

## New Location 2023 PA State Convention

In the beginning of August, the PA State Officers learned that the Penn Stater would be involved in renovations starting May, 2023. They were not sure what meeting and hotel rooms would be available for our 2023 PA State Convention so we were advised to look for an alternate site.

We searched the internet and placed numerous phone calls seeking alternate location possibilities. We contacted 11 different venues, did six site visits and worked to get the best possible rates with our contract. Since our 2021 convention was in Scranton, we tried to locate something in western PA, but were unsuccessful in obtaining acceptable hotel rates.

**So, our 2023 PA State Convention will be held at the Wyndham Resort & Convention Center in Lancaster, PA! The dates are Wednesday, June 21, 2023 through Friday, June 23, 2023.**



In selecting the Lancaster Wyndham's location, we thought the facility offered excellent opportunities for members to bring their families and take advantage of the many fun and historical vacation spots located

in the surrounding area.

Our "Purposeful Seminar" has also been scheduled during the day, prior to convention, on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Based on the feedback evaluations we received from members, please note that we have moved the convention to later dates in June beginning mid-week.

More information will be forthcoming about Purposeful Seminar content and State Convention. This year's conventions workshops will all be professional and personal growth oriented.

**MARK THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

## Membership

Marcie Erickson, Beta Epsilon  
Second Vice President  
Membership Chair

### Expanding Chapter Membership

The four (4) classifications of DKG membership are: active; reserve; collegiate (undergraduate and graduate); and honorary. They are clearly delineated and described in the Society's governing documents found on the DKG website at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) – DKG Home > Governing Documents. They include:

- Constitution
- International Standing Rules (ISR)
- Go-To Guide
- Guidelines & Policies (GAPP)
- Strategic Plan (2015-2025)

In order to expand chapter membership, the *Go-To Guide* (page 17) emphasizes the importance of diversity when extending invitations to membership.

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**President's Message  
Eileen Little, Chi  
DKG PA State President 2021-2023**



We are now moving into our holiday season and what a busy time that is for us all. Hopefully you will take some time to reflect on this past year. Thinking of all the things you have to be thankful for, all the new opportunities you were given or you gave to someone else. The holidays tend to center around food, family and friends. May your holidays be full of laughter and gratitude. As we look forward to 2023, think about this quote from Gandhi, *"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."*

The Chapter Presidents and the leadership committee had a zoom meeting on September 20, 2022. Chapter Presidents were encouraged to invite their Chapter Treasurer to this zoom meeting as Susan Blazosky, State Treasurer was our presenter. Susan did a fabulous job discussing the many responsibilities associated with being a chapter treasurer. There was some time for questions and answers. The group thought this was an excellent topic for our zoom meeting and we all learned a lot!

Once again, our PA members were recognized by the International Gallery of Art. Check out the variety of work from these nine members! We are a talented group and I am so excited that more members are taking advantage of this opportunity and submitting their work to International.

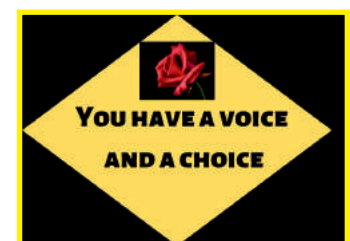
Have you given any thought to completing an application for a scholarship, enrichment grant or The Nancy Grove Visionary award? There is money available and we want to help you achieve your goals. Have you been recognized for an activity outside DKG that would qualify for an Album of Distinction award? You can self-nominate or be nominated to share your exciting news with the rest of PA!

Did you know that International is now having zoom meetings every month called *Inside International*? In November, the topic was all about membership. These zoom meetings are open to all members and you do not need to register ahead of time. *Inside International* is held the first Tuesday of every month. Times alternate between 12:30 PM CT and 5:30 PM CT to accommodate time zone differences. The zoom link is on the Home page of the DKG website.

Have you read the November/December issue of DKG News? Wow, what an interesting article from International President, Debbie LeBlanc! It is all about membership and a must read! Also, there is a wonderful article about website redesign. The International website is changing and you will benefit from knowing about the new look.

**Enjoy the holidays,**

*Eileen*



## EEC & Important Dates

### Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

#### First Vice President/EEC Coordinator



As the Holidays approach so do two important dates for EEC programming in conjunction with the 2023 State Convention. Those dates are December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The first date **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the deadline to submit workshop proposals for the state convention. **Remember this convention is all about personal and professional growth of our members.** The workshop form can be found on the state website under the 2023 Convention tab. Completed forms should be sent to Royce Boyd, EEC Chair at her email or address found in the state directory.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** is the last day of the year and

the last day a member can be eligible for an award or honor outside of DKG that will qualify her for consideration in the 2023 Album of Distinction Award. Nomination forms can be found on the website under the awards/scholarship tab. Click "Album of Distinction" for the form. Return the completed form and a picture (jpeg) to Tina Smith-Gilbert by **March 1, 2023**, to be considered for this honor at our 2023 State Convention. Tina's contact information can be found in the state directory.

Planning for the Purposeful Seminar continues as does many of the other activities the EEC oversees at convention. Stay tuned!

#### (Membership from page 1)

Healthy and viable chapters possess generational diversity and diversity in academic discipline, level of instruction, ethnicity, and instructional environment.

When I emailed Lisa Olson, DKG Membership and Expansion Chair, inquiring about the different types of women educators and the diverse careers that can be considered for membership, an excerpt of her reply stated that **"... essentially any woman who teaches anyone anything and gets paid to do it, is eligible for membership."** Patricia Woodley, DKG Membership Director, also expressed that **"... we are bound by our governing documents [and one] must receive a payment for services."**

President Eileen also shared a presentation slide with me from the 2019 International Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, on Leadership. The Leadership Development Committee *Educators Beyond the Classroom* workshop, was presented by Sarah Sweeney, WV, and Yvonne Gatley, WY, and it explored how chapters can find new members bey-

ond the Pre K-12 classroom and identify a new market of educators to grow and strengthen chapters.

Using the DKG website, the governing documents, and the shared slide, diverse categories of instructional environment include, but are not limited to:

- ~ Pre K-12 Teachers (active, retired, or second career)
- ~ Administrators
- ~ Counselors
- ~ Psychologists
- ~ Human Resource and Corporate Trainers
- ~ College/University Professors, Instructors, and Adjunct Faculty
- ~ Librarians
- ~ Remote, or Online Instructors
- ~ Museum Docents
- ~ Tour Guides
- ~ Recreation Directors
- ~ Organized Sports Coaches, Trainers, and Instructors
- ~ Educational Consultants
- ~ After-school Program Directors
- ~ Adult GED Instructors

- ~ Corrections Facility Educators and Instructors
- ~ Private Tutors
- ~ Paraprofessionals
- ~ Instructional Technology Coaches
- ~ Career and Technology Educators and Instructors
- ~ CPR/First Aid Trainers
- ~ DARE Police Officers
- ~ Fitness Instructors (e.g., yoga, dance, ski, snowboard)
- ~ Personal Trainers
- ~ Life Coaches
- ~ Retirement Planners
- ~ Personal Finance Managers
- ~ Master Workers in the Trades
- ~ Bloggers/Vloggers
- ~ Podcast Hosts
- ~ Independent Social Media Instructors
- ~ Choir Directors
- ~ Game and Fishing Instructors
- ~ Financial Aid Counselors
- ~ Multi-level Marketing Representatives

(see Multi-level on page 11)



## 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, 2023**. These requests should be sent to Mary Wilhelm. Mary's address and email can be found in the State Directory on the PA website. The directory is password protected so contact your chapter president or Eileen Little if you need the password. If I do not receive a request from you, the finance 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. The expenses for printing and mailing the **Keystonian** is significant. These savings can then be used for alternative programs. If you have not opted to receive your **Keystonian** by email, please give it some consideration.

Secondly, I want to remind First Vice Presidents that I will be sending out an Evaluation survey in the near future asking for input on the performance of the State Treasurer, the **Keystonian** Editor, and the Web Master. Each chapter will be asked to evaluate one of these posi-

tions. 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. Please be aware that all chapter bank statements as well as all receipts and budget reports should be maintained for four years. 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 their chapter on a firm financial foundation.

## World Fellowship Rose Ann Colosimo, Theta Chair

World Fellowships are awarded to nonmember women educators who are continuing their education. Pennsylvania doesn't have a World Fellowship Recipient for 2022-2023. Please consider communicating with some of the other past World Fellowship Recipients in the United States and Canada. Our members have developed many friendships and supported recipients. The list of recipients and personal information was sent to your chapter World Fellowship Chair or Chapter President. Or you can access the list by logging into the DKG International website; Members Only and by logging on: USERNAME (is your 6-digit Member ID; PASSWORD (your password or create one); click on Resources; click on Society Brochures and Flyers; scroll down. Remember this list contains a lot of personal information.



