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Susan Stamm 2019 Pennsylvania State Achievement Award

Carol Hartley, Chi

Susan A. Stamm, Past Alpha Alpha State (Pennsylvania State Organization) President, was honored at our 2019 State Convention as the **26th State**



Achievement Award Recipient. The award, first presented to Anna Belle Hamilton in 1979, *is given in odd-numbered years to a member who has given distinguished and outstanding service to Pennsylvania State Organization and has promoted the purposes and policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.*

A member of Lambda Chapter since 1987 and very active at all levels of our Society, Susan exemplifies a dedicated DKG member.

Her chapter has benefited from her extensive involvement when she was a newer member of DKG: Chapter Finance Committee Chair, Secretary, 1st Vice-president, Parliamentarian, and Chapter President (twice). Since the completion of her biennium as State President (2009-2011), she has returned to chapter-level responsibilities as Lambda's treasurer and served a recent biennium as chapter co-president. She has also reached out to mentor a new officer in a neighboring chapter (in her spare time?).

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As One Biennium Closes, Another Begins



Barbara Gasperini, 2017-2019, passes the "gavel" to our new PA State Organization President, Eileen Little, 2019-2021.

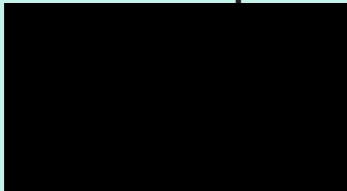
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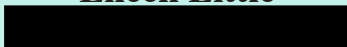
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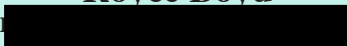
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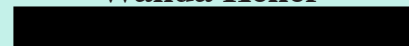


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Bon Voyage

Barbara Gasperini
Alpha Upsilon
2017-2019 PA State President



As I disembark as your State President may I say it has truly been an honor. The time has sailed by very quickly.

The visitations to so many chapters have been an experience I will always remember. I have met many outstanding women and have observed wonderful projects and programs. I am looking to board another ship in my continuing voyage with DKG. Delta Kappa Gamma is a life-long commitment, a never-ending Circle of Membership. Never forget to embark on a new ship each year. Leadership, Scholarship, Mentorship, Friendship, and Fellowship, or many other "ships" can be boarded by you. I leave with big expectations and will treasure all the beautiful memories.

The State Project, The Girl Scouts of America, was supported by many chapters as the girls earned the "DKG Patch." These outstanding girls, are the future leaders in DKG because "G.I.R.L" stands for **G**o-getters, **I**nnovators, **R**isk-takers and **L**eaders.

How exciting that Pennsylvania was chosen last year to host the International Convention in Philadelphia next June 7-11, 2020. Please mark your calendars for a wonderful journey.

It is time to strengthen our membership. Remember why you joined. Take that initial passion and find **one** other person this year to bring into our membership. Our future is in your hands.

I have had the distinct honor to learn and lead alongside some fabulous women educators. I have met women who have inspired me to lead from the heart and the mind and I am very grateful for the opportunities DKG has provided me.

I want to thank all the Officers, Chairs and Committee Members who have made these two years run so smoothly. I want to also thank the Chapter Presidents for their continued support. I have learned that their passion for DKG has made their chapters stronger.

As I continue my DKG voyage serving as Immediate Past State President and State Nominations Chair, I want to say if you need my help in any way, please do not hesitate to ask me. As you embark on your next voyage in DKG, please remember, **you cannot direct the wind, but you can adjust the sails.**

Thank you for the confidence you had in me to represent you as Pennsylvania's State Organization President. I will never forget your trust.

Bon Voyage,
Barbara



EEC's Last Port of Call State Convention 2019

Eileen Little, Chi

PA State First Vice President/EEC Coordinator



What a busy convention we had as we made our final stop in State College! It was fun catching up with friends, learning new things in our workshops and hearing the latest news about Regionals this summer and updates from International.

Friday night Professional Affairs Chair, Haddie Weber, led the EEC committee in the Album of Distinction ceremony. Nineteen women were honored during the Album of Distinction ceremony! What a team these ladies are as they used our new rubric to score the nominee, create the bios to share at the ceremony as well as the program and the PowerPoint. We tried something new with sharing the PowerPoint Saturday morning prior to President Barbara opening the meeting for the day. Haddie Weber and Sandy Klingensmith created a booklet, Album of Distinction, The History: 2000- 2019. Each chapter president was given a

copy of the booklet at the State Executive Board Meeting. If no one from your chapter was present, a copy will be mailed to your chapter president.

Friday Night Fling was full of fun and fellowship as we enjoyed games of trivia, bingo, ladder ball and corn hole. We created memories with the photo booth, learned new skills with Greta Marie Taft and creative veggies, and Marj Paradise with relaxation techniques.

The Saturday Birthday Lunch celebrated five chapter's birthdays: Beta Sigma 15 years; Beta Rho 35 years; Beta Xi 45 years; Beta Kappa 55 years; and Alpha Zeta 65 years! We also celebrated members having 40+ years in DKG, and, one of our sisters, Kathryn Royal, who earned her Doctorate Degree!

Greta Marie Taft organized the workshops for morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday. Nancy Hills, Visual & Performing Arts Chair, and the PA State Chorus entertained us

with songs at the Saturday Night Banquet and the Celebration of Life on Sunday morning.

In the atrium were informational trifolds: 1) Projects was sharing what chapters have done with President Barbara's Girl Scout project and had a notebook as well. 2) US Forum's trifold had news and information. 3) Our trifold about the Purposeful Seminar in Philadelphia in October had a scrapbook with photos.

I have loved working and collaborating with the EEC committee these past two years! My thanks and appreciation to these ladies for all their hard work! EEC Committee: U.S. Forum Chair – Sue Fritz; Visual & Performing Arts Chair – Nancy Hills; Projects Chair – Marj Paradise; Professional Affairs Chair – Haddie Weber; and Sandi Klingensmith, Amy Miehle, Patti Rial, Jeannette Kopcinski-Saulo, Greta Marie Taft and Pat Walker.

