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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 – OCTOBER 2021



Fall... It is time to get back in the swing of things. Schools are back in session. Teachers are planning exciting activities to engage their students. Parents are juggling remote or in person learning for their children. And students are adjusting to the new normal of mask wearing, digital learning, filling the learning gaps in math and reading, and building social skills again. So where does DKG fit into this complex world.

As an Alpha Upsilon sister, you can make a difference in the supporting of our hard-working teachers. Your loyalty to our seven purposes guides you to encourage and promote the further education of teachers, assist college students dedicating their studies to education degrees and bolster students of all ages to grow and mature.

Please take a moment to get involved. Your commitment can make the world of difference. Send an encouraging note to an in-service teacher or one of our college connections. Support New Women Teachers in our local schools by providing a small gift card for lunch or coffee. Dedicate your time to get involved in our local libraries to read to young students. We are women who "DO." Every little action adds to making a lasting impact. Let's show the world what a key woman educator looks like!

Jennifer McKay-President of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of DKG

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Financial Committee Report by Pam Derby

Hello ladies of DKG! The Finance Academy has been hard at work developing fundraisers for this year. This is your FIRST ☺ reminder of what to bring/look forward to at our NOVEMBER 20 meeting.

- 1. Please start gathering gently used books for our book sale!**
- 2. Start thinking of delectable treats to donate to our bake sale. Please have your items marked with the price you want to sell them.**
- 3. CRAFTERS, WE NEED YOU! The Finance Academy would like to hold a craft sale before the meeting at 10:30 AM. Please think of donating crafts to help our organization. Again, your items should be marked with the price you want to sell them. The crafts should be brought to the meeting at 10:00 to set up and display for shoppers to start at 10:30. Please contact me at pamelavderby@gmail.com with the craft, amount, and price so I can keep a running record of the crafts we will have on display and to prepare space. The deadline to contact me will be NOVEMBER 13.**

The entire proceeds from all three fundraisers will support DKG. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and creativity.

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Pamela V. Derby



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Alpha Upsilon General Membership Meeting Programs for Fall of 2021

**Saturday, November 20, 2021 @ 11:00 am - General
Membership Meeting followed by a luncheon and the Program
Faith Jack will present “What I Found in My Mom’s Skate
Box”**

We will meet at the Allegheny Valley Library on Broadview Boulevard in Natrona Heights. More information to follow. There is no meeting in October.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AU General Membership Meeting – **Saturday, November 20, 2021**- SAVE the DATE

Alpha Upsilon Christmas Party at President McKay’s home – **December 11, 2021**

DKG State Convention at State College, PA – **June 9-11, 2022**, at the Penn Stater

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First Alpha Upsilon Meeting of the 2021-2022 year

Picture this! The setting was the Hill Crest Country Club on Saturday, September 11th, a significant day in American history. The room was electric, the energy among the group was palpable as twenty members of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter and 2 guests of Alpha Upsilon members gathered for the first General Membership meeting of the 2021-2022 year. There was great chatter in the room as members were reunited in the spirit of friendship, raffles were sold as members vied for the wreath made by member Barbara Gasperini, a bake sale was conducted, and final preparations were being made for the event to commence.

The event began with a scrumptious breakfast buffet prepared by the country club staff. President Jennifer McKay opened the meeting with a tribute to 9/11 followed by the inspiration message presented by Kathy Westcoat.

The special part of the day was the attendance at the meeting by our PA State DKG President, Eileen Little. Eileen assisted our president in the induction of new members and the installation of new chapter officers for the 2021-2022 year. The topic for her presentation was “Your Voice, Your Choice.” She spoke about the good works DKG does here in the USA and across the world. Her presentation was informative and inspiring to hear about our state’s activities and work as part of the Society International as well.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the DKG Song and members joining hands in fellowship. What a marvelous way to begin a new year of events, activities, projects and of course, meetings! Hope all members will be joining us at our next meeting on November 20th. Thank yous are extended to all you made the chapter’s first meeting such a success!

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT FROM LINDA HENKEL

Birthday cards sent: 11

Sympathy cards sent: 1

Thinking of you/get well cards sent: 4

Memorial books: 0

Thank you received: Leta Meyer and Emily Schrag

From the date of our last General Membership Meeting on September 11, 2021, until our next Meeting on October 26, 2021:

7 Birthday Cards will have been sent.

1 Sympathy Card was sent (Beloved Mother of Eileen Little).

No "Get Well" or "Thinking of you Cards" have been sent.

No Book Memorials have been made.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Henkel



Book Choice for the Month

The Book Club which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month and will discuss the book The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz.



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TREASURER'S REPORT



by Sue Hilty

Checking Account balance as of 5/4/2021: \$4,948.51

Income from last meeting: \$2,535.00

Expenses from last meeting: \$4,748.83

Current balance in checking: \$2,734.68

Membership Committee Report

At the September 11 meeting, Barbara Gasperini presented the slate of officers for 2021-2022 to assist President Jenn McKay. The newly installed officers are:

1st Vice President: Barb Summers

2nd Vice President: Mary Anne Battaglia, Ed.D

Recording Secretary: Shelley Nicholas

All new officers were accepted and met the requirements of a slate of officers. Unanimously accepted. Alpha Upsilon has 37 members (2 Reserve, 1 Collegiate), 1 Honorary, 3 Collegiate Connections. AU Recruitment Brochures are available from Mary Anne Battaglia



COMFORT CORNER

Special Get-Well Wishes are extended to Marsha Ewing who recently suffered a broken foot in a fall. Belated Get-Well wishes are sent to Sue Hilty who has spent her summer and fall with at cast on a broken arm. Sue has transitioned to a sling and is managing to enjoy life despite an unfortunate fall. Healing prayers are sent to both of our members.

