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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 - JANUARY 2023



Happy New Year!!

2023! Well, it's hard to believe that we are starting another year! The time seems to roll along so quickly anymore. I wish you all a healthy and fun-filled new year creating new memories with family and friends! As this year progresses, I would like to continue taking AU forward. We have been very fortunate to receive a new sister, renew a friendship with a former sister, and had some interest by some potential new candidates. I would like to see AU keep growing!!

As we begin this year, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Jared box project. The AVH was so appreciative of our boxes and said they came at the perfect time. I plan on continuing with this throughout the year. Hopefully, you saw the article in the Trib Review (one error was the title.. I told the reporter we were serving and retired members, but he only gave credit to retired teachers - sorry ladies!).

Time to start thinking of Creative Arts Retreat! It will be on April 21-23 in Walmart, Pa. Please register soon if you plan on attending. It is such a wonderful time for fun, fellowship, and learning! The retreat also suggests perhaps bringing a friend who might like attending. Step outside your comfort zone and learn something new! You can register online or if you receive your *Keystonian* in the mail, there is a registration form inside. Please let me know if you are thinking of attending, perhaps we can carpool.

Our **PA state convention** will take place **Wednesday - June 21, 2023 to Friday- June 23, 2023** at the **Wyndham Resort and Convention Center in Lancaster, Pa.** This year DKG is promoting arriving early and bringing your children and grandchildren! There is a park right across the street. Also, the resort is located close to Tanger Outlets for some shopping! Woo Hoo!! The **Purposeful Seminar** will be on **Wednesday- June 21, 2023** during the day prior to the start of the State Convention.

Hopefully I will see some of you there! If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Barb

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Book Choices for Each Month

The Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Happy New Year!

Here are the books selected so far...

January

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

February

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

March

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Submitted by: Mary Beth Yeamans

Book Club Chair

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Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

As a member of an organization, whether it be Delta Kappa Gamma or other such as religious or social, one main goal is to keep the organization active through the increase in membership. If you have taken the time to read our Winter 2022 *Keystonian* and/or *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange*, you have found membership issues and advice as the topic of articles in each. In the *Keystonian*, Marcie Erickson outlines the “importance of diversity when extending invitations” to women for membership. She provides some examples of potential members as found on the DKG website within the governing documents section. I highly recommend you read the list. You might find you have more than one friend who can join. The Society is pushing us to think beyond classroom teachers!

Kammie Richter’s article in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange*, “**A Century of Existence: Seven Possibilities for Action to Assist the Growth of Our Society**” (pages 9-15) pushes us to reexamine our chapter’s practices to attract more members. She encourages us to look at dues incentives, chapter environment, chapter meeting formats, outdated practices and rules, partnership with other organizations, a DKG Society International State Educator of the Year, and even a name change. DKG will turn 100 in 2029 and as members we need to make it our mission that it sees 100 more years. If you would like to discuss the list of potential members or discuss the possibilities for action outlined by Richter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or other executive board members. Our next meeting is **March 25**. Think of a potential member to bring as a guest!

Pamela Derby

2nd Vice President, Membership Chair

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Alpha Upsilon Meeting in November 2022

AU Newsletter – Secretary’s brief summary of November 19, 2022, meeting.

The members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter held the November General Membership meeting at the Bloser Mansion in New Kensington. Twenty sisters and one guest were in attendance. Before the meeting, the Finance Committee members held a Used Book Sale and Basket Raffle to benefit the Grant-in-Aid.

The Jared Boxes were collected at the meeting and were later delivered to Allegheny Valley Hospital.

Our newest member, Julie King, was unable to attend so we will have her induction ceremony at a later date.

Program & Social Committee Chair, Mary Anne Battaglia asked for volunteers to serve on the Visual & Performing Arts Committee. Mary Anne announced the dates for two upcoming socials: **A Christmas Tea** at the Bloser Mansion on **December 3rd** and **Shopping at Mystery Lovers’ Bookshop on December 15th**.

There was one item of New Business: there has been a request to start the Bridge Flight again. Roseann Currence and Kathy Wescoat volunteered to work on this endeavor.

Our program followed the meeting, and it was very well received. Author, Tamara Girardi, spoke of her journey to become a published author. She had copies of her books with her and members were able to purchase them and have them autographed.

Written by Carolyn Sutton, Alpha Upsilon Chapter Recording Secretary.

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DKG FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Ladies- thanks for your support in our fundraisers in 2022-2023!

At the November 19th meeting, your fundraising team made up of Carolyn Sutton, Sue Hilty, Betty Grossheim, Marsha Ewing and myself, organized a successful book sale held at the Bloser Mansion. Lots of new titles were offered at great prices! All the non-sold titles were donated to the summer book sale for Peoples Library. Profit made - **\$84.00**

A Black & White Raffle Basket was prepared by Carolyn Sutton. Her ticket sales raised **\$100.00** profit.

