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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many of you are aware that two adult bald eagles (whom I have named Hope and Joy) have taken up residence in a tree 300 yards from my house. They've been with us for a little over three years and each year have successfully raised two eaglets. Their nest is visible from several rooms in the house so anytime I move from one room to another I get a good look at what is going on with the eagles. Hope and Joy impressed me from their first sighting on December 25, 2019 and my admiration of them grew as I watched them with their first clutch of eggs. Both Hope and Joy equally share duties of tending to the clutch and once eaglets hatch, they share responsibility for the care, feeding, and training of the young ones. If one adult is in the nest and leaves to take a break, the other is never far away and appears in the nest in moments. This tag-team effort of sharing the work and ensuring what needs to get done actually gets done reminds me of how we work in our chapter.

We all share responsibility for the care and the work of the chapter. Just like the



eagles, we work together to get things done. Our use of committee co-chairs has certainly eased the workload, especially in our most active committees. When someone can't make a meeting, there is always someone to quickly step in and do whatever it takes to keep things moving efficiently. We are successful in all we do because of our tag-team work ethic.

As we get ready to close out the 2020-2022 biennium, you all need to be proud of your role in making it a productive, meaningful, and successful two years. The results of our many projects – Fleece Blankets, Weekend Backpack Program, Collections for Bedford County Children and Youth Services (socks, school supplies, personal care items), Each One Reach One, STEM work with the Girl Scouts, support of the Jabulani School, Key Women Educators, Teacher Enrichment Grants, Grant-in Aid, Beyond the Classroom (retiree fair), Talk About Teaching (support for early career educators) – clearly demonstrate what a team effort can accomplish. And, often behind the scenes, our many committees and work groups work to set the stage for our projects and the general work of the chapter. Just as it is with Hope and Joy, it takes the collective effort of everyone in Alpha Beta to make everything come to fruition.

My heartfelt thanks to each of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as chapter president and for working with such an awesome and

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outstanding tag team (i.e., group of women). I am so grateful to all of you for your support, encouragement, hard work, and dedication to DKG and Alpha Beta. WE made a difference for those around us and for those in the community. WE are forward moving ever to 2022-2024.

Impressed by your magical tag-team ways,
Becky

RAYS OF SUNSHINE



Congratulations to Candace Claar for the successful completion of her doctorate!

Congratulations to Pat Brenner who through her tireless efforts was successful in getting Dr. Annie Web Blanton included in the National Women's History Museum! Please take a look at the next section to gather more details.

Congratulations to Angie Gates who will move to half time teaching little ones and half time coaching preschool teachers!

Congratulations and best wishes to Amy Snyder on her new business, Nightingale Coaching with Amy! Her business is designed to help "caregivers navigate the twists and turns of the care giving journey without losing themselves in the process."

Heartfelt thanks to Joanie McGreevey's sister, Aloyse, for her help with the convention basket

cover design.

Our best wishes to Trudy Snyder for a safe and productive mission trip to Panama.

TEACHER ENRICHMENT GRANT UPDATE

Becky sent Megan Brown (Chestnut Ridge High School teacher and facilitator for the student run bakery) a thank you note for the beautiful and delicious cupcakes that her students made for the May meeting. In response Megan sent the Alpha Beta Sister's this reply: "The students and I really appreciate all you have done for us!!! I let Justin know about how much everyone enjoyed his cupcake decorating skills and the FANTASTIC job he did icing them. He said thank you – he had the biggest smile on his face!! Thank you again for the opportunity!!!"

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

The National Women's History Museum (NWHM) is a museum and an American history organization that "researches, collects and exhibits the contributions of women to the social, cultural, economic and political life of our nation in a context of world history." The NWHM was founded in 1996 by Karen Staser. It currently offers an online museum, educational programs, scholarship and research.



Thanks to the persistence of Pat Brenner the latest addition to the museum's listings is DR. ANNIE WEBB BLANTON! Pat has worked tirelessly for months to get the decision makers at the museum to consider Dr. Blanton for inclusion.



To see Dr. Blanton's listing, go to womenshistory.org and click on the Women's History tab at the top of the page. Then click on Chronicles of American Women. Once there, click on 'browse the stories.' Scroll to Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and click on her name.

Pat, DKG will be indebted to you for this accomplishment. Thank you for this gift to DKG.
- **Becky**

News from the Projects Committee

On April 21st, 6 fleece blankets were delivered to the Bedford County Children & Youth Services to distribute to those who need them. That makes a total of 84 blankets that have been given in our Chapter area!

Several members have been so helpful by cutting and knotting blankets—Thank you!