Our state president, Eileen Little's mother passed away several days after her visit to Alpha Upsilon meeting. We send her our heartfelt condolences.

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SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Barbara Summers is a woman of many talents. One of those talents she has recently exhibited to our chapter is her ability to capture significant moments of chapter events thus adding to our chapter's visual history. She has done an excellent job all summer taking beautiful pictures of our gatherings and projects. Thank you, Barb, for taking on this responsibility for us so that we can reminisce about what the chapter is accomplishing. Your ideas and spirit contribute immeasurably to Alpha Upsilon. Here is a well-deserved At a Girl to you!!!

From the Editor

Have You Checked Out the DKG International Website Lately?

When was the last time you took a gander at the DKG International website? There are so many interesting things to read about the inner workings of the Society as well as all the extensions of the Society out into the world. It is really amazing to read about the vastness of the Society's projects, events, and impact across other nations. There are many interesting items to read such as the **DKG NEWS**, the **President's Message**, and the **Delta Kappa Gamma Collegial Exchange**.

If you have not reviewed the Society International website lately, now is the time. You can access by signing in using your membership number as the user name and using a general password if if you have not established one. It is dkg2014society.

One particular aspect of the International Society's site is the section known as My DKG. It is a pull-down menu black band at the top of the home page. Take a look at [My Account](#). Have you completed the section called [My Profile](#) yet? If you have not, now is the time to take action and complete the information in your profile. If you need help, just notify me and I can help you.

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ADOPT A NEW TEACHER

Our Alpha Upsilon President's Project is still underway this second year of Jenn's Biennium. We currently have five new teachers who are receiving support from our chapter. Thank you, Alpha Upsilon sisters who joined in this project.



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Our DKG State President, Eileen Little, arrived in our area the evening before in preparation of our General Membership meeting on Saturday. President Jenn McKay invited President Little to join her and a few members of the chapter at the Train Station for dinner. It was a delightful opportunity to become better acquainted with our state president.



Another Project Completed

One of our projects this summer was to prepare a gift bag for our 1 collegiate member and are 3 collegiate Connections young women. Leta Meyer is our collegiate member and Madison Daugherty, Emily Schrag, and Hanna Clarke.

Collections of treats and gift cards were provided by several of our members to fill the gift bags for them. Some of the collected goods are shown below. President Jennifer, 1st Vice President Barbara and Treasurer, Sue worked diligently to complete this goal for the chapter. Thank you, ladies. We hope our college students enjoyed their presents.



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The First General Membership Meeting of the Year



**Former PA State DKG President
Barbara Gasperini and current
PA STATE President, Eileen Little**

**Alpha Upsilon President
Jennifer McKay and Eileen
Little inducting new members**



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More pictures from the General Membership Meeting



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Meet Our Newly Inducted Members of Alpha Upsilon

Ashley Cesaratto with Barb Summers Ann Andrews with Barb Gasperini



**April Kopta with Pam Derby,
Eileen Little and Jennifer McKay**



**Leta Meyer, Collegiate
Member with Eileen Little**



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Our new inductees: Ashley, April, Leta and Ann



Our newly installed chapter officers:

Barbara Summers, Mary Anne Battaglia and Shelley Nicholas



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Additional Pictures from our 60th Birthday Party in July 2021



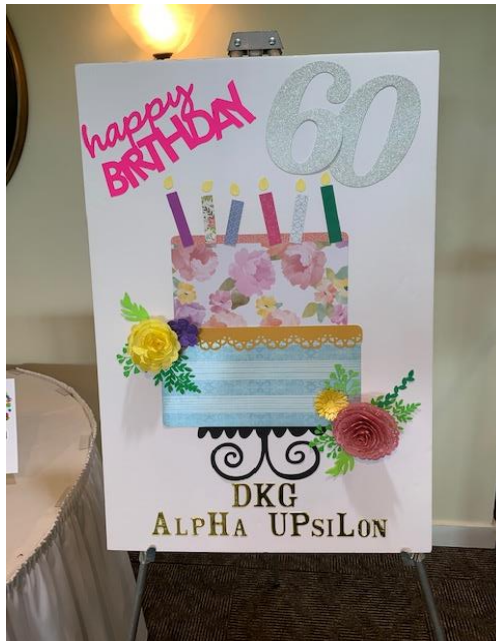
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More Photos from our 60th Birthday Bash



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INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member?
The kind who would be missed,
Or are you contented,
Do you attend meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are you just satisfied to be
The kind who just belongs?

Do you work on a committee
To see there is no trick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about a clique?
Do you come to meetings often
And help with hand and head?
Don't just be a member
But take an active part instead!
Think this over, and remember
Do you know right from wrong,
Are you an active member?
Or do you just belong? Author unknown

Respectfully submitted by Editor, Dr. Mary Anne Battaglia