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PA State Reconnects at 2021 Convention

2021 PA State Achievement Awardee Karen Ball

Karen Ball, Psi, was honored at our 2021 State Convention in Scranton as the 27th 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 the Pennsylvania State Organization and has*



purposes and Delta Kappa International.

A member Gamma since loyalty, dedication, the organization is From the very be- chapter has bene- consistent involve- held the positions

promoted the policies of the Gamma Society

of Delta Kappa 2000, Karen's and service to exemplary. ginning, her fited from her ment. She has of Corresponding

ing Secretary, Recording Secretary, First Vice-President, and President. In addition, there were years that she held chairman roles simultaneously: Ways & Means, Special Projects, Rules, and Nominations. With an outstanding work ethic, she always gets the job done with 100% satisfaction.

At the State level, Karen has co-chaired the EEC – Projects/Personal Growth Committee. She has been a member of the State Achievement Awards Committee and the Scholarship Committee. From 2007-2013, she was Delta Kappa Gamma's State Photographer. Her interest in photography blossomed into "Kaleidoscope," a workshop at the Artist's Alley Retreat. At the 2018 Convention, she presented the "All that Glitters" workshop to share her interest and knowledge of jewelry. Other chapters benefited from her jewelry knowledge as she took her presentation on the road. Karen's creative skills abound. DKG members have had

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New Business from State Convention, 2021 Eileen Little, Chi

I wanted to take this opportunity to update everyone about what was discussed and voted on under New Business at our State Convention in Scranton, PA. Some items were voted on by all members present and others were a vote for the Executive Board only. The Executive Board consists of the Chapter Presidents (or their representative to State Convention), Past State Presidents and State Officers. It was exciting as electronic voting was used for the Executive Board votes and was successful.

Dr. Marjorie Paradise, Chi Chapter and Second Vice President/
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**President's Message
Eileen Little, Chi
DKG PA State President 2021-2023**



What an exciting time we all had at our State Convention 2021 in Scranton, PA! The weekend began on Friday with Leadership Workshops for Chapter Presidents and one for members. Each group had two workshops they could choose to attend, and I was excited with the number of members and Chapter Presidents that participated! This was the first year we chose to do the Leadership Seminar right before convention and we were pleased with the results. This will happen again during the 2022 State Convention.

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, aka Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho, shared with us about DKG in the early years and teaching during the smallpox pandemic of the 1900's. We learned so much and were amazed to see so many similarities between the two pandemics, then and now.

Other new additions to this year's convention were members using their voice and sharing why they made the choice to join DKG. Also, *In A Flash*, sessions were added before the morning and afternoon workshops. These 10-minute sessions shared personal growth in the morning and professional growth in the afternoon.

Our International Guest, Connie Rensink, and our Keynote presenter, Kaylyn Gibilterra were wonderful! Connie was busy presenting the whole weekend with leadership workshops, the International update, convention workshops, and Installation of State Officers for 2021 – 2023. Kaylyn's keynote at Saturday's lunch and her workshop in the afternoon were a breath of fresh air, new and exciting!

Check out the PA website as many of the workshop presenters shared their handouts, links, or presentations! Also, my President's report and all the committee reports are posted as well. During the First and Second General sessions business was conducted. Read my article on page 1 to explain the results of the proposed amendments which were posted in the Winter *Keystoneian*. You will also want to read the article about who was the State Achievement Award recipient for 2021!

I am so excited to continue as PA State President for 2021-2023! I have an amazing team of officers, committee chairs, committee members and a convention team that will support all our goals and endeavors! We will continue to focus on growing and maintaining membership, especially collegiate members; leadership within our chapters; projects like STEM; Early Career Educators; Schools for Africa; and

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EEC at Convention

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta First Vice President/EEC Coordinator



Wow! What a story the Educational Excellence Committee has to tell from State Convention. Friday night began by presenting Women of Distinction to convention goers. A reception followed, with the night cap being an ice cream social. This event supported purpose # 1 – *to unite women in genuine spiritual fellowship*. After a year without meetings, fellowship, and convention, it was so nice to just sit and chat. A variety of food stations supplied conversations starters as well. EEC members served as hostesses.

Saturday brought many of the workshops carried over from last year's cancelled convention, but these were well worth the wait. Some of these workshops focused on President Little's state project – STEM. Others focused on literacy and wellness. Many offered Act 48 hours for our working educators.

Sandwiched between the workshops was the Birthday Luncheon Tea Party. At the luncheon seven chapters were recognized for milestone birthdays over 40 years. Five members reaching their 40-year membership milestones were also recognized at the luncheon. Members with membership over 40 years wore ribbons on their name

tags to designate their milestones years.

The new biennium ushers in several new members to the committee to replace outgoing members. A special thanks to those women who persevered through the most unusual of times to serve the PA State Organization. New members include Tina Smith-Gilbert, Alpha Beta; Deb Seng, Erie; Jade Leung, Alpha Xi; Karlie Vaughn, Alpha Zeta who all take on coordinators' roles for the committee.

The Education Excellence Committee was proud to be an integral part of our post-pandemic convention and looks forward to providing more support for our members in 2021-2022.

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the pleasure of her banquet centerpieces, her co-designed and created Psi heirloom quilt, award-winning poetry, cake decorating, and her on-going participation in the state chorus.

Karen's DKG enthusiasm goes well beyond her local Psi door. Her Projects Committee marketed Lucinda pins to help the homeless find shelter. She was awarded the United Nations Best Practice Award for "Project Patricia." The committee collected over 3,900 pairs of panties for young African girls. The project, "Ethiopia Reads," provided Little Free Libraries for a local center for abused women and children. Her heart is big. She makes things happen.

Yet, it doesn't stop there. She has participated in multiple Purposeful Seminars, Arts Retreats, Fall

Conferences, and the Leadership Development Program. She has traveled to five Regional Conferences and four International Conferences.

