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“Pride of Pittsburgh”

Louann Shrader

For one brief moment **75 members** gathered together for the 2016 Purposeful Seminar, “The Pride of Pittsburgh,” and became



‘yinzers’ for the weekend. Memories of the once smoky steel mills that dotted the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers were replaced with the reality of a vibrant city teeming with culture and entertainment! We were in ‘da Burgh!’

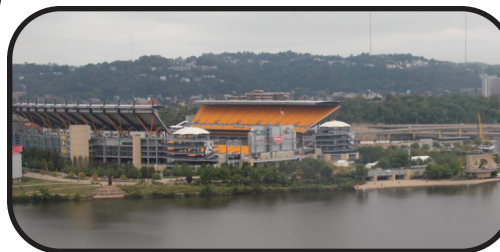
Our journey began Friday evening with a dinner of Pittsburgh delights followed by a presentation from a Pittsburgh area native, Rachael Carson, a.k.a.



our own **Cindy Reynolds**. As a naturalist, biologist, and conservationist, Carson’s book, *Silent Spring*, exposed the indiscriminate use of pesticides and how they’ve managed to radically alter entire ecosystems. By exposing the killing of animals, like robins and eagles, she has been credited with initiating the environmental movement in our country.

Saturday, we boarded the buses and headed into the city. We were on our way to be introduced to a city known today as the

Hollywood of the East. We toured locations of various movies like “Flashdance,” “Batman, the Dark Knight,” “Jack Reacher,” and many more, coupled with entertaining stories from our docent along the way. Our movie tour, “Lights, Camera, Pittsburgh,” took us to the top of Mount Washington on the **Duquesne Incline**, along the rivers now dotted with the **Heinz Field Stadium** and PNC Park, and to the



Stadium and PNC Park, and to the

(see Tour, page 5)



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Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to visit many chapters and attend their chapter meetings. Kudos to these chapters and their leaders as they continue to do the work of the Society as Dr. Annie Webb Blanton dreamed four score and seven years ago. Supporting worthwhile chapter projects, fundraising for grants-in-aid and chapter scholarships, offering encouragement and assistance to early-career educators, and providing genuine spiritual fellowship to their members...I have seen all of these in my recent travels. How inspiring it is to see the purposes of DKG alive and prospering across our state!

I recently found the following quote from The Hiding Place author, Corrie Ten Boom...

**“When a train goes
through a tunnel and it
gets dark, you don’t throw
away the ticket and jump
off. You sit still and
trust the engineer.”**

I think that sometimes, in our DKG lives, we tend to want to throw away our tickets and jump off the train when faced

Trusting the Engineer

**Tracey R. Dusch
President
Pennsylvania Organization**

with challenges that seem overwhelming. What challenges? *Membership? Involvement? Time? Finances? Communication?* Do you think Dr. Blanton and the other eleven founders faced these same challenges? Of course they did! Times may have changed from 1929 to 2016, but the obstacles we face as members of DKG are the same ones that our founders dealt with as our Society developed and grew.

Just as those twelve women trusted themselves as leaders, we too must trust our leadership. At the chapter level, brave women have stepped forward to guide their members as the purposes of the Society are fulfilled. These women have attended leadership training, have led their first meetings, and have begun their journeys to accomplish their goals and to realize the dreams of Dr. Blanton and the founders of DKG. I applaud them for stepping off the platform and for getting on that train. I applaud them for **not** throwing away their tickets and jumping off that train when things may have looked dark. I applaud their chapter members for trusting their engineers to guide them towards fulfillment of the purposes of DKG.



Building Relationships

Barbara L Gasperini
1st Vice President/EEC Coordinator



Promoting interaction with members encourages fellowship and relationships among each other. This makes you want to share with others as you promote new memberships. Even though members like to sit with close friends if there is a chapter luncheon or just a meeting, there is a way of mixing members to build relationships.

Give everyone a numbered 3x5 card as they enter. When it is time for the program have the members move to the table with that number. Give them time to talk with the person to their right. They must learn three facts about that person in order to introduce them to the membership. They will stand and tell the three things by using the member's initials in the introduction. For example: Julie Grace Smith likes to make Jewelry, go Golfing and make S'mores at a campfire. Then, reverse places and introduce the other person in the same way. You will gather some interesting facts about your members.

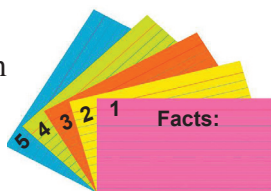
Since you will know ahead of time who will be attending, really mix up the members and place

seasoned members with new initiates or with members who do not know each other well. It will spark the conversation among your members, even when they return to their initial tables.

Another interaction can be created by taking roll and having members give the college where they graduated from. It will encourage interaction, even after the meeting. Getting to know your members better makes for a closer chapter. **"Everyone likes to go where everybody knows their name."**

Programs or activities that promote interaction in the chapter beat the "same old, same old programs." If new and veteran members feel closer they are more inclined to actively participate and invite new members to join them. Developing relationships among your members makes your chapter strong.

(Additional ideas to encourage relationships can be found on the state website under "....more," click on *Projects* from the drop down menu, and scroll down to "Program and Project Ideas for Chapters.")



NEEDED

Honor/Award Recipients for *Album of Distinction*

Marjorie Paradise, Professional Affairs Chair

NEEDED

The Educational Excellence Committee is preparing for the 2017 State Convention!!! We are asking all chapters to submit names for the **2017 Album of Distinction**. Candidates for this recognition must be active members of Delta Kappa Gamma and have received an honor and/or award for service outside the Society. The honor and/or award must have occurred between **April 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017**. Applications can be found on the Alpha Alpha State website. Click on the Awards/Applications tab at the top of the page to find the form, the evaluation criteria, and the scoring rubric. All applicants must tie their honor and/or award to one of the Seven Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Applications are due by April 1, 2017.

