



Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter November 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message

President Susan Fritz

Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International's Vision is Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide. I often reflect on how that vision is reflected in the women in the Pennsylvania State Organization and in Chi Chapter. Sometimes that reflection occurs as I read an obituary of a Chi sister who dedicated her life to improving the education system offered to children in a high poverty area. Sometimes it is when I listen to sisters talk about the highs and lows of educational processes in their local district. Sometimes it is when I watch women from Pennsylvania and Chi Chapter assume leadership positions throughout the organization, including International President.

The women of DKG cover the full range of educational positions and disciplines. We teach reading, math, social studies, science, technology, English, foreign languages, art, music, and special education. We are counselors, psychologists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, social workers, principals, supervisors, deans of students, superintendents, and college professors. We work as coaches, club advisors, theater directors, set designers, and then volunteer in our local communities and churches, and take trips abroad to make life better for those far away from our usual spheres of influence.

I am in awe of the talent, experience, and skills that surrounds me at each DKG event I attend. My

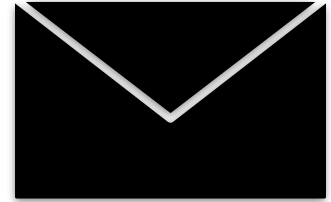
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

By Susan Fritz

bottom-line message? DKG brings together amazing women whose talents are evident in, but go far beyond, educational settings. We are those women. You are that woman. I appreciate you and I appreciate the work you do each day in our school and communities.

Note regarding DKG International

DKG headquarters relocated and has a new address. In the event you need to mail something to headquarters, please use this address: 1801 E. 51st Street, Ste 365 - 163, Austin, TX 78723. This address can be accessed on the DKG website.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2021

By Susan Fritz

Each of the committee chairs provided a description of their committees for the September 2021 newsletter to showcase their responsibilities as well as their accomplishments during the first year of the 2020-2022 biennium. It occurred to me that perhaps I also should share the activities I completed or participated in as Chi President.

The pandemic created disruptions across most areas of life last year. The cancellation of the 2020 Pennsylvania State Convention included cancellation of in-person training for the incoming Chapter Presidents. As an alternative for this "beyond their control" circumstance, the PA State Organization officers provided the training through eight Zoom sessions in June and July 2020. This training was followed by Zoom opportunities in the fall, winter, and spring that allowed State Leadership and the Chapter Presidents to share information and ask questions.

A Leadership Training the day before the 2021 PA State Convention provided the first occasion where the Chapter Presidents could gather for training in person. As noted in the Convention Report in the September Newsletter, I was joined by several Chi sisters as I represented Chi Chapter at the 2021 PA State Convention.

Among the duties of a chapter president are developing the agenda and presiding over the four Business and four Executive Board meetings, approving newsletter articles before sending them for editing and printing, writing or approving messages sent by email to membership, and writing the President's Message and Important Dates for each newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

By Susan Fritz

I joined several sisters in enjoying Book Club, the Zoom Murder Mystery, Secret Sister exchange, and volunteering at UNTO. Unique to this year was an additional newsletter published in June to celebrate the successes that were too wonderful to wait until September. The Chapter officers worked together to send Valentine postcards and all five-year member honorees received a certificate celebrating their years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

2021-2022 WORLD FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

PA State Organization President Eileen Little and World Fellowship Chairwoman Rose Ann Colosimo released the following status report on Delta Kappa Gamma's 2021-2022 World Fellowship recipients: "None of the recipients are studying in PA but perhaps one of the ladies is studying in a field you would like to know more about, or you want to share your expertise with her. I am sure any of them would love a note or card whether email or US mail."

The World Fellowship Recipient list will be updated as more information becomes available. This information cannot be shared publicly, but is password protected and available on the Society website.

Zhanar Tostubaeva, our past World Fellowship recipient and a presenter at one of our Chapter meetings last year, is working on her post-degree academic training. She is working as a teacher's assistant at Easter Seals Early Learning Center for one year. Please contact Susan Fritz for her address if you would like to keep in touch with her.

TREASURER UPDATE

By Marcia Trach

When you read your Chi Chapter yearbook (either paper copy or virtually), please add my name, address, and cell phone number to your contact list. You will need this information to send me your reservation when we again meet in person, and when you pay your 2022 - 23 dues, which will be due by May 31, 2022.



