



# Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter April 2021

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<http://www.dkg.org>

### PA State Organization

<http://dkgpa.weebly.com>

### Chi Chapter

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## President's Message

Meteorologic spring arrived March 1, astronomical spring, the spring equinox, occurred on March 20, and those days in the middle of the month with temperatures in the 60s and 70s were a harbinger of the warm weather, sunshine, and end to winter that many of us crave each year. As a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, I am not naïve enough to believe the door to the 2020-2021 winter season has closed permanently, but these past weeks have given glimmers of what is to come.

In addition to the likelihood of warmer weather, including more sunshine, there is the promise of greater mobility with the increasing levels of vaccination. Perhaps that makes going to work less stressful or increases the likelihood of spending time with family from whom you have been separated this past year.

As you will read in this newsletter, our sisters have worked hard to make opportunities for service and socializing available to you. I trust you will take advantage of these opportunities as you are comfortable and able. While some of the social activities are in person, at least one of the activities is online.

Best wishes to our sisters who are active in the educational field for a safe and productive end to the school year. You are amazing, and we are proud of all you have done for your students, parents, and community over this difficult past year. Peace and joy.

*President Susan Fritz*

## PROGRAMS

By Andrea Rutledge

In February, we were enlightened by a program from Pennsylvania State President, Eileen Little, titled, You Have A Voice and A Choice. We were reminded of her biennium goals of growing and maintaining membership, supporting early career educators, promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), and growing leadership. Facts that stood out included that since 1960 our world fellowship has supported 986 women from 122 countries with over \$3 million. Also, the number of individuals going into education in Pennsylvania is declining; in 2015-2016 there were 11,436 new licenses and by 2018-2019 there were only 7,629. Eileen reminded us to reflect on how we are using our voice, skills, and choices to impact education and DKG. Have you perfected your elevator speech?

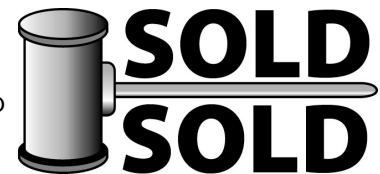
Once again we will meet virtually for our April 17 meeting starting at 9:00 a.m., with the program beginning at 10:00 a.m. Our program will be presented by Gail Goolsby, DKG Sister from Kansas, educator, and author of *Unveiled Truth*. Gail moved to Afghanistan in 2005 as the founding principal of the International School of Kabul, the only American K-12 college prep school in Afghanistan. She'll share her story, *Unveiled Truth: Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul*. There will be time for Q & A at the conclusion of her presentation. Gail's book, which our Chi Book Club just finished, is available for purchase on her website, [GailGoolsby.com](http://GailGoolsby.com), where you can read more about her story. Please RSVP by April 10 using the link on the invitation. Thank you to Marj Paradise for passing on this opportunity.

Please continue to forward any ideas or leads for future programs. Thank you!

## WAYS AND MEANS

By Anna Niesley

As you are aware, this has not been a good year for fundraisers. While we cannot have in-person events, I have found a way to have an online auction. Items will be posted on an auction site and bids will be placed online. Please consider donating an item. We could use gift baskets, (or items that I could combine to make a basket), gift cards, or anything you think our members would enjoy. If you have any items, just call or text me, and I will pick them up. Thank you for your help in creating a vibrant online auction.



# IMPORTANT DATES

## Chi Chapter Meetings

Saturday April 17, 2021: 9:00am to 11:30am

## Chi Chapter Book Club \*\*6:00 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or at the Speckled Hen, in Strasburg

March 25, 2021 ***Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*** by Kim Michele Richardson

May 20, 2021 ***The House of Spirits*** by Isabel Allende

**April 1, 2021 Application Deadline:** Chi Chapter Grant-in-Aid Award

**May 1, 2021 Application Deadline:** DKG International Educators Foundation Cornetet CIPD (Individual Professional Development)

**2021-2022 Chapter Dues Due Date:** June 1, 2021

## Important Dates and Deadlines from DKG State and International

June 11 - 13, 2021 PA State Convention, Hilton Scranton and Conference Center, Scranton, PA