Dear PA State Choir Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of the DKG sisters who gave of their time in sharing their talents at the 2019 convention by singing in the Pennsylvania State Choir! It has been my sincere pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with each of you. You are an amazing and very special group of ladies! You did an exceptional job, not only for the banquet, but also the Celebration of Life.

To Donna Houser, Haddie Webber, accom-

panist Debra Britton: Thank you as well, as each of you added so much to our programs.

Keep watching for further information about our Choral Retreats in the spring. This information will be on the website and in our *Keystonian*.

Participating in the choral retreat provides the opportunity to learn our music, and is a time for fellowship and getting to know each other better. Thank you very much for a job well done!



In the Spirit of Music,
Nancy Hills, Psi
Visual/Performing Arts Chair



Membership Counts!

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta
2nd Vice President/Membership Chair

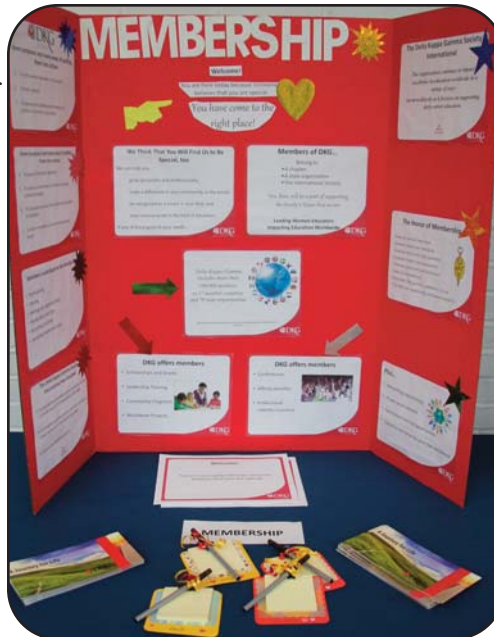


I recently returned from the DKG State Finance Committee meeting where the annual budget and spending plan was developed by the committee and officers. Most people do not enjoy this process or even the thought of developing a budget. It's tedious bean counting to them. I think of it as a puzzle, trying to make all the pieces fit to make one big picture.

Do you know what hit me on the way home? **MEMBERSHIP!!!** That's the big picture: Membership!! How did I miss that as membership chair? Let's look at the budget. We start with revenue (money brought into the organization). Our first line is membership – the numbers of active, reserved, and the new category collegiate member, times the amount of dues. Those totals provide us with a starting point to

further our mission and purposes.

The next group is the expenses (what we spend to maintain the organization's purposes).



Whether it is to honor distinctive service in any field of education (the Achievement Award or Rose-

bud Award)

or to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members, each line item can be tied to a purpose and committee function.

We shouldn't think of dues, budgets or spending plans as bean counting but as "member counting!" Membership drives the budget through not only the dues process but by the Mission of DKG.

DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Membership in DKG is one of best investments a woman in education can do for herself at any stage of life and career. Pass that along because membership does count!!



Attention Projects Shipmates

Congratulations Sisters!!! As we come back to dock and we reflect on President Barbara's biennium, we have much to celebrate!

~ So many great connections occurred as chapters supported Girls as they earned their **DKG Council Patch!**

~ **Young Career Educators** were supported along their new journey!

~ **Schools for Africa Project** was blessed as Chapters supported their efforts! Some chapters collaborated to provide even larger blessings!

Many examples were available for view at the **Projects Display Table at State Convention.**

Much was accomplished and we should be **PROUD!!!**

With sincere gratitude,
Marj Paradise, Chi
Projects Chair



Notes from the US Forum

Susan Fritz, Chi

U.S. Forum/Educational Legislation Chair



The 2019 Conference on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) was held at the United Nations in New York City on April 5, 2019. “Our Planet, Our Crisis, What’s Next?” focused on describing aspects of the environmental crisis facing our world and how to be part of the solution.

As always, this CTAUN provided a wealth of information from world renown speakers. Fabien Cousteau, President and Founder of the Fabian Cousteau Ocean Learning Center (and grandson of famed Jacques Cousteau), was a favorite of CTAUN attendees. He noted that the oceans are being used for garbage dumps, the average American uses eight single use plastic items each day, and fifty percent of fish have traces of plastic garbage. He advocated a three-pronged approach of *See* (increase public awareness of the problem), *Learn* (look for and implement solutions), and *Do* (complete restoration projects). With a nod to his audience of educators, he provided the following quote from Jacques Ives Cousteau: “People protect what they

love, they love what they understand, and they understand what they are taught.”

Dr. Franz Baumann prefers to center conversations around global heating rather than climate change. The science about what is happening with the environment is clear. “Nature



does not negotiate, and the clock is ticking. We had fifty to sixty years and we wasted forty years.” Organizations working on solutions to global warming include: *Scientists for the Future* and the *World Alliance of Scientists*. Using world-wide standards, anyone

earning \$23 per day is considered wealthy. When the United Nations was created, the disparity in wealth was *between* nations; now the disparity in wealth is *within* countries.

Information from other presenters was equally compelling. The three major threats to the world were noted to be global warming, nuclear weapons and war, and species extinction. There are 62 million displaced persons worldwide and climate change refugees will dramatically increase this number.

The final instruction for the attendees at the conference was ***Do Something!*** Each person has the option of making a difference by making a different behavioral choice. What is your “something different?” Educating others about the impact of global warming? Using fewer plastics? Adopting a more plant-based diet? Re-thinking the type of vehicle you will drive? Forgoing disposable cups?

**Whatever it is, do something!
It will make a difference.**

New Initiates

Beta Beta

Judith Bergdoll
Robin Detweiler
Tammy Grove
Trinda Gulley

Alpha Omicron

Nancy Blaskewicz
Barbara Borts
Bonnie Fodor
Barbara Geary
Julie Gettings

Alpha Theta

Carolyn Smith
Kayla Wolfe



Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Award 2019

Tracey R. Dusch, Psi, Past State President, 2015-2017

The fifth recipient of the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Award is **Andrea Rutledge of Chi Chapter**. Andrea is a special education teacher in the Lampeter-Strasburg School District. Andrea will use the \$500 award to purchase books that feature differently-abled characters. These picture books and chapter books will open the minds and souls of the reader to either identify with or provide new perspective that neurodiversity is recognized and respected.