You just cannot slow Karen down. The letters of support for her nomination for the State Achievement Award spoke strongly of her leadership ability, compassion, mentoring, and strong communication skills. She is a true friend and an exemplary role model for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. At the 2021 State Convention, Karen joined 26 other women in Pennsylvania State history in the honor of receiving the State Achievement Award.

**CONGRATULATIONS,
Karen Ball
2021 State Achievement Award Recipient.**

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supporting World Fellowship Recipients.

I will be attending the International Conference virtually this year and all this news will be shared in the next *Keystonian*. Our Administrative Board meeting for PA is scheduled for July 14 & 15, 2021 in State College. International Leadership train-

ing is July 30 – August 1, 2021. This too will be done virtually. The pandemic did grow our skills with technology, and we will continue to conduct some business virtually.

I am looking forward to doing Chapter visits and getting to know more PA State members!

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Membership

Dr. Marjorie Paradise, Chi

Outgoing Second Vice President for Membership/Expansion

What a delightful Convention 2021! Many members came together in Scranton to converse, collaborate and celebrate! The Membership Committee welcomed First Time Convention attendees and Special Guests at a Saturday morning breakfast that was enjoyed by all. The Committee also respectfully celebrated the lives of Sisters that have passed during the *Celebration of Life Ceremony* on Sunday morning. Sending out a HUGE thanks to an amazing committee that withstood complications of planning due to the pandemic, yet persevered to provide meaningful Convention memories.

Membership/Expansion Committee Members for the 2019-2021 Biennium were:

Beth Becker, Omega
Tracey Dusch, Psi
Deborah Johnson, Pi
Michelle Leddy Fitzgerald,
Beta Alpha
Melissa Moorhead, Alpha
Beta
Linda Young, Chi

Also sending out great thanks to ***Nancy Hills, Psi*** for supporting our ideas throughout the planning phases and her amazing talent of securing accompaniment for our *Celebration of Life!* ***Debra Britton, Psi, and Rebecca Barkley, Beta Pi.*** We were touched by your talents and thank you for sharing with us.

During one of the Presidents leadership training sessions, a current President shared that her

theme is “*Getting to Know You!*” I was so thrilled to hear this because that had been my theme when I was Chi Chapter President. During my biennium, I began a practice called *Sister Spotlight*. A newer member and a “seasoned” member were interviewed and the answers were then presented at the next meeting as Sisters attempted to guess who was In the Spotlight. They were also featured in the Chapter newsletter.

I firmly believe that healthy chapters will translate into a stronger overall organization. What is your chapter doing to get to know each other better?

***Wishing you all the best in DKG,
Marj***

Continuing Nancy's Vision

Tracey Dusch,

The Nancy Grove Visionary Fund grant recipient for 2021 is **Sue Allen**, Chi Chapter, an instructional technology specialist in the Hempfield School District.

Sue will use her grant to purchase two Hummingbird Premium kits. These kits will be used by her students and include all of the components they need to create a robot. The students will then brainstorm, plan, create a robot, and write code for the robot to perform a function. The robot's design and coding will be aligned with a piece of literature, selected by the student, or a writing that the student generated.

We look forward to seeing what Sue's students will create with her grant funds. Congratulations, Sue!



Keystonian Archives President Eileen Little, Chi

You may have noticed that the **Keystonian** archives on our PA website have not been available at

this time. Our State webmaster, Sue Allen has been working hard going through each **Keystonian** and blacking out all contact information. This is due to a directive from International to help prevent identify theft and possible hacking.

I know the number of hacks and spam mail has decreased for me.

My new email is dkgapres-ident@gmail.com and it has helped with the number of hacks and spam emails I had been receiving.

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(New Business from page 1)

Membership Chair, read a motion from the Membership Committee recommending with regret that the following Chapters be dissolved – **Iota** Chapter and **Alpha Lambda** Chapter. With this motion being made by a committee, it did not require a second. President Eileen stated that the motion requires a simple majority from those on the Executive Board to pass. An electronic vote then occurred with 35 out of 35 Chapters voting in favor of the motion. The motion **passed**.

Lois Brown, Chi Chapter and Rules Chair, read the first proposal to be considered for this convention concerning the *Keystonian*. The motion Lois read was to amend Article X (Activities), Section 2 (Publications) that states “*The Keystonian shall be made available four (4) times a year to all members. The Keystonian shall be available online and through snail mail*” to read: “*The Keystonian shall be made available four (4) times a year to all members. The Keystonian shall be available online or by special request.*” There was an amendment to this proposal and the **final version** reads: “*The Keystonian shall be available on-line or, if requested, by a mail-printed version.*” This motion was voted by all members present and it **passed**. President Eileen stated that a process will be developed and shared with the membership as to how each member will choose if they want an electronic or mail printed copy of the *Keystonian*.

Lois Brown, Chi Chapter and Rules Chair, read the second proposal to be considered for this convention concerning Nominations. The motion Lois read was to amend Article VIII, Section 3D that states “*The Nominations Committee shall consist of seven (7) members. The immediate past president shall serve as chairman for a two-year term. The Executive Board shall elect three (3) members each biennium for a four-year term*” to read “*The Nominations Committee shall consist of seven (7) members. A past state organization president, appointed by the newly installed state organization president, shall serve as chairman of the Nominations Committee. The Executive Board shall elect three (3) members each biennium for a four-year term.*” This motion was voted on by all members present and this **motion failed**.

Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon and Immediate Past State President/Nominations Chair presented the following slate of officers for the 2021 -2023 biennium.

Eileen Little, Chi
President
Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta,
1st Vice President
Marcia Erickson, Beta Epsilon
2nd Vice President
Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa
Recording Secretary
Greta Marie Taft, Pi
Corresponding Secretary
Mary Wilhelm, Kappa
Finance Committee
Linda O'Connor, Omega

Finance Committee
Barbara Tobais, Nu
Finance Committee
Barbara Clark, Psi
Nominations Committee
Carol Lane, Alpha Zeta
Nominations Committee
Diane Whitaker, Omicron
Nominations Committee
The Nominations Committee moved that the vote be en masse for these candidates. There being no nominations from the floor, President Eileen called for the vote. The motion was **approved**.

