

# Alpha Upsilon Today



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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 – JUNE 2022**



Ladies,

I am not a golfer as some of you, but I would like to thank you for giving me a mulligan (do over)! I am excited to begin my 2022-24 biennium. As we move forward in Alpha Upsilon, we plan to keep up with the times. However, after talking with some members, the consensus is to implement some of the traditions that our members value.

Soon I will be forming our committees to do the work of the chapter, so that we can work together to get our jobs done. I hope to ask one person to be the 'point person for each committee so they can contact their group members. This way it will be easier to keep in touch. The officers met for the purpose of selecting meeting dates for the year. I have reserved some locations also; however, as the Social and Program Committees continue their planning, there may be changes.

To date, I have planned the Executive Board Meetings and they will be:

Sunday - September 11th 2:00 p.m. at Carolyn Sutton's house

Sunday - November 6th 2:00 p.m. Barb Summers' house

Sunday - March 12th 2:00 p.m. Carolyn Sutton's house

Sunday - May 7th 2:00 p.m. Barb Summers' house

As we move forward in a positive direction with this chapter, I am asking each of you to please think of your individual interests and talents and let me know where you would like to serve on a committee. So many of you have already filled chapter roles, but I need to reach out to you and ask for your help and support. I cannot do this alone; it takes each one of us to participate.

**Again, thank you for your vote of confidence, and I am looking forward to a GREAT biennium! Barb**

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## ***CONVENTION NEWS ROUND-UP***

During June 9-11, nine of our Alpha Upsilon sisters traveled to State College to attend the DKG Pennsylvania State Convention held at the Penn Stater Conference Center. These sisters were Barbara Summers, president, Pamela Derby, second vice president, Carolyn Sutton, recording secretary, Barabara Gasperini, parliamentarian, Jennifer McKay, nominations chair, Judy Schaffer, Sue Hilty, treasurer, Marsha Ewing, and Roseann Currence. Barbara S., Pamela, Barbara G., Jennifer, Carolyn, and Judy started the convention off early on June 9, attending leadership workshops. One workshop was presented by June Bowers, International Second Vice President 2020-2022, "Designing the Future - Learning from the Past". The other was entitled "Reframing DKG." Both seminars pushed attendees to look at their chapter's strengths and weaknesses as well as how to move DKG into the 21st Century.

In the evening of Thursday, June 9, Sue Hilty was honored during the Album of Distinction Award Ceremony. Sue had received the John J. Dillon PASR Service Award 2021. This award recognizes the outstanding service provided to the PASR Association by an individual volunteer at the local, region, and/or state level. Following the Album of Distinction, there was an opportunity to partake in an Ice Cream Social and Music Bingo. Of course, our Alpha Upsilon sisters ended the evening with our own social in the president's room...let's just say much fun was had by all!

Friday, June 10, started with the First General Session. In this session, there are reports of the chapters present, correspondence, and finances of the society. An international update is given as well as the state president's report. Under new business, members voted on new language changing webmaster to IT Specialist in the state's standing rules. Lastly, two very generous donations were made to DKG by the estate of two sisters. After the first general session, there were workshops to attend followed by the Celebration Luncheon. This luncheon celebrated the birthdays of DKG Chapters and had a keynote speaker. This year's speaker was Laura Overdeck. Her presentation, "Numeracy: The Keystone for a Thriving Society," centered on fostering the love of math in today's youth. Following the luncheon, there are more workshops and of course the raffle basket drawings! The day closed with the President's Banquet, a dinner celebrating outgoing and incoming chapter presidents. Again, our Alpha Upsilon sisters ended the evening with our own social gathering in the president's room. We do love fellowship in our chapter!

The last day of the convention, Saturday, began with the Celebration of Life for our sisters who have passed. It was a truly touching event with the playing of music and readings that were centered around the life cycle of trees. Our own Ann Palmer was remembered at this event. A wooden ornament was given in memoriam, which will be passed along to Ann's sister. Lastly, the day and convention are wrapped up by the Second General Session. This session focuses on the awards and scholarships awarded to members of DKG Pennsylvania.

Sprinkled throughout the convention were speeches entitled "You Have a Voice, and a Choice." These speeches were given by various chapter members and were by far my favorite parts of the convention. The speakers were Trisha Dilick, Alpha Theta, Debbie McMillan, Alpha Sigma, and Sandra Brown-Thomas, Chi. Each woman who spoke told why she is a member of DKG. The passion, dedication, and even love for their chapters and sisters were clearly evident. These personal stories spoke volumes to me as a "newer" member as well as made clear the support and education benefits this society has to offer.

