



The Keystonian

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Key Women Educators

The PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION Official Publication

Society Work Continues Despite Cancellations

2020 Rosebud Award



Our committee was able to come together this spring, among some very trying times, to choose a member who represents Delta Kappa Gamma for the Rosebud Recognition Award. We re-

viewed nominations of amazing women, newer to our DKG family, to determine which of these ladies would be the lucky recipient of our Rosebud Recognition Award.

Allow me to share some information about your current recipient. She spends a great deal of her time with students in a middle school. At her chapter, she is a chair for one of their local committees. She served as a leader for clubs within her chapter, such as a book club. She is self-motivating, taking on tasks and organizing various groups to allow as many of her chapter members to actively participate as possible. She strongly aligns her activities to **Purpose #6: to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.** She has worked with the Domestic Violence Services, the GAIN project, breakfast provisions at the Ronald McDonald House, and holiday gift wrapping for the United Disability Services. She has participated in the Literacy council. She has attended the International Literacy Association conventions. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education. For the Pennsylvania State Organization, she has served on the Educational Excellence Committee. Her primary focus is on the STEM

(see Rosebud page 8)

2019-2020 Newsletter Certificate Awardees

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Eta | 17. Alpha Nu |
| 2. Theta | 18. Alpha Xi |
| 3. Kappa | 19. Alpha Omicron |
| 4. Iota | 20. Alpha Rho |
| 5. Xi | 21. Alpha Sigma |
| 6. Omicron | 22. Alpha Upsilon |
| 7. Pi | 23. Alpha Phi |
| 8. Sigma | 24. Beta Beta |
| 9. Upsilon | 25. Beta Gamma |
| 10. Chi | 26. Beta Epsilon |
| 11. Psi | 27. Beta Theta |
| 12. Alpha Beta | 28. Beta Iota |
| 13. Alpha Delta | 29. Beta Kappa |
| 14. Alpha Epsilon | 30. Beta Mu |
| 15. Alpha Zeta | 31. Beta Pi |
| 16. Alpha Kappa | |

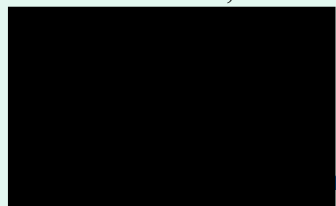
INSIDE The Keystonian

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| President's Message..... | 2 |
| Scholarships/Enrichment Awards.. | 6 |
| Album of Distinction..... | 8 |
| DKG Gallery of Fine Arts..... | 9 |
| Website Awardees..... | 9 |
| Birthday Chapters..... | 10 |
| Enrichment Excursion.... | 11 |
| New Ch. Presidents..... | 12 |
| In Memoriam..... | 14 |
| Chapter News..... | 15 |

HAPPY SUMMER!

ylvania State Organization
2019-2021

ident
ileen Little, Chi



irst Vice President/Educational
llence Committee
yce Boyd, Alpha Beta



Dr. Marjorie Paradise, Chi



Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa



ia Erickson, Beta Epsilon



Parliamentarian
ie Taft, Pi



Treasurer
Wanda Keller, Iota



bmater
llen



bsite
dkgpa.weebly.com

Deborah Yargar-Reed



Editor
Bonnie Lee Barnes



President's Message

Eileen Little, Chi
PA State President 2019-2021



"There is always a way forward. We might have to work harder or get creative but there's always a way."

Austin Hatch

Austin Hatch was one of the speakers during the 2020 Power of Positive Summit this past April. This summit came at a time when I needed positive thoughts, encouragement and reminders that while I can't control the circumstances, I can control how I respond. We don't get a choice of whether or not storms come in life, but we do get a choice in how we respond.

I was impressed with my DKG PA sisters and how we responded to this Covid19 pandemic. PA State and International business went on and we all became creative in how to accomplish our goals. I know I learned Zoom and was able to hold state meetings using Zoom! The PA Officers and convention team discussed Convention 2020 and made the difficult decision to cancel the convention. The Scholarships and Enrichment Grant Committee discussed the applications and awarded one scholarship and nine enrichment grants. The Finance Committee created a budget for 2020 – 2021 which was then shared with the Executive Board. Our vote on the budget was an electronic ballot sent to me and our Finance Chair, Mary Wilhelm. I was thrilled to share with the Executive Board, the Administrative Board and all members, via our website, and the 2020 – 2021 PA Budget was approved! The Leadership Committee discussed how to provide Incoming Chapter Presidents with their leadership training. We have eight Zoom sessions scheduled starting on June 16, 2020. Conducting Society business via Zoom meetings was a learning curve for us but it also enabled us to achieve our goals.

I loved getting the emails from Chapter Presidents with how they were using Zoom to hold their Executive Board meetings, Chapter meetings and even Installation of new officers with all viewing on Zoom! I know many Chapters did electronic votes for new officers, new members and budgets. I think this experience has opened our eyes to the possibilities of electronic communications. Progress was made. As Annie Webb Blanton would say, *"Forward moving ever."*

Please take some time to read this *Keystonian* and go on our PA website dkgpa.weebly.com to check out all the news you would have learned at PA Convention 2020. The Committee Reports Folder has a slide show where each committee shares their goals and responsibilities. The Society Workshops folder has information for you if you have a new position in your chapter. All workshop

(see President page 3)

EEC and STEM Project

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta
First Vice President/EEC Chair



Although Friday Night Fling did not happen this year, there is no excuse not to share some of the information that would have been available to you. The theme of this year's Fling was going to be **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)** – one of President Eileen's goals for this biennium. The event was planned to be similar to a science fair of yester-year.

Of course, Bingo and Trivia would have been played but all the questions and answers would have been *STEM* related. A cash ice cream bar was also planned.

💡 Making ice cream from milk, sugar, vanilla, salt, 2 plastic bags and lots of “churning from students” is a great science experi-

ment. Our ice cream would have been provided by the Creamery since they have it down to a science!

An exhibition table full of everyday games and toys was to be displayed that would get you thinking about *STEM* projects and programs for your chapters.