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa Chapter and Finance Chair, provided a correction to the 2021-2022 Budget. The numbers of active, reserve, and collegiate members recorded on the budget were in error. The correct amounts were provided, and the updated budget is on the State website. Mary then made the following motion: “The Finance Committee makes the motion to adopt the 2021-2022 budget for the Pennsylvania State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.” Since the motion came from committee it did not require a second. President Eileen called for the electronic vote from the Executive Board and with 33 out of 33 Chapters voting in favor of the budget, the **motion passed**.



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This has been **HUGE** job for Sue to read every *Keystonian* in our archives and black out the contact information. As of this issue, she has completed this time-consuming task. *Thank you, Sue!*

Update From Your Finance Committee

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa
Finance Chair

The State Finance Committee met on May 13, 2021 at the

Country Cupboard. We reviewed past budgets and actual spending for this year to our budget for the 2020-2021 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 chapters at this year's State Convention.

NOTES FROM THE FORUM

Susan Fritz Chi
Us Forum/Ed. Legislation Chair

On May 19, 2021, Alma Couverthis, National Organizing Director of the League of Women Votes, headlined a one hour *Zoom* presentation on ***Voting: A Right for Everyone***. There are links to this excellent presentation and PowerPoint on the DKG US Forum website. I encourage you to review the PowerPoint for information related to recent anti-voter tactics used prior to election, those that occur on election day, restrictive voting bills, and voter bills that protect the rights of voters.

One of the ways I spent my pandemic time was watching webinars and *Zoom* presentations on topics that caught my interest. One of my discoveries was the discussion series, ***Talking Climate!***, on Second Fridays at the Climate Museum. Museum Director Miranda Massie serves as the moderator of a panel of three to five people who are academic researchers and/or are running programs focused on addressing a specific aspect of climate. Indigenous poets and artists

are featured as well. Each session ends with "an ask" that provides specific actions one can take to use the information presented. Among the sessions I watched are ***Climate Arts in the Pandemic, Identity, Infrastructure***, and ***Food***. The June session is ***Law***, which I will miss due to State Convention. Past sessions are accessible at <https://climatemuseum.org/second-fridays>

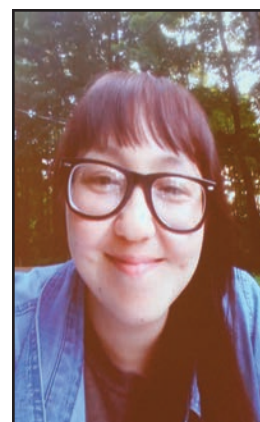
Listening to these conversations has broadened my idea of climate and its multi-layered effects on our lives. Intersectionality, a new word for me, is frequently used to describe how multiple systems come together in a synergistic fashion for either positive or negative effect. Whether your interest is scientific, artistic, sociological, or all of the above, I invite you to view one of these sessions or visit the Climate Museum online or in New York City.

Having served as US Forum/Educational Legislation Chair US for the past six years it seems the time is right to pass the torch. Many thanks to Pennsylvania State Organization Presidents Tracy Dusch, Barbara Gasperini, and Eileen Little for extending the opportunity to serve in this position and the very best wishes to the new Chair.

World Fellowship Rose Ann Colosimo, Theta

At the State Convention, President Eileen shared a video from our World Fellowship recipient, Zhanar Tostubayeva. Zhanar graduated in May with a Master's degree in Special Education. She received an internship from the Muskie Program and is very excited to work at a Special Education Camp in Honesdale PA.

"I am so excited to have this experience and look forward to taking all of my experiences and information home to Kazakhstan. I am so grateful for the support I received from all of the Pennsylvania DKG Sisters and feel that I have many friends."



More Convention Coverage: Two Perspectives

#1 Chapter Presidents Finally Meet

Face-to-Face Training

Amy Dobbins, Beta Epsilon



A feeling of high energy was in the air in the electric city of Scranton on June 11, 2021, as the current DKG Chapter Presidents gathered for the first time face to face for chapter president leadership training. After meeting remotely for the past year through *Zoom*, the presidents were excited to finally meet each other in person and experience genuine spiritual fellowship. New friendships were forged and acquaintances were renewed. Everyone looked forward to a day of training presented by Connie Rensick, International Member at Large, and the state leadership committee.

Connie Rensick facilitated the morning training session, which focused on communication styles and generational differences.



As part of the workshop, the presidents completed a communication inventory assessment which revealed their personal communication style. An opportunity was given to collaborate with other presidents with similar communication results. As part of their work, each group created a song title and line to a song that summed up their communication style. This was a creative and fun

way to explain the characteristics of their group. Finally, the four communication styles were discussed and suggestions were given on how to effectively engage people with their specific communication style.

The second part of the session concentrated on generational differences. The presidents were grouped according to their specific generation such as baby boomers and generations x and y. Each generation discussed their communication preferences such as letter writing, email, texting, social media, etc. Results were shared within the large group and ways to engage each generation were discussed. As the session concluded, I reflected upon what I learned about our differences, but discovered, despite those differences, we all were similar in our desire to be *forward moving ever* in our chapters and promote the mission and purposes of the Society.

After partaking in a boxed lunch and socializing with our fellow presidents, we were eager for the afternoon session facilitated by Dr. Lyn Schmid and the state leadership committee. The session began with a mock electronic vote. This was done in final preparation for PA State's inaugural electronic vote slated for the first general session at the convention. Leadership committee members and Sue Allen, state webmaster were on hand to troubleshoot any technical problems.

After a successful round of mock voting, Dr. Lyn Schmid, leadership chair, presented "*Living a Legacy of Leadership*." One

particular item that resonated in me was that the members of the chapter call for the chapter it wants. The president doesn't call for the chapter. Often, leaders believe that they need to promote their particular initiatives and lose sight of what their chapter members truly want and feel.

Members are the heart of DKG, and the chapter needs to fit to the needs of the membership.