Please forward the application to Marj Paradise

Applications may also be emailed to Marj Paradise

The Honors of Membership

Brenda Walker, Chi
Membership/Expansion Committee

There are many opportunities that DKG provides for its members. Whether it is at the Chapter level, State level or International level, DKG is always looking for ways to encourage members to become more involved and to encourage growth within the organization.

One way to become involved is to take a leadership role at one of the levels of the organization. Many people start their involvement path by volunteering for a committee within their chapter organization. Please remember, if you have an interest in any position, contact your chapter leadership team and let them know your interest. Chapter leaders can also review the chapter membership to see where they can encourage ladies to become more involved.

At the state level, various committees are always looking for members from across the state, to provide new ideas and take these ideas back to the chapter. Contact Tracey Dusch, our State President, if you have an interest in working on a state committee. If your aspiration is involvement at the International level, your chapter or state leaders will aid you in navigating this path.

Another idea is to nominate a sister for the Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award. This award (see page 14) is a way to recognize and honor members who have already given distinguished and outstanding service to the state. The guidelines are on the Alpha Alpha State website and your nomination needs to be submitted by March 15, 2017.

Some local chapters have established ways to honor chapter members and have used the Alpha Alpha State Guidelines as a model for their Chapter Achievement Award. Also, at the chapter level, members are being honored for their years of services with certificates, pins and/or roses. The possibilities are endless.

Membership participation in DKG, whether at the chapter, state or international level, is an experience that can change your life. Involvement at any level will provide you with an opportunity to use your creativity, be a change maker, and to make new friendships.

**Take the challenge
and get
involved!**



FINANCE ISSUES

Joyce Kerrick, Finance Chair

I want to begin by thanking 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 Monkey evaluation in the near future asking for input on the performance of the *State Treasurer*, the *Keystonian Editor*, and the *Web Master*. This survey will be used to determine their stipends for the year. Please fill it out and return as requested. Using the electronic survey reduces mailing costs and saves us time as well.

Next, it is time to begin preparing the budget for next year. To ensure our budget meets the needs of the Pennsylvania State Organization, the finance

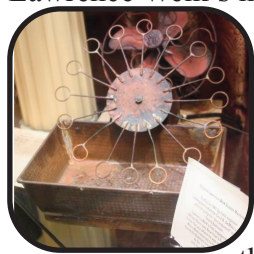
committee requests that **all** Committee Chairs and Officers submit budget requests **by March 15, 2017**. These requests should be sent to **Joyce Kerrick**,

request from you, the committee will assume that your committee is satisfied with your present level of funding.

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 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.

*(Tour from page 1)

Omni William Penn Hotel which now houses Lawrence Welk's infamous **bubble machine**. So much to see, so little time! With stories of financiers Andrew Carnegie and Henry Frick we were on our way to lunch at the **Grand Concourse**, a beautiful restaurant housed in



the preserved Pittsburgh train station. Its

ambience was indeed a testament of times gone by.

If you're with DKG, you

know shopping needs to be included. So, after enjoying lunch, we were back on the bus to a shopping frenzy in the strip district followed by a visit to the

Heinz History Center. Here we saw the beginnings of the city to the innovations that have brought it renown recognition through the years. The trip to the museum indeed

brought closure to our journey through "The Pride of Pittsburgh."

With so much to enjoy and so much to learn, the seminar was going much too quickly. Saturday evening included dinner entertainment by the **West Mifflin Area High School String Ensemble**,



and a presentation by Judy Sutton on the 'First Ladies' of Western Pennsylvania; women who were the first in their fields but were little known for their accomplishments. Lastly, Sunday morning brought an end to the 2016 Purposeful Seminar with a presentation by Lucy Stewart on "Andrew Carnegie's Grand Vision of the Art Museum."

Kudos to **Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi, Theta**, and **Upsilon** for their efforts and work in



sharing "The Pride of Pittsburgh" with members across the state. And for me, who was born and raised in Pittsburgh then transplanted, I thank you for reminding me of the reasons I am still proud



to claim "**da Burgh**" as my hometown.



Fern Detwiler, Louann Shrader and Heather Lilenthal relaxing at the shoe shine station, Omni William Penn Hotel



....remember ladies, what happened in "da Burg" stays in "da Burg!"

Moving Forward

Susan Fritz, US Forum/Ed. Legislation

Happy Holidays! One of the blessings of the season this year is that the elections are over. We have a new president and perhaps a new United States Senator. Your districts also may have elected a new state representative or senator. Some of us will be pleased with the outcome of the election while some of us will be bemoaning the outcome and wondering how we will endure and care for that which we hold dear.

Regardless of whether the person we voted for was elected, these are the people who will be making decisions on our behalf, while we continue to have the responsibility to communicate with them on the issues. Our elected officials may be in line with our values and political views or they

may hold what we perceive to be far different values and views. Our citizenship requires us to work with those in power. Sometimes that means thanking them for a vote or it may mean actively informing them about an issue with a differing point of view. As educators, we are naturally suited to lobby for our views. After all, many of us have years of experience with researching, documenting, and patiently explaining content.



We all can do it!
Make a contact!
Make a difference!

(Photo from Heinz History Center tour)

The 18th Annual CTAUN Conference, Refugees : The 21st Century Challenge, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York City on January 27, 2017. The UN's High Commissioner for Refugees indicated there were 65 million victims of conflict and persecution worldwide including 27 million who are internally displaced in their own countries at the end of 2015. The conference will feature speakers from the United Nations and other Non-Governmental Organizations who have on-site experience as well as the personal experiences of refugees themselves.

If you are interested in attending the upcoming conference, the registration materials are available on the CTAUN website: ctaun.org.

Staying on Track - Destination "Future!"