💡 What about adopting an elementary school or two to help them increase their *STEM* related materials?

💡 Or what about an after-school program designed around a *STEM* activity?

💡 How about working with a Girl Scout Troop to earn several of the available *STEM* badges that are offered? Even some of the ones from our days of scouting really

have a *STEM* theme. Be creative, share your passion.

💡 Have you thought about how quilting could be a *STEM* activity or cooking is a science?

💡 What about a *STEM* program? Check within your own membership to see what they have to offer.

💡 Make it a fun program by doing an egg drop competition or “playing” with Legos. We all have lots to learn from *STEM* and from each other.

Good luck and enjoy what is out there for us to learn about and from *STEM*!



(President from page 2)

presenters for this year have agreed to present at Convention 2021 so plan to attend June 11–13, 2021. The folder entitled, Convention Information has an Album of Distinction movie, a Birthday Celebration PowerPoint, Chapter Newsletters and Website recognitions, a list of contributions from Chapters, Scholarship and Enrichment Grant recipients, and a list of whom we remember with our Celebration of Life. International has shared a PowerPoint that Connie Rensink, International Guest – Member At Large 2018 – 2022, would have shared and discussed with us at Convention. I am hoping that Connie will be able to join us at PA State Convention 2021!

Between June 2019 and March 2020, we have 58 new DKG PA sisters! I am sure that many more sisters will be joining in the Fall as many Spring meetings were cancelled. Use this summer break to think of who you could invite to membership. Also, you might want to send a note, electronic or US mail, to our World Fellowship recipient Zhanar Tostubaeva.

Zhanar is studying at Lehigh University pursuing a Master's degree in Special Education. Due to Covid 19, Zhanar was not able to return home to Kazakhstan for summer break. She is continuing with summer courses and had to move to a new house. Contact Rose Ann Colosimo, World Fellowship Chair to get Zhanar's new address.

As we move forward in this biennium, with year one for our Chapter Presidents and year two for PA State, I encourage you to be creative with how you can achieve the purposes of DKG and reap the benefits of membership. John Assaraf said, ***“The truth is, no matter what your current circumstances, if you can imagine something better for yourself you can create it.”*** Progress is more important than perfection so stretch yourself, be creative, share your voice and make the choice to move forward.

Take Care & Stay Healthy,

Eileen



Recruitment Plan for New DKG Sisters

Linda Young, Chi
Membership Committee

When reviewing the seven Purposes of DKG, I am drawn to our 2nd Purpose which states, *“To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.”* How can we honor outstanding women educators?

One simple way to do this is to invite a potential member to a Delta Kappa Gamma chapter meeting or function where they can learn first-hand about the organization. Our goal is to share Delta Kappa Gamma with other women educators who would be an asset to our chapter and to DKG.

Sisters might wonder who they should invite to Delta Kappa Gamma. A new member can be a fellow teacher, a retired teacher, a college student majoring in education, or in any area where instruction is being performed. Look around at school, church, or in the community and tell women

educators about DKG.

Another way that a sister can recommend a member is by filling out a **Member Prospect Card**. The card is easy to fill out and is available from your Membership Chair. It may even be posted on your chapter website. There is no limit to the number of cards a sister can fill out. Our goal:

- ~ identify potential new members
- ~ present potential members for the chapter to vote on at a meeting
- ~ invite potential members to an orientation session to learn about DKG and what the Society can offer them and what they can offer the Society
- ~ to induct them into the chapter

I challenge each sister to bring a fellow educator (or two ...) to a meeting this year and share the magic of Delta Kappa Gamma with others.



Finance Committee

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa
Finance Chairman

The State Finance Committee met on May 9, 2020 via Zoom. We reviewed past budgets and actual spending for this year to our budget for the 2019-2020 year.

At the time of our meeting not all finances were yet registered. Our committee developed a proposed budget for the coming year based on this year's spending, consideration for the unusual circumstances this year, and budget requests. The proposed budget was passed by the committee to be presented to the state chapters.

(UPDATE: The State Budget was approved by a quorum vote.)

Nominations

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon
Chair

It is up to you to have your **“Voice”** heard as you think about applying for a position as a State Officer or for membership on the Finance or Nominations Committee.

The opportunity of Leadership is one of the most important benefits of DKG. It is time to continue to move the Pennsylvania State Organization forward. Please look through your chapter and/or statewide and think seriously about nominating a member for leadership in a state position. Haven't you ever thought of applying yourself? What better way to serve Pennsylvania than becoming a leader?

The Nomination Form, Endorsement Form, and Nomination Guidelines are posted on the Pennsylvania State website. dkgpa.weebly.com Click on “HOME” then drop to Nomination for State Office. All applications are to be **emailed** to Barbara Gasperini, Nominations Chair, [REDACTED] by the **October 10, 2020** deadline. Any questions may be directed to members of the Nominations Committee.

Don't say, *“I will do that someday.”*
Make tomorrow Day One. Make the **“Choice.”**

Contributing to the International Scholarship Fund

Rose Ann Colosimo, Theta
World Fellowship Chair

We can support the International Scholarship Fund by turning our Amazon purchases into a scholarship donation. With every eligible purchase, **AmazonSmile donates 0.5% to** the charity of your choice. This includes all charity list purchases as well as millions of everyday items at **smile.amazon.com**.



- ~ **Same Amazon you know, separate web site.** Same products, same prices, same service - but to generate donations you must always shop at **smile.amazon.com**.
- ~ Create a login and keep track of your donations (they add up quickly).
- ~ Select from the list of charities: Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation.
- ~ Location: Austin, TX.

- ~ Mission: The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation Supports and Encourages.
- ~ Select the items you wish to purchase.
- ~ Tens of millions of products are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their **smile.amazon.com** product detail pages. Recurring subscribe & save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible to generate donations.
- ~ Remember, only purchases made at smile.amazon.com, (not www.amazon.com or the mobile app,) generate AmazonSmile donations.

