



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Pennsylvania State | Alpha Beta Chapter

Alpha Beta Bits

Memorable DKG Dates

May 11, 1929

DKG Founded

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PA State Organization Established

May 22, 1948

Alpha Beta Chapter Chartered



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President's Message

Happy DKG New Year!

We begin the year with new leadership at the state level, leadership that has Alpha Beta's Royce Boyd beginning her biennium as the PA State Organization President. Her vision for the state organization **provides direction** for us in the chapter: "I want to transform our organization into a viable and sustainable multigenerational society for our current and future members, with the help and support of the membership by using **active communication, active participation,** and the **development of relationships** that stretch across the state organization.

Viability and sustainability mean making DKG affective for all members. Our founders provided us with a mission, a vision and seven purposes that have set the foundation for our society to achieve viability and sustainability. However, Annie Webb Blanton also provides another piece of advice for us to heed... be progressive, keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. Don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your ways that nothing can change you."

The theme for her presidency - **creating communities in our chapters and in our backyards** – provides more direction for what and how we will do things at the chapter level this year. Inherent in her theme is the need to make connections and to communicate. Think about what we currently do to make connections within the chapter, within our local school districts, and within the communities we serve. What do we need to do more of? What do we need to do differently? What communities do we have in our chapter? In our backyard? What other internal communities do we need? What other

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external communities do we need in the areas we serve? What boundaries do we need to push and what barriers do we need to break to create these communities?

By creating community we can create a stronger unity within Alpha Beta and within all the areas we serve. Let's all work together to help create communities by:

- keeping the DKG vision, mission, and purposes in mind
- actively participating on committees and in projects
- maintaining the bonds we have with each other (staying connected; communicating)
- sharing ideas, activities, feelings
- “turning the kaleidoscope” when necessary (trying new things, innovating, adapting)

In all we do this year, think UNITY through commUNITY. Imagine the *endless new possibilities* that may result from us *making magical connections* through commUNITY.

Anticipating another magical year,

—Becky



A Moment in History

Pat Harrison

Historical Records Chair

At the State Convention in June, Royce Boyd made Alpha Beta history by becoming the first member of the chapter to be installed as Pennsylvania State Organization President. Her achievement is due to her dedication to the Society and all the hard work that she has done on its behalf. She is well-deserving of the honor of holding the office of State President and she brings honor to the chapter by doing so. We are proud to have her as one of our own. Congratulations, Madame President!



CHANGES TO THE PA BY-LAWS OR STANDING RULES

The following changes were approved at the 2023 State Convention:

VI. State Dues and Fees

All dues and fees are payable to the State Treasurer by June 30 each year

A. Membership Active members will pay \$40 for International, the \$1 scholarship fee if the chapter does not have a separate scholarship amount and \$17 for State dues.

Reserve members will pay \$20 for International and \$7 for State dues.

Collegiate members will pay \$20 for International and \$8 for State dues.

B. Past State Organization Presidents

1. Convention expenses of each past Pennsylvania State Organization President, excluding the immediate past State President, shall be paid by the Pennsylvania State Organization convention fund. Reimbursement shall be for the State Convention Registration Fee, and all Official Convention Meal Functions.

2. A Delta Kappa Gamma remembrance may be sent to past state presidents who are not in attendance at the state convention.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH DKG INTERNATIONAL

Active educators, if you are looking for funding for participation in professional development opportunities (conferences, seminars, online courses, lecture series, workshops and other non-degree programs) through approved professional development providers such as colleges, universities, and professional organizations other than The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, then consider applying for Cornet Award. Awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc. Awards may not be used to reimburse for activities already completed, to pursue a degree program, or to fund an educational project. Applications are available at DKGIEF>Funds >Cornet and the deadline for submission is November 1, 2023.



DKGSI PODCASTS

The International Membership and Expansion Committee has posted its second podcast with a focus on retaining members. You can listen to the podcast at dkgsi.podbean.com/ or click on the button on the home page footer or go to Resources>Media Resources>DKGSI Podcast on the International website.

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EDUCATOR'S BOOK AWARD

The DKG Educators Book Award Committee is pleased to announce this year's winning book: *Voices of Newcomers: Experiences of Multilingual Learners* by Denise Ammeraal Furlong, Ed.D.. This is an easy-to-read, practical guide for the early career educator, the seasoned educator, and the administrator looking to meet the needs of Multilingual/English Learners, in particular Newcomers and Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education.

The Honorable Mention went to *Inclusive Texts in Elementary Classrooms: Developing Literacies, Identities, and Understandings* by Amy J. Heineke and Aimee Papola-Ellis. The authors take educators through a four-part framework for selecting, using, and engaging students with text that promote children's identity, and reading and content literacy. This book based on extensive research gives strategies, examples, and reflective questions. *Inclusive Texts* provides educators with the tools to meet the diverse and relevant needs of today's students.

We Care Bags

Linda Clapper

At the March meeting, a list of needed personal care items was presented to those members who were present.

Thanks to everyone who brought items to the May & June meetings!

As we get more organized with this part of our Project, there will be additional items that will be needed. More information will be given soon.

Project Committee News

Fill the Bus

Linda Clapper

The school bus has been parked in President Becky's basement since last year. Again this August, we ask that School Supplies be brought to the next meeting. Our donations will be distributed to the children & teens who receive services from Bedford County Children & Youth.

The following are suggested items:

- No. 2 pencils
- Pencil erasers
- 1 subject spiral notebooks
- 3 subject spiral notebooks
- Plastic pouch pencil cases
- Highlighters
- Mechanical pencils
- Retractable pens
- Post-it notes
- Earbuds
- Calculators



The book bags will be provided by Bedford County's Children & Youth Services.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Clapper.

