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Presenters Needed

Pat Walker, Beta Beta

The upcoming convention features **Society Business Workshops** since it is the first year for the newly elected chapter officers and committee chairs. Formerly all such workshops were in the morning session, however, *look for a change this year!* So that chapters with small attendance may cover several important topics, society workshops will be divided between the morning and afternoon sessions. Other presentations will be filled in around them in each session.

Topics of interest are: technology usage; health and wellness; leadership; current educational trends; sharing enrichment grant travels; STEM

activities; community service opportunities; relaxation/stress management; and curriculum extension activities.

If you are knowledgeable in one of these topics or know someone who is, please come forward and be a part of our celebration. Of course, the topics are by no means limited to those mentioned.

Applications are available on the state website at dkgpa.weebly.com. The deadline to apply is **January 15, 2020**. Questions may be directed to Pat Walker at [REDACTED]

Form 990N Reminder

Wanda Keller, Iota
PA State Treasurer

Thank you to all chapter treasurers who worked through the new dues process. This was easier than you may have thought! We now have an accurate way of budgeting for our fiscal year which is July 1st through June 30th.

A reminder, if you have not filed your **990-N** (e-postcard), please do so and send me a copy. If you have any questions with this, let me know and I will talk you through the process. The procedure for getting your non-profit status back, if you lose it, is costly and time consuming. There is a link for filing on the DKG website. www.dkg.org



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President's Message

Eileen Little, Chi
DKG PA State President 2019 - 2021



"No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude."

Alfred North Whitehead

As we approach the holiday season, this quote comes to mind to remind me of all those who have crossed my path and helped me with my voice and choices in life. This past weekend the State EEC and Membership committees had their meetings. I really enjoyed the discussions, collaborations and collegial work that these sisters accomplished as they planned for this biennium and state convention. It was wonderful to see the sisters new to state committees working hand in hand with our seasoned sisters. This was a personal goal, to add some new sisters to state committees and chair positions, as I planned for our 2019 – 2021 Biennium.

I am enjoying the many chapter newsletters that have been shared with me! I am impressed with all the great programs, projects and events happening across our state. Each chapter is addressing the topic of a slate of new officers for their chapter. I encourage you to stretch yourself and try supporting your chapter as an officer. I am confident to say you will have chapter support and support from your State officers! What a perfect opportunity to share your voice!

Thank-you to all the sisters who are signing up to receive their *Keystonian* electronically! I know this a change for you, but this choice will help to support our state budget. Imagine more funds for projects, programs and convention speakers! If you want to go green and receive your *Keystonian* electronically go to our state website at dkgpa.weebly.com and choose Communications. The first item is the *Keystonian* Online Request form which is easy to complete and submit.

I would like to express my thanks for all your support and sympathy for me and my family. We lost my Dad on September 30, 2019. The outpouring of cards, emails, and sisters at the viewing and funeral was amazing and I am truly grateful for my DKG sisters!

Enjoy the holiday seasons with your family & friends,

Eileen



EEC Discussions

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta
First Vice President/EEC Chair



The Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) started discussions for this biennium on October 25th and 26th in Lancaster. Members of the committee came prepared to plan for the State Convention scheduled for June 2020 and to work to fulfill President Eileen's goals.

Several Chairs presented items specific to each section within EEC. Susan Fritz, US Forum/Education Legislation Chair, Fern Detwiler, Professional Affairs/Album of Distinction and Amy Miehl, Projects Chair all have articles within this edition of the *Keystonian* complete with updates for this biennium. Pat Walker, Sandy Klingensmith, Jeannette Saulo and Gail Franko also participated in the discussions and event planning for Convention.

On Friday night ushers for the Album of Distinction and reception will recognize the many contributions of DKG members outside the DKG Organization. Following the Album of Distinction event, EEC members have an educational and entertaining Friday Night Fling planned. You will not want to miss out Friday night!

Convention 2020 also offers society workshops. EEC will provide information on projects, programs and other topics within the EEC purview. This is a great time to meet and work with other members experiencing the same responsibilities in their own Chapters. Mark your calendars to attend State Convention in June of 2020.

Rosebud Recognition

Dr. Bettie Bertram, Omega
State Achievement Chair



At our June, 2020 convention, we will recognize one of our sisters for the Rosebud Award. She will be a member of DKG of 3-5 years. Keep in mind there is no age minimum for this award!

We are on the lookout for a member (preferably younger) who has shown stellar leadership qualities and has had an active interest at the state level.

Chapter Officers, the mission...

should you choose to accept it...

is to find our next Rosebud Recognition Recipient. Send your nomination to me,

by **March, 2020!**

**Remember, this is a
SECRET NOMINATION**

....shhhhh....

Editor's Note: Please make these additions and corrections to your 2019-2021 Biennium Directory published in the Fall Issue of the *Keystonian*.

Addition:

Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho, has been added to the Historical Records committee.

Corrections:

Deborah Johnson, Pi, Membership Committee
Please correct her email address.

Beth Becker, Omega, Membership Committee
Please correct her email address.

Membership News

Dr. Marjorie Paradise, Chi
Second Vice President/Membership Chair



Your State Membership Committee met October 25-26, 2019, to plan the important State Convention events of a First-Timers gathering, a Membership Workshop, and the Celebration of Life Ceremony. This biennium's committee consists of amazing sisters. They include Beth Becker (Omega), Tracey Dusch (Psi), Nancy Hills (Psi), Deb Johnson (Pi), Michelle Leddy (Beta Alpha), Melissa Moorhead (Alpha Beta), and Linda Young (Chi).

