



Alpha Phi Chapter – Alpha Alpha State Pa – September Issue 2022

Alphie-Gram Newsletter

Message from the Treasurer

Dear DKG Sisters of Alpha Phi,

I would like to personally thank each of you for helping me to achieve my goal of collecting dues and fees for the 2022-2023 year in a timely manner. Special thanks to Becky Johnen as she was able to file **ONLINE** the State and International Dues for Alpha Phi as I was out of commission in May and June as well as July and August. She received special permission from the state to fulfill this responsibility for me in order to file the necessary information before the June 30th deadline.

At the present tune, we have 37 active members and 4 reserve members as well as Becky Johnen at the chapter level. Our longevity member, Lillian Lutz, resigned with regret due to the fact that she is now residing in an assisted living facility in the South Hills area. She will be dearly missed by all of us.

As a reminder, please remember that the membership card that you previously received is a permanent card that is to be kept for future use. Cards will only be printed for new members going forward.

Hope to see you at the October 8th meeting.

With much gratitude,
Donna Shultz
Chapter Treasurer

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, DKG Sisters

For the last several years, Alpha Phi members have been making donations to designated charities. This endeavor has been very successful, due to the generosity of our members. Contributions are accepted on a voluntary, not on a mandatory basis.

The 2021-2022 year was no exception. In September, we collected \$370.00 for the recently revised Bright Beginnings Pre-School in the Bethesda United Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth. At the October meeting, \$350.00 was collected for the Schools of Africa/Jubulani School Project. In November, \$415.00 was donated to the Olivet Presbyterian Church in West Elizabeth. Louise Biddle, one of our members, was a faithful volunteer of this food bank for several years.

At the March meeting, \$405.00 was donated as well as many items of clothing for newborn babies to Betty Jane Berich's project, "Baby Love Layettes". In April, \$335.00 was collected for the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Food Bank of Homestead. Lillian Lutz and Jan Kusserow are members

of this church.

In addition, \$533.00 was collected at the May meeting for Grant-in-Aid that was deposited in July for the current 2022-2023 year.

So, DKG Sisters, please take a bow for helping Alpha Phi to support these worthwhile endeavors that we earmarked as our community service projects for the 2021-2022 year.

Membership/Grant-in-Aid News

Please contact Zoe Akhtar if you know anyone who is interested in learning more about our chapter. Zoe has updated and completed the Alpha Phi chapter brochure and will distribute them at the next meeting.

She has designed and distributed a survey for our past ten (10) Grant-in-Aid recipients and will share the survey letter and the recipient responses at our next meeting. Also, at our next meeting, the membership will be considering an action approved by the executive board that recommends that, as a pilot program, two-\$1,000 scholarships be awarded to Penn West California University students. Please come to the next meeting so you are part of our discussion and vote. Zoe will provide pro/con talking points to facilitate our discussion.

Submitted by Zoe Akhtar

State Awards Information and Deadlines

Applications will be available on the state website

The Nancy Grove Visionary Fund awards a grant to in-service active teacher members to fund innovative ideas and activities related to Excellence in Education within the educational community. (February 1)

Enrichment Grants will be awarded to active members for three years in good standing who wish to enroll in an Elderhostel Program, continuing education for personal and professional growth, a travel/study tour, or to develop an approved independent study project, or to present a paper to a professional organization. (February 1)

Scholarships will be offered to active members in good standing for three years who are taking graduate study for credit leading to an advanced degree, certification or toward job/self-improvement. (February 1)

The Album of Distinction (AOD) award is given to recognize a member who has already received an honor or distinction beyond DKG. (March 1)

The Achievement Award is to honor a member's Delta Kappa Gamma leadership. (March 15)

Other Dates of Notes

- October 1, 2022, Bulletin: Journal submissions
- October 10, 2022, Applications for state officers and Nominations and Finance Committees
- October 15, 2022, State amendment forms for rules changes
- November 1, 2022, DKGIEF Cornetet CSPD and CIPD applications
- December 15, 2022, Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions
- December 15, 2022, DKG Ignite (LMS) application
- February 1, 2023, Scholarship and Enrichment Grant Applications
- February 1, 2023, Nancy Grove Visionary Fund Application
- February 15, 2023, Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
- March 1, 2023, AOD Applications
- March 1, 2023, International Achievement Award recommendations
- March 1, 2023, DKGIEF Project Application
- March 1, 2023, *Bulletin*: Journal Submissions
- March 15, 2023, State Achievement Award Application
- April 30, 2024, Dissertation recognition (received from May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2024)
- May 1, 2023, DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD Application
- May 1, 2024, International Committee Recommendations
- May 1, 2024, Editorial Board application
- May 1, 2024, Arts & Humanities Jury application
- May 15, 2023, *Bulletin*: Journal submissions

DKG RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS ON THE WEBSITES

by Becky Johnen, Webmaster

As members of DKG, there is a wealth of information available to you via our chapter, the state, and the International websites. Here is an overview of what awaits you on each site.