Donating to the DKGIEFUND for World Fellowship is a great way to acknowledge a special occasion, special birthday in honor of or a memorial in memory of. You can donate online or fill out and mail FORM-43. **Please let Rose Ann Colosimo or Susan Blazosky know about your donation so that your**

**Chapter can be recognized in the State Convention Program.**

Amazon Smile supports the DKG International Educators Foundation. Use the following steps to support DKGIEF:

1. Go into your Amazon Smile account
2. Up on the top left-hand side under the search bar, you will see what cause you are currently supporting.
3. Click on the arrow to the right of the cause you have chosen.
4. Click on change
5. Type in DKG International Educators Foundation and then click the search button
6. Once you see the name of the foundation (World Fellowship) click select.

**Enjoy shopping!**

## Active Teachers Apply Now!!! The Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Award Tracey R. Dusch, Psi Chair



What would you do with \$500? Pay off some bills? Splurge and buy yourself a gift? Buy someone else a gift? Save it for a rainy day?

If you are an in-service active teacher member, the Past State Presidents of the Pennsylvania State Organization would like to give you \$500. All you have to do is apply for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Award.

Nancy Grove, PSO President 1993-1995, was a visionary who recommended that a new fund be

created and used for the future development and needs of our State Organization...**The Visionary Fund.** After Nancy's passing, the fund was renamed in her honor, and the Past State Presidents became the administrators of the fund and its award.

Recipients of the award have applied to fund innovative teaching ideas in their classrooms or communities. Each year the Past State Presidents look forward to reading about the many projects that our active teaching members are looking to fund.

The application is due by **February 1, 2023**. Send your application to Tracey R. Dusch, Past State President and Chair of the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund. Mailed applications must be postmarked by February 1, to be considered for the award.

## Upcoming Changes to Pennsylvania Chapter Rules for the 2022-2024 Biennium

Lois Brown, Chi  
Rules Committee Chair

At the International convention in June 2022 many amendments to our constitution were adopted. The four changes below will be required after International publishes their summary of actions taken. Here they are for your information:

**1. The induction fee to join has been eliminated.**

This \$10 fee was paid at the time of a member's induction. It goes back to the beginning of the Society when records were kept by hand.

**2. Chapter dues also include the Scholarship fee.**

Both Active and Reserve members pay a scholarship fee annually. The fee is \$1.00.

The scholarship fee paid by a member shall be divided as follows:

- (1) One hundred percent (100%) to the state organization fund if the chapter does not maintain a chapter scholarship fund or twenty percent (20%) to the state organization fund if the chapter does maintain a chapter scholarship fund.
- (2) Eighty percent (80%) retained by the chapter having a chapter scholarship fund

**3. A member's level of membership.**

At the time a member joins the Society, a member becomes a member of the International Society, a state organization and a chapter.

**4. Reserve Membership Status**

The requirements for Reserve Membership will now read: **A member may receive Reserve Membership status in the Chapter due to medical disability, geographic location, and/or lack of technological connection/skill.** To better meet members' needs, this new language widens reserve status for chapters to consider.

## Proposals to Amend the PA By-Laws or Standing Rules

[1] By-Law or *Rule* now reads:

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All dues and fees are payable to the State Treasurer by June 30 each year

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Active members will pay \$40 International, the \$1 scholarship fee if the chapter does not have a separate scholarship amount and \$17 State dues.

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Collegiate members will pay the same as reserve International dues and reserve state dues.

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[4] Rationale for change: To increase funds in our budget.

[5] Financial Impact: Increased revenue.

Submitted by: Mary Wilhelm, Kappa

Name of contact person and Chapter: Mary Wilhelm, Kappa

Contact Person's E-Mail: (*consult State Directory on PA Website*)

Committee Members: Trisha Dilick (Alpha Theta), Linda O'Connor (Omega), Ruth Olson (Alpha Zeta), Barbara Tobias (Nu)

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1. Convention expenses of each past Pennsylvania State Organization President, excluding the immediate past State President, shall be paid by the Pennsylvania State Organization convention fund. Reimbursement shall be lodging, not to exceed one-half (1/2) of a double room rate for two nights, reimbursement of registration fee, and reimbursement of all official convention meal functions.

2. A Delta Kappa Gamma remembrance shall be sent to past state presidents who are not in attendance at the state convention.

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[4] Rationale for change:

- B. 1. With the current financial problems of the Pennsylvania State Organization Convention budget, and in order to meet the future financial demands of the convention budget, the past state presidents believe it to be prudent if the reimbursement for ½ room fee be eliminated.
- B. 2. Changing the wording from “shall” to “may” gives more leeway to the State President for remembering past state presidents who may not be able to attend due to unforeseen and/or permanent circumstances.

[5] Financial Impact:

- B. 1. This would be a positive financial impact on the convention budget.
- B. 2. This change would result in very little impact on the convention budget but would make it easier, if used, to deliver convention remembrances.

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Submitted by: Louann Shrader

Name of contact person and Chapter: Louann Shrader, Omega

Contact Person's E-Mail: *(consult State Directory on PA Website)*

Committee Members: Various Past State Presidents

## Application Submission Deadline Is Fast Approaching Scholarships and Enrichment Grants Susan Martin, Eta Scholarship Chair

Are you working on a doctoral degree, an advanced educational degree or certification, endorsement in a field of study, or job advancement? Now is the time to prepare your application for a PA State Scholarship. If you are new to DKG within the first three years of membership and are pursuing a field of study to achieve a degree, you are encouraged to apply for the Marian Spitzer Robling Schol-

arship. Members applying for PA State scholarships are also encouraged to apply for international scholarships.

Maybe you are not returning to a university for intensive study but are interested in researching some historical facet. Perhaps you desire to continue your education for personal or professional growth in a particular area of interest as in creative arts, promoting STEAM experiences for young women, developing an independent study project, building upon one of your talents, or a variety of other options. If that is the direction of your intent, applying for an enrichment grant is the objective you want to develop in your application. An enrichment grant is awarded for professional growth

and the enrichment of the recipient's educational ventures.

Important aspects the committee considers in the review of the applications are:

- ~ active DKG participation at the Chapter, State, and International levels
- ~ involvement within professional and community organizations
- ~ the Chapter president's recommendation
- ~ the Letter of Intent. The enrichment grant letter of intent must address at least one of the Society's Seven Purposes.

The application deadline for the State and International is due **February 1, 2023.**



## YOU CAN DO IT! Nancy Schnelli, Chi State Achievement Committee

**Pennsylvania State DKG members can DO IT!** We have amazing members that shine day in and day out. The **March 15, 2023 deadline** will be here before you know it. Discuss the idea of nominating someone within your chapter for the PA State Achievement Award. **Nominating a member in your chapter creates the opportunity for others to recognize the strength of your chapter as well.**

The 2023 Pennsylvania State Achievement Award will be awarded to a member, at the 2023 State Convention, that best meets the requirements and has promoted the purposes and policies of the Delta

Kappa Gamma Society International.

Pennsylvania State Organization would like to honor an outstanding member. The nominee must be an active member and have a minimum of ten years' membership in the PA Organization of DKG. The complete list of criteria for selection is outlined in the Achievement Award Guidelines on the DKG State Website.

Remember - the nomination form must be submitted by **March 15, 2023**, to Nancy Schnelli, Chi, State Achievement Chair. Contact information, Achievement Award Guidelines, and the Nomination form can all be found on the DKG State Website ([dkgpa.weebly.com](http://dkgpa.weebly.com))

**DO IT today!** The nominee must be kept in complete confidence. *Only the nominator and the State Achievement Award chair* will know the nomination is being made.

**YOU  
CAN  
DO  
IT!**



## Mental Health for Educators

Deb Seng, Erie  
US Forum Chair

Educators always worry about their student's mental health, but it is time to take care of the educator. The following resolution was adopted at the US Forum meeting in July 2022.

**Resolution:** On Recognizing Mental Health Issues for Educational Staff and Promoting Support Services. The statistics are alarming. 73% of teachers report frequent job-related stress compared to 40% of other working adults. 27% of educators have symptoms consistent with clinical depression (compared to 10% of other adults)

Disrespect by elected officials, parents and community, students and the media, bullying and threats contribute to stress and anxiety levels, as reported by over 30,000 educators.

Teachers reporting they are

likely to leave their jobs has risen from pre-pandemic levels of 16% to over 25%. 57% are seriously worried about burn out. Statistics have been gathered from WHO and RAND.

So, what can you do as a Chapter? Here are some suggestions: make sure your working members get notes and cards from retired members to let them know that they are supported; and/or dedicate a chapter meeting to reducing stress. There are many programs available at little or no cost. If your program is on zoom or another electronic platform, invite other chapters to participate. US Forum has a variety of social media resources, please check them out often.