Another key topic presented was a sharing of ideas on how the chapters kept connected during Covid-19 and how to keep members involved in the chapter. Virtual meetings tended to be the norm during this trying time.

To celebrate the end of the first year of the president's biennium the leadership committee served each president a glass of sparkling grape juice. A toast was made to



wish each president a successful second year of their presidency. At the end of the session, the chapter presidents decided to continue to meet virtually through the remainder of the biennium to share the workings of our chapters.

James Kim says "It is encouraging to see that we are not alone. We can learn from each other." We all look forward to sharing how we put into practice what was learned at our leadership training to move our chapters forward ever.

#2 DKG State Conference

Workshops: Juggling Elephants & Diversity in Communication

Rebecca Barkley, Beta Pi



*DKG State Conference:
Don't Miss The First Day!*

I was a first timer at the DKG State Conference on June 11, and I

didn't know what to expect. Since I came a day early with my chapter president, who had leadership training, I had the opportunity to participate in the member leadership training. Good thing I did because I quickly got to know other DKG members participating in the leadership workshops.

In the first workshop, Juggling Elephants, Royce Boyd was very welcoming from the start! She had us reflect upon our work, family,

and personal life and how to balance each one. Trying to do everything can be an impossible act. The information presented was from the book *"Juggling Elephants"* by Jones Loflin and Todd Musig. It was fun to make a list of our daily activities and reflect upon how they impacted on our own goals for self-improvement. I highly recommend getting the book. It is just what any working or retired teacher needs to hear!

Later, we worked in small groups and discussed ideas on how to improve our own DKG chapters. This was such a valuable way to use our time. We shared activities that work well in our chapters and came up with great ideas to improve them.

The afternoon Diversity in Communication workshop, with Connie Rensink, was very insightful and interesting. She talked about the ways we listen to information every day. Then we discussed the many ways different generations communicate with one another on a daily basis

using devices and which of those methods they prefer. Connie put us in groups during the workshop to get to know one another better and to get different perspectives. We shared methods we enjoy communicating and how each one impacts our lives. We learned a lot from each other in the short amount of time we spent interacting with several groups.

Bravo Connie for allowing us to have discussions in such a fun, positive manner. Being new to the State Conference, this was a fantastic way to get to know the other chapter members in such a short time!

After a full day of activities on my first day of the conference, I felt a new sense of belonging and purpose with DKG through all the people I met. I highly recommend attending all the leadership training workshops offered at pre-convention. It provides time to meet members from other chapters, build relationships, and share ideas. I can't wait to go back next year!

ZOOMING WITH SOCIETY LEADERS

Becky Johnen, President,
Alpha Beta



Have you ever wanted to spend some quality time with the top leadership of the Society in a relaxed, informal setting? Meeting President Becky Sadowski's challenge of, **"Any chapter that is successful in updating all of their member profiles in MyDKG on the international website..."** provides that opportunity.

Having met the challenge, Alpha Beta Chapter met with President Becky and Board Member, Candi Martin (Southeast Regional Director), on June 14. Members found the *Zoom* meeting enlightening, informative, and interesting. Both President Becky and Candi were warm and engaging, full of enthusiasm, and genuinely interested in hearing members share information on the chapter's many projects. In turn, Becky and Candi were direct, honest, and transparent in their sharing information on how the Administrative Board operates; the sale of the headquarters building; member-initiated Constitutional amendments; and

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DKG Gallery of Fine Arts Awardees

Amy Radford, Beta Rho



**Blue Ridge Mountains
Waterfall**

Donna Biglin, Beta Rho



**Hummingbird at
Rose of Sharon**

Jackie Thomas, Omicron



**Legacy
The
Big C**



**Checking In
Basketry**

Submission deadline for the Fall Arts and Humanities Gallery is September 15, 2021. Look around you and capture a creative vision to share with other Key Women Educators!

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collegiate members. It was most refreshing to hear that even when differences of opinion are expressed, discussions are done with dignity, diplomacy, and respect.

The sixty minutes with these amazing women flew by way too quickly but the experience, especially the wisdom and warmth of their words, their passion for Delta Kappa Gamma, and their desire to continue to move the legacy of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton forward, will remain with the members of Alpha Beta forever. Here's hoping other chapters meet the challenge and get the chance to experience this amazing opportunity.

Any chapter that is successful in updating all of their member profiles in MyDKG on the International Website has an opportunity to *Zoom* with our International President or a DKG Official. Chapters, step up to the challenge!

2021 Scholarship and Enrichment Grant Recipients

Susan Martin, Eta, Scholarship Chair

The Scholarship Committee experienced many of the similar challenges the state organization and chapters also faced throughout the pandemic. The committee was delighted to award nine individuals enrichment grants and two scholarships to one individual in 2020. Unfortunately, the nine who received enrichment grants were unable to use their grants prior to the 2021 convention due to travel restrictions.

This year the Committee was able to extend grants to two applicants, one of which was a 2020 recipient who was able to reschedule her plans and reapplied this year. We have two recipients of scholarships who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Enrichment Grant Recipients



Ann Peay has taken horseback riding holidays in the US and Europe since 2008. With her grant, Ann has booked a ride at the Lipizzan Riding Center in Solvenia and will tour the original Lipizzan breeding farm. The prospect of riding a Lipizzan horse will be a dream come true for her. Ann was a 2020 recipient of a grant and planned to use the grant for this trip but with the pandemic, Solvenia denied Americans entry. On her travels with this grant, she will also research ancestry information of her maternal grandparents who emigrated from Slovenia just before World War I.



Deborah Kern will use her grant to travel with two of her grandchildren to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Her travels will include other experiences for the children as the “Ark” in Kentucky, Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, and Zion and Bryce National Parks in Utah. She will create digital memory books for the grandchildren and herself to share the “road trip” experience with others.

Scholarship Recipients



Rose Ann Fulena will use her scholarship towards her pursuit of a doctorate degree in Instructional Management and Leadership at Robert Morris University. Her goal is to continue to grow both as a teacher and as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils.



