



Beta Chi's Delta Kappa Gram



Beta Chi Newsletter – November, 2019

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President's Message:

November, 2019

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had some time to enjoy our Fall weather. We have a great program planned at our November 12th meeting at the Corning Library. The Alley Arts Project will be presented by the Rockwell Museum Education Staff. A specific connection to our area students- this is unique! I encourage all members to attend.

As part of our focus at our next meeting we will be brainstorming what organizations we would like to consider for our annual Community Award. Please bring your ideas.

DKG is offering training for future officers and incoming presidents. More information will be available. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how to serve our chapter.

I am asking Committee Chairs to reach out to your members to encourage them to join us at our next meeting. The committee with all members present will receive a surprise treat!

See you soon and thank you for your support,
Margie

Beta Chi Officers

2018-2020

President	Margie Clark
Program Vice-President	Erin Merrill
Membership Vice-President	Bernie Baldini
Recording Secretary	Lisa Bartlett
Corresponding Secretary	Sarah Tingley
Treasurer	Fran Seymour
Parliamentarian	Patty Becerril-Drapikowski
Immediate Past President	Sue Gruber

Delta Kappa Gamma Beta Chi Chapter Meeting Minutes

Delta KPP Gamma International

Beta Chi Chapter Minutes

September 24, 2019

Called to Order at 5:02 pm.

Location: Corning Library Community Room

Program: **Interactive Discussion on Alzheimer's Education, and memoirs**

Speaker: Nancy Avery DaFoe

Welcome guests: Nancy Avery DaFoe

Roll Call: Lisa Bartlett

Approval of April and May minutes/amend May minutes to include Becky Pearce as rejoining the chapter, correct spelling error; Amy Ruza (not Russa)

Bev Stevens moved to approve the minutes. Fran Seymour seconded the motion. Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report: Fran Seymour

- Community Awards Discussion-generate ideas among members, how much money can we consider? Last year we gave \$1000.
- Dues now due in June and are done on line. Fran feels it works so much better.
- Reserve members approved.
- Budget and external audit completed

Society Mission & Purposes Committee Reports

Personal Growth and Services: **Anne Drake and Julie Miller**, Elaine Corwin, Helen Hanak

Ann passed out at hand out listing lots of educational opportunities at our local museums this fall.

Scholarship and World Fellowship: **Bev Stevens**, Carrie Hale, Patty Carozza, Beth Bly

Revisit the criteria for our scholarships: consider current teachers working on state or national board certification

Last year two Doris Bovee awards were given in place of a student teacher. We need to wait for further committee discussion

State Scholarship Chart-February 15, 2020 Deadline

Utilize website for forms

- *Professional Affairs:* **Anne Walters and Becky Pearce**, Nancy Andrews, Audrey Carr, Barb McDowell

None at this time.

Trends in Educaton: **Laura Cotcamp and Nancy O'Loughlin**, Mary Anne Quatrano-Holleran, Julie Tietje

Nancy handed out concerning statistics about the state of NY education. Student enrollment has declined. There is currently a teacher shortage, especially in special education, elementary education and English as a second language. There has been little change in NYS test scores even though spending on education has increased.

Music: **Pam Dewolf and Kate Borkowski**, Marilyn Puccio, Virginia Tripp, Mary Lu Walker
None at this time. Erin will link song to our new website.

Program: **Erin Merrill**

Food Bank October 17th

Committees can send their reports to Erin rather than print them. This will save paper.

Society Business Committee Reports

Membership: **Bernie Baldini**, Ellen O'Hare, Charity Packard, Jane Rohrbach, Kelsey Sobilo
Extra pin found. Member responsibilities can be found on line now.

Area Council: **Sue Gruber**, Laura Bronson

Dialogue, Knowledge, and Growth Theme (\$100) basket?

Upcoming meeting: Area Conference 2020 will be at the Harbor Inn in Watkins Glen. There will be speakers talking about local geology, gas drilling, and the wine industry. Also, local hikes planned.

Standing Rules: **Janet Latour**, Patty Becerril-Drapikowski (Parliamentarian), Bernie Baldini (Membership Chair), Fran Seymour (consultant)

None at this time.

Finance: **Lisa Bartlett and Doreen Bonomo**, Fran Seymour, Cheryl Jordan

- 2019-2020 Budget update- Please see above

Communication Reports

Correspondence: **Sarah Tingley**, Corresponding Secretary- We received thank you notes from Guatemala group, Food Bank, Gamma Zeta. We also received the Heart to Heart newsletter about Christmas family adoptions—anyone interested in adopting a child/children/family contact Sue Gruber or Erin Merrill

Red Rose Committee: **Mimi Whittenhall, Laura Bronson, Meghan Ritchie, Pam DeWolf, Patty Carozza, Sue Gruber**

Meghan delivered a red rose to Kelsie congratulating her on her new baby.

