

## 2018 Rosebud Recipient

Dr. Bettie Bertram, Omega  
 State Achievement Committee

**Marlene Reynolds**, Chi Chapter, was honored at the 2018 Alpha Alpha State Convention as our third Rosebud Recognition recipient! The award is given in even-numbered years. It honors members who have three to five years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma and who are already actively serving their chapters and the Alpha Alpha State Organization.



Marlene is now commencing her fourth year as a member of Chi Chapter, having been initiated in 2015. Her nomination form says this about her: Since her initiation, she has demonstrated a strong ability to unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship. Marlene has worked to advance the professional interest and position of women in education by encouraging her chapter sisters through cards sent at times of illness or milestone moments, bringing members together through group emails, financially supporting her chapter and her community, as well as being willing to give of her time and talents in service.

Marlene served as Chi Chapter secretary for the 2016-18 biennium. She will serve as the chapter's Second Vice-president in 2018-20. Marlene did an outstanding job as her chapter's Communications and Publicity Chair during the 2016-18 biennium; overseeing the committee members who were respon-

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## State Convention in Photographs

Deborah Yagar-Reed, State Photographer



PA State Officers and Guests



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# President's Message

**Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon**



**T**he first year of my Biennium has passed and I don't know where the time has gone. I truly enjoyed meeting so many of you personally, at the chapter visits, and I wish I could meet you all. I am sailing from one port to another and the voyage has been incredible.

I have loved meeting the Girl Scouts and how they are learning about who we are and what we think is important. I am realizing that there is a correlation between the Girl Scouts and DKG in many ways. I recall one of my favorite Girl Scouts songs:

*Make new friends but keep the old,  
One is silver and the other gold.  
A circle is round it has no end,  
That's how long, I will be your friend.*

How true are these words in DKG? It is remarkable to meet new exciting educators and how comforting it is to reunite with women again and again.

I hope to see you all at the International Convention, the home of Annie Web Blanton, Austin Texas. Pennsylvania Night always proves to be exciting.

How amazing it is that Pennsylvania will be hosting the 2020 International Convention. More details will follow as International makes more decisions.

Please pay close attention to the section in the *Keystonian* titled Important Dates to Remember. It will keep you informed of what is happening for Pennsylvania.

It is June and summer is not far behind. Appreciate it because you deserve this remarkable season of the year. Sail in many directions as you enjoy meeting new friends and reuniting with old ones. It is part of the DKG-Circle of Membership - "Friendship."

Bon Voyage,  
Barbara

## Important Dates to Remember

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| August 3-4, 2018       | Administrative Board Meeting, Country Inn and Suites, State College, PA |
| July 16-20, 2018       | International Convention, Austin, Texas                                 |
| October 5-7, 2018      | Purposeful Seminar, King of Prussia/Philadelphia, PA                    |
| March 29-31, 2019      | Creative Arts Retreat, Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, PA                        |
| June 14-16, 2019       | Pennsylvania State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA      |
| June 16, 2019          | Administrative Board Meeting, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA       |
| July 30-August 1, 2019 | North East Regional Conference, Mashantucket, CT                        |
| July, 2020             | International Convention, Pennsylvania TBA                              |

## Board Ship with EEC

Eileen Little, Chi  
1<sup>st</sup> President/EEC Coordinator



**O**ne of my favorite ships is the Allure of the Sea. So I ask you what is the allure of DKG? The EEC committee strives to support chapters and members to grow through many ports of call. Are you aware of all that DKG's EEC can provide you?

**CTAUN? Does your chapter invite a governmental agency or representative to a meeting to update members about current issues?**

This was my first experience with CTAUN, 2018, and I LOVED it! I know I will be going again. But maybe New York is a stretch for you so find out what is happening in your local area that could be a possible topic for a chapter meeting?

**Leadership Seminar? Does your chapter provide you with opportunities to apply and grow your leadership skills?** We are all leaders with various styles of leadership. Perhaps you use these skills in connection with a chapter project or the state project by helping others to grow their leadership skills. Perhaps your passion would be the focus of a chapter meeting. What do you have to share or how can you

be more involved in your chapter?

**State Convention? Does your chapter provide opportunities to get to know one another better?**

Social outings to gardens, historical sites, music or art events, or even an Escape Room, provide members time to grow minds and friendships. What fun events are on your chapter's calendar for 2018 – 2019?

At State Convention, EEC offered a Saturday morning workshop and shared information about the many roles of the EEC Committee. A trifold pamphlet was shared with those attending. If you were unable to attend, this trifold is available to you on the DKG PA State website or email Eileen Little @ [REDACTED]

Speaking of websites: Where can you find a Programs/Projects header with topics such as Schools for Africa, Supporting Early Career Educators, Project Spotlight, and Program Ideas for Chapters? Why [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) of course!

## CTAUN: US FORUM'S NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

Louann Shrader, Omega

**T**he National Legislative Seminar, held once a biennium, brought members from across the United States to Washington, DC, to advocate and make a difference in the lives of women, children, and education, thus fulfilling Purposes #4 and #7 of the Society.

Lisa Maatz, a nationally recognized leader in the modern women's movement, brought vision and humor to the opening of the seminar by sharing her experiences with advocacy. Relating her own successes of advocating as a

young grade school student, she recounted her efforts to obtain bathroom stall doors. She made us all think of our own successes and experiences of being advocates. How easy it can be to fight for what you believe in!

The beginning discussion of advocacy opened the next 2 days to hot issue discussions on: education opportunities for young girls; suicide and mental health issues in teens; human trafficking and violence against women and girls; health issues affecting women and families; and

women's leadership. This culminated with an update/briefing on legislative issues, which gave attendees information on what to advocate for when boarding buses to the Capitol and visiting representatives and senators on Capital Hill.

Concluding the seminar and giving us the impetus to go home and continue, was Susan Scanlan, a well known speaker and advocate for women's issues and an honorary member of the Pennsylvania State Organization

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# Membership

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



At the recent 2018 State Convention, the Membership Committee was very busy providing support for our members. At the executive board meeting Friday night, a motion was passed, with regret, to dissolve three PA Chapters – Alpha Psi, Alpha Rho and Beta Psi. Several members of these chapters are in the process of transferring membership to other chapters.

The full committee began our weekend by hosting 25+ first timers at Saturday's breakfast. This time was used to provide our "newbies" with general information and introductions to State Convention – what to expect, and not be anxious, but excited, for a

new adventure. The Committee followed that session with a workshop on the membership recruitment plan.

Sunday morning the Celebration of Life Ceremony was held. Using the tree as a symbol, the committee and a small choral group celebrated the lives of many members. Past State President Carol Ulrich was also honored by Barb Tobias of Nu Chapter.