Louann Shrader, PA State Rules Chair

During this biennium the State Rules Committee has been encouraging chapters to look at their chapter rules, update them if needed, and check to see if chapter rules are in compliance with the Society's governing documents: our International Constitution and International Standing Rules. One resource you may want to review, as you look over your rules, is your chapter's strategic plan. Your SAP may present reasons to amend your rules. What are your chapter goals and how will you turn them into action?

Moving forward includes looking at or thinking differently about how we operate our chapters, as well as our State and International Organizations.

Our Society is "member-driven." Its future depends

on you. As a member of the Pennsylvania State Organization you have the power to change our by-laws and standing rules. Though the deadline for submission of proposals has passed, you are still able to amend our standing rules from the floor at our upcoming 2017 State Convention. See Article XII Section 4 B2:

"An amendment to the Standing Rules that has not been published will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote, quorum being present, to be adopted or rescinded."

Your member-driven power extends to our International Society as well and next October 2017, will mark the deadline for submission of proposals

(see Power, page 7)

Attention Sisters - Your Expertise is Requested

Twelve workshop presenters are needed for the 2017 Delta Kappa Gamma Pennsylvania State Convention!!

This year's categories are:

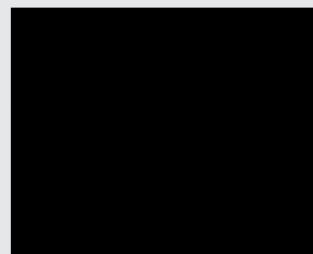
- Enrichment Grants and other travel and experiences
- Technology

- Crafts
- The Arts
- Physical Activities
- Education
- Stress and Relaxation
- The History of DKG
- Healthy Living
- Consumer Fraud
- Program and Fundraiser ideas (perhaps in a speed-

- dating format)
- What's New and Changing in Education (new testing etc.)
- Leadership
- Humor and much more

Applications for the workshop presenters can be found on the Pennsylvania

State website. Click on the State Convention tab to find the application. Applications are due to Carol



Want a Ticket to Get-on-Board?

Attention PA Members:

If you are interested in serving on a state committee for the next biennium, please email Tracey Dusch at [REDACTED]. She will pass your interest on to the next state president.

Important Destination Stops

January 16, 2017

- deadline to apply to be a workshop presenter for 2017 State Convention

February 1, 2017

- deadline to apply for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund
- deadline to apply for scholarships and enrichment grants

March 15, 2017

- deadline for finance committee requests
- deadline to nominate for the State Achievement Award

April 1, 2017

- deadline to nominate for the Album of Distinction



(Power from page 6)

to be considered at the next 2018 International Convention to be held in Austin, Texas. Individual members, chapters, committees, and states may make proposals for changes. (*Considering amendments or deletions to our International Constitution only occurs every 4 years.*) International's Strategic Plan will undoubtedly be the catalyst for change, as will member concerns for our future direction.

Change in our society is up to you. We are beginning a major transformation into our future. Where would you like to see your chapter, our state, or our International Society be as we travel the next

hundred years? Maybe it's time to have that conversation at your chapter level. New tracks will be laid



and the journey will continue. Will you have a say in the destination?

The State Rules Committee is committed to not only helping you stay on track, but also giving you the information that will empower you to shape the destination of our journey.

News From Your Membership Committee

Eileen Little, PA Second Vice-President, Membership Chair

The membership committee held a meeting on September 25, 2016, to discuss membership plans for the second year of the biennium. All members of the committee were present and excited to plan for our 2017 State Convention, June 9-11, 2017, in State College.

This convention is a wonderful opportunity for you to become involved. It will provide educational growth, fun, and friendship-building. Our committee will also be hosting the *New Members Network Breakfast* on Saturday morning. At the breakfast, you will make new friends, discuss the value of membership and what DKG can provide, as

well as, what you can do to contribute to DKG. If you have never been to a convention, we want to encourage you to mark your calendar and don't miss this exciting weekend!

Another program that our committee planned was the Celebration of Life ceremony which honors every PA sister that has passed away this year. This occurs on Sunday morning and the readings, songs and music are a powerful tribute to these sisters. It is a way for us to come together to honor and remember our sisters in a secular service. It is truly a memorable experience so plan to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

75 YEARS OLD

Gamma March 28, 1942
Delta December 5, 1942

70 YEARS OLD

Eta February 8, 1947
Theta February 15, 1947
Iota March 1, 1947
Kappa April 12, 1947
Lambda April 26, 1947
Nu June 6, 1947
Xi June 28, 1947
Omicron September 20, 1947

Pi September 20, 1947
Sigma November 1, 1947
Tau November 15, 1947
Upsilon November 22, 1947

60 YEARS OLD

Alpha Omicron May 1, 1957
Alpha Rho November 23, 1957

55 YEARS OLD

Beta Alpha April 28, 1962
Beta Gamma May 19, 1962
Beta Beta May 19, 1962
Beta Delta May 19, 1962
Beta Epsilon October 6, 1962



*Happy
Birthday*



Friday Night Fling

Barbara L. Gasperini, 1st Vice President/EEC Coordinator

Casino Night #2



June 10, 2017

Come one, come all. Join us for fun and frolic as we play Bingo, Roulette, Duck Pond, Pokeno, Toss Across, Black Jack, and Color Box, with *double the money* you were given last year! Look for more new faces on the money.

Win as much "State" money as you can so we will be ready to bid on the outstanding, treasured prizes offered by the EEC Committee, State Officers, and Committee Chairs. It is open to everyone as all activities are. Watch out for those bouncers, Louann Shrader and Carol Lane, who will be keeping things moving and making sure no rules are broken. They will be passing out the money and bidding plates as you enter. See you at the 2017 State Convention "Friday Night Fling." We'll have *double* the fun this year!

