

Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter January 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message

2021 has arrived! Many of us have been holding out for the promise and optimism we tend to associate with a new year. As we turn toward the future embodied in 2021, we bring with us the triumphs, defeats, joys, sorrows, health, illnesses, travels, and stay-at-home orders of 2020.

I created a "Christmas book" for my family about 25 years ago. Each year as my extended family gathered for Christmas, the book came out and they were asked/begged to write something about their year. In keeping with my profession, they were rewarded with a selection of stickers with which they could decorate their entries. We did not gather in person for the holidays this year, so my family is sending me their stories to add them to the book. Coming from a family that is notoriously reluctant to write, the stories have been slow to come. Of those I have received, I have been blessed to discover more than usual about their past year and in particular, the blessings that have emerged throughout a year of difficult times.

In the midst of a pandemic that has tested us and has created situations that seemed overwhelming, there have been beacons of hope and caring. Perhaps you



were the recipient of those blessings, perhaps you created those blessings, and most likely, you both received and created blessings. It is in those connections between people that I find hope.

2021 already has brought forth nearly unprecedented events in our nation's capital and the pandemic, with all its complications, continues to rage with only a slowly distributed vaccine as a light to counteract the darkness of that disease. Still, it only takes a small light to banish the darkness.

The lights of courage, perseverance and love each of us have sent into the world last year made a difference. I am confident these lights will continue to shine in 2021, and educators again will conquer the challenges they, their students, and community families face. Happy New Year!

President Susan Fritz

PROGRAMS

By Andrea Rutledge

The November program, Teachers and Teaching in Kazakhstan, by Zhanar Tostubayeva, our World Fellowship recipient, was eye opening! The history and comparison of education to our system in the U.S. was fascinating. A few tidbits that stood out included: the tradition of students bringing flowers to their teacher on the first day of school; the first Sunday of October is Teachers Day when teachers celebrate together; most schools were built during the Soviet Union period; and internet in homes is problematic during this pandemic as well. Zhanar is finishing her master's degree in special education this spring and plans to return to Kazakhstan to teach. Thank you Eileen Little for helping to coordinate the opportunity!

Looking forward to February 6, our State President, Eileen Little, will officially join us to present the program, DKG: You Have a Voice and a Choice. Please RSVP by February 1 using the link on the invitation.



IMPORTANT DATES

Chi Chapter Meetings

Saturday February 6, 2021: 9:00am to 11:30am

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

Executive Board Meetings 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Newsletter Due Dates

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

February 1, 2021 Application Deadline

Chi Chapter Presidential Visionary Award

Nancy Grove Visionary Award

Pennsylvania State Scholarship

State Enrichment Grants

Album of Distinction

March 1, 2021 Application Deadline

International Achievement Award

March 15, 2021 Application Deadline

PA State Achievement Award

Chi Chapter Book Club

January 28, 2021 ***Unveiled Truth*** by Gail Goolsby,

DKG 2020 Educator's Book Award winner

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

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

**6:00 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or at the Speckled Hen, in Strasburg

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

Important Dates and Deadlines from DKG State and International

April 23-25, 2021 State Creative Arts Retreat, Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA

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

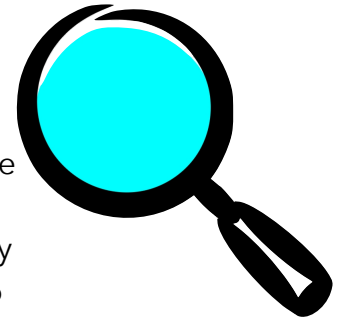


CHI CHAPTER PRESIDENTIAL VISIONARY AWARD

By Eileen Little

MONEY...

Have you ever thought that you would love to have some extra money for a special project at school? Well, you are in luck with the new Chi Chapter Presidential Visionary Award! The Past Chi Chapter Presidents want to help make one of your dreams a reality with the \$300 award. The recipient will have until June 30, 2022 to use the money. The application is available on the Chi website. An email request for the application and guidelines can also be sent to President Sue Fritz or Eileen Little.



A committee of Past Chi Chapter Presidents will review all applications and present the award at our Spring 2021 Chi Chapter meeting. Don't wait and miss this opportunity! The application needs to be emailed or mailed to Eileen Little by **February 1, 2021**.

PROJECTS

By Amy Smith

Happy New Year, Chi sisters! Connecting with our sisters and serving others in our community are at the heart of Chi chapter. On November 14th, a few Chi sisters, Brittany Bertoli, Barbara Andrews and Amy Smith volunteered at Unto, formerly known as GAIN in Mount Joy. We had the opportunity to sort through clothing to be donated to various individuals in Harrisburg that are homeless as well as refugees from the Middle East. It was a great time of fellowship and doing something for the betterment of others. Looking forward to our next time at Unto!

In lieu of caroling this year, we sent out Christmas and holiday wishes to some of our Chi sisters to spread good cheer.

We are still exploring what options we are able to do in order to support DVS as well as in the future seeking to organize a drive for various needed resources—more to come. Thank you, as always, for your care and participation in supporting these Chi chapter projects!

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

By Linda Young

In 2020, we celebrated three sisters, Kay Gontner, Carol Hartley and Lyn Schmid. These sisters have reached milestones in our Chi Chapter. Kay Gontner received her 50-year-membership pin from Kathy Kuzmiak on November 5, 2020. Carol and Lyn were honored with 40-year-membership pins. Eileen Little and Linda Young presented Carol with her 40-year-membership pin on October 20, and Lyn received her pin on November 4. We thank them for all their contributions to our chapter throughout the years.



From left:

Carol Hartley receiving 40 year pin.

Kay Gontner receiving 50 year pin.

