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## Message from Susan White Delaware State President

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It is my pleasure and honor to bring you greetings as the 2021-2023 Delaware State Organization President.

In April, DKG Delaware showed how we're alive and kicking with our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at our state convention! We boasted of 80 reasons why we love DKG – including fellowship, networking, supporting women in education, personal and professional growth, opportunities for leadership, scholarships, conferences and conventions, support for SEE, Schools for Africa, and World Fellowship, opportunities to travel, and many more.

In the letter to DKG Delaware from Cathy Daugherty, Immediate Past International President, thanking us for inviting her to be our society representative at the state convention, she stated, "Delaware members have worked hard to communicate, support, and inspire each other in ways that have grown your membership and your fulfillment of DKG's Mission and Seven Purposes. Attending your convention allowed me to witness your enthusiasm, your achievements, and your pride in Delaware DKG. Eighty years is a remark-

able achievement for any group to attain! You have reached that milestone with solid footing."

DKG Delaware inducted eight new members at the convention's statewide ceremony. What an awesome accomplishment! We need to ensure that we nurture and mentor these new members; growing and retaining our membership should be at the forefront of all our minds. Nita R. Scott, International Membership Director, gave a presentation at the Portland conference titled "Take the Reins and Let's Get Going." She said, "I believe this organization can change the world. Do you? Are you glad for your membership experience? Has DKG made an impact on your life?" Hopefully, you answered "yes" to each of these questions!



Executive Board Meeting held at the Duncan Center



**Continued from Page 1 President White**

Save the Date  
April 30, 2022 for  
our Delaware  
State Conference  
to be held at Ma-  
ple Dale Country  
Club in Dover.  
President’s train-  
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Health Issues and  
Financial Litera-  
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day. Women in the  
Arts display, US  
Forum Issues and  
much, much  
more. .

Nita concluded with, “Each member needs to take her role of moving this organization forward seriously...Take the reins; we have work to do.” She also challenged each member to recruit one new member. Let’s pick up the gauntlet and meet Nita’s charge head on!

We are part of a phenomenal organization. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities DKG international has to offer. In addition

to conferences, conventions, and scholarships, DKG offers professional development funding through the Cortonet Award, educational project funding, an emergency disaster fund, leadership management seminars, global awareness lessons for teachers from our partnership with the United Nations – and this is just the tip of iceberg.

We want future generations of educators to enjoy being a part of DKG

as much as we do. My goal this biennium is for each member to embrace our state theme –

DKG Delaware: Moving **Forward** Together. I developed the theme from inspiring messages I heard at presentations at the Portland International Conference and the Atlanta Leadership Training this summer.

- Foster an inclusive environment
- Open all lines of communication
- Reach out by mentoring new members
- Watch for opportunities to develop leaders
- Attract new members
- Ramp up marketing and social media
- Diversify membership

With DKG Love,  
Sue White



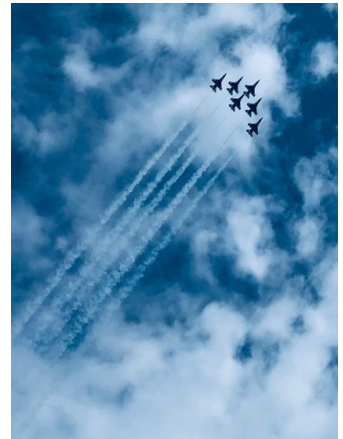
**DELTA CHAPTER NEWS**

For Delta’s September meeting, we had an excellent virtual presentation by Carol Simon Levin, a professional storyteller, on the topic “Mothers of Invention.” Carol portrayed Lillian Moller Gilbreth, motion study pioneer and *Cheaper by the Dozen* mother of 12 and provided fascinating anecdotes from Lillian’s life experiences. Carol shared stories of similarly overlooked women innovators, such as Hedy La-

marr and Bette Nesmith Graham – to name a few.

Our topic for October was “A Toast to Women Artists.” Members watched a very informative Zoom presentation by Dr. Amanda Burdan, curator at the Brandywine River Museum. Dr. Burdan gave an in-depth background on the paintings and drawings in the museum by female artists, including Henriette Wyeth, Grandma Moses, and Clementine

Hunter. Members of our chapter also shared their personal artwork. Linda George displayed her skills by sharing a fall painting and seashells pastel. Joan Peloso showed off her talent for creating handmade greeting cards. Carol Stead has designed beautiful glass wind chimes, made a quilt in memory of her father using his old tee shirts, decorated eggs (pysanka), and much more. Shannon White showcased her talent with painting, sewing, and photography, and Sue White exhibited photographs that she entered in the local community fair.