In July, the International Convention in Austin, TX, will have over 120 proposals to be reviewed and voted on to update the *International Constitution and Standing Rules*.

Many of these are under *Article III. Membership* that may

affect your chapter operations.

- ~ Additional classifications of membership are being considered.
- ~ Invitation vs. apply to become a member will be discussed.
- ~ Initiation vs. induction, a subtle yet meaningful change will be considered.
- ~ Additional levels of membership are being proposed.

Within *Article IV. Finance*, it will be decided if the chapter will no longer have to pay a scholarship fee to International.

Look for the late summer edition of the *DKG NEWS* to get the updated information that chapters will need to update their rules and operations.

# It's Not Too Early to Be Thinking about Nominations

Tracey R. Dusch, Psi, State Nominations Chair

The Pennsylvania State Organization's "Leader-ship" is looking to embark on another voyage...this one into the next biennium! Your State Nominations Committee is looking for leaders for the 2019-2021 biennium. Are you one of those leaders? Is there a member in your chapter that is one of those leaders? Leaders to serve in the elected state officer positions and elected members of the nominations and finance committees are being sought. What better way to serve the

Pennsylvania State Organization than to become part of the "Leader-ship!"

The Nomination form, an Endorsement form, and guidelines to follow, are posted on the Alpha Alpha State website under the News tab and then under Nominations Committee. The deadline for submission is **October 10, 2018**. Any questions may be directed to members of the Nominations Committee.

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(Alpha Alpha State) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Susan presented a wrap-up on the steps of the Capitol that we need to continue to follow through

when advocating for legislative issues. Besides the need for many voices, change takes time, dedication, and advocacy.

We, as members of the Society, are all members of the US

Forum. Please consider attending the next US Forum's National Legislative Seminar to be held in 2020 and be the advocate needed to continue to move education, women, and children forward.

# CTAUN

Susan Fritz, Chi  
US Forum/Educational Legislation Chair



**T**he 2018 Conference on “Teaching About the United Nations” (CTAUN) was held at the United Nations in New York City on April 6, 2018. 56 people were registered. Previously held in January, CTAUN was moved to the new date to avoid the uncertainties of winter weather in the Northeast and to better coordinate with the schedules of university and high school students.

It is not possible to do justice to the incredible range of information provided through CTAUN. With the theme of “Stepping Up to Protect the World’s Children,” speakers discussed the conditions within which children of the world are living. The **Seventeen Sustainable Goals**, advanced by the United Nations, were called “The World’s Largest Lesson,” with four of the goals advancing long-term solutions and all of them having an impact on the health and welfare of children.

**Protecting children from violence is a basic human right.** A child dies from violence every five minutes and half the world’s children suffer violence every year. Children are the main victims of armed conflicts as hospitals and schools are closed, destroyed, or used for military purposes. The Committee on Violence Against Children has three goals:

~ **A clear agenda for violence prevention**

~ **Adoption of strong pieces of legislation**

~ **Gathering the best possible data**

We also need to recognize that a *culture of peace* starts with each one of us making a commitment to living in a peaceful manner and making changes in our daily life, so that we are modeling and teaching the behavior we want to see.

The afternoon sessions focused on solutions. Mark Barden, Managing Director of Sandy Hook Promise, lost his 5-year-old son, Daniel, to the violence of a school shooting. He reinforced that violence almost always is preventable. The foundation has a Safety Assessment and Intervention Program for schools as well as three other programs that are provided free of charge. The day concluded with a presentation from “Girls Be Heard,” a performance group that tells the stories and realities of young women.

Many of us are fortunate to live free of violence or even the threat of violence. This is not the reality for much of the world and nearly half of all children. We know this to be true. Is there a step you can take to make the world safer for children?

## Projects

Dr. Marjorie Paradise, Chi, Projects Chair

**P**ennsylvania is alive with DKG/Girl Scout connections! Several chapters have supported local Girl Scouts Groups with the requirements for earning the DKG Council Patch. If you can, plan to attend their Girl Scouts Awards Ceremony to present the patches from your chapter!! How exciting! Great relationships have been developed and are leading to further joint activities.

It is never too late! We now have a streamlined method of ordering Council patches from the DKG Society Store. Check it out.

Council patches can be ordered for \$2.00 each from: <http://www.dkg.org/girlscout>. You may also contact Tracey Wilson, DKG Assistant Membership Director at [REDACTED]

**Chapters, please keep our Projects chair, Marj Paradise, informed of your progress. You can reach her at [REDACTED] Many thanks!**

## Purposeful Seminar

October 5 – 7, 2018

Hyatt House Philadelphia/King of Prussia  
240 Mall Blvd, King of Prussia PA 19406



### A Tribute to the Women of the American Revolution

Friday, October 5, 2018 check in by 5:30 PM  
Dinner & Program 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Saturday, October 6, 2018 depart hotel 9:00 AM  
~Tour Valley Forge Na-



~Lunch at City Tavern in Philadelphia which is a reconstructed Colonial tavern like the orig-



inal tavern with servers in period dress  
~Museum of the American Revolution-  
self tour of the  
exhibits and a lec-  
ture - Revolution-  
ary Women:  
Writing About  
War  
~Time to explore  
in the Historic area  
~Depart Philadelphia at 5:00 PM  
~Dinner & Program about Fraktur 6:00  
PM – 9:00 PM



Sunday, October 7, 2018

~Hyatt House Breakfast at their Bistro  
7:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
~Program 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
~Check out 12:00 PM

Hyatt House Hotel is across the street from the  
King of Prussia Mall  
(Use Registration Form on page 7)

## Historical Records: Consolidating Materials in the Digital Age

Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta, Chair

In my DKG chapter, many of us used to cringe when asked to be the chair of the Historical Records committee. It was not because of the work involved, but because of the carload of containers of aged scrapbooks and materials that one needs to house every biennium. The scrapbooks have become fragile to the point of disintegration, which posed yet another problem for the chapter – how to maintain our history as it disappeared before our eyes. The answer was discussed at length by the chapter's members, and a solution was devised. Using a digital camera, every relevant page of our scrapbooks was photographed and committed to a thumb drive so that they could be accessed easily via computer. Once all the nearly twenty seriously deteriorated and dilapidated scrapbooks were photographed and stored on a thumb drive to the satisfaction of the group, the scrapbooks were brought to chapter meetings for an entire year. Sis-

ters were encouraged to take a last look at the scrapbooks, then asked if they wanted to personally take any of these scrapbooks for their own collections. If no one personally wanted the deteriorating scrapbooks, because of their state of unsustainability, they were respectfully retired.

