



# Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter January 2022 Newsletter

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## President's Message

*President Susan Fritz*

Dear Chi Sisters,

Happy New Year. I struggled to write this message as I know that while the past year held treasured memories, joys, and successes, there were significant difficulties associated with being an educator, coping with continuing uncertainty and restrictions from the pandemic, and people suffering losses within their families and circles of friends, including treasured Chi sisters who passed away.

Educators are an optimistic people and persevered despite the challenges faced in 2021. Some days were harder than others, and some days were better than we could imagine. It is the nature of life for this to be true but sometimes this is easier to manage than others, especially when the difficulties pile on from multiple sources.

I am proud of all of you and what you are doing to make the world a better place in the classroom and in your communities. You represent the best of our profession, and there are many more like you. I believe in the dedication, caring, skills and talents of our educational community. You are amazing.

As we begin 2022, here is to new grandbabies, proud parent moments for the little ones to those who are adults, milestone anniversaries, receiving awards, completing or starting a degree, taking a special trip, and making dreams come true. Finally, here is to perseverance, caring, and just taking one more step. Peace and joy!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Executive Board Meeting Date for 2021-2022, 4:30 to 6 pm

Thursday, February 10, 2022

### Newsletter Articles Due Dates

Friday February 18, 2022

### Chapter Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Saturday, February 5, 2022: 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 9, 2022: 9 to 11:30 a.m.

### Book Club for 2021-2022 at Rohrerstown Panera, 6 to 8 pm

Thursday, January 27, 2022 – The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizal

Thursday, March 24, 2022 – The Island by Victoria Hislop

Thursday, May 19, 2022 – The Beantown Girls by Jane Healy

### Chi Chapter Presidential Visionary Award

Applications due to Barbara Andrews by February 1, 2022



### Important Dates from PA State:

February 1, 2022, Scholarship and Enrichment Grant applications

February 1, 2022, Nancy Grove Visionary Award application due

March 1, 2022, Album of Distinction nominations due

March 1, 2022, Rosebud nominations due

June 9 to 11, 2022 (Thursday to Saturday) PA State Convention at the Penn Stater in State College.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- The Chi Chapter Presidential Visionary Award documents for 2022 are available on the Chapter website. Applications are due to Barb Andrews by February 1st.
- Please complete your Chi Chapter autobiography.
- International's Communications & Marketing Committee is providing two learning opportunities:
  1. January 29 @11:00 CST- *Maximizing Social Media...Digital Newsletters, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter*
  2. March 5 @11:00 CST- *Copyright, Fair Use, and Public Domain- Information for All*
- The *January - February DKG News* discusses Major Actions of the Administrative Board and the Convention 2022 in New Orleans. Becky Johnen, Alpha Beta Chapter President (PA State Organization) is the author of the DKG Next article on page 20.
- Scholarship and Enrichment Grants applications are now word docs on the PA State website. Members were having difficulties with the fillable PDFs so we went back to the word docs for this year.
- The June 9, 2022, Leadership Seminar at the Penn Stater in State College, will have two strands, one for the Incoming Chapter Presidents and one for members. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, and you can attend one or both sessions—no charge.
- DKG Blogs are on International's home page so it is easy to find them. Choose the DKG Blog on the Home page and then choose any or all topics of interest.

# DKG BEYOND CHI

By Marj Paradise

My involvement with Chi Chapter started in 2006 when Eileen Little and Gisele Siebold invited me to membership. I remember feeling so honored by the invitation, and I quickly felt a part of something special in this community of sisterhood.

Shortly thereafter, Eileen asked if I could consider serving as editor of the Chi Chapter newsletter, and I willingly agreed. I found much support in this role and felt even more a part of something special. I often reached out to Kathy Kuzmiak, Carol Hartley, Lois Brown, Marcia Trach and Dr. Lyn Schmid for guidance and wisdom. A particular brainstorming session with Carol Heintzelman (in an airport returning from Indianapolis) is also a cherished memory. Being seated at a meeting near Joan Stemen was always a blessed time....what a gem she is!

