



The Keystonian

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2018 State Convention Guests

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Guest



Nita R. Scott joined Society Headquarters in August of 2011. Scott, an experienced educator, taught secondary mathematics and business in Tennessee and Arkansas before moving to Texas to accept the position of membership

services administrator. Initiated in 2005, Scott served her Tennessee chapter as president and as the strategic action committee chair. At the state organization level in Tennessee, she was a member of the membership committee and served as financial advisor to the convention steering committee. During her membership, she has conducted workshops at state organization, regional and international conventions. As a member in Texas, she served on the state organization membership and leadership seminar committees.

With a Bachelor of Business Administration (marketing and management) and a Master of Science in Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership, Scott has used data as a tool to enable Society leadership in developing strategies for marketing the Society and strengthening membership. As the newly appointed executive director, she serves on the International Administrative Board and the DKG Educational Foundation Board of Trustees. Currently, Scott is also the liaison for the International Membership, Golden Gift Fund, Eunah Temple Holden and Leadership Development Committees. Scott and husband, James, live in the countryside outside of Austin with 7 horses, 3 dogs, a cat and a small herd of cattle.

Essential Friendships



Christine Mabon grew up in Beechview, a south hills community in Pittsburgh, PA. She graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. degree in hotel, restaurant and institutional facility management. She married her high school sweetheart, Jeff, and raised

two sons and a sweet yellow Labrador retriever, in Mt. Lebanon, PA. Her sons, Andrew and Connor are now living on their own in Fairfax, VA and San Francisco, CA respectively.

In December, 2006, her husband died suddenly of a heart attack. When this happened, the course of her life changed dramatically. She became a widow at age 44 and single mother with two teenage sons. Navigating this new and frightening world, Christine found that her friends could

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President's Message
Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon

I can not believe we have sailed through 2017. I am so looking forward to the 2018 voyage. It is a brand new beginning for many opportunities.

I have truly enjoyed visiting with the chapters, the very heart of our organization. It amazes me how hard they work for the positive development of women and children. Their endless energy is astounding! Keep up the great work! I am looking forward to visiting many more chapters this biennium.

Please make a special effort to view the "Important Days to Remember" in the *Keystonian*. These excursion voyages are perfect opportunities for you to discover new destinations and learn more about DKG and our worldwide influence.

Your State Committees are working hard preparing a terrific weekend for all who attend the 2018 State Convention, State College, PA. Society workshops are on Saturday morning and special workshops of interest are in the afternoon. At our Celebration Luncheon, we will honor those chapters who are having a birthday, and those women who are observing 40 + years in DKG. Also, awards will also be given to chapters who have a website and a newsletter. Our Keynote Speaker for the First General session will be Nita Scott, DKG Executive Director.

You will want to come and congratulate our new 2018-2020 Chapter Presidents who have taken a new voyage into Leader-"ship" for their chapter. Also, we will congratulate the Nancy Grove Visionary Awardee, the Rosebud Recognition Awardee, doctoral recipients, and the members who were granted Scholarships and Enrichment Grants.

Please note, it's not to late for chapters to nominate a member for the Rosebud Recognition Award. Work together to gather information about that member. Take it slow and steady and you will be surprised who you can choose. Remember to keep it a secret from her.

And don't forget those members who do outstanding work in their communities outside DKG. We will celebrate their accomplishments at the Album of Distinction ceremony on Friday evening.

At our Saturday banquet, hear our guest speaker, Christine Mabon speak on The Five Essential Friend-"ships" that Enrich Our Lives. You will be inspired by her presentation.

I am looking forward to meeting members who have not been to the State Convention. You owe it to yourself to board a new ship and meet other key women educators from across Pennsylvania.. Members, like myself, look forward every year to renewing our friend-ships from past conven-

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New Adventures Await You

Eileen Little, Chi
First Vice President/EEC Coordinator



The goals of the EEC committee are:

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

**Where will you find all these opportunities?
June 15–17, 2018 is your weekend destination
to State College and State Convention!**

Friday night's **Album of Distinction** presentation and reception is a must see as you will learn about your sisters and their many adventures and endeavors beyond what they do for DKG. Then spend some time at the **Friday Night Fling** aboard the Friendship ship. Join your sisters in a game of Trivia, Bingo, Corn Hole, Ladder Ball or maybe a demonstration on napkin folding or stylish ways to wear a

scarf. These are just some of the highlights for the evening!

Saturday morning will be a very informative workshop for all incoming First Vice Presidents, and the Chairs for: Visual & Performing Arts; US Forum/Educational Legislation; Professional Affairs; and Projects. Come meet your state counterparts and network with sisters who hold similar positions in their chapters.

Saturday's luncheon will celebrate birthdays and achievement. There will be time to recognize doctoral degrees, years of membership and communication awards.

These are just a few of the highlights that will be coming to you from the EEC committee! The weekend is full of opportunities and fellowship from the many other committees. YOU will not want to miss this port of call!



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tions and establishing new ones.

On March 18-21, 2018, you can join other Key Women who are interested in advocating for women, children and education by attending the National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC. Another excursion to consider is on April 6, 2018, the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) Conference scheduled at the United Nations in New York City. Both are excellent opportunities to learn more about DKG.

Closer to home is the Leadership and Professional Development Seminar on April 13,

**...training
opportunity for
incoming chapter
presidents and ALL
chapter members...**

14, 2018. It is a wonderful training opportunity for incoming chapter presidents, as well as for **ALL** chapter members. From DKG's International Speakers Fund, you will hear Diane Phillips, from Quebec, Canada. She will be presenting two breakout sessions.

