

GA-ZETA

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Zeta Chapter

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Dear Sisters,

The guest speaker at our November meeting, Stasha Kaye, from the New Brighton Children's Community Gardens was enthusiastic, informative and passionate about this endeavor. As a result of having a garden in her back yard and the neighbor children wanting to help her with it Stash formed the idea for a garden for children. She indicated that New Brighton Council has been supportive of this endeavor. The businesses in New Brighton have provided monetary help and help with a water source to water the garden. The land was vacant and available. Now she will apply for grant money to continue this venture. Donations are accepted.



Thank you to our hostesses for the evening, Rhonda Ficca and Sallie Alviani. Sallie made pumpkin cookies so we would have a dessert or for some an appetizer. They were delicious!



Belated Happy Birthday to Rhonda Ficca on Sept. 9.

The following sisters have December birthdays: Tomianne Anderson (12-28), Pauline DeLuca (12-29), Carol Gigliotti (12-29), Elise Gorman (12-07), and Mary Ellen Medich (12-21).

January birthday sister is Andrea Magnifico (01-09). As far as I know there are no February birthdays.

Please let me know if I missed your birthday.

From President Eileen:

You may want to start thinking about some of the applications that are due February 1 and March 1, 2021. It is never too early to start filling out one of these applications. These include:



- Nancy Grove Visionary Award
- Scholarship
- Enrichment Grant
- Album of Distinction
- Achievement Award

Thinking of awards there is the International Achievement Award too! The International Achievement Award is given annually to a member in recognition of her distinguished record in the Society at the international level. As approved by the 2010 International Convention, *The international president shall act in conjunction with the corporate secretary and another member of the Society Headquarters staff annually to review recommendations made by members, chapters or state organizations on forms provided by Society Headquarters. Names of eligible candidates shall be submitted to the Executive Board for vote. The recipient shall be selected by the Executive Board using preferential ballot. If there be but one (1) nominee, election shall be by four-fifths (4/5) vote. (Constitution, Article XIII.B.1.d)* Now is the time to submit recommendations for the 2021 International Achievement Award. Any member, chapter or state organization may submit a recommendation. A form (MS Word interactive format) for submitting recommendations is attached but also available from the Society Website. It is important that the form be carefully and accurately completed in full detail with correct dates of service, because only the information submitted on the recommendation form will be used in the selection process by voting members of the Executive Board.

All recommendation forms for the International Achievement Award must be electronically dated or postmarked no later than March 1, 2021.

The award will be presented at the appropriate 2021 International Conference.

The venue for our **December meeting** has changed. It will take place at New Brighton United Methodist Church. We were able to successfully social distance at our October meeting and the kitchen staff followed protocol to ensure all were safe. If you have concerns about attending this meeting please call me so I can explain the precautions that were taken.

Our December meeting will start with brunch at 10:00 AM. It will be a buffet but the servers will put the food onto your plate as you go thru the line and some of the food will be pre-set at your place setting. I think you will find the menu to be very appetizing. Our musical entertainment and then a short business meeting will follow this. We will have our Silent Auction that benefits our Zeta Scholarship. I hope you have been thinking and planning for what you will bring. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating to the scholarship fund.

Once again, we will be supporting the Women's Center in Beaver. Because of Covid they only want gift cards to Walmart, Amazon, clothing stores or grocery stores. They will accept monetary donations as well. Mary Ellen has graciously agreed to take our donations to the center. Thank you, Mary Ellen.

I look forward to seeing you at the December meeting and what auction items you will bring. Remember to bring your checkbook too!



I am thankful that many of you agreed to be a committee chair. I am thankful for your support. I pray that you each have a relaxing, Happy Thanksgiving with family or friends or both!

I hope to see you at the December meeting.

Kim