July 7 - 10, 2021 International Conference, Portland, Oregon

July 21 - 24, 2021 International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

## Executive Board Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Monday, October 4, 2021

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Thursday, February 10, 2022

## Chapter Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Wednesday, September 15, 2021: 4:30 to 6:00

Tuesday, November 16, 2021: 4:30 to 6:00

Saturday, February 5, 2022: 9:00 to 11:30

Saturday, April 9, 2022: 9:00 to 11:30



# PROJECTS

By Amy Smith

Here we are in 2021—grateful to be finding new ways to stay connected as Chi sisters. In November, some of our Chi sisters volunteered at Unto (formerly GAIN) to sort clothing that would be distributed to Middle Eastern refugees and homeless people in Harrisburg. It was great being together to do something good for others.

Our Chi Secret Sister Exchange began on February 14 and will last through May 31. An email was sent out in January in order to participate. Sisters that chose to do this exchange are sharing their support and sisterhood with one another.

A volunteer opportunity with Unto is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 10. An email with directions was sent out on January 31, but if you have further questions about this sign-up process, please contact Amy Smith or Brittany Bertoli.

Unto is having a Seats and School Supplies Drive. We are collecting women's underwear (small sizes) and the school items listed below from March 28 through April 10. Drop-off/donation of items can be arranged by contacting Heidi Weber or Amy Smith.

Stay tuned for another opportunity to assist DVS at the beginning of summer.

## Unto School Supplies List

Pencils

Ball Point Pens (blue/black)

Crayons/24 pack

8.5 x 11 spiral bound notebook (minimum 70 pages)

Erasers (not one that goes on the end of the pencil)

Sheets of Colorful Stickers

Toothbrushes (in original packaging)

Small Pencil Sharpeners

12-inch rulers with centimeters



# FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

The February Meeting of Chi Chapter was held on Zoom. The program included a Kahoot online game and a virtual slide show that accompanied the poem "The Dozen's Dream of 1929."



**Who was the founder of our Chi Chapter?** Blanche Foster

**What year was the Chi Chapter established?** 1948

**On what holiday did our Chi Chapter happen to be founded?** Valentine's Day

**In what meeting place were the founding members of the Chi Chapter initiated?**

Hotel Brunswick

**Our longest member is...**Joan Stemen

**When was the PA State Organization established?** 1937

**How many Chi sisters became PA State Presidents?** 3

**What Chi sister is the current PA State 2nd Vice President?** Marj Paradise

**What Chi sister is also our PA State webmaster?** Sue Allen

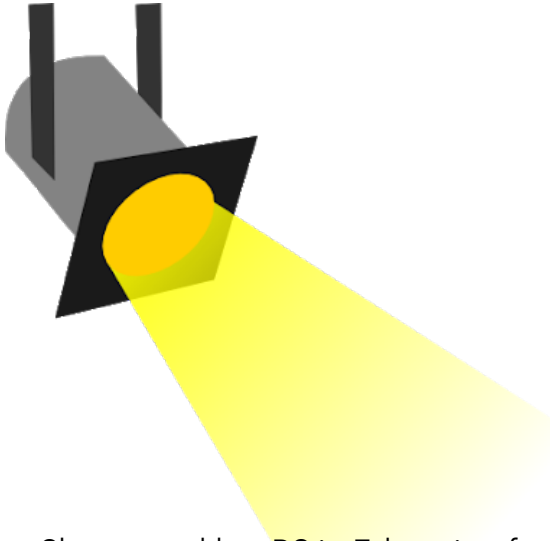
**When was the last in-person Chi Chapter meeting?** February 2020





# SISTER SPOTLIGHTS

By Andrea Rutledge



This Sister was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, but spent her early years in Teaneck, NJ. When she was in Third Grade, her family moved to Indianapolis and stayed there until the end of her Junior Year in High School. Her Senior year and graduation were in Great Falls, NJ.