Be a Part of Nancy Grove's Vision

Alpha Alpha Past State Presidents invite Pennsylvania DKG members who are actively involved in the classroom environment to take advantage of an excellent opportunity. The Alpha Alpha State Nancy B. Grove Visionary Fund will award

a grant of up to \$500 to fund innovative ideas and/or activities within the educational community.

Start today to plan your activity/project for Educational Excellence. Complete the application form and have it postmarked by **February 1, 2017**. The scor-

ing rubric is available online to guide you with this process.

Pennsylvania chapters are invited to be a part of this worthwhile award by donating funds to keep the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund alive and well. Consider a donation today.

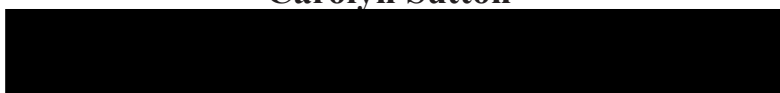
ALPHA ALPHA STATE NANCY B. GROVE VISIONARY FUND APPLICATION FORM



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

The Alpha Alpha State 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 Alpha Alpha State and will be awarded at the annual state convention. The grant is to be used during the school year immediately following the state convention. Interested applicants shall complete the following application form and send the completed application form postmarked by **February 1** to:

Carolyn Sutton



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.

(see Application on page 10)

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.

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: _____

Want Another “Boarding” Opportunity? 2017 Creative Arts Retreat

DKG Creative Arts Retreat is where sisters connect with their expressive side. They laugh, they sing, and they make lasting friends and go home with new ideas and something special they have made. If you haven't attended in the past, put this one on your calendar and plan to be inspired. The event is in beautiful Olmsted Manor in Ludlow, Pennsylvania, on April, 21, 22, 23. Register early!! *We are limited to 70 participants.*

(see page 11 for Registration)

Creative Arts Retreat 2017 Registration

Creative Arts Retreat 2017
Registration
April 21, 22, 23
Olmsted Manor
Ludlow, Pennsylvania

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip _____

Chapter: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Roommate _____

I have special dietary needs. Please specify: _____

What is your expected time of arrival on Friday? _____

I have difficulty climbing stairs. _____

I will need a handicap room

Yes _____ No _____

Registration begins at 3:00.

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.

_____ Semi- Private - 2 queen beds - \$155.00

_____ 3+ in a room - 2 queen beds - \$140.00

_____ Handicap room - 2 queen beds - \$155.00

_____ 1 night only registration - \$100.00

_____ Saturday Only Registration - Includes 2 meals - \$50.00

If staying only one night, Friday or Saturday?
(Circle one)

Registration includes, meals, snacks, room, work shops and activities.

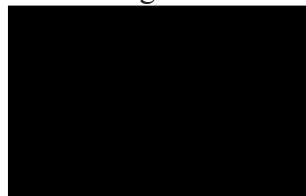
*Some workshops require a donation for materials.

**Workshop fees will be collected by presenter.

Make registration checks payable to:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

* Mail check and registration form by **April 3, 2017** to:



* **OR** register online at **alphaalphapa.com**

When registering online, *don't forget to send a check to the above address.*

Friday

Registration: 3:00 - 9:00

Make 'n Take Activity: 3:00 - 9:00.

Meet and Greet: 5:00

Dinner: 6:00.

Workshop Selections: Circle Your Choices

(SEE PAGE 13 FOR WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS)

Saturday

8:30 - 9:30 - Labyrinth Walk

8:30 - 9:30 - Poke and Pull Blanket

8:30 - 10:30 - Creative Journaling

8:30 - 10:30 - Coil Coasters and Placemats

9:40 - 10:40 - ASL

9:40 - 11:40 - I've Got You Covered

9:40 - 11:40 - Beaded Bracelets

9:40 - 11:40 - Creative Ransom Notes

10:45 - 11:45 - Soda Can Rose Jewelry

12:00 - 1:00 - **LUNCH**

1:00 - 1:15 - **Creative Arts Retreat Group Photo**

1:30 - 2:30 - Book Discussion

1:30 - 3:30 - Felt Making

1:30 - 3:30 - Silk Ribbon Embroidery

2:40 - 3:40 - Poetry Writing

2:40 - 4:40 - Beginner's Knitting

3:50 - 4:50 - Yoga

5:30 - **DINNER**

7:00 - **A Minute to Win It !**

Sunday

9:00 - Reflections

10:00 - Brunch

11:00 - Departure

(see Workshop Descriptions, page 13)

More “Boarding” Considerations for You!

PA State Scholarships and Enrichment Grants

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

Scholarships will be offered for graduate study leading to an advanced degree or certification, or toward job and/or self improvement. Credit 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 an individual’s total may not exceed the maximum of \$7,000 during 2017 – 2021.

The **Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** will be awarded to one active member in her 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of Delta Kappa Gamma membership who is working in graduate study. The approximate amount of \$1,000 will be awarded each fiscal year. Use the Scholarship Application if applying for this award.

Enrichment Grants will be awarded for enrollment in a Road Scholar program, continuing education for personal and professional growth, a travel and/or study tour, or to develop an approved independent study project, or to present a paper to a professional organization.

An Enrichment Grant recipient may receive a one-time award from 2017 – 2021 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 during 2017 – 2021. The following “Pennsylvania State Scholarship Award Point System” will be used as criteria for selection:

1. Proposed use of scholarship (30 points)

- a) Purpose of proposed graduate work or graduate travel/study

- b) Projected time plan
- c) Extent to which courses are completed
- d) Use of scholarship money
- e) Status of dissertation (doctoral candidate)

2. Society participation (30 points)

- a) Officer, Committee Chairman, Committee Membership at chapter, state, regional, and/or International levels
- b) Attendance, participation, responsibilities at conventions/meetings at chapter, state, regional, and/or International levels

3. Professional involvement (20 points)

- a) Professional organizations
- b) Job-related activities
- c) Special honors/awards/publications
- d) Professional letters of recommendation

4. Other involvement (10 points)

- a) Community activities/awards/honors

Application Deadline: Postmarked by February 1, 2017

Postage Due applications will be returned by the Post Office. Downloadable application forms for State Scholarships and Enrichment Grants can be found on the Alpha Alpha State website:

www.alphaalphapha.com/awards

Click on Scholarship or Enrichment Grant. Use Word file to complete on your computer or PDF file to complete by hand.