Member Outreach: **Ellen O'Hare & Pam DeWolf**, Fran Tempel- Pam Dewolf visited Ann Price before her passing. Ellen gave us names, addresses and cards to write to our members who enjoy our connection. Vicie thanked us for her cards.

Website & Historical Records: **Sue Gruber, Meghan Ritchie** Mary Bielski, Sharon Kendrick

Sue and Meghan shared the wonderful new website. It was asked that the program committee take photos to submit to the site. Soon dinner reservations will be made on the site.

Awesome 😊

South Central Area Council Update

Laura Bronson and Sue Gruber met with other South Central (SC) Area Council Members to plan the SC Conference, which now will be held this coming May (exact date still to be determined) in Watkins Glen. Some great presentations and activities are being planned, including some **wine tasting** and **hiking**, if you are so inclined! We worked hard to bring the conference to our neck of the woods and would love for as many Beta Chi members as possible to attend. C-PP teachers can earn in-service hours for the conference! More to come!

\$\$\$ Pi State Scholarships \$\$\$

There are mounds of money available at the State Level for Scholarships! The Application Process has been streamlined to encourage more applicants and the categories have been broadened. The link to the new fillable application will soon be on our Beta Chi website. More to come in the near future from Sue Gruber.

Beta Chi Committee Reports:

PERSONAL GROWTH AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT, November, 2019

Anne Drake, Julie Miller co-chairs

Educational Enrichment Opportunities

CMOG: November 21 4:30 to 6 pm. Evening for Educators, a free networking and professional development event for educators at all levels. Learn what is new and how the museum can help you meet N.Y. State Common Core Standards. (C-PP teachers receive 1.5 hours in-service credit for attendance, with pre-approval)

CMOG: Holiday Open House December 7 and 8

HERITAGE VILLAGE: Holiday Open House December 14 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S MARCH: January 19, 2020 from Wisner Park, (200 N. Main St. Elmira) to Elmira College at 1 p.m. Purpose: to celebrate women's achievements and promote positive change in women's lives.

Beta Chi - Trends in Education Committee

November, 2019

Nancy O'Loughlin and Laura Cotcamp - Co-Chairs, Mary Anne Quatrano-Holleran, Julie Tietje

U.S. News and World Report - Education Rankings Pre-K - Grade 12 **Measuring How Well States are Educating Their Students**

October 13, 2019

"Overall, the generation progressing through school now is the most educated ever. According to the U.S. Department of Education, nearly 85% of U.S. students graduated from high school in 2016."

The Best States for Pre-K - Grade 12 education are as follows:

1. Massachusetts
2. New Jersey
3. New Hampshire
4. Vermont

5. Connecticut
6. Indiana
7. Illinois
8. Virginia
9. Nebraska
10. Pennsylvania

New York ranks 25th.

Criteria for these rankings:

1. College Readiness - This score was based on the percentage of high school students from the class of 2018 who passed the SAT, the ACT or both.
New Hampshire ranked first in this category.
New York ranked 9th.
2. High School Graduation Rate - This score was based on counting the number of students entering 9th grade and comparing it with the number graduating from 12th grade.
Iowa ranked first in this category.
New York ranked 37th.
3. NAEP Math Scores - Sampled students in the eighth grade across the country are tested for math on the National Assessment of Education Progress, which the U.S. Department of Education bills as "The Nation's Report Card." Data for this metric is from 2017.
Massachusetts ranked first in this category.
New York ranked 24th.
4. NAEP Reading Scores - "The Nation's Report Card" also measures reading proficiency among eighth graders. Data for this metric is from 2017.
Massachusetts ranked first in this category.
New York ranked 33rd.
5. Pre-School Enrollment - This metric accounts for the percentage of children under age 5 in any state enrolled in a nursery school or preschool program in 2017.
Vermont led the nation in preschool enrollment.
New York ranked 18th in this category.

Tuesday, November 12, 2019



**Alley Arts Project
Corning Library Community Room
Tioga Avenue
Corning**

For over a decade, **Rockwell Museum** educators have been partnering with the **High School Learning Center** of the Corning-Painted Post Area School District to create stunning student-designed and painted murals that use The Rockwell's own fine-art collection as inspiration. Students work under the direction of Rockwell Museum Education staff and HSLC graduate and professional artist, Brad Leiby, in the creation and painting of each mural.

Meet and Greet:	4:45-5:00	
Business Meeting:	5:00-5:45	
Dinner:	5:45-6:15	Dinner is \$14.00
Program:	6:15-7:15	

This is our annual Harvest Dinner, catered by Corning Catering. We've experienced how much food they make for us so, if you'd like to take some home, bring your own containers!

RSVP by **November 6 to:**

Bernie Baldini,

In this issue of the Beta Chi newsletter, the officers chose to highlight their roles so members may consider one of them...as this is the year of a new slate of officers. Please read and consider, because you may be asked (and a DKG sister never declines!).