Please take note of a few items related to Membership in light of some changes made at our last International Convention, 2018.

~ *A woman is inducted, not initiated.*

~ *Now an individual becomes a member at the time she pays her dues not necessarily at Induction.*

~ *A woman can be inducted who is no longer an educator but still has a strong interest in education.*

~ *An induction fee of \$10.00 is paid at the time of Induction with \$7.50 allocated to the chapter and \$2.50 to the state. No money from the Induction fee goes to International anymore.*

~ *There is a new membership classification: Collegiate Membership.*

Collegiate members shall be undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria:

- 1) They shall be enrolled in an institution offering an educational degree.*
- 2) They shall have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.*
- 3) They shall be enrolled in the last two years of their degree.*
- 4) They shall be selected by the method established by the chapter rules.*
- 5) They may participate in the activities of the Society except for holding office.*
- 6) They may serve as parliamentarian since that position is not an officer.*
- 7) Collegiate members who graduate and become a paid educator shall pay active member dues and become an active member of the Society.*
- 8) If a collegiate member does not pursue a career as an educator her membership will expire upon graduation or withdrawal from the education degree program.*



**YOU HAVE A VOICE
AND A CHOICE**

Notes from the US Forum

Susan Fritz, Chi

U.S. Forum/Educational Legislation Chair



The United Nations is celebrating its 75th year of existence in 2020. In homage to the opening words of the United Nations' Charter, *"...to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind..."*, the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) has opened registration for the 21st CTAUN Conference, **"War No More,"** scheduled at the United Nations in New York City on February 28, 2020. Registration cost is \$65 for adults and \$30 for students.

This all-day conference will feature conversations in these areas: *Creating Peace* – The Role of Civil Society and Women in Prevention of War and in Peace Processes; *New Technologies* – Hypersonic, Artificial Intelligence, Drones; *Peace Education and Transformative Education*; *Women, Peace, and Security*; *Disarmament*;

and *World Peace Through Law: Force of Law, Not the Law of Force*. In addition to keynotes and panels, CTAUN provides an Information Fair of agencies that relate to the topic, a student poster contest that articulates the conference theme, and resources from the Info Fair participants.

If you are unable to attend the annual conference at the United Nations, teaching resources are easily accessible online by theme, grade level, and type of resource. Go to teachun.org.

Registration also is open for The National Legislative Seminar (NLS) which is scheduled for March 15-18, 2020 at the Holiday Inn - National Airport, Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. This seminar is open to all United States DKG members and provides the opportunity to take a non-partisan and active role in fulfilling Society Purposes Four and Seven. Sisters will engage with DKG Women

from across the country for speakers, tours, a day on Capitol Hill, and networking with legislators. If you want to extend your trip, suggested pre-conference activities include a performance of the *Capital Steps* Saturday evening and a *Highlights of DC Area Tour* on Sunday. Registration information is on the U. S. Forum website at usforumdkg.org. The registration cost is \$135. Meals are not included. The topics presented at NLS are selected based on the responses of attendees at the International Conferences the previous summer.

CTAUN and NLS provide education on current topics and training on how to use the information to effect change. Take advantage of these low-cost opportunities to hear knowledgeable professionals speak on the events relevant in the classroom and our world.

Editor's Note: Free classroom resources were listed in the U.S. Forum Connection #189, September, 2019.

The National Women's History Museum (<https://www.womenshistory.org>) - contains history lesson plans, biographies, posters, and videos.

The Energy Teacher Resource (<http://energyteacher.org>) - created by the Association of Science Technology Centers designed for teaching grades K-12. Provides videos and energy literacy resources.

The Green Room (<http://bit.ly/2Goy/OA>) - Free K-12 resource providing suggested classroom activities created by the National Wildlife Federation dealing with wildlife, habitat, and ecosystems.

State Project: STEM

Amy Miehle, Gamma
Projects Chair



Greetings, Sisters! Hope this fall is bringing you in contact with some great STEM projects and fantastic students to share them with! As an active third grade teacher, I'd like to share some of the great things happening in my classroom so far this year that are STEM related. My kiddoes are currently learning about Animal Classification in our English Language Arts block. You should hear them throw words like "vertebrate," "taxonomist," and "aquatic" around as if it were no big deal! And they are so excited! We've been playing some fun math games that focus on strategy and critical thinking during our Morning Meeting. They are always so proud when they can guess the se-

cret number in Mastermind in fewer guesses each round. My students are also eager to try an Engineering challenge I've promised them in the next couple of days where they'll have to make the longest possible paper chain from one sheet of construction paper. I will enjoy watching their thought processes as they work through this challenge in teams. Just think: if I, their classroom teacher, can get them excited about STEM in this way, imagine what you, an outside special guest could do to further pique their curiosity! (And imagine me, a happy teacher, welcoming a few extra pairs of hands to help!)

So, how to get started?
Maybe your starting point is to

reach out to a Sister who is still actively teaching. She may be able to steer you toward a project, or at least, in a direction that could lead to a project. Try reaching out to those local colleges and universities. There are many that hold STEM fairs for students. And don't forget your connections you've made with your Girl Scout Troops during the last biennium! There is a strong focus on STEM in many Girl Scout badges and programs right now.