The thumb drive of our scrapbooks is available to be viewed at any time. Our Corresponding Secretary currently houses the thumb drive for safe-keeping, but this can easily be copied and given to the chair of Historical Records. In the future, we plan to turn the digital photographs into a power point presentation or some equally user-friendly mode for the sisters to share, especially during our birthday celebrations every May. In this way, our history is maintained in a modern mode and our chair of the Historical Records committee can have a much more portable and accessible file. We have

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**2018 PA State Purposeful Seminar  
A Tribute to the Women of the American Revolution  
October 5-7, 2018  
Hyatt House Philadelphia/King of Prussia  
240 Mall Blvd. King of Prussia, PA 19406**

**Registration Deadline is August 17, 2018**

**Please print and provide all information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost for the Purposeful Seminar Weekend is \$ 190.00 check, payable to Delta Kappa Gamma  
Mail this form & your check to:**



**City Tavern Lunch Entree – Circle One: Colonial Turkey Pot Pie OR Paillard of Salmon**

**Specific Dietary Restrictions** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hyatt House Hotel Reservations:**

Reservations may be made by

visiting: [https://kingofprussia.house.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp\\_id=G-dkg1](https://kingofprussia.house.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=G-dkg1)

Or call 1-800-993-4983 and reference group code: G-DKG1

**Reservations must be made on or before Friday, September 7, 2018.** Reservation requests after this date are subject to availability and at the hotel's prevailing rates.

**Group rates:**

Studio King Suite \$149 / night + 10% tax (King bed, pullout sleeper sofa with kitchen)

Double Queen Suite \$169 / night + 10% tax (2 Queen Beds,)

Studio Double Queen Suite \$179 / night + 10% tax (2 Queen Beds, living room area with kitchen)

**Getting Around Town:**

Hotel Address: [240 Mall Blvd, King of Prussia, PA 19406](#)

Please enter the address of the hotel into your GPS. **DO NOT PUT IN THE HOTEL NAME AS SOME MAPS HAVE US LOCATED ON THE PA TURNPIKE.**



## Incoming Presidents' Training Review

The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center  
April 13-14, 2018

Jeanette Saulo, Beta Rho

Following a hearty, varied and delicious dinner in the Orchid Room of the Penn Stater Hotel, Dr. Lyn B. Schmid welcomed the attendees and introduced committee members and our keynote speaker. She discussed ways in which we, as incoming presidents, could **Simplify** our DKG experience during the next biennium. The time of sharing with other chapter presidents yielded many useful suggestions.

On Saturday, after a delicious breakfast buffet, our training began in full swing with an inspiring and thought provoking speech by State President, Barbara Gasperini, on Dr. Annie Webb Blanton's dream for DKG including the objectives, mission, vision and purposes. She discussed the honor of being a DKG member and the benefits and ultimate goals of DKG on the local, state and international levels. It was a perfect introduction that helped to put everything in perspective for us.

Carolyn Sutton, State Parliamentarian, in her witty and wise style, suggested ways in which we could ensure a well ordered meeting. Her clever and creative "Go To" bag that we would carry to each meeting was filled with all the informative and necessary aids for each presiding officer which also included Robert's Rules of Order, 13th Edition.



She suggested the importance of allowing each member a "voice." Her "Do's and Don'ts" and "Guide for the Presider" are exceptional and will help us to know what, when, and how to professionally and efficiently conduct a meeting.

After a short snack break, Marcie Erickson, Leadership Committee member and 2017 DKG Next Think Tank member, gave an interesting, understandable and detailed presentation. She included registering on the DKG website and accessing member profiles. In addition, she showed access to communications, social profiles, member participation, member directory, card, shopping DKG and all upcoming events.

Keynote speaker, Diane Phillips, Quebec, Canada, gave a very dynamic presentation on *Mindfulness: Using the Envisions Process and Joyful Journaling* in which she showed each participant how the teacher could make learning for each student personal and successful. This can be done through coaching, the development of individual tools and student journaling in the classroom.

The afternoon session, entitled "Way Cool Website Resources"

was conducted by Dr. Lyn B. Schmid in a fast paced and sometimes challenging, but excellent presentation. Some of the many items covered included how to access the DKG website, the availability of all forms, and how to apply for and submit applications. The president's calendar, program and project suggestions, the leadership lab and communication were also included in the presentation. Using our laptops and navigating the DKG website was fun, and sometimes intense, but surely showed what a valuable resource technology is for its members.

The training session was brought to a close by Marcie Erickson who spoke on the Future of DKG and the Challenge of Change.

Special "thanks" to Royce Boyd and the Leadership for Incoming Presidents' Training and Professional Development Committee. The training gave us an inspiring, transformational and enjoyable preparation for **Simplifying** the next biennium.



## Leadership and Professional Development Seminar (Breakout Sessions)

Jennifer McKay, Alpha Upsilon

It is said that great leaders don't tell you what to do but show you how it is done. This past April, the DKG state leaders did just that. With this being my first Leadership and Professional Development Seminar, I experienced several workshops from technology DKG style to Managing Stress through Art. Divided into small groups, the participants that were not incoming presidents rotated through four well thought out and inspiring break-out sessions. Each self-reflecting mini course addressed issues we all face each and every day.

Leaders need to access other leaders and information about DKG. **Linda Nickerson** guided us through the My DKG website. I updated my profile and searched for mem-



bers from different chapters around the country. Exploring the website, equipped me with the tools to answer questions about DKG programs and the confidence to locate other sisters throughout the society.

**Dr. Maurer** molded our thoughts about how we define ourselves and how we define self-worth. I was able to examine all that I do and how it influences me when handling life's challenges. Providing time to share with others, allowed me to truly audit my personal efforts to make a difference each day.

Being in the classroom every day, I know I cannot avoid stress in today's world and neither can my students. Becky Johnson shared her unique perspective on handling the pressures of life. With our **monkeys** on our



backs, she furnished us with several stress reducing activities which I have applied to my daily bumps in my road. Focusing on what I can change maximizes my efforts to positively inspire those around me.

**Diane Phillips** took us on a *Mindfulness Journey*. I learned how to transform my stress into peace through breathing techniques and non-verbally creating an expression of my peaceful place through art. My framed illustration hangs in my office to remind me to forge a Mindfulness Journey in my actions as I become a better leader.

As I develop into the DKG leader I can be proud of, I thank all those sisters that encourage me to experience the uplifting and life changing adventures during this Leadership and Professional Development Seminar. This weekend - priceless! I know I am on my way to becoming a leader that shows how it is done.



It's time to check the health of your chapter, especially in light of several recent diagnoses of "T.T.W.W.A.D.I. Syndrome." This syndrome is crippling. It prohibits growth and removes excitement. What is T.T.W.W.A.D.I. Syndrome? It is the mindset of chapter members that reflect the acronym: "That's The Way We've Always Done It!" (*Excerpt taken from the Fall, 2018, Texas Lonestar News*)

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been housing our minutes on the computer for years, and this seemed to be the most logical and efficient way for our chapter to solve a dilemma. It makes our June transfer of materials to all committee chairs a much less cumbersome task, reduces damage to

our records, and provides a more universal mode of record keeping.