Beta Chi President (by Margie Clark)

The role of president will include creating agendas, running chapter meetings, and attending state and regional conventions. You will also need to schedule at least two meetings with your officers each year to discuss and plan activities. A president over-see and connects members to work together using the Seven Purposes of DKG as an overall guide.

No need to worry that you do not have prior experience when you are asked to consider this office. Our fellow sisters of Beta Chi and the officers of the executive committee are always there for support and guidance. As president, you will benefit from the many opportunities available to improve your leadership skills and enhance your professional development as a current educator. A Beta Chi president is also fortunate to have committed women who generate purposeful programs and ideas that help us grow personally and professionally!

Beta Chi Program Vice-President (by Erin Merrill)

This role is most fun!! The Program VP works closely with the President and Officers to plan the annual programs (at a meeting in the early spring), create the handbook (which is already in a MS Word format to be shared), and be a contact for committees responsible for meals and program throughout the year. Take this on...and you won't be alone—I'm an email/text/call away!!

Beta Chi Membership Vice-President (by Bernie Baldini)

Per Beta Chi Standing Rules, no officer, except the treasurer, may serve more than two successive two-year terms. 2019-2020 is my last year serving as second vice-president. It is now time for someone else to consider stepping into that role when we elect new officers in May 2020. The main duty of this position is to serve as Membership Chair. The first year is devoted to inducting new members and all the activities leading up to that ceremony. The second year focuses on installing new officers. There are also other miscellaneous items.

While the duties may sound overwhelming, it really isn't. I will be happy to meet with the new officer this summer to go over everything. Jane Rohrbach, who served in this position for a number of years before there was a limit, is a great source to contact if I don't know the answer.

With so much information online now, it has gotten easier to fulfill the duties. Everything you need is readily available. For example, I have been able to copy and paste the wording for the ceremonies into a document from the Ceremonies book on the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International website.

It has been my pleasure serving in this position. I would be happy to speak with anyone who would like to contemplate taking on this responsibility.

Beta Chi Recording Secretary (by Lisa Bartlett)

Attend all meetings. Take roll call and keep attendance records for possible in-service credit.
Get meeting agenda from President in advance and record minutes during the business meeting.
Type up minutes and submit to President to proof.
Submit minutes to communications chair.
Attend meetings for officers as called by president once or twice a year.

Beta Chi Corresponding Secretary Responsibilities (by Sarah Tingley)

- **Receives** all correspondence (thank you letters, information, news, condolences, etc.) from members, presenters, charitable organizations or community members
- **Reads** all correspondences received (via mail or email) at each meeting to share with those in attendance.
- **Sends** thank you notes to program presenters on behalf of all of the Beta Chi sisters

Attends to any communication for the chapter which may be assigned by the president

Beta Chi Treasurer (by Fran Seymour)

If you like organizing information and numbers, you will enjoy this position.

The list of duties may look long, but bear in mind that several of the duties happen only once a year!

- Receive and pay out all monies belonging to the organization
- Keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures (this is where your love of organizing would come in handy!)
- Maintain a record of receipts, bills and bank statements (again, organizational skills!)
- Present a report at each meeting.
- File required tax report. It is called the 990 Form. International has a sample on its website for you to follow. This is completed only once a year.
- File Form 15. This gives an overall account of your Chapter's Finances. This is completed once a year.
- Submit for audit the financial review of all accounts. This is once a year.
We already have a reliable auditor who will help again next year!
- Serve as a consultant in the process of budget development. This is completed once a year.
- Follow the procedures set up by the Finance Committee of your Chapter.
- Meet with officers when president calls a meeting.
- Discard outdated forms.

I have enjoyed this position. It is not overwhelming, although it may appear to be! I feel it wasn't because Sue Gruber and Lisa Bartlett, previous treasurers, guided me and answered my many questions! I will gladly pay it forward! (no pun intended!!) The State Treasurer and International people are also more than willing to support Chapter Treasurers.

Beta Chi Immediate Past President (by Sue Gruber)

South Central **Area Council** Representative Committee

It is our tradition to appoint our most recent past president as chair of our chapter's Area Council committee. Serving on this committee with her are some of our other chapter past presidents, who may choose to attend the meetings or who can stand in for her when she cannot attend. Laura Bronson has been attending these meetings for many years, and now Sue Gruber has joined her. The meetings are actually very informative and enjoyable!

Serving on this committee is a great opportunity for past presidents to maintain contact with the other DKG Sisters whom she had meet while attending State meetings during her biennium. We meet a few times a year with other representatives from chapters across the area to share important information and to organize the South-Central Area Conference, which is held every other year. The objective of this area conference is to

promote the growth of our chapter members while building relationships with our other DKG Sisters in our region. It is always a great event!