I can't wait to hear about the fantastic projects you are doing in your chapters to enhance STEM in your communities.

Please email me your stories at [REDACTED] so I can celebrate with you!

Album of Distinction

Fern Detwiler, Beta Pi
Professional Affairs Committee Chair



Hello Society friends and colleagues! I come to you representing your Educational Excellence Committee overall, but specifically the group of members on the Professional Affairs branch of the committee.

Professional Affairs works almost exclusively with our **Album of Distinction** award. This award represents a members' life work outside DKG and represents our **Purpose #6... To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members, and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.**

This accolade should represent their passion to work for and improve the lives of others on a global, community or personal level. We are looking to honor these women and share their stories at our Album of

Distinction Ceremony Friday evening of Convention weekend in June.

Each Chapter should take this opportunity to have their voice heard and look within their ranks for a worthy member to put forward for this award. **A change this year will be the addition of the acceptance of self-nominations.** The committee feels that in some circumstances only YOU can tell your story so that others will understand the importance and quality of your work.

In order to be considered for the 2020 State Convention, the nomination form must be submitted by email or postmarked no later than **March 1, 2020.** Send to: Fern Detwiler, [REDACTED]

(see Album page 7)

“Here’s Looking at You”...

from Casablanca

Barbara Gasperini
PA State Nominations Chair

You used your VOICE and said yes to become a member of DKG. It is an honor to be a member. It was explained that you would be a member for the rest of your life. It was a commitment. You need to stay involved. Now it is time to think about giving back and making a CHOICE for a chapter office or committee chair.



Your chapter needs to remain strong with your help. You were chosen as a member because you were a leader and it is time to think about taking a leadership role. You have abilities in different areas and you should share those abilities with your chapter. Now make a choice as to where you can help. There are many members who will help you along the way.

Please don’t sit back and watch others. Please don’t say, I don’t have the time or the ability. Be a member leader. Your time is now. As I have always said, “*What do you have to lose? More importantly, what do you have to gain? More than you can possibly imagine!*”

(Album from page 6)

FLDETWILER@COMCAST.NET

The Awards Ceremony will take place the evening of June 12, 2020 at Penn State. All applicants will be notified of their status by May 1, 2020 to allow ample time to register for the convention.

The nomination form and Criteria Sheet may be found at www.dkg.weebly.com Click on Awards and download these forms for detailed information on how to apply.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at:

Our committee is waiting to hear from YOU!

Finance Committee Report

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa
Finance Chair

Finance Committee budget development time is quickly approaching. To ensure our budget meets the needs of the Pennsylvania State Organization, the finance committee requests that ALL Committee Chairs and Officers submit budget requests by **March 15, 2020**. These requests should be sent to Mary Wilhelm, 24 Sussex Drive, Carlise, PA 17013, or email:



If I do not receive a request from you, the committee will assume that your committee is satisfied with your present level of funding.

I want to thank the members who have chosen to receive their newsletter online. This definitely saves the organization money and helps to ensure we will not need to increase dues.

Secondly, I want to remind First Vice Presidents that I will be sending out a **Survey Evaluation** survey in the near future asking for input on the performance of the State Treasurer, the **Keystoneian** Editor, and the Web Master. Each chapter will be asked to evaluate one of these positions. This survey will be used to determine their stipends for the year. Please fill it out and return as requested, preferably to my email address.

Finally, I want to remind all Finance Chairs throughout the state to please refer to the Finance Guidelines document for record keeping. If you do not have one, the booklet can be requested from the International Society website at dkg.org

Please be aware all chapter bank statements should be maintained for four years as well as all receipts and budget reports. Copies of Membership Form 18 should be maintained for seven years. Thank you to all chapter Finance Chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in keeping the chapter on a firm financial foundation.



DKGNext 2019

Marcia Erickson, Beta Epsilon



In general, DKGNext is a think tank experience addressing issues that impact the Society's livelihood and viability. It was initiated by Past International President Dr. Lyn Schmid in 2015. The first DKGNext group consisted of members thirty years of age and younger, and under Carolyn Pittman's 2016-2018 international presidency, an intergenerational group of members gathered together.

Current International, President Cathy Daugherty, along with Headquarters Directors hosted a group of fourteen members, some from 2015 and 2017, in addition to new 2019 attendees. The DKG Next 2019 group convened in Austin during the weekend of September 20-22, 2019. Members of the 2019 group represented a variety of countries, regions, ages, and experiences, and the primary focus of the group was to address the essence and significance of DKG's Core Values.

After sharing and discussing individual pre-think tank research, the group determined that **core values are beliefs that guide an organization's actions, unite its members, and define its brand.** Once that was conceptualized, the group's aim was to update the Society's Core Values. After much discussion and introspection, Collegiality; Professional/Personal Growth; Leadership; Philanthropy/Service; and International Diversity were selected as 21st century core values representative of the Society. To ensure the updated Core Values aligned with the work of the

Society, DKGNext members utilized and reflected upon the Society's Seven Purposes, its Mission Statement, its Vision Statement, its 2015-2025 Strategic Plan, and excerpts from the 1929 Charter.

It is the group's hope that these updated **Core Values: Collegiality; Professional/Personal Growth; Leadership; Philanthropy/Service; and International Diversity**, will complement the work already being done by the Society and also assist in guiding DKG's future-focus.