Lastly, the 2018 International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas, July 16-20, 2018.

Take a voyage to the place where DKG was founded. There are so many things to see and do in Austin. Most importantly, visit DKG Headquarters. Everyone from PA, who attends the convention, gets together for "Pennsylvania Night." It is a most memorable experience!

Get on board and broaden your horizons as you sail into 2018. If your new chapter president asks you to join her on a new voyage, please sail with her.

***Bon Voyage,
in the DKG-Circle of
Member-"ships."
Barbara***

New Year Resolutions and Membership

Royce Boyd, 2nd Vice President, Alpha Beta



By the time you have read this we will be approximately 8 weeks into the New Year Resolution cycle, and you know what that means. . . you have broken your resolution, modified your resolution, or both! State Membership Chairs

were sent this timely reminder from Claire Swanson, International Membership Chair:

As you start thinking about your resolutions for the New Year we would like to remind you of a couple of challenges International President Carolyn

Pittman made to the membership this summer at the regional conferences. She said, “I challenge you to reach beyond your comfortable membership and strive to find enhanced ways to be a member and to honor your membership. Move YOUR butterfly wings. Here are two ways to do that:

1) Do something more than you now do—even it’s very small—that enhances your own membership. (read the newsletter, offer to call

absentees, volunteer to do something for your chapter, help another member get involved, accept a responsibility)

2) Honor your membership by securing two more members in the next year.”



We hope you and your membership include these two challenges, especially the second one, in your resolutions for 2018!

So how are you and your chapter doing with President Pittman’s challenges? If they

are like your personal resolutions, it may be time to revisit the challenges. Come to State Convention, June 15-17, 2018, to learn more about how to actually keep those membership resolutions and meet President Pittman’s challenges. The Membership Committee has been working hard to develop a workshop that provides practical information to use by you and other members!

BTW, (by the way), Happy New Year!!

State Project: DKG/Girl Scouts

Dr. Marjorie Paradise, Chi, Projects Chair

Hello PA State Sisters!!! Many of you have adopted the DKG/ Girl Scout Project. It is so heartwarming to hear the many successful stories of this collaboration!! The project was started in Texas and involved two local Girl Scout troops. As such, the Council Patch was available through the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas. Unfortunately, they have withdrawn as our supplier. Stay tuned for information on Council Patch supplies. Thankfully, Nita Scott, from International, is exploring options for us.

New to this project? Find a local Girl Scout troop. Meet with them to determine interest and then decide on activities. The sample curriculum is available on our state website. As directed by

International (Nita Scott), we may feel free to adapt it to meet the needs of the troop. Because the curriculum was carefully considered by both chapter members and the Girl Scout leaders and directors who developed it, you should maintain the identified number of activities required for each level.

There will be a workshop devoted to this project at State Convention, so be on the lookout for Convention Registration materials.

Have fun and be in touch with me with any questions. I am excited to hear how the projects are going around Pennsylvania!!

Are You Involved?

Susan Fritz, Chi
US Forum/Educational Legislation Chair

With four of our seven Delta Kappa Gamma purposes implicitly calling us to involvement in activities supportive of women and education, our Society invites us to step into the arena and raise our voices. What are you doing to raise your voice?

The January 29, 2018 issue of *Time* prefaced a six-page article about women in politics with the following two-page pronouncement, "One year ago, millions of women protested in the streets. Now there are more women running for office than ever before." The Rutgers University's Center for American Women and Politics reports that as of December 2017, 369 women were running or planning to run for Congress in 2018.

According to the organization, *She Should Run*, "Women are under-represented at all levels in the 500,000+ elected offices across the U.S." *She Should Run* is committed to getting at least

250,000 women to run for office by 2030. This nonpartisan organization recruits women candidates

Purpose # 3: To advance the professional interest and positions of women in education.

Purpose # 4: To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation in the interest of education and of women educators.

Purpose # 6: To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

Purpose # 7: To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so they may participate effectively in a world society.

and assists those who want to support them.

Are you a potential political candidate? Is there a woman you can encourage to seek office?

Do you have funds or time or connections or resources to provide in support of a candidate? What discussions would be happening in Congress right now if, instead of the current 20 percent, 50 percent of the legislature were women?

Like Oprah, maybe running for political office isn't in your DNA. We don't need to be a member of Congress to have a voice. The votes we cast, the daughters we raise, the young women we teach and mentor, the calls we make, the emails and letters we send, the caring we show, the time we give, the marches we do, and the money we donate are powerful acts of voice. We do not speak with one voice. We each have a story to tell whether that story is our own or that of someone we know who is suffering an injustice. Educators are masters at telling the story. Let your voice be heard. Speak up and tell the story you know.

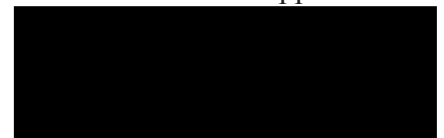
Do you know a DKG Sister who does more?

The Educational Excellence Committee is preparing for the 2018 State Convention!!! The **Album of Distinction** is an award to recognize active members of Delta Kappa Gamma who have received an award and/or honor for service outside the Society. The honor and/or award must have occurred be-

tween March 1, 2017 and March 1, 2018. Applications may be found on the Alpha Alpha State website. Click on the Awards/Applications tab at the top of the page to find the form, the evaluation criteria, and the scoring rubric. All candidates must tie their honor and/or award to one of the Seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

**Applications are due by
March 1, 2018.**

Please forward the application to



Haddie Weber, Professional
Affairs Chair

Communications Corner!

