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Plan on Attending State Convention

International Society Representative: Carol Hughes



Carol Hughes is the 2016-2018 Northeast Regional Director of DKG. At the international level Carol has served on the Professional Affairs Committee, chaired Non-Dues Revenue Committee,

and graduated from the 2004 Leadership Management Seminar. Carol has been Illinois State President and 1st Vice President. Currently she serves on the board of the Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies.

Carol received her B.A. in English from Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, and her M.A. in English from the University of Illinois. Having elementary and secondary certifications, she taught at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. She also taught composition, literature, and secondary education methods at the college level.

For the past 20 years, Carol took a leadership role in raising funds for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. She was her county's team captain and chair of the Sponsor Committee. Her committee has raised an average of \$33,000 a year in sponsor funds, collectively raising over \$3,000,000.

She is part of an ongoing mission to a church in Novgorod, Russia, that supports a drug/alcohol rehab center. While in Russia, Carol visits and speaks in English classes in a Russian elementary school.

Carol and her husband, Pete, have been married 58 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Keynote Speaker: Sara Sweeney

Sara is currently the Coordinator of Graduate Studies and Highlands Campus Manager for West Liberty University in West Virginia. She is also an adjunct faculty member at WLU teaching

Education, Business, and Professional Studies at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Wife and mother of two, she is working on her dissertation to complete her doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Grand Canyon University.

Sara has presented at multiple International Conventions and Regional DKG Conferences. She is an International Scholarship recipient, the West Virginia State Organization Webmaster, former Chapter President, and member of the "35 and Under DKG Advisory Committee."

For fun, Sara enjoys roller derby and is the captain of the *Ohio Valley Roller Girls* and a member of the *West Virginia All Stars*. She skates under the name of the "Sween Machine."

Don't miss this opportunity to meet this extraordinary DKG sister and to hear her keynote address.

**HAPPY
SPRING**



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What I've Learned

**Tracey R. Dusch
Pennsylvania State
Organization President**

It is hard for me to believe that my presidential journey will be over in a few months...where has the time gone?

I knew when I became state president that it would be a learning experience. I knew that the International Society would provide training that would enable me to do this job. I knew I would be able to rely on our past state leaders for guidance and knowledge.

Here is what I have learned on my journey...

✓ all of the incredible projects our chapters are involved in...supporting shelters for women and children, collecting books for local libraries, volunteering efforts in classrooms, financial support for a wide variety of charities, and hundreds more.

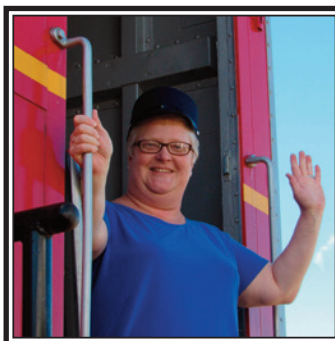
✓ how talented our members truly are...they are vocalists and musicians, authors and poets, artisans and artists, and advocates and travelers.

✓ just how passionate our chapters are about sustaining their members, celebrating their members, and appreciating their members.

✓ how generous our chapter members are with their time and talents and finances.

✓ that the leadership in this organization definitely begins at the chapter level...my job has been to simply encourage our chapters, their members, and their dedicated leaders.

✓ I've learned about parliamentary procedure and filling out reports, how to use my GPS and the turnpike tolls, how to read contracts and plan functions with hotel staffs.



My time as the Pennsylvania State Organization President may come to an end soon, but ***I am definitely not getting off this train.*** There are too many DKG stops out there that I have yet to explore. My suitcase is packed, and my tickets are ready to go. I hope to see all of you "in the seat next to me" as I continue my DKG journey.

Educational Excellence Committee

by Barbara Gasperini, First Vice-President/EEC Chair

The goals of the Educational Excellence Committee are to develop programs, projects and activities which empower women through leadership opportunities and promote educational excellence. Since chapter members are the foundation of DKG, where can your members make a difference? Consider some of these ideas for your chapter.

Because they are so important, why not celebrate their membership by having anniversary reunions to honor 5, 10, 15, and 20+ year members. A reunion is always a perfect way to get chapter members together, to invite old friends, to introduce new ones, or to reinstate former members. You might also consider hosting a "New Member Luncheon" for your newest members.

Another chapter meeting idea would be to host an annual jewelry exchange where members donate gently used jewelry to sell at the meeting. The proceeds could then be donated to the World Fellowship Fund.

Some chapters have utilized social setting get-togethers which include prospective members and college senior education majors from nearby

colleges/universities. This outreach would help build new relationships and possibly grow your membership.

Consider stepping outside traditional member prospects and honor women who may not be eligible for membership but who are making a difference in your state or community. Invite these "change makers" to speak at a chapter meeting and thank them for making a difference by inviting these policy-making women to become honorary members.

Encourage members to serve on governing boards or run for political office. DKG members can be appointed to school board positions where they can actively support policies concerning our early career educators or, if elected, participate in making positive changes on educational issues.

Actively explore various leadership opportunities by providing programs, projects and/or activities which will empower members to be "change agents." Where can your members make a difference? What can your members do for DKG? Where can your members utilize their leadership talents and make a difference?

Little Free Libraries: *Chapters Make a Difference!*

Libraries can make a difference in every community. Several chapters have constructed Little Free Libraries and children are enjoying reading. Other chapters help local communities in other ways. They have volunteered their talents by reading to children during story hours. Others have donated books or purchased books for children to encourage reading on their grade levels.

We have chapters who continue to promote

libraries in their communities with financial support, through small fundraisers, raffles, or book sales. All proceeds go to designated libraries.

Free public libraries enrich everyone and our DKG Chapters are making a difference.

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-ending spring in the desert."

Andrew Carnegie

Group travel opportunity to visit Portugal and Spain with DKG International, from the International Non-Dues Revenue Committee.



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Warmer, Sunnier Days and DKG

by Greta Marie Taft, Pi

If you are like me, you are thinking about warmer, sunnier days. Hopefully, while planning your summer activities, you have set aside June 9 - 12th to attend the DKG State Convention. What better way to begin the vacation season than spending a fun filled weekend at the Nittany Lion Inn with fellow Key Women Educators. I find it a way to see what the Society is about, beyond the chapter level, and to reaffirm my membership in an amazing organization. So what are you waiting for, get on the train and head to State College.

The Membership Committee has planned two activities for the weekend: the New Members Network Breakfast and the Celebration of Life Service.

The New Members Network Breakfast is for first time attendees to the convention. It is a complementary meal (make sure you indicate that on the registration form). During a continental breakfast, you will have a chance

to meet the State Officers, ask question of the Membership Committee or get ideas from other members to take back to your chapter. The committee received positive feedback after last year's breakfast so if you are new to the convention, plan on attending. It's worth getting up for!

Take your mind
off winter and look
forward to warmer,
sunnier days and DKG.
See you at State!
June 9 - 12, 2017

The Celebration of Life is held Sunday morning. It is a meaningful way to celebrate and honor deceased members. The committee has planned special readings and music for this service to reflect on our departed members and their membership legacy. You will be inspired by their contributions to DKG.