Air Force Thunderbirds Photographed by Sue White

**Dr. Joseph Jones, Superintendent for New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District.....**

will be the guest speaker for November’s meeting. Dr. Jones will present on the topic “The Future of Vocational Education.”

Two events are planned for December – a holiday dinner and a visit to Longwood Gardens. Game Night will be held in January and a book discussion in February. Our programs for March

and April are works in progress. We will finish the school year with two annual events – an afternoon tea in April and a potluck dinner with scholarship fundraiser in May.

Delta Chapter has two projects this school year. One is supporting the homeless through the Friendship House in

Wilmington. The other is to “Adopt a Future Educator.” We are going to adopt a high school senior who plans to major in education and follow the student through her college years. We will provide a support system, funds for college books, and invite her to chapter meetings and activities.

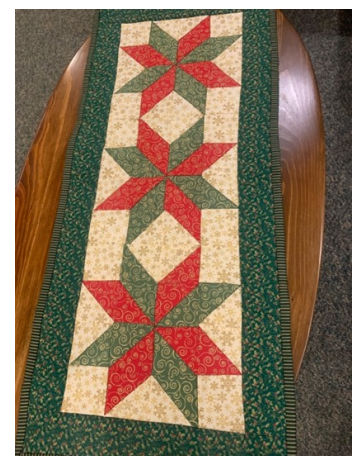


Self-Portrait Painted by Shannon White

Fall Scene Painted by Linda George



Card Designed by Joan Peloso



Runner Quilted by Carol Stead

**Epsilon Chapter** has been conducting online Zoom meetings since the beginning of the pandemic. However, when we had a break in June before the Delta variant took over, we enjoyed our annual outdoor picnic at the home of Nancy Meade, our chapter president. Special guests were Sue White, new state of Delaware DKG President and Doris Person, former state DKG President. In addition, our new member Rebecca Vitelli attended. We were thrilled to be able to welcome her in person and add her signature to the chapter record book. We hope to offer a similar welcome to our other new member, Emily Zimmerman, this fall.



We are also pleased to offer congratulations to new member Rebecca Vitelli for recognition by the NEA Foundation’s 2021 Salute to Excellence in Education! She is one of 46 educators across the country chosen by their peers to be awarded a stipend of \$150 from California Casualty, a longtime sponsor of the event. The virtual award ceremony was held February 12. Rebecca teaches a preschool class for the Colonial Early Education Program at the Colwyck Center in New Castle.

Because of Covid-19, we have had to suspend our annual pecan sale fundraiser in support of our student grant-in-aid fund. To fill in the gap, we set up an account with the What-a-Crock! online food delivery system. Members and their friends and relatives can order delicious main dishes, sides, and desserts, which are delivered to their door in a couple of days. The food items arrive safely frozen and most can be prepared in a few hours in a crockpot! Just fill up your pot and plug it in the morning, and enjoy a freshly cooked meal when it’s time for dinner. Epsilon Chapter earns a percentage of all purchases, and anyone who has the link can order.



In addition, we have signed up the chapter for Boscov’s annual “Friends Helping Friends” promotion, and members have been selling coupon tickets for the big event set for Oct. 20 at local Boscov’s stores. These funds will also go to support our student grant-in-aid fund.

We’re all looking forward to returning to whatever the “new normal” turns out to be, as the vaccines and boosters become more widely available. Kudos to all who are contributing so much time and talent to assuring that our students receive the best education possible under extremely difficult circumstances!

Submitted by Pat Taylor



## THETA CHAPTER NEWS

In March, Theta had a “meeting in a bag” on the topic of “Women’s History Month.” Chapter president Jan Orendorf delivered the bags, which included a March calendar with activities and snacks, to all of the members.

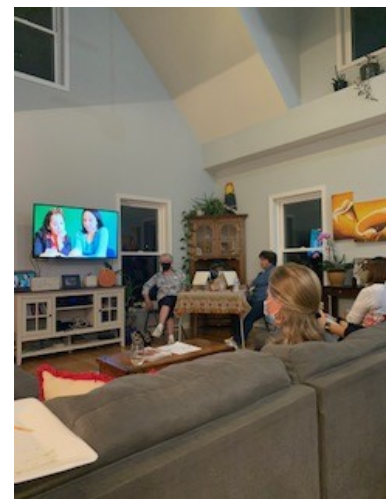
In May, our chapter met at Barbara Mayer’s home. The group sat outside and shared fellowship and food, while dedicating the meeting to Anne Mace. Anne passed away suddenly in April; she was a dear friend, DKG enthusiast, and a wonderful mother, grandmother, and educator who will be greatly missed.

Our chapter was planning to meet in person on October 4 for a meeting on the topic of “Breast Cancer Awareness.” The plans fell through, and Jan will do a “meeting in a bag” again.