On an aside, books that I have read to prepare for my DKGNext experiences include:

~ *Great Teams: 16 Things High-Performing Organizations Do Differently* by Don Yeager

~ *Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us* by Daniel Pink

~ *Talent Generation: How Visionary Organizations Are Redefining Work and Achieving Greater Success*; ~ *Knowing Y: Engage the Next Generation Now*; and ~ *The End of Membership as We Know It: Building the Fortune-Flipping, Must-Have Association of the Next Century*, all by Sarah Sladek.

These titles are insightful and adaptable reads for organizations, such as DKG, facing the unique challenges and opportunities of maintaining relevancy and catalyzing growth and innovation.

Convention Evaluation Feedback

Convention Kate: Volume 5

Dear Convention Kate,
The desserts at our meals are too rich!! Why can't we have Penn State Creamery Ice Cream with toppings?

Great idea! This was actually done at the 2016 banquet. Although everyone seemed to enjoy the treat, extra servers were required, resulting in a higher cost of \$4-\$5 per meal. Also, more time was expended standing in line for dessert, thus lengthening the time of the banquet.

Dear Convention Kate,
Why can't the winning Raffle Basket tickets be drawn at the Birthday Luncheon? Some sisters just come for the luncheon and then leave.

We like your "out of the box" thinking, but I can think of at least 2 reasons why this would not be advisable. First, the Baskets are a fund raising event to offset the cost of Convention. Approximately 4 hours of ticket sales would be lost by drawing the winners at noon, rather than at 4:00.

(see Kate page 9)

State Rules Proposal Change

Proposal to amend Pennsylvania Organization By-Laws

Article X – Activities

Section 2 - Publications

Letter A

[1] Which now reads:

A. The *Keystonian* shall be made available four (4) a year to all members. The *Keystonian* shall be available online and through snail mail.

B. Special publications shall have prior approval of the state president and the Finance Committee before being submitted to the Executive Board.

2] Be amended by striking out and/or inserting new word(s), sentence(s), or paragraph(s) as follows:

A. The *Keystonian* shall be made available four (4) *times* a year to all members. The *Keystonian* shall be available online *and through snail mail.*

3] If adopted would read:

A. The *Keystonian* shall be made available four (4) times a year to all members. The *Keystonian* shall be available online.

Rationale for change:

By recommending this change. The PA State Organization will be better able to provide programs, projects, meetings and chapter resources through the work of the committees to move the state organization forward.

Financial Impact:

Each year the PA State Organization budget includes line items specifically for the printing and mailing of the *Keystonian*. The total of these two lines is over \$13,000. By making the *Keystonian* available electronically to all members, these funds will be reallocated to better fulfill the mission and purposes of the Society.

From the Rules Committee:

This proposed change will be voted on at the June, 2020 Convention at State College by those DKG Members in attendance.

Submitted by Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

e-mail:

Phone:



(Kate from page 8)

Secondly, drawing the tickets at the luncheon would exceed the time allotted. We are on a strict time schedule to get in the birthday celebration, workshops, rehearsals, photos, and everything else

planned for Saturday afternoon. As far as those who only stay for the luncheon, they need not be present when the winning tickets are drawn. They could arrange with someone who is staying to retrieve and deliver their winning basket to them!



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION NANCY B. GROVE VISIONARY FUND APPLICATION FORM

The Pennsylvania State Organization Nancy Grove Visionary Fund awards a grant to in-service active teacher members to fund innovative ideas and activities related to Excellence in Education within the educational community. This annual award is administered by the Past State Presidents of the Pennsylvania State Organization and will be awarded at the annual state convention. The grant is to be used during the school year immediately following the state convention. **It is imperative that the recipient be in attendance at the Pennsylvania State Organization Convention to receive her award.** Interested applicants shall complete the following application form and send the completed application form postmarked by **February 1, 2020** to: Tracey R. Dusch, [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Please complete the following:

Name: _____
Address: _____
School District Name: _____
Professional Position: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____
Chapter: _____

Please answer the following, attach additional paper if needed:

1. Describe the proposed plan or activity. Include goals and objectives.

2. Describe the group to be targeted (students – grade level or age; specific minority groups; parents; community).

3. How will this proposed plan/activity enhance excellence in education? (include need and expected outcomes)

4. Have you made application for this proposal to other sources of funding? If so, please name the source and what you expect to receive.

2020 Convention Birthday Chapters

75 Years

Epsilon
Zeta



65 Years

Alpha theta
Alpha Iota
Alpha Kappa
Alpha Lambda

45 Years

Beta Omicron



New Initiates

Lambda

Karen Otteni

Pi

Mckayla Mortimer
Heather Ace
Lori Szymanik

Psi

Megan Disher
Kelsi Boyles
Beth McMeekin
Delaney McMeekin (collegiate)



Alpha Nu

Janis Bases
Mary Ellen Bornak
Catherine Caligiuri
Nancy Englbloom
Mary Ann Miller
Barbara Poole

Zeta

Elsie Gorman



(Nancy from page 10)

5. Outline the budget for the proposed plan/activity, i.e. specifically, how much money will be spent on different parts of the proposal.

6. How will the activity be evaluated and shared? (include outcomes to be expected and how the results will be shared with the educational community)

Applicant's Signature: _____

Signature of Chapter President: _____

Apply for PA State Scholarships and Enrichment Grants

Susan Martin, Eta
State Scholarship Chair

Pennsylvania State Scholarships and Enrichment Grants are available to DKG members in good standing and who have been members for at least three years.

