station for its **2016 Journey**. Boarding tickets are ready, schedules are set, and decisions need to be made. As DKG Members, we have the chance to participate in the many opportunities offered onboard the train. Planning is important so I’ve comprised a list for you to consider. How many tickets will you need for your journey?

1) The National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC, March 13-16, 2016. Even though the initial registration deadline has passed, you can still attend the NLS. Information about the NLS can be found on the International website.

2) The Leadership and Professional Development Seminar in Altoona, PA, April 22-23, 2016. The incoming chapter presidents will be trained this weekend, but the Saturday activities are designed for any member to attend. We will welcome our keynote speaker, Dr. Lace Marie Brogden from Regina, Saskatchewan. Dr. Brogden is currently a tenured Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina, Canada, and Director of the Programme du Baccalauréat en éducation French language teacher education program. Her appearance at the Seminar is made possible by the International Speakers Fund. Registration and hotel information can be found in the winter 2015 *Keystonean*.

3) The Choral Retreat in Middletown, PA, May 6-7, 2016. Visual and Performing Arts chair, Nancy Hills, invites you to attend the 3rd Annual Choral Retreat. This weekend will allow you singers out there to learn the music for this year’s State Convention. Information about the Choral Retreat can be found in this issue of *The Keystonean*.

4) 2016 State Convention in State College, PA, June 10-12, 2016. This is a chapter member’s opportunity to see how DKG works at the state level. Society workshops, professional development and personal growth workshops, the Celebration of Life, the Album of Distinction, and the Friday Night Fling are just some of the many events to take part in at the State Convention. Getting to meet our International guest Becky Sadowski and our keynote speaker Heather Lister are definitely added incentives. Registration and hotel information can be found in this issue of *The Keystonean*.

5) 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN, July 5-9, 2016. The gorgeous Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center will be the setting for this year’s International Convention. Pennsylvania will host a reception to celebrate

(see Tickets page 3)

EEC Educational Excellence Committee

Barbara Gasperini

First Vice President/EEC Coordinator



The goals of the Educational Excellence Committee are to develop programs, projects and activities which:

- 1) Empower women through leadership opportunities.
- 2) Promote educational excellence through programs and projects.
- 3) Change global awareness through collaboration worldwide.

Join the Educational Excellence Committee for a discussion of hot topics, programs, and activities well received and shared by state and local chapters. At our next

State Convention we will be presenting a workshop for chapter First Vice Presidents, Visual and Performing Arts chairs, Projects chairs, Professional Affairs chairs, and US Forum/Educational Legislation chairs. If your chapter is using Program of Work, your POW chair should attend. Meet your State Chair counterpart and hear their plans for Educational Excellence.

We will also break into small group discussions and make available a collection of ideas on programs, projects, and activities. We are looking forward to meeting you at the EEC Workshop at State Convention on Saturday, June 11, 2016.

What to Expect at State Convention?

Whether you have been attending State Convention for years or you are a first-timer, here is information that will help you get the most out of your weekend.

Dress for the weekend:

- > Friday – casual
- > Saturday – school clothes or dressy casual
- > Saturday evening – best dressy
- > Sunday – traveling clothes

> There is air conditioning at the Nittany Lion Inn (NLI)! Please dress in layers or bring a sweater, shawl, light jacket, pashmina, etc.

> Register when you arrive at the NLI – you will receive a car tag to put in your vehicle so that you may park for free in the adjacent garage.

> Buy chances for the raffle baskets – baskets donated by our chapters are magnificent! The

(see Convention page 5)

(Tickets from page 2)

Dr. Lyn Schmid's biennium as International President. Tours, breakout sessions, engaging speakers, and genuine spiritual fellowship will add to the wonderful week in Nashville. Registration and hotel information can be found on the International website.

6) 2016 Purposeful Seminar in Pittsburgh, PA, September 23-25, 2016. First Vice President, Barbara Gasperini, and her committee have put together plans for an outstanding purposeful seminar entitled "The Pride of Pittsburgh." Registration and hotel information can be found in this issue of *The Keystonean*.

7) DKG Northeast Regional Four States Joint Creative Arts Retreat in Smyrna, DE, October 1, 2016. While at the state presidents' training in Baltimore last July, I was approached by Joan Wiggins, Maryland State President, about Pennsylvania's Creative Arts Retreat. Pennsylvania has been asked to participate in a 4-state joint arts retreat in October with Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. If you would like more information regarding

8) Creative Arts Retreat in Ludlow, PA, April 21-23, 2017. It sounds like a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it. The 2015 Creative Arts Retreat was an amazing weekend. You won't want to miss the next one! More information will be available in an upcoming issue of *The Keystonean*.

All of these opportunities are available to you, a DKG member...and more! I'm making the effort to attend and support all of these activities. Will you join me? Will you be on the train?





**Looking for
Alpha Alpha State
Choir Singers!**
**State Convention
June 10 – 12, 2016
Nittany Lion Inn,
State College.**

**If you love to sing and want to
meet other fun-loving singers, then
State Choir is just for YOU!**

Please contact Nancy Hills,
Visual and Performing Arts State
Chair, for more information:



Please note, there will be an opportunity to prepare the music at our
State Choir Retreat in Middletown, PA, on May 6 and 7, 2016.

Check it out.....

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LP-tzl-QHxGuMIBj7SN_zf4dQRZ23FcbNIR0mNV78vo/viewform

(This retreat is NOT a requirement to participate in State Choir)

You can even register online!



EEC Seeking Nominees

By Marj Paradise

The Educational Excellence Committee is looking for those talented and active members of our chapters who have also been recognized for services and honors outside of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. For those sisters who have received an honor or award in their community for volunteering or another accomplishment ~ you are eligible. The honor or recognition must have occurred

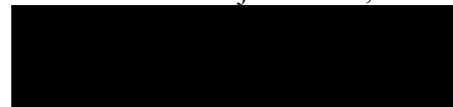
from ***April 1, 2015 thru April 1, 2016.***

Applications are available online at ***alphaalphapa.com.*** Click on Awards to find the form, or you can ask your Chapter President for the form. Evaluation criteria and the rubric used to determine eligibility are also available on this Awards page.

The honor or award must be aligned one of the 7 purposes of DKG. Applications for this

honor are due by ***April 1, 2016.***

The application for Album of Distinction should be forwarded to Marj Paradise,



It would be a great honor for one of your chapter members to be recognized on June 10, 2016 at our **State Convention in State College, PA.**

(Becky from page 1)

all levels of the Society. She was a keynote speaker at the 2005 SERC and has facilitated the Advanced Leadership Seminar three times in her home state of Tennessee.

Serving as a special education advocate has been Becky's passion. Her career includes serving as a classroom teacher, a reading specialist, a Lead Teacher for the Memphis City Schools, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Memphis, and a special education specialist and educational consultant for Shelby County Schools, as well as head of the School of Education at Lambuth University.

Becky has served as the President of the Tennessee

Association of the Gifted and was a keynote presenter at the Tennessee Legal Education Conference on Special Education. She received the Jo Patterson Award in Gifted Education in Tennessee in 1996.

