



# The Keystonian

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Happy Holidays  
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## Purposeful Seminar Reflections

Port of Call: King of Prussia & Philadelphia, PA  
A Tribute to the Women of the  
American Revolution  
Eileen Little, Chi

What a fun filled, successful weekend we had on October 5-7, 2018! We came from all parts of PA to learn, have fun with sisters, and create new friendships. I enjoyed reading the evaluations on Sunday afternoon, so let me share some of the comments with you.

- ~ I enjoyed looking at the Revolution through the participation of women
- ~ Extremely educational
- ~ Sharing good times with friends
- ~ Loved being in the city
- ~ Museum was great
- ~ City Tavern was delicious food and a very cool place
- ~ Loved the Fraktur presentation
- ~ Loved Valley Forge tour and our guide
- ~ Excellent tour guides
- ~ Great selection of venues
- ~ Breakout seminar –Women are great educators

Our weekend started on Friday night with our arrivals at the Hyatt House in King of Prussia. Some sisters had enjoyed shopping at the mall prior to checking in at the hotel! Sisters were greeted with a welcome bag including the program for the weekend. Dinner was at 6:00 PM followed by a game of Bingo to get to know sisters in our group and fellowship time.

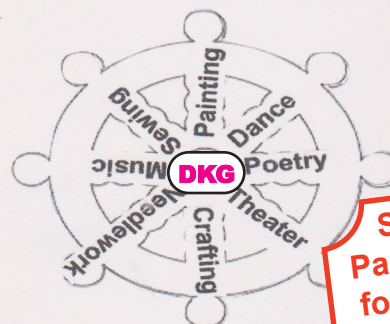
Saturday was a busy day. We boarded our bus at 9:00 AM and drove to Valley Forge National Park. Our

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## 2019 Creative Arts Retreat

Where imagination helps turn  
the wheel of  
Fellow-ship and Friend-ship



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March 29, 30, 31

Olmsted Manor, Ludlow PA  
Save the date, register early.



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## Hello Pennsylvania!

**Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon  
PA State Organization President**



**W**e are sailing through this year. The hot weather is now gone. The air has turned crisp and it won't be long before we have that first snowfall. Time is going by so quickly. The state officers and committee chairs are busy making changes to the state by-laws to adapt to the changes made at the International Convention. I will keep the chapter presidents updated as they are adapted at the state level.

What has your chapter been doing? Make sure you share those events and projects with all of us in the *Keystonian's* "Chapter News." Also send in the dates of upcoming chapter events for the "Meet the Crew" section. Keep the chapter news alive.

Do you have an idea for a convention workshop? Or do you know of someone who would have an interesting topic that we would enjoy hearing. Please let us know.

Remember, the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund award can be given to someone in your chapter at the 2019 State Convention who has an innovative idea that she uses or wants to try in her classroom. She may meet the criteria for \$500 award.

At the 2019 State Convention, the State Achievement Award will be given. If you have a member who you feel deserves the award please fill out an application found on the state web site. Remember this award is a **secret** from the person you are nominating.

I have truly enjoyed visiting chapters across the state and I am looking forward to visiting many

more. It is wonderful to meet so many terrific

members and see how strong your chapter activities and projects are. Remember to invite a local Girl Scout troop to earn the DKG Patch and learn about our International Society.

Help spread the word that there is money available for Scholarships and Enrichment Grants for personal and professional growth of our members. Check the due date and apply. What do you have to lose? More importantly, what do you have to gain?

Please be aware of the new changes in the application for Album of Distinction. The EEC committee worked hard in making the changes needed to keep the Album of Distinction an honored accomplishment. Please see the new application, rubric, and criteria on the state web site and the AOD article on page 5.

At this time, I am concerned about our members who are in the Southeast and have felt the effects of Hurricane Michael. The hurricane has affected their lives in so many ways. If you would like to help, please keep in mind our Emergency Fund on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) where you can make a chapter or personal donation directly to our sisters in need.

The holidays will soon be here. I hope you have a memorable time and sail into a wonderful season.

Bon Voyage,  
*Barbara*

# EEC and Leadership

Eileen Little, Chi  
PA State First Vice-President/EEC Coordinator



**Y**our EEC committee met in September to reflect on our first year and make improvements for our second year. We met Friday night and Saturday until noon and had many productive discussions. We hope that our changes provide clarity and refinements.

The first item on our agenda was Album of Distinction. After many discussions, opinions, and reflections, we chose to revise the nomination form, rubric, and criteria document. Look for an article from Haddie Weber (page 5), Professional Affairs Chair, in this *Keystonian*. The three documents are already on our State website under the Awards tab.

Our second item was the Friday Night Fling. Since President Barbara is changing the format for convention we are able to have the Friday Night Fling from 8:30 – 9:30 PM. The theme will be our cruise ship, like last year, but we have planned new demonstrations as well as last year's favorites like bingo, trivia, corn hole, ladder ball and the photo booth. So plan ahead and make sure you check out the Friday Night Fling, a great time for fellowship and friendship!

Our third item was a discussion about workshops. This year we will have no society business workshops. Greta Marie Taft is busy looking for workshop presenters. If you are interested, the form is on page 14 and on our State website under the State Convention tab. Just choose State Convention

Forms 2019 and you will find the 2019 Call for Workshop Presenter form.

Our fourth item was about our State and International projects. Marjorie Paradise, Projects Chair is your go to person to discuss the Girl Scouts project. Also, Marjorie can work with you and your chapter regarding Schools for Africa and Early Career Educators, which are projects at the International level. Check out Marjorie's article in this *Keystonian*.

Our fifth item was about US Forum and Educational Legislation. Susan Fritz is our Chair and very willing to help you and your chapter regarding these issues. CTAUN is scheduled for April 5, 2019. Look for Susan's article to tell you more about this and many other topics from the US Forum/Educational Legislation viewpoint.

Lastly, Nancy Hills, Visual and Performing Arts Chair discussed the upcoming choral retreats. The changes she made last year were a success in getting more sisters involved. Stay tuned for more information from Nancy as we plan for State Convention 2019.

Now you know why I am so proud of all the hard work from the EEC committee: Susan Fritz, Nancy Hills, Sandi Klingensmith, Amy Miehl, Marjorie Paradise, Patti Rial, Jeanette Saulo, Greta Marie Taft, Pat Walker and Haddie Weber. We make a great team!

## Calling all Projects Shipmates!

We are "deep" into President Barbara's biennium and so enjoying the collaboration with the Girl Scouts! Keep the good news coming about how your chapters are supporting the DKG Council Patch!

Also, please "shout out" how your chapter has been involved with our other projects:

Schools for Africa, and Supporting Young Career Educators. Several great projects are going on around the state and we want to hear about them. Please email your chapter project news to me at [REDACTED] so that I may share.