During the State Convention, the modernization of historical records will be presented at a workshop for committee chairs. At that time, your questions can be answered regarding our endeavor!

# TEN SCHOLARS & GRANT AWARDEES HAVE SAILED ON THEIR 2018 EDUCATIONAL VOYAGES

Lois Brown, Chi, PA State Scholarship Chair

The PA State Scholarship Committee this year received 19 applications for education and travel. The State Scholarship Committee reviewed and rated each application. The Committee decided to award 10 key women educators' scholarships and enrichment grants to Set Sail at the 81st State Convention in State College PA on Sunday, June 17, 2018. The nine rejected applications were for Enrichment Grants. These outstanding PA State women educators are pursuing additional training and education in their selected areas:



(Editor's note: The complete listing of 2018 awardees follows. The individuals in the photo attended State Convention to receive their award.)

**Andrea Rutledge**, Chi, will continue work on her M.Ed. Language & Literacy, Reading Specialist Certification at Millersville University. She has been awarded the Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship as she has been a DKG member for fewer than three years.

**Liz Brewer**, Sigma, will be doing research into the Girl Scouts and DKG at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

**Deborah Ceraso**, Alpha Theta, will travel to St. Augustine, FL, to visit Hispanic landmarks, walk the original cobblestone streets, and experience the culture and architecture of one of the oldest cities in the US.

**Marcia Erickson**, Beta Epsilon, will visit the southwest region of the US to study the Anasazi, the Hohokam, and the Pueblo prehistoric peoples. She will bring this information back to her students.

**Melissa Flynn**, Alpha Beta, will continue to teach in her community the practices of yoga and meditation after attending a trip to the Grand Canyon Park and environs.

**Faith Jack**, Alpha Xi, is pursuing her paternal Scots-Irish roots by attending La Roche College in Pittsburgh, and researching Northern Ireland and County Tyrone.

**Mari Grace Lingenfelter**, Beta Epsilon, will participate in the Carnegie Hall Summer Music Educators' Workshop to introduce new conducting and rehearsal techniques to her classes.

**Lynn Sibley**, Alpha Theta, will continue her mission work in Nicaragua by striving to improve the quality of water, and of life, in their community.

**Karen Snyder**, Beta Gamma, will use her grant in an educational opportunity to Panama. She will live with a host family to expand her knowledge of the community, and to include this information in her curriculum.

**Cindy Reynolds**, Beta Rho, will attend a watercolor painting workshop in Maine. Cindy will use these new techniques in teaching her painting classes twice yearly at the Montrose Adult School.

**Congratulations to all the recipients for sailing on this voyage to travel to far places, thereby enriching their opportunities through education.**

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

# 2018 “Album of Distinction Awardees”

Haddie Webber, Alpha Phi, Chair



Album of Distinction Awardees attending PA State Convention, 2018

**Nancy Babos**, Alpha Omicron: Mercer County PASR Volunteer of the Year Award

**Patricia Carpenter**, Beta Rho: Environmental Education Partnership Award in Wyoming County

**Rose Ann Fulena**, Alpha Sigma: “2017 Making a Difference Award” from the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter

**Louise Garverick**, Beta Kappa: Applause Award by the Adams County Arts Award

**Kathryn Helgemo**, Pi: Elected President of the Lawrenceville Borough Council

**Patricia Hemmings**, Alpha Xi: Sapphire Volunteer for 2000+ volunteer hours of service

**Nancy Kinsman**, Phi: Nominated to be a member of the Wayne County Historical Society Board in which she is the Agricultural Chair

**Eleanor Kodish**, Omicron: Volunteer of the Year at the Ross Library’s Annual Friends Meeting and the Matriarch of Avis volunteer of the year award for PASR Clinton County Chapter

**Gayle Akers Koropchak**, Phi: Special Missing recognition pin and certificate for service of the Paupack United Methodist Church

**Waneta E. Lingenfelter**, Beta Epsilon: PASR of Clearfield County Certificate of Appreciation Award

**Suzanne Mackulin**, Alpha Phi: Manifesting King-

dom of God Award from the Diocese of Pittsburgh

**Michelle McCollin**, Alpha Sigma: Humanitarian Award from the Voice Magazine for “Outstanding Public and Private Office Holder” for her work in Nigeria with Eyes4Africa

**Patricia A Neely**, Omicron: 2nd place in the 2017 Bald Eagle Art League Best of BEAL, for her watercolor painted “Autumn Lights”

**Ursula Payne**, Alpha Sigma: Appointed to the American College Dance Associations Board of Directors for a three year term

**Ann Peay**, Alpha Omicron: 2017 Hall of Game Incite to the Lawrence County Vo-Tech/ Lawrence County Career and Technical Center

**Diana “Dede” Rittman**, Alpha XI: North Allegheny Hall of Fame for 33 years of coaching Varsity Golf and was awarded “Role Model” from the group called Giving it Forward Together

**Marilyn Robb**, Iota: Special recognition by the Mahaffey Camp Missions in honor for 30 years of collecting Campbell’s labels and UPCS for educational programs and for materials for missionary schools and children

**Beth Rowland**, PI: Elected Mayor of Westfield, Pennsylvania

**Melanie Ann Schaeffer**, Nu Rotarian of the Year

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# 2018 VISIONARY FUND RECIPIENT

Susan Stamm, Lambda, Past State President, 2009-2011

Nancy Grove, Alpha Alpha State President 1993-1995, established the Visionary Fund to award grants to in-service active teacher members. *These grants are intended to fund innovative ideas and activities.* Members who are active teachers may apply for the \$500 grant. This annual award is administered by the Past State Presidents of Alpha Alpha State. For four years we have been there to award a teacher who has had the vision of an innovative idea but lacked the funds to implement that idea. The members who have received this award thus far are Marcia Erickson, Amy Dobbins and Deborah Yargar-Reed. Their students and schools districts have benefited from their innovative ideas and the money they received from us.

The Past State Presidents are pleased to announce that the 2018 grant went to **Gail Franko**, Beta Rho, a sixth grade math and science teacher in the Lackawanna Trail School District. Gail plans to use her grant to purchase chrome books to be used with SCRATCH, a project of the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab. With SCRATCH a teacher can program interactive stories, games and animations and then share creations with

others in the online community. SCRATCH helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively—essential skills for life in the 21st century. We applaud Gail Franko for this innovation related to Excellence in Education.