Diana Borowski will use her scholarship to pursue a master’s degree in history from Slippery Rock University. As a high school teacher of US history, Diana will guide and build her students’ learning and analytical skills through their own historical inquiry rather than through lecture and simple memorization.

New Inductees Summer 2021

Alpha Phi - **JoAnn Jacobs**

Alpha Beta
Nancy Rockey
Amy Snyder

Beta Iota - **Nora Kerschner**

2021



Barbara Bohling - Sigma.
Bloomsburg Children's
Museum Volunteer for 2020



**Mari Grace Lingenfelter –
Beta Epsilon.** Recognized by
the Conemaugh Township
Music Boosters for directing 25
years of musicals



**Dr. Jessica (Jadi) Redcay -
Chi.** International Computer
Science Network of the Year
2020, International Society for
Technology in Education



**Dr. Judy Bookhamer –
Alpha Psi.** PSCA Honorary
Life Membership Award



**Mary Kay Mattocks –
Lambda.** First female
President of Grove City
Borough Council



**Karen Snyder – Beta
Gamma.** The Mario
Fierros Award for Excel-
lence presented by American
Association of Teachers of
Spanish and Portuguese



**Carol Deremer – Alpha
Beta.** College Board AP
Computer Science Female
Diversity



Ursula Payne - Alpha Sigma.
Recognized by Black Dance
Magazine by publishing her ar-
ticle, "HER(e)Sies: RE-center-
ing Black Resistance Through
Filtered Movement Practices



Susan Wolfe - Psi.
Punxsutawney Woman of
the Year

Album of Distinctions

2020-2021 Chapter Newsletter and Website Awards

Chi	Alpha Xi
Sigma	Alpha Zeta
Xi	Beta Kappa
Alpha Beta	Beta Pi
Alpha Nu	Beta Theta

2020-2021 Newsletter Awards

Eta	Alpha Sigma
Kappa	Alpha Upsilon
Psi	Beta Beta
Zeta	Beta Iota

2020-2021 Chapter Website Awards

Nu	Alpha Theta
Pi	Beta Epsilon
Theta	Beta Rho
Alpha Phi	



State President Eileen Little's Schedule:

July 12, 2021

*Zoom Meeting with Northeast State
Presidents*

July 14 & 15, 2021

*Administrative Board Meeting State
College*

July 22 – 24, 2021

*International Conference, San Antonio,
TX, Virtual*

July 30 – Aug. 1, 2021

*International Leadership Training Atlanta,
GA, Virtual*

September 11, 2021

*Chapter Visit: Alpha Upsilon
Westmoreland, Alleghany, Armstrong,
Butler*

Chapter News

Alpha Nu

Zooming Along at 65. Alpha Nu Chapter (Bucks County) has sped along throughout the pandemic, celebrating 65 years (April 21, 1956) at the May 8, 2021, meeting with toasts via Zoom. A Power-



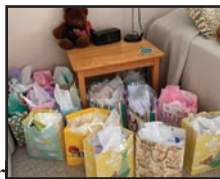
point of the chapter's history and highlights was prepared for the June PA State Convention in Scranton.

At the December 2020 meeting, members wel-

comed DKG World Fellowship recipient, **Zhanar Tostubayeva**. She is from Kazakhstan and was a graduate student studying special education at Lehigh University. She has been teaching over 10 years and was surprised and thrilled to receive the fellowship, particularly since she applied in a hurry at the last moment. Her goal is to increase and improve her knowledge of special education for use in her classroom. The pandemic, of course, was a shock, but she had completed her first semester and was looking forward to the spring semester 2021. She presented an interesting outlook of her life and her impressions of the US.



During the winter 2020-2021, the books and blankies committee was busy. A pandemic is the perfect time to knit and crochet. During February, 17 bags were prepared, including a baby blanket and hat, two books and a letter



explaining this project for the families involved. They were delivered to the Healthy Beginnings Program at Doylestown Hospital. In addition, the Baby Bureau in Warminster, PA, received a large number of similar items.



The March 6, 2021, Zoom meeting presenter was **Beth Auwarter**, an Alpha Nu member. Her pandemic project, a published book, *The Golden Splendor of California*, tells the story of her great-great grandfather, Charles King, via letters to his wife, about his trip west during the gold rush. There are three volumes including photos, copies of letters and drawings by grandchildren. Beth's goal was to create a legacy for her family members, especially the grandchildren. It was an amazing, documented account of Mr. King's journey to California in pursuit of gold.



The *Write Read Write* project this year was complicated. Second graders, who were both in the classroom and online at home, wrote their letters. The theme was STEM. The Alpha Nu coordinator this year, Linda Seachrist, organized distribution of the letters to members, and then arranged to meet at a location to collect the unwrapped books. She wrapped the 54 books and delivered them to the school, after which the children wrote thank you letters. Quite an accomplishment!

The chapter inducted two new members at an actual ceremony, held at the Morrisville United Methodist Church. Officers, with new members and their sponsors.



The first in person chapter gathering in 14 months occurred outdoors on May 19, 2021, at Core Creek Park in Langhorne, Pa. It was the book club discussing Lisa Scottoline's new book, *Eternal*.



Sigma

Sigma Chapter held its 2020 May meeting via Zoom with Co-President Doris Mertz presiding. Susan Giberson was installed as the new Treasurer. Margaret Auten will serve as the new Assistant Treasurer. The Red Rose award was presented to Recording Secretary

LaCinda Betz Coup for outstanding service in the revision of the chapter standing rules. A message of appreciation was received from Christy Abrahamson, coordinator of the Lewisburg
(see Sigma page 13)



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Chapter of *Jewelry Shop for Mom*. Area Head Start children recently received decorated sets of jewelry to present to their mothers for Mother's Day. Sigma members have been donating jewelry to this cause for several years.

DKG International World Fellowship recipient, **Zhanar Tosubayeva** of Kazakhstan presented



a program about her native country, including an overview of its educational system. A Fulbright Scholar, she is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Special Education at Lehigh University. Formerly she was an English teacher and ESL instructor in Kazakhstan.