Meanwhile, Dr. Lyn suggested that I apply for a state award known as the Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship, which was opened only to sisters who were in their first few years of membership. Since I was completing work on my doctorate, I applied and was granted this award! At that time, recipients were expected to give a short acceptance speech at PA State Convention. I recall speaking on Father's Day and was so honored to be the recipient of this award, and to be among women, statewide, of such high regard.

Additionally on the *Chapter level*, I have been honored to serve as Second Vice President (Membership Chair 2012-14), First Vice President (Programs Chair 2014-16) and President (2016-18). Currently, I am Nominations Chair (2020-22).

On the *State level*, I have served on committees, presented at workshops, performed in state and international chorus, and held officer positions. These opportunities have ranged from being a member of PA State Scholarship Committee (2012-14), PA Educational Excellence Committee (Album of Distinction Chair and Seminar of Purpose Committee), to PA Second Vice President (Chair of Membership and Expansion 2019-2021). Being Projects Chair for then President Barbara Gasperini (2017-19), led to a precious friendship. It was wonderful to see the wide range of Girl Scout support and chapter involvement around the state! The rewards of serving along with other DKG Sisters are endless, including deepened relationships. I believe the Society is strengthened when we all band together to serve!

So, on the *Personal level*:

I have made many friends as I served and traveled to State and International Conventions as well as Regional Conferences and an Arts Retreat. Some of my fondest memories include:

- Attending a PA State Choral Retreat in the Middletown area in order to prepare for State Convention. I was the overnight guest of Shirley Newhart which blossomed into a precious friendship.

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- Joyous car rides filled with Chi Sisters as we traveled to, and then met up with others in King of Prussia, to support Beta Pi's Bingo fundraiser. Friendships developed with 2 Beta Pi members, Fern and Heather. Imagine our delight when we realized that we had adjoining rooms at State Convention one year! We enjoyed laughs and a jolly happy hour!
- I recall a sweet invitation to dinner, by Haddie Weber, when we were in Indianapolis. Our small group shared conversation and friendships were deepened.
- Creative Arts Retreat was made even more special when I was fortunate enough to be resting with a few others in a common area when workshop presenter and fellow PA State Sister Karen Ball, joined us. She provided so much detail on her jewelry collection, that I felt I had attended the workshop itself. That lonnnng trip to Ludlow was made sweeter by the company of Chi sisters Susan Fritz and my retreat roommate, Heidi Weber!
- State meetings, such as Convention and other planning meetings were also filled with bonding opportunities and great brainstorming sessions. Sisters like Eileen Little, Dr. Lyn Schmid, Tracy Dusch, Susan Fritz, Carol Herbert, Karen Tinstman, Wanda Keller, Royce Boyd, Barbara Gasperini, Barb Tobias, Carol Herbert, Molly Spinney, Becky Johnen, Christine Reynolds and so many others filled those hours with creativity that would translate into splendid experiences for all sisters!
- DKG travels to New York City in 2012 (where Dr. Barb Andrews and I received our doctoral cords), Indianapolis, Baltimore (2015), Nashville (2016), State College, Valley Forge, Ludlow and Windsor, Canada have always been sweeter with Chi Sisters. Our current President, Susan Fritz, has often been by my side. You know a true friend when she agrees to a 6:30 AM flight out of Baltimore (which means a 4:30 AM check-in, which required a 90-minute ride to get there!! If you do the math, it was a short night of rest, yet she graciously accepted my flawed plan to get us to Nashville!) :-)

Many of you know that I have stepped out of DKG leadership for now. Why? In my recent retirement, my sweet family has needed me more. In addition, I have increased opportunities to serve in the fields of Grief Recovery and Addictions Prevention. My words of encouragement to all members is to serve as you can, knowing that others will be there to support and mentor you! May you be blessed with many DKG relationships, as I have been, and if I can mentor any of you ....I stand ready!