Scholarships are offered to active members who are enrolled in graduate study for credit leading to an advanced degree, certification, endorsement, or job improvement. The credits may be earned during a regular or summer term at an accredited college or university. A scholarship recipient may apply more than one time, but the recipient's total amount received may not exceed \$7,000 between 2017-2021.

Honorary, Reserve, and Collegiate members are not eligible for scholarships or Enrichment Grants.

The **Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** is granted for graduate study to an active member *in good standing in her first, second or third year of membership in DKG*. The approximate amount awarded each fiscal year is \$1,000.

The following Pennsylvania State Organization Scholarship Award Point System is used for selection:

- 1) Proposed use of the Scholarship (30 points)
- 2) Society Participation (27 points)
- 3) Professional Involvement (16 points)
- 4) Community Involvement (15 points)
- 5) Overall Evaluation of Application (12 points)

Enrichment Grants are awarded for continuing education for professional and personal growth, a travel/study tour, development of an approved independent study project, or the presentation of a paper to a professional organization. An Enrichment Grant recipient may receive a one time award in each of the following categories:

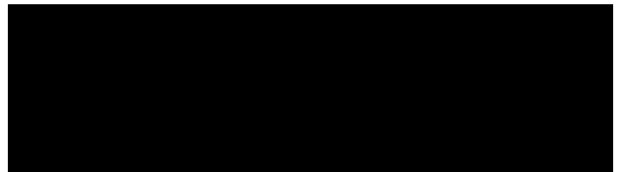
- 1) Road Scholar or continuing education
- 2) Travel and/or study
- 3) Individual project, research project, or presentation of a paper

An applicant may not receive more than \$5,000 from Enrichment Grant monies from 2017-2021. An important consideration in the selection of applicant is her participation and contribution to Delta Kappa Gamma and clarity in her letter of intent.

The application for scholarship or enrichment grant must be postmarked by **February 1, 2020**. Postage due applications will be returned by the Post Office. An application form for the State Scholarship and Enrichment Grant are on the Pennsylvania State Organization website (dkg.pa.weebly.com) under the tab Awards/Scholarships.

Note: The scholarships or grants are to be used in the year following the convention – Sunday, June 14, 2020 – Friday of the convention in 2021.

Contact: **Susan Martin, PA State Scholarship Chair**



Annual International Scholarships

Lois Vogel

Delta Kappa Gamma International Scholarship Chair

The annual Delta Kappa Gamma International Scholarships are awarded for advanced degrees in the amount of \$6,000 and for doctoral degrees in the amount of \$10,000. The applications for these scholarships are found at www.dkg.org. The deadline for submission is **February 1, 2020**.

Cindy from page 13)

adult school classes she teaches as well as workshops she presents. She encourages all members to go to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts to view the many art forms displayed. The next submission period is January 15 – February 15, 2020 and her message to anyone considering submission to the Gallery, “Go for it!”

Two DKG Gallery of Fine Arts Awardees

Jackie Thomas, Omicron

What does a Fibers Artist make? Jackie Thomas, Omicron, often makes sculptures and baskets. Two pieces were accepted into the DKG Fall exhibit that will be unveiled in December Gallery located at: <https://www.dkg.org> and remain on view for six months, and then move into the Gallery archives. Three images are required for submission of three-dimensional works.

Snowy Sunday Sheep Mask is a Multimedia Fibers Sculpture. She is one of a series of sheep masks, one of which: **Navajo Dibe Mask**, will be archived in December from the Spring 2019 DKG Gallery.

Snowy Sunday is a fantasy representation of a joyful jaunt in the falling snow. She is woven with wool and waxed linen yarns onto a wire armature and is embellished with hand felted



wool, additional yarns, buttons, and upholstery trim. The mask is life-size: 43"x16"x10."

Boy, how wonderful are hugs shared in friendship! **HUGS** is a waxed linen coiled and twined basket. This little basket is only 13" in diameter and 3.25" tall, but it carries the imagery of big emotions and joy. There are no wires or other materials incorporated into the work.



HUGS is one piece in a series of artifacts that contain coded messages. It interprets the coded message in **Code Hugs**, a painted and cross-stitch wall hanging that measures 6' x 4'.

DKG members who would like to submit works of music, video, visual art, or writing to future DKG Galleries, feel free to contact Jackie Thomas for help in selecting and/or submitting to the gallery

The next submission period will be January 15-February 15, 2020.

Congratulations Jackie Thomas and Cindy Reynolds

Cindy Reynolds, Beta Rho

Beta Rho Chapter member Cindy Reynolds has been notified that her submission for the DKG International Gallery of Fine Arts has been accepted into the gallery. Cindy's watercolor painting entitled "**Inside Out**" will appear in the unveiling of the new

Gallery works the first week in December. The gallery is an on-line exhibit of jury selected visual arts which include drawing, painting, mixed media, crafts, sculpture, and printmaking. The gallery also includes writing, music and videos.



Cindy said that her painting was inspired by a very sad photograph which appeared in the national news when the terrible fires were destroying every-

thing in its path in California. The photograph was of a man looking through the window of his truck which had been destroyed by the fire and viewing the remains of his burnt out home and everything he owned. She was, of course, saddened by the photo but loved the perspective that photograph captured. She then began taking photographs of her car with a similar perspective which she used as reference material for her watercolor painting of the inside of her 2015 Nissan Murano and the wooded landscape behind her house.