Happy sailing,  
Marj Paradise, Chi  
PA State Projects Chair



# Sharing Our DKG Pride

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



When was the last time you checked out the DKG. org website? I mean really dug deep..... that's what I thought. It has been a while, if at all. Me too, but I was looking for something new to pass along regarding membership for this **Keystonian** edition.

WOW, did I find a PowerPoint that embodies the DKG membership vision!! **Sharing Our DKG Pride: Stories from the Heart.** It is one of many PowerPoint presentations available on the International website **but it is a deep dive!** Allow me to share the convolutive path:

## Sharing Our DKG Pride: Stories from the Heart as a Marketing/Recruiting Tool

2016-2018 International  
Communications and  
Publicity Committee

Stacey Chicoine, Susan Kuenzel, Eileen McNally,  
Mary Zirkelbach, Dr. Judith Mera



- ~ Go to the resource tab across the top bar
- ~ Pull down from there to the presentations title
- ~ Highlight and click PowerPoints
- ~ Choose: *Sharing Our DKG Pride: Stories from the Heart. . .*

This PowerPoint can be used as a Chapter Program or a "how to" lesson on marketing and recruiting members for your Chapter. Some of you may have brochures on membership but this PowerPoint could be the template for an electronic version. Maybe you have members who are tech savvy and would take this on as a project to promote DKG for your Chapter.

Do yourself a favor and just check it out. It will make you think and renew your membership spirit!!

# Notes from the US Forum

Susan Fritz, Chi  
U.S.Forum/Educational Legislation Chair



***"Climate change is the defining issue of our time – and we are at a defining moment. If we do not change course by 2020, we could miss our chance to avoid the disastrous consequences of runaway climate change. The time for ambitious #ClimateAction is now."***

***UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres.***

The World Health Organization indicates that "Everyone Everywhere" is at risk of climate change. Between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause 250,000 additional deaths per year due to malaria, malnutrition, diarrhea, and heat stress.

*Our Planet – Our Crisis – What Next?* is the title for the 2019 Conference on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) scheduled for April 5, 2019, at the United Nations in New York City. While

details of specific topics and panelist's have not been released, this timely conference surely will provide information about the effects of man-made changes to our world and how we can make an impact. Registration is open. The registration fee is \$65 for adults and \$30 for students. College, as well as high school students, are encouraged to attend. Special hotel rates are available at the Hampton Inn located at East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street between Second and Third Avenues.

By the time this newsletter hits your inbox, the results of 2018 Midterm Elections will be shaping State and National dialogue. Regardless of whether you personally are pleased with the outcome, these will be the politicians with whom we will be working for at least a few years. Get to know the people who represent you and let them get to know you so your voice is heard.



# Album of Distinction

Haddie Weber , Alpha Phi  
Professional Affairs Chair

**T**he Album of Distinction was established at the State Convention in the year 2000. At that time there was no application necessary, only documentation by members who received an honor during the year. Those members nominated were spotlighted at the Birthday Luncheon.

Since then the Criteria for the “Album of Distinction” was established. It is reviewed by the EEC committee each biennium. This is to keep the Album of Distinction Award an honor to the members. Also, this is to clarify any questions or concerns that our members might have in nominating a sister.

The Album of Distinction (AOD) award is given to recog-

nize a sister who has already received an honor or distinction beyond DKG. This award supports ***Purpose #6: To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members, and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.***

Nominees for AOD 2019 must have received the honor /distinction during the 2018 calendar year, ***January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018.***

A member must complete the form on behalf of another member. A sister who receives an honor/ distinction after December 31, 2018 could be nominated for the 2020 AOD.

A completed nomination form must be submitted by e-mail

on or before March 1, 2019, and/or sent by US mail and post-marked on or before March 1, 2019 to: Haddie Weber in order to be recognized at State Convention 2019.

ALL CHAPTERS are encouraged to submit candidates for the 2019 AOD award. Click on the Awards/Application tab at the top of the page to find the form, the evaluation criteria, and the screen rubric. Current/recent photo (jpeg) preferred and must be submitted with the nomination form. FYI, have a friend review and proofread your nomination form. Our committee is looking forward to receiving your nomination forms by nominated **December 31, 2018.**

# Report from Historical Records Committee

Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta  
Historical Records Chair

**S**ince last we met, I have had an article published in the ***Keystonain*** asking sisters to send me photos of presidential visits to chapters. To date, only a few chapters have responded, so I will make another attempt to get photos from the chapters for the scrapbook of your biennium.

The committee is in process of collecting and making hard copies of photos of Barbara’s biennium for the scrapbook. A power point of these photos will also be created soon. In the spring, the scrapbook will be completed, as will the power point.

Following the death of Lu Page, her chapter contacted me to try to find out when she served on state committees and what they were. My research didn’t result in much information, as she was not listed in the ***Keystonian*** for the last eight years, and International did not respond to my inquiries. We also tried to find her utilizing any data base available at the Joe Paterno Library, but no such data base exists.

At our last meeting, I informed Greta Marie Taft that I would present a workshop on “What Works” as per the group discussion regarding this topic. The committee will be working on this in the next few months.

# Finance Committee Report

Mary Wilhelm, Kappa  
Finance Chair

The State Finance Committee is beginning to gather information to prepare next year's budget. To ensure that our budget meets the needs of the Pennsylvania State Organization, we are requesting that **all** State Committee Chairs and Officers submit budget requests **by March 31, 2019**.

Please send your requests to **Mary Wilhelm**,

send your request, the Finance Committee will assume that your committee is satisfied with your present level of funding.

Finance Chairs should review the guidelines for chapter record keeping. The guidelines are listed in your Finance Committee Guideline Booklet. If your finance chair does not have a copy of the booklet, you can request a copy from the **International Society** website. Chapter bank statements, all

receipts, and budget report should be maintained for four years. Copies of Membership Form 18 should be maintained for seven years.

Thanks to all chapter Finance Chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in keeping the chapter records and for sending forms and information in a timely manner to Wanda Keller, State Treasurer, and Mary Wilhelm, State Finance Chair.

I will be sending chapter First Vice Presidents an evaluation survey asking for input on the performance of one of the following: **State Treasurer**, the **Keystonian Editor**, or the **Web Master**. Please return your evaluation to Mary Wilhelm by mail or by email as soon as possible. This evaluation will be used to determine stipends for the year.

We are again requesting that members receive The **Keystonian** by email if possible. This saves the State Organization a fair amount of money.

## JANUARY 14, 2019 DEADLINE

Twelve Workshop Presenters are needed for the 2019 State Convention in June. Here is a way to get more involved at the state level and challenge your Leadership skills. This year's categories are: Enrichment Grants and other travel experiences; identity theft and scams; grief/loss; or other topics that you are passionate about and are willing to share. If you know someone who has an idea or would be a good workshop presenter please encourage them to apply. Applications are on the state website at [dkgpa.weebly.com](http://dkgpa.weebly.com). The deadline to apply is January 14, 2019.

Contact: [REDACTED]

(The Application is also available  
in this issue on page 12.)

