

Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter January

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President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a great holiday and are looking forward to our February chapter meeting. We will be celebrating our chapter anniversary at this meeting and also at the State Convention in June. An Ad Hoc committee has been formed to plan our chapter presentation for the luncheon. Look for more details for this fun event. State Convention is going to be held in Lancaster this year so we are hoping for a large Chi Chapter turnout.

Due dates for State and International Scholarships, Grants and Awards are quickly approaching. Please consider taking advantage of these opportunities. The Arts Gallery submission date is Feb 15. Eileen Little had a photograph accepted for the Fall Gallery. Consider submitting your own writing, photos, sculpture or other artwork.

In this newsletter you will read about the upcoming project, social events and grant-in-aid. Also now is the time to form your Trivia team for our annual fundraiser on May 4. Chi Chapter is soaring into 2023.

~Sue

IMPORTANT DATES

2022-2023 Chapter Meetings

- Saturday April 15, 9-11:30am Brightside Opportunities Center

2022-2023 Executive Board Meetings via Zoom

- March 1, 2023



Upcoming Events

February 15 - International Arts Gallery submissions are due.

March 9 - Book Club at Panera at 6pm

March 21 - Painting with a Twist at 5:30pm

April 21-23 - State Creative Arts Retreat - Register on the state website.

May 4 - Trivia Night at Lititz Springs Inn at 6:30pm

May 11 - Book Club at Panera at 6pm

June 21-23 - State Convention at Wyndham Lancaster

****Join us for the Celebration Luncheon - Chi is celebrating 75 years!**

For Upcoming State Events please check the state website!

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 complete the form there is still time! Use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/b6ywkqbWCWZcEEhd9>



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

By Sue Allen

Our sister spotlighted this meeting grew up in the small town of Woodville in Northwestern Ohio. She attended school in one building for grades 1 through twelve. There was no kindergarten. She earned a BA in French and a BS in Math from Otterbein College, Westerville Ohio. She spent a summer studying French at Laval University in Quebec, Canada. She earned a MA in Speech Pathology from Temple University and completed graduate work in French at Emory University in Atlanta and English at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky. She is now enjoying retirement visiting children and grandchildren, gardening, cooking and doing jigsaw puzzles. Fun fact...her family once included 28 gerbils. Her family includes three children Becky, Cathy and Bob with her husband Loyde (Bud). She is a PSEA and NEA life member and a member and honorary "Fellow" of the Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church. She is a member of her church's Buildings and Grounds committee. Her first job was teaching High School French in Newark, OH. She was hired to teach Jr. High School Math and French and found out in late August that she had been reassigned to High School French - New Language Lab (and no tapes!), Old Textbook (and no usable activities accompanying the chapters!). She had done her student teaching in Math, so she had to create all new teaching materials resulting in busy late nights that school year! She would like her Chi sisters to know that she currently spends many hours a week as Senior Verger at her church, recruiting, training and organizing worship volunteers, still being an active educator. She was very involved in union work and representation with LEA, PSEA and NEA while actively teaching and found Delta Kappa Gamma was the right balance that was important to that. DKG activities and leadership and learning opportunities have been and continue to be very important to her.

Our Sister Spotlight is Carol Hartley.

PROPOSED DUES FOR 2023-2024

By Paula Long

With the turn of the new calendar year comes time to discuss dues for our next fiscal year 2023-2024. 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, 2023, and closes May 31, 2023. Members of the Executive Board approved the payment amounts at the January meeting and 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 |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| International | \$40 | \$20 | \$20 |
| State | \$17 | \$7 | \$8.50 |
| Chi Chapter | \$22 | \$7 | \$0.50 |
| State Scholarship Fee | \$1 | \$1 | \$1 |
| Total | \$80 | \$35 | \$30 |

PROJECT UPDATE – STEM KITS

By Nancy Schnell

We are going to be busy at our next meeting, February 4, 2023. Programs will be focusing on DKG History and Projects will be focusing on the first step to building STEM kits for local students. Remember at the last meeting we all got to enjoy the books and STEM kits? Well now you are ready to pick a book that you and other members of Chi will enjoy in order to build your own STEM kit as a team.

Remember the simple items that you worked with? Remember the fun in discovery? The Chi kits will be enjoyed just as much by children in our community. We can continue to pass on the joy of learning and aid in developing creativity in education.

GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATIONS

By Christine Kowalski

The new and improved updated application is ready and will be coming to you (via email) in the near future. As a committee, we have made some minor changes to the presentation of the application to capture the attention of the applicants but our audience and dollar amount has remained the same; we are still looking for qualified female applicants who are currently student teaching in a Lancaster County school district or an early career educator (defined as a non-tenured teacher), to whom we can award \$1,000.00.

In an effort to bolster the number of applicants, we have changed our distribution method. Along with emailing building administrators, we have decided on a more personal approach. We will visit the schools, briefly explain our society and mission, ask if any of their female staff fits the qualifications, then leave that number of applications with the school personnel to be distributed to those individuals. We are hopeful that this personal connection will yield more applicants. I have made additional copies of the application that I will bring to our meeting on February 4 if you wish to take and distribute.

Thank you for seeing the profound value in supporting our early educators.

FEBRUARY CHAPTER PROGRAM

Please join us at Brightside Opportunity Center on February 4 from 9am - 11:30am. We will celebrate our Founders and Chi Chapter's 75th anniversary. State President Eileen Little will join us for an official visit. The meeting room is on the second floor and can be accessed through steps or an elevator.



Delta Kappa Gamma Trivia Night Returns!

May 4, 2023

Doors open at 6:30, Trivia starts at 7:00

**JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, DRINKS, GAMES
AND PRIZES**

**New Venue - Lititz Springs Inn (formerly the
General Sutter Inn)**

14 E. Main Street, Lititz, PA

\$30/person or Teams of:

8 players - \$220 7 players - \$190

6 players - \$170

For tickets contact Anna Fulton

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**Bring your family and friends for a great night of
fun and games!**

HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

By Debbie Bridgewater

The Historical Records Committee (Carol Hartley, Debbie Bridgewater, Marcia Trach, Sandra Brown, Marlene Reynolds, and Joan Stemen) met at the home of Marcia Trach on November 16, 2022, for the purpose of organizing paper-copy information to be kept in acid-free containers. Marcia will be purchasing another shelving unit to store these boxes and bins in her basement. We continue to look at the *Keystonian* publications for the purpose of highlighting our Chi members who have been involved with DKG at the state level. The committee hopes to meet again at Willow Valley for the purpose of finalizing plans for our involvement in the DKG Chi 75th Birthday Celebration on February 4, 2023, when we will be honoring Luella Mellinger, the founder of Chi who was with us the longest.

Carol Hartley, Marlene Reynolds and I also met with Charity Welch on November 7 at the Brightside Opportunities Center to look at the meeting room and establish some preliminary plans for the DKG Chi 75th Birthday Celebration. We met again with the Programs Committee on December 7 via Zoom. We are all looking forward to being together for this historical event!

Members continue to be invited to prepare their autobiographical page(s) on the Google Form or submit a paper copy to Joan Stemen, Marcia Trach, Carol Hartley or Debbie Bridgewater. Contact information is available in the Chi Directory. We will also have paper-copy forms available at the February 4 meeting. Contact Debbie Bridgewater if you would like to have an electronic copy of the autobiographical form sent to your e-mail. The form expands as you type.

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

<https://forms.gle/RxJt9xKez4H3VBe6>

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

By Melissa Ostrowski

Thank you for coming out to the Chi Chapter social events this year. The fun is far from over and the Social Committee is at work and would like to invite you to our next event.

We will be letting our creativity soar when we gather at Painting With a Twist on Tuesday, March 21st at 530 PM! The address is 124 S. Centerville Rd, Lancaster PA 17603. Please arrive 15 minutes early and bring a snack or food drink to share!

The following link will take you to our private reservation page. The password is **PARTY** You can use this private reservation page to sign up and pay online. Painting with a Twist prefers this sign up method however may call them and pay with a credit card over the phone if that suits you better. (717.344.2549)

<https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/lancaster/event/3290385/>

DEADLINE to sign up is BEFORE March 1st. The cost is \$40 and you are welcome to invite guests!

The next Book Club meeting is **March 9th** at Panera on Rohrerstown Road at 6pm. Get to the library and sign out Chris Bohjalian's *The Lioness* as that is our next selection. If you are a planner then go ahead and get a copy of *Moonlight Child* by Karen McQuestion. We will meet on **May 11th** at Panera at 6pm.