Fulfilling Nancy’s Vision

Tracey R. Dusch, Psi
Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Chair

A visionary leader is one who thinks about or plans the future with imagination and wisdom. Nancy Grove, Pennsylvania State Organization President from 1993-1995, was a **visionary leader**. It was during her biennium that the Visionary Fund became a reality.

“This fund, created to bring Alpha Alpha State into the future, is used for projects and programs that involve the growth and development of Alpha Alpha State and its members. Her vision in starting this fund has allowed other leaders that have followed her to develop such programs as the Creative Arts Retreat.”

A History of Alpha Alpha State
(Volume 3: 1987-2012, page 10)

The Visionary Fund is funded by voluntary contributions and is now administered by the Pennsylvania State Organization Past State Presidents. A \$500 grant is awarded to an actively teaching member for an innovative idea. The first awardee of the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund was Marcia Erickson, our current State Corresponding Secretary, who used her grant to create an Ancient Rome Travel Trunk for use in her 7th grade World History classes. Recent award-ees have included Amy Dobbins (member of the State Leadership Development Committee), Deborah Yargar-Reed (our current State Photographer), Gail Franko (member of the Educational Excellence Committee), and Andrea Rutledge (member of the Communications Committee).

The application for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund can be found on our State Website under the Awards/Scholarships tab. **dkgpa.weebly.com**
Completed applications are due to Tracey R. Dusch, Chair of the NGVF, by **February 1, 2021**.

2020 Scholarship and Grant Recipient Highlights

Susan Martin, Eta
Scholarship Chair

Scholarship Recipient



Amy Radford, Beta Rho, is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing degree through Lindenwood University. She is the High School lead teacher at Faith Mountain Christian Academy and a 6th-12th grade teacher of

English. Amy is the recipient of two scholarships. She is receiving the **Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** which is awarded to an outstanding woman pursuing a master's degree within her first three years of membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She is also receiving the **Margaret J. Wolf Award** which is given to a woman pursuing graduate study.

(Please note: Margaret (Margee) and Vincent regularly attend the Sunday Brunch. Margee was always delighted to be able to present the award given in her name to the honored recipient and share inspirational words with all in attendance at the brunch. In January, 2020, Barb Tobias had received word that Margee was seriously ill and Hospice was called. To date, we have not received any further information.)



Colleen Kane, Alpha Zeta

received a grant for a Road Scholar tour of the Netherlands and Belgium tulip farms, gardens, and art museums. Colleen presently is a first grade teacher in the Northeast Bradford School District. Her trip will immerse her in historical events

that shaped the countries through visits to museums to view works of masters of the Dutch Golden Age, to tulip farms and gardens that exemplify the significance of flowers in Dutch life, and to learn about the water management system that reclaimed the land with windmills. Colleen will share her knowledge with school children, garden clubs and her DKG sisters.



Linda Konczal-Evans, Theta

received a grant to travel to London, England. Linda and her sister always said "when we retire" we will visit England together. Linda, however, lost her sister when they were one year of their retirement.

She now will travel to England to honor and in memory of her sister by taking her niece and her daughter to visit the historic sites.

Enrichment Grant Recipients



Louise Garverick, Betta Kappa

received a grant to travel on a 15 day educational cruise which will begin with a pre-cruise to Bergen, Norway. Her 15 day cruise from Norway will stop at ports in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Portugal and

conclude in Barcelona, Spain. The daily seminars on the ship are informative and educational. Louise will keep a daily journal and take photographs as she pursues her research of the different cultural tastes of each region. She will use that information to create a picture book documenting her trip.



Deborah McMillin, Alpha Sigma

received a grant to acquire a "Land to Table" experience in Aruba. Debbie presently provides educational talks and tours at a local farm/orchard, teaching concepts of farm-to-table to children and adults.

The summer course features a different food each week. The children and the adults learn what is involved in getting the food from the farm to their dinner plates. In Aruba, Deborah will tour country estates and working farms to observe how the inhabitants have learned how to develop the barren volcanic land into a growing agricultural area that is dependent of what is grown on their farms.



Ann Peay, Alpha Omicron,

received a grant for a horseback riding experience at the Lipizzan Riding Center in Slovenia. For Ann, this is a dream come true. She will be touring the original Lipizzan breeding farm where she will learn

about the workings of the farm and view dressage demonstrations by students and instructors. Ann feels that her experience at the Lipizzan Center will inspire her to work towards her next dressage level of riding. She will also visit the town of Bovec where her maternal grandparents lived to research her ancestral heritage.



Karen Prince, Alpha Omicron,

received a grant to travel to Northern England and the Southwest Coast of Ireland. Karen will revisit these two countries after 26 years. This time she will tour the countries by car and hiking,

rather than by bus, to personally experience the culture and natural beauty of the areas. In England, she plans to visit horticultural gardens, castles, a national park, and partake of the local fare in the small towns and villages. In Ireland, Karen will hike the many trails to view the rugged coastline, beaches, mountains, cliffs, and waterfalls while enjoying the fresh seafood and local Irish music in the many establishments. Her goals are to enrich and appreciate the culture, history, people, and landscapes of these two areas; and improve her own planning and organizational skills of journal writing and use of the camera to record her journey which she will be able to use in planning future travel excursions.



Beverly Utz, Beta Kappa,

received a grant to visit Australia, New Zealand, and the Fiji Islands to experience the culture and history of these areas. She will visit a local school in Auckland and is planning to

donate school supplies to students and teachers during school visits in the Fiji Islands. Beverly will visit the Opera House, a signature landmark in Sydney as well as other historical points of interest

in Australia and New Zealand. Being a member of the local arts council, she plans to enhance her skills and support her love of photography, technology, and history to prepare a PowerPoint presentation utilizing the pictures from her trip.



Deborah Yargar-Reed, Beta Kappa,

received a grant to offset her personal expenses as a chaperone of an educational trip with high school students through Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand March 2021. This is

Deborah's sixth trip abroad as a chaperone with high school students. The tour will include museums, river cruises, walking tours, and the meals will be tailored to capture the ethnic flavor of the regions visited. Deborah will use the knowledge she gains from this trip to work with her "fine arts team" to organize a culminating Cultural Arts event for the elementary students' study of Asia.