Please note the procedural clarification that scholarships and enrichment grants are to be used in the fiscal year following the convention: June 12, 2017 thru Friday of convention, June 2018.

Contact:

Lois Brown, State Scholarship Chair

Workshop Descriptions

I've Got You Covered - Janet Riggio

We will be making a variety of creative book covers with materials you couldn't imagine and that will surely brighten your reading pleasures or office time. **Plan on a small fee.**

Silk Ribbon Embroidery - Pat Arnold

For those who know embroidery stitches, you will create a 4x4 flower arrangement on wool by using silk ribbons.

Fee - \$ 5.00.

Limit of 8 participants.

Feltmaking - Jackie Thomas

Use colorful wool fleece, soapy water and friction to create a small felted vessel decorated with a felted bead. Expect fun and laughter. This is an easy no fail project that creates a special treasure. **Fee \$25**

Creative Journaling - Rachael Hungerford

Can draw/Can't draw? Who cares? Learn to make your journal and "artistic" expression of your own thinking, writing, and being.

Book Discussion - Barbara Pisarchick

Love a book and wanted to share or discuss it with others, this is the place to be.

Yoga - Deborah Yargar-Reed

Join me for a peaceful practice of Yoga. This session will use a combination of movement, postures, and breath to work on strength, flexibility, and balance. We will attempt to unite mind, body and soul. If you have a floor mat, please bring it along.

Walk the Labyrinth- Carol Lane

Take in the crisp morning air while walking through a large labyrinth at the foot of the mountain. This unhurried, peaceful walk will be a great start for your day!

Beginners' s Knitting - Margo Keefer

Come make a cotton dish cloth. You will need a set of size 9 knitting needles, one skein of cotton yarn, scissors and a good attitude:-) !

Coil Coasters and Placements - Donette Posey

Participants will make coaster and placemats using fabric strips **Cost: \$10.00.**

Limit of 10 participants.

Beaded Bracelets - Vonda Reed

Time to feel glamorous with a hand made beaded bracelet! Join me in moving from a bead "stringer" to a bead

"weaver." We will learn the peyote stitch and create a lovely bracelet from seed beads. If you are already an expert beader, how about making your own toggle?

\$10.00 will cover all materials.

Limit of 10 participants.

ASL - Grace Schauer

ASL is a language for the deaf that can be set to music and become an expressive work of art. Join me and learn to sign a few basic songs that you can use in the classroom or with your grandchildren.

Creative Ransom Notes - Kathy Cummings

A quote, prayer, meaningful word interpreted in imaginative drawing techniques, will pique interest in anyone who can hold a pencil. The drawing methods produces a finished artistic illustration worthy for a signature and for display. In an age of technology, drawing is an alternative form of meditation and discovery.

Soda Can Rose Jewelry- Amy Miehl

We will upcycle old soda cans into beautiful jewelry! Bring a couple of clean, empty soda cans in your favorite colors to turn into roses! You'll need a sharp pair of scissors, a Styro-foam meat tray for poking holes, a pair of small flat nosed pliers, a jewelry awl if you have one, and steady hands. Earrings findings will be provided. We'll be the most stylish ladies at the retreat! **Cost \$2.00.**

Limit 10 participants.

Poetry Writing - Kathy Crowell

I'll share some poetry (mine and others) and discuss verse forms, rhythm, meter, etc. We'll choose rhyming patterns to practice original poetry. I'll begin with basic forms and progress to limericks and other more challenging styles. I also hope to brainstorm as a group in order to write a 'community' poem or two.

Poke and Pull Blanket - Linda Pepper

Ladies, would you like to do something relaxing while being able to talk to your friends and helps a child at the same time? Then, this class is for you. I will be teaching how to make a poke and pull blanket. No equipment is necessary. I will provide everything: one blanket that needs to be prepped and a candy apple stick. You will be able to complete the blanket during class time. Crochet? Need some new crochet stitches? I can teach you some of our favorites on a one to one basis. You will need to bring an H hook and different shades of yarn. Bring your remnants.



ONCE UPON A TIME...

Once upon a time a group of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Women in Pennsylvania were assigned, by its Alpha Alpha State President, to create the criteria and actual award for a new recognition called **THE ALPHA ALPHA STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**. Established in 1979, twenty-four worthy women, to date, have been honored with this award. They are DKG Women who have given *distinguished and outstanding service* to Alpha Alpha State and have promoted the purposes and policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Has your chapter nominated a candidate in the last five years who was not selected? Did your chapter secretly nominate a candidate for the 2017 Achievement Award? **There is still time to submit a name for consideration.**

Use the following criteria for the nominee:

1. must be an active member of Alpha Alpha State
2. has a minimum of 10 years of state membership
3. served in a major leadership role for her chapter and contributed to chapter committees
4. served in two leadership roles for Alpha Alpha State (*see II. D. in the Guidelines on the website*)
5. is endorsed by her chapter's or another chapter's executive board

Download the Guidelines, Application, or Addendum form at www.alphaalphapa.com. Complete and submit your nomination, no later than **March 15, 2017** to: Cindy G. Reynolds, Chair

The 2017 recipient will be announced at the State Convention held in State College, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, June 10, 2017, as part of the evening program. The current award committee handles the selection of the nominee and formulates the *surprise* presentation which only the committee knows! ***It's a secret!***

Who will be the 2017 honoree? She will definitely be a DKG-VIP!