~Ahoy! Scholar - Ship News ~

~Informing our Membership ~ Sharing the Buzz ~ DKG Visibility ~

Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta

Scholarship ~ noun!

1. Learning; knowledge acquired by study; the academic attainments of a scholar.
2. A sum of money or other aid granted to a student, because of merit, need, etc., to pursue his or her studies.
3. The position or status of such a student.
4. A foundation to provide financial assistance to students.

Do you know about the Scholarships and Awards available to you?

Album of Distinction - Recognition must be for an honor or distinction received or service performed beyond The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Recognition will be given on an annual basis during the State Convention. This year's candidates shall have received their honors between April 1, 2017, and April 1, 2018. The nominee must be a contributing/participating member in good standing with her chapter (Active or Reserve). Due April 1, 2018 to [REDACTED]

Nancy Grove Visionary Fund - Awards a grant to in-service active teacher members to fund innovative ideas and activities related to Excellence in Education within the educational community. This annual award is administered by the Past State Presidents of Alpha Alpha State and will be awarded at State Convention. The grant is to be used during the school year immediately following the convention. Send the completed application form, postmarked by February 1, 2018, to Mrs. Susan Stamm, [REDACTED]

Rosebud Recognition Award - The purpose of the Alpha Alpha State (Pennsylvania) [Rosebud Recognition] is to recognize and honor a new member who has given outstanding service to her chapter and Alpha Alpha State activities and has promoted the purposes and the policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Due March 15, 2018 to [REDACTED]

Scholarships - Scholarships will be offered to active members in good standing for three years who are taking graduate study for credit leading to an advanced degree, certification or toward job/self improvement. Credit may be earned during a regular or summer term at an accredited college/university. Due February 1, 2018 to [REDACTED]

Enrichment Grants - Grants will be awarded to active members for three years in good standing who wish to enroll in an Elderhostel Program, continuing education for personal and professional growth, a travel/study tour, or to develop an approved independent study project, or to present a paper to a professional organization. Due February 1, 2018 to [REDACTED]

All forms are available at alphaalphapa.com, click on the Awards/Application tab.

Finance Report

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa, Finance Chair

It is once again time to begin preparing the state budget for next year. To ensure that our budget meets the needs of the Pennsylvania State Organization, the finance committee is requesting that **all** State Committee Chairs and Officers submit budget

requests **by March 15, 2018.**

Please send your requests to [REDACTED]

If you do not send your request, the Finance Committee will assume that your committee is

satisfied with your present level of funding.

I also want to remind First Vice Presidents that I will be sending out a Survey Monkey evaluation asking for input on the performance of the State **Treasurer**, the

(see Finance page 10)

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION

Friday, June 15 –Sunday, June 17, 2018

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:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing Chapter President | <input type="checkbox"/> First Timer to Convention* (Complimentary Saturday breakfast) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incoming Chapter President | <input type="checkbox"/> Member since 1978 or earlier: Year initiated _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Chorus participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat. p.m. Workshop Presenter** (Complimentary Sat. luncheon) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member or Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer and/or State Committee member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate degree in 2017-18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Focus Table—Saturday only (include \$30 with registration) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in Friday golf outing | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in Friday wine tasting (include \$5 nonrefundable with registration) |

Registration (non-refundable, postmarked on or before May 15, 2018.) Late registrations between May 16-May 31.

No reservations or cancellations may be made after May 31, 2018. Tickets will be collected for all meal functions.

Checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma. (If you must cancel, please call _____)

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|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Weekend | \$35.00 | \$ _____ |
| OR One Day: Friday, June 15 | 10.00 | |
| Saturday, June 16 | 20.00 | |
| Sunday, June 17 | 10.00 | |

Late Registrations (Postmarked between May 16-May 31)..... Double above _____

MEALS: Saturday, June 16, 2018

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

Please select _____ Pork Loin or _____ Roasted Cod (white fish) for Banquet

Sunday, June 17, 2018

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| Breakfast Buffet..... | 25.00 | _____ |
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Menus are posted on our website. For special dietary needs, mark below:

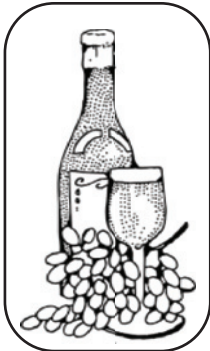
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten-free diet | <input type="checkbox"/> Lactose intolerant | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan | TOTAL \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | Allergy to _____ | | |

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON (Please check one)

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DKGNext, DKGFuture | <input type="checkbox"/> "All that Glitters" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Essential Hidden Tips and Tricks for iOS 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> The Story of Possibilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Student Teachers and New Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Markerspace and STEM— |
| | What is all the fuss? |

Pre-Convention Excursions

Interested in a glass of Wine???



If you like wine, we've got a great opportunity for you! We have arranged a Pre-Convention

activity that will allow you to visit a local Penn State vineyard. Join Kay Stuart, DKG's own wine expert, at the Happy Valley Winery between 3:00 to 5:00

PM on Friday, June 15th. You will have the opportunity to sample several of red, white, and blush wines made right there in State College. If you would like a snack with your wine you may purchase cheese and cracker plates at the winery. And, if you fall in love with one or two of these new wines, you may purchase bottles to take home for your own wine cellar.