While at the Convention,

there are many other opportunities for you to mingle with your DKG Sisters. Friday night's activity, the Friday Night Fling is a fun time to get reacquainted with friends, meet new ones and have some fun. Saturday workshops, along with business meetings, celebrations and recognitions, all make this a great weekend. Often, at the State Convention, you will hear a sister say, I wish I would have come to the convention years ago. It is so much fun!

Another benefit of your DKG membership is the wealth of information available to you on the DKG International website. After you have logged into 'My DKG,' choose Communities. Our 2nd Vice President, Eileen Little, has found it a great way to communicate with sisters around the world about topics of interest.

Find the registration form in this issue and send it in. The Membership Committee is looking forward to seeing you at convention.

Workshop Opportunities at State Convention

Saturday Morning

Searching the Smithsonian for STEM Careers for Girls

Carol Kruskie and Elizabeth Brewer, Sigma
(Enrichment Grant)

"Where is the female equivalent of Steve jobs or Mark Zuckerberg?" This quote by Jocelyn Goldfein, a director of engineering at Facebook, asks the question we should all be asking. Two school counselors traveled on an enrichment grant to the Smithsonian in order to research females who have forged the way in STEM careers. They created a PowerPoint presentation and study guide to have young girls'

awareness increased and to encourage them to cultivate interests in STEM.

Connect with the World through Postcards

www.postcrossing.com

Marcia Erickson, Beta Epsilon
(Technology)

Blending online technology and traditional postcard correspondence, participants will learn how to send and receive postcards with people throughout the world. Receiving handwritten postcards in the mail is no longer common in today's world of fast-paced communication. It is a treat to receive such correspondence in addition to learning about

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Changes Coming to Convention 2017

Convention 2017 will be here before we know it! The Convention Planning Committee has made some changes to this year's convention plans that we hope will enhance all members' attendance.

FRIDAY

- ~ Check-in at the Nittany Lion Inn (NLI) and in the Rotunda for your convention items.
- ~ Please bring a tote bag – portfolios will be given out to all attendees this year.
- ~ Bring your red sparkly “bling” lanyard from last year's convention!
- ~ Bring address labels for your basket raffle tickets...sticking your address labels on the back of your tickets is so much easier than writing your name on each one. REMEMBER: you need not be present to win a basket!
- ~ If you plan to dine at the NLI, make reservations ahead of time...the dining room fills up quickly on Friday night!
- ~ Attend the Album of Distinction (AOD) as we recognize our members' accomplishments outside of DKG – join us at the reception following the AOD.
- ~ The Executive Board meeting is mandatory for chapter presidents, state officers, and past state presidents, but all members of the Society are welcome to attend.
- ~ The Friday Night Fling is open to all convention attendees! Come and join in the fun!

SATURDAY

- ~ All first-timers to convention are invited to attend a breakfast especially for them. You will get the chance to meet members of the Membership Committee, state officers, other first-timers, and our convention guests, Sara Sweeney and Carol Hughes. Be sure to sign up for the breakfast on your registration. It is complimentary for all first-time attendees.
- ~ As an answer to many requests regarding Saturday's continental breakfast, hard boiled eggs will be added as a protein option.
- ~ Attend the First General Session and hear our Northeast Regional Director, Carol Hughes, bring greetings from Headquarters and our keynote speaker, Sara Sweeney, talk about her journey in DKG.

~ Attend workshops in the morning and in the afternoon. If you are a workshop presenter this year at convention, please make sure to mark that on your registration. Your luncheon meal on Saturday is complimentary.

~ Celebrate with our birthday chapters at the Celebration Luncheon...honor our members with 40 or more years of membership in DKG...congratulate those members who have received their doctorate degrees.

~ A cash bar will be set up in the Atrium prior to the banquet.

~ Saturday night's banquet is always a lovely event...and this year's will be filled with meaningful moments – the installation of our 2017-2019 State Officers, the 2017 State Achievement Award will be presented to a very deserving member of our State Organization, and the Convention Choir will share their talents with all of us. You won't want to miss it!

~ Offer your congratulations and best wishes to our newly installed State Officers and to our Achievement Award recipient in the Alumni Lobby.

SUNDAY

~ The Celebration of Life is our chance to remember those sisters who have passed away since last year's convention. It is a beautiful and poignant celebration of their lives in DKG.

~ Come share the excitement of those receiving scholarships and enrichment grants at the Honors breakfast.

JUST A FEW MORE THINGS...

~ President Tracey's signature drink, “The Train Wreck,” will be available throughout the weekend.

~ Dress for Convention weekend is...

Friday – casual

Saturday – business casual

Saturday evening – best dress

Sunday – traveling clothes

~ The Convention Choir will be rehearsing throughout the weekend. Even if you did not attend the Choral Retreat, you can still join in and sing with the group!

~ Please dress in layers. Last year was unusual in that the air conditioning was not working properly at the NLI.

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others' countries and cultures. Maintaining a personal account for over two years and acquiring grant money to implement it in her classroom, the presenter will share how Postcrossing has enriched her and her students' knowledge and understanding of the world.

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Congratulations,

Dr. Becky Johnen, Alpha Phi

Your article, “Change Is Sometimes Necessary: A Reflection on the Challenge of Change,” has been selected for inclusion in the 2016 Volume 83:2 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Collegial Exchange*.

From the Nominating Committee

2017-2019 State Nominees

Nominee For President Barbara Gasperini Alpha Upsilon



Barbara Gasperini is a retired elementary teacher from the Burrell School District. While employed by her school district

Barbara was recognized and nominated for Teacher of the Year and for the Teacher Excellence Award. When not involved in school related activities Barbara enjoys golfing and garden club.

Barbara is a 2000 initiate of Alpha Upsilon Chapter. She currently serves Alpha Alpha State as First Vice-President and Educational Excellence Chair. Previously, she served as Second Vice President and chair of the Membership Committee, and State Corresponding Secretary. She has also been a member of the Visual and Performing Arts Committee. As Educational Excellence Chair she received a Lucile Cornet Seminar Professional Development

Award. Additionally, she has been a regular attendee and participant at Fall Area Conferences, Creative Arts Retreat, Purposeful Seminars, and Alpha Alpha State Professional Development and Leadership Conference/Seminars. Barbara is also a regular attendee at International Conventions and Regionals, most recently working as a Floor Page and singing in the choir at the International Convention in Nashville. She was chosen as a member of the 2014 Leadership Management Seminar Class, attending a two week intensive leadership training program sponsored by the Golden Gift Fund.

At the chapter level, Barbara has served as Chapter President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Recording Secretary. She has chaired her Chapter Nominations, Scholarship, Program, Ceremonies, Yearbook, and Projects Committees. She has presented and participated in numerous programs at the chapter and state level. In addition, and upon graduation from high school, Barbara was the recipient of Alpha Upsilon's Grant in Aid.