## Birthday Chapters to be Recognized at State Convention 2019

~ 65 Years

*Alpha Zeta* (6.3.1954)

~ 55 Years

*Beta Kappa*  
(4.24.1964)

~ 45 Years

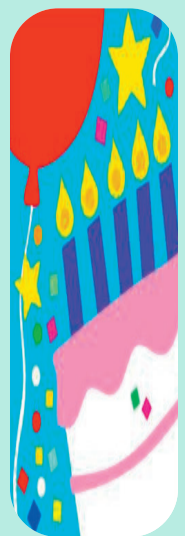
*Beta Xi* (11.23.1974)

~ 35 Years

*Beta Rho* (5.12.1984)

~ 15 Years

*Beta Sigma* (8.28.2004)



## RE: Short Reminder for Nominations for State Achievement Award

Carol Hartley, Chi  
State Achievement Committee Chair

### NOW is the time for State Achievement Award Nominations!

Are you getting started with the nomination of a state member as the recipient of The State Achievement Award? If not, **it's time to do so!** Don't dawdle or delay....

**\*\*GO** to the state website and download the forms you need (Guidelines, Nomination Form or Nomination Addendum). They are listed under "Awards" on the website.

**\*\*BE** in touch with the committee chairman (Carol Hartley) to guide you through the process. [REDACTED] and

leave a message (name, best phone number and what time you are usually available).

**\*\*QUIETLY** is the word of the day – let the state committee chairman help you manage the nomination in secret.

**\*\*MAKE SURE** you meet the Deadline for Nominations: **March 15, 2019**. All you need to know for submitting your nomination is on the form and in the guidelines. Be neat, be concise and **be secretive....**

**\*\*THANKS** for honoring a state member with your work on her nomination!

## DKG - PA Convention Attendance Recognition Award Start sailing on the USS Pennsylvania On June 14-16, 2019

All DKG-PA Chapters will receive one \$35.00 registration fee award for having **10%** of their chapter members in attendance at the 2019 DKG PA State Convention.

### Criteria:

**Chapter members attending the convention must be in attendance for ALL sessions on Saturday and Sunday of the convention.**

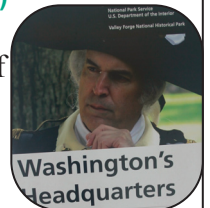
Chapters receiving their Convention Attendance Recognition Awards will be announced on Sunday during the General Session and receive their monetary award and certificate.

Take this voyage and earn the award to be used by your chapter for one of your members. Steer your members in the right direction by boarding a new "ship" and experience what DKG PA is all about at the State Level. Hope to see you on the USS Pennsylvania at State Convention!

Bon Voyage,  
Captain Barbara

### (Seminar from page 1)

tour guide, Briana Kelly, was a wealth of information and truly loved sharing her expertise with us. We visited **Washington's Headquarters and Washington Memorial Chapel.**



John, our bus driver, did an amazing job navigating the traffic as we took the southern route into Philadelphia. We passed all the stadiums and the Philadelphia airport and arrived on time at our lunch destination.

**City Tavern** was an amazing treat! The food was delicious and plentiful. Our servers shared a brief history of City Tavern with us prior to their excellent service of our starter, main course and dessert.



(See Museum on page 10)



Wondering how you can beat the March Blues? Why not join your DKG Sisters at the 2019 Creative Arts Retreat at the Olmsted Manor in Ludlow, PA, where you will enjoy a weekend of creating, sharing, laughing, and don't forget, eating. Participation is limited so register early.

