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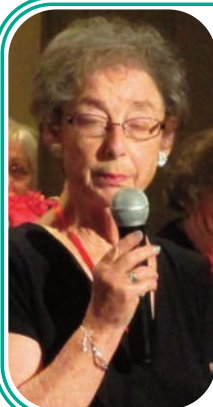
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## Rebecca Place 2015 Achievement Award

by Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho

The highlight of the Saturday evening banquet, every other year, is the announcement and presentation of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award and this year was no exception. Committee chairman, Carol Hartley, began the presentation with an informative overview of the award explaining that it is the highest award given by the state, initiated in 1984. Committee members Karen Ball and Pat Shedlock joined her to make what was supposed to be a serious and honorable presentation but turned out to be a lively, spirited, and enjoyable one. As they read their clues, Diana Leppo, who designed the lovely power point slides to accompany the presentation, revealed a photo of a member who fit each clue. These were all “oops” moments because the members pictured were each past recipients of the award. Carol then took back the microphone in an attempt to get back to a more dignified presentation. As the final clue was announced, the membership had no doubt who it was since she was the



*“This award is not for me but for all members who gave of themselves for me....”*

only Pennsylvania member who had received both a Golden Gift Special Study Stipend and attended the Leadership Management Seminar in Texas. The final power point

(see Becky page 3)

## The 78<sup>th</sup> State Convention Gift

by Jeanette Saulo, Beta Rho

Each member who attended the Alpha Alpha State Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA on June 12-14, 2015 was given a very special gift. It was a big box, wrapped in beautiful crimson foil paper. Its embossed pattern, having lines leading to the top of the box, signified the roads that 260 state members, representing 45 chapters, traveled on to reach convention.

Something so beautifully wrapped must have a precious gift inside! Lifting the lid was found, not one gift alone, but many gifts wrapped in delicate gold paper. The first gift was labeled “Welcome.” Peeling away the paper we saw the impressive Colonial Revival Nittany Lion Inn, eager valets, helpful check-in staff, a basket overflowing with red delicious apples, and the smiling faces of our DKG **Registration Committee** greet-

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## Alpha Alpha State Officers 2013-2015

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Chapter President for password.

## How Are You Going to be Involved? How Are You Going to Make a Difference?

by Kay Stuart



What an honor it has been to represent you during my 2013-2015 biennium! One chapter president asked how many miles I had traveled. So I added them up – 12,741! What wonderful trips I had. Each chapter visit allowed me to get to know you and to witness the work that you do for the Society. I felt your generosity and passion for your programs and projects. I saw you being involved and making a difference.

Recently, I had asked a member of my chapter how she was going to be involved in our work and was then asked, by others, how was I going to be involved in the Society at the end of my biennium. ***Involvement is crucial to provide quality programs and projects. Involvement helps to increase membership. Involvement increases the awareness of our Society. Involvement celebrates our members and their service to our Society and the community.*** I look forward to the next chapter of my DKG life! I will continue to work at the chapter and state level, being involved, making a difference.

While my biennium has come to an end, our work has not. I have challenged many of you to pick a week, and to call it your ***Week of Action***. Each day you are to talk to someone about DKG. Who? 1) Potential members to invite them to membership. 2) Chapter officers to assist them with a chapter task. 3) School administrators to inform them about our Society. 4) Legislators to voice your opinion on pending legislation. 5) Local media to make them aware of your work for our organization. By engaging in this ***Week of Action*** you will be addressing International President Dr. Lyn Schmid's theme of *85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life*. Our actions and our involvement can indeed advance women, children and education, providing leadership and opportunities both locally and globally.

Yes, DKG has provided the opportunity for my feet to go to places I had never dreamed; my hands to be involved in work varied, but important; and my eyes to witness the passion and strength of our membership. Thank you for your involvement. Thank you for making a difference. I hope you have felt Engaged, Equipped, and Empowered. I know that I have.



**Engage  
Equip  
Empower**

### (Becky from page 1)

slides went on to highlight some of the many achievements Becky was known for, as well as the awards, workshops, and work at all levels of the Society.

The assembly cheered, tears flowed, and hugs were freely given as Rebecca Place's name was announced. Becky, as she is known by most members, was initiated into the Alpha Zeta chapter in 1972 and then was instrumental in forming the Beta Rho Chapter, in which she continues as a member. As committee member Cindy Reynolds escorted Becky to the platform, Becky whispered in Cindy's ear, "I think someone was pulling my leg." You see, Becky had no idea she was receiving the award. She came to the convention prepared to make a special surprise presentation to Barbara Gasperini recognizing her as the latest Golden Gift recipient. At the microphone,

Joan Glass gave the serious part of the presentation while the medallion was placed around Becky's neck.

Becky's husband, Ted, who accompanied her for years to attend state conventions, northeast regionals and international conferences, joined Becky



on the platform and watched proudly as she, with her usual poise and grace, accepted the award. She said, **"This award is not for me but for all members who gave of themselves for me. We are farmers and traveling to the Delta Kappa Gamma**

**Society International's events served as a vacation for us."**

She continued wishing that Millie Dodge, a chapter member and dear friend who is no longer with us, could have been there. She also told of attending her grandson's high school graduation earlier in the day in her home area of Meshoppen and how proud she and Ted both were because he loved school and was well liked. Her words were touching, inspirational and truly extraordinary as she challenged the assembly to:

***CARE more than others  
think wise.***

***RISK more than others  
think safe.***

***DREAM more than  
others think practical.***

***EXPECT more than  
others think possible.***

**Congratulations Becky,  
the 24<sup>th</sup> recipient  
of the award.**

### (Gift from page 1)



created and intricate blown-glass **Rose pendant**

and pin were also made available for purchase as a "Road to Nashville" moneymaker to honor Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid at International next year.

Next we found a gift labeled "Friday." In it was the shouts of joy in seeing our DKG sisters; the **First Timers**; the Album of Distinction recipients whose

ing us with very well organized convention materials, a superb Convention Booklet, and basket raffle tickets. Additional DKG items and the beautifully



selfless service, volunteerism and commitment to many activities and organizations was



recognized; President Kay leading a well organized Executive Committee meeting with state committee reports; a message given by our International First Vice President; the **Friday Night Fling**; answers to questions from our State Treasurer; Chapter Birthday Celebrations; and Dancing with Tommy! A great time was had by all! Sprinkling out of our "Friday" gift wrapping were the colorful gold foil words: "Anticipation;" "Renewal;" "Engaging;" "Delightful!"



