



## Alpha Beta Bits

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### President's Message from Becky Johnen

As I prepare the first President's message for my biennium, my first thoughts are ones of gratitude to all of you for allowing me this opportunity to lead the chapter. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Alpha Beta in this way. I am so grateful to be a part of a group of such dynamic women and I am so excited about what we can accomplish. The foundation laid by all of the presidents who have preceded me is a solid one and provides a great roadmap for the next two years.

The theme for my biennium – Creating Magical Connections...Endless New Possibilities - was inspired by the words of Ray King; a founding DKG member. She said, "Idea + Vision + Faith + Work = Magic." You have provided many great ideas along with your vision for what you want to see Alpha Beta become. These have been captured in our strategic action plan. Collectively, we have faith that we will meet and exceed the goals of our plan. And it is through our work that the magic will happen - work in committees, in meetings, and in the community. We will make magical connections within the chapter and within the communities we represent and it is through these connections that we will see endless new possibilities for our chapter, possibilities that will keep our chapter 'forward moving ever.' Last summer, in a conversation Pat Brenner and I had she said we will have "Success through synergy." Indeed the magical connections we make will be value added; they will be synergistic in a sense that the results will be greater than what each of us could have done individually.

At our meeting on August 4, I will talk a little more about this and share my areas of focus as well as my biennium goals with you. I invite you to share in this journey on which we will embark and to help in creating magical connections leading to endless new possibilities for us! Thanks for making the magic happen! - *Becky*



Officers: On the computer via Zoom Laurie Criswell who will be our Second Vice President. Second Row (Left to Right): Becky Johnen; President, Melissa Flynn; Co Vice President and Parliamentarian, Sonya Browell; Recording Secretary, Judy Conrad; Corresponding Secretary, and Patricia Harrison; Treasurer. Missing from the meeting was Candace Claar; Co First Vice President.

### Alpha Beta 2020-2022 Leadership Team

At Slick's Ivy Stone on June 23, 2020 the Alpha Beta chapter welcomed in their new officers for the next biennium. The installations of officers was presided over by our current Pennsylvania state President; Eileen Little. Thank you ladies for your dedication and commitment to our local chapter of DKG and your willingness to serve in a leadership role.





Eileen Little and the Alpha Beta Chapter presented Joanie McGreevey with fourteen red roses and a memory jar in commemoration of her fourteen years as our chapter treasurer. Thank you Joanie for your time and dedication as our chapter treasurer.

Alpha Beta Sisters,

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of red roses honoring my 14 years as Alpha Beta treasurer. The photos and notes in the memory jar are very special. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and good wishes.

It was a pleasure being your treasurer. - **Joanie**

### Ways and Means Committee

The Ways and Means Subcommittee is one of the new parts of our chapter starting this biennium. The role of this subcommittee as stated in our Chapter Rules is to “Conduct all fundraising for chapter approved funds”. Therefore, the subcommittee will be surveying chapter members to find out your thoughts on how this should be accomplished. Please participate when you receive the survey as we really do want everyone’s ideas about what will work for our chapter. Thank you in advance.

- **Lois Stoner and Kris Walters; Co-Coordinator**

### Projects Committee

We have been a busy committee in the past several months! Since December, 16 fleece blankets have been delivered to Your



Safe Haven in Bedford. Also 9 fleece blankets have been delivered to Children and Youth Services in Bedford County. This Spring, several members cut out more blankets. At our June meeting 8 more blankets were given to Kris Walters for the Girl Scouts to help do the knotting. - **Linda Clapper**



### World Fellowship Committee

Just a reminder that Zhanar Tostubaeva is at Lehigh University doing summer studies as she could not return to Kazakhstan due to the Covid 19 virus. Please continue to send well wishes or gift cards to help her through this difficult time. If you were not at the June meeting or did not get her new address, please contact me to obtain that new address. - **Lois Stoner**

### US Forum

Did you know that a woman created the following benefits and services?

- Social Security
- Minimum Wage
- Unemployment Insurance
- Forty Hour Work Week
- Child Labor Laws
- Welfare
- Protection of Labor Rights

She was the first female member of a US Cabinet. She served as US Secretary of Labor from 1933-1945 under FDR. She was the subject of a PBS documentary film “Summoned”.