When asked to share her vision as the Pennsylvania State Organization President, Barbara said the following: "My vision for DKG as President is to encourage members to recognize and use their potential in all aspects of our society. I would like all members to become more aware of and take advantage of DKG services, events and meetings. We must progress with the times and maintain the passion and pride that keeps DKG a leader of women and a promoter of education. Each member needs to become involved in many levels of the DKG society. We need to promote the journey in our chapter, state and international levels as we make a difference in our lives. I would like to ensure that DKG events and meetings are productive, informative and easily accessible so that members will enjoy and find them entertaining, informative, and educational. Spreading the word of DKG to young educators and the community is very important for our development. We need to learn to preserve the past, embrace the present and welcome the future as we journey forward in our circle of membership."

Nominee for First Vice-President Eileen Little Chi



Eileen Little is currently serving as Second Vice-President. At the state level she has served on the Membership, Projects and Nominations Committees. She has attended every

State Convention since she joined in 2003. She was the Tours Committee Chair for NERC at Hershey 2011 and attended NERC 2015 in Baltimore, MD as well as International 2016 in Nashville, TN.

In Chi, her chapter, she has served as the chair of the social, initiation and nominations committees and held the offices of second and first vice-president, and president. Her professional experiences include: regular education teacher kindergarten and first grade; gifted

support teacher – grades 1-6; gifted coordinator k-12; adjunct professor at Millersville University. Her current role is gifted coordinator for Hempfield School District in Lancaster County.

Eileen stated, "As PA First Vice-President I would chair PA State Educational Excellence Committee. This Position aligns well with my strong organizational skills and desire to collaborate with DKG sisters from every chapter in PA. I

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believe that this position is linked to DKG purposes #1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7. The duties of this position are a combination of the many facets of the DKG Society International. Throughout my work I will strive to engage and collaborate with DKG sisters to support our PA State President and her goals and vision. I look

forward to the opportunity to help members grow personally and professionally with State and International initiatives so as to realize the full potential of their DKG membership. As PA First Vice-President I would work closely with chapters to promote and support these PA and International initiatives. I view my role as a leader and facilitator help-

ing to connect the many components and delegating our tasks. I would be and active listener, open to new ideas while maintaining the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. I would be honored to serve PA State as the next First Vice-President."

**Nominee for
Second Vice President
Royce Boyd
Alpha Beta**



Royce Boyd is currently serving Alpha Alpha as Parliamentarian, member of the Leadership Development Committee,

and member of the Finance Committee. She served as Chair of the Steering Committee for the 2011 Northeast Regional Conference in

Hershey. In 2010, Royce served as Constitution Time Keeper for the Spokane International Convention in Washington and in 2016, she chaired the Time Keepers Committee in Nashville, Tennessee.

As a member of Alpha Beta, Royce has served as President, first and second Vice Presidents, Finance and Scholarship Chairs, and on the US Forum and Newsletter committees. Royce has taught kindergarten through secondary science and has been both an elementary and secondary principal. She served the Everett Area School District as superintendent and is currently serving as superintendent to the Claysburg-Kimmel School District since 2010.

Statement for Nomination:
"The expertise I bring to this position include excellent oral and written communications skills, computer skills and a strong understanding of the financial status of the state organization. I think Alpha Alpha is at the tipping point in its organizational processes and procedures. I have a firm understanding of our history and traditions as well as an understanding of the vision from International. Therefore, I believe I can help move PA forward as we make the transition to remain a viable educational organization for women educators."

**Nominee for
Recording Secretary
Joyce Kerrick
Alpha Zeta**



Joyce currently serves as chair of the Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee. Previously she served on the state Membership Committee

and was a member of the Program of Work team serving on the Professional Affairs Committee. She has been a long-time member of the Alpha Alpha State Chorus and

has sung at many state conventions.

Since her initiation in 1991, Joyce has been an active member of Alpha Zeta Chapter serving as President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and various committees. She has been recognized by the Chamber of Commerce for her many years of service to her community. She has experience as a secretary to many organizations, and has a thorough understanding of the role of Recording Secretary. Joyce is presently employed as the Executive Director of Partners in Family and Community Development in Towanda. In June, 2012, she retired from the position of Director of the Towanda Center of Lackawanna College after serving there for twenty-one years. She also taught

high school mathematics in many of the Bradford and Sullivan County Schools and college level mathematics for Lackawanna College, Mansfield University, and Penn State University.

When asked about her vision she replied, "I believe that Alpha Alpha State has an opportunity now to blossom as a vibrant and energetic organization of women who seek validation in their roles as educators and professionals. Our state organization can provide a higher level of training and recognition than any individual chapter is able to. I feel that being part of the solution is integral to my nature. I want to see Alpha Alpha State succeed and I want to be a part of the leadership team that takes us there."

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**Nominee for
Corresponding Secretary
Kristine M. Reynolds
Beta Kappa**



Kristine lives in Chambersburg, PA. She has been an active member of Beta Kappa Chapter since 2009 and has served as Sec-

ond and First Vice President, President, and Treasurer. She is presently the State Communications Chair. As Communications Chair, she developed a newsletter entitled "The Spark" to emphasize the purpose of that committee. Active in DKG State, she has attended 6 State Conventions, served as State Communications member, attended Purposeful Seminar, was a Workshop Presenter

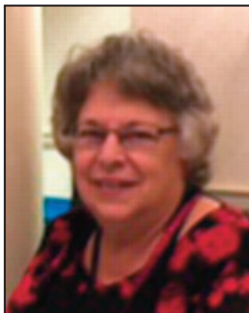
for two Leadership and Professional Development Seminars in 2014 and 2016.

Kristine is a Seventh Grade Language Arts teacher. She began her teaching career in Maryland in 1995-2004. She moved to her present position at Fairfield Area School District in 2004. She received the Shippensburg University Outstanding Teacher Award for her school district in 2008, and is very active in her district as a New Teacher Mentor and Learning Focused Schools Trainer, 2009-2012.

Kristine has, and continues to pursue her passion for our Society, Delta Kappa Gamma. Her experience in both communication and technology skills, and language arts gives Kristine the background and ability to fulfill the post of Corresponding Secretary. She states, "When I took the role of State Communications Chair, I developed a newsletter entitled 'The Spark'. Al-

though each letter stands for something in relation to the purpose of that committee, my vision for the Pennsylvania State Organization relates to this same idea. Each member has started as a 'spark' in her chapter, serving in various capacities, both large and small. These roles have allowed her to ignite her passion in the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. The more experiences a member has at the chapter, regional, state and international levels, the bigger her flame becomes. Even though I have been involved in most areas of DKG, there is more for me to experience and learn in order for my flame to grow. By serving as Corresponding Secretary for the Pennsylvania State Organization, not only will it continue to ignite my passion for the Society, but it is my hope that others will be encouraged to turn her 'spark' into a flame as well."

**Nominee for
State Finance Committee
Barbara Tobias
Nu**



Barbara Tobias lives in Lebanon, PA. She is an active member of Nu Chapter. In Nu Chapter she has been

Chapter Treasurer for 28 years.