Her mother was a Teacher and her father was Physician. Her mother encouraged her to teach and it turned out to be a good decision!

She earned her BS in Education from Penn State and her MS in Educational Technology from Johns Hopkins University. She taught First and Second Grade in Pine Grove (outside of State College), while her husband finished his degree at Penn State. She also taught in Hempfield, but left to become the Educational Technology Coordinator for Conestoga Valley School District. In 2005, I retired and have enjoyed so much travel with my husband of 53 years. We have adventured extensively through Europe, the Caribbean, Egypt, South Africa, Alaska, Hawaii, and many national parks in the West. Australia and New Zealand are on the list yet to be explored!

This Sister has 2 children: a daughter Kimberly who lives in South Carolina and a son, Brian, who resides in Lancaster. She enjoys reading, friends, rooting for Penn State football, playing Bridge, Pickleball and golf, AND she is learning how to play Mah Jongg!

Did you know that she and her husband built their own home in the woods 36 years ago? They downsized 3 years ago and now live in an active 55+ community.

This Sister created and maintained our Chi Chapter website for 19 years! She also developed and maintained a website for PSAR and for eight years was the webmaster for the Women's Symphony Association, while serving on their board.

Who is it????

**NANCY FREDERICK**

This sister was born and raised in Lancaster County. She is the middle of 3 girls. Her mother taught in Manheim Township for many year.

Did she know she would be an Educator? She actually graduated with a Business degree and worked in Business for a few years in Washington, DC. At age 25, she returned to school for Certification and she earned her Masters Degree in Education.

Her college years were spent at University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

This Sister's teaching positions have been in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Hempfield School District.

The mother of 2 children, she has been married for 20 years. Her daughter Brooke is 17 years old and a Senior at Hempfield High School. Her son, Ethan is 16 years old and a Sophomore at Hempfield High School.

She loves to travel, even if it's a day trip!

Did you know that her Mother's family has a legacy of being Educators? Her great, great, great Uncle Joe Hopwood founded a few Teaching Colleges in the South. It certainly has carried down through the generations as she is known as a great Educator!

Can you guess? **AMANDA FITZKEE**

## THE DOZEN'S DREAM OF 1929

*BY RUTHANNE W. BURKHART, ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER (INDIANA)*

Source: <https://www.dkgindiana.org/international-founders.html>

A red brick, two-story Victorian with a shady veranda,

Was the greeting place for Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.

Twelve educators came from Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Waxahachie and Ft. Worth.

This is where the modern day Delta Kappa Gamma had its birth.

***THE DOZEN'S DREAM OF 1929***

One grade school teacher, a Dean of Women and four college professors

Were parts of the group ready to handle the pioneering stressors.

These ladies were joined by three elementary principals and three high school teachers,

The diversity and cross-section of educators was Dr. Annie Webb Blanton's mandatory feature.

***THE DOZEN'S DREAM OF 1929***

Although Dr. Annie Webb Blanton had the vision,

There were years of planning, correspondence and scrutiny among the educators forming the DKG evolution.

The Constitution, the Rituals, the insignia and the colors - crimson and gold

Were brought forward for modifications and refinements by the ladies who broke the discriminatory mold - oh, they were so bold!

***THE DOZEN'S DREAM OF 1929***

May 11th was the day – the day of finality.

This is when the original Delta Kappa Gamma became a reality.

Patiently and meticulously the Founders worked through the finances, committees and yes, our favorite song.

Early morning adjournment brought about a unique Society the Founders had worked on for so long.

***THE DOZEN'S DREAM OF 1929***

Yes, it is up to each of us striving to be loyal to the Founders' vision.

We must use diligence and perseverance - it is time to make the decision.

The decision must be to adjust to this ever-changing world of education and draw the line.

And rise to the calling of "***THE DOZEN'S DREAM OF 1929***"!



# U.S. FORUM INFORMATION

By Brenda Walker

DKG has a new website disseminating information concerning the Forum and current legislation and activities. Visit [dkgforum.com](http://dkgforum.com) to see how the Forum is involved with the latest governmental issues.