View DKG US Forum Facebook group page - On this page

you will find frequent posts about topics of interest to members. We hope you will like this page .

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657>

DKG US Forum Facebook business page - On this page you will find special events and reminders.

<https://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

DKG US Forum website - On this page you will find our basic information, guidelines, and special events.

<https://dkgusforum.org>

Let's help our working teachers reduce those statistics. We are a powerful group when we work together.



## DKG STEAM: Holiday Edition

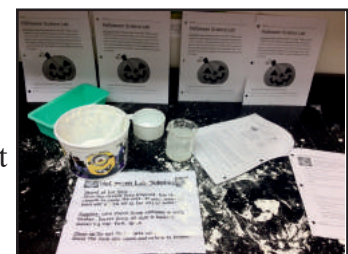
Jade Leung, Alpha Xi  
Projects Chair

### "Wishing you a very Happy STEAM Holiday"

Hi Friends! Wow, the year has started with a whirlwind! For this article I was thinking of things that all students and children regardless of age get excited about during the school year and one word stuck out - HOLIDAYS! With that in mind, I decided to write a holiday edition STEAM article. I have used all of these activities in my classroom, with Girl Scouts, and other entities within the community. They can be adapted for any age level or time limit and are fun ways to excite students about science and celebrate the holidays. Enjoy and have a very Happy STEAM Holiday!

### Halloween

Halloween is a fantastic adventure in science! I turn my classroom into a haunted lab and students participate in groups, moving around the room to different stations. One station is the "Secret of the Ooze" and includes an analysis of the non-Newtonian mixture of corn starch and water (refer to slime piece in my STEAM article Volume 77 Spring 2022 *Keystonian* for more information). This

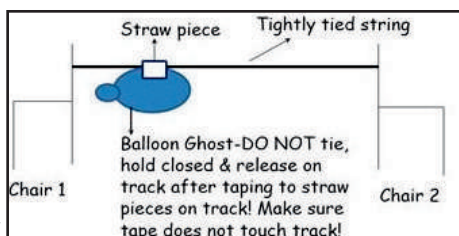


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station can make a mess quickly, but it gives students the chance to think about states of matter and unique exceptions to fundamental laws of science as they realize materials can exhibit properties of both solids and liquids depending on applied pressure and force.

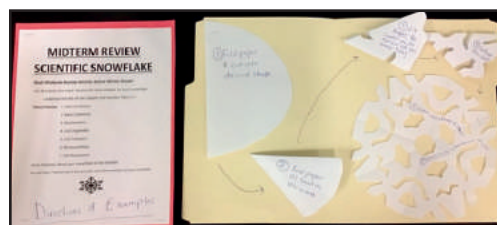
A second station analyzes Newton's Action/Reaction Law of Motion and is titled "Balloon Ghosts." Students insert straw pieces onto a string and then tie the string tightly across two chairs. They blow



up a balloon (the balloon is their ghost) and decorate it with a face and streamers. When they blow up the balloon, they do not tie it but must hold the end closed so that air does not escape. Next, they tape the balloon so that the straw piece is on top of the balloon and the balloon end is facing away from the string track. They release the balloon and watch it travel across the string. For advanced students, we calculate distance and practice converting units. For younger students, we talk about the size of the balloon and how it correlates to the distance the ghost travels on the track. Regardless of level, all the students enjoy watching their ghosts fly! Many of the ghosts become class mascots for the day and remain in the room after they fly down the track! A third station involves students creating hybrid holiday foods. Later in the year we have a genetic technology unit where students learn all about hybrid organisms and their role in society. In the mad science lab, they use their electronic devices to gather some facts and research two holiday foods of interest to create a hybrid food. Students draw, color, and label their genetic hybrid on paper and show how their hybrid food includes traits from both parent foods while also exhibiting its own unique characteristics. This station is a chance for students to creatively sketch and think about genetic technology and its role in society.

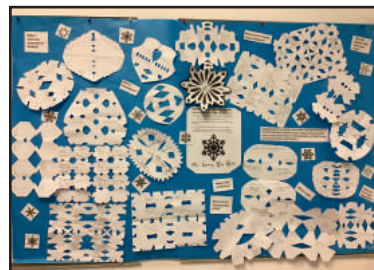
### Christmas

Christmas is a very loud and exciting time in the classroom. Many students are excited about their winter break and upcoming holidays while some are secretly dreading the break in their usual routine. Regardless, students need to be kept engaged in fun-filled creative ways to help them enjoy the season and to continue their learning process. One activity I have done around the holidays is for students to make a scientific snowflake. Surprisingly, lots of high school students do not know how to fold and cut out a snowflake from a



flake from a single sheet of paper. Making the actual snowflake is a

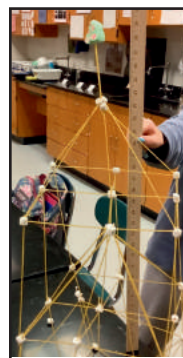
technical challenge and I even provide step by step directions and examples in the room! Once the students have cut out their snowflakes, they must write a bullet point about each unit that we have covered in the fall semester directly on the front of the snowflake. After I check the snowflake, students add them to a collage which is hung outside of the classroom door to



remind students of some of the core concepts associated with each unit. I do this activity during our half day before winter break because when students

return there is a short time until they take their mid-term exams. The scientific snowflake is a quick way to reinforce some STEAM concepts while also reminding students of their prior knowledge.

Another activity that I do before winter break is called "Saving Santa." Students are given a certain amount of spaghetti noodles and small marshmallows and must create the tallest structure possible that can support a large marshmallow at the top. The storyline they receive is that Santa's sleigh broke down and he needs to get to the top of the chimney to deliver presents. The task is to build the



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tallest tower possible to help Santa. Students may bend or break their sticks and marshmallows any way they would like but cannot replace materials. At the end of a certain time period, we assess the leaderboard to determine which group will be hired by Santa to help deliver presents! There are many ways this activity can be altered to make it more advanced (incorporate mathematical calculations; have students analyze the breaking/weakest point of their structure; and develop ways to reinforce it for a retest); or simplified (reduce the number of starting materials for students) based on the age and ability level of the students.

### Easter

Spring Break has changed as a result of the pandemic. With “snow days” a thing of the past due to on-line learning, spring break has become another extended holiday and break from the traditional school day schedule! For the spring break holiday, I do an activity titled “Balancing Bunnies.” Students learn about center of gravity and build the balancing toy using a paper printout of a bunny, pipe cleaners, paper clips, popsicle sticks and a stapler. When the toy is balanced correctly using paper-



clips and there is a low center of gravity it will bobble back and forth on the tip of a finger and stay balanced. Students enjoy building the toy and are fascinated that it actually works and they can walk around the room with the balanced toy! It is very easy to modify this to any age level or ability. When teaching physics, we go into an in-depth discussion about center of gravity. At my local DKG chapter, Alpha Xi members built balancing bunny ninjas in the fall of 2021 as part of my “Martial Arts in Society” presentation where I discussed my journey in taekwondo and the importance of balance in life through an interactive, hands-on STEAM presentation.



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(e.g., Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Thirty One Gifts)

- ~ Health Department Directors
- ~ Weight Watchers Wellness Coaches
- ~ Junior Achievement Instructors

Other practices to consider when thinking about chapter expansion and strengthening are:

- ~ Reinstatement of former members
- ~ Recruitment of chapter Grant-in-Aid and scholarship recipients
- ~ Orientation of new members - *Pride in the Big Picture*
- ~ Reorientation of current members - *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*
- ~ Honoring long-term members

The orientation and reorientation materials currently can be found at:

DKG Home > Resources > Videos | Power Points | Templates > Videos > Webinars

DKG Home > Resources > Videos | Power Points | Templates > PowerPoints

Using the expansion information provided, at your next chapter meeting, consider discussing how your chapter can find new members by reviewing the diverse careers and new markets of membership, in addition to implementing an expansion practice or two.

Please communicate any new ideas or successes experienced, we'd love to celebrate your efforts! Contact information for board and committee members can be found on the PA website – [dkgpa.weebly.com](http://dkgpa.weebly.com) – in the password-protected directory. To access the directory, select the 21-23 PA State Directory button on the home page (Home > PA State Directory). If you need the password to access the directory, contact your chapter president or State President Eileen.

**Editor's Note: Please review the listing of eligible instructional categories from which individuals can be recruited for membership. These possibilities greatly widens your choices.**



## DKG PA Creative Arts Retreat April 21-23, 2023

### Camp Ladore, Waymart, PA

The prices provided below include: All meals, room, workshops and activities. Some workshops have materials you have to bring and or a separate small cost per participant. Retreat registration and room reservations will be handled by Doreen Weaber, NU. Make checks payable to: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Registration is due by **March 24, 2023**.