Married to her college sweetheart for 46 years, Becky has two grown children and enjoys spending as much time as possible with her four granddaughters. She is active in her church as well as in her community.

A "lifelong learner," Becky often refers to one of her favorite quotes from C.S. Lewis – "*You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.*"

(Ideas from page 1) **Need an idea for your chapter? Borrow one of these.**

I. Establishing a Little Free Library

The Little Free Library is our adopted state project for this biennium. **Nu Chapter** is working with students and teachers at the Lebanon County Career and Technology School's woodworking department to build little libraries. The goal is to have one provided by Delta Kappa Gamma in each of the six school districts in Lebanon County. The graphic arts department will design and paint the outside.

Alpha Theta members will support one of their chapter members who has written for a grant to build a **Little Free Library**.

II. Adopting a school or community library

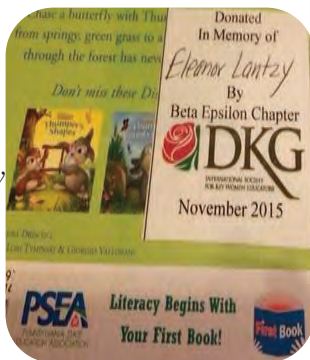
Sigma Chapter donates to a school library in a five-county region. The school librarian chooses the books that are needed.

Beta Pi is adopting the Upper Merion Middle School Library by donating books on women leaders who reflect diversity. The chapter is allotting \$200 this biennium to the project.

III. Continuing Established Chapter Projects

Beta Epsilon completed a *Preschool Book Trunk Project* where books, lesson plans, and supplies were given to public preschools in Cambria and Somerset counties. Two trunks were donated to Head Start.

An Early Educator Project had chapter members creating bulletin boards for new teachers in the Conemaugh Township School District. Six new teachers were the lucky recipients of these bulletin board supplies. In partnership with PSEA Central Region (PSEA donated the books) members created *Library*



Story Time Kits. The kits centered on a Disney Thumper theme. Activities were created and supplies donated to six public libraries in Blair and Cambria Counties. There is no slowing down for this chapter as they completed their annual *Backpacks for Kids Project*. One hundred thirty-six filled backpacks were donated to students in Blair, Cambria, and Somerset Counties. Read about more projects in future issues of *The Keystonean* and hear more at State Convention.

Collecting new and gently used books and donating them to organizations is one of **Kappa Chapter's** projects. Kappa also sends money to *Project Shore* and raises funds by selling BonTon booklets for their two grant-in-aid recipients.

Beta Mu supports the *Afafanto Project* designed to educate and empower women in northern Ghana. This chapter also supports "Mom's House." This is a non-profit organization that provides education and quality daycare to young, single women who want to finish their education. Beta Mu is donating \$1000 to educate the children attending the daycare.

Alpha Kappa conducts a flea market/yard sale to raise money for their grants in aid. This chapter also fills 40 plastic shoeboxes with personal care items for children ages 4-14. The boxes are distributed at local food pantries and shelters for needy families. With community and chapter support, one of Alpha Kappa's members has collected several hundred books for the elementary libraries in her school district.

IV. Supporting Schools for Africa & Early Career Educators

Beta Pi contributes \$100 annually to the *Schools for Africa Project*. To support *Early Career Educators*, these sisters prepare a packet of information about DKG and Beta Pi. Included are invitations to chapter programs and a \$25 gift card to Staples or a local teachers' store. These packets are distributed to new women teachers. Beta Pi budgets \$200 for this project annually.

Beta Beta Chapter donates to *Schools for Africa* by holding a book swap with four other chapters. This chapter also collects and compiles a booklet with ways a new teacher can reduce stress for herself and within her classroom. Book chats are held to promote reading interest within the chapter. Another project this chapter participates in is placing books in libraries in memory of deceased chapter members. These are given to the school where the teacher taught.

(Convention from page 3)

proceeds help defray convention costs. You need not be present to win. There are appropriate times to put your tickets in for the raffle when meetings are not going on.

> Speaking of raffle baskets... when your chapters are putting together your basket for the raffle, please keep 2 things in mind: (1) no alcohol or gift certificates for alcohol may be placed in any basket and (2) winners may be traveling

home with a full car already and may not have the room for a huge basket.

> Chapter focus tables will be displayed in the Atrium on Saturday only. This is a change from previous years. They should be up by 7 a.m. Saturday morning and should be down by 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

> A First-Timers' session will be held Friday evening. This

(see First Timers page 16)

All Aboard! Next Stop State College PA!

By Eileen Little

Second Vice President/Membership Chairman



What is new in your chapter? Have you initiated any new members? Did they join a chapter committee and are you helping them experience all the benefits of a DKG membership?

DKG, an International Society for **Key Women Educators**, provides opportunities for personal and professional growth. These may include contact with speakers on current topics, involvement in community and global projects, leadership semi-

nars, opportunities to present or publish in a professional journal, scholarships for graduate study, funding for professional development and educational projects... just to name a few.

Has your chapter train moved on to the next station? Are you planning your trip to State Convention? Please try to encourage a member, who may have never attended our Convention, to come. A DKG sister whose membership is 5 years or less and/or is new to attending State Convention

will be invited to breakfast with our State officers. This New Member Network will be on Saturday morning. What a great way to meet other "new" members and experience State Convention!

Chapter Membership Chairs should plan to attend the workshop Saturday morning to help you grow membership in your chapter. This will be great time to network with other Chapter Membership Chairs. See you June 10 -12 at Convention!

Pressing for Change

By Susan Fritz

US Forum/Educational Excellence Legislative Chair



200 plus days... I did not think the "Budget Impasse" would still be news with the spring newsletter going to press and 2016 well underway. How many of you have pondered over these past several months, as have I, what would happen if you or I were more than two hundred days late in completing an important task with wide-ranging implications for the health and welfare of our charges? I suspect we would be highly anxious about our failure and the probable consequence of losing our job. My question: why are members of the State government responsible for passing a budget not worried about their jobs? Is it because no one is pressuring them to complete this essential task for which they alone

are responsible? **The budget matters.** There seems to be less publicity about the lack of a budget but that does not mean the consequences do not continue to accrue. Please make your voices heard: Pennsylvanians need a budget.

CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations). The Conference at the United Nations – *Stewardship for a Sustainable World: Education in the SDGs* - was held on January 22, 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Among the 525 attendees were a large number of DKG sisters, including 2014-2016 International President Dr. Lyn Schmid, Executive Director Sandra Smith Bull, and Membership Services Admin-

istrator Nita R. Scott, hailing in from Austin, Texas. For the second time in three years a Pennsylvania sister was a *Best Practices Award Winner*. Inspired by a project by Lisa Fernandez, Elementary School Counselor in the Warrior Run School District, Ms. Elizabeth Brewer (Sigma Chapter), created a counseling lesson called "Scattering Seeds of Peace." This lesson culminated in students and families sending 562 messages to UN Peacekeepers around the world and the sharing of "recipes for peace" with Ms Fernandez's class in Brooklyn, New York.

