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Delta Kappa Gamma Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – May, 2021



As I come to the close of my first year of this biennium, I realize the changes that our chapter has faced in this last difficult year. I am sad about the time missed in fellowship with my sisters and the ability to fill my soul with the energy we all bring to our events. Yet, I am delighted for the changes that we have embraced to continue the empowering the work of our Society. We have accepted meeting via zoom, engaged members in interesting programs and continued our search for key women educators. I am excited for the young women who will benefit from our Grant-in-Aid and possible membership

in our chapter as a collegiate member.

I extend much thanks to the Membership Academy for their commitment in selecting our Grant-in Aid recipient and nominating a new member to our chapter. In addition, the Social Committee is working diligently on locations and programs for next year. Summer in-person events include a Picnic, book club and our 60th Birthday Celebration. I hope you all can attend. The Communication Academy are planning to put together the yearbook this summer. The Financial Academy will be working through the budget to support our endeavors.

I will represent Alpha Upsilon at our State Convention in a few short weeks. I thank you for the opportunity to grow as your leader. I will forge ahead with commitment to the members of Alpha Upsilon and DKG. I pledge to help you grow and accept new challenges, both professionally and personally. I hope you are willing to undertake the tasks to accomplish the goals of our chapter, including stepping outside your comfort zone. May we be strong - Key Women Educators.

Jennifer McKay-President of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of DKG

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Pam Derby, Award Winner

The Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees initiated a yearly grant proposal program for employees in the seven school districts under which they were chartered-Burrell, Kiski, Leechburg, Apollo-Ridge, Freeport, Highlands, and New Kensington-Arnold. Each grant was for \$250.00.

17 grants were received this year with 6 chosen.

Pam Derby was the recipient of the Kiski Area Grant. She is a first-grade teacher at East Primary School. Her proposal was to purchase materials for Language Arts, Math, and Intervention for her classroom. She will be ordering vowel cards and games, sight-word cards, an addition/subtraction gumball game, comprehensive phonemic awareness games, phonological awareness, counting and place value games.

Congratulations Pam, for investing time to write a grant proposal to aid her students. Your Alpha Upsilon sisters are impressed that you are always looking for ways for your students to practice their foundational skills. Well-done!

Submitted by Judy Schaeffer

The Alpha Upsilon April General Membership program was quite the success. The original program speaker unfortunately had a death in the family however, when contacted by President Jenn McKay, Alpha Upsilon sister, Ellen Rupert, stepped up to put together a program about her journey in locating members of her family dating back to the Revolutionary War days and her ancestry in Europe. Her words were woven into interesting stories about her ancestors accompanied with photos and authentic documents to support them. thank you, Ellen! Your interesting and educational presentation brought history to light which several of our AU sisters also share with their ancestors.

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Including this announcement again in case you did not have an opportunity to complete the form.

Alpha Upsilon General Membership Meeting Programs for Fall of 2021

Be sure to support your local chapter by attending the first General Membership meeting of 2021-2022

**Saturday, September 11, 2021 @ 9:00am Breakfast followed by the
general membership meeting.**

Words of Wisdom from Eileen Little, PA State President

Presented by Eileen Little, DKG PA State President

Hill Crest Country Club

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AU General Membership Meeting – September 11, 2021 SAVE the DATE

**PA State Convention in Scranton, PA – June 11 – 13, 2021- 9 members
planning to attend. Take lots of pictures please!**

International Convention in San Antonio , TX – July 21 – 24, 2021

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ARE YOU READY TO PUT ON THE RITZ?

Alpha Upsilon's 60th Birthday Party Celebration plans are well on their way! Time to dig out your fancy outfit from its covid mothballs and prepare to get all glammed up for the celebration of the decade!

The spectacular birthday event is scheduled for **Sunday, July 11th at the Hill Crest Country Club beginning at 1:30pm.** A luncheon will be served. An invitation is arriving at your door soon which will include menu choices and cost with return slip of paper to be returned to Sue Hilty with your menu choice and a check. So, start putting together your most sparkling outfit and be ready to join in the festivities. **Alpha Upsilon – Sixty Years and Counting!**

First Alpha Upsilon Meeting of the 2021-2022 year

The Social Academy is presently completing plans for the first DKG meeting of the year. The meeting will be held at the **Hill Crest Country Club Saturday, Sept. 11th** with a breakfast being served at 9:00am followed by our business meeting at 10:00am with Jennifer McKay presiding. The Social Academy has selected the breakfast event over a luncheon as something unique to kick-off our new year of meetings and activities. The Academy will be selecting the menu for the breakfast soon which we will share with all of you. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar. Our State President, Eileen Little will be our keynote speaker.

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FYI

Our April newsletter has been submitted to DKG State Communications Chair, Linda Nickerson and to Sue Allen, DKG Pa webmaster. It can be found on the state website.

Also, an article has been submitted to Bonnie Barnes, Editor of the Keystonian, to be published in the Summer issue. We will continue to submit articles to the Keystonian for each issue to communicate about our work in our chapter. Be sure to be on the lookout for the article. Many thanks are extended to Millie Pipman for her editing skills on the article prior to submission.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT FROM LINDA HENKEL

At the final general membership meeting on May 4th, the Corresponding Secretary Report was given. There were 5 birthday cards sent to members who were celebrating their special day. In the report, Linda thanked the group for the donations of stamps and mailing labels.



Book Choice for the Month

The Book Club which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month has selected the following book for discussion:

May: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

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TREASURER'S REPORT



by Sue Hilty

Check written for \$16.50 to Barb Summers for DKG certificates.