### **Beta Chapter Wine and Paint Night**



What a great night. We packed up SEE project bags, Girls and the Run snack bags, Orientation for three new members and Wine and cheese snacks as we painted pumpkins. Our first meeting was at the Georgetown library where Terry helped us do a Chapter Check up. Our next meeting will be online as we see Thirty One gifts for Christmas and then end the year with breakfast at IHOP where we will present gift cards to the Clients of Smyrna Hospital our signature project for over 50 years.





## Delaware State Organization - Focus on the Arts

Calling for members of Delaware State Organization to share their passion for the arts! In April during the DSO spring conference in Dover members will have the opportunity to display their creations. The gallery will display literary efforts, two and three dimensional art, performance art, photography, and crafts. Why? The society's mission states "To promote professional and personal growth of women educators..." and "... spiritual fellowship." And "To stimulate the personal ... growth of members..." are two of our purposes. How? Contact Terry Flood Kopple, [tkopple001@comcast.net](mailto:tkopple001@comcast.net) to get the specifics. She is prepared to help showcase every members' work during the conference. When? The DSO DKG conference is on Saturday, April 30, 2021. The planning committee will need to know space requirements prior to the conference; therefore, make the contact by the first of March.

## Scholarships

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** offers 30 scholarships annually to members of the Society to enhance the fulfillment of its fifth purpose, "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study...." Awards are made for the period beginning July 1 through June 30. Applications may be obtained from international's website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and are due by February 1, 2022.

### **Delaware State Organization Founders' Scholarship**

This scholarship fund has been established to develop and encourage advanced educational opportunities for Delta Kappa Gamma members in Delaware State Organization. At least one (1) Scholarship of \$1000.00 may be awarded annually depending on the availability of funds. The following are criteria for determining eligibility: (1) The applicant must be an active member in good standing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Delaware State Organization. First consideration will be given to members of two years or more. (2) Scholarship funds must be used for graduate level work at an approved institution of higher learning. (3) The applicant must provide evidence of actual participation and leadership at the chapter and/or state levels of Delta Kappa Gamma. (4) Reasonable standards as to scholarship and professional services shall be considered and must be met by the candidate. Applications are due by April 1, 2022 to the scholarship chair, Nancy Massaro, at [nancybethrn@msn.com](mailto:nancybethrn@msn.com). [del-ta\\_kappa\\_gamma\\_founders\\_scholarship\\_application.docx](#)

## May B. Leasure Grant-in-Aid

The May B. Leasure Grant-in-Aid was established to offer opportunities to eligible male or female students who are seeking an undergraduate degree in a teacher preparation program. High school seniors and undergraduate college students, who are residents of Delaware, may apply. Depending upon available funds, at least one (1) annual grant-in-aid of \$500.00 shall be awarded. The following are criteria for determining eligibility: (1) First consideration shall be given to applicants related to Delta Kappa Gamma members of Delaware State Organization. (2) The grant-in-aid is available to outstanding Delaware high school graduates entering teacher preparation programs, or for college students, who graduated from a Delaware high school, and are completing their teacher preparation. (3) The applicant will need to complete an essay on professional goals and the benefits of receiving the grant-in-aid. (4) Race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity will not affect the awarding of this grant-in-aid. (5) Two letters of recommendation are required: one academic and one character reference. (6) The applicant will be judged on scholastic achievement, school and community activities, quality and content of the essay, letters of recommendation, and financial need. Applications are due by April 1, 2022 to the scholarship chair, Nancy Massaro, at [nancybethrn@msn.com](mailto:nancybethrn@msn.com). [may\\_b.\\_leasure\\_grant-in-aid\\_application.docx](#)

Information on all of the scholarships is on our state website: <https://deltakappagammadelaware.weebly.com>

Be sure to visit our Facebook page: Delaware State Delta Kappa Gamma (Alpha Tau State).



## C & M Webinars

Mark the following dates on your calendars, and watch for more information on the international website and our state Facebook page.



### FIRST FRIDAY FANFARE!

The state Communications & Marketing (C & M) Committee is asking members to wear their key pins the first Friday of each month. This will help promote DKG and hopefully generate conversations about our wonderful organization!

### NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL

The international C & M Committee is offering four webinars this school year.

The webinars are scheduled for 12:00 pm EST and are open to all members.

The first webinar, “Capitalizing on the DKG Brand” took place on October 16. The presentation was recorded and may be accessed on international’s website. Go to Resources / Videos/Powerpoints/Templates /Videos /Webinars.

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#### Learn more

**Insurance benefits are available throughout the U.S. and may be applicable in other countries.**

For more information on all of DKG insurance benefits offered to members, go to the Society website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and click on **About Us>How to Become a Member>Insurance Benefits.**

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