Make *tracks* to Convention, June 9-11, 2017, and take part in this special tribute to one of our members. Learn about her DKG journey. It is always a moment to remember!



President Tracey's "Train" Schedule

March 4, 2017	visit to Theta, Alpha Xi, and Alpha Upsilon chapters	April 29, 2017	visit to Phi, Alpha Zeta, and Beta Rho chapters
March 18, 2017	scholarship committee meeting	May 6, 2017	visit to Lambda, Alpha Omicron, and Alpha Sigma chapters
April 1, 2017	visit to Eta, Beta Beta, and Beta Delta chapters	June 9-11, 2017	State Convention
April 8, 2017	finance committee meeting	July 12-14, 2017	Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario
April 21-23, 2017	Creative Arts Retreat		

Enrichment Excursions

GRANDDAUGHTER/GRANDMA, JULY, 2016, TRIP TO EUROPE (Minus Granddaughter) Mary Wilhelm, Kappa

Talk about needing to be flexible when traveling! I needed to be extremely flexible this summer in order to travel with my granddaughter's school group scheduled to tour the Mediterranean areas of Spain, France, and Italy. I was truly excited about visiting that part of the world with Mallory because I knew it would be a great adventure for her and I had never visited that part of the world. However, change number one came when several students cancelled their involvement and our tour group had to join a group from Attica, New York. Because of the cancellations, our tour itinerary was also changed to the Capitals of Europe, namely London, Paris, and Rome. I wondered about the changes since some students had cancelled due to threats of terrorism. It seemed to me that London and Paris were greater threats than the Mediterranean area. Plans proceeded well until about 15 days before our trip was to begin. Mallory became ill and was hospitalized for a week. Her doctor would not allow her to go on the trip. The tour company said that they would not refund our money because of the short notice so I decided to go ahead with the tour. I was now part of a group of 14 teenagers and 8 adults. I was by far the oldest person and did not know anyone else who was going.

Our Pennsylvania group of 12 left on July 13th from Bermudian High School in Adams County. The Attica group was to join us at Dulles Airport for the flight to London. Their plane from Buffalo was delayed eight

hours and they missed our London flight. They did join us a day late, very relieved to finally arrive.

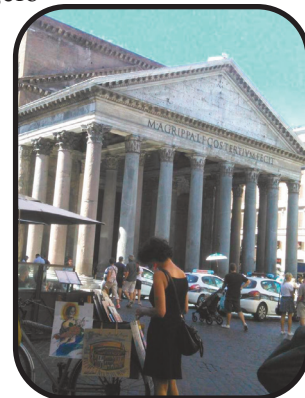
London was fabulous. We visited Hyde Park, Kensington Palace, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, and The British Museum among many other sights. I soon learned that doing an educational tour with teenagers involves much walking and they do not walk slowly. I also learned to use "the tube," London's metro system. For me the highlight in London was

the **Tower of London, (Changing of the Guard),** with the opening ceremony of the Beefeaters and view of the crown jewels.

We left London by high speed railway through the "chunnel," a tunnel under the English Channel to Paris. In Paris there was again lots of walking and Metro riding. We visited the usual tourist sights of Notre Dame, The Louvre, the **Eiffel Tower**, and the Arc de Triomphe. Thanks to the generosity of our school's tour manager, we also took a boat ride on the Seine. I loved seeing the Mona Lisa at the Louvre. Notre Dame was exquisite. What a great experience visiting all the places and seeing the sights that you've only read about.



We next traveled by plane to Rome. I was especially pleased to visit this city, which had also been on our itinerary for the original trip. I loved visiting the Vatican, St. Paul's Basilica, and the Sistine Chapel. What marvelous artwork considering that Michelangelo thought himself more of a sculptor. We also visited the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. I enjoyed the **Pantheon** with its dome opening that allows sunlight in at various angles during the day creating a sundial effect.



We also took the high speed train to Florence for a day. My favorite sights there were the sculpture of David and The Pieta. Michelangelo was definitely an accomplished sculptor. The many **cathedrals of Florence** in various architectural styles were also quite interesting. The whole tour was a wonderful experience. I was especially proud of our teens who were very well behaved, courteous, and very helpful to me. Hopefully, I'll be able to travel with Mallory another time.



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DONATING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO ABRIENDO MENTES, COSTA RICA

Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma

The country of Costa Rica is a country rich in culture and beauty. I flew into San Jose, a typical capital city filled with many restaurants, people, and places. I took a walking tour of the city, enjoyed some local cuisine at one of the many restaurants, did some bargaining at a local market, and engaged in a few other activities before taking a taxi and meeting a friend in Curridabat. We took a taxi to Cartago and toured the ruins and the cathedral there before returning to Curridabat. I spent the night there before taking a five hour shuttle ride to Playa Portrero.

In Playa Portrero, I was able to talk with volunteers and employees of Abriendo Mentes. In Spanish Abriendo Mentes means “opening minds” and is a fitting name for the non-profit organization that opened its doors in 2009 to help individuals in rural areas of Guanacaste, Costa Rica develop skills that could benefit them and their families educationally and economically. During my time in Playa Portrero, I was able to visit Abriendo Mentes and observe community members engaged in an Eng-

lish class, as well as meet the instructor and observe a computer class. In addition, I was able to visit the store adjacent to the learning center where individuals can donate their craft items and Abriendo Mentes can sell the items to the community or tourists and reinvest the money into the organization to continue to provide much needed classes and assistance to the people in the area. **The slogan of Abriendo Mentes is Educate, Enhance, Empower** which encompasses



the goals of DKG members. In addition to visiting the classes at Abriendo Mentes, I met with **Lindsay Losasso** to donate over \$200 worth of **school supplies** and other items from the or-

ganizations wish list.