\* To register use this form **OR** register on line at [dkgpa.weebly.com](http://dkgpa.weebly.com) When registering don't forget to contact Doreen Weaber at [dkgpacartreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:dkgpacartreasurer@gmail.com) for address information on where to send your check.

Friday - Registration begins at 4:00. Dinner will be served at 6:00. Evening activities will include board games, cards, handiwork, and make & take crafts.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

What is your expected time of arrival on Friday? \_\_\_\_\_

I have special dietary needs. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_ I will be eating dinner at 6:00

\_\_\_\_ I will be arriving late but would still like dinner

\_\_\_\_ I will not be eating dinner there

Please indicate your registration preference;

\_\_\_\_ Private - \$270.00

\_\_\_\_ Semi-Private - \$170.00

\_\_\_\_ 1 night only registration - \$136.00

\_\_\_\_ Day Guest - \$30 (includes 2 meals)

If staying only one night: Friday or Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Saturday - Workshops**

**(Circle Your Choice)**

6:30 - 7:30 Yoga

8:30 - 9:30 DKG Ukulele Singalong

8:30 - 10:30 Essential Pencil Drawing

9:00 - 10:00 Water Aerobics

9:40 - 10:40 Creative Ornaments

Earrings Made Easy

9:40 - 11:40 Making an Exploding Box

10:45-11:45 Doodle Therapy

Mahjong

**12:00 - 1:00 -Lunch**

1:30 - 2:30 Book Discussion

1:30 - 3:30 A Brush with Watercolor

Loom Knit Hats

2:40 - 3:40 Stress Management & Meditation

2:40 - 3:40 Meditative Walk

3:30 - 4:30 Afternoon Swim

**6:00 Dinner**

7:00 Saturday Fun Night

**Sunday**

8:30 - Reflections

9:30 - Brunch

10:30 - Departure

(see pages 13-14  
for Workshop  
Descriptions)



(Workshop Descriptions from page 12)

**Doodle Therapy - Carol Lane**

Doodle Therapy is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful designs by drawing structured patterns. It increases focus and creativity along with an increased sense of personal well-being. All ages and skill levels can enjoy this art form.

**Meditative Walk - Carol Lane**

Walking meditation is a form of meditation in action. In walking meditation, you use the experience of walking as your focus. You become mindful of all the thoughts, sensations and emotions you experience as you walk. This technique has many possible benefits and may help you feel more grounded, balanced and serene.

**Book Discussion**

Love a book and want to share or discuss it with others? This is the place to be. Don't forget to bring your book. This is a self guided workshop.

**Yoga - Karen Portale, MD**

A basic practice with stretching and meditation - a great way to start the day. Participants need to bring a mat and blanket. Karen is a 500 hour certified yoga instructor and has been teaching yoga for many years.

**Making an Exploding Box- Carolyn Sutton**

An exploding box is made from sheets of sturdy scrapbook paper or cardstock that nest inside each other. When it is folded up and the lid is on top, it looks like a normal gift. When it is opened, it "explodes" into many layers. The boxes are fun to make and can be used for gift giving or memory keeping.

**Materials needed:** 4 double sided sheets of scrapbooking paper that is heavy; a tape runner of double-sided adhesive (clear is best); pair of scissors; a scorer if you own one (I'll bring several), a 12 inch paper trimmer if you have one, and photos if you want your box to be a memory keeper. Fee is **\$5.00** if you use my papers and adhesive tape. Class size: 10-12 participants

**Stress Management and Meditation  
Stephanie Olver**

Feeling stressed and anxious? Come and learn some practical tips for dealing with stress in these difficult times. There will also be a focus on meditation, a common way to help deal with stress.

**Water Aerobics - Karen Ball**

Wake up and limber up in the WATER! JOIN me for water aerobics and work up an appetite for Breakfast! How about a little exercise before bed? JOIN me for water aerobics and work off all your calories for the day! You will sleep like a baby!

**A Brush with Watercolor - Cindy Reynolds**

Whether you have never picked up a paint brush, have always wanted to give it a try or are a seasoned watercolor painter, this is a welcoming workshop for you. You will be introduced to some basic skills for successful watercolor painting. You learn how to mix a variety of colors using the three primary colors. You will have time to utilize the skills to complete a painting. Number: maximum 16 (2 hours)

**DKG - Ukulele Singalong! - Rebecca Barkley**

Participants will learn how to play easy music on ukuleles while having fun singing songs together! It will be like an old fashioned singalong. Small percussion instruments will also be available to add to the enjoyment! Song packets and ukuleles will be provided. You are also welcome to bring your own ukulele if you would like. Looking forward to having a fun time!

**Loom Knit Hats - Amy Meihl**

Loom Knitting creates a knit fabric just like needle knitting, but the process is super simple, extremely easy to learn and to do! We'll learn some basic stitches and create beautiful knit hats on a round loom. The best part is that you can hold a conversation while you work, since there's no counting stitches! Bring your favorite yarn (1 regular size skein divided into two yarn balls, or one bulky weight skein) and I'll provide the rest. Cost: \$8.00, limit of 12 (2 hours)

**Churn Dash Quilt Patch - Melissa Moorhead**

Participants will need to bring their sewing machines, light grey thread, and scissors. They will receive pre-cut pieces for the block, a pattern and directions to make additional blocks. Cost: \$3.00. Limit of 25 (2 hours)

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(Workshops continued from page 13)

### **Earrings Made Easy - Joanne Tagle**

It's easy and it's fun to make earrings. Learn how to work with wire, metal and other materials to create earrings. Dress up your everyday ware with a new pair of earrings. We all need a little pizzazz! Limit 10. Fee: **\$5.00**

### **Creative Ornaments- Barbara Summers**

In this workshop we will be creating a decorated clear ornament and embellish them. We'll use our imaginations and create holiday baubles. Fee of **\$7.00**

### **Essential Pencil - Kathy Cummings**

A drawing workshop which elevates the pencil to the respect it deserves. A singular art tool which can be carried anywhere, with a workable eraser and a hand held sharpener, paper of any kind, potential exists for

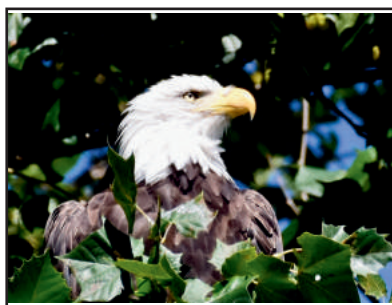
anyone to become an artist. After demonstrations, guidance, exposure to drawing methods, students will sketch and draw. Pencil marks based on active observation, help us to understand, meditate and express ideas or emotions visually. The ability to sketch or draw is mistakenly credited as a talent credited at birth. Drawing and sketching are trainable skills that can be taught without criticism. Class participants will tap into their first pencil use exposures as toddlers but be transported to a level that may mimic Mary Cassatt, Kathe Kollwitz, Agnes Martin or other women artists who draw in pencil. Leave all apprehensions about drawing ability at the door. Provisions will be provided unless artists have a special pencil, pencil set, or mechanical pencil.

## **International Gallery of Fine Arts Awardees**

### **Donna Biglin - Photographs**



**Keeping Watch**



**Reflections**



### **Kathryn Cummings - 2D Oil Paintings**



**Jima Steiff Duck Conquers Shell Mountain**



**Bathtub Tsunami**



**Angie Gates - Photographs**



**Charming  
Daisies**



**Sunflower**



**Eileen Little - Photograph**



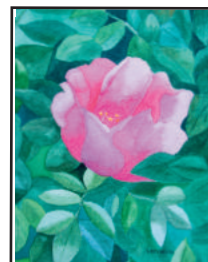
**Arches National  
Park, Utah**



**Cindy Reynolds - 2D Water Color**



**Maine  
Rose**



**Jeanette Saulo - 3D Textile**



**Creative Christmas  
Memories**



**Jackie Thomas - Sculptures**



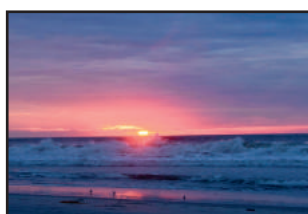
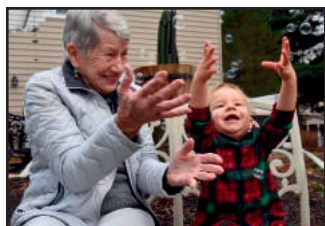
**Lean in, It's  
Complicated**



**Carolyn Wert - Photographs**



**Bubbles  
of Joy**



**Seas the Day**



**PUSH,  
Miss Fancy  
Pants**

**Amy Radford - Photograph and Literary Essay**



**Amy Radford**

**St. Louis Arch**



**Hands** (Literary  
Essay continued  
on page 16.)



## HANDS

The work of our hands can change the world. It is through them that skyscrapers are built and stories are crafted. They are beauty and strength and dignity.