Patently waiting for next year... **Pamela Derby, Second Vice President**

PA DKG Convention was a great time for renewal of old friendships at the Penn Stater Convention Center. Once again, we had the opportunity to learn more about chapter business and personal growth in workshops. My favorites were Relieving Stress in your Life and Yoga. The speaker gave us good ideas on relaxation through mindful breathing exercises. We did some basic yoga postures, as well as good exercises for sciatica problems.

**Roseann Currence**

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## **FOURTH Alpha Upsilon Meeting of the 2021-2022 year**

As the 2021-2022 fiscal year of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter ends, it is time to reflect on what has been accomplished this year. Coming off the temporary structure of Zoom AU meetings and events due to the pandemic, it is exciting to note that things have been returning to our new normal this past year. We were able to conduct 4 successful person-to-person meetings, 1 installation of new officers meeting and 1 Zoom general membership meeting to round out the year. A Christmas social event also took place as well. Everyone who participated in each of these events seemed to enjoy being able to see and interact with other members once again and to share a delicious meal in nice locations throughout the year.

Which brings us to the fourth general membership meeting which was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Atria's Restaurant in Fox Chapel. Twelve members and 3 guests were present for the meeting. The guests included President Jenn's mother and our Grant-in-Aid recipient and her mother. President McKay conducted the business meeting.

A memorial service was held for Ann Palmer at the meeting. Barbara Gasperini began the service and shared stories about Ann. Judy Schaefer read a poem. Judy was also good friends with Ann, and she shared fond memories about her life. Ann worked in the New Ken-Arnold School District where she established the program for gifted students. She became certified as a principal and was greatly loved by the parents of her students. Judy and Ann often took trips together such as to New York City. Ann loved touring art museums. Jenn McKay completed the service by singing a hymn in Ann's honor.

Our Grant-in-Aid winner for 2022 was introduced to the members by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Barbara Summers. Her name is Karly Keller. She was selected by the Grant-in-Aid Committee which included AU members Carolyn Sutton, Barbara Summers and Sue Hilty.

Karly graduated from Kiski Area High School and will be attending Grove City College majoring in Elementary Education and Middle School Math. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Leadership and Student Council, Karly lettered 4 years on the basketball team and 3 years on the soccer team. She was captain of both teams. Even with all those activities, Karly was employed at the Sweeties Ice Cream Shop and was a babysitter for a set of twins. Her mom is a living donor transplant recipient, so Karly also had many extra responsibilities at home during her mother's illness. What a busy young lady and very deserving of the award. Congratulations to Karly Keller. We wish her much success in her pursuit of becoming a teacher.

An interactive presentation about the Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma was given by Dr. Mary Anne Battaglia with wonderful engagement and discussion from the members as the program for the May general membership meeting. This was the final general membership meeting under Jennifer McKay's tenure and leadership. Thank you, Jennifer, for your service to the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

**Editor – Mary Anne Battaglia**

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## *Utilizing the Services of the State and International Websites*

I recently had the opportunity to take time to peruse the Delta Kappa Gamma websites, both at the state and international levels. I have always found them to be extremely useful in locating essential information about the organizations themselves, but also to get answers to questions and to identify forms and processes for various ceremonies and events. DKG is a vast organization with its hands in many, many projects here in the USA as well as around the world.

A highlight of my attendance at a regional conference in Connecticut a few years back was having several opportunities to sit and talk and learn together with the leadership personnel from the international offices in Austin. Together, we participated in thought-provoking and highly engaging workshops which really brought to light the impact and influence of DKG people throughout the world on key world issues including education, solving problems of poverty and hunger, and the work of DKG at the United Nations in New York City. It was certainly an enlightening and inspiring experience and I walked away realizing just how important and impactful our contributions are to the global society even though, we are a small chapter in a small part of our nation. Those of you who have attended an international convention understand about what I am talking.

Sometimes, we get mired down in the minutia of the day-to-day work of our chapter. We need to examine what projects in which we plan to engage and choose activities, events, and learning opportunities which lead to the greater common good. We need to ask the question, "Does this project/activity enhance the values and ideals of Delta Kappa Gamma International on which this organization was founded and has fostered throughout the years?"

It is the start of a new biennium and a new gateway into striving to grow our local organization while encouraging personal growth of each of our members in an inclusive environment of collaboration, cooperation, and collegiality. It sounds like a mighty endeavor to undertake, but are we not all capable and up to the task? I think so!

If you would like to explore the websites, here is how you reach them.