Barbara has also served as State Convention Treasurer for 10 years. She attended the Nashville International Convention, 2016, and the last three Fall Area Conferences

Barbara is a member of the Lebanon County Educational Honor Society serving as past Treasurer and is currently on the Finance Committee. She retired from Lebanon High School after 35 years as a Business Education teacher. Since then she was Accounting coordinator for Community Home of Lebanon

County (2004-2013) and has added experience there as Treasurer.

She states, "My vision for the Pennsylvania State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma is to see continued growth of this vital organization for Key Women Educators. I could not be more proud of the women I have met through DKG and their leadership. I believe my accounting skills can help keep our organization financially responsible and help shape the future of our society."

**Nominee for
Finance Committee
Linda O'Connor
Omega**



Linda served Alpha Alpha State as Treasurer from 2005 until 2013. Prior to that she served on the Finance Committee, 2004-2005.

From her experience in both of these capacities, she is aware of the financial needs of our state committees and state

officers. As Treasurer she served as an ad-hoc member of the State Finance Committee for eight years. She worked closely with five State Presidents and their Vice-Presidents to provide funds for projects and programs during their biennium. She worked with Wanda Keller, current State Treasurer, when Wanda was

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Chair of the Finance Committee and hopes to work with her again.

As a member of Omega Chapter, Linda has been on the Finance Committee from 1997 to the present, has been a member of the Omega Chapter Achievement Award Committee, 2008-2014, and on other numerous committees during her 29 years as a member of that chapter. She has been recognized by Alpha Alpha

State for the Album of Distinction. Linda taught math at Littlestown High School for 31 years and served as Head of the Math and Science Departments for 27 years. She retired as Professor Emeritus at HACC Central Pennsylvania Community College after 10 years as a math teacher and assistant department head.

Statement for Nomination:
"My vision for Alpha Alpha State is

to provide members with opportunities to continue to learn and grow as professionals in our ever changing society. Your Finance Committee has the difficult task of balancing the needs of our leaders to achieve their goals with the ever increasing costs that go with them. As a member of the Finance committee, I will work to achieve that balance."

**Nominee for
Finance Committee
Mary Wilhelm
Kappa**



Mary is seeking her second term on the Finance Committee. Mary has attended the International Convention in New York City and the North-

east Regional Conference in Hershey. She has attended nearly all the Alpha Alpha State Conventions since 2002.

Mary is an active member of Kappa Chapter where she has served two terms as President. She has also been the Parliamentarian, Finance Chairman and a member of the Nomination Committee. Mary is active in many other professional and community organizations. She has served as treasurer of the Central Dauphin Education Association and the Soroptimist Harrisburg East Club.

Mary's statement of her vision for our state is: "My vision of Pennsylvania State is to increase membership, especially membership of younger members. I would like to see our state continue to provide meaningful experiences for our members through quality programs and presentations, both at the state and local levels. Support of educators, through mentoring and financial assistance, is an important part of our organization and should be encouraged."

**Nominee for
Nominations Committee
Carol Lane
Alpha Zeta**



Carol Lane is seeking her second term on the Nominations Committee. She has attended all state conventions since 2002 and has

served on the Alpha Alpha State Educational Excellence Committee and participated in the 2012 and 2013

Album of Distinction ceremony. She has been actively involved at the state level serving on committees and helping in many activities. She is very involved with the Creative Arts retreats where she has presented several workshops.

Carol has attended all International Conventions since 2004 and all Regional Conferences since 2007. At the chapter level she has served as President of Alpha Zeta during the 2004-2006 biennium as well as filling other offices and serving as chairman of several committees.

Carol retired from Troy High School in 2001 after teaching Health and Physical Education for 36 years.

She organized the first Girls' Volleyball and Basketball leagues in her area.

When asked for a statement of her vision for the state, she replied, "I have a strong belief in the purposes of the society and a commitment to carry on the work of Delta Kappa Gamma. Currently I have the time and freedom to serve on the committee and the willingness to do any necessary travel for meetings to perform the work of the Society. I have a desire to help move the Society forward with quality leadership and will work in collaboration with the other members of the committee to try to accomplish that goal."

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**Nominee for
Nominations Committee
Diane Whitaker
Omicron**



Diane Whitaker is currently serving her first term on the Alpha Alpha State Nominations Committee. In

2007-2009 she served on the Alpha Alpha State Research Committee. She was honored as a Woman of Distinction and has received two enrichment grants for traveling. She attended the Regional Conference in Hershey and currently is serving a third term, though not consecutively, as President of the Omicron Chapter. She has received numerous honors and awards from local community organizations. Diane is the Executive Director of the Annie Halenbake Ross Library.

Her vision for Delta Kappa Gamma is: to help lead and inspire our sisters by nominating them for officers in our organization. This process is a way to empower them to grow personally and professionally and then provide them the opportunity to engage and network with women in our organization. We also fulfill our mission because we can assist them in the development in their careers and are helping them accomplish our seven purposes of the society.

**Nominee for
Nominations Committee
Barbara Clark
Psi**



Barbara Clark is currently serving on the Nominations Committee. At the state level she has served as the Communications Committee Chair and

Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee Editor Search. She also presented workshops at the Purposeful Seminar in Gettysburg, 2007, and State Convention, 2012. She has attended every State Convention since 2003 and several NERC and International

Conventions. In Psi Chapter, she has served on many committees and as First Vice-President and President. She is a retired Family and Consumer Science Teacher from the Brockway Area Jr-Sr. High School.

When asked about her vision for Alpha Alpha State, Barbara stated, "In order to determine my vision of the future of Alpha Alpha State, I looked back over my years of membership. What I saw, encouraged me more than I could have possibly realized. I saw dynamic, forward thinking, risk taking leaders who encouraged us to become part of their dream. Alpha Alpha State leaders are now known as trailblazers at the International level and this must continue.

My vision for our State's future is to continue this ground-

breaking leadership. We have many members who have the same qualities as our former leaders, but have not had the opportunity, yet, to lead us. My vision for us is to identify them, encourage them, support them and work with them to lead our Society into the future.

During the fourteen State Conventions, three Regional Conferences and two International Conventions I attended, I became acquainted with many of the outstanding members of Alpha Alpha State. So many of these women have impressed me with their history, insight and goals, that I see them as future leaders of our Society. As a member of the Nominations Committee, I would be able to officially recruit those next groundbreaking leaders, so that my vision is realized."

1) If you love to sing and are planning on attending the 2017 Alpha Alpha State Convention, please consider singing in the Choir!!!

2) Beta Theta will be hosting the Choral Retreat
Mar 31 - Apr 1, 2017 at:
Presbyterian Congregation Church
290 N. Union St.
Middletown, PA 17057
This is NOT a prerequisite to sing in the choir.
If you cannot attend the retreat, I will gladly send you the folder of music so you have the opportunity to look it over before convention.
Go to <alphaalphapa.com>
to sign up for the retreat online.

Let's make music!