Cindy's artistic talents as well as her photography have been recognized previously and displayed in the gallery. As a result of her submissions and acceptance in the past, she has participated in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts workshops at regional and international conferences and conventions in Portland, Maine; Windsor, Ontario Canada; and this summer in Asheville, North Carolina.

Photography and watercolor painting are hobbies of Cindy's which she generously shares in the

(see Cindy page 12)

Enrichment Excursions

Enrichment Travel Offers Something Old, Something New

Dr. Karen Matis, Alpha Sigma

An experience to long remember, my trip to Egypt, Jordan, and UAE is one that will long be recalled for its vast contrasts between something old and something new. Beginning in Cairo, visits to pyramids that date back as far as 2500 B.C., showcased the ancient expectation that Pharaoh's would become gods in the afterlife. The temples and tombs built at that time were to help prepare for the next world. The **three pyramids of Giza Plateau** are one of Egypt's greatest tourism sites; however, lesser visited pyramids offered unique perspectives of pyramid construction.



In Dashur, Sneferu Pyramid, more commonly known as the Bent Pyramid, was excavated in 1956. When construction began on this pyramid over 4,600 years ago, the angle was too steep resulting in instability. Adjusting the angle from 58 to 43 degrees ensured stability to complete the project. The Bent Pyramid offers the adventurous tourist an opportunity to go inside a pyramid, so climbing the outside of the structure, I entered the pyramid through an 86-yard narrow tunnel. The burial chamber could be accessed by bending over and descending into dimly-lit narrowways. What an amazing experience to be inside a pyramid!

The "Step Pyramid" is yet another example of archaeological amazement dating to the 27th century B.C. Built for Pharaoh Djoser, the pyramid offers six tiers (or steps), and is a four-sided structure. No trip to Egypt would be complete without a visit to Valley of the Kings. Here is the final resting place of 63 pharaohs and nobles. Excavation continues to discover additional tombs in the Valley of the Kings as well as nearby. In October of 2019, archeologists un-

covered 20 wooden coffins in Luxor. Famous for housing King Tutankhamun's final remains, tourists are able to enter some tombs and witness elaborate hieroglyphics that decorated these final resting places. King Tut's mummified remains are inside his tomb for tourists to view.

After cruising the Nile and enjoying so many amazing sites Egypt has to offer, it was off to Jordan with visits to Petra and the Dead Sea. Petra was featured in films *Arabian Nights* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. Famous for The Siq, a narrow gorge leading into the city, and Al Khazna, also known as The Treasury, Petra dates to the first century B.C. until a large earthquake destroyed the city in 363 A.D. A theater accommodating 4,000 spectators is carved into the red rock.

Salt anyone? The Dead Sea is Earth's lowest elevation on land at 1,412 feet below sea level! It is 9.6 times saltier than the oceans making it too harsh for plant or animal life to exist. Still, tourists flock to this site for the healing properties it boasts. Floating in the Dead Sea was amazing, and even more so was taking a mud bath. Not usually one to play in mud, what an amazing feeling the skin takes on after washing dried mud off in the Dead Sea.

After enjoying so much old, my adventures continued to United Arab Emirates and the modern city of Dubai. Construction is everywhere you look in this electric city. The city boasts the world's largest free-standing skyscraper, Burj Khalifa at 830 meters tall (2,723 feet). This is nearly double the height of the Empire State Building. Settled in 3,000 B.C., Dubai boomed to life when oil was discovered in 1966. Now, it is a modern business-centered city with a population nearing 10 million. A highlight of my visit was snow skiing indoors at the Mall of the Emirates, one of the largest shopping malls in the world. Outside, the temperature reached over 100 degrees, but the inside ski resort maintains a 30-degree atmosphere making it a much needed cool haven for locals and tourists.

After two weeks and many adventures with old sites and new, I was glad to return home for the familiar. Many thanks to Pennsylvania State Organization for the enrichment grant!

San Antonio, Texas

Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma

San Antonio can be found in the south-central area of Texas and has a rich colonial heritage. It contains elements of Mexican and American cultures and immediately I had the opportunity to discover and develop an appreciation of new and old attractions and gain first hand knowledge of two cultures and their history. Although English is the official language in Texas, I had ample opportunities to use my Spanish abilities to communicate, read signs, and take note of the Spanish influence prevalent in the area.

While in Texas, I visited the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site. There are five missions in San Antonio. These five missions, San Jose, Concepcion, San Juan, Espada, and the Alamo are the largest collection of Spanish colonial architecture in the world and each mission brought its own originality and history to San Antonio. The **Alamo, originally known as Mission San Antonio de Valero** was of interest to me because I had some previous knowledge of its importance and knew what it looked like from visual images. While visiting the Alamo, I toured the historic Alamo Church, which was used for numerous activities throughout history, the gardens, the Long Barrack Museum, which houses thousands of Alamo artifacts, the Exhibit Hall, and the living Encampment. I was able to get “hands on experience”, expand my knowledge of the historical importance of the area, take pictures and gather information to include in my curriculum about the Alamo to share with my students. My students enjoy listening to stories and sharing thoughts from personal experiences. This exchange of ideas increases my enthusiasm for teaching the material and enhances my students’ learning.