For the **DKG International website**, you must log on to **dkg.org** and the type in your ID number found on your /chapter ID card for your username and then establish a password. For a general access password, type - **dkg2014society**- and you will gain access to all the elements of the site. You can locate the **NE tab** on the home page which is the tab for the northeast states and find Pennsylvania. Click on that picture/word Pennsylvania and it will take you to DKG PA site and all the chapters in our state. I love looking at other chapters and what their website contents and newsletters contain for ideas.

To **access the DKGPA state website**, Google- **dkgpa.weebly.com** Here's hoping you will take a moment to examine each of the websites and learn about the wonderful work of our organization.

**Editor- Mary Anne Battaglia**

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## **Book Choice for the Month**

The Book Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Our book selections for:

June - True Biz by Sarah Novic

July - In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

August - The Metamorphosis of Becca by Jocelyn Kraemer

September - River of the Gods by Candice Millard

Thank you, Mary Beth Yeaman



**Karly Keller-2022 AU Grant-in-Aid Recipient  
presented by Barbara Summers, First Vice President**

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## More Convention News

Jennifer McKay

### Convention 2022 Fun and Games

Convention provides members with many opportunities to make connections, learn about the business of the society and reflect on how each member can make a DKG difference, but PA State convention also offered two opportunities to take a step back and relax with fellow sisters.

Early on the first evening of convention, members had the privilege to visit a local winery called University Wine Company. Jeff, the owner, shared his rollercoaster journey to create his wine making dreams, from opening a winery in the middle of the pandemic to learning which grape vines grow best on the property. The wine tasting included 3 choices from a list which included both dry, sweet wines and frozen wines. Attendees were asked to select a top choice, middle choice, and bottom choice. The staff then presented each taster with a black metal multiple level tree holding each of their choices in order (top, middle, bottom). In a small room off the balcony was an art gallery featuring a local artist, "Within 1 mile". A local food truck serving freshly made pizza provided snacks for those interested. The friendly rustic atmosphere contributed to an enjoyable adventure.

Later in that evening, convention guests could attend the EEC Social - Music Bingo. Participants received a bingo card with titles of songs with the artist names. A very enthusiastic DJ would play a small portion of the song. You could hear tables saying is that "Elvis" or "the B52s" ... or the whole room singing the lyrics to the theme from the *Golden Girls*... or even some dancing in the aisles. Using the same card, players first strived for straight bingo, next the letter "W" and finally fill your card. Over 100 songs were enjoyed. I witnessed the younger members helping with the more modern songs while the older members assisted with the older tunes. Either way, the room was filled with laughter and leaving us all with a little tune to hum on our way back to our rooms.

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## ***INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 2022-2024***

**On June 4, 2022, President Jennifer McKay introduced Barbara Gasperini, who was asked to conduct the installation of new officers for the new biennium for Alpha Upsilon Chapter. The new officers are:**

**Barbara Summers, President**

**Mary Anne Battaglia, Ed. D, First Vice President**

**Pamela Derby, Second Vice President**

**Carolyn Sutton, Recording Secretary**

**Linda Henkel, Corresponding Secretary**

**Susan Hilty, Treasurer**



## **COMFORT CORNER**

**We have several items to report about members of Alpha Upsilon here under *Comfort Corner*.**

During the Celebration of Life ceremony conducted at the State Convention, our cherished departed member, Ann Palmer, was remembered for her work and participation in our local Alpha Upsilon Chapter as well as the PA DKG State Organization. Our chapter received a wooden ornament as a memento which was graciously given to Ann's sister by Judy Schaefer. Thank you, Judy, for taking care of the details to ensure that Ann's sister knew about the organization's tribute. Rest in peace, dear Ann!

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## **Snapshots from DKG PA 2022 State Convention**



