

# The Delta Kappa Society International Pennsylvania State Organization Chi Chapter Fall 2023 Newsletter

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society  
International promotes  
professional and personal growth of  
women educators and excellence in  
education.*

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## President's Message

As schools are opening across Lancaster County your Chi chapter is also beginning a new year of opportunities. In this newsletter you will read the updates from our chapter committees and how you can be involved.

My theme for the biennium is SOAR - Support - Opportunities - Action- Reflection. As we enter the last year of this biennium, I hope that you participate in Chi chapter events, programs and projects. Our chapter is only as strong as our members' participation. Consider inviting a colleague or friend to a meeting or event to share about DKG and Chi chapter. DKG offers educators so many opportunities that we need to spread the word!

During this year you will hear about Building Community in our chapter and local community. This is President Royce Boyd's theme for her biennium. We will have programs from those who have received scholarships, enrichment grants and the visionary award.

I look forward to seeing you at chapter meetings and events! Have a great start to the school year and enjoy fall!!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2023-2024 Chapter Meeting

- Thurs., Sept. 14, 4:30-6:30 pm
- Thurs., Nov. 14, 4:30-6:30 pm
- Sat., Feb. 3. 9:00-11:00 am
- Sat., April 6, 9:00-11:00 am



### 2023-2024 Executive Board Meeting via Zoom

- Wed., Oct 11, 7:00 pm
- Wed., Dec 6, 7:00 pm
- Wed., March 6, 7:00 pm

**For Upcoming State Events please check the state website**

## WHAT'S UP WITH CHI CHAPTER RULES?

*By Eileen Little, Rules Chair*

It's that time of year again to review our chapter rules! Currently the committee is Sue Allen, Brittany Bertoli, Gisele Rinaldi, Linda Young and Eileen Little. We are welcoming anyone who would like to read our chapter rules and make sure they align with DKG International, State and what we are actually doing in Chi Chapter. Your time commitment is small compared to the impact your role will make in continuing to move our chapter forward. Contact Eileen Little if interested in joining the Rules committee.

## MEDIA RELEASE FORMS

We are still collecting the Photo Permission forms. This allows Chi chapter to publish pictures from our chapter events. If you have not completed the form, there is still time! Use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/b6ywkqbWCWZcEEhd9>

## PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

*By Brittany Bertoli, 1st Vice President*

This year the Programs and Professional Growth Committee is continuing to plan programs for our chapter meetings that align with both our Chi Chapter theme as well as our Pennsylvania State theme. Our Chi Chapter continues with President Sue Allen's theme of SOAR (Support - Opportunities - Action - Reflection) and with State President Royce Boyd's theme of Building Community. Look for some exciting programs that will expand upon our community within our chapter and the community that we live in. Please feel free to invite a guest to any of our meetings. If you have any ideas for programs that follow our themes, please contact Brittany Bertoli.

We would also like to announce that we will be heading back to Millersville University for our February meeting. Please look for more information soon about our April Meeting.

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## INDUCTION COMMITTEE

*By Sue Fritz, Immediate Past President, Chair*

With the waning of the pandemic, in person meetings began in April 2022. This provided the opportunity in 2022-2023 for new members to participate in induction ceremonies during a meeting. Joann Bowers and Stacey Wilson were inducted on September 15, 2022, at the Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club. Terri Jackson and Joyce Wright were inducted on April 15, 2023, during a meeting at the Brightside Opportunity Center. Each new Chi sister received a membership pin, membership certificate, red rose, and a Chi 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pen.

## CONSIDER MAKING A SUBMISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL ARTS GALLERY

*By Sue Allen, VAPA Chair*

The submission window for the International Arts Gallery is now open through September. Consider making a submission of images, crafts or writing. More information can be found on the Arts Gallery [website](#).

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

*By Linda Young, Nominations Chair*

Chi's Nominations Committee is currently looking for Chi sisters to step up to leadership roles for our next biennium. To do this, we need your help. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as an officer, please reach out to Linda Young, chair, or committee members Eileen Little or Barbara Andrews. This is a great opportunity to build your leadership skills in a safe and supportive environment.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

*By Paula Long, Finance Chair*

At the general meeting in February, the membership approved our 2023-2024 budget. Since our fiscal year does not conclude until June 30th, the amount of monies carried over from the 2022-2023 budget could not be finalized until that time. Once all receipts were submitted, \$250.00 was carried over to begin our philanthropic endeavors for the 2023-2024 budget year.