On the Convention Reservation Form (see page 7) to sign up for and pre-pay the \$5 fee for this event. You will travel

to the Winery in your own vehicles. Directions to the winery will be available at the DKG Registration tables. (DO NOT try to use your GPS to find your way. It will take you to an open field, not a winery!! Been there done that!)

Make your plans now to kick off a wonderful DKG weekend in State College, sitting on the patio of the Winery, overlooking the vineyard, and sipping a delightful glass of new wine.

Cheers!

ALPHA ALPHA CONVENTION



GOLF OUTING!

Looking for something to do before or after you arrive at the Alpha Alpha 2018 State Con-

vention? How about signing up for a 9 hole round of golf with your DKG Sisters?

We're looking into tee times starting at 8:00 - 9:00 AM at the Penn State Blue Course on Friday, June 15, 2018.

If you are interested in playing please send an email to Linda Nickerson at [REDACTED] I'm looking forward to seeing YOU at the course and convention.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! !

Board the Ship and sail on to another Convention adventure!!

If you love to sing and are planning on attending the 2018 Alpha Alpha State convention, please consider singing in the Choir!!!

Beta Theta will be hosting the Choral Retreat April 27- 28 at:
The 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.

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

Come and Get On Board The Ship!!!

Nancy L. Hills



Lodging Reservation Form

Alpha Alpha State Convention June 15-17, 2018

This form should be sent directly to Penn State Hospitality Services.
For phone reservations, be sure to mention our DKG Society ID: #DELF18A

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:	\$136.00 per night
	Double:	\$136.00 per night
	Triple:	\$136.00 per night
	Quad:	\$136.00 per night

Rooms must be occupied by persons making the reservation under DKG Society ID #DELF18A. Notify hotel if there is a substitute person taking that room.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2018 – There are a limited number of rooms in our block, so please reserve early. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Book Passage on the USS Simplify and Cruise with Your DKG LeaderSHIP Team!

The 2018 Leadership and Professional Development Seminar will be held April 13-14, 2018 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College, PA.

The Cruise Directors are the members of the Leadership Development Committee: Royce Boyd, Marcia Erickson, Carolyn Sutton, chair Dr. Lyn Schmid and ex office member President Barbara Gasperini. The theme of the conference is Simplify DKG. This conference provides extensive training of the 2018-20 Chapter Presidents and also exciting professional development workshops for all members and guests.

The training for incoming chapter presidents will commence at 7 PM on Friday, April 13th. All members and their guests are encouraged to register for the Professional Development Conference that begins with registration from 8 to 8:45 AM on Saturday, April 14th and will provide a full day of workshops and a keynote speaker. All sessions will conclude at 3:30 PM on Saturday. A block of rooms have been set aside for those needing overnight accommodations at the rate of

\$109 for a standard double room/or king room. (Registration form is on page 11)

The registration fee of \$75 includes entrance to all sessions and the luncheon featuring our Keynote Speaker, Diane Phillips from Montreal, Quebec.

Diane Carroll Phillips is currently an Educational Consultant with the Lester B. Pearson School Board in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She holds a Bachelor of Education degree from McGill University and is a Canadian Hilroy Award winner. She has extensive experience in professional development and in the supervision of diverse learning groups. As a staff developer and in her consulting work, Ms. Phillips is a whole school change agent leading merged schools through their "Focal Points of Change and Collaboration." Ms. Phillips also works with teachers to implement her Envisions Education Program.



This innovative program provides support to teachers who are struggling with helping students to "own" their learning.

She has a passion for Storytelling and is a founding member of the Montreal Storytellers' Guild. Through her career and her work as a DKG Quebec member, she enjoys being a mentor to teachers. Her appearance at the Seminar is made possible by the International Speaker Fund and the DKG International. Ms. Phillips will also present a workshop entitled, "Guided Imagery for Your Mindfulness Journey."

If you are an incoming chapter president, gather your leadership team and other members NOW and plan to set sail with DKG aboard the USS Simplify to gather information and ideas as well as inspiration and support for you to lead your chapter for the next biennium. It is important to note that this Leadership Seminar offers personal and professional development for ALL members. Don't miss this chance to network with key women educators from Pennsylvania!

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Keystone Editor, and the **Web Master**. This survey will be used to determine their stipends for the year. Please fill it out and return as requested. Using the electronic survey reduces mailing costs and saves time as well.

Finance Chairs should be aware of the guidelines for chapter record keeping. The guidelines are listed in your Guideline Booklet. If your Finance Chair does not have a

copy, it can be requested from the International Society website. Be aware that chapter bank statements, all receipts, and budget reports should be maintained for four years. Copies of Membership Form 18 should be maintained for seven years. Thanks to all chapter Finance Chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in Keeping the chapter records and for sending forms and information to the State Treasurer and the State Finance Chair in a timely manner.



Simplify DKG

**DKG PA State Organization
Leadership & Professional
Development Seminar
April 13-14, 2018
The Penn Stater Hotel
State College, PA**

Registration Form

Name: _____ Chapter: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Primary Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

**Leadership Training for Incoming Presidents Schedule:
April 13, 6:00 PM - April 14, 3:30 PM.**

Please check:

- ☐ I am an incoming Chapter President attending the Leadership Training.
(Friday night and Saturday, no Registration fee, plus ½ double room rate for Friday eve.)
☐ I am a Chapter Co-President attending the Leadership Training.
(Registration fee of \$115, no room allowance.)