The 17 SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and the 169 targets that provide an action plan (see Change page 7)

It's that time again! It is time to look at and review budgets for next year. The Finance Committee will be putting together next year's budget at our meeting on April 30, 2016. All committee chairs should submit their budget requests for the 2016 – 2017 year to me by **April 1, 2016** to ensure that all requests will be properly accounted for. If I do not receive a budget request from your committee, I will assume that you are satisfied with your current level of funding.

Budget Requests

by Joyce Kerrick
Finance Chair



You may mail your budget requests to Joyce Kerrick, 3591 French Asylum Road, Towanda PA 18848 or e-mail to [REDACTED]. Please include "Budget Request" in your message line.

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for meeting the goals are detailed in Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Ambassador David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland and Co-Facilitator of the Intergovernmental Consultative Process for the SDGs, described the goals as aspirational and as having three dimensions: economic, social, and environmental. The 17 SDGs are based on the 5 P's of People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership. Agreed to at a signing ceremony at UN Headquarters by 193 Heads of State on September 25, 2015, the SDGs are broad enough that every country has some distance to move forward for every target. Symbolizing the need to energize youth to invest in the attainment of this worldwide agenda, 200 young people joined the Heads of State at the signing ceremony. Among one of many remarkable aspects of the SDGs is the call to action and importance of involvement at all levels of community. The SDGs invite international and governmental cooperation as well as commitment from businesses and individuals.

Two panels, Ending Hunger and Taking Care of the Earth, and a roundtable, Committing to the SDGs, provided multiple speakers on these topics and

expanded on the work needed in the respective goals. Even a brief description of each presenter is beyond the scope of this article, however, I would like to highlight a few comments and statistics I found particularly noteworthy and stunning:

- ~~ *1 in 9 people are undernourished.*
- ~~ *165 million children are stunted due to lack of adequate nutrition.*
- ~~ *One third of the food supply (1.3 billion tons) goes to waste every year.*
- ~~ *All countries have the resources to feed their people.*
- ~~ *Food insufficiency is a matter of distribution and politics, not supply and demand.*
- ~~ *Conflict is development in reverse.*
- ~~ *The Global Hunger Index reports a 300% increase in food insecurity in areas of conflict or war.*
- ~~ *The number of people living in extreme poverty has been cut in half since 1990.*

One of the reasons I appreciate CTAUN is the detail with which the problems are defined. Another reason I appreciate CTAUN is the hope it provides for solving the problems. The re-

sources discussed in that one day could take days to fully research and exhaust. The good news is that any individual taking one step forward on a SDG moves us closer to the better world for all we strive to achieve.

What can you do? Visit www.TeachUN.ORG for ideas and curricula. Introduce the concept of the SDGs to your class. Inspire your students to adopt them and add their unique response to having a better world. Tackle a project on your own.

The final event of the day was the presentation of "The Future She Deserves" by the *GIRL Be Heard* Theater Group. Through song, movement, and verse written by the girls themselves, this theater group provides a forum for voicing concerns and realities from the lives of young women. The piece, "The Summer the Bees Disappeared", described the loss and destruction of nature and community, both social and physical, from oil drilling. "A Bagel for Emily" highlighted the reality of being in need while living within the realm of those who have much more than enough. The performances were heart-rending, poignant, inspiring, and beautiful. A perfect punctuation to a day that presented challenges but also the path to a better future.

The Pride of Pittsburgh Schedule of Opportunities

Barbara L. Gasperini, First Vice President/EEC Coordinator

September 23, 24, and 25, 2016

Friday

- ~Registration and free parking
- ~Taste of Pittsburgh" dinner
- ~Rachel Carson portrayed by our own
Cindy Reynolds
- ~Raffle Baskets and Pillow from Pittsburgh
on sale

Saturday

- ~Breakfast Buffet included with room
- ~Movie tour, "Lights, Camera, Pittsburgh"
which includes: A shuttle to Pitts-
burgh as we stop and view places
where movies have been filmed
like: *Night of the Living Dead*,
Pretty Women, *Groundhog Day*,
Inspector Gadget, *Wonder Boys*,
The Avengers, *The Dark Night*
Rises, *Jack Reacher*, *Me & Earl &*
the Dying Girl and more.

Sunday

- ~Ride the Duquesne Incline for a scenic
view of Pittsburgh at Mt. Washington
- ~Lunch at the Historic Grand Concourse
- ~Visit the Pittsburgh Market Place
- ~Tour the Heinz History Center
- ~Return Shuttle to the Double Tree for
fellowship and relaxation
- ~Evening dinner, with music from local
student instrumentalists and after
dinner listen to Judy Sutton who will
speak on The First Ladies of Western
Pennsylvania
- ~Breakfast Buffet included with room
- ~Our speaker, Lucy Stewart, will speak on
Carnegie Museum of Art Impacting
Education
- ~Fellowship and Farewell

**See page 9 for Registration
and Contact Information**



(Heather from page 1)

Administration and Supervision
(ISTE Partnership Program) at
Johns Hopkins.

Heather is a Discovery
Educator Network (DEN) Star.
She was named the Pennsylvania
School Librarians Association
Leadership Award recipient in
2011 and serves on the Board of
Directors of PSLA. She is a
member of the American Library
Association (ALA), American
Association of School Librarians
(AASL), International Society for

Technology in Education (ISTE),
International Literacy Association
(ILA), and Pennsylvania Associa-
tion for Educational Communica-
tions and Technology (PAECT).

She holds a Pennsylvania
Teaching Certificate in Library
Science (K-12), Instructional
Technology (K-12), Principal's
Certification (K-12), and Middle-
Level Mathematics (7-9). Heather
was Flipped Learning Certified
from Capella University in 2012.

Heather serves as an advi-
sor on the Transform Your School

Library (TYSL) initiative, is a
Bunce Ambassador, and a Mack-
inVIA ConnexTPert Educator. She
has presented at Future of Educa-
tion Technology Conference
(FETC), Texas Computer Educa-
tion Association (TCEA), ILA,
and ISTE among many other state
and regional conferences.

Heather is married and the
mother of two. When she is not
busy chasing them around, she
enjoys watching "The Golden
Girls," listening to audiobooks,
and eating.

(Wildhorse from page 1)

Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7th in the
Wildhorse Saloon located in the heart of Nashville's



**A Wildhorse Welcome
to Nashville**

entertainment district. This
three-level historic ware-
house has been converted
into a 66,000 sq. ft. country
music dance hall, restaurant,
concert hall, and TV produc-
tion site. Horse sculptures
and murals dominate the
décor with many positioned
for optimal "selfie" opportu-
nities! The extensive "all-
you-can-eat" buffet on levels
two and three features award-
winning BBQ selections and
numerous side dishes.

The first floor features

kick up their heels. Besides dining seating, the sec-
ond and third floors include cash bars and a variety
of entertainment venues ranging from billiards to
shuffle board to big screen TVs. Use your visit to the
Wildhorse as an opportunity to wander in and out of
all the famous clubs and shops located in the area –
with a ride home to the Opryland Hotel provided at
your convenience.