**Saturday Night Fun - DKG-PA'S Got Talent**

~~~ Get Your Talent On ~~~

Saturday night fun will be an Open Mike and Talent Showcase.

It won't be a contest. Just fun and entertainment.

So, if you can dance, sing, act, or even juggle, contact Pat Arnold to have a time slot saved for you.

But, if you decide at the last minute, you can be added to the lineup.

Hope to see lots of "talents" at our retreat.

Pat's information: email: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## A THANK YOU NOTE

The 2018 Awardee for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund, Gail Franko, Beta Rho, utilized her award to purchase chrome books to be used with SCRATCH, a project of the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the

MIT Media Lab. With SCRATCH, a teacher can program interactive stories, games, and animations to share these creations with others in the online community. Students learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work

collaboratively.

Gail is a sixth grade math and science teacher in the Lackawanna Trail School District. She sent the following thank you.

Dear Members of the Nancy Grove Visionary Grant Committee:

I would like to thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support. Thanks to your help, the chrome book lab has become a reality. DKG gave me the start and the courage to move forward on this endeavor. Now my students will have the opportunity to grow through technology. This has

been a dream of mine for my students for quite sometime. The ladies at convention helped me to grow and believe in myself and now I will take that lesson back to my classroom.

See you next year at convention. I will bring lost of pictures of the students so that you can see the grant money in use.

Take care,  
Gail Franko



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION

NANCY B. GROVE VISIONARY FUND APPLICATION FORM, 2019

The Pennsylvania State Organization Nancy Grove Visionary Fund awards a grant to in-service active teacher members to fund innovative ideas and activities related to Excellence in Education within the educational community. This annual award is administered by the Past State Presidents of the Pennsylvania State Organization and will be awarded at the annual state convention. The grant is to be used during the school year immediately following the state convention. Interested applicants shall complete the following application form and send the completed application form postmarked by **February 1, 2019** to:



Please complete the following:

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

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

School District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please answer the following six questions. Attach additional paper if needed:

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

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

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

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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.

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

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(Go to page 10 to complete application)

(Continued from page 9 - Nancy Grove Application)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

### Congratulations Kristine Reynolds and Jackie Thomas

The Arts and Humanities Jury of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is pleased to announce the publication of "Niagara Falls" (cross stitch) and "Niagara Falls" (digital picture) from Kristine Reynolds, Beta Kappa, and *Twisted Sisters`*, *Butterfly Effect Revisited*, and *Gaea`s Hive* from Jackie Thomas, Omicron. They have

been accepted into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts found on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). They anticipate the unveiling of the new Gallery works sometime in late November. It will be on display at the Gallery for six months after which it will be archived.

Congratulations Kristine and Jackie for again setting sail on a new Craftsman-Ship. I am proud you boarded a "ship" on my DKG Circle of Member-ships.

*Barbara*

## Calling All Chapters...Help is Needed!

Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta Chapter, Historical Records Chair

Has President Barbara visited your chapter this year? If she has, would you be so kind as to forward photos of that visit to the Historical Records Committee so that they can be included in her bien-

nial scrapbook and power point for the archives, please? We want her photo remembrance to be as complete as possible and your contribution would be most appreciated. Via email, please send photos to: [REDACTED]

my email address, or via snail

Thank you in advance for helping with this *very important* project!

(Museum from page 7)

Next we went to the **Museum of the American Revolution**. Our visit began with the introduction film, *Revolution*, and a look at Washington's War Tent. Then we had a special program, *Revolutionary Women: Writing About War*. Our presenter was excellent and provided lots of suggestions of things we should not miss when touring the museum. We were given time in the museum to do our own self-guided tour and then time to explore the Historic Area of Philadelphia. Our bus departed at 5:00 PM.

(See Bus Ride on page 15)





# Creative Arts Retreat 2019 Registration

## Creative Arts Retreat Registration March 29, 30, 31, 2019 Olmsted Manor Ludlow, Pennsylvania

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

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

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

I have special dietary needs. **Please specify:**

I have difficulty climbing stairs. \_\_\_\_\_

I will need a handicap room: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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 - \$165.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 3+ in a room - 2 queen beds - \$150.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Handicap room - 2 queen beds - \$165.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 night only registration - \$110.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only Registration- Includes 2 meals-  
\$60.00

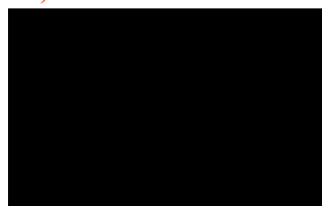
If staying only one night: Friday or Saturday?

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Registration includes, meals, snacks, room,  
workshops, and activities. Make checks payable to:  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

\* Mail check and registration form by

**March 4, 2019** to:



\* OR register online at [www.dkgpa.weebly.com](http://www.dkgpa.weebly.com)

When registering online, don't forget to send a  
check to Doreen Weaber.

### Friday

Registration - 3:00 - 9:00

Make 'n Take Activity- 3:00-5:00 and 7:00-8:00

Meet and Greet - 5:00

Dinner - 6:00

Game Night - 7:00 - 9:00

### **Workshop Selections**

*Circle Your Choices*

### Saturday

6:30 -7:30 - Yoga

**Breakfast** - 7:30

8:30- 9:30 - Labyrinth Walk

8:30- 10:30 - Star Photo Scrapbook

8:30 -10:30 - Silk Ribbon Embroidery

9:40 -10:40 - Book Discussion

9:40- 11:40 - Loom Knitted Hats

9:40- 11:40 - Wearable Prints

9:40 -11:40 - Beaded Goddess Bracelets

9:40 -11:10 - Improve

10:45-11:45 -Photography

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

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

1:30 - 2:30 - DKG Signature Song

1:30 - 2:30 - All that Glitters

1:30- 4:30 - Hang It

1:30 - 3:30 - Water Color

1:30 - 3:30 - Needle Felted Sheep

2:40- 3:40 - Palm Weaving

2:40- 4:40 - Folded Book Art

4:00 - 5:00 - Chorus Rehearsal

**Dinner** - 5:30

7:00 - **DKG-PA's Got Talent**

### Sunday

8:30 - Reflections

**Brunch** - 9:30

10:30 - Departure

(see pages 12-13 for Workshops Descriptions)

# Workshop Descriptions

\*Some workshops require a fee for materials.

\*\*Workshop fees will be collected by presenter.

## Silk Ribbon Embroidery 201 - Pat Arnold

For those who know embroidery stitches, you will create a 4x4 flower arrangement on wool by using silk ribbons. **Only 8 participants. Fee: \$5.00**

## 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!

## Yoga - Karen Portale

A basic practice of stretching and meditation. A great way to start your day.

## Hang It: Twining a Discus - Jackie Thomas

Twining is a simple basket making technique. Starting from a predrilled base, use clothesline and fabric trims, for the core and yarn to stitch together a circular wall piece. This is an easy no fail project that creates a special treasure. **Maximum of 20 participants. Fee: \$5**

## Wearable Prints - Jackie Thomas

Such fun! Laugh! Smile! Get down and dirty! Using fabric inks, print a random or organized pattern onto wearable clothing. Bring your own clothing in need of revitalizing or purchase a silk scarf. **Maximum of 20 participants. Workshop Fee: \$10**  