Andrea was unable to attend State Convention due to a family commitment, so Chi Chapter President **Dr. Linda Young** accepted the award on Andrea's behalf. Andrea wrote in her acceptance letter: "The Nancy Grove Visionary Fund will afford me the opportunity to outfit my classroom library with children's literature that features characters with disabilities. As a special education teacher my students need books that are more inclusive of neurologically diverse characters so that they can see themselves in books. My plan is to provide my elementary school with a text set specifically curated for students with disabilities, but also available to any student or teacher that may be drawn to neurologically diverse characters. I am running a summer book club at my elementary school and I am

eager to share these books with students. I can't wait to capture their reactions! I truly appreciate your support through the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund so that I can better serve my students and school community. **Thank you, DKG Sisters!"**

Before Andrea was announced as this year's recipient, those in attendance at the Celebration Luncheon were privileged to see a PowerPoint presentation by **Gail Franko**, the 2018 Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Award recipient. Gail shared slides of her students utilizing the Chrome-books that were purchased using the funds Gail received as last year's recipient. It was a wonderful way for our members to see how this award has helped to enhance the educational lives of students in the recipient's school.

The Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Award is given annually and is administered by the Past State Presidents of the Pennsylvania State Organization. This grant is given to fund innovative ideas and activities related to Excellence in Education within the educational community. Application forms are due by February 1, 2020 and can be accessed from the state website.



From The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

Andrea Rutledge of Chi Chapter has received a **Cornet Individual Professional Development Award** in the amount of \$2,000.00. She plans to use her award to attend the International Literacy Association 2019 Annual Conference. We are pleased that she has received this assistance to enhance her professional expertise.

Congratulations Andrea.

Barbara Gasperini

Congratulations Staci Schettone

Your article, "*A Bright Marketing Strategy*," has been selected for inclusion in the 2019, Volume 85:4 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Hats off to Staci. Great Job!
Barbara Gasperini

Did You Know?

(10 Facts Your May Not Know About State Historical Records)

Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta, Historical Records Chair

- *Our PA state records are housed in the archives at the Paterno Library at Penn State.
- *State Officers and the Chair of Historical Records have access to these files upon request.
- *Past scrapbooks, *Keystonians*, Convention Minutes, and Past Presidents' portraits are housed at Paterno Library.
- *White gloves must be worn to handle all materials in the archive.
- *You may scan items in the archives or use your phone to photograph the materials.
- *Archivists must be present when you are in the archive room looking at DKG materials.
- *Specific information from our materials may be requested via our index of materials.
- *An appointment must always be made prior to visiting the Paterno Library archives.
- *Materials must always be requested online prior to a visit to the archives.
- *Information from local chapters **is not** housed at the Paterno Library archives.

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At the State level, Susan has chaired numerous state committees — most recently, the Strategic Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee (2011 to 2015) and the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Committee from 2017 to 2018. From 1997 through her biennium as State President (2009-2011), she served in every state officer position, welcoming opportunities to learn new leadership skills and then share them with others through example and as mentor. As if that wasn't enough to keep her successfully busy, Susan found time to attend state Leadership Development Seminars, Fall Area Conferences, Arts Retreats and all but 2 State Conventions, often presenting programs or workshops. For many years she has loved singing in the State Chorus, and still does....

Not to be left out of activities and responsibilities at the International level, she has attended eight Regional Conferences (NERC), and 13 International Conventions, only missing one since 1990. Susan has been a convention workshop presider/recorder and chorus member at both NERC and International Conventions. As State Nominations Chairman, she 'shepherded' the nomination for Dr. Lyn Schmid for international offices.

Susan was an educator in the Grove City, PA, schools for 25 years as an elementary classroom teacher, Title I Administrator, and a Gifted Coordinator. She received her education for teaching from Grove City College (B.A.) and her Master of Education degree from Slippery Rock University.

Quietly, but with reason, wisdom and grace,

Susan has brought faith, commitment and passion to all that she does, including being very active in her church and community. With her DKG presidential theme for her biennium, ***Start from the Heart; Rekindle the Passion***, she urged members to look within themselves to remember the commitment and excitement of their initiation into the Society and to keep that passion burning in their hearts. Letters of support for her nomination for the State Achievement Award speak strongly of her leadership abilities, her calm presence and her ability to encourage other members to accept responsibilities which would develop their skills as leaders, offering the guidance of her mentorship. A true friend, loving family member and a dedicated Delta Kappa Gamma member, Susan joins a long list of *women of leadership* who have given distinguished and outstanding service to DKG.

CONGRATULATIONS, Susan Stamm, 2019 State Achievement Award Recipient!



Committee Chair Carol Hartley; Committee Members: Carol Goodman, (Sue), Candace Claar, and Karen Ball (missing Dr. Bettie Bertram)

Convention 2019 Highlights

42 Exquisite Raffle Baskets



35+ Year Members



40+ Year Members



Unique Center Pieces



Bon Voyage, Captain Barbara
(...the ship has sailed)



50+ Year Members



Gourmet Food: Braised Steak or Crab Cakes



Pre-Convention Field Trip



General Session Roses

Installation
2019-2021
State Officers
Barbara Gasperini,
Outgoing President



Eileen Little, President; Royce Boyd, 1st Vice President; Dr. Marj Paradise, 2nd Vice President; Kristine Reynolds, Recording Secretary; Marcia Erickson, Corresponding Secretary; Greta Taft, Parliamentarian



2019 Convention ‘First Timers’ Sound Off

As a first timer at the Pennsylvania State Convention, I tried to keep a running list of descriptive words to explain my experiences. I have accompanying examples for each but for the sake of brevity, I will give you my lists. Sisters were: **Welcoming; Friendly; Inclusive; Talented; Selfless.** Meetings were: **Formal but not stuffy; Informative; Inspirational; Respectful.** I was especially touched by the gathering to honor departed sisters. What a **meaningful, creative** way to acknowledge their lives.