Professional Development Seminar Schedule – April 14, 2018:

Breakout Sessions: 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Lunch Noon – 12:50 PM (included)

Keynote Speaker 12:50 – 1:50 PM

Breakout Sessions: 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Please check:

- ☐ I am a member or guest attending the Professional Development Seminar on Saturday.
(Day Registration fee of \$75)

Dietary restrictions: _____ vegetarian _____ diabetic _____ other _____

Registration Form deadline for Training and Seminar is March 9, 2018

Checks should be made payable to: **Delta Kappa Gamma**

Mail completed form and check to:



Room reservations for Friday, April 13, 2018 may be made by calling the Penn Stater Hotel at 800-233-7505. Give the block code **DKGM18A** to receive the group rate of \$109 for a Queen Double Standard room. Rate is guaranteed until **March 14, 2018**.

If you need a roommate, check here _____.

In Memoriam

Dr. Mary Ann Zeiders

Beta Omicron
June 25, 2017

Dr. Mary Ann Zeiders of Beta Omicron passed away June 25, 2017. Mary Ann contributed to her chapter through her continued support and assistance of educational and community projects. Dr. Zeiders taught Biology at Camden High School in the 1950's, was Dean of Women at Glassboro State Teachers College (now Rowan University) and Guidance Counselor at Lionville Junior High School (now Downingtown East High School). She also was a Supporter of PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) - an international women's philanthropic educational society that supports and funds women in education.

Debbie Roberts

Beta Alpha
September 15, 2017

Beta Alpha Chapter lost a member on September 15, 2017. Debbie was initiated in 2003. She was an active behind the scenes person in the chapter who helped with all chapter projects. She could be counted on for her very generous contributions.

Debbie had a great impact on her students as a Family and Consumer Science teacher. Her fellow faculty members also talked about all of the behind the scenes things she did to make their school run more smoothly.

Ellen Arbuckle

Upsilon
October 4, 2017
Ellen Arbuckle of Upsilon

Chapter passed away October 4, 2017. She was initiated in April of 1969 making her a member for over 48 years. Ms. Arbuckle taught for 38 years in the Norwin School District, which is just outside of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Margaret Stone

Beta Rho
December 1, 2017

On December 1st, Beta Rho lost a member in Dr. Margaret Stone. Dr. Stone was initiated in 1971. During her more than 40 year membership she served her Chapter in many capacities on a variety of committees. Margaret was employed by the University of Akron in the Music Department.

Betty Mang

Phi Chapter
December 4, 2017

Phi Chapter and the Honesdale area lost a DKG member on December 4, 2017 with the passing of Betty Mang. Mrs. Mang was initiated into Phi Chapter in March of 2013. She was a regular attendee to Chapter meetings where she was a very interested member. Betty's daughter, Mary Lisa Gilson is also a member of Phi Chapter. During her teaching career, Betty designed and implemented the math lab for the Wallenpack School District.

Ruth Gamble

Pi
December 27, 2017

Ruth Gamble of Pi chapter passed away on December 27, 2017. Mrs. Gamble was a very active member for 54 years. She

held numerous leadership roles within Pi Chapter. During her years as a member, Ruth guided many Pi members. Every September the All Saints Episcopal Church and Ruth provide lunch for Pi Chapter members.

Her teaching career began in Thompson, PA. Ruth also taught home economics at Genesee High School and Northern Potter High School. She attended Mansfield State College where she met her husband.

Helen R. Ferguson (Fergie)

Alpha Sigma
January 25, 2018

Helen R. Ferguson, Fergie, was initiated into Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1972. She led our chapter as president in 1978-1980. She attended Fall Area Conferences, Pennsylvania State Conventions, and went to Indianapolis for the International Convention.

Fergie was a 5th grade teacher in Butler, PA. She retired in 1975 having taught for 35 years. One of her favorite units included lessons she created about wild birds. Outside DKG she was president of the Bartramian Audubon Society of Slippery Rock, member of the Butler Business and Professional Women's Club, Friends of the Library, and Meals on Wheels. She was an avid pencil collector and enjoyed knitting, often donating hats to the local Children and Youth Services.



2018 Convention Hints

Join our crew whether it is your first time at convention or you are returning on a voyage. Here is the information that will help you get the most out of your weekend.

Dress for the Convention weekend:

Friday - casual

Saturday - business/school clothes

Saturday Evening - your best dressy

Sunday - traveling clothes

~The **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.

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

~**Evaluations** are important. Before you leave on Sunday, please turn in your evaluations or go to the State Website and fill out an online an evaluation. Thank you in advance.

~President Barbara's signature drink will be a "**Fleet of Margaritas**," available all weekend.

Friday

~**Register** when you arrive at the NLI. You will receive a car tag to put in your vehicle to park for free in the adjacent garage.

~Bring your Sparkly "bling" **lanyard** from the previous convention.

~Check out our "**State Sale Store**" at the DKG Registration table for items from previous conventions at great prices.

~Everyone will receive a **tote bag** this year.

~Make sure you buy chances for the **raffles baskets** donated by chapters. Proceeds from the raffle

help defray the convention costs. There are appropriate times to put your tickets in the baskets when meetings are not going on. Make sure you see the schedule within the convention booklet.

~Bring **address labels** to place on your basket raffle tickets. It is so much easier than writing your name on every ticket. Remember winner need not be present.

~If you plan on dining at the NLI, make **reservations**. The Dining Room and Whiskers fills up quickly. If you do not make reservations prior to the convention, you will not get seated. Contact the hotel restaurants in advance. This hint applies to all establishments in the State College area.