I am hoping that it will be more organized as we fill the book bags. Please open the packages before you arrive or after you arrive at the Meeting. We plan to have tables where each of the items can be separated.

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GOAL-GETTER: **Melissa Moorhead** earned her Certificate of Achievement in Human Resources Management from Villanova University.

OUTSTANDING: **Trudy Snyder** is recognized for Noah's Ark receiving the Bedford Gazette's Reader's Choice Winner for outstanding private school.

TALENTED: **Arlene Fuller and Angie Gates** had their works of art on display in the art gallery at State Convention.



INSPIRATION: **Royce Boyd** has been installed as the president of the DKG PA State Organization. She also lead the Purposeful Seminar at the Convention

DEDICATED: All committee chairs and members for keeping the chapter running smoothly through their hard work and dedication.

ACTIVIST: **Pat Brenner**, received an AOD award for getting Dr. Annie Webb Blanton entered into the National Women's History Museum and she facilitated the International Guest Round Table Discussion workshop at the state convention.



ORGANIZER: **Candace Claar** served as the Convention Treasurer and coordinated the basket raffle.

CONTRIBUTOR: **Kris Walters** served as a minute reader at the State Convention



LEADER: Tina Smith-Gilbert served as the Professional Affairs Chair (AOD), facilitated a workshop, and had on display the results of her 2022 Nancy Grove Visionary Fund award.

TEACHER: Amy Snyder facilitated a Nibble & Network session on *Balancing Caregiving with One's Own Life* and presented a workshop on *COM-MUN-I-CATE with Canva*.



WINNER: Sonya Browell won a 2024 convention registration as the grand prize winner at Music Bingo

INNOVATIVE: Bev Brumbaugh created the exquisite beach-themed raffle basket.



COMMITTED: The newsletter, under the direction of Amy Snyder, received recognition for achievement in creating a chapter newsletter.

DEDICATED: The website, under the direction of Carol Deremer, received recognition for maintaining a certified website.

Thank you 

Dues Report

Pat Harrison, Treasurer

A big “Thank you” to all the Sisters of Alpha Beta for making sure that your dues were paid on time. Because you did, we were able to meet the goal of payment of International and State dues by June 30.

MEMBERS MATTER

Remember to be on the lookout for someone with whom you work or have worked who would be a great fit for our chapter as well as benefit from membership in DKG.

Share names with Jenn Harclerode



Enrichment Grant Recipient Travels the Emerald Isle

At the June 2023 meeting, Pat Brenner shared stories, pictures and a special treat with her Alpha Beta Sisters after her trip to Ireland.

After multiple delays due to the pandemic, Pat touched down in Dublin, Ireland with her extended family where they experienced the Irish culture and visited their roots.

Each Alpha Beta sister took home a slice of Irish brown bread. A copy of the recipe can be found below.



Tina Smith-Gilbert introduces Pat Brenner at the June meeting at the Bistro in Martinsburg, PA

IRISH BROWN BREAD RECIPE

*handwritten by the baker at the Palmer Restaurant K Club
County Kildare Ireland*

- 180 grams brown (wheat) flour
- 430 grams plain (white) flour
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 6 teaspoons bread (baking) soda
- 12 teaspoons brown sugar
- 150 grams pumpkin seeds
- 225 grams porridge (oatmeal)
- 600 milliliters black treacle (dark molasses)
- 1500 milliliters Guinness
- 1400 milliliters buttermilk
- 150 grams unsalted butter

Do not add all the liquid at one time. I found I had too much liquid. Stop adding liquid when you reach the desired batter consistency. I needed 3 bread pans. Check your cookbook for baking instructions. The baker only gave ingredients. I used my cookbook for baking times. I baked the loaves at 375 degrees for 50 minutes. I also tapped the tops and listened for a hollow sound. You can also insert a toothpick to test for doneness.

This bread freezes well. I cut it into slices and then freeze.

Ways and Means Committee Report

Lois Stoner and Kris Walters

Fundraising is an integral part of our chapter’s identity. It allows our members to donate items or cash to support a number of chapter activities. Each year in December the Ways and Means Committee organizes a Christmas Tea Basket Raffle in order to give a stipend to members attending conventions and conferences through the Conference Fund. This highly successful event encourages members to expand their horizons in the DKG organization.

The other major fundraiser this past year was a book and yard sale to raise funds for our Educational Grants to current teachers. The Ways and Means Committee will be brainstorming in the coming months to decide on a fundraiser for this coming year. One recommendation is to sponsor a craft sale and for the chapter to sell food and baked goods during the sale. If you have any ideas for a fundraiser, please let the Ways and Means Committee know. Hopefully, there will be time at the August meeting to discuss any ideas for an event to raise sufficient funds to continue to award these grants.

US Forum *Pat Brenner*

The Delta Kappa Gamma mental health resolution challenges members to educate themselves on mental health issues in schools.

Also DKG members are encouraged to promote destigmatization of mental illness and to engage in activities that demonstrate emotional support for educators.



President Becky was always on the move problem solving at the State Convention.



At the June 2023 meeting Alpha Beta members introduce themselves to new members and share an interesting fact about themselves.

FUN AT THE CONVENTION

Pat Harrison and Pat Brenner play Music Bingo.



BEACH PROPS



LOCATION CHANGE FOR AUGUST MEETING
Our first meeting for 2023-2024 on August 8 will now be held in the East St. Clair Township Building's small meeting room.

STAY CONNECTED

On our chapter website (alphabetadkg.weebly.com).
Watch for new pictures and updated project information and check out the weekly inspirational quote (usually posts on Sunday).

On the state website (dkgpa.weebly.com).

Look for the latest posting of Alpha Beta pictures in the Chapters section/Chapter news.

On our Facebook page (DKG Alpha Beta Chapter of PA).