The Finance Committee works each year to prepare and present a budget to the Executive Board for review that is later voted on by the membership. This includes making a recommendation for the amount of dues paid by each tier of membership.

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 Barb Andrews for reimbursement.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

*By Anna Fulton, 2nd Vice President, Chair*

Thank you to all of our members, who help DKG in so many ways. I would like to ask you to please consider bringing a friend to one of our meetings or social events. We are looking forward to building our organization.

Welcome to our new members this past year, JoAnne Bowers, Terry Jackson and Joyce Wright. We are thrilled to have you join us!

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION TO GRANT-IN-AID

*By Christine Kowalski, Grant-In-Aid Chair*

The purpose of the Grant in Aid (GIA) is to award money to a student teacher or early career educator (non-tenured) to use for the benefit of their career or to the service of children. All applications are reviewed by the committee who chooses the best one to award the money.

Teachers begin to establish community within their classrooms. This sense of belonging and coming together for a common goal can be done in so many ways including climate and culture, values for learning, problem resolution, collaboration, encouragement and support of each other. Year after year, as the classroom community thrives, thus grows the confidence of the students to adopt these skills and emulate them in their own neighborhood community or circle of friends. Teachers are educating the next generation and therefore the impact doesn't just stop at community, but society as a whole.

Our GIA is being used in positive ways to purchase SEL materials, art supplies to foster creativity, books about acceptance and diversity which all build community.

# DKG IMPACTS EDUCATION WORLDWIDE BY GRANTING WORLD FELLOWSHIPS

*By Gisele Rinaldi, World Fellowship Chair*

Included in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Mission and Purposes is granting World Fellowships in accordance with the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* when sufficient funds are available. Contributions and bequests determine the number of World Fellowship awards given each year. World Fellowship students work toward a master's degree or Ph.D. at approved universities in either the United States or Canada.

The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948. In 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women.

During the years from 1958 to 1960, the present program began to take shape. An agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States.

IIE is a private non-profit organization that administers the student portion of the Fulbright Program. IIE helps students with enrollment, visas, insurance and transportation. IIE also aids students with obtaining grants to supplement the Fulbright stipend from many different foundations and organizations, of which the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship Program is one.

Annually the IIE staff reviews successful international candidates and forwards applications for those who meet the criteria for Delta Kappa Gamma fellowships. From these, the World Fellowship Committee selects recipients for Society grants.

When applicants apply for study in the United States, fellowship applications are conducted through bi-national selection committees sponsored by Fulbright Commissions/Foundation or by the Cultural Affairs Office of the United States Embassy in the applicant's home country. All documents are sent to the IIE in the United States.

After the recipients are selected, DKG Headquarters notifies them. Sometimes their lives may have changed since they first submitted their applications, and they can no longer carry out their original intentions, or sometimes they have difficulty in obtaining a visa. Confirmation that all award recipients have definitely arrived at their university in Canada or the United States to begin the academic semester is needed prior to creating the World Fellowship Recipient Booklet.

In mid-October, the World Fellowship Recipient Booklet will become available on the DKG website, listing recipients and their schools. The DKG World Fellowship committee encourages members to maintain contact with recipients studying in their states. Specific addresses cannot be listed on the website for confidentiality reasons, but the PA state World Fellowship chair will make contact information available to chapter World Fellowship chairs. More information, including helpful links, documents and videos, can be found on [DKG.org](http://DKG.org).