Thanks for the Opportunities,
Janys Kercher, Eta

All I can say is...**WOW!** From the moment I arrived I felt like a VIP. The DKG State Convention was an experience I won't soon forget. The newcomer's breakfast was welcoming and special. I was able to make new friends and meet the executive board. I was grateful that the board took the time to meet me (a first timer) despite their busy schedules. Receiving the gold cords for my dissertation was an honor that ranks at the top of my professional career. As I explained my research to the audience, the **support, acceptance, and love** that I felt from the sisters, *my sisters*, was overwhelming. Finally, having the **honor** of escorting officers and past presidents at the awards dinner was truly **humbling** and I was **thrilled** to be part of such an impressive group of women. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my first experience at the DKG state convention truly **unforgettable.** With warmest regards,

Kathryn Royal, Alpha Nu

We sang "Make new friends, but keep the old..." during the first general session. I truly felt I was **making new friends** even in the one day I spent at convention! Each and every woman I sat next to during workshops, breakfast or lunch, or spoke to at a focus or sales table was so **warm, welcoming, and interesting.** Thanks, DKG! It was great and I will be back!
Kathy Long, Alpha Epsilon

The conference was very **informative** and it was **amazing** to meet and talk with other DKG members. The sessions were really **great**, in fact we are going to see if Becky (Johnen) will come and speak at one of our meetings. Thanks for such a **great experience.**

**Denise Williams,
Alpha Gamma**

I have come home **energized** by my participation in the 2019 Pennsylvania DKG State Convention. All the members I met were **warm, friendly, enthusiastic, and eager** to meet DKG members from other areas of the state. The Convention Program was designed in a way that gave me the **opportunity** to use the left and right side of my brain as well all my senses! This event will no doubt be a **highlight of my summer** and I am filled with gratitude.

**Sister Carmeli
Proano, Omega**



As a first time attendee at the convention, from the moment I arrived, I just kept thinking, "**There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met.**" (Yates) As I watched, I saw old friends **hugging.** I heard the **excited chatter** as longtime attendees met and greeted those of us who are newer to this yearly event. **Learning, Listening, Laughter, and Love** are the elements I took with me as I returned to my home.

Thanks, DKG sisters! You are a **precious gift** in my life.
**Molly Kinney,
Alpha Kappa**
PS - "LOL"...as the incoming chapter president, do I really have a choice? But if I did, I'd come anyway!

First off, **EVERYONE** was so **friendly** and **helpful.** I was especially made to **feel a part of the weekend** when I was asked to introduce one of the workshop leaders AND escort two ladies for the banquet on Saturday evening. I thought the workshops were extremely **helpful.** I attended the workshop on the new dues portal since I just recently became the treasurer of Alpha Sigma Chapter. I learned a great deal to help me out in that workshop. I also attended the workshop on 'making food thy medicine.' The presenter for that was **phenomenal!** The accommodations at the Nittany Lion Inn were **wonderful.** I also thought the meals were **excellent.** My sisters at Alpha Sigma kept telling me how much **fun** I would have at the state convention. While I did have a **good time,** I will admit it was not really "fun." I can say I did not attend the evening activities on Friday night, and maybe that was something that would have made it more "fun." Overall, it was a **good experience** and I will probably attend again next year. Have a great summer!

Betsy Wolford, Alpha Sigma

I had no idea what to expect at my first DKG state convention. What I found was a **whirlwind of activity!** I met so many sisters from around the state, learned much more about our society, and am **invigorated** to begin working on my ancestry again after attending a **fantastic** session! I am **grateful** that I was able to be so **involved** as a first timer at the convention. I am looking forward already to next year's convention!!

**Sue Allen, Chi
PA State Webmaster**



19 Album of Distinction Recipients

by Hattie Weber, Alpha Phi, Professional Affairs Chair

The Album of Distinction has been an award since 2000. In this time frame of twenty years, 466 Sisters have been awarded this honor. In the year 2009, forty sisters were honored, the most for one year alone. In the year 2005, fourteen Sisters were honored. Fifty-six chapters have had a least one Sister honored. Alpha Zeta has had the most Sisters honored with twenty-seven.



16 Sisters at convention receive their award.

Congratulations to the Nineteen 2019 Album of Distinction Recipients!

Marilyn Ayers, Alpha Zeta "Volunteer of the Year" Award Mercer County PASR

Loretta R. Baran, Alpha Iota "Ageless Remarkable Erieite Award"

Nancy Fondrk, Upsilon "John Dillion Service Award" Alle-Kiski Chapter PASR

Sharon Herzog, Phi "Paul Harris Fellow" International Foundation of Rotary

June D. Horton, Phi Special Mission Recognition Pin and Certificate for the Paupack United Methodist Church

Bonnie Kuzey, Phi "Best in Show" Quilting, Tioga County Fair

Stephanie Kaye, Xi "Lions Appreciation Award" for Co-Chairmanship for the Peace Poster Contest

Joyce Kerrick, Alpha Zeta "Anne VanNess Business Person of the Year" Award

Carol Lane, Aloha Zeta Inducted into the Troy Area School District "Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame." She is considered a pioneer for women's Sports activities in Troy.

Kristen Klingensmith, Upsilon "Session Co-Presenter" at the Annual Council of Supervisor of Mathematics (NCSM)

Joan M. Koslosky, Xi Awarded the "President's Volunteer Service Award" with 4000 hours from Points of Live

Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta Honored by the York Rotary Club as the "Hardest Working Non-Member of the Club"

Susan Martin, Eta Recognized by Albright Care Services for three years of service as the "Resident Representative" on the Albright Care Services Board

Dr. Karen Louise Matis, Alpha Sigma Nominee for the Westminster College's "Accomplished Alumna Award"

Amy Miehl, Gamma "THANKS Badge Award" presented by the Girl's Scouts of Western Pennsylvania

Patricia L. Walter, Nu "Cornwall Manor Founders Day Award"

Haddie Weber, Alpha Phi "The Gold Seal Award" from the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Danielle Williams, Sigma "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" by Sunbury Broadcasting

Linda Wood, Nu Lebanon County Educational Honor Society "Educator of the Year"



SIX ENRICHMENT GRANT AWARDEES WILL SET SAIL TOWARD 2019 OPPORTUNITIES

Lois Brown, Chi, PA State Scholarship Chair

The PA State Organization Scholarship Committee received six applications for travel opportunities this year. All six applicants were awarded an Enrichment Grant to fulfill research and photo travels. Grants have been awarded on June 16, 2019 at the 82nd State Convention in State College PA. These outstanding PA State women educators are pursuing additional training and education in their selected areas.

