



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

Alphie-Gram Newsletter

A Letter from the President

I wish to thank all members for contributing to DKG. As professional women educators we make significant contributions to our communities.

Who is the DKG woman educator? She is a woman who:

- Has been a leader throughout her career
- Is able to bring out the best in others
- Is authentic
- Is responsive to feedback
- Is results oriented
- Is adaptable
- Is a conceptual thinker
- Is motivated to make a difference

As President, I will listen to our membership and encourage everybody to build a more cohesive organization and to promote the mission of DKG.

Good News

Alpha Phi Chapter has some good news. We have not lost any members for the coming year. All our dues have been paid. Way to go Ladies!!!

Donna Shultz is in rehabilitation at Mon Valley Care Center. Cards can be sent to her home.

Help is Needed

Alpha Phi ladies always come through. We need suggestions for a September outing. We have a few suggestions: Serendipity for a tea, Boston Tea Shop, Gateway Clipper and lunch, a Paint and Sip Party, and A&R crafts. We are not sure what everyone would be interested in doing. Please send your suggestions to Elaine Harmon. Thank you.

Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Phi Officer Induction

Many thanks to the outgoing Alpha Phi Officers for all their arduous work. The Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Phi Chapter inducted its new officers for the upcoming biennium.

Barbara Gasperini - Pennsylvania State President 2017-2019 from Alpha Upsilon officiated the ceremony on May 21, 2022 at the Youghiogheny Country Club. Incoming officers were inducted with the Traditional format.

Alpha Phi Officers for the upcoming biennium:

President	Janice Cmar
First Vice President	Beverly School and Lu Ann Sebastian (Co-Chairs)
Second Vice President	Zoe Akhtar
Past President	Haddie Weber
Recording Secretary	Simone Miller
Corresponding Secretary	Donna Watson
Treasurer	Donna Shultz
Parliamentarian	Donna Shultz

2022 Grant-In-Aid (GIA)

Our Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Phi Chapter awarded two Grant-In-Aid scholarships of \$750 during the April 23rd meeting at the Youghiogheny Country Club. The Grant will be used for the recipient's educational expenses for the upcoming year (2022-2023).

Our recipients for 2022, Dominique Bannister (East Allegheny) and Kendall Obley (McKeesport Area) were awarded recognition, monies, and a journal. Our Alpha Phi members had the opportunity to meet both recipients and offer congratulations. Both recipients will also be recognized in their home school district.

The following updates have been made to the Alpha Phi website:

About Us section, Alpha Phi News (first three articles)

- GIA recipients
- April program on the Ukraine
- Tri-Chapter meeting

Community Outreach Section, Grant-in-Aid

- Dominique Bannister
- Kendall Obley

Calendar

- Dates for next year's meetings

August 27, 2022

October 8, 2022

November 12, 2022

March 18, 2023

April 22, 2023

May 20, 2023

From the Membership chair....

Just a small reminder to be thinking about prospective new members as we look forward to a new year of Alpha Phi.

Of course, it will be here before we know it or are ready for summer's end.

Perhaps there is a "friend of a friend", or "someone's daughter or granddaughter" or someone in another mutual organization that might be a potential desirable educator for our organization. Should that opportunity materialize, please contact me with their contact information and I will enthusiastically extend an invitation to one of our meetings.

Looking forward to our next year together.

Information on the U.S. Forum: Bills being followed by the Chapter

Despite the interest in preventing bullying in schools and the concern over spending government funds to teach divisive concepts, the two bills that we have been following all year have not been acted upon by the legislature.

These bills are:

H.R. 4402: Safe Schools Improvement Act of 2021

This bill was introduced on July 9, 2021 by Linda Sanchez (D) Representative for California 38th Congressional District and 178 co-sponsors. It is in the first stage of the legislative process in the 117th session. This legislation has a long history. An earlier version (HR 3132 in the 110th session) was introduced on July 23, 2007. Similar bills were introduced on May 5, 2009 (H.R. 2262, 111th); April 15, 2011 (H.R. 1648, 112th), May 14, 2013, (H.R. 1199, 113th), June 25, 2015 (H.R. 2902, 114th), April 5, 2017 (H.R. 1957, 115th), and May 9, 2017 (H.R. 2653, 116th).

Although educators recognize the harm that can be inflicted upon students when they are bullied by their peers, we have not been able to have the legislation to prevent bullying enacted.

S. 2682: PEACE Act

This bill was introduced on August 9, 2021 by Marco Rubio, (R) Senior Senator for Florida, and 2 co-sponsors. This legislation was designed to amend title III of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 to prohibit the expenditure of federal funds to support the Department of Education's mandates related to the Proposed Priorities-American History and Civics Education.

There were no previous bills introduced related to this topic. Although some educators oppose being required to teach Critical Race Theory, they haven't been able to get their legislators to move this bill through the legislative process.

If you are interested in the fate of one or both of these bills, please become an advocate by contacting your legislators. They are:

Senator Robert (Bob) Casey, Jr. (Sen.Senator); @SenBobCasey; 202-224- 6324

Senator Patrick (Pat) Toomey (Jr. Senator); @SenToomey; 202-224-4254

Representatives by district:

13th—John Joyce; @RepJohnJoyce; 202-225-2431

14th—Guy Reschenthaler; @GRenschenthaler; 202-225-2065

17th—Conor Lamb; @RepConorLamb; 202-225-2301

18th—Michael Doyle; @USRepMikeDoyle; 202-225-2135

To keep informed about Federal Legislation and Committee Actions over the Summer go to:

<https://www.congress.gov/help/tips/managing-alerts>.

Pictures from the State Convention



Jan Cmar, Haddie Weber, Donna Shultz, and two sisters from Alpha Sigma



Haddie playing for a soloist at convention



Haddie preparing to play at Convention



Ladies placing the memorials on the tree for the Memorial Service



Wanda Keller, past State Treasurer, was remembered at the Memorial Service