Digging deeper in our gift box is a gift wrapped and labeled "Saturday." The day began with the first General Session which ran like clockwork thanks to our Executive Committee; the lovely and touching Inspirational Message given by **Gisele Siebold** in which she spoke of her fond memories



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# The Time is N.O.W.

Nominate Outstanding Women

By Molly Spinney, Lambda, and Karen Tinstman, Alpha Sigma

This year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Membership Chair, Barbara Gasperini, has challenged chapters to Nominate Outstanding Women. But once they have been nominated, elected, and initiated, what do we do with them? What do we owe them? Your chapter's answers to these questions will have a serious impact on the health of your chapter and the viability of our Society.

You want to put new members to work as soon as possible. Make them feel a part of the chapter. Generation X and Y members communicate on social media. Perhaps you could have them do a program on Facebook, Twitter, blogging, and hashtags. Your chapter may see ways to

use social media to further the work of both the chapter and the Society.

Help new members to meet the members of your chapter and to understand the Society. You might develop a "Get to Know Us" sheet or webpage, to help new members identify possible mentors or resources. Offer lists of who has taught at different levels of elementary school, middle school, high school, or college. Do you have subject specialists in your chapter? List them. This is a generation that seeks to network, so offer them the information that will facilitate that effort. New members need to learn about the Society, who we are and what we stand for. Perhaps you might add

a short segment at each meeting to highlight one of the purposes, or leadership opportunities within the Society, or the variety of support offered to women at all stages of their careers in education. We want to make new members, whatever their age, feel welcome in our Society, to see the value in the work we do, and to understand the Society beyond the chapter level.

Dr. Lyn Schmid, 2014-16 International President said it this way in the March/April issue of *DKG NEWS*: "Preparing young members to lead must be the first priority of your chapter and state organization." If your chapter is not actively working on this effort, the suggestions offered by the Membership Committee may give you a place to start.

(Convention from page 3) of the strong, capable, vibrant women who made such an impression on her life and who equipped her for the future; the very touching contribution honoring Dr. Irene Murphy of \$792.00 to the Golden Gift Fund; the inspirational message of our lovely and engaging Southern Lady from Virginia, **International 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Vice President, Cathy Daughtery**, bringing greetings from International Headquarters and Dr. Lyn; the presentation of the 2015-2017 Slate of Officers by Louann Shrader and their unanimous acceptance by the membership; and the lively and engaging Sing-

A-Long written and lead by Carol Goodman and accompanied by Shirley Newhart.

The treasure that we found next in the "Saturday" gift was the Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Daria Brezinski**, so well



educated, experienced, well traveled, strong, and extremely engaging, reflecting on "What Wise Women Want." With her work focusing on Four Challenges: Autism; Women in STEM; Single Mothers; and Education as a Priority. She gave us suggestions on using many skills and strategies in personal and professional situations, in social and interpersonal relationships, and on time management and communication issues, which empower and inspire us to succeed.

Attending the many well planned and inspiring workshops added to the "Saturday" gift. The workshops were generated from the evaluations of members offering workshop suggestions.

One of the nicest parts of the "Saturday" gift was the delicious Celebration Luncheon. After a warm welcome from Tracey Dusch, activities included: recognition of Birthday Chapters; recognition of 40+ Year Members and Doctorates;

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### (Officers from page 5)

recognition of Certified and Non certified Websites; recognition of 15 chapter who had SAP in place and those who were working on them; presentation



to **Marsha Erikson**, the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Recipient; presentation of \$3,000 to Head Start; and thanks to 45 Chapters who donated the themed baskets, yeilding a profit of \$2,770.

The highlight in our "Saturday" gift was the presentation of the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award to recipient **Rebecca Place**, Beta Rho Chapter. What a wonderful and well deserved delight!



Following came the Installation of Officers for the 2015-2017 Biennium

in which **Tracey Dusch** was presented and pinned by **Kay Stuart**, with Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid's President's pin. Tracey gave a meaningful and one-of-a-kind acceptance speech in her witty and wonderful style! We look forward to the next biennium. Bringing the evening to a close with the lovely songs of the Alpha Alpha State Chorus, the members gathered in a circle for the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. Here we found those wonderful, gold metallic words again: "Overflowing Love;" "Awe Inspiring;" "Symbolic;" and "Transformational!"



On Sunday morning, our last gift was

labeled "Farewell." When unwrapped from its beautiful gold paper, we found "The Wind Beneath My Wings" white rose and candle Celebration of Life Ceremony where 28 members were remembered. Dr Irene Murphy, the well loved, highly respected, driven and accomplished, yet down to earth and fun Southern Lady, was beautifully eulogized.

The Second General Session found us enjoying the inspirational message by **Karen Matis**, who encouraged us to have "Courage" to do anything we want and to live each day remembering it. The Margaret J. Wolf Scholarship was given to **Alyssa Elliot** by Margaret, a member since 1935. Nine Enrichment Grant recipients were introduced and red rose presentations were made to our past presidents. Special gifts were given to guests and the singing of *Traveling Mercies* followed by the retiring of the Flag brought the 78th Alpha Alpha State Convention to a close. The last of our special words have sprinkled out: "Invigorating;" "Equipping;" "Empowering;" and "One of a Kind!"



Much thanks go to our State President, **Kay Stuart**, and her **Executive and Standing Committees** and all the members who quietly did so much in "Engaging, Equipping, and Empowering" us during this biennium! This was the finest gift of all!



## Dear Pennsylvania State Organization members,

What a great state convention! What genuine spiritual fellowship! What meaningful and moving recognition of members across the spectrum! There was something for everyone!

I was honored and most fortunate to have been your international guest and your newest "adopted" friend/member. Thank you for your many kindnesses, the lovely rose necklace, and your positive comments. It was a truly great experience.

*Cathy P. Daugherty*

2014-2016 DKG International First Vice President



## Important Notice

Wanda Keller, State Treasurer

### Dues Reminder

**Active - \$58**  
(or \$57.40 for designated chapters) This includes \$40 International, \$17 state, \$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.

Chapter dues added to this amount.

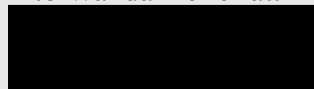
**Reserve - \$28**  
(or \$27.40 for designated chapters) This includes \$20 International, \$7 State, \$1 (or \$.40) Scholarship.

Chapter dues added to this amount.

### IRS Reporting

All chapters must complete a 990N e-postcard for the **IRS**. Reporting deadline: **November 15, 2015**

A copy of the acceptance e-mail should be forwarded to Wanda Keller at:



Please make sure that the dates for your year are **July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**. If dates are wrong or you experience problems with the process, please contact Wanda Keller, State Treasurer.