~Attend the **Album of Distinction** as we recognize our members' accomplishments outside of DKG. Please join us at the reception following the Album of Distinction.

~The **Executive Board Meeting** is mandatory for Chapter Presidents, Presidents Elect, State Officers, and Past State Presidents. All members of the society are welcome to attend.

~The **Friday Night Fling** is so much fun and is open to all convention attendees. Come meet everyone.

Saturday

~All **First Timers** to the convention are invited to attend the Continental Breakfast. You will get the chance to meet members of the Membership Committee, State Officers and other First Timers. Be sure to sign up for the breakfast on your registration form..

~Attend the **First General Session** and hear our DKG Executive Director, **Nita Scott**, bring greetings from International. She is our Keynote Speaker.

~Attend **society workshops** in the morning and special workshops of interest in the afternoon.

~If you are a **workshop presenter** this year at the convention, please make sure to mark that on your registration. Your luncheon meal is complimentary.

~Celebrate with our Birthday Chapters at the **Celebration Luncheon**. Honor our members with 40 years or more years of DKG membership. Congratulate those members who have received their doctorate degrees, and those chapters who have received awards from the Communication Chair for their Website and Newsletters.

~**Saturday Banquet** is always a wonderful event...and this year will be filled with worthwhile moments. There will be a presentation of the **2018-2020 Chapter Presidents**. The **choir** will share their talents with all of us. We will hear our Guest Speaker, **Christine Mabon** speak on The Five Essential Friend-"ships" that Enrich Our Lives.

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 memorable ceremony.

~At the **Honors Breakfast** we will share the excitement of those receiving scholarships and enrichment grants

~**Safe travels home.**

New Initiates

Beta

Kallie Ruhf
Joanne Weidner
Connie Garland
Justine Reading

Gamma

Stacey Murphy

Upsilon

Karen Cole

Pi

Jeanine Bieser

Phi

Nancy Andrews
Edith Bender
Lori Hosking
Ellen McGuigan
Kathryn Palmer
Mary Schmalzle

Psi

Kristina Keith
Jennifer Tamberlin

Omicron

Natalie Smith
Helena Volansky

Alpha Delta

Maria Murphy
Sandy Seifert

Alpha Iota

Margaret Conn

Alpha Theta

Tiffany Dailey
Hope Davis
Kelly Hirshka
Kimberly Miller
Angela Wolfe

Alpha Kappa

Angela Beward
Jackie Heidenreich
Christine Holderman
Timbra Plesce
Angela Sieber
Kelli Strawser
Tonya Tabb
Michele Waters
Sarah Wieseman

Alpha Nu

Dawn Borusky
Deborah Macchia
Judith McTaggart
Alisa Myles
Renee VanDyke
Diana Winokur

Alpha Phi

Mary Havel

Beta Xi

Linda Andrews

Beta Gamma

Stacie Hiras
Jennifer Koller
Cora Shields
Julia Snyder

Beta Pi

Rebecca Barkley
Constance Mellody
Donna Newell
Catherine Rubbo
Pam Satterfield

Beta Rho

Gayle Cobb
Katherine Tuttle

Alpha Gamma

Betty Litke

(Friendship from page 1)

provide love, comfort and support in many ways. These friendships helped her heal, move forward, and create a new life. Food was an integral part of these relationships as friends brought meals to her home for weeks, invited her out for coffee, to their homes for meals or out to dinner. Whenever they got together, food was always present. Reflecting on their profound impact and the gifts they gave her: encouragement, knowledge, a dependable anchor to keep her steady and on course, wisdom, and fun. This led Christine to share the message of friendship. These gifts showed her where she needed to grow and develop. The idea to write *Comfort Food - One Woman's Journey to Understand the Meaning and Significance of Friendship*, sprang from the experience.

In addition to writing *Comfort Food*, Christine began sharing her journey by speaking with people in their homes, later moving to public venues,

including libraries, churches, women's groups, youth groups, retreats and professional organizations.

In August, 2015, Christine began publishing a monthly newsletter, *The Five Essential Friendships*. The newsletter has a different theme each month and is all about reaching out in friendship. Of course, food is included as well.

Through the experience, Christine, not only learned the importance of friendships and relationships, but also the importance of being a friend to herself. In 2016, she self-published *101 Ways to Nurture Yourself*, which identifies ways she found to be a better friend to herself and to love herself more. Meeting new people, sharing her journey, and listening to their personal stories of friendship has reinforced what she learned so many years ago - good friends renew, restore and revitalize the spirit.

Don't miss this inspiring presentation at this year's State Convention, June 15-17, 2018.

130 Proposed Amendments to Constitution/Standing Rules

Louann Shrader, Omega, Rules Chair

In preparation for future changes to our governing documents, the state rules committee, during this biennium and last biennium, sought to help chapters update their chapter standing rules.

This summer, at the International Convention in Austin, Texas, those in attendance will consider changes to our governing documents. With approximately 130 proposed amendments to our constitution and standing rules, the International will surely be an exciting convention resulting in many major changes to our Society. The proposed amendments being considered are on the International website and a printed version will be available with the March/April *DKG News*. Please take the opportunity to familiarize yourselves with the proposed changes. Proposals that speak to changes in membership, committee restructuring, financial changes, changes in communications, marketing, and changes in organization will be considered and discussed.

Whether you plan to attend the International or not we need your thoughts, your questions, and your input as we move ahead while safeguarding the continuation and inspiration of our founders.