In February, Sigma Sisters enjoyed a Valentine social and fundraiser on *Zoom* and look forward to another one in April. We have been sending notes to our members who are in active service to encourage and to thank them for their extraordinary work during the pandemic.

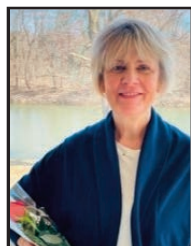
In March, 2021, Sigma Chapter again held its meeting on *Zoom*. Ann Nowaskie presented an



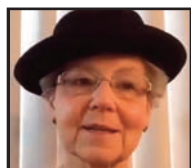
inspirational video meditation "Season of Recovery." Co-Presi-

dents Elizabeth Brewer and Doris Mertz conducted the business meeting. Sharon Craig and Nancy Slease led a memorial ceremony which honored the lives of members Carol Watts, of Milton, and Lois Paden, of Danville, both of whom deceased in the past year.

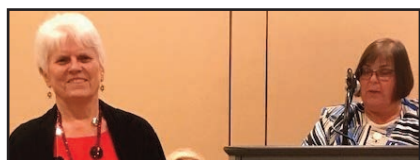
Sigma Corresponding Secretary **Judith Skinner**,



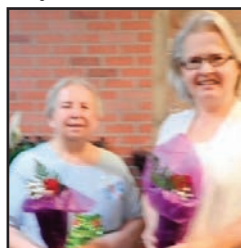
of Mt. Carmel, received the Red Rose Award for coordinating the virtual meetings during the pandemic. **Cindy Reynolds**, a member of the PA State DKG Historical Records Committee, presented via video a portrayal of our founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.



Barbara Bohling, of Bloomsburg, on the left was



recently named a Woman of Distinction at State Convention. This recognition is in honor of her designation as Volunteer of the Year 2020 by the Children's Museum of Bloomsburg. Barbara is a member of Sigma Chapter, DKG. Announcing the award, at right, is PA State First Vice President **Royce Boyd**.



At the June meeting of Sigma Chapter **Joy Knapik**, left, of

Shamokin and **Ann Nowaskie**, right, of Coal Township received Red Rose Awards for outstanding service to the chapter. Ms. Knapik has served many years as Projects Chair and coordinator of the chapter raffle for the state convention. Ms. Nowaskie is Professional Affairs Chair and provides inspirational messages for each chapter meeting.

Also at its June meeting Sigma Chapter collected Purses of Hope for the Gate House homeless shelter in Danville. Members contributed purses filled with toiletries, gift cards and notes of encouragement. Seated is **Joy Knapik**, of Shamokin, Sigma Projects Chair and standing is **Cindy Powers**, of Danville, Program Director of the Gate House.



Sigma Chapter presented the 2021 Recruitment Grant to **Addisyn Lundy**, a recent graduate of Line Mountain School District, who will attend Shippensburg University to study Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Presenting the award at right is **Carol Kruskie**, Line Mountain Elementary School Counselor and Sigma member.



Alpha Beta and Alpha Delta

Alpha Beta and Alpha Delta Chapters held their biennial joint meeting on May 21 where they celebrated their birthdays: Alpha Beta, its 73th, and Alpha Delta, its 73rd. The sister chapters enjoyed a talk by local meteorologist Christy Shield of WTAJ TV. She shared via *ZOOM* the importance of science and STEM education and related her career to those disciplines in education.

Alpha Beta President Becky Johnen and Alpha Delta President Beth Shaffer.



Beta Rho

Zooming with Activities.

The chapter has continued to have its meetings through *Zoom*. It recently had its Tri-Chapter meeting with Alpha Zeta and Phi Chapters, with President Eileen as the guest presenter. To promote DKG and to provide visibility for the Society, articles and photos about each of the meetings and/or activities are printed in five area newspapers.

SUMMER LUNCH BOX CONTRIBUTIONS—The Beta Rho Chapter has been supporting the local Summer Lunch Box Program in Susquehanna County. The chapter donates pasta and sauce and the program makes 5 distributions throughout the summer to families in five different locations. This year the chapter members donated 172 quarts of pasta sauce and 144 pounds of pasta.



Leslie Gossage, Beta Rho Personal Growth and Services Committee Chair, collected members' donations of 172 quarts of pasta sauce and 144 pounds of pasta for the Summer Lunch Box Program along with school supplies for S.E.E. baskets.

PACKED PURSES FOR THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER: For another project, the chapter packed purses with supplies that a woman would need if she had to leave her home suddenly. In December, the

chapter donated 23 packed purses/totes to the center. In the past the chapter has also donated baskets of cleaning supplies and children's backpacks.

THE GALLERY OF FINE ARTS—Four chapter members, Donna Biglin, Pat Carpenter, Amy Radford and Cindy Reynolds, have had their submissions posted on The International Gallery of Fine Arts. Photographs, watercolor paintings, poetry, a baby afghan and a pillow with a cow design with buttons were displayed.

S.E.E. BASKETS—The Projects Committee Chair prepares two lovely baskets of teaching supplies for each meeting. Two members' names in attendance are drawn and they present the basket to a teacher new to the profession or position.

Alpha Upsilon

Located in southwest Pennsylvania, Alpha Upsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, is once again on the move. Led by President, Jennifer McKay and her Executive Board members, including Barbara Summers, Susan Hilty, Linda Henkel, and Carolyn Sutton, the chapter has set an aggressive agenda for the coming months.

Even though the pandemic placed a major damper on programs, projects, activities, and face to face gatherings, Alpha Upsilon members have been conducting general membership and executive board

meetings via the magic of *Zoom*. Using emails, phone calls, newsletters, and personal cards to members, the chapter is beginning to bloom again like the early stages of a spring flower. A new chapter brochure has been created to share with educators in the region who may want to learn more about the workings of Alpha Upsilon. Hopefully, this marketing tool will attract new members.

One of the very bright spots has been the addition of 3 new members to the chapter. The chapter is holding strong at 37 members.