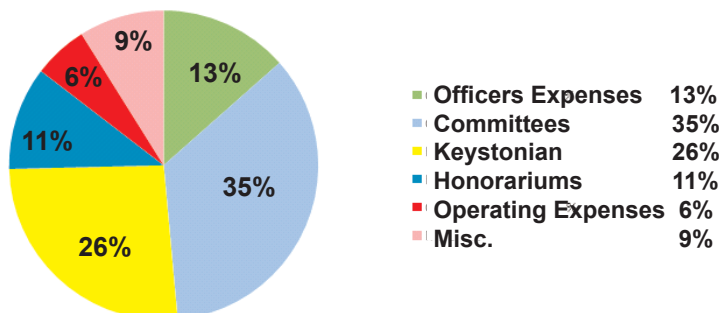
## Finance Committee News

by Kathy Kuzmiak, Chair

The committee is pleased to inform the members of Pennsylvania DKG Society International that the budget for 2015-2016 was approved at convention. There is a healthy balance forward this year and no need to increase dues.

I thank the members of the committee for all their dedication (Barbara Guifrida, Mary Wilhelm, Joyce Kerrick, and Royce Boyd). Attached is a pie chart of the distribution of funds to satisfy the work of our organization. I pass the baton to Joyce Kerrick, the new Finance Chair.

2015-16 State Budget



## 2015 Album of Distinction

### To Unite...



**Dr. Marianne Bartley**  
Nu  
Inducted into The Women's Commission of Lebanon County Hall of Fame "Women Innovating in Education"



**Cherrie Boeshore**  
Nu  
"Educator of the Year Award"  
Lebanon County Educational Society



**Michele Bridges**  
Upsilon  
Received Certificate of Merit from National Garden Club and First Place in PA from GC Federation of PA in recognition of her editorial work on Pucketos Petaler Newsletter of New Kensington Garden Club



**Amy Buddock**  
Beta Omicron  
Honorary Member of Eta Rho Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi of West Chester University



**Emily Deremer**  
Alpha Beta  
"Volunteer of the Year Award"  
PASR of Bedford County



**Lyn Eberlin**  
Alpha Zeta  
"Lauretta Woodson Award"  
from Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees



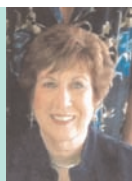
**Darlene Farrell**  
Alpha Xi  
Inducted into the Cookie Cutter Collectors' Hall of Fame



## To Honor...



**Linda Chandler Ferrario**  
Alpha Zeta  
Awarded a Certificate of Appreciation From National Federation of Music Clubs



**Nancy B. Frederick Chi**  
"John J. Dillion Service Award"  
Lancaster County Chapter of PASR



**Stephanie Fulena**  
Alpha Sigma  
"2014 Honoree"  
Lawrence County Historical Society Annual Members and Friends Dinner



**Lisa Hoffman**  
Alpha Nu  
"2014 Emerging Leader Award" from Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development



**Phyllis Howard**  
Psi  
Received Certification as a Healthcare Musician



**Grace B. Karsnitz**  
Nu  
"2014 Alumna of the Year"  
Annville High School Alumni Association



**Lisa M. Kiss**  
Nu  
Contributing Author of Revised and Updated Third Edition of "Teaching Kids with Learning Disabilities In Today's Classroom"



**Marie Lentz**  
Beta Omicron  
Grant Winner of \$500 from Lancaster Lebanon County Educational Foundation



**Alida Menefee**  
Beta Omicron  
"President's Call to Order Award" from Glacier National Park Volunteer Services



**Barbara J. Pulver**  
Alpha Zeta  
"John Dillion Service Award"  
PASR Bradford Sullivan Chapter



**Cindy G. Reynolds**  
Beta Rho  
"Scranton Times-Northeast Woman"  
"PA Department of Agriculture Outstanding Fair Ambassador"



**Diana L. (Dede) Rittman**  
Alpha Xi  
Authored and published book "Student Teaching: The Inside Scoop" from a Master Teacher Honorable Mention



**Jennifer Sauble**  
Beta Kappa  
"Outstanding Teacher of the Year" from Fairfield Area School District



**Judith Schaffer**  
Alpha Upsilon  
"Seeds of Service/Seeds of Leadership Award" from Garden Club Federation of PA



**Janet Small**  
Beta Rho  
"John J. Dillon Award PASR Outstanding Volunteer" from the Susquehanna Chapter of PASR

from the New England, the Los Angeles and the Great Southwest Book Festivals  
"Mover and Shaker of the Month"  
Northern Connection Magazine



**Sherry Spencer**  
Alpha Zeta  
Received Citation from State House of Representatives in recognition of her exemplary record of 33 years service of the Bradford-Wyoming Literacy Program



**Rosemary Valasek**  
Alpha Theta  
Named in 2014 the "2013 Fraternalist of the Year"  
Ladies Christian Benefits Association

## To Stimulate...

## To Inform...



**Linda Wood**  
Nu  
"Volunteer of the Month"  
RSVP of The Capital Region



**Janet Zimmer**  
Alpha Zeta  
Inducted into Pennsylvania Voter Hall of Fame

# 2015 Scholarship & Grant Awardees

by Lois Brown, Scholarship Chair

This year the Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee received 10 applications for education and travel. After reviewing and rating each application, the Committee awarded one Scholarship and nine Enrichment Grants. The Scholarship was presented to:

**Alyssa Mease Elliott**, Omega, to complete her Doctor of Educational Leadership from Immaculata University. Last year, Alyssa was the recipient of the Dr. Irene M. Murphy Scholarship.

The **Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** is presented to a DKG sister who has been a member for fewer than three years. (No applicants this year.)

Nine Enrichment Grants were awarded for personal and professional growth:

**Liz Brewer**, Sigma and **Carol Kruskie**, Sigma, to search the Smithsonian museums in the Washington, DC area for women who have forged the way in STEM careers. They will create a power point to share with their elementary students.

**Deb Ceraso**, Alpha Theta, will visit San Antonio TX museums and historic sites to experience the rich Hispanic culture.

**Mary Ann Cunningham**, Beta Rho, with assistance from Holy Cross Church in Wales, will gather genealogical information of her Welsh heritage of 38 generations to gain entry into the National Society of the Magna Carta Dames and Barons association.



**Jan Flinchbaugh**, Beta Xi, will purchase materials to quilt for her chapter, for State College associations, and for a doctor volunteer group. You have seen her quilting at the past seven conventions.

**Kathy Fuller**, Beta Rho, will attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference in MI to take classes in leadership and how better to run their chapter and

lodge. She is shepherding 15 young men to also enhance their leadership skills.