**Silk Scarf Cost: \$10**

## The Art of Improve - Karen Portale

Are you interested in reducing stress? Being more spontaneous? Having more fun in life? Then improv is for you. Improvisation is not just for actors; it is a useful skill that can be cultivated in anyone. Improvisation can help to improve relationships, memory and overall health. **This is an interactive workshop that is limited to 18 participants.**

## Book Discussion - Self Guided

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.

## Watercolor - Kathryn Cummings

Watercolor Pencils open imagination and visualize the 'story' by the techniques practiced and explored in this TWO HOUR workshop. For the person who loves color and texture, who may feel challenged by drawing 'realistically,' the experience in the class will be fun and uplifting! Each participant will accomplish technical 'samples,' and a completed (or nearly completed) composition. The techniques can be explored by any age or skill level for personal enjoyment or to integrate in the classroom. **Class size limited to 20. Fee: \$10.00**

## Palm Weaving - Diana Borowski

Palm weaving is a folk art in many cultures, especially during the Lenten season. In this course, you will learn how to weave simple palm designs, which, when combined, can create beautiful fresh and dried displays for the home. Designs taught will be "cones," "leaves," and a small corsage. I first began weaving palm as a child, creating designs with my mother to sell for the church Easter festival. Over the years I have taught several weaving classes for the Polish Americans of Lawrence County organization, passing the skill on to others. Please note that due to the intricate work of palm weaving, finger dexterity is a must. **Maximum of 15 participants. Please provide your own stapler. Metal, such a Swingline, is best. Fee: \$10**

## Star Photo Scrapbook - Nancy Fondrk and Sue Hilty

Learn and use scrapbooking skills to create a mini scrapbook album that can be displayed as a flat book or standing up in a star shape on a table.

**Bring: \*15-20 photos (no larger than 4x6) that are of a similar theme showcasing family, an event, a vacation, pets, etc., \*scissors,\*acid free tape runner or glue stick (no liquid glue), and a \*paper trimmer, if you have one. Limit: 15 participants. 2 hours. Fee \$5.00**

## Goddess Bracelets - Vonda Reed

In this 1 hour workshop, each of the 10 beaders will string a lovely Goddess bracelet. It is strung on cord and has a button/loop closure. One feature that makes this bracelet shine is the use of jump rings combined with the beads. The other feature that makes the Goddess bracelet unique is everyone

brings their own buttons for the closure. I used one from my grandmother! **Class limit 10. Fee: \$6.00**

### **Loom Knitted Hat - Amy Miehl**

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. **Maximum of 10 participants. Fee: \$6 per person**

### **Needle Felted Sheep - Kathy Lauer**

Create a sheep from wool roving, using the single-needle felting technique. No sewing required! If you can poke a needle into wool, you can do needle felting! Materials needed: scissors and a ruler. **Maximum class size 25. No fee.**

### **DKG's Signature Song Workshop - Marilyn Rogers**

Designed for any sister who loves to sing, whether it be solely in the shower or on stage in front of an audience. This **1 hour** workshop is bound to lift spirits. Starting with some simple rounds, sisters will then move to singing well-known songs in harmony. Finally, the group will construct their own 'Circle Song,' a spontaneous layering of rhythm, movement, and sound, which when placed together, produces DKG's own "in the moment" song.

### **Photography - Deborah Yargar-Reed**

They say a picture paints a thousand words! "How do I take better photos?" Come join me and discover the basics when it comes to taking photos. This session offers instruction and practice to advance your

skills whether taking pictures of people or places. Let your creativity have fun while picking up a few new tips and techniques for taking great photos! Now go forth and shoot! **Participants should bring a camera if they want to take pictures during the session.**

### **Book Art - Molly Kinney**

You've bought and read a book and decided you don't want to add it to your collection. What are you going to do? Turn it into art, of course. The beauty of this project is its simplicity. The image is made by simply folding the two corners of each page. No cutting, gluing, or special equipment needed. If you'd like, bring embellishments such as stickers, ribbon, beads, etc. No fee, but donations are welcome. **Please, no more than 15 participants.**

### **Reiki - Norma Mateer**

Norma will be offering 20 minute sessions for a cost of \$10.00. All monies collected will be used for the Beta Theta Grant-in-Aid fund. She will be able to schedule 2 sessions in a one hour time slot. Her sign up sheet will be available on site at Olmsted Manor.

### **All That Glitters - Karen Ball**

For over thirty years Karen Ball has been an avid collector and researcher of Rhinestone Costume Jewelry. She will share her passion for rhinestone jewelry and explain what makes Costume Jewelry from the 30's, 40's, and 50's, and even the 60's, so valuable today. View her vast collection of sparkling gems from yester-year as you learn about their history, their construction and how to properly care for, and yes, wear these treasures today! You will leave this session talking like a professional jeweler from the Antiques Roadshow! Art Nouveau? Art Deco? Torsade? Parure? Demi-Parure? Cabochon? Rivoli Stone? Come and enjoy!

### **(Alpha Beta Chapter News from page 22)**

Current president Kris Walters (2018-2020) continues this effort as one of her projects. Anticipating around 15 new teachers, the chapter's project for beginning educators took on large proportions as we learned that there were 29 new hires in the school districts of Bedford, Chestnut Ridge, Claysburg, Everett, Spring Cove, and Tussey Mountain! The "back-to-school" gifts consisted of

mugs (some complements of member donations and some made by Melissa Flynn), stuffed with a \$5 Sheetz gift card and our tri-fold chapter brochure (complements of Becky Johnen and the Executive Board). Some of the sentiments on the mugs were; "I'm a Teacher, What's Your Super Power?" and "A Great Teacher Changes the World." Gifts will also be distributed mid-school year in January and at the end of the school year in May.





## Call for Workshop Presenters Pennsylvania State Convention June 14-16, 2019 at the Nittany Lion Inn

Workshop Title \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Presenter(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Category (check one) Each program should be about 45 minutes long.

☐ Education ☐ Technology ☐ Art, music, poetry, reading etc.

☐ Craft Project (include cost to participants or materials needed)

☐ Physical (self-defense, Pilates, Yoga, etc.) ☐ Enrichment Grant Recipients

Brief Overview that may be used in the program booklet:

**Equipment needed: \*You must provide all your own electronic equipment\***

I agree that if my proposal is accepted, I will be in attendance at the convention and further understand that I will be expected to pay the appropriate convention registration fee as well as travel expenses and lodging. I understand that the Pennsylvania State Organization cannot reimburse presenters or chapters for any expenses incurred for this workshop.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the original form no later than **January 14, 2019** to:



### Alpha Zeta

Ashley Koopmann  
Jene Conklin  
Karlie Vaughn

### Beta Epsilon

Tracy Durica

### Important Dates to Remember 2019-2020

March 29-31, 2019 - Creative Arts Retreat,  
Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, PA

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

July 30- August 1, 2019 - Northeast Regional  
Conference, "Global Awareness," Foxwoods  
Resort Casino, Mashantucket, CT

July 7-10, 2020 - International Convention,  
Philadelphia, PA

# Convention Evaluation Feedback

## Convention Kate: Volume 2

### Dear Convention Kate:

*Why is Convention the "same old" every year?  
You say you want more attendees, but you don't  
change ANYTHING to encourage new people to  
come. You need to start thinking out of the box!*

*Out of the Box Thinker*

### Dear Out of the Box Thinker:

Actually there have been several subtle changes made in the past couple years, mainly as a result of ideas noted on the convention evaluation form. Some of these changes include:

- ~ Hard boiled eggs added to the Saturday morning continental breakfast as a protein source
- ~ Choice of two entrees at the banquet
- ~ Pre-convention activities (wine tasting and golf outing)