It continues to be an honor to serve DKG and I look forward to future opportunities. I have been asked to present a workshop at PA State Convention in June...Come on out and join me!

*Very Sincerely,  
Marj Paradise*

## FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

By Marj Paradise

It is a great honor to announce the proposed Slate of Officers for the coming Chi Biennium 2022-2024! Voting will occur at the February meeting when additional nominees are welcomed from "the floor". Since the meeting will be conducted on zoom, Chi sisters are welcome to make additional nominees known during the meeting.

*President: Susan Allen*

*First Vice President: Charity Welch*

*Second Vice President: Anna Fulton*

*Secretary: Anne Stachura*

*Treasurer: Barbara Andrews*



Thank you to the Nominations committee for your support and encouragement throughout the search process!

## TREASURER UPDATE

By Marcia Trach

### **Kathy Kuzmiak's Pin**

In accordance with our Chapter Rules: *When membership is discontinued for any reason, it is hoped that the member will return to the chapter treasurer her Keypin and, if applicable, her president's pin. Members may choose to purchase returned keypins, at the discretion of the Executive Board.* It is such a lovely sentiment to pass the pins along from sister to sister.

Recently, Kathy Kuzmiak, who passed away on October 5, 2021, did indeed have her pin returned to the chapter treasurer. At this point, hers is the only pin we have. If you are interested in having Kathy's pin, please contact Marcia Trach by February 1.

## FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Sue Allen

We are ready to kick off Chi social events in 2022. In January, we had a Zoom escape room as we did last year. February will bring a yet to be determined in-person event. In March, we will have a face-to-face scavenger hunt. We will wrap up the spring with an ice cream event to celebrate the end of the school year. Watch your email for further details!

## FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

*By Andrea Rutledge*

Our next meeting will take place virtually on Saturday, February 5, starting at 9 a.m. The program, Creating Mindful Moments of Gratitude, will be presented by Amanda Pendleton, an educator and certified yoga teacher. This session is derived from Breathe For Change work and will focus on a theme of gratitude embedded in meditation and movement activities that can easily be incorporated into any moment across our busy lives! Please dress comfortably for light movement. The program will take place before the business meeting. You can learn more by visiting: [www.breatheforchange.com](http://www.breatheforchange.com)

The programs committee is working hard to plan an in-person gathering outdoors for our April meeting. As the wind blows, things continue to change, but we are hopeful to reunite in-person soon!

## CHI HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

*By Debbie Bridgewater,  
Co-Chair*

The Historical Records Committee met at Panera Bread in Rohrerstown, on November 12, 2021, to continue moving toward our vision. One of our main goals remains keeping and updating Chi'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. Joan Stemen, Marcia Trach, Carol Hartley and Debbie Bridgewater will be calling members this winter to assist with this process as needed.

To fill out the online Google Form, please click the link below.

<https://forms.gle/RxJjt9xKez4H3VBe6>



If you decide to complete a paper copy of the document, please return it to co-chairs Carol Hartley or Debbie Bridgewater. Contact information is available in the Chi Directory.

Having received great information from our consultation with an archivist, we discussed organizing and storing what we have in our history, making decisions about what documentation needs to be kept and what can be purged. Safe storage is a goal, so we have purchased some acid-free storage boxes. We also plan to organize available photographs that enhance our historical documentation. Our goal for keeping our history alive and accessible includes a combination of safe digital and hard-copy storage. Our plan for meeting in person is currently delayed due to the pandemic.

## MEMBERSHIP AND NECROLOGY

*By Marlene Reynolds,*

The presence of the COVID-19 virus and the subsequent variant form of the virus has required changes in routines. Not only are personal changes involved but also changes in the workplace and organizations such as DKG. However, I am hopeful that the spring will allow us to return to some of the in-person traditions of Chi Chapter. Always exciting is the induction of new sisters into our chapter. I have received names of several prospective members. The orientation process will be conducted to introduce DKG to these ladies at a time that is convenient for their schedules. Hopefully however, their induction will occur at our April meeting.

