

# The Alpha Xi Messenger

February 2023



## The President's Message

Hi DKG Ladies!

It was a rainy evening for our last meeting, but there was a great deal of energy inside the Shaler North Hills Library where we met. After a delicious boxed meal from Good L'oven Deli, we were ready to stretch and improve our flexibility and balance through a demonstration of chair yoga exercises. During our business meeting we met our three exceptional grant winners who were excited to explain and demonstrate the classroom plans for their grants. One of our winners, Dina, enjoyed hearing about our activities and projects, and she decided to join our chapter! Welcome, Dina!

We look forward to our March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at The Clubhouse in Gibsonia, where we will enjoy a buffet dinner and hear from our presenter, retired social studies teacher, Carleton Young. He will share a fascinating story about the historical surprise that he found in his grandparents' attic!

Be sure to bring your clothing donations for Dress for Success and fabric, materials and financial support for the Sew Powerful Purses project.

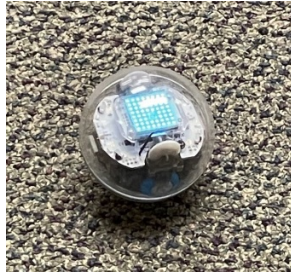
Are you making plans to attend the Creative Arts Retreat in April as well as our PA State Convention in Lancaster from June 21-23? One of the keynote speakers at the convention will discuss coping with grief and another speaker will talk about diversity using her children's books. In addition, our chapter member, Jade, will give a presentation with examples of STEM lessons that have been used in the classroom.

I hope to see you at our March meeting!  
Paulette



## The 2022-2023 Program Calendar – Remaining Meetings

Date	Location	Program	Meal
<b>Tuesday, March 14, 2023</b>	North Park Clubhouse, Rt. 8 in Gibsonia	“Voices From the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War” – Carleton Young	Buffet dinner
<b>Saturday, April 29, 2023</b>	Diamond Run Golf Club – Ohio Township	Travel on a Mediterranean Cruise – Melissa Costantino, recipient of a state enrichment grant	Buffet luncheon



Teacher Enrichment Grant Recipients, Autumn Dosch and Julie Crupie demonstrated how this little robot can be programmed and used in their makers space and Dina Donini explained her effort to bring heritage months to life in her social studies classroom.

## The Program Committee

Phyllis Jenny

Our March 14 meeting will be at The Clubhouse in Gibsonia. We will have the use of the banquet room for three hours from 4:45 until 7:45. Therefore it is very important that we arrive on time and keep everything moving along as quickly and smoothly as possible. Do not arrive BEFORE 4:45 since the room will not be open before then.

The buffet meal will be served at 5:00 and will be set out for one hour. Leftover food from the buffet is not available to take home. The buffet will include baked cod, stuffed chicken breast, salad, honey glazed red potatoes, vegetable medley, rolls, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. Since our chapter is providing the dessert, a sheet cake, you may want to bring a small container to take a piece home if that is leftover. The restaurant will not provide containers.

Following the meal, we will get a little history lesson on the Civil War. Our program presenter, Carleton Young, has written a book based on letters he found in the attic of his parents' home. Those letters were written by two brothers who were fighting in the war. After finding the letters, Mr. Young spent ten years visiting the battlefields where the boys fought. Based on the letters and his travels, he wrote the book, *Voices From the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War*.

I hope you will join us to learn some Civil War history through the personal experiences of two young soldiers.

Also at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will celebrate the life of Peg Maser and remember her loving contributions to our chapter.

## SEW POWERFUL PURSES PROJECT

Terry Klein and Jeanne Keys

We will continue collecting materials, Jo-anne Fabrics gift cards, and monetary donations at our March meeting. This will be your last chance to contribute to our project this year.

Please know how impressed we are with your generosity so far. Your donations will make a major difference in the lives of young girls in Zambia, who I'm certain will remember this kindness throughout their lives.



## Membership News

**Jade** participated in National Lego Day on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at Ross Park Mall. If you have a yearning to build with Legos, Jade is ready and willing. **Melissa** had the opportunity to visit The White House again in December and attended Josh Shapiro's inauguration. **Marg** is capturing gorgeous sunsets in her stay in Florida. **Melody** visited the Getty Museum (a must see in LA) and experienced a "soft" opening of Nintendo World at Universal Studios in January. **Dede** is golfing in South Carolina as this is being written. **Paulette** and **Phyllis** (with Wes as chaperone) just returned from Palm Springs. **Sandy** and **Shari** are recuperating from an injured wrist and knee replacement surgery, respectively. Keep **Barb Israel** in your thoughts as she is now residing in Canterbury Place.

**Editor's Note:** Please remember that we have a new communications email address, [alphaxipadkg@yahoo.com](mailto:alphaxipadkg@yahoo.com), and consider putting it into your own address book. I am no longer using the chapter's gmail address as we had several problems with it. You can also still reach me at my personal email! Thank you!



**Dress for Success** always appreciates our donations which still can be made at the March and April meetings!

*Thank you, Maggi, and Namaste!*