



# 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

May 22, 1948

Alpha Beta Chapter Chartered



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## President's Message

On February 8, 2023 I had the opportunity to participate in a Zoom meeting with the DKG Canadian and European leaders. What an awesome experience that was for me, learning about how DKG came to be in seven Canadian provinces and in eight European countries. That opportunity to interact with inspiring women from around the world was brought about by my being a member in DKG.

Membership in DKG offers us “golden opportunities” to experience so many things; opportunities that are exceptionally valuable, especially to our personal and professional growth. In the 75 years that Alpha Beta has been a chapter, many of its members have said yes to something that turned out to be a golden opportunity that led them to receiving an award, receiving a scholarship, earning specialized certification or an advanced degree, sharing skills and talents, or meeting someone who has propelled them to new personal or professional heights. Think about your experiences in DKG.

***What “golden opportunities” have you experienced throughout your membership? In what ways have these opportunities benefitted not only you but also Alpha Beta and DKG?***

Opportunities allow us to experience new things, more things, exciting things, and different things. These experiences will most often occur outside of our comfort zone so we have to be willing to take that step so that we can welcome the opportunity. We have to be willing to pursue these opportunities with a positive and optimistic approach. We can open ourselves to look for and see incredible opportunities by focusing on how we think (maintaining an open mind, being

*President's Message continued—*

flexible in our view of things, overcoming limiting beliefs), our approach to things (engaging in new things and ideas, embracing change), our attitude (positive, optimistic, enthusiastic), and by taking stock of ourselves (believing in ourselves and what we are capable of doing).

Taking advantage of opportunities that present themselves is what helps us grow and move forward. Isn't growing and moving forward what life is all about and what we want to have happen for Alpha Beta? What we do with the opportunity will make all the difference to us in our life and on our DKG journey. As DKG State Organization president of Quebec, Diane Carroll Phillips says, "Accepting opportunity leads to more opportunity. So, when opportunity knocks, be sure to accept the knock and run towards it. If you miss opportunity knocking on your door, go and knock on opportunity's door. Choose your path forward! Prepare for impact when the door opens and say "YES!"

Alpha Beta has been successful for 75 years because so many members have welcomed and embraced opportunity. We are making our charter members very proud for we stand on their shoulders and carry on their legacy. Let's all continue to open the door when a DKG opportunity knocks and be prepared to accept it with open arms. We never know when the opportunity will be golden.

I am in awe of all of you and the golden moments you've made possible for Alpha Beta over our 75 years. Those moments have created magic for the chapter and will continue to do so as we move forward.

Forever grateful for you and the golden sparks that fly from your magic,

*Becky*

## The US Forum

Pat Brenner

**FYI.** The DKG@UN website has interesting information.

If you look under **Centennial Celebration**, you will find a video summarizing the 1930's era. It begins with a brief history of the founding of DKG in 1929 by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and her colleagues. The website splits our history by decade.

Did you know that March 1 is the first day of Women's History month; March 8 is International Women's Day; and Oct 5 is World Teacher Appreciation Day?

DKG representatives attend weekly briefings at UN Headquarters in New York City. DKG members are very concerned about educational issues worldwide. Our "Schools for Africa" project demonstrates Alpha Beta's worldview that everyone has a right to a quality education.

The right to an education is included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and achieving Quality Education is #4 of the 17 sustainable Development and Goals to be met by 2030. The US Forum supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators.

## WEEKEND

### BAKCPACK PROGRAM



—Jenn Harclerode

We will be collecting food items for our districts' Weekend Backpack Programs at the March 25 meeting. If you need a current list of items requested by the schools, contact Becky or me.

Boxes, labeled by school, will be in the entry way at The Bistro just waiting to be filled with your donations, donations that help children who are in food-insecure environments. Let's celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> birthday by giving the "gift of food" to those in need



Dear DKG Sisters,

On December 13 my son Jim succumbed to his battle with colon cancer. I would like to thank you for your many expressions of care and support to me during his illness. I would also like to thank you for your support and comfort on his passing. I would especially like to thank Becky and Pat [Brenner] who attended his funeral mass.

Your Sister, Pat Marshall

## STATE CONVENTION

Details on the State Convention, June 21-23, at the Wyndham Resort and Convention Center, Lancaster, PA will be in the Spring edition of the Keystoneian. In the meantime, you can check out details on the exciting Purposeful Seminar taking place on Wednesday, June 21, the new Nibble and Network event on Wednesday, June 21, the general workshops on Thursday, June 22, all the special events, and keynote speaker Kim Kluxen Meredith on the state's website, under the **2023 State Convention tab**.

**Committee Chair  
Budget Requests  
—Royce Boyd**

Spring is in the air and so is budget time.

The Finance Committee will begin putting the 23-24 budget together in April. Therefore, committee chairs, it is important for you to tell us the amount you would like us to place in your line item.