Nancy L. Hills
Visual &
Performing
Arts Chair

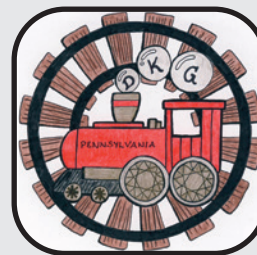


PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION
The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

Friday, June 9 –Sunday, June 11, 2017

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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| _____ Current Chapter President | _____ Sat. Workshop Presenter <i>*(Complimentary Saturday luncheon)</i> |
| _____ State Chorus participant | _____ Member under 40 years of age |
| _____ Member since 1977 or earlier | _____ First Timer to Convention** <i>(Complimentary Sat. breakfast)</i> |
| _____ Honorary Member or Guest | _____ Interested in Friday p.m. guided walking tour |
| _____ Doctorate degree in 2016-17 | _____ Chapter Focus Table Saturday only (include \$30) |

Registration (non-refundable, postmarked on or before May 8, 2017.) Late registrations between May 8-May 31.

No reservations or cancellations may be made after May 31, 2017. 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.)

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| Weekend | \$35.00 | \$ _____ |
| OR One Day: Friday, June 9 | 10.00 | |
| Saturday, June 10 | 20.00 | |
| Sunday, June 11 | 10.00 | |

Late Registrations (Postmarked between May 8-May 31)..... Double above

MEALS: Saturday, June 10, 2017

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| Continental Breakfast** | 15.00 | _____ |
| Celebration Luncheon* | 25.00 | _____ |
| Presidents' Banquet | 45.00 | _____ |

Please select _____ Chicken or _____ Salmon for Banquet

Sunday, June 11, 2017

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| Breakfast Buffet..... | 20.00 | _____ |
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Please note: Menus will be posted on our web site.

For special dietary needs, contact Barb Tobias directly by May 8, 2017. TOTAL \$ _____

WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY

Please check one of the following for Saturday morning:

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| _____ <i>Searching the Smithsonian for STEM Careers</i> | _____ <i>What's Your FEEL Age?</i> |
| _____ <i>Connect with the World through Postcards</i> | _____ <i>Get on Board the Fun Bus</i> |
| _____ <i>Will Your Leadership Journey Include a Stop for a Golden Gift?</i> | _____ <i>5 Steps to DKG Success with Young Professionals</i> |

SEE pages 4-5, 12-14 for Saturday Morning Workshops.Descriptions.

Please check one of the following for Saturday afternoon:

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| _____ <i>Vintage and You: Past, Present, and Your Future</i> | _____ <i>IPhone and iPad Basics</i> |
| _____ <i>Secrets of Working Others in a Leadership Position</i> | _____ <i>Designing the Future</i> |
| _____ <i>My Students Can't (or Won't) Revise!</i> | _____ <i>The Myth of One Size Fits All</i> |
| _____ <i>Fun Ways to Make it Happen</i> | |

SEE pages 14-15, 20 for Saturday Afternoon Workshops.Descriptions.

News from the U.S. Forum

Susan Fritz, US Forum/Educational Legislation Chair

The U.S. Forum Connection is a free monthly publication sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh is the editor of this publication and is the person to contact at [REDACTED]

subscribe. The brief summaries that follow are based on information discussed in the most recent newsletters.

^**Student loan** relief is not on the immediate horizon at the federal level as none of the five or more bills focused on providing financial relief to students, with significant student loan debt, made it out of committee in either the House or Senate.

^The skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs has been a prominent topic in the media over the last several months. **EpiPens** and insulin have been particular concerns. While the

cost of an EpiPen is less than \$100 in France and slightly over \$200 in Germany, the cost of a two pack, the only way it is sold in the United States, is between \$600 and \$650. The shelf-life of this drug ranges from 12 and to 18 months, which results in some pens expiring before they can be used.

One way drug companies are maintaining the higher prices associated with their drug patents is to **combine two drugs** to create a new drug that is patent protected. If you are aware that a prescribed drug is a combination of cheaper drugs, it is possible to save money by getting separate prescriptions for each component of that drug.

^**Excessive lead in drinking water** can come from sources that include lead pipes or the lead solder used to hold pipes together, either within your home or in the community water supplies. To insure the

safety of the water in your home or community, you can request the results of tests conducted by your community water source or have your water tested at a laboratory that does this type of analysis.

^Under consideration are some changes to Social Security.

H.R.2078 would remove the cap on Social Security taxes paid on employment and self-employment compensation. Currently, people who earn over \$118,500 do not pay tax on amounts above that limit. Removing the cap would increase the money in the Social Security Trust Fund due to larger amounts paid in by the extremely wealthy.

H.R.1391 would gradually increase Social Security benefits about 2%, raise the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) using actual cost-of living expenses, and cut taxes for working seniors whose retirement income is inadequate

to meet actual expenses.

The **Social Security Expansion Act (S.731)** would increase the primary insurance amount for all eligible beneficiaries beginning in 2021, use the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to calculate the Cost of Living, and increase the special minimum primary insurance amount for lifetime low earners based on years worked. There was no cost of living increase in 2016.

If you are interested in contacting your Congressman and Senator, you can call the Congressional Switchboard toll free at 1-866-327-8670 and avoid paying long distance charges. Email access and addresses are at <http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives and at <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate. The number for the White House is 1-202-456-1111.

(Morning Workshops from page 5)

Will Your Leadership Journey

Include a Stop for a Golden Gift?

Barb Gasperni, Alpha Upsilon and Kay Stuart, Pi, (Education)

Learn about the Leadership Management Seminar (sponsored by the Golden Gift Fund) and hear stories from some recent participants. Get ready to ask questions about this life-changing experience. Perhaps you would like to apply for this opportunity to

delve deeper into Interpersonal Communications, Management Styles, Leading Change, and more.

What's Your FEEL Age?

Becky Johnen, Alpha Beta,

(Education - Health and Wellness)

There is the old saying you're only as young as you feel. Do the years on the calendar match the years on your body? You know your real age, but what counts

(see Age page 13)

Lodging Reservation Form
Alpha Alpha State Convention
June 9-11, 2017



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 #DELF17A.
Notify hotel if there is a substitute person taking that room.***

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 8, 2017 – There are a limited number of rooms
in our block, so please reserve early. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.**

(Age from page 12)

is your “feel age.” Attitude, sense of self, and the state of your emotions all shape your ongoing zest for life. After taking a quiz to find out your “feel age,” we’ll learn how to maintain a most confident outlook and how to feel younger than our chronological age.

Get on Board the Fun Bus

Judy Tyson, Beta Beta, (Art and Music)

Spice up your meetings with activities that will ensure to bring smiles to everyone’s face. “Ironman Competitions.” An icebreaker situations that will have everyone interacting and even if they’ve known their sisters for years, they’ll learn more about them. There will be unexpected twists and spins that will make everyone want to attend, just so they don’t miss anything.