Clinging to my father's hand as a child, my tiny little hand was lost in the strong, rough, calloused expanse of his grasp. Often in the winter I would watch him carefully apply lotion to his hands because they would be so cracked, they would bleed. Whether he was picking me up to carry me or wiping away my tears, those rough hands were always gentle.

Callouses take time to develop. They are a sign of consistent hard work. The thick, rough skin can only develop from repeated and daily use of your hands to rake and shovel or stack and lift. Those hard spots are tough and resistant to friction. It is proof that you know how to work hard with your hands.

That was our family. We weren't the sit around type. We were the keep busy, there is always something to do, so keep on going, and make sure you are working all the time type. It wasn't about just getting the job done. It was about doing it right.

There is a certain satisfaction that comes from working hard and doing a good job. Maybe that

is some of the motivation behind our family work ethic. But the other motivation came from a family quote. My grandfather died of a heart attack when I was five, but I have memories of him reading to me and bringing me treats from his job. He was a school janitor, so when I came to visit, he would bring home discarded picture books and the kind of ice cream you ate with a small wooden spoon. I don't remember the feel of his hands, but I am sure they were rough. He always told my dad, "Never be ashamed of calloused hands."

My hands are not calloused like my dad's but, I work hard in my role as both a teacher and a writer. My mind is a muscle that has grown stronger and more adept as I pursue the work of writing. I write my stories or lessons by hand and type my stories using my hands. I do not have calloused hands to prove my work ethic, I have words and students as evidence of the work I do.

It took me a while, but I found my work (what I am producing as a creative), is just as valuable as the work that my family has valued for so long. These works of writing are like the fuel for my dreams. Each word is stacked carefully in just the right order. It is hard and laborious and the work ethic I learned as a child, fuels me to keep going.

Amy Radford - Literary Essay

## Enrichments Excursions

### Travels to St. Louis, Missouri Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma

Brittany, a member of the Beta Gamma, and I, were grateful for the opportunity to visit Missouri. Our "hands on experience" started when we arrived by airplane to the city of St. Louis. Here we began our quest to expand our familiarity of this area. Little did we know we arrived while the city was experiencing a heat wave. The uncomfortable temperatures did limit our energy level when doing outside activities, but there was still plenty to do.

We purchased tickets and toured the Anheuser-Busch



Brewery where we were inundated with a plethora of facts, history, and information. The tour was informative and interesting. As always, the Clydesdales were beautiful, large horses with pleasant personalities.

We visited the Soulard Farmer's Market and the Protagonist Café before heading for the Hill area. On the Hill, we ate at Mama's, a local restaurant famous for their toasted ravioli. It was the first time either of us had eaten toasted ravioli which is one of the famous foods in Missouri.

We walked through the Missouri History Museum, ate at a local restaurant, and posed for pictures at the St. Louis Rocks letters in Forest Park before heading to Ball Park Village. Here we were able to listen to a free concert, visit some shops, and see Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals.

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### (Cardinals from page 16)

They were playing the Phillies so we met a few Pennsylvanians while strolling through the area.

Due to construction, we were unable to tour the Old Courthouse where the Dred Scott case and the Virginia Minor fought for women's right to vote, but we did get to see it from outside. We toured the majestic Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, which is of Romanesque and Byzantine design, and has a large collection of mosaic art. We visited Cornelsen Conservation Center and rested under their canopy to escape the heat. Another adventure was walking through the Laclede's Landing Wax Museum and Chamber of Horrors. We visited the St. Louis Ferris Wheel, built for the 1904 World's Fair, that still gives visitors the opportunity to ride and see the city.

Both of us agreed exploring Gateway Arch National Park was the highlight of our trip. We took

the tram ride to the top which afforded us a lovely view of the entire city and beyond. In addition, we toured the park museum and watched the movie explaining the history of the arch. Afterward we boarded a riverboat and learned more tidbits about the cultural and historical value of the city.

Throughout our trip we took pictures, documenting our adventures. We summarized our trip in a photo book that we shared with our Beta Gamma sisters and encouraged them to also apply for an enrichment grant.

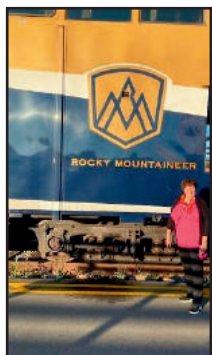
Thank you, Delta Kappa Gamma, for the opportunity to learn about St. Louis, Missouri. I was able to enhance my cultural understanding and gain historical knowledge that I will be able to share with others.



### All Aboard

#### Kathleen Simmons, Alpha Nu

Sipping coffee in the Vancouver train terminal of the Rocky Mountaineer, I heard the loudspeaker



voice encouraging travelers to join him in the customary, *"All aboard"* call. Immediately following, a kilted bagpiper led the assembled passengers out to the boarding area for a two-day train trip called "First Passage to the West." And so, the adventure began.

We had opted for the bi-leveled seating of Gold Leaf Service. Climbing the spiral stairs to the second floor, we found that there was no such thing as obstructed view seats. The domed glass roof allowed continual viewing of the changing scenery. Bucket seats were equipped with temperature control, recline ability, and footrests. Each car had two stewards serving at tables in the dining car on the lower level while the other two provided travel commentary and complimentary drinks, snacks, and blankets as requested on the upper level.

We spent two days onboard with a full menu-driven gourmet breakfast and lunch. Large windows in the dining car made it easy not to miss any of the Canadian scenery as the train clickety-clacked along

the tracks. Clearly, this mode of travel would spoil me for any future train travel! I kept thinking about the Orient Express from days gone by.

The first hour or so, the views were of city and suburban landscape dominated by residential high rise buildings along the route and an equal number of new dwellings under construction. Soon, we were transitioning to more open space farmland paralleling the tracks, giving way to rivers and lakes. Whenever we passed populated areas along the tracks, Canadians came out to wave a welcome. This scene, repeated along the two-day route, certainly gave me a tourist-friendly "warm fuzzy." As day one wore on, the scenery went from green and hilly to browner views with warmer temperatures.

Kamloops, our stop for the first night, was more of a desert area, but as we continued eastward on our second day, the magnificence of the Canadian Rockies painted changing scenes of natural beauty around each twist and turn of the tracks. Although it was possible to take photos through the glass panes, I wandered down to the open air platform space between cars and began framing photos that included blue skies, puffy white clouds, green conifers, teal colored



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lakes, and jagged craggy mountains. There was something spiritually uplifting about witnessing so much natural splendor firsthand. When you are a teacher, your imagination takes you

and your students into the world beyond your school.

As a retiree, you are free to see as much of the world firsthand as your time, health, and budget allow. I will continue to feel blessed to have had this opportunity to see

new parts of the world up close and personally. As our train trip ended at Lake Louise, I left with a sense of wonder that I had been "All Aboard" this First Passage to the West.

## The Queen Elizabeth Elizabeth Brewer Alpha Beta

In order to understand my Enrichment Grant journey, I need to share my background story which I wrote about in my grant application.

### Reminiscing

From time to time my sister, Janie, and I reminisce about Grandma Brewer and her numerous trips (at least 7 times) back to Cornwall, England, where she and our grandfather were born. She would travel on Queen Elizabeth or Queen Mary by herself after our grandfather was killed in a mining accident in Cornwall, PA, when our father was 13 years old.

The last trip Grandma Brewer took was in 1953, the year of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. I remember this because Grandma brought back a beautiful book on the coronation for our family which I now have in my library. We also remember our father talking about his Uncle William J. Matthews, a miner in England, who decided to find a mining job in America. He was engaged to be married. His wife-to-be had already arrived in the "states." Granduncle William bought a ticket to leave from Southampton, England, on the Titanic.

### Wondering

I wondered how did our

Grandma Brewer travel with her 2 steamer trunks? What did she do on those long voyages which would take 6-7 days to cross the Atlantic from NYC? Also, what about Granduncle William who was listed as a second-class passenger on the Titanic? What happened to him?

Last winter my sister found a Triple A 8-day trip up the Atlantic coast from NY to Nova Scotia on the Queen Mary 2.

What would this Queen look like inside? Would I have a sense of experiencing the emotions that our grandparents, granduncle and Father felt? Would there still be the sense of grandeur? Will they have a library on board that would house the pictures of the original Cunard ocean liners? Will they offer tea in the afternoon? To answer these questions and others I booked the trip.

### Experiencing

We traveled in July, stopping in Boston on July 4th, Bar Harbor, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, using our suitcases instead of steamer trunks. The first sighting of the "Queen" at the dock was amazing. Prepared with all of our paper work, passports and Covid test results we were greeted by the Cunard staff and found our luggage in our room, 11110, which was wonderful. It had a balcony which provided a grand view.