Your ticket (\$165) includes:

- ~ transportation (buses will run every 20
minutes between the Wildhorse Sa-
loon and the Opryland Hotel)
- ~ access to all levels and activities
- ~ entertainment – DJ, live band, line dance
instruction, dance floor
- ~ dinner buffet
- ~ a tax deductible donation to the
Foundation

Purchase tickets for the DKGEF **Call Me
Country** event on the Convention Registration Form
and join your friends for a "get-down good time" at
the **Wildhorse** in Nashville!

Opportunity Ticket

Purposeful Seminar
"The Pride of Pittsburgh"
 September 23-25, 2016
 Double Tree by Hilton
 Pittsburgh/Monroeville Convention Center
 101 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146
 (412) 373-7300
An "All Inclusive" Adventure for 2016

Opportunity Ticket



Alpha Alpha State comes to "the Burgh." This year's Pittsburgh Seminar of Purpose begins with Friday evening check in at 5:30, a "Taste of Pittsburgh" dinner at 6:30 with a visit from famous Pittsburgh native, Rachel Carson, portrayed by our own Cindy Reynolds.

After a Saturday breakfast buffet, our group will take a shuttle to Pittsburgh called "Lights, Camera, Pittsburgh", a motion picture movie tour of where movies were made in the area, such as *Night of the Living Dead*, *Groundhog Day*, *Jack Reacher*, *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl*, *The Dark Night*

Rises and more. We will also ride the Duquesne Incline, to Mount Washington, which overlooks the Golden Triangle, lunch at the elegant Grand Concourse, stop at the Pittsburgh Market Place, and visit the Heinz History Center.

After taking the shuttle back to the hotel, dinner will feature music by local students and Judy Sutton will speak on the First Ladies of Western Pennsylvania. Following Sunday breakfast, Lucy Stewart, will speak on "Carnegie Museum of Art Impacting Education."

Room reservations are to be made directly to the Double Tree by calling 412-373-7300.

Use CODE-DKG or register on the Double Tree website:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/P/PITMRDT-DKG-20160923/index.jhtml>.

Rate: single/double \$119 per night, included full breakfast buffets and free parking.

To fill the block, room reservations must be made to participate in this seminar.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Chapter _____

Specify any dietary restrictions _____

Grand Concourse luncheon entrée selection: circle ONE choice

1. Brown Derby Salad 2. Lemon Chicken w/mushrooms & artichokes
3. Grilled Salmon w/lemon butter

Dessert: circle one: Apple Dumpling Chocolate Mousse

Seminar fee: **\$149.00 check**, payable to **DKG**, required with registration.

Deadline for registration is July 31, 2016

Mail bottom section below the ***** with your check to:

Betty Grossheim,

Questions? Contact Betty

Confirmation of registration receipt will be emailed to you. **Limited to the first 75 received.**

Beta
Estelle Harron

Zeta
Pamela Lapek
LuAnn Glover

Omicron
Rachael Hungerford
Lisa Newton

Sigma
Denise Giacomini

Phi
Lisa Addio

Chi
Kristin Chinnici

Alpha Nu
Dolores Kopp
Kathy Falcone

Psi
Whitney Lewis
Kassandra Loudon
Lisa McMeekin
Vanessa Olivio
Candace Patricelli
Lisa Rutherford
Nicole Slattery

Alpha Beta
Denelle Diehl

Alpha Gamma
Marie Rozakis

Alpha Epsilon
Leora Gardner
Diane Gardner

Alpha Iota
Isabel Orlando
Lisa Helsley
Ina Fisher

Alpha Phi
Kristin Korenoski

Beta Alpha
Cathy Angelo
Myra Millrood

Beta Epsilon
Jennifer Barry
Joan Ponzurick

Beta Theta
B. Susan Davis
Cynthia Sell

Beta Mu
Deborah Robinson-
Stokes

Beta Xi
Patricia Weaver

Beta Omicron
Nancy O'Banion

Beta Pi
Cedrone Gillian
Amelia Baxter
Tonya Reinbold
Betty Rippel

Beta Rho
Donna Biglin,
Janeen Nieratko
Linda Zalewski

Alpha Lambda
Stephanie Hixson

Beta Nu
Jamie Strunk



**WELCOME
ABOARD!**

2016 Workshops DKG Pennsylvania State Convention

The following workshops will be offered on Saturday afternoon of the 2016 DKG PA State Convention:

"Hola Havana!"

**Rose Ann and Stephanie Fulena,
Alpha Sigma Chapter**

Workshop Category: Education

Learn about the economics, politics, architecture, art, music, and food of Cuba today. Stef and Roe Fulena attended the 2015 Havana Contemporary Music Festival with the American Composers Forum last November. They enjoyed daily lectures with Havana professors, private music and dance performances, visiting the homes of Santaria priests, local artists and musicians, and ate lunches and dinners in paladares (private homes) turned into restaurants. After learning so much, they wanted to share it with you!

"You Can Too!"

**Kathryn Fuller and Mary Ann Cunningham, Beta Rho Chapter
Workshop Category: Enrichment
Grant Recipients**

The presenters will review the Enrichment Grant Application: how and why to apply. They will also share their

experiences as recipients of the Grant. Kathryn attended the National OA Conference for BSA. Mary Ann did ancestry research in Wales and England, traced the Michael Family and the Maxey Family in Wales, and visited the Holy Cross Church to trace the Gardner Family.

"Get Your Giggle Going"

Becky Johnen, Alpha Phi Chapter

Workshop Category: Education

Laughter is a survival tool that helps humans de-stress, learn, cope, transcend, recharge, renew, hope, optimize, enjoy, create, meditate, digest, exercise, connect, engage, energize, oxygenate, release, persist, and persevere. This workshop will focus on activities that "get the giggle going" while exploring why laughter needs to be an important component of our lives.

"Going Global: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

Marcia Erickson,

Beta Epsilon Chapter

**Workshop Category: Education and
Enrichment Grant Recipient**

In this session, participants will learn about the variety of activities, resources, and grants available to create a globally connected classroom. Programs utilized by the presenter such as iEARN, www.postcrossing.com, National Geo-

graphic Educator Certification Program and the Global Competence Certificate Program will be addressed. In addition, as the 2015 Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Grant recipient, the presenter will showcase the Ancient Rome Travel Trunk that the grant funded and how it brought museum-like resources and activities into a seventh grade world history classroom, thereby providing an authentic hands-on student experience.

"Leadership...Not a Spectator Sport!"

**Becky Sadowski, DKG International
Guest**

What does it look like when our chapter members are "on the field?" Join us in this session as we discuss this question as well as HOW we will encourage members to participate in opportunities for shared decision making.

"Learning Commons: The Library of the Future"

Heather Lister, Keynote Speaker

"Learning Commons" - What is it and how is it different than a library? This session will explore how a school library transformed its traditional library space to a learning commons, a space for personalized learning and collaboration to meet the needs of students and teachers of the 21st century.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION

Friday, June 10 –Sunday, June 12, 2016

The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

Please print ONE NAME per form. Send this entire form to:

BARBARA TOBIAS, CONVENTION TREASURER



Name _____

Title

Last

First (as preferred on name badge)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Local Chapter _____ Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please check ALL pertinent categories:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing Chapter President | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. p.m. Workshop Presenter * (<i>Complimentary Saturday luncheon</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incoming Chapter President | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership of 5 years or less** (<i>Complimentary Sat. breakfast</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Chorus participant | <input type="checkbox"/> First Timer to Convention** (<i>Complimentary Sat. breakfast</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member since 1976 or earlier | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in guided Lions Tour on Friday at 3 p.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate degree in 2015-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Focus Table Sat. only (include \$30 or \$50 if needing electric) |

Registration (non-refundable, postmarked on or before May 10, 2016.) Late registrations between May 10-May 31.