~ Album of Distinction presentation/reception and Friday Night Fling all in the Ball room and thus all on the same floor, benefiting those sisters who have mobility issues

~ Cash bar during AOD reception, Friday Night Fling and prior to banquet for ease of purchase

~ First timers serving as escorts for officers' procession at the banquet

~ First timer orientation moved from Friday night to a complimentary breakfast on Saturday morning

We welcome all you "out of the box" thinkers to submit any ideas for convention to our convention coordinator Karen Tinstman at [REDACTED]

### (Bus Ride from page 10)

Driving back to the Hyatt House, John took us down the Schuylkill Expressway. This gave us the opportunity to see other parts of Philadelphia including the Art Museum and

**Elfreth's Alley:**  
Nations's old-  
est residential  
street in  
Philadelphia



Boat House Row. When passing 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station, a discussion arose about coming to International in 2020 via the train and how easy it would be to get to the hotel.

Saturday evening's dinner was followed by a presentation about **Fraktur** by Emily Smucker-Beidler. Fraktur is an American Folk Art that was brought to



Pennsylvania by the German immigrants. There were motifs of hearts, birds, and tulips surrounded by elaborate calligraphy for birth announcements, wedding certificates, children's bookmarks, to name a few. Emily shared some her own Fraktur work as well.

Sunday morning was a Break Out workshop about the American Revolution. So all our knowledge was utilized as we solved codes and clues to unlock five locks and successfully outwit the British. There was amazing team effort and competition filling the room as our presenter, Susan Allen, Chi Chapter, provided support and direction for the break out teams.



**Amazing  
team  
effort**



Our weekend ended with lots of hugs and good-byes. We have fond memories of our time together! I appreciated all the help and support from



**Fern Detwiler, Heather Lilienthal,** and my EEC committee. Perhaps we will meet again in Philadelphia in 2020!



# Apply for PA State Scholarships & Enrichment Grants

Lois Brown, Chi  
State Scholarship Chair

**P**ennsylvania 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. Credits may be earned during a regular or summer term at an accredited college or university. A scholarship recipient may apply more than one time, but 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, to develop an approved independent study project, to author a book, 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 Chair, 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 for Scholarships
4. Other involvement (10 points)
  - a) Community activities/awards/honors

## Application Deadline:

Postmarked by **February 1, 2019**

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:

[dkgpa.weebly.com](http://dkgpa.weebly.com) Click on 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: to be used between Sunday, June 16, 2019 up to the Friday of convention in June, 2020.

## Contact:

Lois Brown, PA State Scholarship Chair



# Enrichment Excursions

## Perusing Panama Karen Snyder, Beta Gamma

Panama is a country on the isthmus linking Central and South America known for its rich culture and history. Spanish is the official language of this unique country, therefore I had various opportunities to sharpen my Spanish speaking skills. In addition to improving my language skills, I was able to expand my understanding of the culture and uniqueness of Panama. Flying into Panama City gave me an opportunity to see the people and places that make this city the capital of Panama. In addition, I was able to meet and have dinner with a friend who I haven't seen for thirty-two years since she lives in Panama. We had dinner, toured the city and she showed me some of her favorite places. Throughout the trip, I took pictures and collected information to include in my curriculum and share with my students.

Visiting the ruins of Panama Viejo, also known as Old Panama, increased my historical knowledge of colonial times, the gateway to the Inca Empire, famous pirates, and the relationships between the English, Spanish, and Dutch in the past. The tourist attractions in this part of town offered "hands on" knowledge and experiences.

Since Panama is famous for the Panama Canal, it was imperative to visit the Canal Museum, the Miraflores Locks, Gatun Lake, and take a cruise through the canal. I was fascinated with the knowledge, hard work and planning that made the canal a masterpiece, not only in its time period, but for future generations.

Of course a trip to Central America would not be complete without a hike through the rain forest to see an abundance of nature and wildlife. Monkeys, sloths, a variety of birds, plants, and animals are welcome sites when exploring a jungle

atmosphere of the Panama rain forest.

The Embera Indians, which number 22,000 in Panama, can be found in the Darien Jungle. This wild, desolate place in Panama has no roads. A few Embera Indians can be found living in the Chagres River area. I spent time with them to learn about their tribe as well as the other tribes that inhabited Panama. I was able to donate items to members of the tribe, spend time with the children, witness



a tribal dance, learn about the unique customs and traditions of this group of indigenous people, watch them make hand-made

articles, and buy something from them to support their economy.

Panama offered a plethora of activities to do throughout my visit. Bargaining at the Kuna Indian Marketplace allowed me to practice my Spanish skills, talk with another group of Indians living in Panama, and support the Kuna Indian community. I was able to witness craftsman making dozens of different products using the Mola embroidery, a well known craft in Panama.

Thank you Delta Kappa Gamma for awarding me an enrichment grant. It allowed me to take a trip to Panama, enhance my cultural understanding, and improve my Spanish language skills. I will be able to share this unique country and knowledge with my students.

## Irish Genealogy Is Not for the Fainthearted Faith Jack, Alpha Xi

After a brief trip to Ireland in 2016, I decided to research my Scots-Irish Jack ancestors. Being a librarian and an amateur genealogist, I thought this

would be an easy task. After hours of searching, all I knew was that James Jack and his wife Elizabeth McNulty married in Ardstraw, Tyrone County between 1719-1725 and emigrated to America sometime between 1726-1755. Wanting to know

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**(Genealogy from page 17)**

more, I registered for a week-long Irish Genealogy course at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) in June 2018 with instructor **David E. Rencher**, Chief Genealogical Officer of Family Search.



Rencher's style was quickly evident on the first day when he stated he takes exception when people who have Irish heritage are told, "Don't bother, all records were destroyed in 1922 in the Four Courts bombing during the Battle of Dublin." Although many civil records were destroyed, understanding the history and laws of Ireland can yield other resources. Main sources of property records are: Griffith's Valuation, the Tithe Applotment Books, estate papers, and maps. Check the National Library of Ireland <https://www.nli.ie/> and <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/> for sources.

In Irish genealogy, nega-

tive evidence plays a major role. Some resources may list Catholics, others Protestants, or poor vs. wealthy, rural farmer vs. urban dweller, so omissions can tell you religious affiliation, socioeconomic status, occupation and locale. This process of elimination research makes Irish genealogy painstaking, but the dogged researcher can succeed and perhaps locate the land where an ancestor lived. In rural areas, the terrain and often the buildings have remained unchanged for centuries.

In Ireland, many tenant farmers had a lease of lives, meaning that as long as at least one of the three people listed on a lease was living, the family held the lease. In the event of the death of one of those listed, a rental fee could be paid to add another name. In many instances, children were listed, so families

held leases for several generations. Perhaps the Patrick Jack who farmed 75 acres owned by the Marquis Abercorn in 1858, in the townland of Meaghy, Ardstraw parish, in the barony of Lower Strabane, in County Tyrone (Source: Griffith's Valuation) is a cousin of my James Jack (1705-1776) whose father was Patrick (1678-1726). Now to find those elusive Abercorn family estate papers....

This summer, I plan to take the second half of Rencher's course and eventually visit Northern Ireland. "Go raibh maith agat" to the DKG - PA State Awards Committee for enabling me to extend the Irish branch of my family tree.