On February 24, 2021, Dr. Sylvia Johnson presented the *Legislative Issues for our 117<sup>th</sup> Congress*, via Zoom session run by the U.S. Forum Steering committee.

Some educational Issues that will be investigated this year will deal with:

- Education for children with disabilities and the educational support they received during the pandemic
- Standardized testing during the pandemic
- In-person schooling for all children
- Suburban school changes with the demographic shift and inequities in suburban education
- Education funding and the impacts on learning

Some other areas of interest pertain to President Biden and his executive orders:

- Concerning data collection during the pandemic and how that could help schools
- Boosting food benefits for children impacted by the pandemic

President Biden's United States Department of Education appointments were also reviewed.

With a new administration in the White House and Congressional changes, there will be many issues dealing with education and women in the upcoming Congressional sessions.



# CTAUN PROGRAM REPORT

*By Brenda Walker*

## The United Nations and Indigenous People: Advocating for Education

On January 24, 2021, the United Nations held a Zoom session on Indigenous People and historical information related to their culture and education. The first speaker was Nina Kantchum. She spoke about the Equator Prize, a United Nations Developmental Program that awards money biannually to recognize community efforts to reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Dr. Chief Walton Littlechild, from Canada, was the second speaker. He gave a very interesting history on the education of Indigenous people. He discussed the residential schools where Indigenous children were taken from their parents, their culture was also taken and many were abused spiritually, emotionally, physically and sexually. These schools were run by the churches and one of the Indigenous schools was in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Dr. Littlechild said that we do not teach about these Indigenous children, the residential schools and the effects that the schools had on the children and their families. Many of these Indigenous children died in these schools and many were just lost. It was said that “education got them into this mess and education will get them out of this mess”. Dr. Littlechild feels we need to have a curriculum that teaches students about the residential schools, treaties, and antiracism. A theme needs to be “restore respectful relationships”.

Three current college Indigenous students spoke about education and how it has inspired them. One college student now has a passion for advocacy and policy. Another student was the first in his family to go to college, and he sees many educational opportunities. The third student mentioned that the health of the Indigenous people is tied to the political climate.

The last speaker was Dr. Edward Schupman from the Smithsonian Museum. He spoke about the National Museum of the American Indian. Through an analysis of textbooks, he said that we have had limited information on Indians and the Indigenous people are a lost culture. “Education is where we have hope to move forward with understanding,” said Dr. Schupman.

From this webinar, we can see there is still much to learn about our Indigenous people.

# DUES FOR 2021-2022

By Paula Long

It is hard to believe, but it is that time of year again—time to pay dues. If you recall, DKG International aligned due payments with the fiscal year in 2019. This means that the window for dues payments opens April 1, 2021 and closes May 31, 2021. Members of the Executive Board approved the payment amounts at the February meeting. The total for Active Members is \$80, for Reserve Members is \$35, and for Collegiate Members is \$30. Please remit your payment to our treasurer, **Marcia Trach, by May 31, 2021.** The dues breakdown is as follows:

	<b>Active</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Collegiate</b>
International	\$40	\$20	\$20
State	\$17	\$7	\$8.50
Chi Chapter	\$22	\$7	\$0.50
State Scholarship Fee	\$1	\$1	\$1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$30</b>



***Don't delay - pay today!***

**Please send your dues by May 31, 2021 to:**

**Marcia Trach**

**Her address is in the yearbook**

**Please make checks payable to Delta Kappa Gamma**

# CHAPTER RULE UPDATES

By Gisele Rinaldi Siebold

The rules were amended with the proposed changes that were posted in the January 2021 newsletter regarding the approval of prospective members by the Executive Board.

# HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

*By Carol Hartley and  
Debbie Bridgewater*

The Historical Records Committee is inviting you to participate in an important “event” for our chapter. In the biennium of Chi president Joan Blake Stemen (1982-1984), she had the foresight to ask members to write about their involvement in Delta Kappa Gamma and their journeys as educators. Joan compiled their writings, many of which were written by Lancaster County’s important women pioneers in education. These became the basis for our chapter’s autobiography book.

