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Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter October 2022 Newsletter

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President's Message

We held our first meeting of the biennium in September and there was a great turnout. You can find pictures from the meeting and a summary later in this newsletter.

We have many **opportunities** for all members to participate not only on a committee but also help with our chapter projects and participate in social events. You can read more about these in this newsletter.

There are more **opportunities** for you to take advantage of at the State and International levels. The International staff hold monthly Zoom meetings that are open to all membership. Held the first Tuesday of each month you can find more information on the International website. International also is looking for members to spotlight as well as chapter projects. I will be looking to highlight Chi chapter projects and members in the future.

Coming soon is the deadline for the International Cornetet Professional Development Awards on Nov 1. Scholarship applications at both the State and International levels are due by Feb 1. Are you doing graduate work? Consider applying for these awards! Finally, are you planning an educational trip? Consider applying for a State enrichment grant, which are also due by Feb 1. These applications require chapter recommendations so please don't wait until the last minute to apply. ~Sue

IMPORTANT DATES

2022-2023 Chapter Meetings

- Wednesday, Nov 9, 4:30-6:30pm Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club
- Saturday, Feb 4, 9-11:30 am Brightside Opportunities Center
- Saturday, April 15, 9-11:30am Brightside Opportunities Center

2022-2023 Executive Board Meetings via Zoom

- Jan 4, 2023
- March 1, 2023

Upcoming Chapter Events



Thursday, November 10, 6pm - Book Club at Panera on Rohrerstown Road. Thursday, December 8, 4:30pm - Dinner and Cookie Exchange, Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club, Lancaster

Thursday, January 12, 6 pm - Book Club at Panera on Rohrerstown Road Thursday ,March 9, 6 pm - Book Club at Panera on Rohrerstown Road TBD Spring Rail Trip to Jim Thorpe

Thursday, May 4 - Location & Time TBD- Trivia Night

Thursday, May 11, 6pm - Book Club at Panera on Rohrerstown Road

PROJECTS TO HELP LOCAL IMMIGRANT STUDENTS

By Nancy Schnelli

Chi is connecting with King Elementary School in Lancaster City. Eighty-six immigrant children will benefit from Chi member's giving. Students are in need of items that most people take for granted – socks, hats, and gloves. **Below is the link for the Signup Genius for donations**. We will assemble the donation bags at the meeting. In addition, since time was short at our last meeting, we will be writing short notes to each of the children. We hope you will want to take part in this activity and step into Chi's active giving to our local immigrants.

HISTORICAL RECORDS PLANS FOR UPCOMING MEETING By Debbie Bridgewater

Carol Hartley, Marcia Trach, Marlene Reynolds and I met at Panera Bread on September 1 to discuss how we want to move forward with our Historical Records Committee this fall. It was so nice to be together, and we were able to communicate with Sandra Brown and Joan Stemen through e-mail.

We are so excited to be involved with the planning of the 75th Birthday Celebration of Chi at our February 4 meeting. We will be meeting with the Programs Committee in November at a time that works for them, and we look forward to the new meeting location at the Brightside Opportunities Center. We are also embracing the idea of honoring Luella Mellinger as our last living charter member of DKG Chi who left a wonderful legacy in education. She taught elementary school and gifted almost \$200,000. to the Penn Manor Alumni Association A yearly scholarship is given in her name to a Penn Manor High School student who is pursuing a degree in education. The Penn Manor Alumni Association also has plans to dedicate a conference room in the High School Guidance Suite in her name. Carol Hartley has been in contact with Shirley Harshman, a former Chi member currently living in Arizona, who visited often with Luella. She is graciously offering to provide us with additional information about Luella's life.