Please send that information to Royce by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**REFLECTING** on memorable moments over their years in DKG Alpha Beta are Patty Valentine (left) 42 year member and Joan MCGreevey, 55 year member, as part of a "Stroll Down Memory Lane" activity.





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**TALENTED:** Arlene Fuller submitted her “Birds in Paradise” (machine pieced ‘Stack and Whack’) quilt to the DKG Spring Fine Arts Gallery.

**INFLUENTIAL:** Melissa Moorhead will be presenting a session on churn dash quilt patches at the Creative Arts Retreat (April 21-23, Ladore Retreat and Conference Center, Waymart, PA)

**SHARING:** Amy Snyder will serve as a Nibble and Network facilitator (balancing caregiving with one’s own life) and as a workshop presenter (COM-MUN-I-CATE with CANVA) at State Convention.

**MILESTONES:** Our members who were recognized in December for their milestone anniversaries: Tina Smith-Gilbert, 10 years; Arlene Fuller, 25 years. Recognized in memoriam for her 40 years was Wanda Keller.

**SUCCESSFUL:** Everyone who helped build a chapter basket for the Easter for Eli project, donated a basket on their own, or donated gift cards to the project.

**UNSTOPPABLE:** Our Ways and Means Committee members (Lois Stoner, Kris Walters, Yvonne Bowser, Royce Boyd, Linda Clapper, Pat Harrison, Connie McClain, Nancy Rockey) for an outstanding Christmas Tea Basket Raffle and for all the hard work they are doing for the April 1 Books and Bargains Yard Sale fundraiser.

**GIVING:** Our Hospitality Committee members (Trudy Snyder, Becky Johnen, Pat Brenner, Candace Claar, Susan Clark, Wanda Clark, Denelle Diehl, Carol Fritz, Jenn Harclerode, Sandi Hoenstine, Connie McClain, Kris Olsen, Tina Smith-Gilbert) for creating the beautiful angel (made from a kitchen towel, washcloth, and pot holder) that was given as the 2022 chapter Christmas gift

**METICULOUS:** Members of the Grant-in-Aid Committee (Linda Fisher, JoAnn Leighty, Connie McClain, Linda McElroy, Kris Olsen, Nancy Rockey) for their time and energy in reviewing the seven applications and selecting the recipient of this year’s award.

**VISIONARY:** Members of the Ad Hoc 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Committee (Tina Smith-Gilbert, Pat Brenner, Candace Claar, Linda Clapper, Jenn Harclerode, Joan McGreevey, Melissa Moorhead, Maria Scott-Bollman) for all of their creative and hard work on everything related to our birthday festivities.

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



## Project Committee News

—Linda Clapper



## Jabulani School

Linda McElroy & Linda Clapper

Thanks for the generosity of socks and gloves at the December meeting. We had such a variety of sizes and colors! These were delivered to the Bedford County Children & Youth Office and then distributed by their staff. Also, we shared some with the Everett School District's We Care Room.

Several fleece blankets were given out at that meeting. THANKS to everyone who is helping with this Project! We are getting close to our goal of completing and delivering 100 blankets!

We will appreciate that blankets are returned at the March 25th meeting.

Contributions to help support the Jabulani School in Zimbabwe, Africa will be collected at the March 25th meeting.

This time, the money will be used for supplies and Sadza for the children. Sadza is a very thick, nourishing porridge made from cornmeal.

Please bring your rainy day bag or donation. If possible, please wrap the coins to make it easier for our counters. Thank You!



## No Fooling! It is *Books and Bargains* Time

Lois Stoner & Kris Walters

Hopefully, everyone has survived the crazy winter and has been collecting books and yard sale items. Becky has the "Kitchen Crew" organized to serve food items and sell baked goods.

Thank you to all members that have distributed flyers or posted information on social media. Newspaper notices and a radio spot will be forthcoming as we get closer to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Just a reminder concerning the items that all members can contribute: books of all genres (no encyclopedias, textbooks or books in poor condition, please), gently used household items, toys, sporting goods, collectibles, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, puzzles, costume jewelry and craft supplies.

Other needed items include: shopping bags with handles, pop flats or other boxes in

which to display books, and sturdy boxes in which to store and transport books and other items. **No clothes, shoes or boots will be accepted!**

A schedule will be e-mailed to all volunteers who signed up at the Christmas tea. If the time assigned to you on Friday evening March 31<sup>st</sup> for set up or Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> to help at the yard sale no longer works for you, please let me know.

Finally, Royce and Becky have volunteered their homes to be drop off locations. The Way and Means Committee members will be able to take some items at the March meeting, but try to make arrangements to drop off your donations by Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> so they can be sorted and priced before the 31<sup>st</sup>. "Pricing Parties" will be taking place during that final week. More info will be coming about them at a later date.