No reservations or cancellations may be made after May 31, 2016. Tickets will be collected for all meal functions.

Checks payable to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. (If you must cancel, please call 717-273-0585.)

Weekend	\$30.00	\$ _____
OR One Day: Friday, June 10	10.00	
Saturday, June 11	20.00	
Sunday, June 12	10.00	

Late Registrations (Postmarked between May 10-May 31)..... Double above _____

MEALS: Saturday, June 11, 2016

Continental Breakfast**	13.50	_____
Celebration Luncheon*	25.00	_____
Presidents' Banquet	45.00	_____

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Breakfast Buffet.....	18.50	_____
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Please note: Menus will be posted on our web site. For special dietary needs, contact Barb Tobias directly by May 10, 2016.

TOTAL \$ _____

WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Society Workshops will be Sat. a.m.; Please check one of the following for p.m.

← (See descriptions in the *Keystonian*, page 10.)

_____ **Leadership...Not a Spectator Sport** _____ **Learning Commons:**

The Library of the Future

_____ **Hola Havana**

_____ **You Can Too!**

_____ **Get Your Giggle Going**

_____ **Going Global**

Enrichment Excursions

SAN ANTONIO EXPERIENCE

Deborah Ceraso, Alpha Theta

The stars were most definitely in alignment above the “Lone Star” state this past December as I spent an unforgettable week in San Antonio, Texas!

Even our hotel itself (the former National Alamo Bank) was a historical site,



perched above the River Walk in all its stained glass and golden glory. The weather was a balmy 65-70 degrees with blue skies and unlimited sunshine every day.

After settling into our amazing hotel, my husband and I headed out to an authentic bar-b-que for lunch then on to the San Fernando Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in the United States. Buried here are the re-



mains of Davy Crockett, William Travis, and Jim Bowie. We also attended mass there on Sunday. Next, we walked to “La Villita” and met many of the artisans working on their creations of silver jewelry, pottery, and leather. We ended the day strolling along the River Walk, taking in the beauty of the Christmas lights and the luminarias that lined the walk-

ways. The air was filled with carolers riding by in their boats, spreading holiday cheer!

Day 2 began with a river-boat tour and our own self-guided tour through the Spanish Governor’s Palace, dating back to 1722. The Historic Market was nearby so we immersed ourselves in the Mexican culture, with vendors selling their wares and churros, and a Ballet Folklorico performance in the main plaza of the market. We had a wonderful Mexican dinner at “Mi Tierra” with entertainment from a Mexican Elvis.

My main interest for this trip were the missions but the local tours only went to the 2 largest ones. After some investigating at the visitors’ center, we located a local historian who took us on a private half day tour to all the missions I wanted to see: the missions of San Juan, Concepcion, Espada and San Jose. We were also able to walk to the acequia and the dam, to better understand the water system and the geography of the land.



To round out day 3, we took a 2-hour walking tour of the Alamo.

The next day we walked to Hemisfair Park and went up to the observatory in the Tower of the Americas, took



numerous photographs and watched the 4D movie, “Skies Over Texas.” A stone’s throw from the tower was the Institute of Texas Cultures where we spent the remainder of the day learning about the variety of ethnic groups in the San Antonio region and their contributions to the city. After dinner, we made our way back to Alamo Square to enjoy the holiday lights and see the giant Christmas tree dedicated to the San Antonio Spurs.

The morning of Day 5 was spent strolling through King William District, touring the Gunther House (Grist Mill) and enjoyed the gingerbread house display, created with 100 lbs. of candy after 200 hours of work. We toured several mansions in the area and learned the history of the German entrepreneurs in this district. After an additional visit to the local art gallery, we headed back to the River Walk for lunch. In the late afternoon, we returned to the University of Texas Culture Center to see the Mexican Trees of Life Exhibit, an unexpected gift of original Mexican Olmec art!

Our day of departure was also the day of the San Antonio marathon! Fortunately, our flight was later in the day, so none of the detours applied to us. We were able to enjoy watching the runners pass by, as we walked back to “La Villita” to purchase some last minute souvenirs and gifts.

San Antonio is so much richer in history, architecture, and culture than I even imagined. I am extremely grateful to Alpha Alpha State for helping me realize a lifetime dream. Thank you so much for a wonderful trip that I will always remember!

A HEAVENLY HARP EXPERIENCE

by Phyllis Howard

Imagine a room filled with almost 60 folk harps all playing hymns with 6-note chords!! That was the scene of just one of the workshops I was able to attend at the Southeast-

ern Harp Weekend, thanks to the generosity of the PA State Scholarship Committee in providing me with an Enrichment Grant.



Planning began in May, with online registration for the event. Within several hours, the 170 available participant slots were filled. In July, the workshop offerings were announced and we had big choices to make!

(see Harp page 14)

Lodging Reservation Form
Alpha Alpha State Convention
June 10-12, 2016

This form should be sent directly to Penn State Hospitality Services.
For phone reservations, be sure to mention our DKG Society ID: #DELF16A

Penn State Hospitality Services
Central Reservations Dept.
215 Innovation Boulevard
State College, PA 16803
pennstatehotels.com
800.233.7505 FAX: 814.863.5004

Please Print

Check-in time: 3:00 p.m.

Check-out time: 12:00 noon

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Rooming with _____ one bed _____ two beds

Special
Requests _____

Please guarantee your reservation by giving a major credit card number or advance deposit in the amount of one night's room and tax. Seventy-two (72) hours advance notice is required for cancellations.

Guarantee: Deposit Amount _____

Or Credit Card Name/Number _____ Expiration date _____

Room Rates (add 8.5% occupancy tax):	Single:	\$134.00 per night
	Double:	\$134.00 per night
	Triple:	\$134.00 per night
	Quad:	\$134.00 per night

Rooms must be occupied by persons making the reservation under DKG Society ID #DELF16A.
Notify hotel if there is a substitute person taking that room.

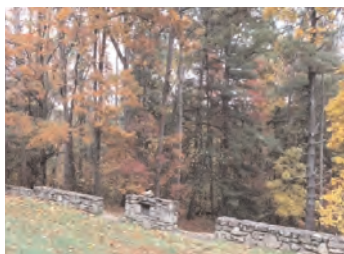
RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 10, 2016

There are a limited number of rooms in our block, so please reserve early.
Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

(Harp from page 12)

There were a total of 53 ninety-minute workshops offered, approximately seven in each of eight time slots over the two-day weekend. Then there were the all-day add-ons available on Thursday, Monday, or Tuesday. My travelling friend and I were lucky enough to be able to register for Kim Robertson's Monday workshop on The Meditative Harp.