**Gail Franko with Past State President, Susan Stamm**

What innovative idea do you have for your classroom but lack the funding to support it? Next year gives you another opportunity to apply for money from the Nancy Grove Visionary fund. This fund is sustained by financial support from you the members of Alpha Alpha State. Your monetary support for this fund will enable the Past State Presidents to continue awarding grants to well deserving teachers.

**Congratulations, Cindy Reynolds.**  
Three watercolor paintings were accepted for publication in the International Arts & Humanities Gallery of Art.  
Check out International's website under visual art/paintings.

**Orders from Captain Gasperini:**  
**WANTED**  
2018 PA State Convention photos  
Send via TEXT to

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sible for the website, newsletter, yearbook, and photography.

She spent many hours organizing and promoting chapter projects. Marlene is a calm and steady force in her support for those in need, those abused, and her chapter's Girl Scout project. She has donated items for and helped to assemble Chi's care bags for the women sheltered at Domestic Violence Services (DVS) and provided tickets to a circus for the children at DVS.

As an example of early involvement at the state level, she organized Chi Chapter's basket for the raffle at

the state convention for the last three years. Marlene's participation in her chapter has lauded her as a leader and friend in chapter and multi-chapter activities. She attended our State Convention all four years since her initiation and has shared many laughs with her Chi sisters while learning much about Delta Kappa Gamma during the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, 2016. Syhe is quite a motivating example to others in her chapter!

Congratulations to Marlene on her commitment and devotion to Chi Chapter, Alpha Alpha State, and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International! Well done!!



(Photographs from page 1)

**Forty Years Plus  
DKG Members**



**First  
Timers to  
Convention**



**Friday Night  
Fling**

**Communication  
Awards for  
Newsletters and  
Websites**



**Nancy Hills and the Pennsylvania State Chorus**

**Birthday  
Luncheon  
Centerpiece**



**President's  
Banquet**



**Celebration  
of Life  
Committee**



**Flag  
Committee**

**Past State President  
Carol Ulrich: tribute given by  
Barb Tobias, Nu  
“Celebration of Life”  
Sunday, June 17th, at the  
Nittany Lion Inn.**

One of our Past State Presidents, Carol Lynn Ulrich, passed away on February 12, 2018, at the age of 71. Carol was dedicated to her career, church, family, community, and Delta Kappa Gamma. She spent her entire career in the Eastern Lebanon County School District, 22 ½ years in teaching and 16 ½ as the principal of the Myerstown and Jackson Elementary Schools. She started the musicals at Schafferstown Elementary School and did thirteen of them during her career. Every student had a part in the show and could enjoy the learning experience of how to put on this type of program, and the rewarding feeling of offering their talents and working together.

As an administrator, she realized that there were four different elementary schools which converged at the middle school causing much anxiety in many of the fifth graders. She decided to try a fifth grade overnight camping trip. All the fifth graders were introduced to each other and enjoyed many different activities, including living, working and



playing together. This reduced the scariness of entering the middle school. The new endeavor was so successful that it continues.

But Carol’s dedication did not end with her career. After her retirement in 2007, she served on the Eastern Lebanon County School Board and Foundation, was a member of Historic Schaefferstown, and very active in her church there—being the first woman on Congregation Council.

As for Delta Kappa Gamma, Carol was initiated into Nu Chapter of Lebanon County in 1974. She chaired a variety of Nu Chapter committees and held all offices going up the executive ladder and finally as Chapter President in 1984-86. Carol was awarded “The Golden Gift Fund” which paid for her to go to Austin, Texas, and take Leadership Training Classes in 1990. Carol was the first State President to preside at the Nittany Lion Inn in 2004, and we have been here ever since.

A special interest for her at the state level was to change part of the format at the convention. The business meeting was lasting all Saturday morning, and she felt it was too long so she cut it short and offered another workshop for the participants, which gave a large variety of topics for our members to enjoy.

We are so grateful to Carol for the leadership and inspiration she has given to her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters!

**(Memoriam from page 13)**

chapter being especially supportive of all of the chapter’s community service projects. Mary Ann taught at Eric Tech Memorial High School within the Family Consumer Science and Special Education departments. She ex-

tended her support of community service projects in her career through the St. Vincent Auxiliary, Gertrude Barber Center, and ARC.

**Bette Lu Miller  
Alpha Beta  
May 25, 2018**

Bette Lu, a 55-year

member of Alpha Beta passed away May 25, 2018. She was a very active member of her Chapter, serving on many committees and as an officer. Bette Lu taught gifted education in the Bedford Area School District. A career highlight was being re-

sponsible for the first free standing gifted classroom in the state.





# In Memoriam

## **Jane Gorman Alpha Beta**

**November 8, 2017**

Alpha Beta lost a 48 year member when Jane Gorman died on November 8th. Jane served in many capacities as a member of Alpha Beta. However, her biggest contribution to DKG and education was her ability to lead by example. Jane taught 31 years from first grade through postsecondary at Greensburg Business College. Although most of those 30 plus years were spent as a business teacher in the Bedford Area School District. We thank her for the example that set for all of us.

## **Nancy Tuk Gamma**

**December 17, 2018**

Gamma chapter recently lost a member in Nancy Tuk. She had been a teacher in the Haborcreek School District for 35 years. Until Nancy moved to Georgia, she was a loyal member of Gamma. However, she continued her loyalty to the Chapter with support and encouragement through phone calls and letters.

## **Carlyn Radcliffe Chi March 22, 2018**

Chi Chapter lost a member in Carlyn Radcliffe in March. Carlyn actively participated on the Projects Committee most of her 15 years of membership. She also supported the Milagro House Project. Carlyn was an educator and counselor in several of the Lancaster County School Districts during her career. She will also be remembered for her active role with students in the Youth Peace Council.

## **Lucille Myers Omega**

**March 23, 2018**

Omega Chapter lost a 46-year member in the passing of Lucille Myers on March 23, 2018. Lucille began her career in education as a school nurse then went back to school to become a teacher. She spent close to thirty years in the Gettysburg School District both nursing and teaching. Reading and quilting were two of her passions that she shared with others.

## **Linda Milewski Gamma**

**March 24, 2018**

Linda passed away March 24<sup>th</sup>. Linda was an active participant within Gamma Chapter

particularly on the nominating committee. She was in the first graduating class that allowed female students at Gannon University. Linda taught for forty years in the Millcreek Township School District.

## **Pam Mikesell Omega**

**March 29, 2018**

Pam Mikesell passed away on March 29, 2018. She was initiated in 1986. Omega Chapter considered Pam an active member of the chapter. Most of her career was spent being a school counselor but also a School Board member for the Fairfield School District.

## **Helen Hoffman Sigma**

**March 29, 2018**

Another 46-year member passed on March 29, from Sigma Chapter. Helen was initiated in 1972. While an active member she served on several committees for the chapter. She was also a member of other state education organizations. Helen taught first grade her entire career with most of those years being served in the Shamokin Area School District.