*2022-2024 President of Alpha Upsilon Chapter*

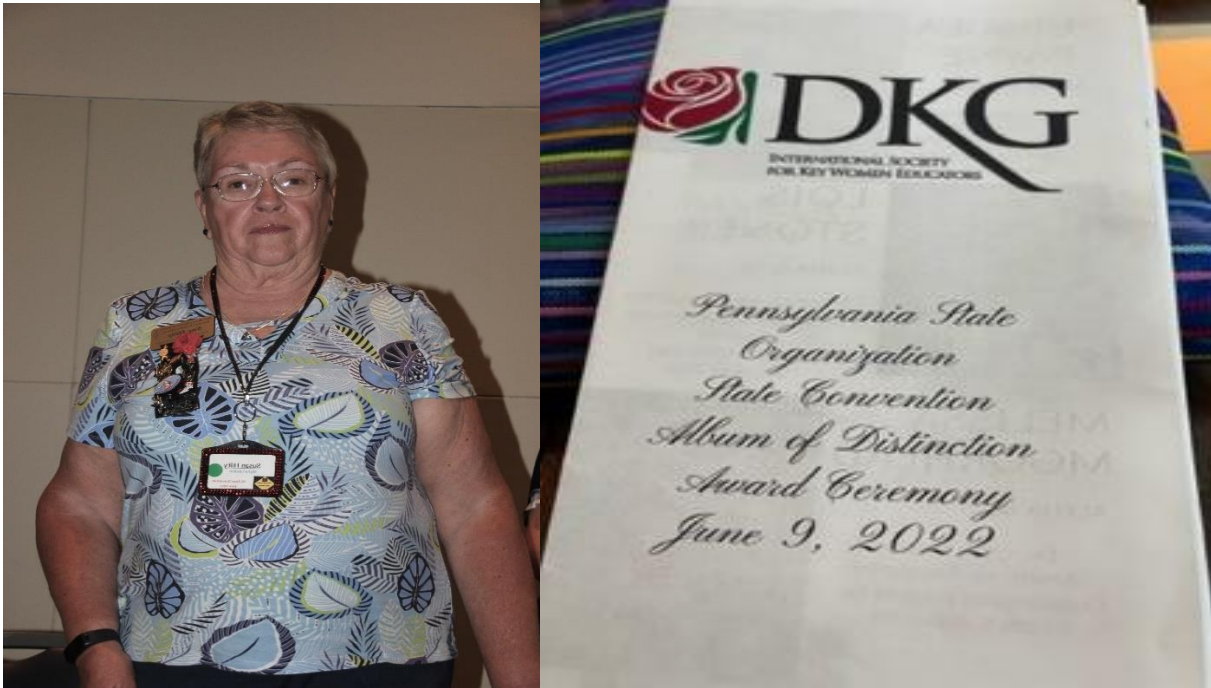


**Passing of the Rose Ceremony – A New Biennium Begins**



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## 2022 Album of Distinction Award



**Sue Hilty** – 2022 Alpha Upsilon Album of Distinction Award Winner



8 of 12 Album of Distinction Award Winners Recognized at State Convention

**Congratulations Sue,  
on receiving this prestigious award**

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**Carolyn Sutton – DKG PA Past State President**



**Barbara Gasperini- DKG PA Past State President**

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**Alpha Upsilon Chapter Members in Attendance at 2022 PA State Convention**



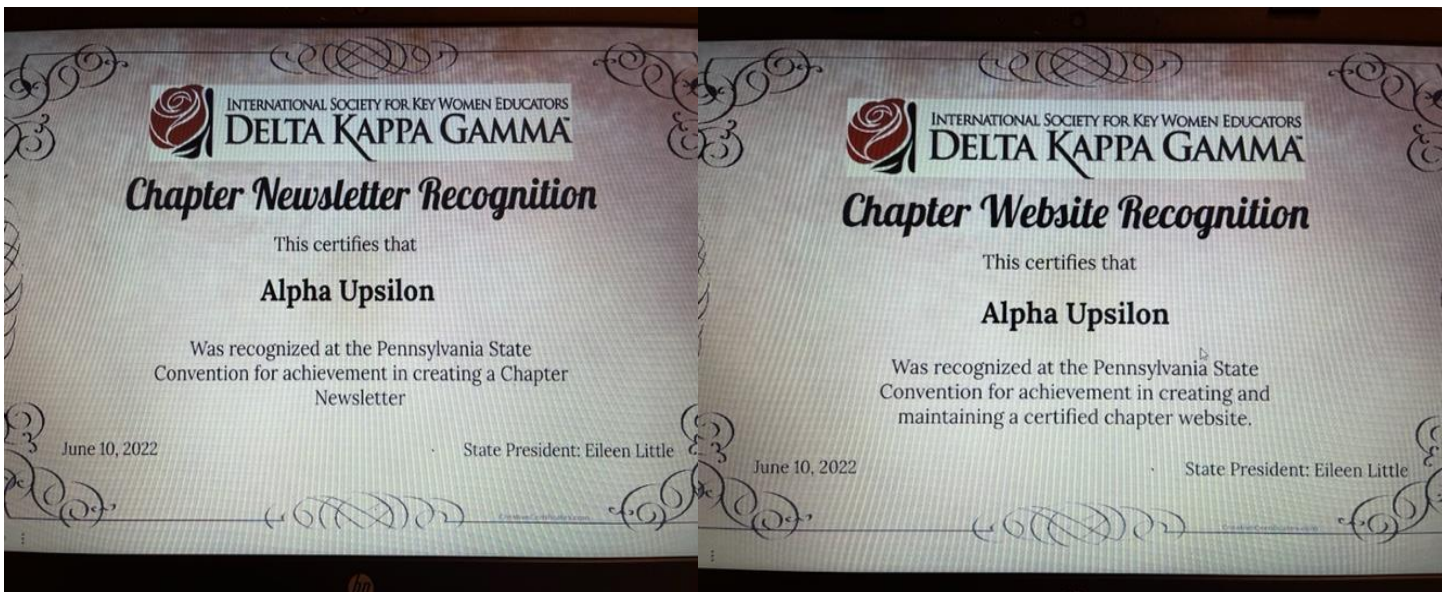
**Jennifer McKay – a member of the DKG PA State Choir**