Kathleen Simmons, Alpha Nu Chapter, will travel to the Greek Isles and Ephesus, Turkey. As a life-long learner, she plans to make this trip into a travel presentation for her chapter and others.

Mary K. Davis, Alpha Sigma Chapter, will travel through the Rhine River Valley to visit the European areas of her ancestors. She is working to complete her family tree and will be able to add photos to her research.

Faith Jack, Alpha Xi Chapter, is digging into her Irish roots by taking two college courses in Irish research. She hopes to solve the parentage of her fourth great grandmother, Eunice Doty Boney, who might be a descendant of Mayflower passenger Edward Doty.

Deborah Kern, Nu Chapter, will be traveling to national parks in North & South Dakota, Montana,



Wyoming, and Canada, with her family. Deborah gives the gift of travel to each of her grandchildren when they come of age. She wants them to experience the vastness of the US and get a taste of the differences here in the US.

Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma Chapter, will be taking her knowledge of the Spanish language to San Antonio, Texas, where she will study the rich Spanish and Mexican history, culture and food. She plans to visit the Alamo, River Walk, the Cathedral, the Spanish Governor's Palace, the Aztec Theater, and the Missions. Karen will share this experience with her students.

Karen Matis, Alpha Sigma Chapter, plans to study ancient history in Egypt and Jordan. Her travel will include the Sphinx and Valley Temple, Cairo, Aswan, the Golan Heights, Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, and a cruise on the Nile River. Karen plans to share her knowledge with the eighth graders in her school district.

Congratulations to these recipients for meeting Scholarship requirements, thereby enriching themselves with travel opportunities through Delta Kappa Gamma – Pennsylvania State Organization.

Thank you to the 2017-2019 Scholarship Committee: Barb Emmer, Betty Grossheim, Kathy Kelly, Monique Lautenschlager and Susan Martin.

Scholarship Thank You

Dear DKG Sisters,

As the **2018** recipient of the *Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship*, you afforded me the opportunity to press forward as a lifelong learner. With your encouragement and generous support, I was able to accomplish one of my professional goals; completing my Reading Specialist

Certification along with a second master's degree. I used this scholarship toward my out-of-pocket expenses for my final classes of Psychological and Social Factors in Reading and Writing, Methods of Teaching English Language Learners, and Literature and Response. I graduated from Millersville University with an M.Ed. in Language and Literacy and Reading Specialist Certification. My students have directly

benefited from my increased knowledge and skills. As a special education teacher and interventionist, I am so pleased to have dismissed several students from reading support this year and realized my new learning had enhanced my students' success. I truly appreciate your endowed scholarship and I look forward to pursuing future post-graduate studies. Thank you, DKG Sisters!

Andrea Rutledge, Chi

World Fellowship State Recipient Update

Dr. Mary Anne Battaglia, Alpha Phi

The selection of **Mehr Javed** (pronounced MehHair) as the

PA State World Fellowship Recipient was absolutely the best choice.

On May 18, 2019, Mehr marched in graduation ceremonies at Carnegie Mellon University earning her master's degree in Public Policy and Management. Her mother, father and younger brother were able to travel from Pakistan for this momentous occasion in Mehr's life. Following her graduation, the Javed family spent several days touring around the United States prior to returning home to Pakistan, visiting several major cities including Chicago, San Diego, and Los Angeles. Mehr returned to Pittsburgh to pack up her belongings in preparation for returning to her homeland on Sunday, June 9th, traveling through New York City. She resides with her family in Lahore, Pakistan. Mehr will be seeking a job and career in the development sector doing research, policy analysis or program evaluation. Ironically as Mehr returns home, her brother will soon be moving to London to further his studies.

Mehr carries back to her home many, many fond memories of living in Pittsburgh. She discovered

her love of Mexican food here. She enjoyed attending many concerts which our Pittsburgh continually offers. One thing she notes about Pittsburgh is the gestures of unexpected kindnesses she witnessed in the city such as the day a woman stopped to help her cross the street under her umbrella in the pouring rain. She saw a bus driver who stopped to speak to a homeless man on the curb to let him know when his bus would come. She was deeply moved and affected by all the ways that strangers accommodated others while going out of their way to do so. In her words, Mehr states, *"Living in the US has been a wonderful experience. I think I have really enjoyed the independence, and the limitless choices one has in doing what one wants to do."*

After reading the article in the **Keystonian** about Mehr, I decided to contact her to try to establish a date and time we could meet her. After several emails during her busy schedule of activities and

women educators from the early 20th century to the current era. We discussed the evolution of women in the workplace and the important fact that Mehr was able to come, live and be educated in the United States without having to be accompanied by a male relative. She said that both her parents are employed in professional careers in Pakistan which allotted her opportunities to learn and follow her dreams throughout the years.

Mehr Javed was absolutely the right choice for this opportunity. Her prerequisite for earning this award was that she was a Fulbright Scholarship winner. She is a mature, spirited, articulate, insightful, intelligent, charming, knowledgeable, and independent global citizen who is such an interesting person. She speaks three languages. She faces such an exciting future.

Haddie, Barbara and I had the pleasure of witnessing the emergence of a woman of the world in Mehr. We presented her with several "Pittsburgh" gifts to remind her of her visit. We are proud that she selected Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University to further her education. She carries back to Pakistan a piece of DKG and Pittsburgh. It is our hope that Mehr will return to Pittsburgh some day.

DKG PA has made a wonderful scholarship contribution to this outstanding young woman. Well-done, Sisters.



Barbara Gasperini, Haddie Weber, Mehr, Anne Battaglia

travels, we selected June 7th as the day to go to lunch in Pittsburgh. I was joined by Haddie Weber, Alpha Phi, and our State President, Barbara Gasperini. We had a most interesting conversation talking about local and global issues, such as the progress of



How I learned the “ART” of Giving to Myself!