## **Margaret Tronetti Gamma**

**April 13, 2018**

On April 13th Peg Tronetti of Gamma Chapter passed away. Peg had been a member of Delta Kapp Gamma for almost 30 years before her passing. She was a language teacher, coach, and advisor in the Erie School District. The last part of her half century career was spent teaching at the college.

## **Karen Light Nu**

**April 18, 2018**

Nu Chapter lost a longtime member in Karen Light on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Karen held a variety of positions at both the local and state levels. She also received many recognitions at both levels as well as participating in the Leadership Management Seminar in Texas in the 90s. Karen served 35 years in education at the elementary level as a teacher and Reading Specialist. She was also an Elementary Principal.

## **Mary Ann Brown Gamma**

**May 19, 2018**

Mary Ann was also active within the Gamma

(see Memoriam page 14)

# Welcome New Initiates

## BETA EPSILON

Tracy Durica

## ETA

Wendy S. Fritz

## ALPHA KAPPA

Stephanie Bonnell

## CHI

Kim Rineer

Heidi Weber

## BETA UPSILON

Jennifer Custer

## NU

Elaine Dietz

Maryann Guldin

Andrea Henne

Bonita Koehler

Emily Miller

Melanie Miller

## SIGMA

Elizabeth Anderson

## XI

Cynthia Drazenovich

Patricia Markovich

## SIGMA

Elizabeth Anderson

## BETA THETA

Bonnie Cindy Kerstetter

## ALPHA BETA

Tricia Beidle

Trudy Snyder

## ALPHA SIGMA

Janice Sniezek

## ALPHA XI

Patricia Bauer

Claudia McClelland

## State President's Schedule

**July 15-20, 2018** International Convention, Austin, Texas

**August 3-4, 2018** Administrative Board Meeting

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

**October 20, 2018** Psi Chapter Visitation

**November 17, 2018** Multi-Chapter Visitation  
Alpha Upsilon, Theta, Upsilon,  
Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi, Alpha Theta  
Denunzio's Italian Restaurant,  
Monroeville, PA

**March 23, 2019** Scholarship Meeting, Lancaster, PA

**March 29-30, 2019** Creative Arts Retreat, Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, PA

**April 6, 2019** Beta Alpha Chapter Visitation

**April 13, 2019** Multi-Chapter Visitation, Lambda, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Sigma, Zeta

**April 27, 2019** Xi, Nu Chapter Visitation

**May 4, 2019** Finance Meeting, State College, PA

**June 14-16, 2019** Pennsylvania State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

**June 16, 2019** Administrative Board Meeting, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

Dear Alpha Alpha Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of the DKG sisters who gave of their time in sharing their talents at the 2018 convention by singing in the Alpha Alpha State Choir! It has been my sincere pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with each of you. You are an amazing and very special group of ladies! You did an exceptional job, not only for the banquet, but also the Celebration of Life.

To Donna Houser, Haddie Webber, accompanist Debra Britton, along with our harpist, Phyllis Howard, thank you as well, as each of you added so much to our programs.

Keep watching for further information about our Choral Retreats in the spring. This information will be on the website and in our *Keystonian*. Participating in the choral retreat provides the opportunity to learn our music, and is also a time when we get to fellowship and know each other better.

Thank you very much for a job well done!

In the Spirit of Music,

Nancy Hills

Visual and Performing Arts Chair





# Enrichment Excursions

## Southern Caribbean's ABC Islands Bonnie Lee Barnes, Alpha Sigma

I've never been on a cruise ship before and my first experience was a "bucket list" enrichment experience. It was the middle of winter in western PA when I boarded the Crown Princess on February



23rd, in sunny Fort Lauderdale, Florida, bound for the ABC Islands of the southern Caribbean. The 8-day cruise

would sail to Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao, and cover 2,561 miles of ocean.

My first two days at sea were picture perfect; warm ocean breezes and sunny skies dotted with puffy white clouds. I explored every nook and cranny of the huge ship, found all the pools, elevators, restaurants, and my lifeboat location, should the need arise. There were onboard shops for shopping but I preferred walking the decks, inside and out, watching the sea water roll by at approximately 19 miles an hour. Thankfully, I was blessed with "sea legs" and never experienced any sea-sickness.

The first port of call was the capital city of Willemstad, Curacao, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a private 4 hour tour, I explored the entire island, stopping at Christoffel National Park, 4,500



acres of protected land and conservation area, where breathtaking views of the sea-side landscapes nestled beside desert terrain.

Another stop was the Hato Caves, more than 300,000 years old and the biggest cave on the island. Instead of going down, this cave was situated high above the island, taking many steps up to reach the cave opening. It was one of the many historic hiding places for escaped slaves of past culture. The tour ended at the Queen Emma Pontoon Bridge that connects the two sides of Willemstad, Punda and Otrobanda. Built in 1888, the bridge swings like a

pendulum to permit ships to enter and exit St. Anna Bay. I walked across and back but could not figure out how the bridge operated.

Oranjestad, Aruba, was the next island on the journey. My advice for first timers is to book the Kukoo Kunuku California Lighthouse and Beach tour. An open air,

**repurposed school bus** takes you on a tour of the island. Beginning with the Alta Vista Chapel, built in the cunucu (countryside), you'll pass local houses painted



every imaginable color of the rainbow. Located along the road/walkway leading up to the Chapel are the Stations of the Cross. Services are still held every Sunday, overlooking the Sea. From here we drove to the California Lighthouse which offered a panoramic view of the island - water all around. Our last stop was a chance to swim in the ocean and soak up the sun on one of the many pristine white sandy beaches.

The last island, located north of Venezuela, was Bonaire. Docking at Kralendijk, I began the day with a 9 AM snorkeling adventure on a catamaran. I was able to explore two different reef sites and swim with fish that used to live in our salt water fish tank of long ago.



Before I planned this trip, I had three things I wanted to do while at sea: witness the sunrise, enjoy the sunset, and see the night sky with all its stars. I managed the firsts two almost every day but the night sky was not as expected because of the presence of a full moon and some cloud cover. But even that was an impressive experience at sea.

My Enrichment Grant from DKG was everything I expected and I thank you, my DKG Sisters, for providing this opportunity to apply for and be awarded this monetary grant to board a cruise ship and visit new places.

# Meet the Crew

## PSI Chapter Ways and Means

Oct. 20, 2018

Punxsutawney, PA

PSI Chapter will be hosting its annual Ways and Means meeting at the Punxsutawney Country Club on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.