The ongoing gift card sale handled by Barb Summers brought in a profit of **\$266.35**.

2023 begins a new year of fundraising!

Our first meeting will be held on **March 25th** at the **Penn State Art Gallery Room**.

Judy Schaffer will prepare an Easter Basket Raffle to start off the season.

A Mystery Gift Sale is being discussed as a possibility for March. Tickets will be sold for gifts, sight unseen. Come prepared to be amazed!

Need more gift cards for upcoming family events, Barb Summers will again be taking orders. Order forms available are attached to this newsletter or by contacting her.

Ideas for upcoming fundraisers are requested. What would you like us to offer? Contact any member of the Fundraising Team with your suggestions.

Help us raise funds for Alpha Upsilon's Grant-in-Aid and other special projects.

Submitted by Judy Schaffer, Financial Chair

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Treasurer's Report Through January 2023

Purses and Jewelry Sale: \$184.00

Scrip Cards: \$266.35

Basket Raffle: \$100.00

Book Sale: \$75.00

TOTAL: \$625.35

Income: \$1,320.00

Expenses since last report: New Checks - \$146.87

Checking Account balance: \$4154.96

Savings Account balance: \$5,325.63

Submitted by: Sue Hilty

Alpha Upsilon Treasurer

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Webmaster Report

Notes for Your Webmaster...

Are you bored this winter? Let's play a quick game of search and find on our website. Below you will find 10 questions which you can locate the answers to on our website... <https://dkgpaau.weebly.com> . Answers will be provided later in this newsletter... Good Luck!

- 1) *What year was the Alpha Upsilon Chapter established?*
- 2) *Which officer presents new members with a rose and certificate?*
- 3) *What book will the Book Club be reading for February 2023?*
- 4) *How many chapter Newsletters were published last year?*
- 5) *Who was the last winner of an Enrichment Grant?*
- 6) *How much will a new member pay if they join our group during January?*
- 7) *In the minutes of February 2022, we approved the speaker's donation to be paid to what organization?*
- 8) *According to our standing rules, who can serve as parliamentarian?*
- 9) *What is missing from the yearbook which is posted on the website?*
- 10) *Who can join the Delta Kappa Gamma- Alpha Upsilon Sisters Facebook page?*



Submitted by: Jennifer McKay

Alpha Upsilon Webmaster

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Dates to Remember for DKG

March 12, 2023, 2:00pm: Executive Board Meeting, Carolyn Sutton's home

March 25, 2023, 10:00am: General Membership Meeting, Penn State Art Gallery Program:
Pat Grubbs, Reflexology

April 21-23, 2023, Creative Arts Seminar

May 7, 2023, 2:00pm: Executive Board Meeting, Barbara Summers' home

May 13, 2023, 11:00am General Membership Meeting, Program: DKG First Vice-President,
Royce Boyd, Musical Entertainment from Deer Lakes Music Department

PA State Convention in Lancaster, PA – Wednesday, June 21 to Friday, June 23, 2023.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Dear Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

A New Year dawned just a few short weeks ago, and many happenings, both great and small, have already filled our days and touched us in some manner.

I pray that in the stillness of the coming Winter months, you may know beautiful moments of reflection and peace, of love and of kindness!

Blessings,

Linda

The following is my Report as Corresponding Secretary for the months of November and December 2022:

In November, there were four Birthday Cards sent, two Get Well Cards, and 1 Sympathy Card.

In December, there were two Birthday Cards sent, as well as twelve Christmas Cards.

Correspondences Received: A letter of appreciation for the \$25.00 Book Donation for Stephen Ronald Kapustik, beloved Father of Jennifer McKay, was received from the Board and Staff of Peoples Library, Lower Burrell.

Expenditures: A check was made to People's Library, Lower Burrell, in the amount of \$25.00 for the Book Donation in memory of Stephen Ronald Kapustik

Submitted by: Linda Henkel

Alpha Upsilon Corresponding Secretary

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Greetings Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

The Social Committee presented two social events for the membership in the month of December. The Christmas Tea was held at the Bloser Mansion on December 3rd at noon. The Mansion was decorated for the holiday season which lifted the spirits of the attendees. Eleven AU members were able to attend. A delicious tea party menu was served including sandwiches, scones, and desserts as well as a variety of teas. Lively discussion was embedded with the singing of Christmas Carols and playing a game with our gift exchange. Nice to share fellowship with sisters in preparation for the holidays.

In addition to the Christmas Tea, a shopping excursion was orchestrated for the Mystery Lover's Bookshoppe in Oakmont. Prior to the event, several members gathered for dinner at the Panera Bread Restaurant. Eleven members were able to attend and were appreciative of Jessie who shared information about the store and highlighted books for purchase for holiday gift giving. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

Thank you for your patience about the winter newsletter. Virus attacked my computer and it took a few days to correct the problem. Had to put the whole thing back together again because the articles were jumbled and many of my editing corrections were deleted. And then I got bronchitis and Covid!! Feeling better.