Finally the travel day, October 23, arrived. We left after breakfast from our hotel in Washington, PA, and headed to Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center, just south of Asheville, NC. The weather was fabulous and the scenery breathtaking, as we drove through West Virginia, Virginia, a bit of Tennessee, and on into North Carolina. Arriving at the camp, we picked up our registration packets and found our lodging on the grounds. Our room was very



pleasant and was large enough to accommodate both of our harps and all our belongings. After a dinner off campus, we began our weekend with a concert provided by four of the workshop presenters.

Saturday, October 24, began with an early breakfast at the camp dining hall and then we were off to our chosen workshops and an opportunity to shop at the vendor hall. What wonderful choices there were for harp enthusiasts: music books, attire, and harps, harps, harps for sale! The workshop mentioned at the beginning of this article, entitled Lush Hymns, was presented by harpist Ray Pool during the final time slot of the day. It surely was one of the most popular of the weekend in terms of attendance! Yet another

wonderful concert was provided by additional presenters at a local church to conclude the evening.

Sunday brought us four more opportunities for work-

shops. I was certainly glad to be using my new (very light weight) carbon-fiber harp, as each of my choices was located in a different building! The conference provided harp taxis (golf carts) and harp sherpas (mostly husbands of participants) to get folks between buildings and up or down stairs, if needed. With my new harp, I was able to get everywhere I needed to go without assistance.

The final day, Monday, October 26, was an all-day experience with master harpist Kim Robertson. What a wonderful end to a fantastic weekend! We practiced what Kim calls "Musical Sandwiches", improvisation in various



modes, and some chant-like musical selections. Meanwhile, behind Kim, the windows showed a hillside brilliant. Thank you so much, Scholarship Committee! My experiences were priceless!

Recycle. Relove. Reinvent.

by Allison Sayers, Psi

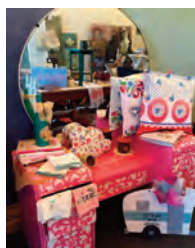
My 2015 Enrichment Grant gave me the opportunity to continue my passion for giving new life to old furniture. With this grant, I was able to attend two amazing trainings with two equally amazing paint products, learning new techniques, and creating advanced workshops for my painting students. I spent three days near Toronto creating beautiful pieces using Modern Masters Metal Effects paint. Copper, bronze, and rust patinas were used to make newer pieces look old - the opposite of what I usually do. The creations were stunning! I've now used this technique on furniture and other home decor pieces.

I then had the opportunity

to travel to High Point, NC to the Annie Sloan studio for an advanced training.

I've been a stockist for Annie Sloan Chalk Paint® for 2 1/2 years and am certified to teach basic and advanced

workshops. During this session, our company's international trainer worked with a small group of stockists from around the U.S. on kitchen cabinet techniques and use of color in designing furniture for a variety of interior styles.



Teaching my painting students is much like teaching my 3rd graders, it's special to see the smile on their face when they succeed - whether it's with math facts or paint finishes. These training opportunities will help me continue to share my love of painting and saving furniture. I'll be sharing some of my new products at the Central PA Home Show in April and

hope to offer a workshop at convention some-



time in the future. Feel free to ask me paint questions if you see me ...I'll be the one with paint on my elbow.

Convention Schedule at a Glance

Friday, June 10, 2016

casual dress

noon	Check into the Nittany Lion Inn
1:00-7:00 p.m.	Registration opens and raffle ticket sales begin in <u>Rotunda</u> Chapter presidents sign in and collect convention materials
3 p.m.	Lion Ambassadors tour
5-6:30 p.m.	Chorus rehearsal in <u>Mt. Nittany</u>
6:30-7 p.m.	First Timers session in <u>Assembly</u>
7:15-7:45 p.m.	Album of Distinction - presentation of the 2016 candidates by their chapter presidents in <u>Ballroom C</u>
7:45-8:15 p.m.	Reception for the 2016 recipients of the Album of Distinction in <u>Faculty Staff Club Room</u>
8:15-9 p.m.	Chorus rehearsal in <u>Mt. Nittany</u>
8:15-9:15 p.m.	Executive board meeting, <u>Assembly</u>
9:15-10:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fling, <u>Board Rooms 1 and 2</u>

Saturday, June 11, 2016

business casual

6:45-7:45 a.m.	Ticketed continental breakfast in <u>Alumni Lobby</u>
7-7:45 a.m.	Breakfast for first timers and those with membership of 5 years or less in <u>Alumni Lounge</u>
7-8 a.m.	Focus tables set up and sales
7:15-7:45 a.m.	Chorus rehearsal in <u>Mt. Nittany</u>
7:30-11:45 a.m.	Registration and raffle ticket sales in <u>Rotunda</u>
8 a.m.	Presentation of the flags and procession of officers <i>First General Session</i> in <u>Alumni Ballroom</u> Keynote speaker, Mrs. Heather Lister, middle school teacher/librarian, Derry Township School District International update, Becky Sadowski – SE Regional Director Focus table sales (time allowing after First General Session)
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Workshop session I, Society workshops The state photographer will take photos of incoming chapter Presidents at the Presidents' session.
11:30 a.m.- noon	Focus table sales
11:45 a.m.	Doors open, Celebration Luncheon
noon	Ticketed Celebration Luncheon in <u>Alumni Ballroom</u> Recognition of Birthday Chapters Recognition of women earning doctorate degrees Communication awards

2:15-3:15 p.m.

3:15-4 p.m.

3:20 p.m.

3:40 p.m.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

4 p.m.

4 p.m.

4:45 p.m.

Workshop session II

Focus table sales

Procession rehearsal for Past State Presidents, State Officers, and special guests in Alumni Ballroom

Outgoing and incoming chapter presidents practice in Alumni Ballroom

Raffle ticket sales in Rotunda

Focus tables taken down

Catholic mass at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center

All raffles drawn and posted in Rotunda

Saturday, June 11, 2016

best dress

5:30-6 p.m.

5:45 p.m.

6 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

Chorus rehearsal, Alumni Ballroom

Officers' and guests' photos
Seating for ticketed banquet in Alumni Ballroom

(Convention booklet not needed; a program will be provided.)

Introduction and procession of Head Table and Past State Presidents

Presentation of outgoing and incoming chapter presidents
Ticketed banquet

Keynote by Becky Sadowski, Southeast Regional Director
Musical presentation

2016 Rosebud Recognition

Singing Delta Kappa Gamma song
Receiving line for state officers, International guest, and keynote speaker in Alumni Lobby

Sunday, June 12, 2016

traveling clothes

8 a.m.

9 a.m.

9:45-10:45 a.m.

11 a.m.- noon

11 a.m.-noon

Celebration of Life in Assembly

Ticketed honors breakfast in Alumni Ballroom

Second General Session in Alumni Ballroom

Presentation of scholarships and enrichment grants

Voting on the budget

Retiring of the flags

Check out of the hotel

Administrative board meeting of officers and committee chairs in Alumni Lounge

In Memoriam

Catherine Yvonne Kovac
January 19, 2015,
Beta Pi

Catherine was initiated on October 2, 2014 and attended meetings and trips a year before initiation. She was a vibrant engager on topics of health and education. Catherine was a registered nurse educator, Health Code Enforcement officer, Lansdale Department of Health; appointed by NJ Governor to Commission on Aging and a member of PPHA. Catherine died of cancer within months of her diagnosis and soon after initiation. Her daughter, Kara Wilkinson survives her.

