

Delta Kappa Gamma Chi Chapter September 2022 Newsletter

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President's Message

Summer is over and school is back in session! It is always good to reconnect with colleagues both active and retired as we look forward to a great school year. Your chapter committees have been hard at working planning for this upcoming chapter year with exciting in-person meetings, projects and social events. In this newsletter you will be able to read more about what is upcoming for Chi chapter. Also, watch for email blasts with more details. If you are not getting the email blasts please check your junk or spam folder for the messages.

My theme for the biennium is SOAR - Support, Opportunities, Action and Reflection. At our September meeting you will learn more about immigration and have an opportunity to **reflect** on the impact this has on delivery of services for our students. You will learn more about how you can take **action** and **support** immigrant families and students.

Take the **opportunity** to get involved in a committee! Every chapter member should serve on a committee as you are able. The projects, program and grant-in-aid committees need additional members! If you are interested, please reach out to me for more information.

Sue

IMPORTANT DATES

2022-2023 Chapter Meetings

- Thursday, Sept 15, 4:30-6:30pm Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club
- 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

- October 5, 2022
- Dec 7, 2022
- March 1, 2023



Upcoming Chapter Events

Thursday, October 27, 4:30pm - Social at Copper Hill Public House

Thursday, November 10, 6pm - Book Club at Panera on Rohrerstown Road.

TBD December - Social Amish Cookie Tour

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

By Anna Fulton

We have 3 new members who attended an orientation on August 17. We hope to induct them at our September meeting if they elect to accept membership.



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Paula Long

The membership approved the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year at our February meeting. However, we did so before knowing the final expenses for the 2021-2022 fiscal year or the results of the April fundraising event. In July, the final expenses for the 2021-2022 year were submitted by committees, and the monies raised from the Trivia Night were accounted for. The spending for the 2021-2022 year exceeded the budgeted amounts in several categories. The difference was pulled out of the Permanent Fund to balance the budget. At the February meeting, the membership approved increases to the 2022-2023 budget in several categories that contributed to the deficit. Thanks to the great success of the Trivia Night, we raised enough funds to fully support our philanthropic endeavors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. We will continue to monitor expenses in this ever-changing budgetary climate.



Trivia Night Returns

May 4, 2023

Stay tuned for more details!

A NIGHT AT LONG'S PARK

A gorgeous summer evening at Long's Park was enjoyed by a group of Chi members and guests. Marcia Trach had a fantastic spot set up and provided tasty refreshments. The Irish music was wonderful, and it was a happy, positive, way to kick off the school year! Our Grant In Aid recipient, Carmen Hegarty, joined us and she was a delight!



PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR 2022

By Charity Welch

The Programs Committee is coordinating with the Projects Committee in planning for this biennium. We are excited about our meeting taking place on September 15th at 4:30 pm. The meeting will take place at the Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club located at 2615 Columbia Avenue. The speaker will be Joanne Castner, who will share her *Personal Experiences at the Border*. Joanne is a retired counselor with 25 years of experience at IU 13. A related activity will be to create Welcome Cards for Refugees. We are asked to bring a blank greeting card to take part in this activity to positively impact our community, while socializing with each other.

Our next meeting scheduled on November 9, 2022, will also be held at the Lancaster Tennis and Yacht Club on Columbia Avenue. However, the February 4th and April 15th meetings will be held at the Brightside Opportunities Center found at 515 Hershey Avenue, in Lancaster.

PROJECTS KICKS OFF INTO 22-23

By Nancy Schnell

Ready, Plan, Action

Get ready for some action. The Projects Committee, under the direction of President Sue, is planning to get Chi members up and doing at our Chi chapter meetings. We recognize that time is precious for all of us and that giving is in our nature. Current feedback, from members and members that have left Chi, is the desire for more contribution to the community. So with that idea in mind, we are planning to incorporate projects and programs in our meetings this year. To give everyone a heads up and to help members to plan ahead (and maybe even bring less active members back into action) the Project Committee would like to give you the ability to see what is planned and hopefully help you to work it into your personal schedule. Here is the layout for the year.

Meeting dates:

Thursday, September 15 – Immigration Speaker – come and learn about immigration within Lancaster County. Our speaker is a teacher who wrote an Op-Ed in LNP about working with refugees. After her informational talk, members will be writing welcome cards/notes to immigrant families. We will also introduce the idea of Chi Rose Sisters (see below).

Wednesday, November 9 – Visionary Award Sharing – come learn from our own chapter members about the DKG State Awards they received and how they are implementing their award money. As members in action, we will be creating STEM teams. Member teams will be offered options of story books that will be the basis for creating STEM kits. Team members will have time at the meeting to decide, based on the story they choose, the items that will need to be put into the kit and the type of STEM activity to be completed. Teams will have until the next meeting to build the kits.

Saturday, February 4, 2023 – Historical Records sharing – The Historical Records Committee will be sharing information about Chi. STEM teams will be sharing the kits they have created by giving a quick summary of the story it is based on, the type of STEM activity done with the kit, and where the kit will be given. The Projects Committee will provide places for the kits to be delivered and they will take the kits out into the community.

Saturday, April 14, 2023 – Look for future information within Email Blasts and future Chi Newsletters for what will be planned for this meeting.

In addition, the Projects Committee will be creating **Chi Rose Sisters**. What is a Rose Sister you ask? We are looking to pair up active teachers and retired teachers that are interested in working together. Pairs/buddies (for those interested) will work together as partners. We are all aware of the demands of teaching, now more than ever, it seems. Rose Sisters will decide between themselves the best way help can be provided to the active teacher. Are you someone that feels comfortable going into the

classroom (clearances will be necessary)? Would you prefer to help by doing things at home that will free up time for the working teacher? The sky is the limit. It is up to the Rose Sisters to decide their personal plan. Both Rose Sisters will benefit. For the retired member, there is value to giving to the classroom and for the active teacher, time to decrease stress. Look for an email blast that will be going out to gather names. You can decide between you, the amount of time and how it will work best.

Action is in a teacher's genetic code. If you know a member that has not been active in a while or even members that may have chosen to leave Chi's membership, perhaps reach out to them to join your STEM team or just share Chi's plan. Giving time and energy is easier if you have the feeling that you are truly helping those in need.

See you all at our first meeting September 15 at the Lancaster Tennis Club.

BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCES SELECTIONS

By Melissa Ostrowski

What a challenge it is to narrow down and select four books to read for our CHI book club! Without further ado ... here are the Book Club Selections for 22-23

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



JOIN US FOR AN OCTOBER SOCIAL EVENT!

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.

CELEBRATION!



Congratulations to
Dr. Lisa Mumma
for defending her
dissertation in August!

MEDIA RELEASE FORMS

Thank you to the 28 chapter members who took a moment and completed the Photo Permission form. 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/b6ywkkqbWCWZcEEhd9>