Thanks to everyone in the chapter for all your help. This definitely will be an "all hands on deck" event.

## INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE ([dkg.org](http://dkg.org))

Have you checked out the updated International website ([dkg.org](http://dkg.org)) which was launched on January 17?

It has been redesigned to be more user friendly and user focused. Information available when the site is first pulled up is that which has been designed for non-members. To get to the member information (details listed below), one has to sign in using their member ID and a password.

Member information has seven tabs all of which have a drop down menu (containing the items in parenthesis):

- **MYDKG:** (my account, apply/submit, forms, deadlines, communities, DKG Store, directory, chapter locator)
- **RESOURCES** (media, DKG officer, new member, and marketing)
- **ABOUT** (mission/vision/purposes, information on becoming a member, the DKG history, key initiatives, recognition, leaders, state organization and chapter websites)
- **EVENTS** (International conventions and conferences, related events, Go Ahead Tours, and the Centennial Celebration)
- **PUBLICATIONS and DOCUMENTS** (Constitution and ISR, DKG News, Bulletin Journal, Bulletin Magazine, Get Connected, Go-to-Guide, President's Page, Our Heritage, Board Actions – Administrative and Executive, GAP, Strategic Plan, budget, archives)
- **DKGIEF** (about, funds, ways to contribute, blog, donate)
- **LEADERSHIP DISCOVERY CENTRE** (general resources: society and outside

The international site also contains a language translator containing over 100 languages and can be used to translate information on any page one is reading.

There is a wealth of information on the website. Check it out.

### MEMBERS MATTER Jenn Harclerode

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.

Send names to Jenn Harclerode .

### JUNE MEETING DATE CHANGE

Our June meeting has been moved from June 22 to **June 29**. It will still be held at The Bistro at Village Green in Martinsburg. Update your calendars and the chapter's meeting schedule.



Sisters,

While going through DKG materials, I came upon Dr. Annie Webb Blanton's "Patience Candy" recipe. Many of you may have it too. I have a lot of experience with baking cookies but, have only made candy a few times. I thought I would try it. You may enjoy it too.

—Linda Clapper

## Dr. Annie Webb Blanton's *Patience Candy*

At the Executive Board/ General Session on Saturday, the new initiates received a gift of Patience Candy, Delta Kappa Gamma Founder Annie Webb Blanton's favorite. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has made the recipe available from *A Texas Collection: East Texas, 1980*.

*Dr. Blanton loved to cook and was noted for her delicious hot biscuits, apple pies, sugared pecans and Patience Candy. Several members have requested this recipe. . . . It does take patience!*

1 cup milk	1 cup sugar
2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon butter	1 cup chopped pecans
¼ cup Karo syrup	

Mix milk, 2 cups sugar, butter and Karo syrup in pan to boil slowly. Melt 1 cup sugar in a heavy skillet, stirring constantly, letting it brown slowly. Combine the two mixes and cook until mixture forms a soft ball (234-240° F). Remove from heat, beat until cool, adding vanilla while beating. Add pecans, pour into a buttered dish. Cut in squares when cool.



### FEBRUARY

Melissa McDonald, 12

### MARCH

Carol Fritz, 4  
Denelle Diehl, 7  
Tricia Beidle, 8  
Connie McClain, 12  
JoAnn Leighty, 14  
Patty Valentine, 17  
Kris Walters, 28

### APRIL

Karen Musselman, 1  
Pat Brenner, 4  
Ann Snyder, 11  
Beverly Brumbaugh, 18  
Patricia Harrison, 18

## STAY CONNECTED

On our chapter website ([alphabetadkg.weebly.com](http://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](http://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).



## Beach Basket

—Bev Brumbaugh

With these nice days we have been having, it is not difficult to dream of beaches and poolside days.

Our beach basket that we are preparing for the convention should be enticing to our beach loving sisters.

Here is a list of the items we have already collected. I plan to get a beach chair. We could also use a beach bag.

- 2 beach towels
- 2 novels
- 1 Sudoku book
- 5 pairs of flip flops-various sizes
- Sun visor
- 2 plastic wine glasses
- 2 plastic water bottles
- Freez pak
- Aloe gel
- Deep woods off
- 5 containers of sunblock
- 3 small packs of tissues
- 3 pairs of sunglasses
- 2 frisbees
- Sand toys
- Splash ball racket set
- 3 beach balls

If you have any other items to add to our basket, please bring them to the March meeting.

Thank you for your support of this DKG project.



**An in-between-the-meeting activity:** Johnstown-based chapter member Kris Olsen. (center) enjoyed a delightful and delicious Valentine's-themed brunch at Arbutus Park Manor with chapter president Becky Johnen (left) and corresponding coordinator Judy Conrad (right).



Enjoying the Chapter's December 10th social outing to the Bedford County Players production of "Nun-crackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical" are Pat Harrison (left) and Pat Brenner. (right).