IMPORTANT DATES

Executive Board Meeting Dates for 2021-2022, 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Thursday, February 10, 2022

Newsletter Articles Due Dates

Tuesday January 18, 2022
Friday February 18, 2022

Chapter Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Tuesday, November 16, 2021: 4:30 to 6:00 via Zoom
Saturday, February 5, 2022: 9:00 to 11:30
Saturday, April 9, 2022: 9:00 to 11:30



Proposal/Application Submission Dates for PA State Organization

December 20, 2021: Workshops Proposals for State Convention 2022 due to Royce Boyd, EEC
February 1, 2022: Scholarships Forms due to Susan Martin, Scholarship Committee
February 1, 2022: Enrichment Grants forms due to Susan Martin, Scholarship Committee
February 1, 2022: Nancy Grove Visionary Award due to Tracey Dusch
March 1, 2022: Album of Distinction due to Tina Smith Gilbert, Professional Affairs Chair
March 15, 2022: Rosebud Award due to Nancy Schnell, Achievement Award Committee

Important Date for PA State Organization

June 9, 2022: Leadership Seminar, Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA
June 9 to 11, 2022: PA State Convention, Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA

Important Dates for DKG Society International

December 15, 2021: Bulletin Collegial Exchange submissions
December 15, 2021: DKG Ignite (LMS) application
February 15, 2022: Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
March 1, 2022: DKGIEF Project Applications
March 1, 2022: Bulletin Journal Submissions
July 12 thru 16, 2022: International Convention, Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana
Summer 2024: International Convention, Gaylord National, DC Area National Harbor, Maryland
Summer 2026: International Convention, Gaylord Rockies, Aurora, Colorado

FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Paula Long

What is happening next: It is a relatively quiet time of year for the Finance Committee. A reminder to Committee Chairs: if you are unsure of the amount allocated for your committee, please reach out to Paula Long to confirm the total before spending. Please remember to submit your receipts to Treasurer Marcia Trach for reimbursement.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Melissa Ostrowski

Since the last newsletter we met to look at the book suggestions and narrow them down for selection. An email blast was sent for Chi members to vote for their top choices.

Our first book for the selection will be Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict. "An incredible novel that focuses on one of the people who had the most influence during World War I and World War II: Clementine Churchill. In 1909, Clementine steps off a train with her new husband, Winston. An angry woman emerges from the crowd to attack, shoving him in the direction of an oncoming train. Just before he stumbles, Clementine grabs him by his suit jacket. This will not be the last time Clementine Churchill will save her husband. Lady Clementine is the ferocious story of the ambitious woman beside Winston Churchill, the story of a partner who did not flinch through the sweeping darkness of war, and who would not surrender."

We will meet at 6 p.m., November 11, at Panera, 130 Rohrerstown Rd., in Lancaster. If you would like to participate virtually, please send an email to Melissa Ostrowski. We will have a laptop set up.

Future Chi Chapter Book Club gatherings will begin at 6 p.m. on the following Thursdays: January 27, March 24, and May 19. Locations will be announced at a later date.

WAYS AND MEANS ANNOUNCEMENT

By Anna Fulton

I am excited to announce that we have a date for our trivia night event. It will be held at **7 p.m., Thursday, April 28, at the Lancaster Country Club**. The event will include food, a cash bar, a silent auction, and prizes. Get your teams together for a fun-filled evening!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

By Marjorie Paradise

The Nominations Committee is actively surveying current officers to learn of their intent to continue serving in a leadership position. A slate of incoming Officers will be developed for the upcoming biennium. **Any Chi sisters with an interest in serving as an Officer should feel free to contact Dr. Marj Paradise to submit their name and interest. It is a wonderful way to get involved and serve our chapter.**

The Committee will present a slate of Officers to the Executive Board in January 2022, with an expected vote of full membership at the February 2022 meeting. The Past Chapter President will be notified so that Installation of Officers can be conducted at the First meeting of the new biennium.

SISTER SPOTLIGHT

By Sue Allen



This sister grew up in Washington Boro and moved to Millersville when she was in high school. She attended Millersville University and earned a BS in social studies education followed, by a Master's degree in school counseling, also from Millersville, and her principal certification from Alvernia. She has been married to her husband Dan for 27 years. They have one daughter, Lydia, who graduated from Millersville in 2020. Her family also includes their dog Lulu, who her parents occasionally provide doggie day care for. She and Dan love to travel and find good food, fun people, good music, a bit of history and beautiful nature! They are working on getting to all 50 states. She can't, however, resist an island getaway!!