**One half of class — I'm in the middle of the second row**



## Grand Canyon and YogaFit

### Melissa Flynn, Alpha Beta

My trip to the Grand Canyon is one, very important piece in my journey to realizing self and continued practicing of deep meditation and mindfulness. I began this journey while still working, consulting with school districts, practicing mindfulness and doing tasks with intent while encouraging others to do so as well. On retirement last January, I added the yoga practice piece, not knowing where it would lead me, but feeling the importance of practicing.

In February 2018, I took my first YogaFit Teaching Training class. The depth of knowledge, the beauty of the physical practice, and the importance of deep meditation became more clear to me.

There are many places on our earth filled with beauty and inspiring awe, but viewing the majesty of the canyon felt touching, breathtaking, and spiritual, all at one time.

After a restful night in our accommodations in Williams, Arizona, we were treated to a wild west show and boarded our train for the 1.5-hour trip to the south rim. The transportation there was a gift itself, as I had never been in this part of our country and was able to absorb the beauty of a very different landscape. And the **train car** itself was top notch!



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(Yoga from page 18)

Arriving at the rim, we were introduced to the splendor with a bus ride along the rim, arriving back at our accommodations and given the rest of the day to explore. Although there were quite a number of other visitors, the wide expanse allowed for many moments of quiet reflection as my husband and I walked along the rim.



The sound of the birds flying above, the wind in the small trees and the echo of the voices I could almost hear coming from the canyon filled the need to connect with the basic goodness of the earth. The peaceful connection and openness was transformational and is a place in my mind and heart that I can return to in my yoga and meditation practice.

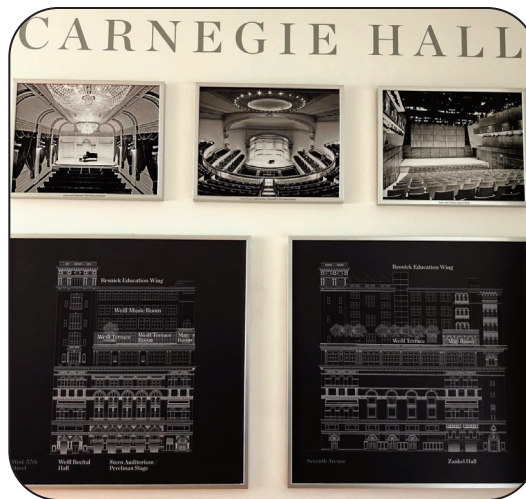


I will continue to teach and learn yoga as I have now completed over 100 hours of training with YogaFit. I am grateful for the opportunity this trip has given me, expanding myself and giving me inspiration for classes that I can share with others. The focus on helping people and especially teachers to relax, to breathe and to apply practices of mindfulness throughout their busy days has been gratifying. Sisters - Namaste' (The light in me, recognizes the light in you.)

## HOW DO YOU GET TO CARNEGIE HALL? PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

Mari Grace Lingenfelter, Beta Epsilon

If someone made a list of the top music halls in the world, **Carnegie Hall** in New York City would definitely be among the top places. This summer I had the honor of being selected to attend Carnegie Hall's Music Educator Workshop July 11-14<sup>th</sup>, which was titled "You Are What You Play." One of their top administrators greeted us to open the



workshop and explained why they have a whole wing dedicated to music education. He said that Carnegie Hall does not have a problem selling out their concerts, but they know they have to **invest in the future** of music education to keep their concerts alive for years to come.

For four days we had classes on conducting methods, building repertoire including student creativity and improvisation, engaging students using inquiry and reflection, and designing curriculum to include connections in the affective domain. University professors and professional

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### (Music from page 19)

musicians taught our classes as we also watched their rehearsal strategies with local NYC student musicians.

The workshop treated us to one of the highest quality of performances, the Tony award-winning Broadway musical, *Carousel*, featuring Renee Fleming, Jesse Mueller, Lindsay Mendez, and Joshua Henry. Not only was this a musical delight, but seeing these performers reminds us of what level we should strive for as educators.

During the workshop, we also had practices as performers ourselves. This allowed us to not only create beautiful music, but observe the rehearsal strategies by our conductors. The workshop closed with our group performance of the orchestra and choir performing Leonard Bernstein's "Take Care of This House." Our conductor told us that the combined number was selected to remind us of two things:

1. It is the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Leonard Bernstein and that we are in "His House" of Carnegie Hall
2. We, as educators, need to realize the "house" we have with the children we teach. It is our responsibility to take care of them.

So, as the impact of walking the halls where Leonard Bernstein, Julie Andrews, Ella Fitzgerald, Luciano Pavarotti, Benny Goodman, and countless other musicians have walked, I think of my revived inspiration from the workshop to help "Take Care of the House" of my future music educators. I end this with Bernstein's words, that can be an inspiration to all educators:

***Take Care Of This House, keep it from harm,  
If bandits break in, sound the alarm,  
Care for this house, shine it by hand,  
And keep it so clean, the glow can be seen  
all over the land.***

***Be careful at night,  
check all the doors,  
If someone makes off  
with a dream, the  
dream will be yours.  
TAKE CARE OF THIS  
HOUSE,  
be always on call.....  
For this house is the  
home of us all.***



## In Memoriam

### Lucretia (Lu) Page

Beta

October 13, 2018

Twenty-four-year member of Beta Chapter, Lucretia Page (Lu) passed away October 13<sup>th</sup>. Lu started her career as a social worker, then onto special education, and finally, as an administrator until her retirement in 2016. Lu had been active in DKG at both the state and local levels during her 24 years, serving in many capacities. She continued to work with teachers in her community after retirement, mentoring them as they furthered their education in administration. Lu was currently serving as Church Council President at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church.

### Ednilou Reeder I

Beta Xi

November 1, 2018

Dr. Ednilou Reeder, of Beta Xi, passed away November 1, 2018. Ednilou had been reinstated to DKG in 2017. She was a classroom teacher and reading specialist during her teaching career. She also tutored students during retirement and was passionate about adult literacy. She volunteered at the library and local food bank.



### Ann Louise Natale

Alpha Lambda

February 6, 2018

Ann Louise Natale passed away on February 8, 2018. She was initiated in 1969. She taught over 40 years in the elementary setting, 38 of which were in the Connellsville School District. In the community, Ann belonged to many organizations that gave back and helped children. She was very active in St. Rita RC Church, serving on many committees and giving of her time and talents.



# Chapter News

## Beta Gamma



Members of Beta Gamma, one of the local chapters of DKG in York, made blankets for people in need. Beta Gamma members, in partnership with St. Matthew's Church, made blankets to donate to needy individuals in the area. In addition, some blankets will be sold so the funds can be used to help those struggling financially to pay some bills and other necessary expenses.

## Lambda

Lambda chapter has had 2 wonderful meetings this year! In September, we heard from the Mercer Area School District administration on the challenges of a diverse population in a rural school setting and getting students to stay in brick and mortar school. In October, **Bonnie Barnes** came to our meeting to tell us all about her Golden Gift scholarship training in Austin and also to remind us of the scholarship opportunities DKG offers all members.



## Alpha Iota

Alpha Iota, Erie, PA, received a large bottle of vanilla from Alpha Iota, Wharton, TX, as a "thank you" for the gift cards they received. At a recent meeting, members received a small cup of vanilla to take home



Cheryl Steele, Loretta Baran, and Linda Johnson



Patricia Heard, Nancy Nardo, Loretta Baran, holding the "Ageless Remarkable Erieite" Award presented to her at the St. Mary's Follies, and Cheryl Steele.

(Editor note: photos did not scan well)

## Sigma

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



Co-President Brittany Bunting-Specht, left, presented a certificate of appreciation to guest speaker Shane Crosby, Executive Director of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission in Harrisburg.

Co-President Deborah Bernhisel, right, presented the Rosebud Recognition Award to Shikellamy teacher Danielle Williams for her recognition as April, 2018, Outstanding Teacher by the Sunbury Broadcasting Co. and Service 1st Federal Credit Union.



## Beta Kappa

As another school year begins, our chapter meeting was highlighted by a local artist whose focus is