**Phyllis Howard**, Psi, will attend the Southeast Harp Weekend in Asheville, NC, to take workshops on health-care issues and personal growth as a bedside musician. She also volunteers locally through the Therapy Harp Program.

**Georganna Kresl**, Sigma, will research "Cowboy Courtship in the Wild West" after her great-grandfather wrote his story about being a cowboy and ranch hand in TX, NMn and OKn in the early 1900s.

**Allison Sayers**, Psi, teaches adults and students to recycle used furniture by using the Chalk Paint (copyright) process on wood and other materials. She will use her stipend to take classes to learn new techniques.

***Congratulations to these deserving women for their outstanding applications to travel and enrich their education.***

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee: Gloria Werner, Linda Evans, Sharon Herzog, Sandi Klingensmith, and Marj Paradise for a busy two years.

**Cornetet  
Professional  
Development  
Awardees**

**Christina Myers**  
**Psi Chapter**  
She plans to attend  
Orff-Schulwerk  
Teacher Education  
Course  
(level II).

**Kathryn Royal**  
**Alpha Nu Chapter**  
She plans to attend the  
Professional Development for Science  
Teachers with Sehoia  
Cotner.

**Luke Sitosky**  
He plans to attend the  
"I Teach K!"  
Conference.



**Dear Alpha Alpha State Sisters,**

It was a joy to be with you at the 2015 Alpha Alpha State Convention. Thank you so much for the beautiful crystal rose necklace. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and will wear it proudly as a token of all that you mean to me.

To my Singing Sisters in the State Choir, your enthusiasm and positive energy have made for many wonderful memories. You are an inspiration and I am so very proud of your performance. The applause and standing ovation said it all. You are simply amazing – choreography and all!

For those who are attending NERC in Baltimore, I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Finally, I want you to consider coming to the 2016 International Convention in Nashville where I will be serving as the International Music Representative and directing the choir. The dates for that event are July 5 – 9, 2016. Please put it on your calendar now. I look forward to seeing you there! Perhaps you will sing in the International Choir.....

After the excitement (and stress) of our move to Savannah, it felt wonderful to come back “home” to my sisters in PA. Thank you for your kind words of support and encouragement ~ they mean so much to me. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. Stay well until I see you.

Fondly,

*Shirley Newhart*



## 2015 Creative Arts Retreat Poem

by Grace Schauer



Olmsted Manor was the place to be.  
Sisters braved the weather and came to see,  
Spectacular new crafts, games, music, art work.  
We shared, we laughed, we cried, we sang,  
We enjoyed every waking moment with a bang.  
We danced, we drummed, we painted, we braided.  
Norma, Stephanie, Grace and daughter Amy,  
Soothed our minds, our shoulders,  
rubbed and tickled our toes.  
Sisters' love filled the air as we departed  
passing the rose.





## New Initiates



### Chi

Ann Berrios  
Sarah Clare  
Melissa Jeffers  
Marlene Reynolds  
Lisa Searer  
Kristina Strohm

### Beta Epsilon

Bonnie Kuhne  
Cindy McCombie  
Molly O'Neil  
Beth Stem

### Beta Beta

Patricia Bowersox

### Beta Iota

Julie Evanish  
Susan Hart  
Loretta Kovalik  
Roberta Williams

### Alpha Xi

Shari McGill  
Jill Millard  
Nancy Weixel

### Omicron

Tonya Knittle

### Lambda

Jennifer Currie  
Shawnee Denbow

### Epsilon

Afton Dobrosky-  
Deceder  
Janice Foister  
Danielle White

### Alpha Upsilon

Susan Hilty

### Alpha Sigma

Mary A. Snyder

### Beta Theta

Anna Franco  
Linda Geesaman  
Leslie Moyer  
Beverly Paine  
Laurie Williamson

### Sigma

Mary Reinhard

### Theta

Ellen Zissis



## AD HOC Strategic Action Planning Committee

by Susan Stamm, Chair

After four years, the Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Action Planning has completed its work and has been dissolved. Over those four years, a plan was written for Alpha Alpha State. Encouragement and guidance were given to chapters so that they could develop their own plan. Workshops were presented at state convention and fall area conferences. Information was also posted on the website. Several chapters have written their SAP.

At President Kay's urging, fifteen chapters submitted their plan to us and were awarded a **Certificate of**

**Recognition** at the State Convention.

After reading over the plans we found some ideas worth sharing. Here is one from Beta Iota. They have a focus on membership with the objective of increasing membership. Their activity is a **mentoring program**. The following are points from their plan:

>> *Initiates will have a mentor for their first year of membership.*

>> *Mentors should communicate with initiates and offer rides to meetings, answer questions, offer assistance and serve as a friend.*

>> *Initiates will be placed immedi-*

*ately on the same committee as their sponsor so they know one other person.*

>> *Initiates will be added to the hostess list for an upcoming meeting.*

>> *Initiates should be given a survey to complete regarding their professional development needs, interests and preferences regarding the work of the chapter. This will aid the chapter in knowing how best to use the initiate's gifts and talents.*

Might this information give your chapter some ideas to use? Watch for more ideas in future issues.

Well done SAP Committee! Susan Stamm, Lambda, Chair, Carol Herbert, Alpha Sigma, Karen Matis, Alpha Sigma

## One Chair, Two Chairs

by Melody Hannegan, Project Chair

Thank you so much, Pennsylvania DKG sisters, for your generous response to our project for the PA Head Start Association, in addition to many of your local Head Start Programs. At the Celebration Luncheon, Wanda Keller signed the giant check that revealed the \$3,000

donation that PADKG has made to PHSA. This year, as we celebrated significant anniversaries of several of our chapters and veteran members, we also were able to join the celebration of 50 years of Head Start in our country and in Pennsylvania.

(see Project page 11)

# In Memoriam

## Alma J. Hughes

**April 1, 2015, Nu**

Alma was a member of the Visual and Performing Arts Committee and an active participant of the Book Group of Nu Chapter. She retired from the Lebanon School District and taught at the Northwest Elementary School. She was a member of the Lebanon County Educational Honor Society.

## Cheri Ann Crawford

**March 1, 2015, Psi**

Cheri was initiated in 1974 and served as Chapter President, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, and worked on various committees. She was State Convention Coordinator and attended many State Conventions. Cheri was an Elementary teacher for 30 years in the Dubois Area School District and was awarded 1975's Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America.