These are the members of the Social Committee

Rebecca Timlin, Roseann Currence, Cindy Lemon, Mary Beth Yeamans, Jennifer McKay, Eileen Matyas, Sandy Ross, and me. If you would like to join the committee, we welcome you to participate. Just let me know.

The committee will be planning the next meeting soon and we will inform you of the details then. The date of the meeting is **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, beginning at 10:00am at the **ART GALLERY ROOM** at the **Penn State Campus**. A notice will follow soon.

Newsletter Editor- Mary Anne Battaglia



COMFORT CORNER

If you know of any members who are in need of a little comfort message from our chapter, please inform me as soon as possible. Thank you. Mary Anne Battaglia

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Photos from meetings and events



Script Cards Order

Jared Boxes for AVH



Mystery Lovers' Bookshoppe Event in Oakmont

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Two Lovely Past State Presidents at Tea Party

Tea Party Group

Judy looking mighty dandy for the event

Members Opening Gifts

Tea Party Table Setting at Blosor



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November meeting attendees

**Carolyn and Judy
tending to the fundraiser**



Eileen Matyas introducing November speaker, Author, Tamara Girardi

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ANSWERS TO JENN MCKAY'S QUIZ EARLIER IN THE NEWSLETTER

Answers:

- 1) 1961
- 2) *Recording secretary*
- 3) *"Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult*
- 4) 5
- 5) *Kathleen Varano (2016)*
- 6) \$37.25
- 7) ROX
- 8) *Collegiate, honorary and active members*
- 9) *Members directory*
- 10) *Only members of Alpha Upsilon*



Tea Party Treats

Order your desired gift cards that can be used personally or as gifts. DKG - Alpha Upsilon will receive a rebate from each card ordered. The cost you pay is the actual face value of the card. Place the number of cards you wish to order in the table below. Contact Barb for additional names - including Hotels.

	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100
Ace Hardware	NA		NA	
Amazon.com	NA		NA	
Applebee's	NA			NA
Arby's			NA	NA
Barnes & Noble			NA	
Bath n Body Works			NA	NA
Bed Bath and Beyond	NA		NA	
Bob Evans			NA	NA
Boston Market		NA	NA	NA
Bosco's	NA		NA	NA
Burlington	NA		NA	NA
Cabela's	NA		NA	
Carter's	NA		NA	NA
Cheesecake Factory	NA		NA	NA
Chili's Grill & Bar	NA			NA
Chipotle Mexican Grill			NA	NA
Columbia Sportswear	NA	NA		
Cracker Barrell			NA	NA
CVS Pharmacy	NA		NA	
Dairy Queen		NA	NA	NA
Denny's		NA	NA	NA
Dick's Sporting Goods	NA		NA	
Eat n Park			NA	NA
Famous Footwear	NA		NA	NA
Get Go	NA			
Giant Eagle	NA			
Groupon.com	NA		NA	NA
Home Depot	NA		NA	
Home Goods	NA		NA	

Instacart	NA		NA	
iTunes	NA		NA	
JC Penney	NA		NA	
JoAnn Fabrics	NA		NA	NA
Kohl's	NA		NA	
Land's End	NA		NA	
Longhorn Steakhouse	NA		NA	
Long John Silver's		NA	NA	NA
Lowe's	NA		NA	
Macy's	NA		NA	
Marshalls	NA		NA	
Michaels	NA		NA	NA
Nike	NA		NA	NA
Nordstrom (Rack)	NA		NA	
Old Navy	NA		NA	
Olive Garden	NA		NA	
Outback	NA			NA
Overstock.com	NA		NA	NA
Panera				NA
Papa John's		NA	NA	NA
Pet Smart	NA		NA	NA
Pizza Hut		NA	NA	NA
Red Lobster	NA		NA	NA
Red Robin	NA		NA	NA
Ross Dress for Less	NA		NA	NA
Sally Beauty	NA		NA	NA
Sam's Club	NA			
Sheetz	NA		NA	
Shutterfly	NA		NA	NA
Starbucks				NA
Subway		NA		NA
Taco Bell			NA	NA

Talbot	NA		NA	NA	
Target					
TGI Fridays	NA		NA	NA	
TJ Maxx	NA		NA		
Under Armor	NA		NA	NA	
Vera Bradley	NA	NA		NA	
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee	NA	NA			
Walmart	NA				
Wendy's		NA	NA	NA	
Total of cards					
	X 10	X 25	X 50	X 100	
Amount Due	\$	\$	\$	\$	= \$

Name _____