Margaret Zorn, Alpha Delta,

received a grant to embark on a riverboat tour of Northern Italy traveling from Milan to Venice. Margie's travels will enable her to experience the historical and architectural wonders of cathedrals,

opera houses, museums, and palaces. Her riverboat cruise will take her to fishing villages to harvest mussels, to markets to participate in a pasta making workshop, to experience the charm of lace making traditions, to craft demonstrations at a glass factory, and to learning the history of Venetian painting. She is truly a 'lifelong learner' and is looking forward to experiencing the culture, history, and everyday life of Northern Italy.

Due to the pandemic, some travel plans had to be cancelled and monies returned.

Awardees have been encouraged to reapply for consideration by February 1, 2021.

2020 Album of Distinction Awardees

One of the responsibilities of EEC is to annually celebrate the work of our members. The Album of Distinction Program is usually held on Friday night at State Convention. However, that was not the case this year. Instead, we will honor the awardees in several different ways.

If you have not looked at the DKG website (dkgpa.weebly.com), please do so. There is a pictorial presentation available for your viewing. These women will also be recognized when we convene for State Convention in 2021. Remember, members can self-nominate, or a chapter can nominate a member for an honor outside of the DKG Society. This honor must be obtained in the calendar year prior to a State Convention.

Women receiving the Album of Distinction for 2020 are:

- ~ Joanne Aurand, Sigma - 24th Annual Robert N. Pursel Award Community Service
- ~ Maryann Blessner, Beta Sigma - Commendation from PA Association of School Retirees
- ~ Mary Ann Cunningham, Beta Rho - DAR State Management Northeast District Director
- ~ Marsha Ewing, Alpha Upsilon - Allegheny Valley Hospital Auxiliary 1000-hour Pin Volunteer for service to the Hospital
- ~ Shannon Harvey, Omega - Awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Participate in the International Education Administrators Seminar in France
- ~ Sandra Hollenback, Alpha Zeta - PA Association of School Retirees 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award of the Bradford/Sullivan County Chapter
- ~ Susan Kilmer, Beta Rho - PA Association of Rural and Small Schools 2019 Educator of the Year
- ~ Laura Kubyako, Alpha Omicron - Volunteer of the Year Award from the Mercer County Chapter of PA Association of School Retirees
- ~ Kathleen Kuzmiak, Chi - \$5000 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship given to a 2019 recipient in Kathy's name
- ~ Debbie McMillen, Alpha Sigma - American Cancer Society Relay for Life Outstanding Co-Chair
- ~ Diana (Dede) Rittman, Alpha Xi - Extraordinary Entrepreneurship Ambassador Wisdom for Kids Award from the Wisdom for Kids Foundation
- ~ Linda Shupp, Sigma - Elected to the Warrior Run School Board
- ~ Lee Sikora, Beta Sigma - PASR State Office Commendation for being Membership Chair, Luzerne/Wyoming Counties
- ~ Vicki VanNoy, Alpha Zeta - Emergency Operations Center Staff Member of the Year for Bradford County
- ~ Carol Williams, Beta Sigma - John J. Dillion Award



(Rosebud from page 1)

Projects work and she was instrumental in finding the presenter, Dr. Jodi Redcay, for the Friday Night Fling. Since Convention was cancelled, we will look forward to this Fling at State Convention 2021. She has volunteered for tasks at the state conventions and was in charge of the Birthday centerpieces at State Convention 2019. At Chi Chapter meetings she has shared the Thought for the Day.

Her name is.....

**NANCY
SCHNELLI.**

At the 2021 State Convention, she will be recognized and celebrated.



DKG Gallery of Fine Arts Awardees

January 15 - February 15, 2020



Amy Radford, Beta Rho,
submitted two photographic
entries.

*The
Lighthouse*



The Mountains are Calling



Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho,
submitted two water
colors entries.

*Kitchen
Utensils*



Things That Bring Me Joy



Jackie Thomas, Omicron,
submitted a pair of
Three-Dimensional
entires.

RagaMutton



*Rounding
Bee
Business*



**2019-2020 DKGPA
____ite
ificate Awardees**

Chi
2. Nu
hi
igma
heta
i
lpha Beta

lpha Nu
lpha Pi
10. Alpha Theta
11. Alpha Upsilon
12. Alpha Zeta
13. Beta Epsilon
14. Beta Kappa

Notes from the US Forum

Susan Fritz Chi

US Forum/Educational Legislation Chair

My Spring *Keystonian* article focused on the National Legislative Seminar (NLS) scheduled in March, 2020, Washington, D.C., and the importance of the women having the right to vote. Along with other highly anticipated Delta Kappa Gamma Society International gatherings, NLS was cancelled in the wake of the COVID 19 pandemic. Within a short period of time, our world has changed quickly in ways we did not anticipate in February.

Political, educational, socio-economic, religious, and racial/ethnic divides have received much attention over the past decades. The rise in volume and decrease in respectful conversation has increased those divides. The pandemic has spotlighted inequalities in our educational and economic systems. As educators, we know those inequalities first-hand. We know the difference it makes in the classroom and to children between spending \$14,000 per student and \$4,500 per student. We know that discipline in school can be different for the child from a wealthy family versus that for a child of color who lives in poverty. We know that poverty exists in white

suburbia and that it looks different than poverty in predominantly white rural areas or in the inner cities.



The death of George Floyd has intersected with the pandemic and re-ignited conversation about the experiences for people of color in the United States. This conversation has had prominence in broadcast, social and print media across our country as well as in protests and gatherings in large and small cities and towns.

Violence and damage were part of some of the early protests. However, there also were images of the Black men who linked arms to protect a police officer separated from his unit; the middle-aged White women who linked arms to form a barrier of separation between police dressed in riot gear and protestors; people who came out the days after the protests to clean up damage; and so many

images of individual policemen, politicians, and protestors who did not let barriers prevent them from approaching and listening to the other side. Young people of color are speaking with power about their hopes for a future where dignity and opportunities are better distributed than currently is the case. They are joined by people of all ages, color, and professions.

