



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Pennsylvania State | Alpha Beta Chapter

Alpha Beta Bits

Memorable DKG Dates

May 11, 1929

DKG Founded

January 23, 1937

PA State Organization Established

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Alpha Beta Chapter Chartered



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President's Message

As many of you know, two adult bald eagles took up residence on my property in 2019. I named the pair Hope and Joy because during the first few weeks of seeing their nest, every day, I would look out hoping to see them and if I did, I was filled with joy. It doesn't take much to make me feel joyous; to have feelings of delight and great pleasure. In fact, it is usually the simplest of things that will fill my heart with joy.

Not surprisingly, Alpha Beta often makes my heart overflow with joy. The top five chapter "joy makers" for me are:

- the way we work together as a team
- the support we give and how we rally around each other in the most challenging life moments
- how everyone in the chapter is to giving to our many projects (whether it is ideas, time, talent, or resources)
- our responsiveness to community needs (our newest project, the We Care Bags for families in our school districts who deal with a major catastrophic event, is a great example)
- all the work we are doing to make a difference in our communities through our many projects (Fleece Blankets, Weekend Backpack Program, Collections for Bedford County Children and Youth Services (socks, school supplies, personal care items), STEM work with the Girl Scouts, support of the Jabulani School, Easter for Eli baskets, Teacher Enrichment Grants, Grant-in Aid...to name a few)

As we round out our 2022-2023 DKG year and look to our coming year, I hope we continue to absorb good energy and joy from each other and continue to spread it throughout the communities we serve. Let's continue to brighten our lives and the lives of others with the presence of joy. As much as

President's Message continued—

possible, we all need to allow joy to be a main staple in our lives and we need to spread that joy to others as often as possible. Brené Brown, research professor at the University of Houston's Graduate College of Social Work, tells us,

*“A joyful life is made up of
joyful moments
gracefully strung together.”*

Let us all begin to string together more joyful moments so that we not only enrich our lives but the lives of those around us and in the communities we serve. In doing so, we will certainly continue to move our chapter forward while fulfilling the mission and vision of DKG.

Appreciating all memorable magical moments you create by your joy,

—Becky

US FORUM

Pat Brenner

Exciting late-breaking news was just announced by the US Forum Connection. HR744 sponsored by Representative Suzanne Bonamici (OR) is now in a U.S. House Subcommittee. The legislation is titled "Supporting the Mental Health of Educators and Staff Act of 2023. It is based on the Mental Health Resolution of DKG passed at the International Convention in July, 2022. DKG members are asked to contact their U.S. Representatives and encourage them to co-sponsor this bi-partisan legislation. To locate the name of your Representative to the US Congress, go to [congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov).

State Convention

Our convention team (Royce Boyd, Pat Brenner, Sonya Browell, Beverly Brumbaugh, Candace Claar, Linda Clapper, Linda Fisher, Carol Fritz, Becky Johnen, Jenn Harclerode, Pat Harrison, Kris Olsen, Tina Smith-Gilbert, Amy Snyder, Trudy Snyder, and Kris Walters) is excited and ready for this year's event, June 21-23, at the Wyndham Resort and Convention Center, Lancaster, PA. Many of the team will be working behind the scenes at a variety of volunteer roles.

Our 75th birthday will be recognized at the Celebration Luncheon on Thursday, June 22. Those attending will make our theme of “still making a splash after 75 years” come to life at that luncheon.

The team will be there to support Royce as she gets installed as the 2023-2025 president of the PA State Organization at Thursday evening's banquet.

Be sure to attend the June 29 meeting to hear reports on this year's convention.



A Moment in History

*Pat Harrison
Historical Records Chair*

Following the initiation of our chapter on May 22, 1948, the 15 charter members got down to the business of being a chapter. The first regular meeting was held in September 1948 at the home of the president, Rosalind Mowry.

At that meeting money was collected for the relief of the Vanport teachers and dues were collected from 13 of the 15 members. The President appointed chairmen for 11 committees. After some discussion, the membership determined that the project for the year would be: Delta Kappa Gamma, its meaning, and activities.

In addition, our founders were eager to be involved with meetings outside of the chapter. The first was with the Somerset Chapter on September 28, 1948 for dessert and a play. The second was planning to be with the Altoona Chapter in April 1949. They also planned to invite the Somerset Chapter as their guests for a dinner meeting at the Hoffman Hotel on October 20, 1948. And, they made plans to attend the Wellsboro Regional Meeting on October 9, 1948.

The second vice president, Miss Stella Ritchey, invited the chapter to meet at her home in February 1949. Her invitation was gladly accepted.

What a productive meeting. After all that work, the members enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by the President.



JOINT MEETING WITH ALPHA DELTA

Our May meeting with members of Alpha Delta, held at the Somerset Country Club, was a very nice event.

Did you know that our chapters have been meeting together since September 1948?

There has been a strong bond between our chapters since we were both chartered in 1948, in May. (Alpha Delta was chartered a little over a week before us.)

Guest speaker, Dede Rittman, was entertaining and informative as she shared how she came to write the children's book *Grady Gets Glasses*.



BETA EPSILON'S MUSIC BINGO IS A HIT

Royce Boyd, Linda Fisher, Becky Johnen (along with her husband Bob), and Tina Smith-Gilbert (along with her husband George) had a delightful time at Music Bingo which was a scholarship fundraiser for Beta Epsilon. Royce “celebrated” at the Mardi Gras-themed table while everyone has “yee hawed” at the Country table.



Tina and George enjoy a night out at Music Bingo



Linda Fisher (below) enjoys a Dolly Parton cupcake

PROUD OF OUR



CREATIVE: **Melissa Moorhead** presented her churn dash quilt patch at the Creative Arts Retreat.



PRESERVATIONIST: **Pat Brenner** will receive the Album of Distinction award at the State Convention for her work in getting Dr. Annie Webb Blanton listed in the National Women’s History Museum holdings.

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

LEADER: **Royce Boyd** will lead the Purposeful Seminar that takes place in conjunction with the State Convention.

DRIVEN: **Beverly Brumbaugh** coordinated the creation of our raffle basket for the State Convention and all chapter members who donated to the basket.

STANDOUT: **Linda Clapper** serves as chairperson for the Bedford-Somerset County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School retirees Volunteer of the Year awards.

SHARING: **Amy Snyder** will present *COM-MUN-I-CATE with CANVA* at the State Convention and facilitate a table on *Balancing Caregiving with One’s Own Life* during the Nibble and Network event at the convention.

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



Projects Committee

At the March meeting, members had the opportunity to sign-up to donate personal care items for our next Project.

It was announced that items could be brought to the May or June meeting. Please bring your items to our next meeting.

Thanks to those who have already brought their contribution for our Project!

We will have more details to share at the June meeting.



BE ON THE LOOKOUT

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

IMEC DEVELOPING PODCASTS

The International Membership and Expansion Committee has ventured into the podcast arena to deliver information on “all things membership related.” In the first podcast, committee members discuss who qualifies to be a member of DKG. You can listen to the podcast at dkgsi.podbean.com/



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).