This was possible because of the money awarded to me by Delta Kappa

Gamma. The non-profit organization Abriendo Mentes, as well as the local residents of Playa Portrero and the surrounding rural areas in Guanacaste, Costa Rica appreciated the **generous donation** and promised to put it to good use as they continue to improve education in the community. Thank you Delta Kappa Gamma for awarding me an enrichment grant that allowed me to make a donation to Abriendo Mentes and take a trip to Costa Rica.



Karen & Lindsay Losasso



FULFILLING A DREAM

Ann Nowaskie, Sigma Chapter

As a teacher of biology and an avid world traveler, I have always dreamed of exploring the Galapagos with its islands made famous by the works of Charles Darwin. In July my dream was fulfilled when I embarked on a 10-day marine adventure aboard the Estrella del Mar, a 16-passenger ship that cruised to several of the Galapagos Islands, including the less visited western islands of Isabela and Fernandina. This summer's sojourn surpassed my expectations, which I had built up over the years to be quite grand. The highlight was certainly the wildlife.

The Galapagos Islands contain living creatures that (although similar to those found on the mainland of Ecuador and other parts of South America) are remarkably unique and perfectly adapted



to each specific island. Not only did I see these unique creatures (**marine iguanas, giant tortoises**, finches, sea turtles, sea lions, flightless cormorants, blue footed boobies, penguins, lava lizards, sharks, rays, tropical fishes, frigate birds, pelicans, whales, etc); but, I got to swim



with many of them too! The **snorkeling** opportunities were plenty and each wonderful. I was fortunate to capture many images of this aquatic world along with its terrestrial counterpart. (**Giant Tortoises in the wild.**)



At the Darwin Research Center, I rallied my travel mates into singing “Jolly Ol’ Chuck Darwin” (one of my original biology lyrics written early in my teaching career), an unforgettable moment indeed.

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In Memoriam

Jean Tanger Heller
February 11, 2016

Omicron

Jean was initiated in 1963 and has served on many committees with Communications being her most recent. She taught for 41 years in the Williamsport Area School District. Jean was Supervisor of English and advisor to the school publication, The Billtown Banner. She received many honors in recognition of her commitment to student publications and the English Department was designated a Center of Excellence in Language Arts by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Ginger D. Momyer
August 4, 2016

Psi

Ginger was initiated on March 31, 1990. She served on the Founder's Day Pro-

gram and Visual & Performing Arts committee. Ginger taught music for 36 years in the Punxsutawney School District, including vocal and instrumental music at various levels.

Lois C. Bryner
August 8, 2016

Sigma

Lois was initiated on November 1, 1954. Lois was President of Sigma Chapter 1962-1964. She graduated from Bloomsburg State Teacher's College and obtained her masters from Bucknell University. She had certificates for elementary principal, reading specialist and supervisor of elementary education. Lois taught in the Danville Area School District for 45 years. Lois was the Outstanding Teacher of America in 1972 and was named First Lady of the Year by the Danville

Chapter of Tau Sigma Phi Sorority in 1986.

Martha B. Ames
September 5, 2016

Psi

Martha was initiated on October 8, 1977. She served as Area Reporter and on the Research committee. Martha was a grade 6 teacher for Clarion Area School District.

Marian M. Detwiler
September 7, 2016

Alpha Nu

Marian was initiated in 1979. Marian was a reading specialist and Central Bucks School Reading Supervisor. She tutored inmates through the VITA Adult Literacy Program and was an English as a Second language tutor. She trained hundreds of volunteers for VITA and Indian Valley Opportunity Center.

Pauline M. Wiberg
September 24, 2016

Psi

Pauline was initiated on May 4, 1957. She was Chapter President 1962-1964. She served and chaired many committees including Nominations, Initiation, Professional Affairs, and Personal Growth. She was the Hospitality Chair for the Fall Leadership Conference in 1975 and attended many state conventions. Pauline was a first grade teacher at Clarion Area School District.

Beverly Marie Glatfelter
October 1, 2016
Beta Beta

Beverly was initiated on September 19, 1996. She was corresponding secretary for her chapter. Beverly was a first grade teacher for 35 years.

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Prior to this marine adventure, I piggy-backed an 8-day tour of Ecuador's mainland onto my travels. Highlights from the land tour included visiting the "Old Town" in Quito; whitewater rafting, hot springs, and horseback riding in Banos; shooting a blowgun; making our own chocolate; and eating a grub worm in the Amazon jungle; a stop along the equator; boating on Cuicocha Lake; shopping the indigenous market in Otavlo; etc.....

My memories are many and my photos, numerous (over 5,000). With much gratitude, I want to thank Alpha Alpha State for providing me with an Enrichment Grant to help defray the cost of this spectacular journey and offering me the opportunity to fulfill a dream.

Chapter News

Phi

The September meeting of Phi Chapter was held at the Wayne County Visitors' Center in Honesdale. Prior to the meeting, the retired chapter members prepared and served a variety of dinner delicacies to the currently working chapter members. Before the meeting was adjourned, Ellen Strausku-lage, past chapter president, presented a long stem red rose to Mel Vogler to recognize her for 42 years of membership in Phi Chapter, and to Doris Goerlitz for 57 years of membership.

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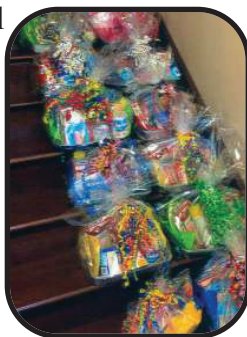
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Mel Vogler, Ellen Strauskulage

Following the meeting, Mel Vogler presented a very interesting and informative program on PSERS.

In the fall newsletter, it was requested that members bring to the



September meeting a variety of items which could be used to fill **birthday theme baskets** to be given to children of the Victims' Intervention Program (VIP). The members' response was so generous that fourteen baskets were prepared and donated to VIP.