It is a great time for our chapter to raise money for our annual recruitment grants. At our meeting, we will be hosting delicious breakfast goodies as well as a nice luncheon. You will have the opportunity to shop among our handmade

crafts, homemade canned goods, baked goods, raffle baskets, silent auctions items, and book sales.

We would love to have you attend this meeting and get acquainted with our awesome members. If you are able to attend, mark your calendars! Meeting will start at 9:00 AM.

For more information and reservations please contact:  
Nancy Hills at: [REDACTED]

We hope to see you there!

## Chapter News

### Tri Chapter Meetings Iota, Beta Epsilon, Beta Xi

State President, Barbara Gasperini, was the speaker at the tri-chapter meeting of Iota, Beta Epsilon, and Beta Xi on May 12. A luncheon was held at the Boulevard Grill in Johnstown. Barbara also installed the 2018-2020 officers of the three chapters.



View from Incline Plane, Johnstown



Lighthouse center piece



Beta Epsilon enjoying lunch



Patty Marshall, Barbara, Lelia Calderwood, Maryann Minahan, Josephine Romani



Installation Ceremony for Iota, Beta Epsilon, and Beta Xi  
Beth Ann Andrews, Nancy Robinson, Connie McClain, Marcie Erickson, Jo Romani, and Co-Presidents for Beta Xi (names not available at press time)



## Lambda

Lambda (Grove City) Chapter met in June to enjoy a delicious picnic and also present a check to their Grant-in-Aid recipient. Pictured is Olivia Wissinger, a sophomore secondary math major at Clarion University receiving a \$500 scholarship check from Grant in Aid committee chair Susan Herman (left). Pictured also are Olivia's parents and committee member Becky Elliott.



## Beta Pi

On April 12, 2018, DKG Beta Pi, held their Spring Tea at the Simpson House Tea Room in Chester Springs, PA. Members enjoyed a fantastic tea and also celebrated the culmination of our **Plaid Pajamas Project Pajama Drive**. Members of Beta Pi collected 60 pairs of pajamas ranging from sizes preemie to adult. The pajamas were then donated to Turning Points for Children, and City Team Chester. Both are social service agencies in the Philadelphia area supporting the needs of men, women and children throughout the area. They offer programs that help families in raising safe, healthy, educated, and strong children.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, several DKG Beta Pi members traveled to the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia to cook breakfast for the families that are currently staying there while their children seek treatment at local hospitals.



On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, DKG Beta Pi celebrated the end of another successful year and our **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** at Jeffersonville Golf Club in Jeffersonville, PA. Highlights of the night included a speech from last year's scholarship recipient, Marlena Ruser, regarding her Freshman year at Lehigh

University, a brief history of Beta Pi by one of our chapter's founding members, Joan Kellet, installation of our 2018-2020 officers, a video highlighting 40 years of Beta Pi, and a speech from our outgoing president, Hope MacDougall. Many of our former chapter presidents also performed a cake cutting to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Cheers to 40 more years!

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, DKG Beta Pi celebrated the culmination of Girl Scout Troop 7021 earning their DKG Badge! Troop 7021 is made up of Brownies and Junior



Girl Scouts. Throughout the winter and spring, the troop worked their way through the DKG Girl Scout curriculum. The troop completed four activities. First, they researched Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, founder of DKG, and compared her to Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts, citing the similarities in their missions. Second, the troop invited women educators to come to their meeting

and learn about the educational professions of Principal,

Administrative Assistant, School Board Member, School Librarian, and Teacher. This interactive meeting allowed the girls to not only learn more about the day-to-day activities of each woman, but to ask questions about and make connections to these professions. The students were responsible for inviting and thanking each woman. Third, the troop collected individual snack packs of food for the Upper Merion Area School District. Each day, at each of the six schools, some students either forget or are unable to provide a snack. With the help of the UMASD district Social Worker, these snacks were distributed throughout the district for students in need! Finally, the troop learned and discussed the Vision Statement of DKG as well as the Girl Scout Mission Statement. The troop celebrated the culmination of this project by having a DKG Jeopardy game (troop against DKG Members)! Way to go girls!

Our next big event is our DKG Beta Pi Designer Handbag Bingo and Basket Raffle that will be held on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Black Rock Fire Company in Oaks, PA. Visit our website [www.dkg-betapipa.weebly.com](http://www.dkg-betapipa.weebly.com) for more information! We hope you can attend!

## Alpha Nu

Alpha Nu Chapter (Bucks County) was very active this Spring 2018. In March, members purchased and wrapped 91 books for the Pennsbury School District second grade students, who had written letters



requesting their favorite books. After students received the books, they wrote thank you letters to members. The name "Write Read Write" is perfect.



Two Bucks County Community College students, Paige Rubenstein (left) and



Jasmine Mendez (right), accepted the Alpha Nu annual grants in aid. Both women will pursue four year degrees in education. Linda Peters, center, is the coordinator for these grants.



New officers for the 2018-2020 biennium were inducted (from left): President Joyce Bigley; Corresponding Secretary Michelle Rainer; 2nd VP Laurie Strauss; and 1st VP Lynn Gordon. Missing is Recording Secretary Linda Seachrist.



Cindy Skarbek was the May program speaker. While on a safari in Tanzania, she met students and staff from the School of St. Jude.



## Alpha Phi

The Alpha Phi Chapter welcomed State President Barbara Gasperini to its meeting on May 19. In addition to presenting on "Communication is the Key," President Gasperini initiated officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. Pictured with President Gasperini is immediate past chapter president, Suzanne Mackulin (far left), newly initiated president, Dr. Mary Anne Battaglia, and parliamentarian, Haddie Weber (far right).



## Chi

Chi chapter attended the Cadette Girl Scout's "Bridging Ceremony" and presented them with their DKG badge.



Chi Chapter's Cadette Girl Scouts



## Theta



On May 5, 2018 we celebrated **Frances Levin's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**. Frances was born on February 5, 1918. She became a member of DKG in 1973 and served as Recording Secretary, Communication Chair and served on the Legislative Board. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science in Education and in 1947, she received a Master's in Education. She taught at Fort Pitt for a few years and at Dilworth Elementary School. She retired June 1981. We presented 'Lady Frances of Delta Kappa Gamma' with a dozen of Long Stem Red Roses.



**Rosemary Hulsman and Virginia McNally** taught with Frances at Dillworth Elementary School.



**1<sup>st</sup> Row:** Janice Ballinger, Madeline Carson, Frances Levin, Judy Smizik,  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** Patti Illig, Linda Konczal-Evans, Marianne Graczyk, Diana Lininger, Mary Van Horn, Rose Ann Colosimo, Rose Ann Sullivan, Virginia McNally, Rosemary Hulsman, Janet Falkowski, **3<sup>rd</sup> Row:** Sharon Schurman, Nancy Mell, Terri Magnotta, Carolyn Klug, Deb Beozzo, Pat Seibel, Patty Zinger, Tabitha Geramita, Cris Bridge

## Alpha Iota Alpha Omega Gamma

The three Erie chapters of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met, Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Sunset Inn with a view of Lake Erie. State President Barbara Gasperini installed the officers for the 2019-2020 biennium, spoke to the group and enjoyed Brunch with those attending.



