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DKG State Website: <https://www.dkgnj.org/>

Password: Annie Webb Blanton

Betty's Bulletin: News for Epsilon Chapter: February 2024

Dear Sisters,

I hope that you are all staying warm and safe in this freezing cold January weather! Epsilon has many activities coming up that are sure to warm up your winter! Here's what's happening:

Upcoming Epsilon Events:

February 3rd (snow date Feb 10th) 10 am We will meet at Western Hills Christian Church meeting hall. The church is located at 40 Kennedy Road, Tranquility. Our program will feature a handbell demonstration by Jody Taylor and the formation of the Epsilon handbell choir! We will be doing a PotLuck brunch. Please bring a dish to share if you can. This year the stove and ovens are not available, but microwaves ovens are available for our use. .

February 7th: Epsilon Book Club, 5 to 7 pm at the Andover Diner. We will be discussing Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguri. All are welcome!

March 9th: : Epsilon's Souper Saturday is back! We'll be gathering at Sue Hebel's house (63 George Hill Road, Branchville, NJ 07826) from 12 to 2 pm. This is also a PotLuck. Bring a soup, salad, dessert or something else to share if you can. No business meeting, just socializing!

April 3: Epsilon's Book Club from 5 to 7pm at the Andover Diner. Details to follow,

April 12th to 14th: DKG NJ State Convention and Induction Ceremony:

Registration for the convention is now open on the DKGNJ site. Reservations at the DoubleTree in Somerset must be made by March 22nd, and you must ask for the DKG block when you reserve your room so that DKG gets credit. Filling up our room block helps pay for use of the ballrooms and conference rooms which keeps expenses to a minimum. Rooms can be booked single, double, triple or quadruple occupancy. Reach out to your sisters - or let me know - if you want to go but don't yet have a roommate. The more the merrier! Breakfast will not be included this year, so we will bring our own! And, of course, we will continue the traditional pajama parties on Friday and Saturday nights!! Come join the fun!

You can find all the information you need [here](#) on www.DKGNJ.org for convention registration, hotel reservations, banquet menus, workshop choices, etc.

New Jersey is the only state that has a statewide Induction. It is a beautiful and solemn ceremony. Those who have participated know just how special it is. Epsilon is proud to have 4 new inductees this year, and I hope that you will join us in welcoming them at the convention.

April 27th: Epsilon's Spring Meeting 11am to 1pm (location tbd)

Edit January 28th: We have a location! The Grand Avenue Tavern in Hackettstown (109 Grand Avenue) will be able to accommodate us for 11:00-1:00 for lunch. We will be able to order off the menu and receive separate checks. [Here is a link to the menu.](#) We will have our own room. There is a parking lot behind the restaurant - no meters. The program will be health-wise with some of our Epsilon sisters sharing means to better health.

June 1st: DKGNJ State Meeting at Steinert HS, Hamilton NJ

DKGNJ & DKG International Arts Opportunities:

- From Patty Curtis
Sisters, there are two upcoming events to share your talents!
- **DKGNJ Arts & Humanities Festival** during Convention
 - The festival will take place on Saturday, April 13th, in the large hallway by the hotel ballrooms. This light and airy location will be ideal for sisters to gather to enjoy the event!

- Showcasing for this event may include artwork (ie. pottery, painting, textiles, photography, crafts), literature (ie. poetry, essays), as well as musical performance. Artwork will not be judged, but will be included as part of a showcase for sisters to share their art. Work submitted must be original (not from kits), one-of-a-kind, and creative. All 2-D pieces must be matted or framed, including written works.
 - Please complete this [Submission Form](#) by March 15, 2024. You will receive a copy of your submission upon completion of the form.
 - **DKG International Arts Gallery** is now accepting submissions through February 15.
 - Submissions may include Visual, Video, Writing, Music.
 - This <https://gallery.dkg.org/> should take you to the current Fall Art Gallery.
 - You may be prompted to sign in with your username (membership number) and a password.
 - Once at the [Fall Art Gallery page](#), click on "Submission Info". There are a number of helpful documents on this page regarding the submission process.
- Please let Patty know if she can be of any help with the submission process!

Other Epsilon News:

Epsilon Website Information

Our website URL is www.dkgepsilon.nj.weebly.com

Barbara Edwards is our new webmaster, and she has made some important updates to the website. On the bottom of the homepage she has posted the link to the latest DKG yearbook directory. The link takes you to the State website, and the directory is password protected. The password is: Annie Webb Blanton. You must type her name in with the spaces. Epsilon's information is on pages 36 - 47.

For the Love of Books: Cindy Seamans

Remember, any book donations you make to any facility count, so let Cindy know!

Below, please find the places accepting donations that seem to be active. If you know of others, please let me know.

The **Sussex Wantage Library** will accept books each month prior to the second Saturday of the month. Call before you bring books yourself. Phone number 973-875-3940

The **book bin at Hospice** may be full when you go to it, however it is emptied periodically, so don't give up 😊

Benny's Bodega on Spring Street will also accept donations.

DASACC located in Warren County also accepts donations.

The Book Barn across from St Clare's Hospital in Denville also accepts book donations. They resell books to raise funds for the hospital. It's also a great place to go book shopping!

Manna House: Maija Volk

Epsilon's dates to volunteer at Manna House in 2024 are as follows, May 31, July 31 and October 31st. Please mark your calendars. Maija will send emails asking for volunteers close to the dates.

Scholarship Information:

Information is on the DKGNJ website at <https://www.dkgnj.org/> and look under the heading "What We Do". Detailed information and applications can be found at <https://www.dkgnj.org/scholarships--stipends.html>.

As you can see, Epsilon is having a busy winter and spring. I hope to see you soon!

Regards,

Betty