## Selma Karsten

**March 29, 2015, Alpha Upsilon**

Selma was a Past President of Alpha Upsilon. She taught reading at

Houston Middle School, Burrell School District, Lower Burrell, PA. She was a Past President of her Local Education Association.

## Norma J. Biesecker

**March 29, 2015, Iota**

Norma was the present Secretary of the Iota Chapter. She taught 38 years as an elementary teacher in the Altoona Area School District.

## Marilyn J. Kreitzburg

**April 2, 2015, Iota**

Marilyn was the Past President of Iota Chapter. She was a professor at Know College and faculty librarian at the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, with academic status. Marilyn was a Fulbright Scholar in Southeast Asia.

## Florence R. Crisman

**April 10, 2015, Alpha Theta**

Florence was a Charter member of Alpha Theta Chapter and a 62 year member of DKG. She taught for forty years and initiated the "Senior Trip" to Washington, D.C.

## Rose Marie Dobrosielski

**March 13, 2015, Beta Rho**

Rose was Beta Rho's Corresponding Secretary. She was on Historical Records, Personal Growth and Services, Projects, Nominations, Professional Affairs, U.S. Forum, and Contact Person Committees in her chapter for several years. Rose was an Elementary teacher, Reading Specialist and Elementary Supervisor for the Blue Ridge School District, New Milford, PA, for 35 years. She was a member of NEA, PSEA, Blue Ridge Evening Association, serving as president and secretary. Rose was also a member of Susquehanna County Principals' Association, Local Right to Read Director, Internal Reading Association, and Parent Association where she served as the teacher representative.

**So long as we live,  
she too shall live,  
for she is now a part of  
us as we remember her.**



## (Project from page 10)

When this project was conceived, all funding for Head Start Programs was cut due to sequestration and although the funds were among the first to be restored, funding did not and still does not, meet the needs of our poorer preschool aged children. Therefore, PHSA works hard to advocate for and support the head start programs throughout our state.

Last year, you brought to convention your creative and diverse chairs and then took them back to your communities to raise funds. Because of those efforts, twenty-four chapters contributed the \$3,000 donation to PHSA. Through the Lakeshore Learning Stores, PHSA will be able to supply teachers and students in the neediest classrooms with a variety of new learning materials. In addition, five chapters donated funds of nearly \$2,000, books, and supplies to their local head start classrooms and to libraries and agencies that

have programs that support head start children.

Thanks to your engagement in the project, you became equipped to empower head start teachers and children in several classrooms through new learning materials. What a wonderful gift.



Melody Hannegan and Wanda Keller



# Enrichment Grant Excursions

## From the Scottish Highlands to the Cliffs of Moher

by Betty Sutliff, Phi

On March 1st, my daughter and I arrived in Scotland for a ten-day “water and land” adventure that took us from the snowy Scottish Highlands to the windy Cliffs of Moher in Ireland, where the views of the Atlantic Ocean were literally breathtaking.

Water was everywhere, so we rode ferries across the Irish Sea and the Shannon River. We enjoyed a dinner cruise in Dublin on a canal boat as it made its way through several locks. I was able to put my hand in the icy waters of picturesque Loch Lomond, but the highlight of the trip was the cruise on Loch Ness, even though there were no sightings of Nessie.

On land, we toured the Edinburgh Castle, which houses the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the



Blarney Castle. Yes, I kissed the Stone of Eloquence, better known as the Blarney Stone! We took a jaunting car ride to see Ross Castle, and ate a medieval feast (with our fingers) at Bunratty Castle in Killarney.

We drove the Ring of Kerry, a winding route with beautiful views, and visited a farmhouse where we were served scones and tea. There we watched the farmer’s border collies round up the sheep. A stop in Belfast allowed us to see where the *Titanic* was built. We also visited St. Andrews, walked the Royal Mile in Edinburgh, and saw the Book of Kells at Trinity College in Dublin.

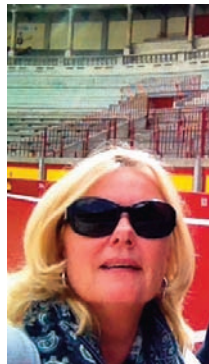
I would like to thank Alpha Alpha State Scholarship Committee for awarding me the educational grant that was applied toward this trip. It was truly a personally and professionally enriching experience.

## Following the Literary Trail of EL PAPA: Hemingway in Spain

Eileen M. Matyas, Alpha Upsilon

It was with great excitement that I submitted my application for a DKG Enrichment grant in 2014. My husband and I had been planning a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary trip to include many parts of Spain that we had not previously visited, and a great number of those places were the favorites of American author Ernest Hemingway.

Having taught Spanish for 27 years, my desire to travel to and through Spain still helps me to increase my cultural knowledge and hone my speaking and listening skills. I often taught my students about Hemingway’s cultural influence due to his excellent understanding of the Spanish psyche and culture. For many years we read *The Sun Also*



*Rises* in Spanish to better understand the bullfight.

Hemingway wrote some of the most accurate and interesting accounts about Spain...her culture, her geography and her politics. The places that most inspired his literary genius were Madrid, Avila, San Sebastian, Pamplona and Segovia. What is so fascinating and intriguing is his poignant portrayal of all things Spanish! This is evidenced in three of his major novels: *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (written about the Spanish Civil War), *Death in the Afternoon*, and *The Sun Also Rises* (written about the science, art and adventure of the bullfight).

Traversing the Spanish countryside, we visited the Roman *ACQUEDUCT* of SEGOVIA... the restaurant *EL BOTIN*, classified as the oldest restaurant in the world and where Hemingway lived and wrote his prose, the bull ring *LAS VENTAS* in Madrid, the medieval-walled city of Avila, the beach *LA CONCHA* IN SAN SEBASTIAN, and, most exciting, the hotel *LA PERLA* and the four streets where the *Running of the Bulls* takes

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place each July in Pamplona.

While in Pamplona, 2 wonderful opportunities presented themselves: I was able to go inside the bull ring where bullfights occur and to where the bulls ultimately run during the Festival of *SAN FERMIN*. Also, I was able to interview a shop owner, who had known Hemingway, to give me an account of what it was like when he was in town. The gentleman shop owner was amazed that I asked about Hemingway. Hemingway was not well-liked by many Spaniards, but he was legendary. Many years ago, when Hemingway was down on his luck with no money, the proprietor of Hotel *LA PERLA* gave Hemingway free room and board. Hemingway returned the favor by inviting his own friends and guests to stay at the hotel during their travels to the city. Around the corner from the hotel was *EL TXOTKO*, a bar frequented by Hemingway and other revelers more often than not.