ALL ABOARD! The October meeting of Phi Chapter met on board the Stourbridge Line Train from Honesdale to Lackawaxen, PA, a scenic excursion through the Northern Pocono Mountains. After a brief meeting, the members were able to socialize and enjoy spectacular views of the Lackawaxen

River and the colorful fall foliage for the remaining "DKG Journey" to Lackawaxen. After eating lunch at the Lackawaxen Volunteer Firemen Pavilion, the members walked a short distance to visit the Zane Grey Museum, where Mary Smith Nelson, a Phi Chapter charter member, once lived. From the exhibits displayed in the museum, visitors can gain an understanding of the life and writing of the famed western author, Zane Grey.

On the return trip back to Honesdale, Tim Wright, Excursion Manager, narrated a very interesting and informative historical background of the Stourbridge Line and D & H Canal.



Front: (l-r) Barb Lutat, Bonnie Price, Shelly Tickner, Sharon Herzog, Jane Peet, Doris Goerlitz, Linda Queipo, and Betty Bell. Back: (l-r) Mary Gilson, Monique Lautenschlager, Dotty O'Neill, Betty Mang, Julie Gallo, and Brenda Queipo.

Alpha Theta

Alpha Theta chapter anticipated the needs of a busy school year throughout Armstrong School District by making bathroom

buckets and flower pen holders. The **bathroom buckets**, containing many personal items like deodorant, cough drops, band aids, mouthwash, lint



rollers, hair spray, etc. were placed in various faculty bathrooms across the district. The **flower pen holders** were placed in all school offices and the administration building. In addition to providing conveniences for staff and office visitors, Alpha Theta put the DKG name in front of all. Alpha Theta to the rescue!



Sigma

Sigma Chapter held its first meeting of the new biennium at the Packer House in Sunbury. President **Carol Kruskie** presented past president pins and red rose awards to **Linda Shupp** and **Dawn McManus**.

Special guest **Eckie Friar** representing



Transitions Crisis Center spoke about her role with the agency which provides shelter and support to victims of violence and abuse. In December Sigma Chapter will collect and distribute needed items to Transitions safe houses in Northumberland and Union counties and to the Women's Center in Bloomsburg. First Vice President

Brittany Bunting-Specht introduced the program for the evening, a presentation about the Selinsgrove Summer Seals Day Camp. Guest representatives of the camp spoke about this summer camp for incoming third, fourth, and fifth grade students in the Selinsgrove school district who benefit from additional help with math, reading and social skills. The presenters also showed a video celebrating the camp's recent tenth anniversary.

Beta Gamma

Jeff and Melanie Schmuck are the proud owners of the Haines Shoe House in Hallam, PA. Although their normal fall hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11:00-5:00 until the end of October, they opened their doors on Monday to provide information to a group of Beta Gamma members. The visitors paid five dollars to have a half hour guided tour of the **Shoe House** and learn about its history. The house which was built in 1948 by Colonel Mahlon Haines known as the "Shoe Wizard" and is a popular tourist attraction in York County. After the tour, Beta

Gamma members enjoyed ice cream treats and held their regularly scheduled business meeting. If you would like to visit the Haines Shoe House, checkout their website.

Corinne Horne, a FACS teacher at South Eastern Middle School was inducted into the Beta Gamma chapter at thier October meeting. Welcome Corinne to the DKG Society.



L to R, first row: Ann Jackson, Karen Snyder, RuthAnn Guertin, Linda Martin. Back row: Joanna Kapinos, Diane Markey-Campbell, Jane Oremann, Joan Walters, Michal Buchanan, and Marlene Spark.

Psi

PSI-President Linda Stahlman attended the state's last Arts Retreat and couldn't wait for the next one in 2017. She arranged for a mini-arts retreat for her chapter on November 5 in the Redbank area. Besides hands-on Greek baking, there were sessions for calligraphy, card making, exploding boxes, painting techniques, and sewing, all presented by the talented members of the PSI. As Linda explained, "this retreat was

fun and the best way for our members to get to know one another better."



Penny Petersn in apron with Molly DeSantis...as they discover the "The Joy of Greek Cooking."



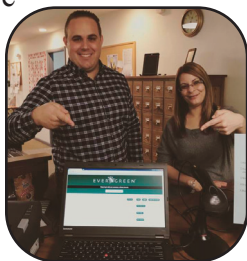
Tracey Dusch enjoying good Greek cooking



Chrissy Myers and Susan Wolfe learning painting techniques

Alpha Kappa

The Sisters of the Alpha Kappa got on board with our local public libraries. The Juniata County Library wanted a self-checkout station for patrons and we purchased the needed printer for date due slips. Library Director **Vince Giordano** and Circulation staff member, **Angie Dolan**



shared their enthusiasm in this picture.

At the Mifflin County Library, the chapter purchased books to be used in the 9 weekly early literacy (Storytime) programs. Past president **Cindy Kennedy**, current president **Nancy Chrismer**, and

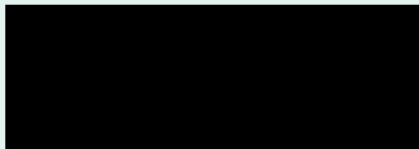
Children's Services Manager **Kelly Rodenbaugh** had great fun reading aloud to each other while they looked at the new books.



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Bonnie Lee Barnes, Editor



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Alpha Sigma



Alpha Sigma welcomes its new members, Shayne Garcia-Bish, Angie Murrman, Michelle Mrozek, Carol Kuper-Pyle, and Lindsey Owrey.

...and yet another consideration...

Linda Evans is trying to organize a charter bus trip from Pittsburgh to the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario, July 12-14, 2017.

If you are interested, please contact her at lkebuttercup@yahoo.com