In preparation for the February 4 Birthday Celebration, the committee is going to prepare some trivia questions to be used in a digital trivia game prepared with Sue Allen's expertise. We will prepare at least 10 questions that can be answered with a simple answer or a multiple choice option. All committee members are encouraged to send the questions to me, and I will collect them for Sue and I to put our heads together. The committee thought it would be nice

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to give a silk rose to the winners of the trivia competition. The tradition is that red roses were given to charter members at the birthday celebration. Any who were not able to come to that meeting had a visit from someone who agreed to deliver a flower from the bouquet used at the meeting. At some point in time the real flowers changed to silk ones. The women saved the silk ones and sometimes made bouquets of them.

Sue Allen and Charity Welch previously noted that their committee would like to include a service project at each meeting, and the Historical Records Committee would like to provide a time (10-15 minutes) for members to do an autobiographical snapshot for themselves or generate a personal note to a member who is not present who needs to submit autobiographical information. We will provide a form and some stationary for this project if the Programs Committee likes the idea.

The Historical Records Committee will meet at Marcia Trach's home on November 16 from 12:30 - 4:30 pm to organize paper copies of items that we intend to keep in acid-free containers. We hope that everyone can join us for this afternoon. Snacks will be provided.

Reminder: Book Club Selections

By Melissa Ostrowski

All members are welcome to join the meetings of the Book Club!

Thursday, November 10, 6pm at Panera on Rohrerstown Road. *The keeper of lost things by* Ruth Hogan

Thursday, January 12, 6 pm at Panera on Rohrerstown Road *The Good Left Undone by* Adriana Trigiani

Thursday, March 9, 6 pm at Panera on Rohrerstown Road *The Lioness* by Chris Bohjalian **Thursday, May 11, 6pm at Panera on Rohrerstown Road** *Moonlight Child* by Karen McQuestion



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

This sister grew up in Allentown. Her family includes her brother and sister-in-law, her sister, two nephews and one great-niece. She enjoys traveling to the shore and to new places. Her hobbies include reading, guilting, tai chi and volunteer work. You may see her volunteering at her church or the "Big Book Sale." She is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, Howard University and The National Catholic School of Social Service. Her PhD is in the area of Social Work. Her first position was as the Director of Christian Education at a church in Youngstown, Ohio. She is retired having taught at the college/ university level with students ranging in age from 16 to 60 years of age over the years. In addition to her membership in DKG she is a member of AAUW York Branch currently serving as Public Policy Chair and Co-Vice President for Program. She would like our sisters to know that "I've always enjoyed my involvement in Chi Chapter and have also enjoyed interacting with the members and getting to know them."

Our Sister Spotlight is Carol Heintzelman.

PROGRAM FOR UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING By Char

By Charity Welch

The 2nd Chi Meeting of the 2022-24 Biennium will take place on November 9, 2022, 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at the Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club, located at 2615 Columbia Avenue. Chi President Sue Allen and Chi Parliamentarian, Brittany Bertolli will present on their Visionary Award Projects. During the meeting, we will write welcome messages to immigrant families from SDOL.This activity has been carried over from the previous meeting.

The next two meetings (February 4 and April 15) will be held at the Brightside Opportunities Center located at 515 Hershey Avenue, Lancaster.

By Sue Allen

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS!

Social Dinner

On Thursday, October 27, 2022, we will gather at Copper Hill Public House in Millersville for drinks and dinner! We will meet there at 4:30 PM so come on out and enjoy some social time and good food. Please RSVP to Eileen Little by October 20, 2022, as she needs a count of the number of Chi members attending to share with the restaurant.

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Save The Date!

Our Holiday Cookie Exchange will take place on December 8, beginning at 5 p.m., at the Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club, 2615 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster. We will each order off the menu and enjoy a meal followed by a cookie exchange. Bring cookies in ½ dozen packages and exchange with others the same amount as you brought. RSVP to Marj Paradise by December 1st.



May 4, 2023

Stay tuned for more details!



SEPTEMBER MEETING

We inducted two new sisters on September 15, 2022. Welcome to JoAnne Bowers and Stacey Wilson! Susan Fritz, Past President led the Induction Ceremony. Our speaker was Joanne Castner who shared her "Personal Experiences at the Border." We had a great turnout with 35 attendees at the meeting.