Hemingway is enshrined and omnipresent in Pamplona. His bust sits outside of the bullring, with the inscription: “NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE, FRIEND OF THIS TOWN

AND ADMIRER OF THEIR FIESTAS.”

Supposedly it was sculpted and donated by a group of Americans, but it was Hemingway’s many visits there that helped put this town on the world map.

The trip was amazingly exciting. I gained so much more knowledge and appreciation for the culture, cuisine, history, and art of Spain as witnessed by following in the legendary tracks of Ernest Hemingway, one of the great American 20<sup>th</sup> century novelists. I truly understand why it is stated that no other foreign author has ever identified with Spain as much as Ernest Hemingway.

I want to thank Alpha Alpha State for providing this opportunity for me to explore my interests in Hemingway in Spain and for awarding me the Enrichment Grant.



## An Enrichment Grant for Knitting?

Linda Miller Seifried, Alpha Nu

Rather unusual. Since 2009 I have been knitting sweaters, vests, hats, mittens, and socks for *afghans for Afghans*. I decided that an enrichment grant would help me purchase higher quality wool and also assist in postage for mailing finished garments to the organization’s collection site.



*Afghans for Afghans* is a non-profit humanitarian and educational people-to-people project that sends hand-knitted and crocheted blankets along with sweaters, vests, hats, mittens, and socks to the people of Afghanistan. It was founded in 2001 by the current director, Ann Rubin. The organization is located in San Francisco, California. The Church World Service allows the group to receive mailed boxes at its facility. They are stored and then packaged by volunteers for transport to Afghanistan. The director always deals with reputable NGOs which are able to safely

transport and distribute these items.

Initially, “*a4A*” provided warm clothing to girls in Afghanistan, so that they could attend school during the harsh winter season. As the years have progressed, “*a4A*” has expanded its distribution to provide woolen goods to girls and boys, teenagers, babies, and adults. When I first began knitting for “*a4A*,” they sent their packed boxes via ship to Pakistan. After passing tough customs regulations and inspection in Karachi, the boxes were transported via truck to the destination. The estimate for final delivery of the clothing was one year. Wow!! Now, thanks to charitable donations, the boxes are flown to Afghanistan for much quicker distribution.

I have used the enrichment grant to purchase high quality yarn and several sweater patterns for children. The yarn must be 100% wool. In addition, postage to California is an expensive part of the project. Since last July, I have completed 10 hats and one sweater. For the cost of postage, I also



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received a substantial amount of free yarn from a prominent east coast yarn company. One of the designers there was an instructor at a workshop I attended in 2012, so I had 'a connection.'

At the moment, the director is connecting with organizations that can assist in transport



and distribution of the thousands of these hand created items for the 2015 winter season. I met Ms. Ann Rubin in Washington, DC, several years ago. She is a remarkable and dedicated woman, who continues to devote much time and effort to helping the people of Afghanistan.

The Alpha Alpha State enrichment grant program is a wonderful opportunity for members to pursue dreams and projects. I am very grateful for the 2014-2015 grant. Interested knitters/crocheters can check the website, [afghans4afghans@aol.com](mailto:afghans4afghans@aol.com).

## New Orleans Jazz Fest

### Sandy Deforno, Alpha Theta

As soon as I stepped foot in Jackson Square I knew I was back in the city I loved, New Orleans. From the first time I visited the city in 2011, I knew this was a special place—one of hope and art and resiliency. I found this to be true again when I visited the first weekend in May for JazzFest.

We started the morning with a stroll through Jackson Square, taking in the art on display and listening to the local musicians as they belted out the sweetest and most upbeat melodies you could imagine. While downtown we had to stop at Café Du Monde for their famous beignets and Café Au Lait. We then strolled through the French Market, taking in all the local treasures on display. Later that evening we had a fabulous dinner at Galatoire's where we delved into local delights including Crawfish Etouffee, fried eggplant with remoulade sauce and powdered sugar, and bread pudding topped with banana amaretto sauce. After dinner we made our way down Bourbon Street listening to the local bands playing in the pubs along the way. There was a style of music for everyone, from local jazz musicians to dueling pianos to 80's flashback bands.

The next morning we started our day at Court of Two Sisters for their Jazz Brunch. As we sat under the wisteria and took in the beautiful courtyard and live music, we sampled all the signature New Orleans dishes on the buffet: crawfish, shrimp, Gumbo, Jambalaya, Pecan Pie, and Bananas Foster. Afterwards we headed out on a swamp tour to see a different side of Louisiana. During the tour we saw turtles and alligators and

feral pigs. It was an exciting side trip and a great way to explore the famous bayous of Louisiana. Upon returning to the city that evening, we headed out on a Ghost Tour. No trip to New Orleans would be complete without exploring the many bewitching tales this city has to offer.

The third morning started with our City Tour, seeing firsthand the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and how today, ten years later, the city has still been impacted. Nothing made us smile as much though as seeing the Upper Ninth Ward homes that had been rebuilt with support by musicians, such as Harry Connick Jr, for the local musicians. These colorful homes in their bright hues made you smile as well as understand how important retaining the local musicians in New Orleans was to the music world as well as to the city.

After another fabulous meal, we then headed to the fairgrounds for JazzFest. There were a dozen stages and tents all playing simultaneously with all genres of music—from jazz to country to gospel to rap and everything in between. There was a positive energy in the air as we joined the crowd to hear Macy Gray. After her exciting performance, we walked around the fairgrounds exploring the other stages and observing the festive parades. The day ended with a live performance by No Doubt.

On our final day, we visited the New Orleans School of Cooking for a live demonstration and lunch. Here we learned the secrets to making their signature dishes and famous Pralines. Later, we returned to JazzFest and were surprised by the enormous crowds. We browsed the crafts booths of the local artists and heard local legendary trumpeter

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# Legislative Heartbeat

by Regina Campbell, US Forum/ UN Liaison

**W**e are finally moving forward in having the National Women's History Museum in Washington, DC, become a reality. The U.S. Forum had joined with The National Women's History Museum to establish a commission which would study the issue of having a building in Washington, DC.

In January it was announced that Congress passed legislation which would establish an eight member bipartisan commission to produce recommendations for the governance, organizational structure, fundraising, operations and location of a National Women's History Museum. President Obama signed the bill into law. As of today, the commission has been fully appointed and will have 18 months to produce its report and submit it to Congress. **The museum staff has acknowledged DKG as a group which greatly aided in the effort to get the legislation passed.**

Both the Senate and the House are working on bills relating to student achievement. The Senate bill maintains the testing of *No Child Left Behind* which allows states to create their own accountability system, does not allow Title I funds for low income students to follow the student to other public or private schools of their choice, reinstates the 21<sup>st</sup> century community learning centers (after school program), requires states to identify low performing

and social workers.