What do elected local, state, and federal officials need to hear from you? We do not all share the same view of the past several months and will not have the same solutions to suggest. We do have life experiences and we have knowledge. We are advocates for schools, children, and the voiceless, and can hold our institutions accountable for necessary changes. Your voice matters.

One more thing: hats off to all the educators who were thrust into an unimaginable situation with no planning and limited resources when schools closed in March and found a way to care for and teach their students. It was a joy to hear and see all the positive messages about educators in the media. Have a wonderful and peaceful summer.

2020 Birthday Chapters

75 Years

Epsilon
Zeta

45 Years

Beta Omicron

65 Years

Alpha Theta
Alpha Iota
Alpha Kappa
Alpha Lambda



Convention Kate: Volume 7

ion Kate,

the 2020 Pennsylvania State Convention as well as the International Convention slated for Philadelphia were both cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. Are there any plans to help DKG members engage in what would have been convention business or to grow in knowledge through virtual workshops and/or presentations?

Stay at Home Stacy,

information you seek can be found on the PA State website at dkgpa.weebly.com after June 15. Just click on the 2020 State Convention link found on the Home page. There you can view this year's Album of Distinction recipients; recognition of Birthday Chapters; Communication committee's recognition of chapter letters and websites; the Rosebud Award recipient; Celebration of Life honorees; and

Scholarship and Enrichment Grant recipients. Under Committee Reports, you can read about the work of each state committee during the biennium. Under Society Businessshops, you will find information if you are a new chapter officer or committee chair. Incoming Chapter Presidents will have leadership training via Zoom date and time.

International President Cathy Gherty has announced that several hours of convention-related programming will be provided virtually, free of charge to members, during the week of July. These events can be accessed through the DKG website and/or the DKG app. These will be presented either pre-recorded or live-streamed. Pictures will include selected workshops and speeches by the advertised convention keynote speakers. Also included will be the announcement of the newly-elected DKG International Officers and

the recipient of the 2020 International Achievement Award. Watch for further details to come.

The President also announced that the 2022 DKG International Convention will be held in Orleans, LA.

Dear Convention Kate,

I understand that the state budget for 2020-21 will be voted virtually by the Executive committee, in lieu of a face-to face convention. What is the difference between the Executive Committee and the Administrative Board?

Thank you, Cathy

Dear Confused Cathy,

The Executive committee is comprised of the State Officers, Chapter Presidents, and all members of the State Officers and State Committees. Each body has its own responsibilities.

The DKG and state governing documents.

Enrichment Excursions

Let the Adventure Begin!

Deborah Kern, Nu

July of 2019, the much anticipated and planned grandsons' trip was coming to fruition. Locked, loaded and ready to roll, cousins Ryan, 12, and Jackson, 9, had the backseat filled with snacks, maps, and electronics. They had been warned about the vastness of our country! We told them the first three days would involve a lot of time in the car.

Driving around Chicago and seeing the buildings and traffic was an interest to the boys, and a mild aggravation for us! In Wisconsin we drove through the Wisconsin Dells and saw an endless supply of water

and adventure parks among the natural land forms. We stopped at Carr Valley Cheese and bought specialty cheeses to accompany our lunches. Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes - there is water everywhere! To break up the first three days of driving, we stopped in St. Paul, Minnesota to experience **CanCan Wonderland**, Jackson's one request. What we found was an enormous miniature golf course, arcade, and restaurant enclosed in a warehouse. It claims to have the longest miniature golf hole in the world. It was a very unique experience!



(see Kern page 13)

Welcome Newly Installed Chapter Presidents for 2020 - 2022

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Beta | Linda Woodley | Alpha Kappa | Dr. Molly Kinney |
| Delta | Jane Naus and Jackie Griffin | Alpha Mu | Janet Peterson |
| Epsilon | Deborah Wright | Alpha Nu | Joyce Bigley |
| Zeta | Kim Inman | Alpha Xi | Paulette Hemmings |
| Eta | Janys Kercher | Alpha Omicron | Karin Kosior |
| Theta | Rose Ann Colosimo | Alpha Rho | Sarah Bozinko |
| Iota | Wanda Keller | Alpha Sigma | Bonnie Lee Barnes |
| Kappa | Mary Wilhelm | Alpha Upsilon | Jennifer McKay |
| Lambda | Rebecca Sopher | Alpha Phi | Judy Bookhamer |
| Nu | Sharon Gettel | Beta Alpha | Gail Pinsky |
| Xi | Marie Nester and Rita Tamalavage | Beta Beta | Norina Bentzel and Kitty Reinholdt |
| Omicron | Michelle Hopkins | Beta Gamma | Karen Snyder and Ruth Ann Guertin |
| Pi | Deborah Johnson | Beta Delta | Elana Dehoff |
| Sigma | Elizabeth Brewer and Doris Mertz | Beta Epsilon | Amy Dobbins |
| Tau | Jean Michael | Beta Theta | Stephany Davidson |
| Upsilon | Camille Mazanek | Beta Iota | Mary Moyer and Daryl Richards |
| Phi | Debbie Nolan | Beta Kappa | Jill Miller |
| Chi | Susan Fritz | Beta Mu | Janice Stoms |
| Psi | Kristin Hills | Beta Nu | Jane Dent |
| Omega | Marianne Stetar | Beta Xi | Barbara Hartle |
| Alpha Beta | Becky Johnson | Beta Omicron | Mindy Patton |
| Alpha Gamma | Denise Williams | Beta Pi | Katie Kovalich |
| Alpha Delta | Beth Shaffer | Beta Rho | Jeanette Saulo |
| Alpha Epsilon | Kathy Long | Beta Sigma | Vita Reddy |
| Alpha Zeta | Phyllis McNeal | Erie Chapter | Deborah Seng |
| Alpha Theta | Trisha Dilick | | |

Roses for you...