One of the first photos we had taken was standing at the painting

of Queen Elizabeth which has turned out to be a very tender memory for us.

Indeed, our time aboard the QM2 was like

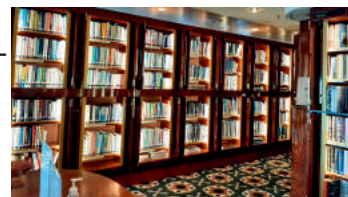
being in another time of elegance, grandeur and civility.

As for our grandmother, we hope she was treated in the royal manner in her dining experiences as we were. We hope she was offered tea each afternoon. We know she enjoyed the scones because she would often bake them for us.

We found the library daunting with over 10,000 books, the Britannia Restaurant with tiered seating

majestic, and the Queen's Room used for afternoon teas classy. In the many hallways throughout the ocean liner were pictures of the original and current Queens Mary, Elizabeth and Victoria. Additionally, there was a rich history

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of pictures of the royals, presidents, and the famous who traveled on the original Queen Mary.

The day of our port stop in Halifax, it was “raining buckets!” And so, our stop for the Titanic tour was basically a bus talk from our guide. When I returned home, I was able to do my own research on Grand-uncle William, to see if he was buried in one of the 3

Titanic cemeteries, but my search yielded no results. So, I continue to wonder.

I am so grateful to Susan Martin and the Enrichment Committee for providing this once in a lifetime experience aboard the Queen Mary 2. Because of this experience, my sister and I are planning a Part 2 adventure of the Brewer family narrative aboard the Queen Elizabeth 2 in 2023!

### **Some Dreams Do Come True Patricia H. Brenner Alpha Beta**

From the moment I rocked my three daughters to sleep while singing Irish songs, I hoped that someday I could travel with them to the land of our ancestors. They saw pictures of their great, great grandfather who emigrated from County Cork. They saw his citizenship application paper. Like their mother, they learned to love the Isle across the pond.

As the years passed my dream grew stronger while my children grew to adulthood. With much excitement, as well as schedule coordination, we finally booked our long awaited trip to the Emerald Isle. Our big adventure was scheduled for June 2020. Unfortunately, COVID arrived. We rescheduled for June 2021. However, COVID was relentless, and our trip was postponed again.

With much optimism and the belief that “the third time is the charm,” we booked our Ireland trip for June 2022. Anticipation mounted as the date got nearer. I even applied for and was awarded an Enrichment Grant at the June 2022 Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention in State College. I felt both honored and fortunate to have my application accepted. The

grant helped me experience even more exciting activities in Ireland.

Our trip of a lifetime finally occurred. Two of my three daughters were still able to travel. Erica, Amy, and her husband, Tim, joined me. Wendy was no longer available due to her work schedule. She definitely was with us in spirit. On June 17, 2022 seven of us boarded a flight to Dublin. Three dear friends also accompanied us.

Dublin is an amazing city. The highlight for me was touring Trinity College and seeing the Book of Kells which is the four Gospels written in Latin during the ninth century. It is beautifully preserved.

After Dublin, we booked a private driver, James, who showed us Ireland’s countryside. Words cannot adequately describe the beauty and the many shades of green in Ireland. The looks of awe and pure wonder on Amy and Erica’s faces when they first saw the rural landscape are etched in my memory forever. At last, my dream came true. My daughters and I stood together on the same ground as our ancestors. This was a very emotional experience for all of us.

We explored mostly southern and western Ireland.



County Cork was incredible. We toured Kinsale which is a charming port and fishing town along the Wild Atlantic Way. While there we had a wonderful reunion with my niece, Kathleen, and her family who traveled from Pennsylvania to also tour Ireland. When she and her children were babies, I sang Irish songs to them as I had to my daughters. As we stood together in County Cork, I felt the completion of our family circle. We were together in the very land where our history began.



Of course, we had to visit Blarney Castle. Climbing up the roughhewn stone steps, I gained a greater appreciation for the ingenuity and perseverance of the Irish people. Once reaching the top, I could not miss the opportunity to kiss the **Blarney Stone** which is reputed to bestow eloquence. Those who know me can attest that I definitely have the “gift of the gab.” Due to COVID concerns, I left a little space between me and the stone. I believed the wee leprechauns could deliver my kiss the rest of the way.

Another highlight of the trip was the opportunity to visit the  
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McAuliffe Heritage Centre which honors my ancestors. While there an O'Sullivan approached me. He said his clan owes us. When the O'Sullivans were persecuted and sought refuge, the McAuliffes protected them. Ultimately due to their kindness, the McAuliffes lost their land and castle. However, they saved lives. I admire the courage of my ancestors and am very proud of them.

Finally, another amazing experience was the ability to participate in falconry. My daughter, Erica, suggested that falconry would be a fun way to honor our ancestors. She, my great niece Katie, and I had a private falconry adventure at Dromoland Castle, County Clare. The rain ended as our lovely walk began on the castle grounds where we were introduced to Alice, the falcon. We were given a long leather glove for our left hand and arm. Once each of us

raised an arm which had a treat on it, Alice quickly flew and landed on our arms. She calmly sat and looked around while maintaining a stately pose. What an incredible experience this was!

Some dreams take time to come true. Was the wait from 2020 to 2022 worth it? **ABSOLUTELY!**

Sharing the Ireland experience with family and friends was a priceless adventure. The support and encouragement of my Delta Kappa Gamma sisters made this trip more meaningful. The Enrichment Grant definitely helped enrich my life. Thank You.



## New Inductees

### Alpha Mu

Jennifer Blum

### Beta

Lorrie Wolfinger

### Psi

Stephanie Benson

### Zeta

Francine Hogan

### Alpha Gamma

Angela Granat

Ann Zurasky

### Alpha Zeta

Melissa Tewksbury

Susan Wilcox

Nicole Young

### Beta Delta

Jenell McKowen

### Beta Iota

Donna Graham

Joan Signore

### Beta Pi

Nya Cherry

Alexandra Dark

### Chi

JoAnne Bowers

Stacey Wilson

### Kappa

Sara VanderHeijden

### Omicron

Wanita Antonacci

### Xi

Janice Blair





## Chapter News

### Erie

The Erie Chapter met on September 26, 2022 at Buffalo Wild Wings. After President, Deb Seng, opened the meeting and took care of Chapter business, members were treated to Dr. Becky Johnen's (Alpha Beta) presentation: "Working Toward A Calmer You: Strategies to Manage Stress." Dr. Johnen taught those members present some warm up exercises to relax and to hopefully manage stress. Booklets were passed out with ideas to manage stress and to quickly calm down.

Members voted to continue supporting Mercy Center for Women and awarded a Grant-in-Aid to Jordan Caldwell, granddaughter of member, Bernadine Caldwell. Jordan is a sophomore at Penn West University in Edinboro.

Members were happy to meet Barb Gasperini's daughter, Bethany, who is teaching in a local County school.

The Chapter's Book Club is going strong. They meet via Zoom or now in person. Ninety-one books have been read since 2010 when the Book Club started. The last four read were: "The Taste of Ginger" by Mansi Shah, "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict, "The Measure" by Nikki Ehlick and "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.



Deb Seng, Becky Johnen, Amy Miehl, Bethany



Catherine Stemmler, Nancy Nardo, Loretta Baran, Bernadine Caldwell, Kim Riley, Patricia Heard



Chapter Members



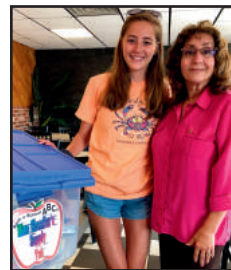
### Alpha Kappa

Sisters from the Alpha Kappa Chapter met at the Tuscarora Academy, Academia, PA, to tour the local historical academy and learn about its history. The academy was a premier 19th century secondary educational institution for 80 years. During that time, thousands of students from more than 30 states traveled to Academia for their college preparatory courses, and their stories are collectively embedded into the history of the Tuscarora Academy. Jessica Eaton Guyer guided us through the academy with amazing stories about the artifacts on display. Guyer authored *Providence is Here* during the pandemic making the academy's history come alive. history and the relics on display in the historic building. local restaurant for the business meeting and a bite to eat.

**Sheaffer**, a previous collegiate DKG member, now starting membership in DKG, with a tub packed full of teaching members to get her year started. Tena was Sydney's second



President Shirley Covert, Jessica Eaton Guyer, Juanita County Historical Society members Austin Willi and Sue Shearer, and Nancy Chrismer



DKG sisters were amazed at its Following the tour, sisters met at a Tena Kauffman presented **Sydney** her first year of teaching and full supplies donated by chapter grade teacher.