She is a voracious reader, enjoys volunteering, flower gardening, walking, and traveling. She loves to play board games, to take classes and try to learn new things and have new experiences. She loves to hear live music and travels with her husband to see live bands. She is active in the local school counseling organization, the Lancaster NAACP Education Committee, the Penn Manor Alumni Association, Penn Manor Democrats, and serves on the Millersville Borough Civil Service Commission. Her first job was working in the dish room at Millersville University. She is currently a School Counselor at Penn Manor High School and serves as the K-12 Counseling Department Coordinator.

This Chi Sister is **Melissa Ostrowski**.

HISTORICAL RECORDS

By Deborah Bridgewater

The Historical Records Committee met at Loxley's Restaurant on August 30 to discuss our vision for what we would like to accomplish in our committee work. One of our main goals remains keeping and updating the chapter's Autobiography Book (with an entry about each member). Members are invited to prepare their page(s) for the book on the Google Form or submit a paper copy of the form.

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.

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

<https://forms.gle/RxJjt9xKez4H3VBe6>

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 complete please return to the co-chairmen Carol Hartley or Debbie Bridgewater. Contact information is available in the Chi Directory.

A few of the many other goals discussed included archiving and storing what we have in our history, making decisions about what documentation needs to be kept and what can be purged, and continuing to shine a Chi spotlight on national and international initiatives.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

By Andrea Rutledge

On September 15, 2021, we held the program Demystifying Dyslexia by Dr. Rachel Moore, co-founder of Lancaster Reading Solutions. She unpacked what dyslexia is, signs to lookout for, and actions to take if suspected. A key takeaway- identify early. Families and teachers have public and private options for addressing symptoms of dyslexia with or without a formal diagnosis. Advocate early and often.

The next meeting and program, What's Archiving?, will be held virtually on November 16, 2021 by archivist Rachel Grove Rohrbaugh, from Elizabethtown College. Understanding the purpose and process of archiving will be discussed, followed by how that translates for archiving our own historical records for Chi Chapter. Kudos to the following sisters for having updated biographies submitted: Anne Berrios, Melissa Ostrowski, Nancy Schnell, Kim Rineer, Carol Heinzleman, Pat Sullivan, Joan Stehman, and Sue Allen.

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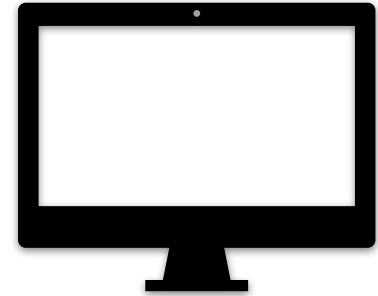
For the vast majority of us, the Historical Records Committee are eagerly awaiting updated biographies to be submitted; digital or paper copies are welcomed. Please use the link and/or send to Marcia Trach, Carol Hartley, or Debbie Bridgewater.

Here are links for the November program:

Invitation: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10JfFI_HRpnGl3mrzp3gbmbgUOpIHTCnQXlgn2N1m9DE/edit?usp=sharing

RSVP:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwGk2x0olAHhFb7haAGUpXc83VYbZAF7o3Gi48HKyF0EVjvg/viewform?usp=sf_link



PROJECTS UPDATE

By Amy Smith

Activities since last report: Items were collected and delivered for women and children at Domestic Violence Services (DVS), including books for all ages of children to expand the DVS library. We also collected items for the UNTO Back-to-School drive. Items will be delivered in October.

What is happening next: We will be delivering small tokens to our Chi sisters to bring them Holiday cheer this December. More information on how you can help with be sent out in November in an email blast. We also plan to work with DVS again this holiday season but are waiting for specifics on what is needed. More information to come.



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

By Nancy Schnell

The Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Committee presented earlier this month a new and exciting idea for all Chi members. The new Chi Art/Talent Gallery is being created as you read this article. Each of us have many hidden talents, skills, and ideas that are unknown to other Chi members. Sharing your talents and skills with those around you is a great way to learn more about each other. Please consider sharing part of yourself by sending pictures of your work to be placed in the Chi Gallery. All pictures should be sent to Nancy Schnell.

