



Beta Epsilon Newsletter

Alpha Alpha State – The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



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

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Spring is the time for organization! I go through the whole house to clear clutter and reorganize cupboards and drawers. I also look at my calendar for the rest of the school year and add our family events, like baseball, volleyball, concerts and all other activities. In that calendar I have a lot of Beta Epsilon and DKG dates and notes for upcoming events.

As you are going through your spring cleaning and re-organization, please make sure to add our chapter meetings, the state convention, and perhaps the Northeast Regional convention to your own calendars. I would love to see all of our sisters during these next meetings and work towards our goals of serving others.

Happy Spring,
Mari Grace

2016-2017 UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

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| 5/6/2017 | *Service – Habitat for Humanity |
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If you need a ride to any of the chapter meetings, please contact an officer to make arrangements. Rides will be provided.

HYGIENE PROJECT

We will be distributing the *We Care for Kids* personal care kits at our May 6th meeting. If you have any other items to donate, please contact Mari Grace before April 24th.

BACKPACK PROJECT AND PRE- SCHOOL BOOK TRUNKS

Continue to look for supplies and donations for next school year’s pre-school book trunks and backpack project. All donations for any of our projects can be brought to our chapter meetings or delivered to President Mari Grace.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Additional dates of interest:

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| June 9-11, 2017 | Pennsylvania State Organization Convention, State College, PA |
| July 12-14, 2017 | Northeast Regional Conference Ontario, Canada |

More information about these events can be found on the international and the state websites:

www.dkg.org

STATE CONVENTION

Our basket theme for the 2017 State Convention is:

“Sisters’ Birthday Bash”

Bring birthday-themed donations for the basket to any of our scheduled meetings throughout the year.

Melanie Dudak has volunteered to organize our chapter’s decorations for our 55th birthday celebration at the state convention. Each chapter member attending the convention will be given an item to wear to recognize our chapter. Please contact Melanie if you will be planning on attending, so she can order the correct number or decorations.

COMMUNICATIONS

We are pleased to state that our chapter webpage has received the Delta Kappa Gamma Compliance Seal. There are several requirements to achieve this seal and we thank Marcie Erickson for all of the work involved!

If you have any events or pictures to be added to our chapter’s website, please contact Marcie Erickson.

If you have not already done so, please join our chapter and international facebook pages and remember to check out our chapter, state and international websites!

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Marci Erickson would like two volunteers to help serve with her on the Nominations Committee. Please contact her if you are interested.

MARCH MEETING



Special thanks goes to Marcie Erickson for her presentation on Nicaragua and to all of the sisters for cooking the delicious Nicaraguan meals!

APRIL MEETING

Melanie Dudak and Ann Pastovic presented on the Alzheimer’s Walk, that will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Windber Recreational Park. Anyone interested in walking this year can contact them.

2017 FALL TEA FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars –

Sunday, October 22, 2017

HARVEST TEA at St. Michael’s Church Hall in Sidman, PA

If you would like to be on the planning committee for the tea fundraiser, please contact

Mari Grace Lingenfelter.

Everyone, please keep your eyes open for fall and tea themed tablecloths and decorations!!

GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT!!!

We will be planning a night out for our sisters this summer! A chance to socialize with each other! More information will be in our summer newsletter.

LUCILE CORNETET INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD and PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION ENRICHMENT GRANT

Our own Marcie Erickson has been granted \$1000 from the Pennsylvania State Enrichment Grant to go towards her educational trip to Belize and \$530 from the DKG Education Foundation to go towards her further study and certification. She plans to develop a Skype curriculum to be used in her classrooms with another DKG teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS MARCIE and we hope to hear more about Belize!

HISTORIC RECORDS:

Suzi Blazosky will be working on transferring our chapter's historical records to a digital scrapbook. If anyone is interested in helping her this summer, please contact her.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONVENTION – WINDSOR, ONTARIO

July 12 – 14, 2017

Registration information can be found on the DKG website.

If you are interested in attending the Northeast Regional Convention, and would like to ride on a bus from Pittsburgh, please contact either:

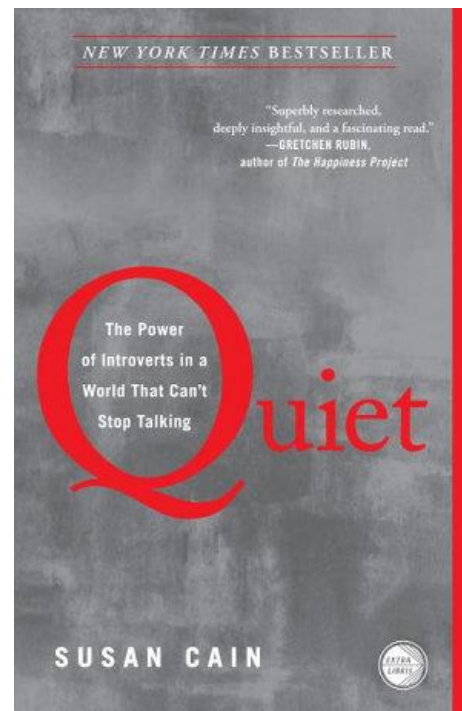
Linda Konczal-Evans
(lkebuttercup@yahoo.com) or

Terri Magnotta
(Magnotta1317@verizon.net)

Before April 30th.

Also, if you are interested in being a volunteer for the event, please email: chughes@mtco.com

RECOMMENDED READING:



At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer listening to speaking; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over working in teams. It is to introverts—Rosa Parks, Chopin, Dr. Seuss, Steve Wozniak—that we owe many of the great contributions to society.
—from AMAZON.COM

At our fall meeting, Amy Dobbins will be highlighting sections of this book. You can read it previously to the meetings if you'd like to add to the discussions.