In order to make the process of recommending a prospective member easier, a link will be added to our Chi website. The link will connect with the online form to be completed by the sister who is the sponsor of the prospective member. The sponsor may use either the online form or the traditional method to suggest someone for membership. I would like to thank Brittany Bertoli for assisting me in the creation of the form. Also thank you to Sue Allen for her technology help to get the prospective member form active on our website.

The remembering of sisters who have passed away is a special Chi tradition. A Necrology Service is being planned for the late spring. Hopefully, we will be able to have this as an in-person event. Updates will be listed in the newsletter.

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

*By Anna Fulton*

### **Trivia Time!**

Go away Covid, we're ready to play

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Doors open at 6:30PM

Food, Drink, Games, Fun, Prizes

Bring your friends and family!



More information to follow. Please contact Anna Fulton at the phone number in the Chi Chapter directory if you would like to help with the event.

## PROJECT COMMITTEE

By Amy Smith

**Activities since last report:** Holiday Wishes for our Chi Sisters was a great way to connect with each other. There were six Chi sisters spreading holiday cheer through gift giving and visits to some of our more seasoned Chi sisters. Continuing to keep in touch with one another has been a blessing! From our correspondence with DVS, they are still struggling with COVID-related issues and have not contacted us with opportunities of how we can best serve them at this time. Currently, there are six Chi sisters sharing sunshine with each other through the Secret Sister exchange from February through mid-April.

**What is happening next:** Attention Chi sisters who enjoy sewing. We would like to offer you an opportunity to create LuoPads for women/girls that are being helped through UNTO where they are being given not only resources but also dignity and independence. There will be LuoPad kits available for delivery by contacting Amy Smith (via either via text or email). She will contact you for delivery information. You will need a sewing machine to be able to make the LuoPads. In addition, if you would like to volunteer at UNTO/Global Aid Network on Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm, please register as an individual using the directions below. Space is limited, registration is required.



**Go to [unto.com](http://unto.com) -> Get Involved -> Volunteer -> Select Feb 19-> Select Register-> Register to attend event as individual-> Fill out the form-> Finished. You will receive a waiver via email.**

## CHI ART/TALENT GALLERY

By Nancy Schnell

We know you are there! We know there are many hidden talents (small and large) among our amazing group of women. The membership is waiting to see what you can do. You may be helping someone by sharing by giving her an idea she would like to try. We are natural mentors. This article may be speaking to you, the person reading this right now, to take a chance to share and disclose something about yourself. You may think whatever you do is no big deal, but others will think your “nothing” is “amazing.”

The **Chi Art/Talent Gallery** is recruiting now. Please consider taking some pictures, providing a video, or perhaps sharing a piece of writing to go into the Chi Gallery. All Gallery pieces should be sent to Nancy Schnell via email.

The **Chi Gallery** is still in a virtual format. Please send your **entries by Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Our plan is to continue to grow and change over time.

Stop right now.... Take some time to enter your art/talent. It is simple to do. Share your work! Do it now, before you forget. Thank you!



## BOOK CLUB

By Melissa Ostrowski

The Chi Book Club is going strong and will be discussing *The Story of Aurthu Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg on January 27 at 6 p.m. at the Panera Bread on Rohrerstown Road. Enjoy some cozy winter nights reading our upcoming selections and join us at Panera. (If you didn't read the book, you can still join us!) We are looking forward to the discussing the next selections as well. They are: *The Island*, by Victoria Hislop at 6 p.m., on March 24, and *The Beantown Girls* by Jane Healy at 6 p.m., on May 19.



## SISTER SPOTLIGHT

By Sue Allen



This sister has taught in Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Texas, and Hong Kong as well as Lancaster. Her first job was teaching special education in Georgia. Born in Philadelphia, she was raised in Broomall, PA. She is a graduate of Millersville University for both her undergraduate and master's degrees. She holds a supervisory certificate from Penn State.

She has traveled all over the world but her favorite place is Santa Fe, New Mexico. She loves to read, knit, cook, and lift weights, having won the Senior Games, in Lancaster, a few years ago for the bench press.