Over the years, each of our members has been asked to add information about herself, but we have not updated some of the autobiographies and have not managed to keep adding new ones for others of our more recent members. Now is your chance to help make that happen. Your contributions to DKG and to your community deserve mention and will help us know each other more fully.

We hope you will find time in the next three months to help us know about how you have been involved in education—your own, and in your career as an educator. How you have come to find Delta Kappa Gamma important in that journey sheds another interesting facet to your story, too. Thanks for putting your story down on paper—in short answers or story form.

To fill out the form online google form, please click the link below.

<https://forms.gle/RxJt9xKez4H3VBe6>

Or, if you wish to fill out a word document or print a copy of the questions, you can use the Autobiography Word Document that will be sent out in an email with the newsletter. Once completed, please return to the co-chairs of the Historical Records Committee, Debbie Bridgewater and Carol Hartley.

If you have any questions, be in touch with either of the co-chairs of the Historic Records Committee (our contact information is in your Chi Chapter Yearbook). We will be delighted to receive your auto-bio! Use as much space as you wish ...



## CORRESPONDENCE

By Brittany Bertoli

We now have an updated online directory as we wait to be able to distribute paper copies of the 2020-2022 biennium yearbook. This document gives you addresses and phone numbers for all your Chi sisters. To access the directory, please click on the DKG Directory, included in the email with the newsletter. You will need to enter the password included with the email that accompanied the newsletter to gain access to the document. As soon as we are able to see everyone again, you will receive a paper copy of the yearbook, if you requested one, and an official pdf of the yearbook will be shared.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

By Brittany Bertoli

We are looking for someone to run our social media pages. If you are interested in helping out with posts, please contact Brittany Bertoli.

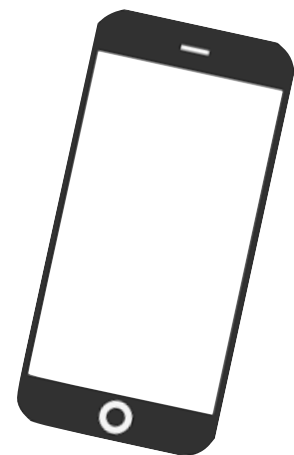
Please continue to check out our social media pages!

- **DKG Facebook Page - [DKGPACHi Facebook Page](#)**
- **DKG Instagram Page - [DKGPACHi](#)**

To follow us, just search our username or scan the Nametag below. [Click here for directions](#) on how to use the name tag.



- **DKG Twitter Page - [DKGPACHi Twitter](#)**
- **DKG Facebook Group - [DKG Chi Chapter of Pennsylvania](#)**



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*By Brittany Bertoli & Sue Allen*

Are you missing all the social events and catching up on what your Chi sisters are doing? Well, we have the events for you!

- **Tuesday March 23 at 7 p.m. - Sip and Socialize**

Join our Zoom meeting to sip your favorite beverage and catch up with friends near and far. We will begin in one room and then split into breakout rooms for icebreaker games.

- **Tuesday, April 20 - Spring into an Escape**

In April, we will participate in a virtual escape room via Zoom. Come ready to use your problem-solving skills and enjoy time with your Chi sisters. Some examples of possible escape rooms are Jumanji: Escape Room; Escape from Wonderland; or Spy Apprentice. Can you escape?

- **Tuesday, May 18 - Who did it?**

May will be a murder mystery social. Join us for an adventure via Zoom to figure out the mystery.

- **June - Rail Trail Walk**

- **July - Northwest River Trail Walk**

- **August - Mt. Gretna Trail Walk**







INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

Fourth Chi Chapter Meeting, 2020-2022 Biennium

Business Meeting and Program:

**Unveiled Truth: Lessons I Learned Leading the  
International School of Kabul**

Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9:00am via Zoom, link sent the  
day before

Please RSVP using this [link](#) by April 10th.

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Have an idea for a program?

Please forward information or suggestions to Andrea  
Rutledge.