pottery. He spoke to us and showed us the finished products of his work!



Member **Heather Hake** told about her trip to Kenya and an EduKenya school she and her daughter visited. The pictures were amazing. The students of Kenya have so little and are so eager to learn.



(Editor note: photos did not scan well)

## Chapter News Continued

### Psi

The sisters of Psi have been active from their first meeting of the year where they collected over 1,000 school supplies for the “new teachers welcome” in their multi-county region. Too, member Karen Ball reprised her “All that Glitters” presentation that she presented at convention in June. The next meeting featured Linda Stahlman who recounted her enrichment

grant travels to Switzerland where she followed the footprint of her Anabaptist relatives. The third meeting, a Ways and Means internal fundraiser, focused on the four recipients of scholarships. Additionally, the members provided a \$600 donation toward those victimized by Hurricane Michael. President Nancy Hills arranged for a second mini-arts retreat held on November 3rd, featuring the many talents of Psi (*P*roductive, *S*pecial, and *I*maginative) people. The Girl Scout project is well underway with activity packets and local enthusiasm.



Pres. Nancy Hills and Becky Raybuck, Scholarship Chair, present scholarships



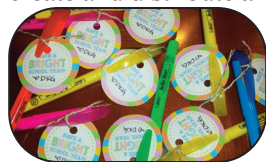
Ways & Means Committee

### Beta Pi

The Beta Pi Chapter of PA has had a very eventful start to our year! First, we kicked off our year in September with our annual **Meet and Greet** social. At our Meet and Greet, current members got to mingle with our new inductees while enjoying delicious appetizers and drinks.



Our chapter president, Marilyn Rogers, also presented our Calendar of Events for 2018-2019. Next, Beta Pi decided to create and distribute a “**Back to School**” favor for every female educator in the Upper Merion Area School District. Teachers received a highlighter that was attached to our DKG brochure with a tag wishing each of them a “Bright



School Year!” On the back of the tag was our chapter web address. The purpose of this project was to brighten an educator’s day, share our chapter’s story to ALL teachers (existing and new hires), and promote chapter recruitment/membership. Finally, our chapter hosted our 7th Annual Designer Handbag Bingo & Basket Raffle at the Black Rock Fire Company, Oaks, PA, on October 12, 2018. This was an extremely successful event for us! We hosted over 200 participants, raffled off 60 fantastic baskets, 20 lucky winners went home with designer bags, 1 lucky winner went home with proceeds from our 50/50, and 1 lucky winner went home with a jackpot in gift cards! We raised a significant amount of money for our grant-in-aid scholarships and community outreach programs!



Bingo Committee

### Zeta

Zeta Chapter chose to take an idea for possible new members from the *President’s Page*. At our October meeting, the membership **stuffed 200 bags** to be distributed to the female teachers at two local school districts. This “treat bag” included a DKG pencil and tablet, a candy bar (sweet) and a bag of chips or pretzels (salty) along with a DKG information pamphlet and a postcard inviting them to join us at our November meeting. We



have plans to do this again in the spring with two different school districts in our area. Our membership and program chair were key leaders in seeing this project to fruition.



### Alpha Beta

On September 18, 2018, Alpha Beta Chapter members stepped back in time and explored the roots of the DKG through a program “Do You Know Our Story?” Using a script prepared by Mary Anne Battaglia of Alpha Phi and Becky Johnen of Alpha Beta, all members took on roles as one of the founders of DKG, International President Cathy Daugh-



erty, and State President Barbara Gasperini, or represented key aspects of the Society. Posters of our founders, current leaders, and DKG symbols highlighted the narrative.

*Gifts for New Teachers:* During Candace Claar’s presidential biennium (2016-2018) one of the chapter’s projects was GIFTS FOR BEGINNING EDUCATORS. Three times a year, teachers new to the districts represented by chapter membership were given gifts with inspirational messages.

(See Alpha Beta Chapter News on page 13)



# Why be a volunteer for the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia?

Dr. Lyn Schmid, Chi  
Leadership and Professional Development Chair

**P**ennsylvania will be joining with New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia to host the 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia July 7-10, 2020, at the Downtown Marriott Hotel. We are in the volunteer commitment stage and we have six reasons for you to volunteer for this wonderful event.

## **1. It's Good For Your Health!**

No, we aren't making this up. Studies have found that when you stop thinking about your own problems and focus on a project, your stress levels start to decrease, your immune system is strengthened and your overall sense of life satisfaction increases. This is because helping interrupts tension-producing patterns and replaces it with a sense of purpose, positive emotions, and high confidence levels.

## **2. Give Back to DKG!**

Your reason for volunteering should begin where your passions lie. Let your love of DKG create a positive experience for those attending the 2020 Convention.

## **3. Make Real Connections!**

Volunteering for the 2020 Convention will let you meet people from all the regions and state organizations of DKG. You could meet your new best friend, future business partner, or have a conversation that sparks a real change in your life.

## **4. Gain a Whole New Perspective!**

Volunteering at the International level will change how you see DKG. This shift in perspective will open your mind to the scope of the Society.

## **5. The Food!**

The convention hotel is attached by walkway to the **Reading Terminal Market**. Beloved by locals and tourists alike, this historic indoor market features more than 80 vendors offering an astonishing variety of food, with some vendors operating in much the same way that they did when the market opened in 1892. The globally inspired food — available for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert, as well as for snacking — is the main draw, while butchers, bakers, chocolatiers, cheese mongers, and produce vendors offer food, ingredients and goods for sale. From scrapple and samosas, to soul food and smoothies, Reading Terminal Market is such a fantastic place to eat that it can be tough to choose what to get.

## **6. Get Inspired in Philadelphia!**

Philadelphia has something for everyone and our hotel is close to it all. Historic sites such as Independence Hall, The Liberty Bell, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, (run the Rocky steps), are just steps from the hotel. The central location also brings easy access to the Barnes Foundation, Kimmel Center, and Franklin Institute. Also worth visits are:

- National Constitution Center
- National Museum of American Jewish History
- African American Museum
- Museum of the American Revolution

- Fairmount Park
- Rittenhouse Square
- Italian Market
- One Liberty Observation Deck
- Citizens Bank Park (Home of the Phillies)
- Franklin D Roosevelt Golf Club
- Longwood Gardens
- Valley Forge



The New Jersey State Organization has developed a Volunteer Response form that is available for you and your chapter members to complete on line. Responses will be added to a database for easy reference. Perhaps you have already completed a paper form that was obtained at the 2018 PA State Convention, but please, additionally complete the Google Form at this link: [goo.gl/gHKUQN](https://goo.gl/gHKUQN) This will assure that you are in the database for volunteering at the convention.



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## State President's Schedule

**November 17, 2018** - Multi-Chapter Visitation  
Alpha Upsilon, Theta, Upsilon, Alpha Phi,  
Alpha Xi

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

**March 29-31, 2019** - Creative Arts Retreat,  
Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, PA

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

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

**May 2, 2019** - Sigma Chapter Visitation

**May 4, 2019** - Alpha Mu Chapter Visitation

**May 10-11, 2019** - Finance Committee Meeting,  
Lewisburg, PA

**May 18, 2019** - Alpha Zeta, Phi, Beta Rho  
Chapter Visitation

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

**June 16, 2019** - Administrative Board Meet-  
ing, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

**July 30-August 1, 2019** - Northeast Regional  
Conference, "Global Awareness", Foxwoods  
Resort Casino, Mashantucket, CT

**July 7-10, 2020** - International Convention,  
J.W. Marriot, Philadelphia, PA