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Since this is the chapter's 60th birthday, plans are in the works for the big birthday bash to be held in July. Alpha Upsilon was founded on April 29, 1961 by Amelia Cooch. Our chapter is proud to say that several Alpha Upsilon members have been and continue to be leaders at the state level with some being state presidents. Leadership is something that is treasured in our chapter. Several chapter members are attending the state conference in June in Scranton where they plan to celebrate with other chapters marking their milestone birthdays as well.

One of the social activities that has been a success in the past has been a chapter picnic in the summer months. Final plans are underway for a picnic to be held on June 21st at Memorial Park in New Kensington.

To engage more members in planning and implementing work and activities critical to the chapter,

four academies have been established. These are Communication, Social, Membership and Finance. Members can select the academy their expertise and talents are best aligned to the responsibilities and tasks associated with each academy.

The Grant in Aid committee has successfully completed the selection of the 2021 senior girl winner of the \$1000 Grant-in-Aid. Our winner this year is from the Kiski Area School District. Congratulations Emily Schrag! We wish you much success in your next steps in becoming an educator.

Community service projects and fundraisers initiatives are planned this year to continue the success of AU's previous accomplishments.

Gearing up for the next year of meetings, projects, activities, and programs has begun. Watch out DKG, Alpha Upsilon is once again on the move!

Beta Kappa

Beta Kappa chapter had an in person meeting on April 10. Our chapter has not had a meeting since September due to Covid. We were very happy to be together once again. Sisters are the flowers in the garden of life. Grow and bloom with Beta Kappa!

Our meeting took place at the Waynesboro Country Club. Our guest speaker/program presentation was "Yoga and You" by Dr. Wendy

Royer. She provided us with many "chair yoga" poses. She emphasized that yoga is for everyone, any age and any state of fitness. Yoga can calm your mind and strengthen your body. Since breathing is often overlooked, Dr. Royer



Dr. Wendy Royer & Jill Miller,
Chapter President

reminded us to focus our attention on our breathing as we did the various poses.



Attending Chapter Members

Eta

Eta Chapter held its first in person meeting and activity in May. It was so nice to be back together. We met for a business meeting and then watched the video of Jane Golden: Keynote Speaker International Convention DKG 2020. She has been the driving force of Mural Arts Philadelphia since 1984. We were amazed by her tenacity and by what she has been able to do to improve the lives of countless people. The following week, we took a walking tour of the Murals of York. Even though the two were not started with the same purpose, they both were meant to improve the appearance of and highlight important people or events in both cities' history, instilling a sense of pride in residents of the community. York's murals were to pay tribute to York County's proudest moments and industrious people..



Kappa

In May 2021, we conducted our first in-person meeting and program since last September when our chapter opted to hold *Zoom* meetings during the Covid Pandemic.

We presented two Grant-in-Aids to two seniors, a female student from Tuscarora School District and a male student from Big Spring School District. Both will be going to college to major in Teacher Education.



Madalyn Akers

The guest speaker at our

meeting is a Carlisle resident, a former elementary teacher, a certified professional



Marianne Romagnoli

counselor, and an author of children's books. As a child working in

her Italian father's pizza parlor in New Jersey, she shared how she loved making up stories about the customers who patronized the parlor. She recently got her third book published. She talked about how to get a book published, how to find an illustrator, and how to market books. Members took the opportunity to purchase her books for their grandchildren.

In September we invited two young local boys and their parents to inform us about their boy's medical treatments and durations in the Ronald McDonald House, CHOP (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) and the Hershey Children's Hospital. We asked each member to contribute one pair of young boy's pajamas for donation to the children's hospitals.

In October, two of our members presented a program about the Susquehanna Service Dogs, a program of Keystone Human Services that breeds, raises, trains, and

places service dogs, hearing dogs, and facility dogs to assist children and adults with disabilities. Two Kappa members' dogs are currently in training and agreed to have their dogs demonstrate what they have learned at this point in their training. We enjoyed watching the dogs following commands while "Zooming" around in their homes.

In February, our International World Fellowship Recipient, Zhanar Tostubaye, attended our *Zoom* meeting. She prepared a presentation about her country of Kazakhstan and the education system there. It is a huge country south of Russia and spanning from Eastern Europe to China. We were also fortunate to have our State President Eileen Little at our meeting. We also learned a lot about the International World Fellowship recipients. There were 30 women in 21 countries to receive some money in 2019-2020. A total of \$83,500 was donated.

Alpha Theta

Although there seems to be a small beam of light reaching through the dark tunnel of this pandemic, our DKG Sisters working on the front lines of education have been put to the test in more ways than ever before. With this in mind, an idea came to Alpha Theta's acting First Vice-President, Connie Marr.

"Let's do a small in-house project to say thank-you to our working sisters," said Connie to acting Second Vice-President, Denise Gamble. A plan was created and this is how they went about it: An email was sent to all of the chapter's retired members to ask for monetary donations to do a project to support our working sisters. The response was overwhelming and a one-time project turned in to two acts of kindness. Connie and Denise purchased oversized Hershey bars and attached a label reading **"Teach, Eat, Repeat, from your Retired DKG Sisters."** Our working sisters were very appreciative of our thoughtfulness to honor and stimulate their daily routine with, of all things, Chocolate!

Because there were donations remaining, the retired members were able to do a second thank support project during PSSA time. This time, a Powerade drink and Hershey kisses were delivered with a message reading **"Because YOU love YOUR students, We share OUR love with YOU, Your DKG Retired Sisters."**



Alpha Theta is located in Armstrong County and has a unique geographical set-up where all members work in seven different buildings for the same school district, making distribution of these tokens of encouragement an easy task while promoting professional growth of women educators and excellence in education... through CHOCOLATE!