Check written for \$1,000 to Emily Schrag for Grant-in-Aid.

Check written for \$200 to Madison Daugherty for Grant-in-Aid.

Check written for \$120.01 to Barb Summers for 6 initiation pins and a past president's pin.

\$3,579 collected in dues from all 36 members of Alpha Upsilon.

Check written for \$1,400 to DKG International for dues.

Check written for \$592 to Pa. State Org. DKG for dues.

Check written for \$36 to World Fellowship.

Check written for \$36 to Pa. State Org. DKG for Scholarships.

Balance in checking account is \$3,028.

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COMFORT CORNER

As we all begin to emerge from this pandemic, I think we all need a little comfort. Most everyone sequestered themselves in their homes beginning in March of 2020, not being able to see family or friends for many, many months. We were forced to rely on others to tell us what we needed know and do. Sometimes that reliance meant having others bring us our groceries and supplies to sustain our own lives. We were so focused inward and on keeping ourselves safe.

As we adjust to what will be our new normal for a while, we will approach situations and people cautiously, continuing to wear masks and be socially distanced until a secure comfort level is once again reached. We are relearning how to trust others in doing all that needs to be done to keep themselves and others safe. We must trust that our leaders are giving us the most scientific information we need to protect ourselves from danger.

There are still millions of people in our country who are struggling, so let us send up prayers and positive thoughts for others who are less fortunate than we are. In our little part of the world, let us think about our friends and neighbors who might enjoy a card or a call to brighten their day. It is once again time to reach out to comfort others.

From the Editor

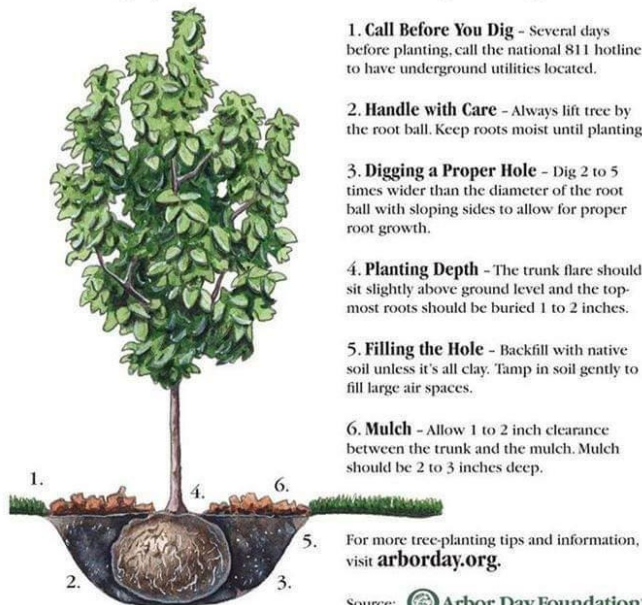
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ADOPT A NEW TEACHER

There are currently 4 teachers who are being supported in special ways as they close their current school year with supplies and goodies to let them know how much they are appreciated as they complete this year that will forever be one of the most memorable and difficult of their careers! Thanks to the Alpha Upsilon sisters who joined in this project.

Six things you should know when planting a tree.



Celebrate Arbor Day – June 14, 2021

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2021 Grant in Aid Award



AND WE HAVE A WINNER!

CONGRATULATIONS EMILY SCHRAG!

On a stormy Wednesday evening, with a DKG congratulatory yard sign in hand it was our extreme pleasure to present our Grant-in-Aid award to Miss Emily Schrag of Kiski Area School District! Emily had some very comparable competition, but her application stood out to our committee.

Emily is planning on attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania and majoring in secondary math education (7-12) and minoring in Computer Science. She is in the top 10% of her class, in the National Honor Society, an officer of the Key Club, and on the Kiski Leadership Council. She is the captain of the girls' soccer team, and a member of the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field team. Emily also volunteers her time helping with Dr. Suess night, the Elementary Science Olympiad, Field Day, and is a youth referee for the Kiski Area Soccer League.

In previous years, the Committee presents this Grant at a meeting so our winner can meet our members and enjoy a lunch with us and her mother. Because this year again was a different kind of year, this was not possible. We have invited Emily and her mother to attend our summer picnic on June 21st. Also invited will be Hannah Clark, our last year's winner who also was not able to attend our meeting and be treated to lunch.

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We are looking forward to our Alpha Upsilon members meeting our 2020 and 2021 Grant-in-Aid winners. Many thanks to our members for supporting such an important initiative.

Very sincere thanks are extended to Barbara Summers, Carolyn Sutton, and Sue Hilty for their efforts in shepherding this process for Alpha Upsilon chapter.



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TIME:

We all know and understand that time is one of our most precious commodities. As I look over all the activities and work that has been and is in progress for the next several months, it is the amount of time expended that certainly mounts up.

Numerous hours spent on designing, creating, and sending out the invitations for our 60th birthday party,

Many, many hours spent in the collection, recording of dues, and sending the required payments to International and State organizations,

Countless hours of sending and reviewing applications for Grant-in-Aid, preparing the sign and numerous calls to schedule the presentation of award to the recipient,

Numerous hours in gathering information, preparing, and editing the final copy and distributing to AU members of the chapter newsletters.

Using opportunities of available time in setting up meeting dates, planning programs and agendas and communicating the information through emails and regular mailings to AU members,

Time to figure out arrangements for special events, making decisions and communicating among members to garner consensus about event procedures,

Being an DKG Alpha Upsilon member, PRICELESS!

Respectfully submitted by Editor, Mary Anne Battaglia, Ed.D.