(See More Saturday page 14)

Convention Action to Consider

A proposal to amend Pennsylvania State DKG Standing Rule VII C will be presented to the members and voted on at State Convention in June. The following is the current language and proposed change:

Current wording:

S. R. 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.

To be amended by deletion and addition of new language as follows:

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2. The budget is set by the Leadership Development Committee in accordance with the approved state budget.
3. The State Treasurer will compile a financial report to the Finance Committee, Leadership Development Committee, and the State President.

Rationale for change: The changes reflect the current operational practices of the Leadership Training/ Professional Development Seminar.

(More Saturday from page 13)

5 Steps to DKG Success with Young Professionals Sara Sweeney, International Guest

5 Steps to DKG Success with Young Professionals gives chapters a plan on recruiting and retaining the next generation of Delta Kappa Gamma. This interactive session from the viewpoint of a Gen Y will give information that can be used at any chapter.

Saturday Afternoon

Vintage and You: Past, Present, and Your Future Millie Pipman, Alpha Upsilon, (Art)

The presenter will discuss how vintage items can be

used in instruction, home décor and gifting in the present and parlayed into extra income in retirement.

Secrets of Working Others in a Leadership Position Kay Stuart, Pi, (Education)

Are you “enthusiastic and excitement driven” or more “pragmatic and results oriented”? Maybe you prefer details and rules, or maybe you are more interested in people and relationships. Recognizing your dominant communication style and the dominate style of others can be helpful as you work together. Make a stop on your leadership journey to enhance your understanding of yourself and others.

(see Afternoon page 15)

Convention Schedule At-A-Glance

Friday, June 9, 2017

Casual Dress

- noon** ~ check into the Nittany Lion Inn
- 1-7 p.m.** ~ registration opens and raffle ticket sales begin - Rotunda
~ chapter presidents sign in and collect convention materials
- 5-6:30 p.m.** ~ chorus rehearsal - Mt. Nittany
- 7:15-7:45 p.m.** ~ Album of Distinction presentation of the 2017 candidates by their chapter presidents - Ballroom C
- 7:45-8:15 p.m.** ~ reception for 2017 Album of Distinction recipients - Faculty Staff Club Room
- 8:15- 9 p.m.** ~ chorus rehearsal - Mt. Nittany
- 8:15-9:15 p.m.** ~ Executive board meeting in Assembly
- 9:15-10:30 p.m.** ~ Friday Night Fling - Board Rms. 1 & 2

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Business Casual

- 6:45-7:45 a.m.** ~ ticketed continental breakfast - Alumni Lobby
- 7-7:45 a.m.** ~ complimentary breakfast for first timers - Alumni Lounge
- 7-8 a.m.** ~ focus tables set up and sales
- 7:15-7:45 a.m.** ~ chorus rehearsal - Mt. Nittany
- 7:30-11:45 a.m.** ~ registration and raffle ticket sales - Rotunda
- 8 a.m.** ~ presentation of the flags and procession of officers
~ First General Session - Alumni Ballroom
~ keynote speaker - Sara Sweeney, WV
~ International update - Carol Hughes, Northeast Regional Director
~ focus table sales – time allowing after First General Session
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.** ~ workshop session 1
- 11:30 a.m.-noon** ~ focus table sales
- 11:45 a.m.** ~ doors open for Celebration Luncheon
~ ticketed Luncheon- Alumni Ballroom
~ recognition of Birthday Chapters
~ recognition of women earning doctorate degrees
~ Communication awards

- 2:15-3:15 p.m.** ~ workshop session 2
- 3:15-4 p.m.** ~ focus table sales
- 3:20 p.m.** ~ procession rehearsal for past state presidents, state officers, and special guests in Alumni Ballroom
- 3:40 p.m.** ~ chapter presidents rehearse - Alumni Ballroom
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.** ~ raffle ticket sales - Rotunda
- 4 p.m.** ~ focus tables taken down
- 4 p.m.** ~ Catholic mass at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center
- 4:45 p.m.** ~ all raffles drawn and posted - Rotunda

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Best Dress

- 5:30-6 p.m.** ~ chorus rehearsal - Alumni Ballroom
- 5:45 p.m.** ~ officers' and guests' photos
- 6 p.m.** ~ seating for ticketed banquet - Alumni Ballroom (convention booklet not needed: a program will be provided)
~ introduction and procession of head and past state presidents
~ presentation of chapter presidents
~ ticketed banquet
~ musical presentation by convention chorus
~ announcement of the 2017 State Achievement Award
~ installation of the 2017-2019 State Officers
~ singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song
~ receiving line for state officers, International guest, and keynote speaker in Alumni Lobby

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Traveling Clothes

- 8 a.m.** ~ Celebration of Life in Assembly
- 9 a.m.** ~ ticketed honors breakfast in Alumni Ballroom
- 9:45-10:45 a.m.** ~ Second General Session- Alumni Ballroom
~ presentation of scholarships and enrichment grants
~ voting on the budget
~ retiring of the flags
- 11 a.m.-noon** ~ check out of the Nittany Lion Inn

(Afternoon from page 14)

My Students Can't (or Won't) Revise!!!

Fun Ways to Make it Happen

Carol Goodman, Beta Rho, (Education)

We all know that students hate to revise their rough drafts...usually because they don't know what to do or where to start. And besides, it's already perfect!!! This workshop will give you quick, easy and fun methods to get students to see the need to revise and then help them do it.

iPhone and iPad Basics

Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta, (Technology)

Whether it's your first iPhone or iPad, or your sixth, this

workshop will be a great way to learn about new features and pick up some helpful tips on your devices. There will be time for sharing your tips with us too.

Designing the Future

Louann Shrader, Omega, (DKG Workshop)

Thinking ahead, how does our governing document need to change to meet the needs of our younger members and potential members in the future? What's archaic and how can we change it? We will look at the International Strategic Action Plan (SAP) as a resource. This workshop is an exchange of ideas and will include information on the process of amending. (see Final Workshop page 20)

27 Chapters Welcome New Initiates

Beta
Pegeen Kline
Sara Achenbach

Beta Beta
Joan Hammond

Gamma
Kimberly Kickel

Eta
Gayle Brass

Theta
Susan Juffe
Marianne Graczyk

Nu
Elizabeth Carpenter
Carol Wolfe Koehler
Patricia McAteer
Erin Phillips
Kristen Weaber

Omicron
Susan Shoemaker

Tau
Mary Rose Karaffa
Noelle Imbrogno
Kristen Rebovich

Phi
Suzanne McGuire

Chi
Deborah Bridgewater
Lesley Colabucci
Michele Polinitz
Andrea Rutledge

Omega
Heather Myers
Jacquelyn Drooger
Lynn Murphy

Alpha Gamma
Cynthia Motter
Erin Fonzo

Alpha Delta
Kristy Kreger
Katrina Lynch
Kelley Thompson
Gala Wassilchak
Deborah Donahue