Karen Ball, Psi

Women “give” of themselves to our families, our husbands, our students, our grandkids, our church groups, our girlfriends, our State and Local chapters of DKG our _____??? (*I know you can fill in the blank with a thousand different things!*) It seems that we GIVE to everyone and when it comes to the last person on the list... YOU. . .there is nothing left to give!

I changed that pattern and I am a better woman for doing so! How? It's very simple! Go to an **Arts Retreat**. The first time I attended an Arts Retreat I drove about 3-4 hours and during the entire trip in the back of my mind was a revolving litany of “things” I had to get finished when I returned home. After exhausting that stage I then moved to stage two...the blame game.... “What was I thinking? I was taking off for 2 days when I was in the middle of finishing school activities, grading tests, working on grades, supervising student council elections, working with the prom committees.... I needed my head examined!”

Then I threw myself into the weekend! I laughed so hard I was speechless and my stomach hurt! Over a period of 15 years I have had the opportunity to meet the most **AMAZING** women from all across the state! In fact I have gotten to know more people from across the state than I knew in my own chapter! I have tried new classes in everything from calligraphy, felting sheep, making planters out of shoes, silk scarf painting, paper beads, making bows, sewing quilted placemats, and making beaded bracelets. I

could list three entire pages of activities that I have had the chance to experience.

The most important thing is... **“YOU, the WOMEN of DKG are a GIFT that I give to myself over and over again!”** Not only that but, you are the perfect gift! A one size fits ALL! You lift me up and renew my spirit! The retreat fills me with energy and brings a perpetual smile to my face as well as a warm fuzzy to my heart!

I have made some wonderful friends through the Arts Retreat and you have made me a better woman for the joy of it all!

Many thanks to Greta , Grace, Linda, Pat, Doreen and Lisa! Your planning and execution was flawless as usual! A special welcome to all the “newbies” that attended! Welcome to our “Sisterhood of the Traveling Bag Ladies!”

Thank you to all the women that shared “stories” and “talents” and “patience with beginners” that just might be out of their comfort zone. Thanks for all the “table sharing and hysterical laughter that ensued at each meal!” Thank you to all of my new friends I made this special weekend.

“Friendships are the flowers of my heart!”

So take a chance ladies! You will not regret it! Give yourself the gift that keeps on giving! See you in 2021! I just don't know how I can last that long!

Arts Retreat Weekend Activities

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Silk Ribbon
Embroidery



Palm Weaving



Twining
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Goddess
Bracelets



Needle
Felted
Sheep
and
Casualties



Star Photo Scrapbook



Loom Knitted Hats

(...and much, much more....)

In Memoriam

Judith Castano Pi

September 30, 2018

Pi Chapter lost an eighteen-year member in Judith Castano on September 30, 2018. Judith was active on numerous committees. She attended several NERCs, Arts Retreats and Purposeful Seminars over her years as a DKG member. Judith taught socially, emotionally disabled children. She also taught mentally challenged and learning-disabled children all in the Shinglehouse area.

Dr. Tiffany Bare Nu

March 25, 2019

Dr. Tiffany Bare of Nu Chapter passed away on March 25th after a 15-year battle with cancer. She was an active member for four years inspiring her chapter with great courage and strength. She taught K-4 at Northwest Elementary School in Lebanon for 20 years. Tiffany was also a member of The Lebanon County Educational Honor society.

Ester Agnew Alpha Iota

March 29, 2019

Ester Agnew of Alpha Iota chapter passed away on March 29th in Pemberville, Ohio. Mrs. Agnew was a member of DKG for 41 years. She taught for over 34 years with the majority of that time being in the Irving Elementary of Erie. In the community, Esther was a member of the Bowling Green Alliance Church, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Kappa Delta Pi, both of which involve

women, education, and leadership.

Dr. Constance Mellody Beta Pi

April 17, 2019

Dr. Constance "Connie" Mellody of Beta Pi passed away on April 17th. She was initiated in September of 2017. Connie taught in the Radnor Township and West Chester School Districts as well as serving as a Literacy Intern in the Philadelphia School District. She was also very involved in her community. Connie volunteered at church, Meals on Wheels, and the Bryn Mawr Hospital and Hospice.

Dorothy Stout Alpha Nu

April 6, 2019

Alpha Nu lost a 50 year member in Dorothy Stout on April 6th. Dorothy was very active with her chapter serving in a variety of capacities throughout her 50 year membership. She taught school for 37 years, beginning her career in Norwood School District in Delaware County and then teaching 35 years in Bristol Township School District in Bucks County.

Dr. Karen Wagner Nu

May, 2019

Dr. Karen Wagner of Nu Chapter passed away on May 1st. Karen was inducted in 1985. During her 30 plus years of membership she was very active in her chapter. As an elementary teacher, she taught first grade, reading, and was the gifted facilitator. She received ELCO's Elementary Teacher of Year Award in 2010. Karen was a

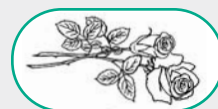
member of the Lebanon County Educational Honor Society, where she served as the district representative for 15 years.

Elaine Schwab Alpha Iota May 5, 2019

On May 5th, Alpha Iota lost a 50 plus year member in Elaine Schwab. She was inducted on April 1, 1966. During her membership, Elaine served as chapter president twice. She was also Rules Committee Chair. Elaine spent her teaching career in the Erie School District. First, she was an elementary teacher, then a guidance counselor. Finally, she finished her career as Director of Elementary Education.

Dr. Carolyn Gallahe Alpha Theta May 4, 2019

Dr. Carolyn Gallahe of Alpha Theta Chapter passed away on May 4th. Carolyn had been a member of DKG since 1974. During her membership she served as president and was a mentor to many new members. She taught in an elementary classroom for 35 years in the Armstrong School District and hosted several student teachers. Carol was active in the First United Methodist Church, where she was the Children's Church teacher. She also gave much of her time to a variety of other activities in the community.