Moving towards our centennial anniversary it is well to note that our Society, like education today, is no longer the vehicle that may have found its strength in past traditions and practices. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society today is one that is evolving and stretching to meet the global responsibilities, technological needs, and member interests of the future while being committed to the purposes that have made us special.

During our state convention there will be workshops and ample discussion opportunities that look at the proposed amendments and how they would affect our Society and our local chapters. Please try to attend and share your questions, opinions, and ideas.

The 2018 State Rosebud Recognition

NOMINATE one of your newer members.... but don't tell her.

Your nominee should —

- *Be active in your chapter;
- *Have three to five years of membership;
- *Demonstrate leadership skills;
- *Have begun to be involved in some way at the state level. (See Guidelines page for suggestions.)

For the Guidelines & Nomination Form

Go to alphaalphapa.com

Nomination deadline — March 15, 2018.

Questions?

OR

Important Dates to Remember

February 1, 2018	deadline to apply for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund
February 1, 2018	deadline to apply for the Cornet Individual Professional Development Award
March 1, 2018	deadline to apply for the Album of Distinction
March 15, 2018	deadline to apply for the Rosebud Recognition Award
March 18-21, 2018	National Legislative Seminar in Washington D.C.
April 6, 2018	CTAUN, UN, New York, NY
April 13, 14, 2018	Leadership and Professional Development Seminar, Penn State, State College, PA
June 15-17, 2018	Pennsylvania State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
July 16-20, 2018	International Convention, Austin, Texas
October 5-7, 2018	Purposeful Seminar, King of Prussia, PA
March 28-30, 2019	Creative Arts Retreat, Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA

2018 Convention Workshops

Have you ever read the words “Society Business Workshops” when looking at the convention schedule and wondered what that means? Hopefully this article will help. Since Chapter Officers change this year, the morning workshops will provide useful information about those offices with discussions by the corresponding State Officers. It is important to attend a workshop either for your new position or for one you would like to know more about. It is essential to have as many of the workshops covered by your chapter delegates. If there aren’t enough delegates to do that make sure someone at least visits the workshop to pick-up handouts to take back to your chapter. **All newly elected chapter officers should make every effort to attend this year’s convention to take advantage of these society workshops.**

Saturday Morning Society Workshops

~Incoming Presidents
~1st Vice Presidents/Educational Excellence Committee (EEC)
~2nd Vice Presidents/Membership
~Finance/Treasurer
~Parliamentarians/Rules/Nomination/Outgoing Presidents
~Scholarship/State Achievement Award
~Historical Records/Communications/Webmaster

Saturday PM Workshops

“The Story of Possibilities” Nita Scott

DKG International Guest

Workshop Category: Society Information

Explore possibilities for DKG through a discussion of the proposed amendments that will be presented at the 2018 International Convention. Hear the story behind the proposals. Let’s talk about how these and other changes could affect the Society, its future and its membership.

“Markerspace and STEM- What’s all the fuss?”

Sue Allen, Chi

Workshop Category: Education

Libraries are not just for books anymore! I will be sharing how we use Library Markerspaces in our district to engage students and promote creativity.

“10 Essential Hidden Tips and Tricks for iOS 11”

Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta

Workshop Category: Technology

If you’ve already updated to iOS 11, Apple’s new operating software for iPhones and iPads, you’ve probably noticed a handful of changes. Not all iOS 11’s new features are obvious ones. We’ll take a look some lesser-known tips and tricks that can help you get the most out of Apple’s recently released update.

“All that Glitters...”

Karen Ball, Psi

Workshop Category: Education

Karen Ball is an avid collector and researcher of Rhinestone Costume Jewelry for over thirty years. She will explain what makes Costume Jewelry from the 30’s, 40’s, and 50’s and even the 60’s so valuable today. View her vast collection of sparkling gems from yesteryear as learn about their history, their construction and how to properly care for, and yes, wear these treasures today! You will leave this session talking like a professional jeweler from the Antiques Roadshow! Art Nouveau? Art Deco? Torsade? Parure? Demi-Parure? Cabochon? Rivoli Stone?

“Mentoring Student Teachers and New Teachers-Encouraging Confidence, Communication, and Creativity”

Dede Rittman, Alpha XI

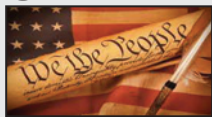
Workshop Category: Education

Are you mentoring a student teacher or new teacher? Help the new teacher by sharing some tips to boost confidence, communication, and creativity.



Editor’s Correction: On page 17 of the Winter 2017 Keystonean, Barbara Gasperini’s chapter was incorrect. Please note that she is a member of Alpha Upsilon.

Purposeful Seminar October 5, 6, 7 2018 King of Prussia/Philadelphia



Mark your calendars
and plan to attend!

Women of the American Revolution

~Tour Valley Forge National Park with our own guide and focus on the women's role
~Lunch at City Tavern in Philadelphia which is a reconstructed Colonial tavern like the original tavern with servers in period dress



~Museum of the American Revolution time to tour the exhibits and a workshop, Revolutionary Women:



Writing About War

~Time to explore in the Historic Area
~Presentation about Fraktur
~Meals & social time with DKG sisters
~Hyatt House Hotel located across the street from the King of Prussia Mall

Registration forms will be available at
State Convention and
in the Summer *Keystonian*!

Chapter News

Beta Gamma

Beta Gamma inducted four new members into their chapter: Cora Shields, Julia Snyder, Jennifer Koller, and (missing from photo) Stacie Hiras.