(Kern from page 11)

North Dakota found us stopping at the Abraham Lincoln State Park, touring the Slant Indian Village, and climbing up an Infantry Post to see the view. We also visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and hiked the Painted Canyon Nature Trail. Oil rigs decorated the landscape. Our favorite state was Montana. Wide open spaces, fantastic scenery and a speed limit of 85 MPH. Our journey continued to **Glacier National Park**, in the northwest corner of the state. Even in July, the river water was frigid. We drove the Road to the Sun, passed through **Logan Pass** and crossed the **Continental Divide** (elevation 6646 ft.).



The boys made and threw snow balls, stood under a small waterfall, and took pictures with Jackson's Glacier in the background. The second

day in Glacier National Park we had hurricane winds, but did manage to hike to St. Mary's Falls and see a grizzly bear with its cubs.

Traveling on, we stopped at the Missouri Headwaters State Park which is the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers. The boys played in the river after lunch, checked out the Lewis and Clark History in a pavilion, and hiked a trail.

Yellowstone National Park introduced the boys to elk, and they completed another Junior Ranger Program which included a bear demonstration and the use of bear spray. Mud pots, waterfalls, Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces, the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, Old Faithful, and a sunset drive along Yellowstone Lake completed our time there.



We continued to Cody, Wyoming. While in Cody,

we toured the town, bought some souvenirs, and visited the **Buffalo Bill Center** of the West Museum.



We were able to attend a local church service while in Cody, and took a side trip to Thermopolis. Thermopolis has the World's largest Mineral Hot Springs, and fantastic Star Plunge Hot Springs Water Park. which the boys and I enjoyed for several hours. Hiking around Devil's

Tower in Wyoming was our next stop as we headed east towards Pennsylvania, and home.

In South Dakota, we saw **Mt Rushmore**, Wall

Drug, and explored the Badlands. Due to flooding along the Mississippi River we detoured through Nebraska, and I had the harrowing experience of driving on a flooded road between two lakes at dusk.

I drove, Frank laughed!

We arrived home thirteen days after we left. Our trip took us through twelve



states, and we covered 5,820 miles. The boys were great travelers, with breakfast and dinner out, healthy packed lunches, and swimming every night. We had many wonderful conversations, looked up so much information, and enjoyed each other's company. It was a truly a memorable trip.

Frank and I are convinced there are no "fly over" parts of the United States. We know we have given our two grandsons a trip of a lifetime, one we hope they never forget. I am so grateful for the Enrichment Grant given to me from our state organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. The money helped make this trip possible. Thank you so much!



In Memoriam

Nancy Penney
Alpha Xi
June 1, 2019

Nancy Penney was an Alpha Xi sister since 1963. She served her chapter in many ways including Committee Chair of Scholarship; Selective Recruitment; Personal Growth and Service; and Initiation. She was also Vice President and President more than once! Nancy was an elementary school teacher in the North Allegheny School District for 42 years!

Althea Laurito
Beta Epsilon
September 18, 2019

Althea Laurito was a very active member since 1970. She was past chapter President of Beta Epsilon and had served on various committees both in her chapter and at the state level. Althea was a business education teacher for 43 years at Northern Cambria School District where she had also been Drama Club advisor.

Rita Kennerknecht
Gamma
October 25, 2019

Rita Kennerknecht was Math Department Chair in Erie School District where she taught for 35 years. She inducted into Gamma chapter in 2005 and was an active committee participant for many years.

Ella Zinzarella
Beta Omicron
October 29, 2019

Ella Zinzarella was a Beta Omicron charter member since 1975. She was a first grade teacher in Coatesville Area School District and was very active in her chapter. Ella spear-headed chapter involvement and

ongoing support for Samara House (a shelter for women in recovery and their children).

Marcia McQueen
Beta Omicron
November 15, 2019

Marcia McQueen was inducted into Beta Omicron chapter in 1988 and was the chapter Treasurer for many years! She is described as a Master First Grade teacher who was respected and admired by all.

Nancy Fowler
Alpha Beta
December 11, 2019

Nancy Fowler of Alpha Beta was inducted in 1970 and served as chapter Recording Secretary and telephone relay chairperson. An elementary school teacher for 35 years, Nancy was also a supervising teacher for West Virginia University.

Sibylla Cressy
Beta Pi
January 20, 2020

Sibylla Cressy was a member of Beta Pi from 1989 until her passing. She was chapter President (1989-1992) and had also served as Editor of the chapter's newsletter. Sibylla taught Social Studies for 20 years at Upper Merion High School.

Mary Knoblespease
Lambda
February 1, 2020

Mary Knoblespease was a *fifty-year member* of Lambda chapter and served on many committees. During her teaching career, she taught first and second grades.

Sara Demetri
Beta Alpha
February 3, 2020

Sara Demetri taught fourth grade for 30 years at Norwood School in the Interboro School District. She was an active supporter of the Chester Charter School Choir and Patron for the Chester Children's Choir. Inducted into Beta Alpha in 1975, she served the chapter as Treasurer.

Carol Watts
Sigma
March 11, 2020

Carol Watts, a two-time President of Sigma Chapter was a teacher at Turbotville Elementary School in the Warrior Run School District for 33 years! She served her chapter in other officer roles and was also a two term state Nominations committee member as well as a member of the State Scholarship committee for one term.

Kathy Dunn
Beta Theta
April 30, 2020

Kathy Dunn, of Beta Theta chapter, was a music educator, choir director and lover of crafts. Kathy served her chapter as Music Chairman, Recording Secretary, and Co-Vice President. She also sang in the State Convention Chorus.

Betty Baird
Alpha Upsilon
May 23, 2020

Betty Baird was inducted into Alpha Upsilon chapter in 1973. She was an active member and served on several committees. Betty started a Boys Chef program as well as the first cafeteria lunch program with the help of the Principal and student volunteers!

Chapter News

LAMBDA

In February, Lambda sisters met to tie fleece blankets for AWARE of Mercer County. The blankets are for use in their safe houses for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. We made and donated 30 blankets. Our hearts go out to the children caught in these situations. We love knowing the children will now be able to choose a blanket to keep and help them through troubled days.