If you are aware of another site that can benefit from our fleece blankets, please contact Beverly Brumbaugh or Linda Clapper.

- **Linda Clapper**

STATE CONVENTION

Thirteen chapter members will spend June 9th-11th at The Penn Stater for this year's PA State Convention. The chapter's convention team has two first timers – Yvonne Bowser and Jenn Harclerode and eleven veteran attendees – Royce Boyd, Pat Brenner, Candace Claar, Pat Harrison, Becky Johnen, Melissa Moorhead, Kris Olsen, Tina Smith-Gilbert, Trudy Snyder, Lois Stoner and Kris Walters.

Our team will be very busy at convention. Everyone will be volunteering in some capacity. Our chapter, with the leadership of Candace Claar, coordinates the basket raffle. (Candace also serves as the convention treasurer.) Royce Boyd is the state's first vice president and EEC Chair so she has been busy organizing the EEC Social and the Celebratory Luncheon. Becky Johnen serves as the convention coordinator.

Melissa Moorhead (Mind Your Body) and Tina Smith-Gilbert (In A Flash Session on EEC, Early Career Educators) are both presenting at convention. Tina also serves as the state's AOD Chair and will be conducting the AOD ceremony. At the AOD ceremony, Melissa Moorhead and Lois Stoner will be receiving Album of Distinction awards.

Pat Brenner will be receiving an Enrichment Grant and Tina Smith-Gilbert will be receiving the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund award. Pat will be presenting at the First General Session! She has been asked to share information on her efforts to

get Dr. Blanton listed in the National Women's History Museum.

And while not able to attend the convention in person, Denelle Diehl will be "represented" at the President's Banquet. One of her photographs appears on one of the five cards that make up President Eileen's banquet favor.

We are so proud of our members who are receiving grants and awards and so proud of all the hard work everyone is doing.

2022 EDUCATOR'S BOOK AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Generation Mixed Goes to School by Ralina L. Joseph and Allison Briscoe-Smith has been selected as the DKG 2022 Educator Book Award.

NEW ORLEANS DRESS FOR SUCCESS PROJECT



If you want to add to the handbag our chapter will be taking to the International Convention for the New Orleans Dress

for Success Project, please bring interview appropriate jewelry and/or unopened makeup/cosmetics to the June meeting. Place items in the professional handbag that will be near our meeting room's entry. If you have items

but won't be at the June meeting, contact Becky to arrange a pick up for the items.

US FORUM

Just a reminder that the purpose of US Forum is to identify major issues and legislation affecting women, children, and education. Your vote in every primary and general election is crucial to having our voices heard.

On another topic, our foundress, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, has been accepted into the National Women's History Museum. She is listed in their Chronicles of American Women. Dr Blanton was a ground-breaker who has left an amazing legacy for us to continue as we treasure the past and look forward to the future. - **Pat Brenner**

NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter article submission deadline is July 12, 2022. Please send pictures and articles to Amy Snyder. Amy is our new newsletter editor. You can find her email address in the directory.

I would like to let everyone know I have enjoyed being the editor of Alpha Beta Bits for our chapter the last two years. It has been my pleasure to chronicle our chapter's endeavors, accomplishments and our history. I hope you have enjoyed each issue and I hope the issues will be a great reminder of our rich history in the years to come. -**Tina**

REMEMBER TO CHECK US OUT...

- On our chapter website (alphabeta-dkg.weebly.com). Watch for new pictures and updated project information.
- 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).



NEXT ALPHA BETA MEETING

**Date: Thursday
June 23, 2022**

Where: Spring House Estates
Everett, PA

Time:

5:45 PM Meeting Opening

6:00 PM Dinner

6:45 Business Meeting

7:30 Program:

**Induction of Samantha Fickes and
Installation of Officers by Tracey
Dusch; Past State President**

We would like to wish the following Alpha Beta Sisters a very "Happy Birthday". We hope you have a wonderful birthday and a wonderful year ahead that is full of good health, good fortune and many blessings.



June

Laurie Criswell 3rd
Joan McGreevy 3rd
Linda Fisher 20th

July

Tina Smith-Gilbert 7th
Maria Scott-Bollman 11th
Becky Johnen 20th

August

Sonya Browell 3rd
Sandra Hoenstine 3rd
Nancy Rockey 10th
Jane Brown 14th
Susan Clark 16th
Melissa Moorhead 17th
Samantha Fickes 20th
Kris Olsen 24th
Susan Trimeloni 28th

MEMORABLE DKG DATES

May 11, 1929
DKG is Founded

January 23, 1937
PA State Organization is Established

May 22, 1948
Alpha Beta Chapter is Chartered

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