Alpha Zeta
Lori Adiska
Kerry Bocko
Toni Shaw
Mary Ann Uhouse

Alpha Theta
Kimberly Barnett
Justine Freeman
Heather Hileman
Melissa Hoener

Alpha Iota
Nancy Sadaly
Kate Beer

Alpha Lambda
Natalie Nicholson

Alpha Nu
Carolyn Boody
Carole Harris
Karen Haugh
Susan Holcombe

Alpha Sigma
Shayne Garcia-Bish
Carol Kuper-Pyle
Michele Mrozak
Angela Murrman
Lindsey Owrey

Alpha Upsilon
Pamela Derby

Alpha Phi
Ann Lyle

Beta Alpha
Margaret Gruerio
Nancy Darlington-Bruno

Beta Gamma
Corinne Horne

Beta Delta
Sallie Durika
Carol Noble
Kathy Stetter

Beta Theta
Heather Lister
Kate Humphrey
Sharon Welty

Beta Pi
Susan Silver
Laura Daino
Sandy Rodman
Patty Griffith

Beta Rho
Jaime Bollinger
Amy Radford
Julie Griggs



Enrichment Excursions

Historic Hudson River Region Paula Delanley, Alpha Rho

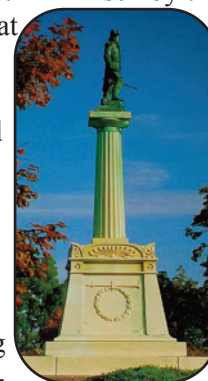
In October, I visited Westchester County, New York, and Revolutionary War sites along the Hudson River. The fall foliage is at its peak and the temperature is still comfortable.

Fifth grade history books can not do justice to the Revolutionary War period. To make matters worse, programs like

AMC's TURN are not historically correct. In defense of the show, it did make me curious about Washington as a "slymaster." I purchased several books (all excellent) about this time in our past which made this trip most informative and exciting! Text books do not show just how difficult a task General George Wash-

ington endured.

When visiting West Point, one can stand at an area where Gen. Washington and Col. Kosciuszko discussed the importance of the Hudson River and their fears of what Benedict Arnold might have told the British. An interesting fact on the highly recommended West Point tour is that the statue honoring



Col. Kosciuszko was chosen by the cadets to honor the man from a grateful nation. His efforts were valued by Gen. Washington and are enjoyed by Americans today. Standing in this area of West Point, one can see the importance of the river to Washington and his advisors (see Hudson page 17)

(Hudson from page 16)

ers. Reading the books on this time period puts one in awe of George Washington. He was leading brave men most poorly trained and starving, along with several petty and jealous commanders. Governors and Congress were not sending promised supplies. Farmers and local families were more foe than friend.

In December 1780, Washington established his winter headquarters at New

Windsor, south of Newburgh, on the west bank of the Hudson River. The summer of 1781 found Washington confident that he had a strategy that could end a war that had dragged on for seven years. The French arrived and this area close to West Point was a secure area for him to meet and make plans with the French commander, the Comte de Rochambeau, and Henry Knox. The Henry Knox headquarters still stands

and the area is open for picnics.

Washington's headquarters was the home of a Dutch widow, now owned by New York State. The tour of the house and grounds is given by a knowledgeable guide which helps one to envision that period of time.

This area is filled with so much history and folklore. Sleepy Hollow is in the area and thankfully, we did not meet up with the Headless Horseman but we did visit the church and

cemetery to pay respects to Washington Irving, who was named after Washington. While a young boy, Irving met his hero.

Thank you Alpha Alpha State for this Enrichment Grant. I learned so much more about the Hudson River region and enjoyed the days spent touring the area. I plan to return because there is still so much more to see.... Hyde Park and the Culinary Institute of America are next!

Amsterdam to Budapest Louise Garverick, Beta Kappa

"Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind." Seneca



The Viking Grand European Tour included 13 ports in The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, and Hungary. I boarded the Modi in Amsterdam and left port on October 10, 2016, sailing on the

Rhine to the 19 windmills at Kinderdijk, The Netherlands, a UNESCO site. Families live in the windmills and are entrusted with the operation of the mills to control water levels in this low land.

Sites in Cologne included the 14th century Gothic cathedral.

In Koblenz, I toured the 13th century Marksburg Castle, a UNESCO site, and marveled at the medieval lifestyle of its inhabitants.

Cruising on the middle Rhine and Main rivers was picturesque with castles

nestled in the hills. Walking tours with knowledgeable guides on cobbled streets through the towns of Miltenberg, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nuremburg, Regensburg, and Passau were full of history.

Very low water levels on the Danube near Regensburg stopped the Modi at Nuremburg. A sister ship, the Skirnir, was sailing toward us from Budapest. At Nuremburg and Passau, passengers on both boats packed their bags, switched boats and continued along their planned itineraries with the Modi and Skirnir retracing their prior routes.

I enjoyed an organ concert at St. Stephen's cathedral in Passau, Germany. In Melk, Austria, I toured the Benedictine Abbey. Highlights in Vienna for me were visits to exhibits of artists Gustav Klimt and Pieter Bruegel.

Our journey ended in Budapest with motor coach and walking tours of both sides of the Danube River. A visit to the bronzed shoes of the Jewish War Memorial along the water was very moving.

I am so very grateful for the support of DKG through an enrichment grant for this amazing trip.

Chapter News

Beta Rho

PURSES FOR WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

The Beta Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recently donated purses filled with personal items to three different Women's and Victim's Resource Centers in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties. Through the generosity of its members, the chapter collected over thirty purses. The directors of the centers were so appreciative to

receive the donations and will pass them on to women who come to the centers and have had to leave their homes suddenly. Left to right are **Cindy Wooden** and **Patricia Arnold**, members of the Personal Growth and Services Committee of the Beta Rho Chapter who sponsored the project.



Chapter News Continues....

PI

Pi Chapter, in North Central PA, has been busy with our focus on scholarships and local and state projects. We awarded a very deserving student embarking on her student teaching practicum at Mansfield University, our \$500.00 Grant in Aid. A second scholarship of \$200.00 was given to the runner-up. They will be invited to speak at our spring meeting

to talk about their experiences and future plans. During the fall Pi Chapter supported "Toys for Tots" with a table full of fun toys and books.

How we approached the state project, Supporting Libraries, was a challenge for our chapter since we cover Tioga and Potter counties. Getting books in the hands of the youngest learners, whose family may not have the means and opportunity to use a library, was our goal. In early December, we approached four town Food Pantries with the idea of displaying a box of gently used and new books for children from pre-school through elementary school.

The response was overwhelming. During the month of December, Food Pantries in Mansfield, Wellsboro, Westfield and Coudersport gave out close to 250 books. Our plan is to fill our boxes once again at the Food Pantries near the end of the school year in hopes that children will have a new book for the summer.



Chi

Chi Painting Party



Sigma

Sigma Chapter was honored to host PA State President, **Tracey Dusch**, at the December meeting. For a community outreach project, members collected clothing and personal care items to distributed to Transitions Safe Houses in Lewisburg and Shamokin, and the Women's Center, Bloomsburg.