Alpha Iota

March 14, 2020 was a new beginning for Alpha Iota Chapter. We said goodbye as we celebrated our 65th Anniversary as a chapter and are now in the process of



**Denise King, Past President,
Stephanie King, President,
Nancy Nardo, Treasurer**

consolidating with Gamma and Alpha Omega Chapters to become the new Erie Chapter. Our sincerest thanks to all who have served as officers in the past.

**We stand ready to
move forward!**



**Front: Denise King, Stephanie King,
Carol Crockett, Pat Heard, Nancy Nardo,
Judy McKay, Lisa Helsley
Back: Esther Gallagher, Loretta Baran,
Ina Fisher, Kim Riley**

Beta Phi

Beta Pi had a short, but eventful winter! In February, we held our Covered Dish Social at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in King of Prussia. Each member did a fantastic job preparing appetizers, salads, main courses, and desserts!

Our guest speakers for the evening were Lauren Psimaris and Glynis Braun from the **Girls on the Run Organization of Montgomery and Delaware Counties**. Lauren and Glynis shared a presentation regarding the mission, vision,



**Lauren Psimaris, Glynis Braun, Heather Lilienthal,
Marilyn Rogers**



history, and impact of the *Girls on the Run Organization*. ***“We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.”*** The vision of Girls on the Run is ***“We envision a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.”***

Beta Pi believed that the mission and vision of GOTR aligned beautifully with the mission and vision of Delta Kappa Gamma. The GOTR program is currently being offered in all of our local elementary schools. Girls in 3rd and 4th grade meet weekly with their coaches to complete a variety of lessons that promote confidence, character, care, connections, competence, and contribution. Each season culminates with a Girls on the Run 5k Event. This celebratory, non-competitive event provides girls with a sense of accomplishment and instills the value of goal setting at a young age.

(See Beta Phi page 16)

(Beta Phi from page 15)

Beta Pi unanimously decided to support this organization. We had planned to support the local school district's practice 5K by providing the lanyards and lap charms for all of the participants and several members were planning to work various booths at the county wide 5k, but sadly, both events were canceled. We look forward to supporting this fantastic organization next year!

In March, Beta Pi participated in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Four Chapter Brunch at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern. Members enjoyed a delicious breakfast buffet, guest speaker, chapter share, and chapter meeting. The guest speaker for the morning was **Arlene Rengert** of the **Laundromat Library League**. According to the LLL website, *"The LLL makes children's books available to children who have little or no access to books at home. We place them in laundromats and similar sites in which children and caregivers spend time waiting. Children and*

caregivers are invited to enjoy a book, take it home, and eventually pass it on to another child." This impressive organization is all volunteer based and located in 20 states! Members that attended the brunch brought books to donate and together, we donated several hundred books to the LLL! We had a fantastic morning!



**Jess Shepherd,
Staci Schettone**



**Danette Posey, Betty Rippel,
Pat Juenger, Rebecca Barkley,
Barb Bradigan**



**Mary Molyneaux-
Leathy, Pat Ryan**

Beta Iota

The members of the Beta Iota headed by the Projects Committee have made fleece tie blankets for Capital Area Head Start preschool children since 2007. Our members donate the fleece for the blankets and the children's books. We have two work sessions, one at the end of December and one in the beginning of January to make the blankets at our public library. The books are tucked in the completed blankets and tied together.



This year 28 children received four books in their blankets. Several of our members take the blankets to different Head Start classes each year, read the children a book, and distribute the blankets. The look on the children's faces is priceless. In the 13 years of supporting the Blankets and Books Project we have given approximately 450-500 blankets to the Head Start children.



**Mary B. and
Carol Hollis**



Judi and Lori



**Sharon,
Gilda,
Daryl**



Sigma chapter news

Sigma Chapter held its March meeting at the Wynding Brook Golf Club in Milton. Guest speaker was **Patrick Martino**, a professor of Chemistry at Bucknell University and the current president of the Friends of the Joseph Priestley House Museum. He presented an interactive program modeling his latest project, the Priestley Academy at the Priestley House Museum. The Academy programming is scheduled to begin on March 21 with Science Saturday from 1PM -3PM for children (and guardians) in grades K-1.



During the meeting a red rosebud was awarded to Sigma member **Jennifer Vovakes** in recognition of her efforts to establish the Cornerstone Coffee House at Christ United Methodist Church in Northumberland. The coffeehouse provides a place for socializing and activities, free of charge to middle school students on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.



Nancy Murray and Lois Miller (in absentia) were honored with red roses and pins to commemorate their 50 year membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.



In June, Sigma held a virtual meeting via **Zoom** with Co-Presidents Deb Bernhisel



and Brittany Bunting-Specht presiding. Chapter members are active and retired educators from 19 area school districts and universities.

New officers for the 2020-2022 biennium were installed. They are Co-Presidents Elizabeth Brewer, of Riverside, and Doris Mertz, of Milton; Second Vice-President Linda Kniss of Port Trevorton; Recording Secretary LaCinda Betz-Coup of Milton; and Corresponding Secretary Judith Skinner, of Mount Carmel. Appointed officers include Treasurer Anita Shaffer of Shamokin, Assistant Treasurer Carol Kruskie of Coal Town-

ship and Parliamentarian Carol Harrison of Northumberland.

Several members received special recognition. **Linda Shupp** of Danville was awarded the Red Rosebud for most recently having been elected to the Warrior Run School Board and for her continuing service to the field of education. Both Shupp and Joanne Aurand, winner of the 24th annual Robert N. Pursel Award from the Danville Area Community Foundation, were named as Women of Distinction by the Pennsylvania State Organization of DKG. They will both be recognized at the 2021 state convention.

Sigma Chapter awards those monies contributed to the Hat Project to school

libraries in the school districts represented by Sigma members.

Ann Nowaskie presented slides of the **books and mobile library cart** purchased for the Hazleton Area School District, the 2019 recipient. The 2020 recipient of the Hat Project funds is the Line Mountain School District.