Lyn Schmid receiving 40 year pin.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Brittany Bertoli

Wanted: Do you love to plan events? Are you creative and enjoy finding fun and relaxing activities to do together with a great group of women? We are currently looking for someone to take over the role of Social Committee Chair! Please let President Susan Fritz know if you are interested.

CHI GETS SOCIAL

By Brittany Bertoli

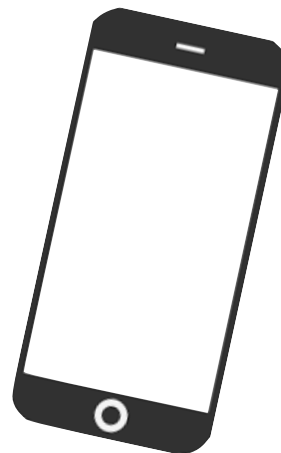
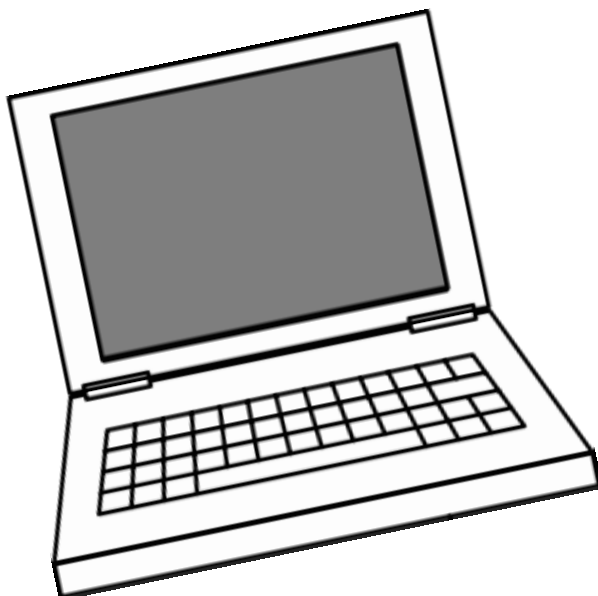
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- **DKG Instagram Page** – [DKGPACHi](#)

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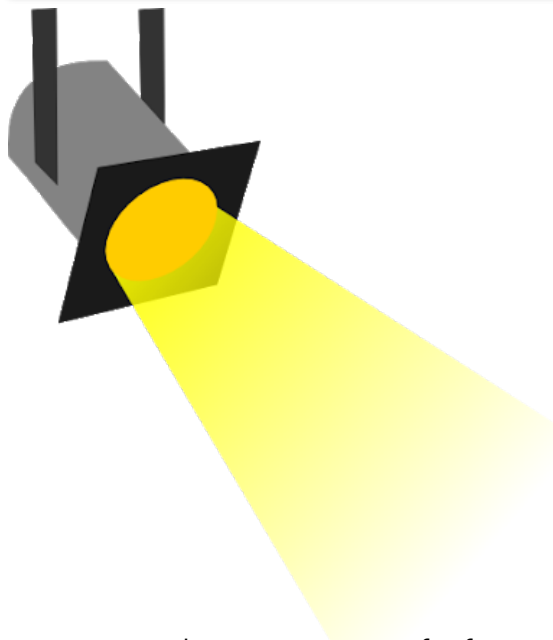


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- **DKG Facebook Group** – [DKG Chi Chapter of Pennsylvania](#)



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

By Andrea Rutledge



Who is this Chi sister that has 2 older brothers and an identical twin sister, Kathy? They get confused in public all the time. Their sister, Cheryl passed away in 2016 after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Who is the Chi sister that has been married to Keith for 29 years? Their oldest son Kyle just bought a house and is in health administration. Their daughter Kassidy is married to Caden 2 years this month; they live and work in the Lehigh area. Their youngest son,

Kurt, is in his senior year of a five- year master's program at Lebanon Valley College, majoring in speech and language therapy.

Who is the Chi sister that loves to vacation in Avalon, NJ, Williamsburg, VA, and the Chesapeake Bay? She also spends time gardening, cooking, running, and doing yoga.

Who is the Chi sister that earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Shippensburg University, a master's degree and reading specialist certification at Millersville University, and then an instruction supervisory and reading supervisory certification at Millersville University?

Who is the Chi sister that started out teaching 6th grade reading? She now teaches at Hempfield as an elementary reading specialist and literacy coach. This year she added another role as department coordinator for elementary ELA.

So, who is this Chi sister?

She is my colleague and friend, Kim Rineer.

FROM CHI CHAPTER PARLIAMENTARIAN: PROPOSED CHAPTER RULE CHANGES

By Gisele Rinaldi Siebold

Chi Chapter's Executive Board is asking the general membership to join in a discussion at the next general membership meeting about the following proposed changes to the chapter rules.

Current Language

III. Membership

B. Recommendation for Membership

2. The chapter membership chairman will present a list of new member prospects to the Executive Board meeting immediately prior to a chapter meeting for voting on the approved prospect list.

3. After approval from the Executive Board, the Membership Chair compiles the prospective members' names on a ballot and presents this list to the chapter membership at a meeting where the membership votes on these names.

C. Voting

1. Voting for prospective members will occur at a chapter meeting following Executive Board approval and prior to induction.
2. The general membership will vote by secret ballot, with a 4/5 favorable vote electing a candidate to membership.

D. Candidates for Membership

1. All prospective members who are approved by the chapter receive an invitation to an informational meeting.
2. The prospective member completes a membership application at, or following, the informational meeting and is told the date and time of the induction meeting.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Third Chi Chapter Meeting, 2020-2022 Biennium

Business Meeting and Program:

DKG You Have a Voice and a Choice

Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 9:00am

via Zoom, link sent the day before

Please RSVP using this [link](#) by February 1st..

Have an idea for a program?

Please forward information or suggestions to Andrea
Rutledge.