(L) Stephanie King, President - Alpha Iota, Barbara, Deb Seng, President - Alpha Omega, Karen Stazer Welzer, President - Gamma



**State President Barbara** with Mrs. Lisa Helsley, Alpha Iota. Lisa is holding the scrapbook which shows Girl Scout Troop #34368 at Grover Cleveland School. The Scouts took part in the food drive which generated 36 boxes of food for the local Food Bank.



Loretta Baran, Alpha Iota, with Barbara, explaining the Chapter's project of collecting Walmart gift cards for the Alpha Iota Chapter in Wharton, TX. The cards will be given to teachers who are still needing supplies lost in the floods following Hurricane Harvey. We are now the "PA Santa Clauses."

## Alpha Omicron



Alpha Omicron Scholarship awardees:  
Marissa Pamirez (L) and Jessica Vormelker (R) with Yvonne Chichin



## Sigma



Sigma installed the newly elected officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. Pictured (L to R) are Corresponding Secretary, Judith Skinner of Mt. Carme; Co-First Vice-Presidents Elizabeth Brewer of Riverside; and Doris Mertz of Milton; and Co-Presidents Deborah Bernhisel of Selinsgrove and Brittany Bunting-Specht of Northumberland.



Elizabeth Brewer (L) receives the Rosebud award for distinguished service as U.S. Forum chairperson from Carol Kruskie.

Sigma Chapter recently sponsored a panel discussion for new educators, entitled "How to Handle the Hard Stuff." The event, held at Selinsgrove High School, was open to area student teachers and educators in their first five years of teaching. The purpose was to provide an open forum for educators early in their careers to talk and to network with experienced educators from various levels, including elementary, middle school, high school and college. The panel was moderated by Deborah Bernhisel, retired Shikellamy School District communication arts and Latin teacher and member of Sigma. This panel, the brainchild of Mary Reinhard, retired Line Mountain Principal, was organized by Brittany Bunting-Specht and Deborah Bernhisel.

Mary Bach (R), the AARP Chair of Consumer Issues Task Force, receives a certificate of appreciation from Brittany Bunting-Specht (R). Bach presented a program entitled "No Free Lunch: Flimflams, Schemes and Scams." In March she testified before the US Senate Special Committee on Aging stressing need to educate the public about frauds and scams.



Panelists, pictured (L to R) are: Nancy Hartman, retired Shikellamy secondary guidance counselor and Sigma member; Brittany Bunting-Specht, Selinsgrove Area School District French teacher and Sigma member; Mary Anna Rebar, Shikellamy elementary teacher and Sigma member; Dr. Mary Murphy-Kahn, Shikellamy Middle School Principal; Laurie Kirchner, Middleburg Elementary early childhood teacher; and William Switala, Selinsgrove social studies teacher and Susquehanna University adjunct professor.



## Kappa

Kappa Chapter met in May for the annual DKG birthday celebration. At that time the new officers were installed. They are (L to R) Tiffany Warner, Secretary; Crystal Header, President; Annette Nygaard, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Pat Crouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Diana Mettler, Parliamentarian.



The members of the Chapter also presented a \$1,000 grant-in-aid to Natalie Holtry (L), a senior at Big Spring High School. She will be attending Bloomsburg University with a special education major and a minor in Spanish.



Dr. Jerry Mock was the guest speaker. When she was 71 years old she and 2 friends walked 400+ miles on the Camino de Santiago, a very well known pilgrimage in Spain. It was a difficult trip. The members were amazed that her backpack weighed 18 LBS. with ONE change of clothing for the entire trip.



Kappa Members



## Beta Theta

The Beta Theta sisters made a DKG quilt at one of their Cottage Meetings for a chapter raffle. Rosemary Ruhl's name was drawn but she generously gave it State President Barbara who was overwhelmed by the gesture!



Norma Mateer, Gaye Hicks, Barb Gasperini, Jeannette Thomas, Rosemary Ruhl, Linda Geesaman, Nancy Thompson, Marlene Popnik, Kate Humphrey, Louise Poorman, Kathy Dunn, and Donna Winch.

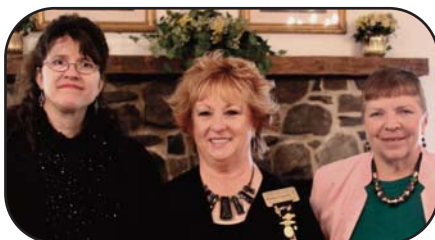


Rosemary Ruhl, Kate Humphrey, Barbara Gasperini, Norma Mateer.

## Beta Kappa Omega



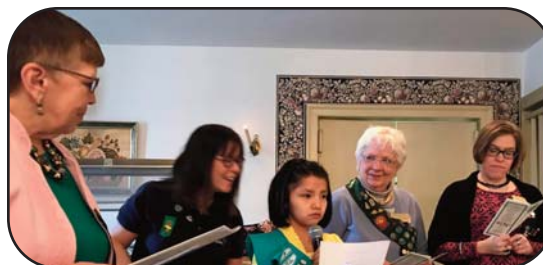
Barbara addressing birthday chapters  
Beta Kappa and Omega at Dobbin House, Gettysburg



Bettie Bertram (Omega outgoing president), Barbara, Beverlyl Utz (Beta Kappa outgoing and incoming president)

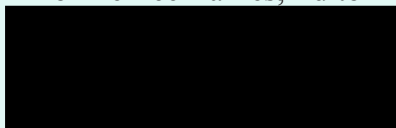


Girl Scouts visited and presented information on our DKG Founders, sang a song, and gave a speech on leadership



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## **Together We Sail**

Louise L. Hesse, Beta Iota

We sailed on calm seas, miles from our 2018 convention.  
Chapters setting off on a voyage to share ideas in new dimensions,  
Adding to our friendships; with feelings bonding us as seafaring Sisters,  
Guaranteed to create around us a gathering with a golden glister.

For this day we planted a red rose wrapped in the warmth of gold,  
Along with an assortment of food snippets designed to mold,  
A taste between we Sisters of sweet encouragement and caring,  
Holding fast to the belief of women educators blessed with the art of sharing.

We sail forth holding the beauty of Delta Kappa Gamma deep within,  
Surrounding youngsters with knowledge to play like a mandolin,  
Gathering together today deserves a promise Sisters hold dear,  
That the desire of each chapter is to remain best friends whether far or near!