CHAPTER SITE (alphaphipa.weebly.com)

We have six sections to our site (along with our home page):

- **Home page** on which you can find an inspirational quote posted weekly directly under the featured picture as well as a general welcome to the chapter. This is the page you first see when going to the website.
- **About us** which features a drop-down menu with choices of officers, mission and purposes, committees, rules, history, calendar, and news. The news section features highlights from the chapter meetings and special activities.
- **Communication** where we post our newsletters.
- **Community Outreach** which also has a drop-down menu with choices of projects (features descriptions and pictures of our charities) and Grant-in-Aid.
- **Resources** also has a drop-down menu for our elevator speech, inspirational thoughts (from our chapter meetings), and links (to the state and International websites)
- **Contact us** is just that. It contains a form that one can fill out and submit. The form comes to the webmaster and depending on the nature of the information/question the form is then shared with the appropriate officer or chapter member.

- **More** has a drop-down menu with two items: conventions (articles and pictures from various DKG conferences and conventions) and archives (items from 2017-2018 are housed here; other years are at the end of the current year in Alpha Phi news (About Us section).

STATE SITE (dkgpa.weebly.com)

In addition to the home page, there are seven sections to the state site:

- **Home page** features a picture gallery and buttons (current edition of the Keystonean, Updates from President Eileen, and more) that take you directly to the listed item.
- **Home** with a drop-down menu with choices of current year directory, projects, state bylaws, and more.
- **Updates** containing dates of events or items due and containing President Eileen's letters to members.
- **Awards and Scholarships** with a drop-down menu linking one to information on the Album of Distinction, Nancy Grove Scholarship, Rosebud Award, and Scholarships and Grants.
- **Chapters** features a drop-down menu containing locate, newsletters, news, and websites.
- **Communication** also has a drop-down menu for the Keystonean online, Keystonean archives, DKG ap, and MYDKG set up.
- **2022 State Convention** whose drop-down menu leads you to the minutes from the event, reports, workshop handouts, and more.
- **Archives** has a drop-down menu for forms, site map, and biennium reports.

INTERNATIONAL SITE (dkg.org)

This site is being redesigned to become more user friendly and user focused and the new site is due to be rolled out at the end of 2022. It will have seven tabs for:

- About
- Publications/Documents
- Media Resources
- Events
- Leadership Lab
- DKGIEF
- MyDKG

There will also be a non-member site containing:

- About
- Membership
- Events
- Publications
- Leadership Lab
- Contact
- Donate

Until the change, the site contains:

- **Home Page** contains an information gallery, buttons that take one to information on the many opportunities within DKG, member spotlight, an online chat feature, and more. To get to specific information, one must sign in to the site (button on the top right). The sign in requires one's membership number and password; contact Donna Shultz for more information.
- **Events** has a drop-down menu for conventions, conferences, calendar, related events, Go Ahead tours, and the ***centennial celebration*** (*in 2029, DKG will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Each year leading up to the centennial celebration will feature a video highlighting events of each decade of DKG*).
- **Publications** links one to the Journal and the Collegial Bulletin.
- **Programs/Projects** drops down to Schools for Africa, Supporting Early Career Educators, Project Spotlight, Program Ideas for Chapters.
- **About Us**, through a drop-down menu, will take one to the Society's mission, vision, and purposes; benefits; discounts; insurance benefits; history; founders; administrative board; executive board; and, others.
- **Contact Us** has inquiry buttons (general, membership, DKGIEF, finance, publications, other) that when clicked on bring up a form one completes and sends on to International.
- **DKGIEF's** drop down lists various awards, funds, scholarships, World Fellowship, and a blog.

There is a wealth of DKG-related information and opportunities at your fingertips. Take advantage of all that DKG has to offer by exploring the resources listed on these websites. Contact your Webmaster, Becky Johnen, with questions or for more information.