Who is this woman? **FRANCES PERKINS**

Although she did not invent the phrase “You go girl” she could have. - **Pat Brenner**

**Enriching Experiences**

One of the benefits of membership in DKG is the opportunity to apply for an Enrichment Grant. These grants are awarded for a classroom enhancement project, continuing education for personal and professional growth, travel/study tour, an independent study project, or professional presentation of research. The grant request must address at least one of the DKG seven purposes. (Applicants must be active members for a minimum of three years from their initiation date).

Our program at the August meeting will focus on the Enriching Experiences of Alpha Beta members Lois Stoner, Linda McElroy and Melissa Flynn all of whom have been recipients of an Enrichment Grant. Lois will also share information on the World Fellowship aspect of DKG. - **Becky**

**Membership Committee**

Be on the lookout for someone with whom you work or have worked with who would be a great fit for our chapter as well as benefit from membership in DKG. Recommendation for Membership forms or prospect cards are available from Laurie Criswell and Becky Johnen.

**-Laurie Criswell**



**Get Acquainted with DKG Websites**

Take a stroll this summer through the chapter, state and international websites and check out the resources available on each site. There is a wealth of information in each section of the sites. For example, in the Calendar section of our chapter website (alphabeta-dkg.weebly.com), in addition to our meeting dates, you can check out dates for upcoming state and international events as well as dates for awards and scholarships deadlines. In the Awards and Scholarships section of the state’s website (dkgpa.weebly.com) you will find descriptions of and the applications for Enrichment Grants, Scholarships, the Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship (Scholarship offered to members who are in their first three years of membership in DKG) and more. The Updates section contains important dates and deadlines as well as all letters President Eileen sends out. Did you know if you go beyond the home page of the international website (dkg.org) by signing in you have access to the following sections: Resources, Governing Docs, Publications, Forms, My DKG, Programs and Projects, and an Apply/Submit category for DKG related applications. Take advantage of the resources at your fingertips. - **Becky**

**Benefits of DKG Membership**

There are many benefits to being a member of DKG. Check this column in future editions of the newsletter for information on other benefits or check out dkg.org. If you like to shop and if you like discounts check out The Good Shop and Amazonsmile programs because these may be of interest to you.

**Good Shop**

This is the society online shopping mall. Good Shop acts as a referral to all of your favorite shopping sites too numerous to mention. You will also be eligible for discounts through some of the vendors. You just need to go to Good Shop, register and search for where you like to shop. You will be amazed! The society receives a percentage of all purchases. Family & friends can also shop this way and help benefit DKG.

## Benefits of DKG Membership Continued

### Amazonsmile

This site lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping as you would on amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazonsmile (smile.amazon.com) five percent (5%) of your purchase will be donated to the DKG Supporting Corporation. The DKG Supporting Corporation helps fund scholarship and world fellowship grants.

-Becky

### August Meeting Location Notes

Directions to the Raven Run Church of the Brethren pavilion will be emailed closer to the meeting date due to some road construction projects that will impact how to get there. Note that cell service is spotty in this area. GPS devices may or may not work due to the spotty service in this area.

- **The pavilion has a real one person bathroom.**
- **Parking spots are available near the pavilion and across the road at the church for those who don't mind walking a few more steps.**
- **Seating is available at picnic tables and stand alone wooden benches.**



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## Next Meeting Dates and Times

**Place: Church of the Brethren, Saxton, PA**

**Times:**

- 10:45 AM – Executive Board Meeting
- 11:15 AM – Business Meeting
- 12:00 PM – Picnic Luncheon
- 12:45 PM – Program: World Fellowship and Enrichment Grant Opportunities

## Alpha Beta Upcoming Birthday

We would like to wish the following Alpha Beta Sisters are very happy birthday. We hope you have a wonderful birthday!

### July

- 7<sup>th</sup>: Tina Smith-Gilbert
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Maria Scott-Bollman
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Becky Johnen

### August

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sonya Browell  
Sandra Hoenstine
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Jane Brown
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Susan Clark
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Melissa Flynn
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Susan Trimeloni



### September

- 5<sup>th</sup>: Candace Claar
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Wanda Clark
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Emily Deremer

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**Please submit your ideas, pictures and articles for  
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