## HISTORICAL RECORDS UPDATE

*By Debbie Bridgewater, Co-chair Historical Records*

The Historical Records Committee is looking for new members who would enjoy being a part of the preservation of the history and legacy of Delta Kappa Gamma, Chi Chapter. We are planning a busy fall with a visit to Lancaster History (Lancaster Historical Society ) to investigate items that they have stored in their archives related to our organization. It was recently brought to our attention when we researched Luella Mellinger, one of our founders, that there are many items and photographs about Chi stored there. I have been in contact with Shianne Hargrove at Lancaster History, and she has invited us to look



through their collection database to see what books, documents, etc. that their library houses. Then we can decide which items we would like to view in person at a set appointment date. We will also be taking suggestions from the archivists so that we can better document and organize our artifacts. We plan to inquire about items that we can add to the files at Lancaster History to extend our footprint out into the Lancaster County community. This will also involve some organizational sessions with our stored records at the home of Marcia Trach. We would like to extend the opportunities to get involved with this project to the entire Chi membership. We look forward to planning these events, preserving and sharing our legacy! **Please contact Debbie Bridgewater or Carol Hartley if you would like to be involved.**

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

*By Nancy Schnell, Projects Chair*

You have all heard the phrase, "It takes a village." Well, Chi is our village, and our members are the people within our village. When speaking with members, one of the most important reasons that women teachers want to belong to DKG is to make a difference within their community and to support education. That is what the Projects Committee is all about. We develop and implement meaningful projects for the women of Chi chapter and our educational community. Of the Seven Purposes, two are supported by the Project Committee's work:

- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or **other suitable endeavors** in the interest of education and of women educators
- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action

The Chi Project Committee **needs some village members** to step forward. We need more brain power for ideas. We need the ability to have discussions to develop meaningful, workable plans. We need support from the powerful leaders that are within our chapter. We need our "village" to plan the projects that will support our community and give the women of Chi Chapter a reason to remain part of DKG. It doesn't just happen by chance. Think about how it felt to



provide and distribute the winter hats and gloves to King Elementary's ELL community. Think how it felt to be creative and gather the simple STEAM kit items. Both projects were meaningful and useful to lives of children and teachers within our community.

Our new state leader, Royce Boyd, has presented the PA chapters with a challenge to "Build Community". What community would you like to see supported over the next year? Our president, Sue Allen, is continuing her theme, SOAR (Support - Opportunities - Action - Reflection). The Project Committee has so many opportunities to support these two women to develop their goals.

**Please consider becoming part of the Projects Committee today.** We need your support. Your commitment is not huge. An initial meeting to develop ideas, a meeting to the plan and organize the project, and support at the meetings. You don't have to do it all, but with the more committee support, the more we can delegate the tasks. We each have our own strengths; perhaps you are a great idea person, perhaps you are a great organizer. Whatever your strength the Project Committee can use your help. Don't hesitate.

**Contact Nancy Schnelli now!** You can find my contact information in the Yearbook - email or cell phone is best (home phone is no longer working).

**DKG Vision Statement:**

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

By Melissa Ostrowski

### Ladies, start your reading!

23-24 Book Club Choices and meeting dates are as follows:

November 9: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

January 11: *Demon by Copperhead* Barbara Kingsolver

March 14: *Mother, Daughter, Traitor, Spy* by Susan MacNeal

May 9: *Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

All book club meetings start at 6 pm at Panera on Rohrerstown Road.

The Social Committee has some fun ways for us to SOAR as a Chapter this year. Stay tuned for some fun, future announcements. Our pool party at Marj Paradise's beautiful home was so fun we forgot to take pictures to memorialize it! What a great afternoon socializing by the pool.

Our Back to School Event was on August 15th at Boulders Mini Golf for some Chi Chapter Putt Putt and Ice Cream at Scoops afterwards!

Our next event will be Oktoberfest Game Night at St. Paul Lutheran Church on October 25, 2023. Everyone should bring a favorite game and apple/pumpkin themed snack or drink to share





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

Fifth Chi Program and Business Meeting 2022-2024 Biennium

Creating a Community in Chi Chapter

Thursday, September 14, 2023

4:30pm -6:00pm

Lancaster Tennis & Yacht Club  
2615 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603

The cost is \$25.00 per person for pulled pork sliders, mac & cheese, buffalo chicken dip with veggies & crackers, fruit platter, sweet and sour meatballs, cookies and brownies.

RSVP using this [link](#) by September 4th. Checks should be mailed to:

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