In addition to visiting the missions, I explored San Antonio’s famous River Walk, a popular tourist attraction. The River Walk lined with numerous shops, hotels, and restaurants was a lovely place to visit. I was able to take a Go-Rio boat cruise on the San Antonio River to learn about the history of the River Walk.

The Buckhorn Saloon and Museum and the Texas Ranger Museum had a plethora of artifacts and

contained examples of 520 species from around the world. Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders at the Saloon and Pancho Villa planned the Mexican revolution while dining there.

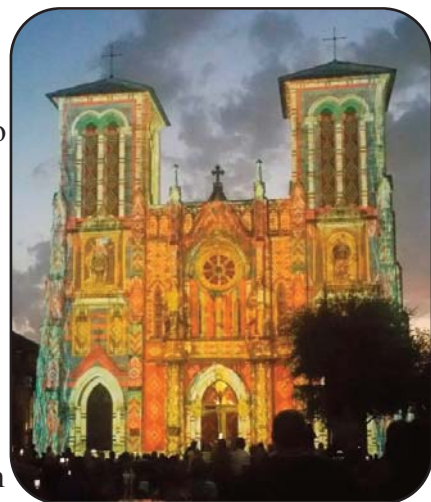
Taking an Amigo walking tour was a great way to gain insight to the culture and history of the San Antonio area. I had time to shop at Market Square, the largest Mexican Market in the United States. With more than 100 locally owned shops and stalls, I had ample opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of old Mexico and see authentic handicrafts. Furthermore I got to tour the **San Fernando Cathedral** which was founded in 1731 and is the oldest, continuously functioning religious community in the state of Texas.

While there, I got to tour the inside and the outside of the church, as well as see a Quinceañera celebration, a tradition in the Hispanic culture celebrating the coming of age as young girls when they turn fifteen. On

Tuesday evening I was able to view the famous light show depicting the cathedral and its role in the history of Texas.

I visited the **Governor’s Palace** which is a national historic landmark established as a result of the rivalry between Spain and France in the 1700’s. It was also a place of refuge for the priests from the Alamo when they sought protection.

All of the attractions that I visited are significant in the history and culture that make San Antonio an important city in Texas. Thank you Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Pennsylvania State Organization for awarding me an enrichment grant that allowed me to take this trip to San Antonio, Texas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and provided a memorable experience.



Greetings for Puerto Rico

Eileen Little, Chi
PA State Organization President

At the conference in Connecticut this summer, Sue Fritz, U.S. Forum Chair, shared a conversation with Evelyn Morales, Puerto Rico State President. During their conversation, Sue learned that Puerto Rico is still in need of school supplies as they rebuild schools across the island. Sue shared this issue with me so I reached out to Phyllis Hickey at International and Evelyn in Puerto Rico to see how PA State could help.

It is difficult for the schools to receive packages directly so if your chapter would like to purchase items through **Amazon Smile** and have them sent to Evelyn or Rosa, they will deliver the items to the schools in need. Their addresses are listed below as well as a list of most needed items.

Evelyn Lugo Morales, [REDACTED]

Rosa Delia Fernandez Ferol, A-2 Vistamar
Marina, Carolina, PR 00983

Most Needed items:

- *Photocopier Copy Paper
- *Construction Paper
- *Pencils
- *Crayons
- *Rulers
- *Sentence Strips
- *Scissors
- *Pencil Cases
- *Color Markers
- *Sharpeners
- *Coloring Books
- *Story Books
- *Notebooks
- *Primary Notebooks



Chapter News

Zeta

Congratulations to **Mary Lou Turek** who has been a member of Zeta Chapter of DKG for 50 years! Mary Lou was inducted on October 2, 1969.

Mary Lou was an English teacher with the Blackhawk School District. She is the Friendship Chair of Zeta and a member of the Finance Committee.

Zeta President, Kim Inman (R), is shown presenting Mary Lou (L) with her 50 year pin, a red rose and her recognition certificate.



Alpha Kappa

Alpha Kappa Chapter
(comprised
of sisters

from Mifflin and Juniata Counties) met recently to initiate their very **first collegiate members**. Following the ceremony, each member present shared a little about herself including where she attended college, some memorable teaching experiences, and encouraging words directed to the new, young members. Upon leaving, everyone expressed a renewed dedication to the chapter's goals and is looking forward to a bright future for Delta Kappa Gamma.



Sydney Sheaffer



Grace Brosius



Participating in the initiation ceremony were: (left to right) **Dr. Molly Kinney**, First Vice-President and sponsor for the collegiate members; **Sarah Wieseman**, chapter member; **Sydney Sheaffer**, sophomore collegiate member, Bloomsburg University; **Grace Brosius**, junior collegiate member, Bloomsburg University; **Pat Brown**, Chapter Treasurer; **Tena Kauffman**, Parliamentarian; and **Cindy Kennedy**, Alpha Kappa Chapter President.

Beta Gamma



Members of the Beta Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, made Kitchen Kits for the St. Matthew Lutheran Church Assistance Ministry. The gifts of tea towels, wash cloths, and kitchen utensils will be given away at the annual Christmas Shoppe for clients in need.

Sigma

Sigma Chapter held its October meeting at the Packer House in Sunbury. **Carol**

Kruskie, Immediate Past President of Sigma, presents a certificate of appreciation to guest speaker



Mark Brezitski, admissions counselor for the Milton Hershey School. Mr. Brezitski shared the love story of Milton and Catherine Hershey, their dream of establishing a school, and the evolution of that school into a vehicle for life changing opportunities for thousands of children for over 110 years. Members donated monies to the Hat Fund, which benefits local school libraries, and they also donated gently used costume jewelry for Jewelry Shop for Mom, which packages and decorates jewelry sets for area Head Start children to give as gifts on Mother's Day.