She also serves on the board of the Lancaster-Lebanon Educational Foundation. She is retired from IU 13, where she was a supervisor of Early Intervention, and is currently consulting for Our Mother of Perpetual Help, in

Ephrata. Her family includes her son Joseph, who lives in Oregon with his wife Michelle and her granddaughters Vivi and Kate, and daughter Jillian, married to Phil Mershon who are expecting a child in February.

**This Chi sister is Anna Niesley Fulton.**

## CHI GRANT-IN-AID

By Christine Kowalski

DKG provides opportunities and support for members to pursue advanced degrees and get involved in leadership roles. Our chapter focuses on projects geared at serving others and helping our local community. Together, we understand what it takes to be a teacher to youth in today's world.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter 2022 Grant-in-Aid Application packet was emailed to all Chi Chapter members earlier in January. Please make this information available to female student teachers or early career educators, who are within their first 3 years of teaching, who are seeking financial support for their continued service to children.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be a female early career educator currently employed in the Lancaster County area or student teacher enrolled in the education department of a Lancaster County College.

One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a female student teacher or early career educator. The Education Department Chairperson will be notified if an applicant from their college is awarded the grant.

All pertinent information and eligibility requirements were included in the documents you received by email. ***Please note that applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2022.*** All applications must be submitted to the person listed on the application. Please be sure to print the application in its entirety. Thank you for providing this information to your students and beginning teachers.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Paula Long

In 2019, DKG International aligned the payment of dues with the fiscal year. This means that the window to submit dues opens April 1, 2022 and closes May 31, 2022. Members of the Executive Board approved the proposed payment amounts for 2022-2023 at the January meeting; these will be presented to the membership for a vote at the February meeting. The total for Active Members is \$80, for Reserve Members is \$35, and for Collegiate Members is \$30. The dues breakdown is as follows:

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

# AN OPPORTUNITY FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS (CTAUN)

This opportunity from the Committee for Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) was received on the final day for newsletter articles. Please consider taking advantage of this 90-minute webinar on the importance of being multilingual.

CTAUN will host a webinar on February 21, 2022 on *“Multilingualism - The new global competence standard: Mother language + 2”*.

**This webinar will discuss the celebration of mother languages as an integral part of multilingualism.** Respectful communications

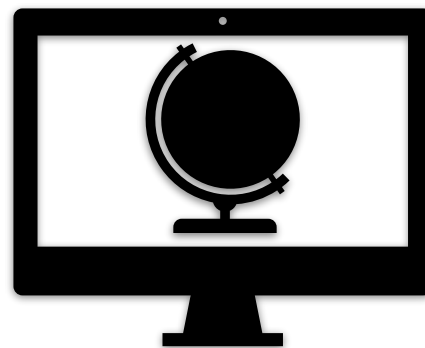
between cultures are best accomplished through shared languages. The UN is a bastion of multilingualism requiring every communication be made “official” in six of the most widely understood “global” languages. Educational policy changes, especially throughout Asia and the EU, are rapidly growing a generation of multilingual youth who are already mastering three languages or more to enhance their global competence and potential.

We will explore multilingualism as a primordial global competence, and speakers (both teachers and learners) will describe how learning multiple languages has changed their understanding of world issues, focused their education and careers, and has empowered their support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs.)

**You will meet our experts, both teachers and learners, from different parts of the world.**

For additional information and updates go to our [CONFERENCE](#) page

***Come join us on February 21 which the UN has designated MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY.***





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

Seventh Chi Chapter Meeting, 2020-2022 Biennium

Program and Business Meeting:

**Creating Mindful Moments of Gratitude**

This session is derived from Breathe For Change work and will focus on a theme of gratitude embedded in meditation and movement activities that can easily be incorporated into any moment across our busy lives!

**Presented by: Amanda Pendleton**

Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 9:00am

via Zoom, link sent the day before

NOTE: The program will take place before the business meeting  
AND please dress comfortably for movement.

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