In the House, The Student Success Act (H.R.5) retains current testing in grades 3-8 and high school, eliminates adequate yearly progress (AYP) as well as the basic, proficient and advanced categories. The bill requires reporting by high schools on the high school graduation rate. It limits charter school grants and subgrants to no more than five years. This bill makes a number of changes in distribution of federal funds and mandates limits on how much money can be used for a number of school activities and programs.

## **CTAUN: "70 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE"**

In 2015 The United Nations is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> year and the CTAUN conference in January celebrated 70 years of *Making a Difference*, which was the Conference theme. Originally there were 51 member states, which has now grown to 193 nations.

With technology today, members are closer and more involved than ever. However, poverty, inequality, poor government, injustice, and social exclusion continue, often creating internal conflicts rather than wars. Thus, it is an ongoing operation for UN groups to maintain peace and security.

Development is crucial if we are to have peace and security. Education affords the opportunity that can level the playing field. With learning

schools, and increases the number of school counselors

can come understanding, civic education and community engagement. Thus, it was in 1993, Anne-Marie Carlson of New York, (Pi State) proposed that DKG apply for Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status with the Department of Public Information at the UN. This status would especially advance DKG Society Purpose #7—*"To inform members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society."*

In 1996, Carlson was invited to join a small group of educators representing different NGO'S to focus on ways to teach about the UN. As a result the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) was formed. The first conference was held in 1999 with Carlson as Co-Chair. Since 2003 she has been the chair of CTAUN.

DKG partnered with UNCEF in support of education in developing countries. It is from this, that DKG has participated in projects such as the *Pro-Maya Project* to assist children and schools in Chiapas, Mexico; funding *Teacher Education in Afghanistan*; and *Schools for Africa*. Our Alpha Alpha state sisters, Louann Schrader and Karen Ball, initiated the *Sister, Can You Spare a Pair* project and received the Best Practices Award at the 2012 CTAUN Conference.

The UN continues its role in peacekeeping and security and DKG continues its partnership to aid in opportunities for education for developing countries.

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Kermit Ruffins. By 4:30 it was time to head back over to one of the larger stages to catch a glimpse of Elton John. A huge, standing room only crowd had gathered for this performance, a rare festival show and his last show in the USA. After hearing a few songs, we then headed over to the opposite stage to see Ed Sheeran. Again, this was a packed performance, but we did have a better view and could hear clearly. It wasn't until this performance that I realized how varied the musical talent was of Ed Sheeran. As the festival drew to a close, we

headed back to the French Quarter where we had dinner at the House of Blues.

This trip afforded me the opportunity to visit a city that I find fascinating with its art, music, culture, and resiliency. After Hurricane Katrina, there was so much that wasn't functioning in the city but its art and music continued to thrive. It was in this that the people of New Orleans found the strength to rebuild and could reclaim their theme, "Laissez les bon temps roulez."

# Chapter News

## Tri-Chapter Meeting: Phi, Alpha Zeta, and Beta Rho

Alpha Alpha State President Kay Stuart made the lovely drive to the northeast corner of the state with Pi Chapter President Greta Taft. They were warmly greeted at the Tri-Chapter meeting of Phi, Alpha Zeta and Beta Rho Chapters. Beta Rho co-presidents, Jeanette Saulo and Sheri Wolfe served as the hostesses for the day. Jeanette welcomed all members and guests by giving a lovely travelogue review of all that the Endless Mountains has to offer. President Kay congratulated the three chapters for their involvement at all levels of the Society. She also talked about all of the wonderful opportunities which DKG has to offer and encouraged members to apply for scholarships and enrichment grants, Golden Gift Leadership Management and Special Stipends, Nancy Grove Visionary Fund, and various other opportunities.

President Kay's friendly, as well as knowledgeable demeanor, made her a well-received guest by the chapters. Phi President Ellen Strauskulage provided an entertaining Bingo game which included people and terms

of the Society and June Wynne presented Kay with a thank you gift. The gift was a specially designed glass rose in a vase. A buffet luncheon was served by the staff at the Montrose Bible Conference during which there was time for conversation. The ladies then sang the DKG Song and departed refreshed, inspired, and enthused wishing each other safe travels.



Members from three local chapters gathered at the Montrose Conference for their recent Tri-Chapter meeting which featured the Alpha Alpha State President, Kay Stuart. (L to R) Greta Taft, Pi Chapter President; Kay Stuart, Alpha Alpha State President; Jeanette Saulo and Sheri Wolfe, Beta Rho Co-presidents; June Wynne, Alpha Zeta Chapter President and Ellen Strauskulage, Phi Chapter president.

## Eta Chapter

In completing a project supporting Pennsylvania Delta Kappa Gamma's "One Chair, Two Chair" project the Eta Chapter visited Wallace Elementary School to deliver a donation from the

chapter to Head Start Teacher Colleen Borne. The decorated chair and a collection of children's books were then delivered to Martha Martin, director of The Lehman Center of York.



Mary Goodwillie, Jean Myers, Susan Martin, Barbara Heilman, and Cheryl Weyant presenting a check to Colleen Borne



Barbara Heiman, Martha Martin, Liz Eisenhart, and Susan Martin



### Alpha Nu Chapter

The May brunch meeting is always well attended, this year with 49 members at Peddler's Village in Lahaska. The chapter awards two \$1000. grants-in-aid to Bucks County Community College graduates who are continuing a four year degree in education. This year's outstanding recipients are Ms. Amy Lynn and Ms. Kaitlynn Roeschen; both



From left: Miss Linda Peters (grant-in-aid coordinator for Alpha Nu), Ms. Kaitlynn Roeschen, Ms. Amy Lynn

women are pursuing degrees in special education.

Reports were given on Alpha Nu's service projects: books and blankies,

which is now a year round project; deliveries to four food banks in all parts of Bucks County; clothing donations to Suited for Success; Write-Read-Write, combining writing by students (second

graders for the past two years), presentation of the requested books from DKG members and a follow up thank you letter from the students after they received their books.

Ms. Alisa Dupuy, an outstanding historical portrayer, presented a fascinating program on World War II women spies, primarily Miss Virginia Hall Goillot (1906-1982).



Two cheerful high school volunteers with a fresh food assortment at the food bank in Doylestown, PA, October 2014

### Sigma Chapter

Sigma Chapter held both the March and May meetings at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville. In March, local attorney Kenneth Potter presented a program entitled "Protecting Assets from Long Term Care Costs," focusing on elder law estate planning.