Lambda



Lambda sisters met in October at Slippery Rock University to hear a presentation by **Dr. Robert Snyder**, author and professor/faculty about his experiences as a soldier and the 2 books he has written about veterans. It was a great evening. Many Lambda members are SRU graduates and going back into McKay Education Building was a

step back in time. **Sue Herman** was the demonstration "soldier."

We also just couldn't be prouder of our sister, **Sue Stamm**, who was awarded the 2019 Pennsylvania State Achievement Award at the June convention. Lambda is proud to say the very first Achievement Awardee was also a Lambda member, Anna Belle Hamilton, in 1984



Psi

Psi Chapter recently inducted its **first collegiate member** at its annual Ways and Means meeting on October 26. Past State President and Psi Chapter member **Tracey Dusch (R)** is pictured pinning a keypin on **Delaney McMeekin. (L)** Delaney is a senior at Gannon University, majoring in early childhood and special education. Delaney and her mother Beth were both inducted at this meeting.



Psi Chapter also inducted 3 additional members at its annual Ways and Means meeting. **Pictured from left to right are Psi Membership Chair Molly DeSantis, Delaney McMeekin, Beth McMeekin, Megan Disher, Kelsi Wilcox Boyles, and Psi Chapter President Nancy Hills.**



In Memoriam

Francesca Victoria Homet

Alpha Zeta
April 11, 2019

Alpha Zeta lost 30-year member Francesca Homet on April 11, 2019. Francesca had been inducted to DKG in 1989 and was active in various committees. She taught elementary school for over 30 years, mostly second grade in at W.R. Croman Elementary School in Troy, PA.

Shirley Elaine Dutko

Iota
July 5, 2019

Elaine was a librarian in the Westmont Hilltop School District for many years. She was a dedicated member, who served for many years by reviewing grant-in-aid applications. In addition, she was very helpful with the Projects committee. Elaine loved traveling to NERC and state conventions.

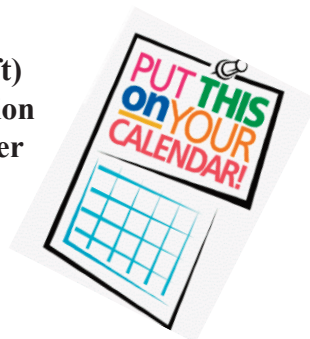
State President Eileen Little's Schedule:

November 16, 2019	Chapter Visit: Kappa, Gettysburg
December 5 & 6, 2019	Planning Meeting for PA State Convention 2020
February 27 & 28	CTAUN in New York
March 7, 2020	Chapter Visit Alpha Nu, Bucks
March 14, 2020	Chapter Visit: Alpha Phi, Pittsburgh
March 21, 2020	State Scholarship Committee meeting
March 28, 2020	Chapter Visit: Upsilon, Allegany, Westmoreland, Armstrong
April 18, 2020	Chapter Visit: Beta Beta, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma, Eta, York
May 2, 2020	Chapter Visit: Alpha Iota, Alpha Omega, Gamma, Erie
May 9, 2020	State Finance Committee meeting
May 13, 2020	Chapter Visit: Alpha Upsilon, Pittsburgh
May 16, 2020	Chapter Visit: Iota, Beta Epsilon, Beta Xi, Johnstown/Altoona
June 11 – 12, 2020	Incoming Chapter Presidents Training
June 12 – 14, 2020	PA State Convention
June 14, 2020	Administrative Board meeting
June 23, 2020	Chapter Visit: Alpha Beta, Bedford
July 7 – 11, 2020	International Convention



Important Dates

December 1, 2019	Deadline to apply for DKG Ignite Leadership Management Seminar (formerly Golden Gift)
January 3, 2020	Deadline to apply for the DKGEF Project Application
January 15, 2020	Deadline to apply to be a State Convention Presenter
February 1, 2020	Deadline to apply for the International Scholarship Application
February 1, 2020	Deadline to apply for the DKGEF Cornet CIPD Application
February 1, 2020	Deadline to apply for PA State Scholarship
February 1, 2020	Deadline to apply for PA State Enrichment Grant
February 1, 2020	Deadline to apply for the PA State Nancy Grove Visionary Fund
February 15, 2020	Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
February 28, 2020	CTAUN Creative Teaching About the United Nations
March 1, 2020	Deadline to apply for PA State Album of Distinction
March 1, 2020	Deadline for International Achievement Award recommendations
March 1, 2020	International Bulletin: Journal submissions
March 15, 2020	Deadline to recommend a sister for the PA State Rosebud award
March 15 – 18, 2020	National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, VA
April 1, 2020	International Dissertation recognition
June 12 – 14, 2020	PA State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA; Leadership and Professional Development Seminar, State College, PA
July 7 – 11, 2020	International Convention, Philadelphia, PA
July 12 – 16, 2020	New York City Getaway Tour after International Convention





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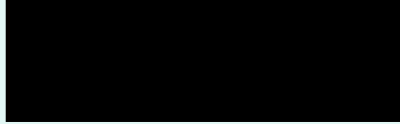
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