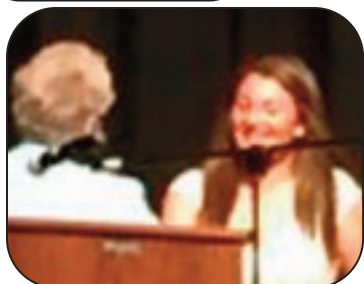


Member, Mary Reinhard, explained Sigma's upcoming early educators initiative to be held in March at Selinsgrove High School. A panel consisting of experienced

educators, counselors, and administrators will discuss issues facing new teachers in the classroom. Area teachers and student teachers will be invited to attend and exchange ideas.



Beta Phi



June, 2016, Chapter Scholarship Awardees: **Micaela Ghanayem (L)**, a recent graduate of Upper Merion Senior High, and **Carly Tunnell (R)**, a West Chester University graduate.



In addition to offering scholarships, Beta Pi supports a host of local charities such as Theatre Horizon's Educational Programs, Laurel House, Emergency Relief, and Norristown Ministries. Fun- events, such as our annual designer Handbag Bingo, in October, helps raise the funds for these noteworthy programs.

In Memorium

Emma R. Williams
August 26, 2015, Gamma

Emma was initiated on April 1, 1969. She was employed as a professional librarian at Edinboro State Teacher's College. She was an advisor for the Panhellenic Organization and on the Faculty Senate. Emma was active in the community Garden Club, EUP Women's Association and fundraising to build a new Edinboro Library.

Louise Klaphor
September 2, 2015, Gamma

Louise was initiated on April 1, 1969. She was a business teacher at Strong Vincent High School in Erie. Louise was involved in many community organizations: AAU, PASR, Board of Directors for the Sarah A. Reed Retirement Center and the Women's Club of Erie.

Nancy G. Hoop
March 6, 2016, Chi

Nancy was initiated in 1978 and served as the chairperson for scholarship committee. Nancy was an Elementary School Principal and Director of Elementary Education for Lampeter-Strasburg School District. Nancy was actively involved in civic and community affairs, especially organizations devoted to education. She served several years on the Manheim Township School Board.

Rosemarie S. Savelli
July 21, 2016, Tau

Rosemarie was initiated on October 13, 1984. She served various committees throughout her membership.

Dr. Savelli was a college professor at Misericordia University in Dallas, PA serving as the Pre-Law Program Director.

Marian M. Detwiler
September 7, 2016, Alpha Nu

Marian was initiated in 1979. She was a reading specialist and Reading Supervisor at central Bucks School District. Marian tutored inmates working towards their GED with the VITA Adult Literacy Program. Also she trained volunteers for VITA and Indian Valley Opportunity Center. Well into her 90's, she tutored English as a Second language.

Ellen Marie Brosnan
October 21, 2016, Theta

Ellen was initiated in 1970. She attended and participated in chapter meetings and event for 46 years. In 2010, she received the Album of Distinction award for the Jefferson Award from OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring program. Ellen was a science teacher for 35 years with the Pittsburgh Public Schools at Liberty Elementary. Ellen was a member of the Gaelic Arts Society and the Ladies Auxiliary of the AOH Division 11. She was a life long member of St. Stephen Parish; she was involved as a Mass lector and in CCD Education and the Ladies of Charity.

Frances Reynolds
October 21, 2016, Alpha Iota

Frances was initiated on April 1, 1968. She was a Past President for her chap-

ter. She was a kindergarten teacher.

Elizabeth Reynolds
November 8, 2016, Beta Rho

Elizabeth was initiated on October 1, 1981. She served as Parliamentarian and as chairperson for Initiation, Program, Research, Projects, Finance, Auditor and World Fellowship. Elizabeth was a business teacher for Montrose Area School District.

Shirley M. Cranmer
November 25, 2016, Omicron

Shirley was initiated in May 1982. She was chapter treasurer for many years and then Finance committee member. Shirley had a B.S. and M.Ed. and was an elementary school teacher at the Cochran and Lose Elementary Schools in the Williamsport Area School District.

Delores Irene Casteel
December 22, 2016, Alpha Beta

Delores was a transfer from an Arizona chapter. She was an active member of Alpha Beta and served on several committees. Delores received her BS in teaching from Central Missouri State. She taught for 31 years including Harwood Girls School and Zia Elementary in Albuquerque, NM; El Paso TX; Anthony, NM; Breeze-wood, PA; and Manns Choice, PA.

Anna Laura Thompson
January 3, 2017, Chi

Anna Laura was initiated in 1975. She served as chapter president, first vice-presi-

dent chair for retired teacher tea, initiation, nominations, professional affairs, world fellowship and communications. Anna Laura taught special education for Intermediate Unit #13. She was the alumni association chair for the class of 1950 at Arcadia University. She received the Golden Disc award for meritorious service for outstanding volunteer leadership service. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta.

Nancy C. Lucas
January 9, 2017, Eta

Nancy was initiated on September 16, 1972. She was a member for 45 years and served on the nominations committee and participated in many projects to serve schools and the community. Nancy was an elementary teacher and reading specialists for York City Schools. She was a founding member of the Jacob Dehoff Learning Center Trinity College Preparatory Academy in York, PA. Nancy served on the advisory board and as a mentor to high school students as they applied to college.

Maxine Shull
January 10, 2017, Kappa

Maxine was initiated on September 25, 1971. She attended chapter meetings for 46 years. Maxine supported the Grant in Aid for high school seniors majoring in education. Also she contributed to the state basket for convention every year and "Kappa Kow" which raised funds for Project Share.



The Keystonian

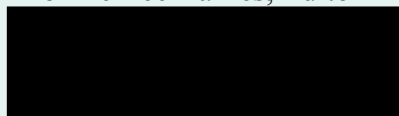
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March 15, 2017

~ deadline for finance committee requests
~ deadline to nominate for the State Achievement Award

April 1, 2017

~ deadline to nominate for the Album of Distinction

April 21-23, 2017

~ Creative Arts Retreat, Olmstead Manor, Ludlow

June 9-11, 2017

~ Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Convention, Nitany Lion Inn, State College

July 12-14, 2017

~ Northeast Regional Conference, Caesars Resort and Convention Center, Windsor, Ontario



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President's Schedule

March 4, 2017: visit to Theta, Alpha Xi, and Alpha Upsilon Chapters

March 18, 2017: Scholarship Committee meeting

April 1, 2017: visit to Eta, Beta Beta, and Beta Delta Chapters

April 8, 2017: Finance Committee meeting

April 21-23, 2017: Creative Arts Retreat

April 29, 2017: visit to Phi, Beta Rho, and Alpha Zeta Chapters

May 6, 2017: visit to Lambda, Alpha Sigma, and Alpha Omicron Chapters

June 9-11, 2017: Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Convention

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The Myth of One Size Fits All

**Carol Hughes,
NERC and International Guest.**

Have you ever tried on clothing that claims to "fit all" only to find out it doesn't?

Consider that same claim for your chapter. There is no one model that fits all members.

Together let's try on ideas to revitalize and energize your chapter for a better fit.