In May, nonperishable food items were collected for a local food bank and monetary contributions were accepted for the school library fund. Sigma members' school districts are recipients of both donations on a rotating basis. Also in May, a memorial service marked the recent passing of long time Sigma members Elizabeth Brown and Mae Grow and new member, Mary Reinard, was inducted.



(L/R) Co-President Linda Shupp, March Red Rose recipients Anita Shaffer and Madeline Blamble, and Co-President Dawn McManus

*Red Rose recipients are recognized for outstanding service to the chapter.*



Previous enrichment grant recipients Georganna Kresl, Elizabeth Brewer and Carol Kruskie

(L/R) May Red Rose recipients Carol Kruskie and Sandra Kessler





## Chapter News Continues

### Beta Alpha Chapter

Under the leadership of local president, Rosemary Krygowski, the Beta Alpha chapter continues to break new ground in our area as the members reach out to those in need. Rosemary has also infused fun into our activities by presenting creative and inspirational speakers and arranging theatre trips to New York and Philadelphia for fund raisers. Our upcoming trip to see “Kinky Boots” at the Forrest Theater should be a hoot!

For our March meeting, Rosemary brought the dynamic Kay Stuart, Alpha Alpha State President, to speak to us about the many benefits of membership in DKG. Reflecting on Kay’s visit, Rosemary wrote in a letter to her chapter sisters, *“Kay’s visit started me thinking about our various accomplishments in the past three years. We haven’t changed the world, but we have been able to support many educators and future educators.”*



*We have taken books from our shelves and given them to classrooms where the shelves have been empty. We have given supplies to early career educators, sent supplies to schools in need. We have supported adult literacy...delivered food to the needy.”*

Always looking for new ideas, a group of us went to the most recent Four Chapter breakfast in Paoli, PA. Connecting with our sisters was not only delightful, but so encouraging. Now, if someone could just teach us to sing that song!



### Kudos, Linda Koharchik

Along with two other colleagues, Linda Koharchik of Alpha Upsilon Chapter had her manuscript published in *Teaching and Learning in Nursing*. The manuscript, entitled “The Professional Nurse–Student Nurse Academic Partnership,” was an evaluation study of a clinical teaching pedagogy called the Designated Education Unit. The model was a collaborative effort between Duquesne University School of Nursing and UPMC Mercy Hospital. The study was funded by a 2013 Enrichment Grant from the Pennsylvania State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International that promotes *Key Women Educators*.

### Congratulations

For selected artwork published in the May DKG

Gallery of Fine Arts

**Cindy Reynolds**

*Beta Rho Chapter*

**Twin Fawns and Long Horn Steer (2 photographs)**

and

**Sarah Becker**

*Beta Kappa Chapter*

**Snow Shadows and Turtle Fishing (2 pastels)**

Visit the online gallery of works of art and letters at

[dkg.org](http://dkg.org).

## Chapter News Continues

### Beta Iota Chapter

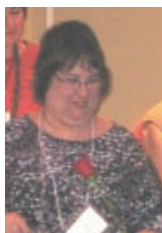
Beta Iota welcomes new members Barbara Williams, Susan Hart, Loretta Kovalik and Julie Evanish. Barbara, now retired, taught Latin and Mythology and served as Department Chair for Foreign Languages. Susan is a specialist teacher of the blind and deaf. Loretta is a special education English teacher, and Julie is a Reading Specialist for grades 1 and 2.



Initiates,  
Barbara Williams  
and Julie Evanish



Initiate, Susan Hart, on the left, with Dottie Oliver, sponsor



Initiate,  
Loretta Kovalik  
receiving her rose.



Rita Acri, sponsor, on the left with initiate, Julie Evanish

Susan Perkey was awarded the "Outstanding Woman Educator Award" for 2013. The award was presented to Susan (on right) by Elizabeth Shellenberger (on left), our 2012 recipient. Sue has dedicated her life to being a master teacher. Her journey began at Ohio Wesleyan University where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1972. Her higher Education continued later by completing her Masters Degree at Shippensburg University.



East Pennsboro Area School District was very fortunate in 1972 to hire this valuable and dedicated professional. She taught second graders for one year and first graders for 34 years, as well as, several summers for the "Read to Succeed" program. Susan retired in 2007.

Since her initiation into DKG in 1998, our outstanding educator volunteered for and has served in many capacities for Beta Iota. Presently, she serves as Ritual Committee Chairperson. Sue makes sure that the heritage of this fine organization is not forgotten. She is also now serving on the Nominations and Social Committees. Susan is a faithful sister of Delta Kappa Gamma!



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#### Educational Opportunity

K-5 teachers can learn more about using technology in the classroom by attending a free workshop sponsored by the nonprofit organization, Code.org. The day includes 6-7 hours of instruction, free classroom supplies and free lunch. For more information and to locate a workshop near you, go to <http://code.org/educate/k5>.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Officers and Committee Chairs Meeting

Fairfield Inn and Suites  
2219 Bee Line Highway  
DuBois, PA 15801  
**August 14 and 15, 2015**

#### Alpha Alpha State Leadership Seminar

Location to Be Determined  
**April, 2016**

#### Alpha Alpha State Convention

Nittany Lion Inn  
**June 10-12, 2016**

#### International Convention

Gaylord Opryland Resort  
Nashville, TN  
**July 5-9, 2016**

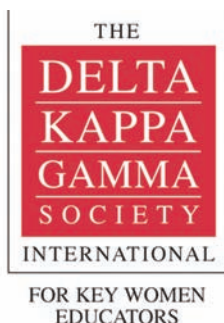
#### Purposeful Seminar

Pittsburgh, PA  
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 Fall Issue is  
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**Have You Ever Wondered?**  
 (a column for DKG questions)

**Why did our founder, Annie Web Blanton, hold her  
 first DKG meeting in a ladies restroom?**

## Online Data Update Available from International

DKG Society International now offers members a ***“member portal”*** that will allow access to personal data, interaction with other members in a secure social network, and interface with the Society Store. International’s public website will still be available without logging in, but member interaction will only be accessible by logging in as a member.

To create this secure environment and protect member data, the login in will require the use of the six digit member ID number, found on

your membership card or obtained from your chapter treasurer. Since the default password will not be published on line or printed in any DKG publication, members must contact their chapter president, the Alpha Alpha State President, Society Headquarters, or email [REDACTED] for assistance. Use this password to log in to the member portal for the first time. After the first log in, members are encouraged to change their password.

Having access to this interactive site enables members to update their personal data as well as interface with other DKG members in a secure setting.