Norma Watrous Howland
May 12, 2015, Pi

Norma was initiated on October 1, 1967 and was an active member for 49 years. She served as President of her chapter from 1976 – 1978. Prior to this position, Norma was also the chapter's

Second Vice President and First Vice President. Norma taught home economics and English for 20+ years in Northern Tioga School District. Norma taught Child Development and Elder Care at Mansfield State College from 1965-1976. Also, Norma served as Vice Chairman of the Department of Home Economics at Mansfield. Her daughter, Helen Fye, survives her.

Joan Wallace
September 12, 2015,
Beta Mu

Joan was initiated on April 1, 1968 and was an active member for 48 years. Joan was a Charter Member, a past President of the chapter and held many offices and chairmanships. She attended many State Conventions and served on State committees. Joan taught history at Phoenixville Area Junior High School and was chairman of the History department. Also, she taught History and

Speech on the college level in Colorado and New Mexico. Joan was a good friend of Elaine Hutchinson another Beta Mu sister.

Geraldine H. McCartney
October 19, 2015,
Upsilon

Geraldine was initiated in 1981 and was an active member for 34 years. She served on various committees throughout the years. Also, she enthusiastically supported our chapter projects each year. Geri taught in the classroom for 15 years in the Derry Area School District and then served as an elementary school principal in the Jeannette School District for 12 years. She was very active in the Latrobe Business and professional Women's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma and the former Quota International Club. Her husband, Thomas R. McCartney, survives her. They were married for 33 years.

Charlotte Shultz
December 16, 2015,
Alpha Iota

Charlotte was initiated on November 1, 1960. She was an active member for 56 years. Charlotte was the Projects Chairman for her chapter. She taught fourth grade in the Erie School District for 42 years! Her daughter, Ann Huffer survives her.

E. Marie Wentz
January 6, 2016,
Alpha Delta

Marie was initiated on October 10, 1959 and was an active member for 57 years. She was Chapter President from 1970 – 1972 and Chapter Treasurer for many years. Marie was a musician and mentor to new members. She taught Business Education in the Somerset Area School District at the secondary level. Her niece, Melinda Forry an Alpha Delta sister, survives Marie.



(First Timers from page 5)

is a great time for newcomers to convention to meet the state officers, our international guest and keynote speaker, and other first-timers. You will also get an overview of what will happen this weekend.

> Enjoy singing? Check the chorus rehearsal schedule in your convention program and join in the opportunity to share your voices with other talented members.

>The Album of Distinction showcases member achievements, awards, and recognitions outside of DKG. This Fri-

day evening event is always well-attended. Come and celebrate fellow members who have accomplished so much in their personal and professional lives.

>This year's Friday Night Fling will be a casino night and auction (similar to ones we have had at the Creative Arts Retreat). No real money will be needed! Each attendee will be given \$100 in DKG bucks! Come and share in the fun!

>Be sure to sign up for all planned convention meals: Saturday's luncheon, Saturday's banquet, and Sunday's brunch.

(see Meals page 19)

Chapter News

Kappa

The Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recently donated \$320 and a child's chair to the Newville site of Shippensburg Headstart. Chapter members in the Big Spring School District, Newville, PA held dress down days to raise funds. Other money was contributed by the chapter members. Head start used the donation to supplement their literacy program. They bought books to give to each student.

Mary Wilhelm
presenting chair
to lead teacher,
Allie Jedlowski



Eta

Eta Chapter Sisters visited Northeastern Middle School, Manchester, in October, 2015. Principal Michael Alessandrone's guided tour of the building was informative and encouraging. The members were very impressed with the positive, motivational environment and on December 17, 2015, the chapter revisited the school with clothing and food donations for the school's "Rachel's Closet" and "Rachel's Pantry" programs. These programs were new to Eta members and inspired them to donate items.

Principal Michael Alessandrone, Kristina Schraudner (Administrative Assistant), Angie Fogle and Grace Halvorsen (Guidance Department Students), and Eta Members Paula Trayer and Barbara Heilman, President



Beta Kappa

Members of Beta Kappa volunteered to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army, Red Kettle Project, at the local Wal-Mart in Gettysburg, PA.

Brenda Newman, Marge Keller and Tammy Deardorff were one group of many Beta Kappa's that covered various one hour shifts.



Beta Theta

Subject: Christmas cheer

Beta Theta Sisters had a wonderful fun day delivering "new teacher treasure bins" to the Lower Dauphin Elementary Schools. It's was wonderful to see teachers hard at work teaching children and not just curriculum.

Laurie Williamson, Pat Ethridge, and Marcy Sharpe



Sigma

Sigma Chapter held its December meeting at the Packer House in Sunbury. Co-Presidents Dawn McManus and Linda Shupp presented a red rose to Bonna Cafiso for her service helping to revise the chapter rules.

A special program of holidays around the world was presented by members and guests. Nancy Slease, of Milton, demonstrated the confection of clear toy candy, which originated with the Pennsylvania Germans. Anita Shaffer of Shamokin and Mary Anne Taxis of Dornsife presented Christmas customs of Poland and Ukraine, respectively. Sandra Kessler of Herndon explained the dreidel game, a familiar activity during Hanukkah. Special guest Fanny Mayeur, an exchange student who is currently studying at Selinsgrove High School, discussed holiday customs in her native Belgium. Another special guest, Nour Haj Mabrouk, originally from Tunisia and now a resident of and student in the Selinsgrove School District, spoke about the Ramadan and New Year celebrations in her home country. The women also offered tastings of food items typical of the countries represented.

Bonna Cafiso, center, receives a red rose from Sigma Co-Presidents Linda Shupp and Dawn McManus.



Carol Kruskie, Sigma First Vice President, far right, is shown presenting certificates of appreciation to (left to right) Nancy Slease, special guest Fanny Mayeur, Anita Shaffer, Mary Anne Taxis, special guest Nour Haj Mabrouk, and Sandra Kessler.

Proposals to Amend Standing Rules

State Rules Proposals

Proposal to Amend Standing Rule IV. State Committees B

Write proposal for new By-Law or Standing Rules in 3 steps as below:

[1] Which now reads:

B. Special Committees

1. The State President shall appoint a committee of three members to read the minutes of the executive Board/Convention business sessions within thirty (30) days of the meeting.

2. The State President shall appoint an ad hoc Personnel Committee when a new Treasurer, State Editor, or State Webmaster is to be selected.

[2] Be amended by addition and inserting a new B as follows:

B. Nominations Committee

1. Elected members of the Nominations Committee are expected to serve in the position for which they were elected for 4 years (2 bienniums). If an elected member of the Nominations Committee cannot fulfill this commitment due to personal reasons she must resign her position as soon as possible so replacement may be appointed by the State President to do the work of the committee.