### Tau

The Tau Chapter of DKG marked its 75th birthday with a luncheon and a program. The luncheon took place at the Woodlands in Wilkes Barre, PA. A slide show, with comments, depicted decades. This included photos of the and service projects undertaken through covered, with red roses, was on display deceased presidents and members along with Tau memorabilia.



Cathy Ostroski & Lovey Woronwicz with the memory tree and Tau memorabilia.



Tau through the first president the years. A tree in memory of



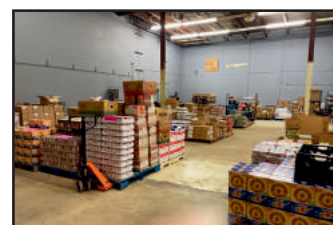
Committee members & officers: Pat Warunek, arrangements; Jane Fritz, Treasurer; Cathy Ostroski, Secretary/publicity; Ann Tinner, Scholarship; Jean Michael, President; Cindy Reynolds, guest speaker; Jill Dunn, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Lovey Woronwicz, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Pat Williams, past president.



President Jean Michael & Cindy Reynolds, guest speaker

## Kappa

Kappa Chapter visited the Shippensburg Produce and Outreach Food Pantry in Shippensburg, PA, and presented them with a donation from our members. We toured the facility which opened in 2008 and is staffed by volunteers who sort food items, pack boxes for 200-300 families and load them into cars each week. Our group learned that less than 2% of the food distributed is donated. The rest is purchased in bulk from grocery stores, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and an auction center. Financial support comes from grants, fundraisers and the United Way as well as gifts from corporations, organizations and private sources. Pat Crouse, Kappa President presented a check to Karen DeShong at Shippensburg Produce & Outreach Warehouse.



In September, Kappa was privileged to have Pat LaMarche as our speaker. She is vice president of the Charles Bruce Foundation in Carlisle, PA, a non-profit organization which supports writers, artists and musicians. After college, Pat became a well known radio personality in Portland, Maine. In 2004, she was a vice presidential candidate for the U.S. with the Green Party. When she came to Carlisle, she was in charge of Carlisle Cares and the Safe Harbor House for the homeless. She is very involved in activities to help those who are homeless. As a result of her interest, she has authored four books on Priscilla, a homeless child. The theme of each book is to help children ages 5-7 to understand this difficult situation. Her latest interest is the Homeless Memorial Remembrance Blanket Project which will take place in Washington, D.C. on December 21, 2022. Each state has been asked to send 10 blankets to this event and hopefully, will distribute 90+ blankets to the homeless. The blankets sent will be displayed in the Mall area for one day before being distributed to the homeless in the D.C. area. This project is attempting to make the nation aware of the plight of the homeless.

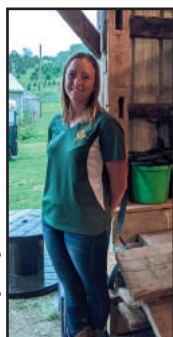


## Beta Gamma

As the 2022-2023 school year began, members of the Beta Gamma who started back to school received a note of encouragement and a gift bag to brighten their first week. The working members were appreciative of their sisters' thoughtful gifts.



In September, members had the opportunity to tour Stone Creek Equine LLC farm. Gretta Gillespie, owner of the



community farm. She educates various types of and the different boarded at her. She teaches

horseback riding lessons, instructs others about horse etiquette, trains youth for various 4-H events, runs youth horse camps, and transports horses or ponies to competitions.

In the barn she told us about proper care of horses, keeping the barn clean, and the responsibilities required to maintain a horse boarding farm. We were able to see the stalls and learn about mucking them. Also, we were able to see the pastures and other areas of the farm. It was an informative visit and nice to know that Stone Creek Equine is making a difference in the community and helping youth who have an interest in equestrian opportunities.





## Psi

*"Shining a Light on Psi"* Yvonne Ransbottom, Psi Chapter's 35<sup>th</sup> president, selected her biennial theme as "Be a Light." With a lighthouse as its symbol, Ransbottom likened her charge to the lyrics from Thomas Rhett's song about making a difference by being a change-maker: in the classroom, in our chapter, in the community, and in the home.



**Past President Kristin Hills and Yvonne Ransbottom**

Her kickoff was the annual summer picnic where over 40 teachers' bags were prepared for new female teachers in public and private schools in our service area. Each bag was heaped with needed classroom supplies, gift cards, and, information about DKG. This labor of love was followed by fellowship and food.

With a new year, Psi recruited five new members: Jackie Manno, Ann Defilippi, Stephanie Lesser, Cyndi Aiello, and Stephanie Benson (separate photo with Membership Chair Chrissy



Myer and Tracey Dusch). Each woman brought new talents and energy to our chapter that will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the spring. To mark this joyous event, the chapter is organizing historical tributes both in each newsletter and in an intended anniversary booklet, highlighting our past.



September's meeting focused on Goodwill Services and the teen program that readied young people for entering the workforce. This educational program explained the pre-employment opportunities given to those with special needs from varied trainings to guiding them through the job seeking skills to paid positions with oversight. A component involved drivers' training concluded with the actual awarding of the drivers's license.

Members *and* guests always look forward to the Psi's October Ways & Means meeting. Member Carolyn Rhoades and her committee works magic to make this internal fundraiser one fun affair to support scholarships. Members' talent flair with homemade crafts, handiwork, baking, canning, and basket donations. Bring "stuff", buy "stuff," take home new "stuff" and play a little bingo to boot and win multiple prizes. The Punxsutawney members hosted the event with a décor for dining in style. Three scholars, all juniors in college pursuing teaching degrees, were presented with certificates and a financial gift. Honored were: Autum Monaco of DuBois, Taylor Little of Brockway, and Christina Lyttle of Marion Center.

Psi has on-going activities such as: supporting literacy through its two Little Free Libraries, STEAM projects through the scouting program, and World Fellowship.

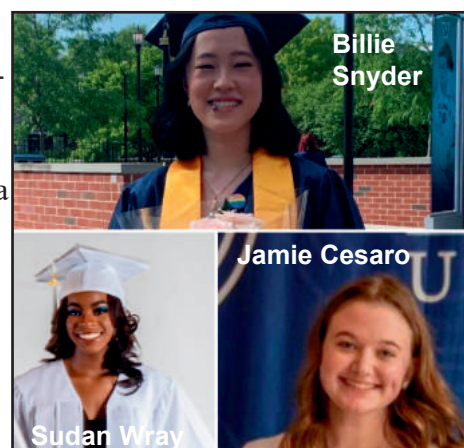


**Yvonne Ransbottom, Vanessa Leffler, Chrissy Myers, Kim Curtis, Carolyn Rhodes, Phyllis Howard, and Tracey Dusch**

## Beta Pi

DKG Beta Pi Community Outreach Committee has chosen the following organizations to support this year: Upper Merion Emergency Aid; Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard; Upper Merion Township Library; Theatre Horizon (funding for two scholarships to the Autism Drama Program), and The Center for Loss and Bereavement (funding for three scholarships to Camp Millie).

Beta Pi also awarded FOUR Grant in Aid Scholarships to female students entering the field of education! Billie Snyder is a graduate of Upper Merion Area High School and is attending Temple University this fall majoring in Elementary Education. Sudan Wray is a graduate of Norristown Area School District and is attending Millersville University



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this fall majoring in Education. Jamie Cesaro is a dual major in Elementary Education and Special Education at Cabrini College and is preparing to student teach! Kaleigh Ragland (no photo available) is a dual major in Early Childhood and Special Education at Millersville University and is preparing to student teach! Congratulations to each of these wonderful scholars!

DKG Beta Pi would like to recognize two local educators who were recently given a \$100 stipend to use in their classrooms. Beta Pi chose to award these stipends as part of our state project to promote STEM and support females entering this field.

Our first educator is Ms. Jenny McDannell (no photo available). Ms. McDannell is entering her 2nd year teaching STEM at Gulph Elementary School in the Upper Merion Area School District. Our second educator is Mrs. Mindy Wood. Mrs. Wood is the new STEM teacher at Caley Elementary in the Upper Merion Area School District. This is the first year for STEM at Caley!



Both educators purchased new supplies for their classrooms including brainflake manipulatives, magnitiles, and magnetic figures. Thank you so much ladies for your dedication to our schools and students each and everyday!

DKG held our Annual *Meet and Greet* at the end of September and were thrilled to welcome State President Eileen



Little! We held our first general membership meeting of the year and presented our Calendar of Events for 2022-2023! We are going to have a very busy and exciting year!

## Alpha Nu

On October 8, 2022, Dr. Felicia Ganther, the president of Bucks County Community College, discussed the value and the significance of the Grant-in- Aid program at the DKG Alpha Nu luncheon in Peddlers' Village, Pennsylvania. Alpha Nu awards two scholarships to deserving college students each year.