The Chi Gallery will start out in a virtual format. We would like to have our first showing ready to go for the November meeting. Our plan is to continue to grow and change over time.

Stop right now.... Take some pictures of your work. Take a video. Share your work with Nancy Schnell via email. Do it now, before you forget.

NEW to CHI

CHI ARTS / CRAFTS & PERSONAL TALENT GALLERY

The Visual & Performing Arts committee has been challenged to find and gather examples of the many Chi member talents. We know we have many talented ladies in Chi. Now is your chance to share. Please consider sharing today. Some ideas, **but not restricted to** , could be....

- ❖ Crafts (any and all)
- ❖ Paintings
- ❖ Drawings
- ❖ Written pieces (articles, stories, poetry, & more)
- ❖ Photography
- ❖ Videos (music, performances)

Share..... Connect..... Teach..... Don't hold back. Take a risk.
 Send photos of your talents to add to the new Chi Gallery to cnschnelli@verizon.net
 We would like to start sharing at the November meeting.



DKG BEYOND CHI

By Susan Fritz

Presented at the September 2021 Chi Chapter Business

Goal: Discuss how to access scholarships, awards, and experiences beyond Chi Chapter, focus on the State and International levels of DKG.

Advice: Keep track of your involvement in and attendance at DKG events at the chapter, state, and international levels, including awards and recognitions.

Experience: Conference on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN)

How to Access: I joined Chi in April 2011 and attended my first Regional Conference in July at Hershey, which was under the leadership of Northwest Regional Director, Dr Lyn Schmid. One of the sessions I attended early in my DKG journey discussed CTAUN.

Less than two years later, I attended my first of several CTAUN meetings, titled **Advancing Social Justice: The Role of Educators** (January 2013). I sat with other Pennsylvania State Organization (PSO) sisters, including future PSO President, Tracey Dusch, whose chapter was receiving an award for their "Can You Spare a Pair?" underwear collection campaign that would allow female African children to attend school. For a period of time, I was attending the CTAUN Planning Committee meetings in NYC after another PA Sister introduced me to Anne Marie Carlson. Attendance at these sessions required time off work, which was not sustainable on a monthly basis.

As you can see from the titles of the CTAUNs I have attended, these are topics with significant learning and teaching potential.

- **Promoting Peace through Education** January 31, 2014
- **Stewardship for a Sustainable World: Education in the Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDG)** January 22, 2016
- **Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children** April 6, 2018
- **Our Planet-Our Crisis-What's Next?** April 5, 2019
- **War No More** February 28, 2020

CTAUN conferences have several features.

- Prior to the pandemic, they were held at the United Nations in NYC.

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- For each conference, a theme is chosen that examines issues of global concern, and ways in which the UN and other agencies approach possible solutions. The conferences are solution oriented.
- Educators as well as college and high school students are invited to attend.
- Multiple panels composed of world renown presenters from the United Nations, individuals, and agencies address aspects of the theme.
- Poster Competition for College Students: Students from around the world create posters on a topic related to a conference theme. The artists are introduced at the end of the morning sessions and the posters are displayed during the lunch break; students are present to discuss their work.
- Non-Governmental Organizations participate in an information fair to promote CTAUN values and themes.
- The conference ends with entertainment. Past performers included Peter Yarrow and NYC student groups.
- Excellence In Education Award (formerly CTAUN Best Practices Award): One of the goals of CTAUN is to encourage and support educators in finding ways to help their students learn about the goals and mission of the United Nations. Teachers and community leaders are encouraged to use information and materials from past conferences to develop their own curricula and then share results with CTAUN through an annual competition for the Excellence in Education Award.

When Tracey became State President in 2015, she asked me to serve on the PSO Administrative Board as the US Forum Chair, a position I held through June 2021. As a State chair, I received partial reimbursement for attending PA State Conventions, CTAUN, and the National Legislative Seminar (NLS). NLS is held in Washington D.C. in odd years and provides information on topics of interest as gathered from the US Forums at what are now called International Conferences the previous year. It also teaches about nonpartisan political advocacy and includes a visit to the US Capital for visits participants pre-arrange with their member of congress.

Takeaway: One session at a DKG Conference led to a wealth of learning and experiences that I truly treasure.