Convention Pics



First Timers with Connie Rensink★



Dr. Lyn, Connie Rensink,
Kaylyn Gibilterra



(Top to bottom)
Greta Marie Taft
Barbara Gasperini
Kristine Reynolds
Marcia Erickson
Kaylyn Gibilterra
Marjorie Paradise
Connie Rensink
Eileen Little
Royce Boyd



Karen Ball - had no clue.....
PA State Achievement Awardee

PA State Chorus having fun



Nancy Hills - A Basket Raffle
Winner - She'll be cooking....



Kristin Hills &
Jennifer McKay - Basket
Winners too! (Some
people have all the luck.)



Rose Ann Colosimo and MOM



Birthday Chapters



Deborah Yargar-Reed,
our photographer -
she is everywhere!
So, smile whenever
she's around.



In Memoriam

Mary Merenick
Alpha Mu
July 5, 2020

Inducted in 1988, Mary served as past Alpha Mu President and held many chapter offices and committee positions. She enjoyed attending many DKG State and Area workshops. Mary actively researched and was instrumental in moving the middle school concept into the Beaty Middle School.

Sara J. Miller
Alpha Upsilon

November 4, 2020

Sara was inducted in 1974. She served as Alpha Upsilon's Treasurer for many years and enjoyed attending many State Conventions. Sara attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1959 and earned her Education degree. She also earned her Masters degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Her entire career was served in Fox Chapel School District where she was a high school teacher.

Lois Paden
Sigma

November 17, 2020

Lois was an active chapter member and faithfully served on many committees, often as the Chairperson. During the 1992-1994 bienium, she was President of Sigma Chapter. For more than 30 years, Lois was a teacher in the Danville School district. Most of these years were spent in Kindergarten, which she loved.

Karen Smith
Upsilon
January 10, 2021

Karen was a member of Upsilon Chapter since 1980. She was Chair for the Grant-in-Aid program. She was a dedicated educator to the Penn-Trafford Preschool program, which she started and ran until her 2012 retirement. A firm believer of blood donation, she was the Coordinator for the American Red Cross Blood Drives for over 45 years!

Jeane Shelhamer
Alpha Gamma
February 18, 2021

Jeane was a loyal member of the Alpha Gamma Chapter and contributed in many ways and always with a smile. She started her career in education as a teacher at the Penn Hills School District in Pittsburgh, and went on to teach Fourth Grade for many years at Conneaut Valley Elementary School in Crawford County. She was awarded the Golden Apple Award for serving as a successful coach for Odyssey of the Mind.

Joan Moore
Erie
March 1, 2021

Joan became a Delta Kappa Gamma member in 1979. She was active in her chapter, known as Gamma Chapter, at the time. Initially, Joan was a First Grade teacher. Joan also touched the future of teaching by instructing and training future teachers at Mercyhurst College.

Lois Joan Stuck
Alpha Omicron
March 8, 2021

Inducted in 1958, Lois served as a Parliamentarian for many years and attended many State conventions. She was President of her chapter from 1964-1966. Lois was honored to become a "*Woman of Distinction*" in 2004. She taught English for 40 years, was a member and Past President of PA Association of School retirees as well as PSEA and NEA.

Mary Schorman
Alpha Mu
March 13, 2021

Mary was a School Nurse in the Warren County School District for 22 ½ years. She also was a Grief Counselor and Founding Member of the Warren County Hospice. A DKG grant was awarded to Mary, which she used for her Hospice training. She was also a "*Woman of Distinction*."

Lois Balcer
Beta Pi

March 26, 2021

Lois transferred from Maryland (Alpha Zeta) on October 8, 2004. She had been a DKG member since 1977 and was a dedicated member as she served on many committees and organized several banquets. She earned her degree in Education from Towson State Teacher's College in 1954 and went on to earn her Master's degree in Reading. She served education as a 2nd and 3rd Grade teacher, a Reading Specialist (becoming a Teacher of Teachers), an Assistant Principal and a Principal.

Louise Brennen**Theta****March 27, 2021**

A dedicated member since 1987, Louise spent her entire 48 year career as a Pittsburgh Public School Teacher and Administrator.

She was the First Female Superintendent of the Pittsburgh School District, 1992-1997.

Her vast influence and achievements were recognized by many, including the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Rosemary Ruhl**Beta Theta****May 31, 2021**

Rosemary served as the Beta Theta Chapter President from 2002-2004.

She also chaired a variety of committees and faithfully attended State Conventions and Regional and International Conventions.

For forty years, Rosemary was a History teacher for middle school students, first in the Harrisburg School District and later in the Susqueanna Township School District.

Ethel Naylor**Beta Epsilon****June 3, 2021**

Ethel was a Charter Member of the Beta Epsilon Chapter. She was a Vocal Music Teacher for Grades 1-12 in the Shanksville School District from 1948-1954. From 1954 until her retirement in 1982, Ethel was a Vocal Music Teacher for the Westmont Upper Yoder Junior High School.

**Important Dates****July 7 – 10, 2021**

International Conference,
Portland, Oregon
Theme - DKG: A World of
Opportunities, Contrib-
utions, Impact

July 15, 2021

Chapter Treasurer Annual
Report to State
Officer/Wanda

July 21 – 24, 2021

International Conference,
San Antonio, Texas
Theme – DKG: Opportuni-
ties, Contributions, Impact

August 1, 2021

Bulletin: Collegial
Exchange Submissions

September 15, 2021

Arts & Humanities Gallery
Submissions for Fall
Gallery

September 15, 2021

Nomination Recommenda-
tions and Endorsement
Forms for International
Officers/Elected
committees

September 30, 2021

All dues must be entered
in the portal to avoid
members being dropped
October 1st

October 1, 2021

Bulletin: Journal
submissions deadline

October 1, 2021

Amendments to Constitu-
tion/International Standing
Rules

November 1, 2021

DKGIEF Cornetet CSPD
application

December 15, 2021

Bulletin: Collegial
Exchange submissions

December 15, 2021

DKG Ignite (LMS)
application

July 12 – 16, 2022

International Convention,
Sheraton New Orleans,
Louisiana

Summer 2024

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

Summer 2026

International Convention,
Gaylord Rockies, Aurora,
Colorado



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