Each year Sigma awards a recruitment grant to a high school senior who intends to pursue a degree in education. This year's recipient is Dinangeli Diaz, of the Hazleton Area School District, who will study early childhood education at Bloomsburg University in the fall.



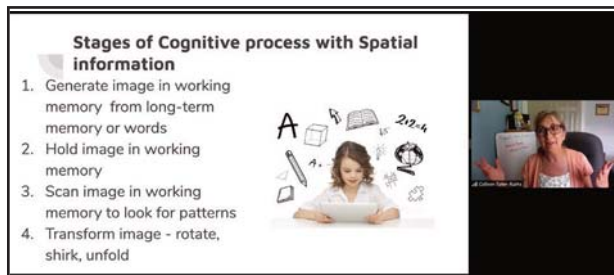
(see Sigma page 18)

(Sigma from page 17)

After the business meeting, a program entitled “**Spatial is Special**” was presented virtually by **Dr. Colleen Epler-Ruths**, a Sigma member and a teacher in the Shikellamy School District. The program emphasized the importance of spatial reasoning skills, for both children and adults, to better understand STEM systems.

To conclude the meeting, members watched a special video retrospective of the 2018-2020 biennium. Highlights included recognition of new members Elizabeth Anderson, Colleen Epler-Ruths, Karen Tintsman and Nancy Shinn.

50 year members Nancy Murray and Lois Miller were recognized and a tribute *in memoriam* to Carol Watts.



Chi

Chi Book Club Moves Online

Chi chapter has been holding a book club this biennium. With covid-19 preventing a face to face meeting in May the coordinator, Barb Andrews, held the book club using Zoom. This technology enabled eight members to meet virtually and talk about the book The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World, by Melinda Gates.

Some of us read the book and others listened to it on audio prior to the meeting. One of our members said this about The Moment of Lift. “I have told my 3 daughters that it is a must read!”

After sharing our thoughts and impressions on

highlights in the book, we discussed how we each have our own stories as to why and how we got into education. It was very meaningful to hear about the different paths we took to where we are today. We also talked about encouraging one another and lifting one another up as women in DKG. Our founders of DKG were women who empowered other women and are were examples of how this changes the world.

It was encouraging to see the chapter continue to be able to offer this book club through the use of technology. As one of the participants stated, “Great to connect with people and see people we haven’t been able to see lately. It was a great discussion which related to so many of the 7 principles.”



MISSION

To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

VISION

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

WHO IS THE DKG KEY WOMAN EDUCATOR?

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Adaptable | Able to bring out the best in others | Authentic |
| Results oriented | A potential leader | A conceptual thinker |
| Responsive to feedback | Motivated to make a difference | |



This was taken from Dr. Lyn B. Schmid slide presentation, *DKG Membership Recruitment, Retention and Revitalization*. It is part of the Leadership Training Program offered to strengthen our skills as leaders. It is a unique way to summarize our Society and what we represent.

On January 23, 2020 our Society turned 83 years old. DKG is truly a unique international organization of 62,000+, empowering strong women educators.

Membership benefits include:

- leadership training
- scholarships, grants
- networking opportunities
- professional journal, newsletter and other publications for members
- insurance offerings and group discounts

Take time to review our Society’s beginnings and renew your ‘Pride in Membership.’

Important Dates - Mark Your Calendars

June 30, 2020 Members to submit dues to Chapter Treasurers

August 1, 2020 Bulletin: Collegial Exchange Submissions

September 1, 2020 DKGEF Cornet CIPD Application

September 15, 2020 Arts & Humanities Gallery Submissions for Fall Gallery

September 15, 2020 International Speakers Fund Speaker Application

September 30, 2020 All dues must be entered in the portal to avoid members being dropped Oct. 1st

October 1, 2020 Bulletin: Journal Submissions

October 31, 2020 Website Compliance Renewal

April 23 – 25, 2021 State Creative Arts Retreat, Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA

June 11 – 13, 2021 PA State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

July 7 – 10, 2021 International Conference, Portland, Oregon

July 21 – 24, 2021 International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

July 28 – 31, 2021 International Conference, Tampere, Finland

July 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

Summer 2024 International Convention, Gaylord National, DC
Area National Harbor, Maryland

Summer 2026 International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

State President Eileen Little's Schedule:

June 16, 2020 Leadership Zoom Session 1 for Incoming Chapter Presidents

June 18, 2020 Leadership Zoom Session 2 for Incoming Chapter Presidents

June 23, 2020 Chapter Visit: Alpha Beta - Bedford

June 24, 2020 Leadership Zoom Session 3 for Incoming Chapter Presidents

June 25, 2020 Leadership Zoom Session 4 for Incoming Chapter Presidents

June 30, 2020 Leadership Zoom Session 5 for Incoming Chapter Presidents

July 1, 2020 Leadership Zoom Session 6 for Incoming Chapter Presidents

July 8, 2020 Leadership Zoom Session 7 for Incoming Chapter Presidents

July 9, 2020 Leadership Zoom Session 8 for Incoming Chapter Presidents

July 29 - 30, 2020 Administrative Board Meeting

September 17, 2020 Chapter Visit: Nu - Lebanon

September 19, 2020 Chapter Visit: Pi - Potter & Tioga

October 17, 2020 Chapter Visit: Kappa, Alpha Kappa, Beta Theta, Beta Iota – Cumberland, Franklin, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Dauphin

December 3 – 4, 2020 Convention Planning Meeting, NLI, State College

December 5, 2020 Chapter Visit: Sigma – Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union

he Keystonian

ie Lee Barnes, Editor
st Maitland Lane
New Castle, PA 16105-1420
iberrylady@aol.com

he Keystonian is published
imes a year by the
Pennsylvania State Organization
of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society
ernational

SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATES:

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

key Group, LLC
850 Vogelsong Road
York, PA 17404

HAPPY SUMMER!



**Pennsylvania
State Organization**

**The Mission of the Delta Kappa
Gamma Society International
is to provide professional and
personal growth for women
educators and excellence
in education.**

**For more information on the
Pennsylvania State Organization
of DKG, log onto our website at
dkgpa.weebly.com.**