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(Memoriam from page 14)

**Jean Funk
Beta Omicron
March 14, 2019**

Beta Omicron lost a Charter member in Jean Funk on March 14th. She had been a DKG member for 44 years. She served in many capacities during those 44 years including a very long run as treasurer. Jean was a math teacher in the Coatesville School District. She taught herself computer programming and eventually taught several of those courses as well. Jean was very active in the schools and community beginning

in the early 1940's. She was the first female athlete to represent Penn State as the top shooter on the Men's Rifle Team! Jean was very involved in her community with the United Way, the East Fallowfield Historical Society and Good Shepard Lutheran Church.

**Elenore Getchy
Alpha Omicron
May 9, 2019**

Elenore "Elli" Getchy of Alpha Omicron passed away on May 9th. She was a member since 1971. During her membership years, Elli served in various roles

within her chapter including chapter president. Elli taught Biology at Neshannock Junior High and Wilmington High School. She was involved with the Junior Academy of Sciences on many levels within the organization. Elli was also very active in the community as well as her church. She participated in numerous church functions.

*The brightest stars are
those who shine for the
benefit of others.*
"Celebration of Life" ceremony,
2019 PA State Convention.)

Chapter News

Xi

**Xi Chapter Christmas
"Penny" Auction
December 2018**

The excitement of Christmas continued as Xi members bid for prizes at the Penny Auction. Auctioneer Marge Valinsky encouraged the bidding to continue until the \$3 limit was reached. Members enjoyed bidding on specially wrapped gifts and opening the presents to find out what they won. The money collected was donated to local libraries.

"Going once, going twice....." these words were anxiously anticipated by Xi chapter high bidders at the Christmas Penny Auction. Members were asked to bring in one or two wrapped gifts (or re-gifts) valued at \$3 or more for auctioning for the Christmas meeting. Bidding started at 25 cents,



Marie Nester
(Rita Tamalvage photo)

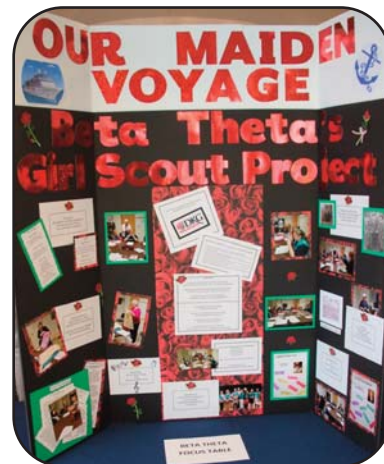
increasing in 25 cent increments and had a \$3 limit. ("Pennies" are not really part of this. Our cashier worked primarily with quarters and dollar bills.) Excited bidders offered \$3 as a first bid, especially if the wrapping was enticing or the package had just the right look. Our auctioneer, Margaret Valinsky, made the event all the more fun by interjecting comments such as, "This gift bag and ribbon is worth more than \$3!" or "Do I hear \$2.75 for this lovely scented package?" Members left the meeting in high spirits with lovely tokens of friendship and fun. Holiday benevolence extended into the community as our chapter was able to donate \$140 (effortlessly) to local libraries.

(Editor's Note: The holidays are just a few short months away and Xi's chapter activity is a great example to follow if you are looking for something different to do with your chapter. Ann Marie Keys has made herself available to answer any questions if you need further details on organizing a similar activity. You may contact her by phone or email: Ann Marie Keyes, Xi Chapter, Communications Chair.

phone: [REDACTED]

Beta Theta

Heather Lister, a member of Beta Theta, was recently awarded the **Impact Award for Education** from the **Women in Technology Network** from the **Technology Council in Central Pennsylvania**. These impact awards recognize and honor an individual's impact across nine sectors, which includes education. Heather's nomination focused on her company Construct Learning, and the work she does with schools for STEM and maker education. The nomination also mentioned that Heather is president of the **International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Librarian's Network**. Congratulations Heather, on these honors!



Girl Scout tri-fold displayed at the 2019 PA State Convention

Beta Kappa

Our spring luncheon was held at the Waynesboro Country Club. Had a guest speaker of **Rowan Joseph** (with Jill Miller), producing artistic director of the Totem Pole Playhouse. He gave us the behind the scenes antics,



history and insights into the upcoming 69th season of the playhouse.



Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma, Eta

York County area chapters Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma, and Eta of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society got together for a four chapter brunch on April 13, 2019. Members were able to conduct chapter meetings, socialize with members from other chapters, have a book exchange, and enjoyed a delicious buffet style brunch catered by Country

Heights. In addition, Leslie Delp, Bereavement Specialist and founder of Olivia's House, was the guest speaker. Olivia's House is an organization of "care giving" professionals and volunteers committed to supporting grieving children. If you are interested in receiving services from Olivia's House or would like to support their local efforts by making a do-

nation, you can visit their website www.oliviashouse.org or call them at 717-699-1133. The chapter presidents from the local DKG chapters of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society worked together to organize this event. If you are interested in joining one of the local chapters of DKG, information can be found on the state website dkgpa.weebly.com under News, scroll down menu - click on society websites.



Alpha Nu

Alpha Nu is active and growing. In May we welcomed three new members. **Cathy Caligiuri, Janis Bader, and Mary Ann Miller.**



Two Buck County Community College graduates each received a \$1,200 grain-in-aid to assist them in completing their special education degrees. **Gabriella and Katelyn** (last names not provided).

One Year ago our speaker, **Cindy Skarbek (R)**, presented a program about the **School of St. Jude in Tanzania**, which she happened upon



accidentally while touring. During the past year,



Alpha Nu has collected change at each meeting for teacher education at the school. The total contribution was \$295.05.

At this year's May meeting, representatives from the Rolling Harvest Food Rescue explained their activities to provide fresh food to area residents in need. They have contact with local farmers who provide fruits and vegetables to the Rescue, which are picked, often at short notice, by Rolling Harvest volunteers. It created much interest with members, who were grateful to hear about the program.

The books and blankies project delivered 13 sets to the Healthy Beginnings Program at Doylestown Hospital.



Alpha Omicron

On Wednesday, May 1, Alpha Omicron Chapter met at Soni's Restaurant in New Castle. President Karin Kosior welcomed members and guests.