Dr. Ganther's passion for education and the meaningful pursuit of a better life was fostered by her mother's commitment to all generations. Her mother believed that ordinary people with a sincere desire to make a better community could accomplish their task. She planted "*seeds of success*" to students of all ages, academic levels, and attitudes. She did not back away from the challenges of education or the stigma of being a woman. Dr. Ganther watched her mother prosper as a teacher, a music director, and a State Union Representative.

The life lessons taught by Dr. Ganther's mother fostered Felicia's life-time pursuit of a better-



**Dr. Ganther and Kathy Simmons, Co-president of Alpha Nu**

quality of life for her community. On paper, Felicia Ganther has stellar credentials. She holds a bachelor and master's degree and 25 years' experience in education. In addition, she holds a Juris Doctor degree and a Ph.D. However, when one is in her audience, you observe an ordinary, engaging person who wants to grow the enrollment in BCCC, and to prepare her students for a successful career.

Dr. Ganther believes that there is a disconnect between her college and what it embodies. It offers a two-year programs that enable students to transfer to a four-year school but it is not "13th grade," a phrase that depicts the school as a shadow of a four-year institution. She disagrees with that phrase.

Bucks County Community College offers a cost-effective price point to improve the lives of those that have a strong work ethic. The programs available are diverse and expand much further than general education classes needed to transfer. The school partners with the Estee Lauder Foundation. Students with a passion for the many diverse positions available at Estee Lauder can be considered for two-year scholarships. In addition, the college partners with Waste Management to provide programs that will enable students to attain jobs in a thriving, local busi

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ness. A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program for men and women is offered to those that desire to drive large machinery. There is a Floral Program that is taught in connection with the Philadelphia Flower Show. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics programs (STEM) are offered to Middle School students to explore career goals. The list goes on.

Dr. Ganther's presentation affirms Bucks County Community College's partnership with Alpha Nu's Grants-in-Aid program. She emphasized that educational partnerships create opportunities for student and community growth.

## Pi

The United Methodist Church of Wellsboro was the setting for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Pi Chapter, on September 17, 2022. This special event was planned by Grace Schauer, Bonnie Huzey, Janet Metallo, and Vonda Reed. Guests included members from nearby Alpha Zeta Chapter, Kalie Cowburn, our recipient of our Grant in Aid, as well as former presidents and past members.



President Kay Stuart, kicked off the new biennium with chapter business. The chapter projects were reviewed and the budget passed, allowing the chapter to impact education within our membership area of Potter and Tioga Counties.

The Church Hall was decorated in a style reminiscent of 1947. Centerpieces of rose bouquets in glass goblets were placed on vintage handkerchiefs with diamond facsimiles and sterling silver spoons sparkling around each of the tables. The delicious luncheon, prepared by the Methodist Church Ladies, also featured menu items typical of the time.

The luncheon was followed by President Stuart sharing her thoughts on the chapter's past. She highlighted examples of leadership, philanthropy, and fellowship. Over the years, projects and programs have changed, but members have continued to be generous with their time and talents by mentoring and serving others, providing financial support, and enjoying opportunities to participate in activities that promote the organization.

Members were then called upon to demonstrate the chapter's history through the use of creative demonstrations. Given only a brief period to prepare, a rap song and dance, a short skit, a pep rally, heartfelt

testimonials, and a diamond mine extraction were used to present events from Pi Chapter's past. Much to the delight of all in attendance, each presentation informed and entertained in its own unique way to provide a perfect closure to the memorable day.

A more recent Pi project activity undertaking was a donation to the local Victims Intervention Program. We "adopted a kitchen" which helped furnish items for a displaced family forced to move to an apartment because their home was totally destroyed by fire.



Kathleen Decker  
and Joanne Tagle,  
Service Project  
Coordinator

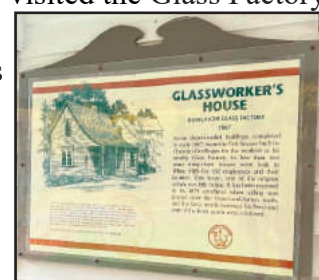


These  
generous  
dona-

tions from members relieved a local family from the anxiety of being misplaced by an unexpected life event. Pi Chapter

proudly stepped up to fulfill an immediate community need.

Recently the chapter visited the Glass Factory / Worker House in White Mills. The glass factory was at its height of business in the late 1800's - early 1900's. The Dorflinger family produced cut, engraved, etched, gilded and



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enameled lead crystal glass and is world renown. Many workers were housed in homes in the area near the factory. Phi Chapter received a personal tour of one of the early period worker homes.



Phi Chapter was able to experience an educational outing and as well as engage in a worthy community project.

## 2023 Birthday Chapters

**85 Years**

**Beta**

**75 Years**

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**60 Years**

**Beta Theta**

**Beta Iota**

**55 Years**

**Beta Mu**

**Beta Nu**

**45 Years**

**Beta Pi**

## In Memoriam

**Ruth Stolarick**

**Xi**

September 5, 2022

Ruth was inducted into Xi Chapter in 1982, the same year her daughter, Catherine Stolarick, was inducted into the chapter. During her forty-year tenure with Xi chapter, Ruth was an active and a reserve member. Ruth was a home economics teacher and the high school cafeteria manager at Lake-Lehman School District, and in 1966 she began teaching at Pine Grove Area School District. Ruth retired from Pine Grove Area School District in 1988.

**Eugenie Potters**

**Nu**

November 1, 2022

In 2008, Eugenie was inducted into Nu Chapter. She was an active member and was currently serving on the Sister Acts Committee which took care of service projects and small group activities. Eugenie was a school teacher, and she retired after forty years from Lebanon School District. She loved reading and participated in Nu Chapter's DKG Book Lovers Book Club.



## For Your Consideration

FROM: Dr. Debbie LeBlanc  
International President  
Nita R. Scott  
CAE, Executive Director

The International Achievement Award is given annually to a member in recognition of her distinguished record in the Society at the international level. As approved by the 2010 International Convention,

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eligible candidates shall be submitted to the Executive Board for vote. The recipient shall be selected by the Executive Board using preferential ballot. If there be but one (1) nominee, election shall be by four-fifths (4/5) vote. (*Constitution*, Article XIII.B.1.d)

Now is the time to submit recommendations for the 2023 International Achievement Award. Any member, chapter or state organization may submit a recommendation. A form (MS Word interactive format) for submitting recommendations available from the Society Website. **It is important that the form be carefully and accurately completed in full detail with correct dates of service, because only the information submitted on the recommendation form will be used in the selection process**

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## **Important Dates**

December 15, 2022, Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions

December 23, 2022, Workshop Presenter Proposals for 2023 State Convention due to Royce Boyd

February 1, 2023, PA State Scholarship & Enrichment Grant Application due to Susan Martin & Scholarship Committee

February 1, 2023, Nancy Grove Visionary Award Application due to Tracey Dusch and Past State Presidents

February 1, 2023, International Scholarship Application

February 1, 2023, Educators Book Award Submissions

February 15, 2023, Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery

March 1, 2023, International Achievement Award recommendations

March 1, 2023, DKGIEF Project Application

March 1, 2023, *Bulletin*: Journal Submissions

March 1, 2023, PA State Album of Distinction forms due to Tina Smith Gilbert & EEC Committee

March 15, 2023 Nominations for PA State Achievement Award due to Nancy Schnell and State Achievement/Rosebud Committee

May 1, 2023, DKGIEF Cornet CIPD Application

May 15, 2023, *Bulletin*: Journal submissions

June 30, 2023, Members to submit dues to chapter treasurer

2023 Conferences

Michigan, Detroit, July 11-16, 2023, The Westin Book Cadillac

Arizona, Phoenix, July 18-22, 2023, Sheraton Wild Horse Pass

Finland, Tampere, July 26-29, 2023, Tampere Hall

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

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Beta Theta - Dauphin  
November 19, 2022, Chapter Visit:  
Alpha Epsilon - McKean  
December 1, 2022, Chapter Visit Alpha  
Xi - Alleghany, Butler  
January 9, 2023, Zoom Chapter Visit Xi  
- Schuylkill  
January 17, 2023, Zoom Meeting  
Chapter Presidents & Leader-  
ship Committee  
March 18, 2023, Scholarship Commit-  
tee Meeting  
March 23, 2023, Chapter Visit: Alpha

Delta - Somerset  
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Presidents & Leadership  
Committee  
April 21-23, 2023, Creative Arts  
Retreat, Waymart, PA  
May 6, 2023, Chapter Visit: Beta -  
Berks  
May 10-11, 2023, Finance Committee  
Meeting  
May 20, 2023, Tri-Chapter Visit: Alpha  
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