Phi

Phi Chapter recently donated 30 plus shelter bags to the local Victim Intervention Program (VIP) for children who, with their mothers, must leave their homes and go into the VIP safe home at short notice. The bags, organized under the direction of Phi member, Joanne Tagle, each contain a variety of items such as towels, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, books, coloring books and crayons, blankets, stuffed animals and other personal items to comfort children as they must quickly move into a safe home. Members of Phi Chapter donated all of the goods which totalled approximately \$1000.

Shown left to right, Joanne Tagle, VIP Director, Kathy Decker, Michelle Minor Wolfe and Phi Chapter President, Dotty O'Neill.



Beta Rho



Jeanette Saulo, far left, was presented with Beta Rho Chapter's Achievement Award at the recent chapter meeting in New Milford. With Jeanette is Mary Ann Cunningham, committee chair and Janet Small serving with Mary Ann on the committee. Jeanette received the award, which is given each biennium, to honor her in recognition of her distinguished and outstanding service to the Beta Rho Chapter and for the many ways she promotes the purposes and policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

The Beta Rho Chapter "Fill a Bag for Kids" Project yielded forty bags filled with supplies and treats for children at the Women's Resource Centers in Montrose and Tunkhannock. This project was organized by the Personal Growth and Services committee because DKG focuses on projects for women, children and educators early in their careers. Pictured from left to right with some of the bags are Beta Rho Chapter members Kathleen Hinkley, Kathy Fuller, Jeanette Saulo, Pat Arnold, Lansdale Shaffmaster and chapter president Dr. Nancy Simon.



Sigma



Sigma Chapter held its December meeting at the Packer House in Sunbury. In right photo, President Carol Kruskie presents the Rose Bud award for distinguished service to Mary Anne Miller, Finance Chair. At left, First Vice President, Brittany Bunting-Specht, presents a certificate of appreciation to Christy Abrahamson, who presented a program on *Jewelry Shop for Mom*. Sigma members donated costume jewelry, which will be packaged and then selected by area Head Start children to present to their mothers in celebration of Mother's Day.



Chi

Chi Chapter met for an evening social event. We gathered at "Escape on Queen" in Lancaster to try to solve the mystery and retrieve the flag. Given only one hour in a locked room, we rallied! Great team work! Good thing we escaped....Kathy Kuzmiak's birthday was the next day!

Chi Chapter has worked for many years with DVS, Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County. They service individuals that are in need of emergency shelter and restoration. We create "pampering" bags for the women living at the shelter. The bags contain self-care items, small tokens, as well as some items created for the women.



Alpha Beta

Books for Babies

In the fall of 2014, Alpha Beta Chapter discovered a need among newborns and their parents for books at the local UPMC Bedford Hospital. At the December meeting, the projects committee asked members to donate new books with rhymes, animals, alphabet, numbers, and touch and feel. Chapter President Melissa Flynn jump-started the project by donating a book in honor of each of the chapter's 56 members.



In January 2015, the committee delivered 25 bags to the hospital containing published books as well as hand-sewn books. The decorated bags included pamphlets encouraging the family to read to and with their child and a bookplate and a bookmark from the chapter. As the project grew, several members began meeting to prepare cloth book panels to be sewn



into books. Additional materials were added to each bag to give parents information about developmental milestones. With an average of 25-30 babies born at the hospital each month, the chapter continued to donate books. The community also got involved. The faculties and staffs at three local schools held "dress down days" and donated the collected money to the "Books for Babies" Project.

On May 8, 2017, Linda Clapper, from the projects committee, met with several members of the Roaring Spring Girl Scout Troop 43009 to practice



sewing. The Girl Scouts worked along-side chapter members to prepare book

panels and to sew the books together.

As of November 1, 2017, Alpha Beta Chapter donated 725 bags with books to the newborns and parents in the area.



Editor's Note: When submitting Chapter News, please send separate jpeg photos. The quality of the photo is compromised when it is embedded within a word document. Thank you.

Meet the Crew

Alpha Sigma Aprons

Sisters, Sisters, Sisters

Gather round and don't miss out on Alpha Sigma's one of a kind DKG rose aprons!

We have ones with DKG and rose embroidered on them, or, ones with just the rose. With 3 pockets in front, the aprons are



great for cooking, crafting, gardening, and so much more.

At \$20.00 apiece, they make great gifts too.

Aprons will be available at State Convention or, for an additional shipping fee, can be mailed directly to you.

Contact Debbie McMillin at 724-656-0402, text - 724-944-6959, or email honeyxpress2@hotmail.com

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State President's Schedule 2018-2019

March 17 or 24, 2018	Scholarship Meeting
April 6, 2018	Eta, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta Chapter Visitation
April 7, 2018	Beta Kappa, Omega Chapter Visitation
April 13, 14, 2018	Leadership and Professional Development Seminar, State College, PA
April 21, 2018	Kappa, Beta Theta Chapter Visitation
April 27-28, 2018	Finance Meeting
May 5, 2018	Alpha Iota, Alpha Omega, Gamma, Chapter Visitation
May 12, 2018	Iota, Beta Epsilon, Beta Xi Chapter Visitation
May 17, 2018	Alpha Beta Chapter Visitation
May 19, 2018	Alpha Phi Installation of Chapter Officers and Visitation
June 15-17, 2018	Pennsylvania State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
June 17, 2018	Administrative Board Meeting, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
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April 6, 2019	Beta Alpha Chapter Visitation
April 27, 2019	Xi, Nu Chapter Visitation