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**Passing the gavel to new president, Barb Summers- 2022-2024 AU Officers**

**Recognition at DKG PA State Convention for AU Website and Newsletter**



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**Jenn singing in tribute to Ann Palmer**

**Wooden Ornament**



**Celebration of Life Tree with ornaments**



**Active Alpha Upsilon Convention Goes**



**Barb and Mary Anne being  
installed as officers by Barb Gasperini**



## Pennsylvania State Organization Directory and Committees

2021-2023

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### Society Mission & Purposes

#### Educational Excellence

Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta, Coordinator

- US Forum/Educational Legislation Chair
  - Deb Seng, Erie, Chair
- Visual and Performing Arts Chair
  - Karlie Vaughn, Alpha Zeta, Chair
- Professional Affairs
  - Tina Smith-Gilbert, Alpha Beta, Chair
- Projects
  - Jade Leung, Alpha Xi, Chair
- Sue Fritz, Chi
- Jeannette Kopcinski-Saulo, Beta Rho
- Heather Lilienthal, Beta Pi
- Amy Miehl, Erie
- Patty Rial, Erie

#### Scholarship

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Karen Ball, Psi

Elizabeth (Betty) Grossheim, Alpha Upsilon

Christine Kowalski, Chi

Carol Lane, Alpha Zeta

### Society Business

#### Communications

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Candace Claar, Alpha Beta

Carol Heintzelman, Chi

Kristin Hills, Psi

Sue Ransom, Pi

Vonda Reed, Pi

Andrea Rutledge, Chi

#### Finance

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Linda O'Connor, Omega

Ruth Olson, Alpha Zeta

Barbara (Barb) Tobias, Nu

Trisha Dilick, Alpha Theta

#### Leadership & Professional Development

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Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

Amy Dobbins, Beta Epsilon

Marcie Erickson, Beta Epsilon

Monique Lautenschlager, Phi

### **State Achievement**

#### **Nancy Schnell, Chi, Chair**

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Norma Mateer, Beta Theta

Tiffany Warner, Kappa

Deborah Yargar-Reed, Beta Kappa

### **Historical Records**

#### **Kathy Lauer, Beta Beta, Chair**

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Barbara Clark, Psi

Karen Prince, Alpha Omicron

Dolores (Dee) Stout, Beta Xi

### **World Fellowship**

#### **Rose Ann Colosimo, Theta**

Doris Goerlitz, Phi

Gisele Siebold, Chi

Lois Stoner, Alpha Beta

### **Membership/Expansion**

#### **Marcie Erickson, Beta Epsilon, Chair**

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Brittany Bertoli, Chi

Melissa Moorhead, Alpha Beta

Deborah (Deb) Johnson, Pi

Michelle Fitzgerald, Beta Alpha

Linda Young, Chi

### **Nominations**

#### **Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon, Chair**

Barbara Clark, Psi

Clare Flynn, Alpha Kappa

Carol Lane, Alpha Zeta

Amy Miehl, Erie

Haddie Weber, Alpha Phi

Diane Whitaker, Omicron

### **Rules**

#### **Lois Brown, Chi, Chair**

Stephanie Fulena, Alpha Sigma

Carol Hartley, Chi

Joyce Kerrick, Alpha Zeta

Louann Shrader, Omega

### **Special State Committee**

Deborah Yargar-Reed- State Photographer, Beta Kappa

Bonnie Barnes - Keystonian Editor, Alpha Sigma

Sue Allen - IT Specialist, Chi

Becky Johnen - Convention Coordinator, Alpha Beta

Candace Claar - Convention Treasurer, Alpha Beta

Tracey Dusch - Convention Protocol, Psi

Connie Marr - Convention Protocol, Alpha Theta