2. Any elected member of the Nominations Committee who wishes to run for an elected officer position in The Pennsylvania State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International must resign her position on the Nominations Committee by July 1st of even numbered years.

[3] If adopted would read:

IV. State Committees

A. Membership/Expansion Committee

1. Expansion in the state is the responsibility of the State Executive Board.

2. The State President, State Membership/Expansion Chairman, and the State Treasurer should be in attendance when a new chapter is installed.

3. Expenses for the following attending the installation of a new chapter shall be paid by the state:

- State President
- Membership/Expansion Committee Chairman
- State Treasurer

4. Applications of candidates for membership to a new chapter shall be screened and voted upon by the sponsor/sponsoring chapter.

5. Pennsylvania State DKG shall provide to each newly formed chapter the Official Initiate Register, Certificate of Membership, and the Delta Kappa Gamma scarf as gifts.

6. The State Executive Committee shall determine the name of a chapter to be organized within the state.

B. Nominations Committee

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2. Any elected member of the Nominations Committee who wishes to run for an elected officer position in The Pennsylvania State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma

Society International must resign her position on the Nominations Committee by July 1st of even numbered years.

C. Special Committees

1. The State President shall appoint a committee of three members to read the minutes of the executive Board/Convention business sessions within thirty (30) days of the meeting.

2. The State President shall appoint an ad hoc Personnel Committee when a new Treasurer, State Editor, or State Webmaster is to be selected.

D. Meetings

Committee chairmen shall involve all committee members. A minimum of one meeting per biennium is recommended.

E. List of Duties and Inventory

Each state committee chairman shall maintain a list of duties and responsibilities of her office and an inventory of materials and equipment in her use. One copy shall be passed to the chairman succeeding her, and one copy shall be mailed to the State President upon request.

Rationale for change: This addition of language will provide a consistent and written mode of operation when those serving on the nominations committee are unable to complete their term.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by:

Name and Chapter (contact person)

Louann Shrader, Committee Chair 2013-



State Rules Proposal

Proposal to Amend Standing Rule VII A2 Write proposal for new By-Law or Standing Rules in 3 steps as below:

[1] Which now reads:

VII A. Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar

1. A Professional Development and Leadership Conference will be held in the spring of even numbered years and before the new chapter presidents' biennium.

2. Host chapter(s) will be named to help

with conference administration i.e., registrations, decorations, programs, and favors.

[2] Be amended by deleting VII A2 as follows:

2. Host chapter(s) will be named to help with conference administration i.e., registrations, decorations, programs, and favors.

[3] If adopted would read:

VII A. Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar

1. A Professional Development and Leadership Conference will be held in the spring of even numbered years and before the new

chapter presidents' biennium.

Rationale for change: Deleting #2 reflects current operation of the Leadership Training/Professional Development seminar. Host chapters are no longer used in planning the seminar.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by:

Name and Chapter (contact person)

Rules Committee and Leadership Development Chair

(Proposals continue page 19)

(Meals from page 16)

There is a Saturday morning continental breakfast offered by the NLI for your convenience. The Inn also offers a full breakfast menu in the dining room. Please note that our organization has no control over the amount of wait staff the Inn chooses to employ for Saturday morning to get all guests who choose to dine there in and out in a timely manner.

> Friday night's meal is not planned, but Whiskers (the pub within the hotel) has a menu and the dining room has a full menu. The dining room opens at 5:30 p.m. and takes reservations. If you do not have a reservation prior to convention, you probably will not get seated so please call the hotel dining room in advance. This hint applies to

all establishments in State College.

Friday nights are busy, so please make reservations!

> Chapter presidents make up the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania State Organization and should attend the executive board meeting Friday evening. All members may attend the executive board meeting, and all members should attend the First General Session on Saturday and the Second General Session on Sunday. All members can speak and do have a vote.

> Plan on attending the workshops that are offered Saturday morning and afternoon. Society workshops will take place in the morning – chapters need to have representation at all Society workshops.

> The Celebration of Life ceremony on

Sunday morning is a moving and beautiful tribute as we remember those members who have passed away.

Please plan to attend.

> Don't forget to bring your cameras to take photos of those special convention moments. It is not the job of the state photographer to take chapter photos.

> As a professional courtesy, please remember to silence your cell phones during our sessions and during workshops.

> Finally, evaluations are important. Before leaving on Sunday, please turn in your evaluations or go to the State website and fill it out online. Thank you in advance!

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The DKG Train
2016 Journey

Congratulations, Patricia Brenner of Alpha Beta Chapter! Your article "At My Parents' Knees: A Personal Reflection on Life's Lessons and DKG Values" was selected for inclusion in Volume 82-2 issue of *The Collegial Exchange*.

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State Rules Proposal Proposal to Amend Standing Rule VII C3

**Write proposal for new By-Law or
Standing Rules in 3 steps as below:**

[1] Which now reads:

VII C. Finances for Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminar

1. Expenses including mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees, if applicable, meals, lodging at one-half (1/2) the rate of a double room, if applicable, gratuities at 15% (percent) for individuals and the current rate for a group check, and registration fees of state officers and Leadership Development Team shall be paid by the state organization.

2. The expenses of additional state committee chairmen who have been requested to participate in the conference as presenter shall be paid by the state organization. Allowable expenses are mileage at the current rate, parking and turnpike fees if applicable, lodging at one-half (1/2) the rate of a double room if applicable, meals, gratuities at 15% (percent) and registration fee.

3. Limited finances will be available to the host chapter(s) for registration, programs,

decorations, and favors.

4. The minimum/maximum registration fee for the conference will be set by the State Finance Committee.

5. The conference treasurer must submit a financial report to the State President and the state treasurer for the conference within thirty (30) days after the conference. The state treasurer will supply report forms.

[2] Be amended by deleting VII C3 as follows:

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[3] If adopted would read:

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Rationale for change: Deleting #3 reflects current operation of the Leadership Training/Professional Development seminar. Host chapters are no longer used in planning the seminar.

Financial Impact: None

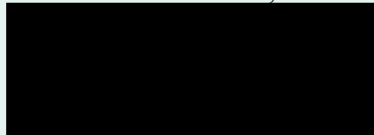
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National Legislative Seminar, Washington, DC

Deadline - Rosebud Recognition

Deadline - Album of Distinction

Training for Incoming Chapter Presidents and Professional Development Seminar, Altoona

Pennsylvania State Convention, State College

International Convention, Nashville, TN

Purposeful Seminar, Pittsburgh, PA

President's Schedule

February 27	Omicron Chapter visit
March 5	Beta Pi, Beta Omicron, Beta Mu, and Beta Alpha Chapters visit
March 13-16	National Legislative Seminar, Washington, DC
March 19	Scholarship Committee meeting, Lancaster
April 2	Beta Beta, Eta, Beta Gamma, and Beta Delta Chapters visit
April 15	Beta Iota, Beta Theta, Kappa, and Alpha Kappa Chapters visit
April 22-23	Chapter Presidents' Training and Leadership/Professional Development Seminar, Altoona, PA
April 30	Finance Committee meeting, State College, PA
May 14	Alpha Iota, Gamma, and Alpha Omega Chapters visit