Scholarship Chair, **Yvonne Chichin, (L.)** presented Westminster College Junior Elementary and Special Education Major, **Janelle Fox, (R)** from Ellwood City, and **Jenna Rinker**



from Slippery Rock, the annual Caroline Daverio Grant-In-Aid Scholarship. They each received a check for \$500.

The scholarship is given every year to women education majors chosen from either Westminster College, Slippery Rock University, Thiel College or Grove City College.

Second Vice-President and Membership Chair, Linda Morrison, presented **Barbara Borts,**



Barbara Geary, Bonnie Fodor, Nancy Blaskewicz, and Julie Gettings

for induction into the society. Each new member

was presented with a red rose and a certificate by President Karon Kosior and Secretary Ann Peay.

A memorial tribute for deceased member Judi Banas was presented by member Nancy Babos. To celebrate Alpha Omicron's 62nd birthday, President Karin Kosior gifted each member with a birthday card decorated with a trio of handmade chocolate roses and members sang a song about our chapter written by Nancy Babos. Members also participated in a Rededication Ceremony that affirmed their continued support of the society and its purposes.

An Italian dinner buffet and a special birthday cakes was served to conclude the evening.



Beta Pi

Beta Pi had a fantastic Spring! We started off in February by attending a show at Theatre Horizon located in Norristown. We saw "Renaissance in the Belly of a Killer Whale," which is a show written and performed by the Harlem KW Project. It was wonderful! Beta Pi also funded two scholarships for children to attend the Autistic Drama Program at Theatre Horizon!

In March, our chapter attended the Southeastern Pennsylvania Four Chapter Brunch at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern. We welcomed **Eileen Little**, First VP of Pennsylvania State, as our guest speaker! All attendees enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Eileen, a delicious brunch, chapter shares, and chapter meetings. Towards the end of March, Beta Pi held a Covered Dish Social at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in King of Prussia. Members created a delicious spread and welcomed our guest speaker, **Sandee Mandel**, from Leah's Dream. **Leah's Dream** is



an organization that funds education for females in Ghana, Africa. Sandee gave a wonderful presen-

tation sharing with us the mission and work of Leah's Dream and as a thank you, our chapter provided a monetary donation to her organization.

In April, Beta Pi held a wonderful **Spring Tea at Simpson**



House Tea Room in Chester Springs. We welcomed guest speakers Pat Walker (Beta Beta) and Deb Raver, who shared with us the benefits of applying for the PA State Enrichment Grant. Pat shared how she used the PA State Enrichment Grant towards her trip to England, where she toured the country enjoying many teas! At the tea, Beta Pi also held a birthday party supply drive for the 501c3 organization, Social FUNdraising and Gatherings. This organization provides birthday supplies for families in need that cannot afford to celebrate their child's birthday. At the end of the month, Beta Pi visited the **Ronald McDonald House of Philadel-**



phia and provided breakfast for the families staying at the facility while their children receive treatments at local hospitals.

In May, we kicked off our month by having a **One Hope Wine Night!** Our local consultant



for One Hope Wine, Renee Vardouniotis, along with her mom, Rose Clemente (Beta Pi member), designed and set up a fabulous wine and cheese tasting! Renee taught us about the mission of One Hope and how each bottle of wine supports a cause, while we enjoyed our tasting. At the end, we all had the opportunity to purchase wine and 10% of all sales supported the charity of our choice and, as a chapter, we chose Upper Merion Emergency Aid! To end our month, we celebrated a fabulous year with our End of the Year Induction dinner at Jeffersonville Golf Club. We welcomed three new members: Tisha Kudoba, Jessica Shepherd, and Elissa Sullivan! We held our last chapter meeting, enjoyed a delicious dinner, honored years of service and accomplishments, and watched a video of our year in review! Congratulations to two Beta Pi members for personal accomplishments this spring: Danette Posey, for having two pieces of her artwork accepted into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts and Staci Schettone, for having an article about social media and marketing published in the Collegial Exchange!



Sigma

Sigma Chapter held its March meeting at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville. Members enjoyed an ice breaker which highlighted the connection between the Girl Scouts and DKG. Funds were collected for Sigma's project to support school libraries. **Anne Smith** spoke to the group about the Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning, of which she is the coordinator. In the photo Smith, center, looks over the BILL catalog with several chapter members who are currently taking BILL courses.

Susan Tonzetich, Sigma Co-President Brittany Bunting-Specht, Elizabeth Brewer, Anne Smith, Nancy Slease, Barbara Corbin, and Sigma Co-President Deborah Bernhisel.



Sigma Chapter held its May meeting at the Packer House in Sunbury. State President **Barbara Gasperini** was the special guest speaker. Also attending as a special guest was **Chloe Bourlang**, a Fulbright Modern Language Fellow in



Deborah, Barbara, Brittany

French at Susquehanna University. An ice breaker activity recognized the 90th anniversary of the founding of DKG. Donations were collected for two Sigma projects. Monies were donated for the Hat Fund to purchase books for local school libraries and non-perishable food items were donated for a local food bank. Sigma also welcomed transfer member Karen Tintsman.



Barbara, Liz Brewer, Chloe Bourlang

Long standing members of Sigma Chapter were honored at the June meeting. Front row from left to right are **Nancy Murray (50 years)**, **Lois Miller (50 years)**; back row,

Joy Knapik (40 years), **Maddie Blamble (43 years)**, and **Joanne Auran (43 years.)** Not pictured are Carole Hepner (40 years), Carol Watts (40 years), Susan Wills (40 years), Lois Paden (43 years), and Mae Jones (47 years).



Upsilon



Upsilon's Girl Scout focus table tri-fold displayed at 2019 State Convention

Attendance Recognition Award presented to **18 Chapters** during the 2019 State Convention. Chapters having 10% of their membership present for all sessions during the convention received this award.



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Historical Record Chair, Kathy Lauer, provided a tri-fold display of all the Past Presidents of our PA State Organization. These seldom seen portraits and photos are kept in the Joe Paterno Library DKG Archives and is part of our DKG Legacy.