

The Alpha Xi Messenger

April 2019



The President's Message



Spring greetings, Sisters!

The 4th marking period has started at school, the daffodils and forsythia are in bloom, and our last meeting of the year is fast approaching! It seems this year just flew by so quickly.

Last weekend, Darlene Farrell, Jade Leung, Karen Ulrich and I ventured north to Ludlow, PA and the Olmstead Manor for the State Creative Arts Retreat. As you know, my participation was solely based on having a good time with friends and our sisters across the state since my artistic talents are few and limited. The crafting began right away as we were asked to make our name tags for Friday evening's Meet & Greet. The fun commenced with games and more Make & Take crafts: felt rose pins and greeting cards.

After Saturday breakfast of delicious oatmeal, French toast and bacon, we headed off to our respective workshops: Jade got her "goddess" on by creating a beautiful bracelet; Karen tried her hand at Wearable Art--ask her to show you her t-shirt; Darlene made a lovely star-photo album; and I started on what became my weekend-long "hat-on-a-loom" project. In the afternoon, we had other workshop sessions: Jade made a sheep, Darlene and Karen put their "hearts" into a folded book craft, and I pretended to be a watercolorist. That evening, we represented the Pittsburgh area in a multi-chapter fashion show that was a sight to behold. Jade closed the show with a rousing martial arts demo that rocked the audience. We'll share our experiences with you and show off our crafts at the April meeting, and Jade will entertain us with a reprise of her routine.

Also at the April meeting, remember that the Avonworth ladies have three fundraisers planned: a bake sale, book sale and silent auction, so come prepared to spend some money to benefit the **Teacher Enrichment Grant** fund. This is also the last opportunity of the year to bring in your wrapped change. Peg Maser and Karen Ulrich will be collecting **Jared Boxes**. Shari McGill will take your clothing donations for **Dress for Success**. Oh, and be ready to reveal yourself to your Secret Sister.

Please consider attending PA State Convention at State College June 14-16. The schedule of events and registration form are in the Spring issue of the *Keystonian*, available on the state website: <https://dkgpa.weebly.com/keystonian.html>

See you on Saturday, April 27.

Respectfully,

Faith Jack
faithj40@gmail.com



EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE: The 2018-2019 Alpha Xi Program

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE
Saturday, April 27, 2019	Celebrate Alpha Xi	Diamond Run Golf Club Laurel Oak Dr. – Sewickley

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Delta Kappa Gamma Dues for 2019-2020

A new dues collecting process is going into effect for the next year. Dues will no longer be paid in the fall. Please see the timeline below that I received from our state treasurer. Dues will remain \$85 for active members and \$35 for reserve members. They are due to me by **June 1st** at the latest. Checks should be made out to Delta Kappa Gamma. You may either give me a check at the April meeting or mail it to me at: Marg Foster 200 Goldsmith Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. If you have any questions, please email me at: margfoster4@gmail.com or call 412-486-7672.

- **April 1** – Dues Collection opens for 2019-2020 collection process for the state and international. Alpha Xi Chapter will begin to collect dues checks on this date.
- **June 1** – All dues are due to the Alpha Xi Chapter.
- **June 30** – Member dues collection due in to the state and international.
- **August 1** – Automated notices are emailed to members from international whose dues have not been paid.
- **September 1** – Second automated notices are emailed to members from international whose dues have not been paid.
- **October 1** – Members who have not paid dues will be dropped.



JARED BOXES

Well, ladies, it is time to put the finishing touches on those Jared Boxes and bring them with you to our meeting at Diamond Run on Saturday 27, 2019 at 11:00. Please remember not to include candy, skin or hair products with fragrance in them.

Be sure to mark Boy or Girl and the age group on the outside end label so the box can be given to a child who will enjoy the contents. Please DO include a short, hand written note to encourage the child to enjoy the contents and sign it with your first name and Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Xi Chapter, North Pittsburgh. Also, include the Jared Box explanation.

I can't say THANK YOU often enough for your willingness to do this project. You have embraced the idea and done a wonderful job of cheering up so many children who are experiencing difficult times. You deserve a standing ovation!

P.S. If you cannot attend this meeting and are unable to send your Jared Box with someone else, please call me to make arrangements.

Peg Maser
312-486-4639





Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
General Meeting Minutes
Pittsburgh Glass Center Presented by Deb McMullen
March 21, 2019

Faith Jack President called the meeting to order.

Susan Phillips presented the inspiration *from a Bible passage from Micha Chapter 6 Verse 8 Walk Humbly With Your God* related to justice, love, and kindness. A special thank you to Deb McMullen for arranging the enjoyable evening at the Pittsburgh Glass Center!

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

No corrections were needed. Meeting Minutes from January 32, 2019 were approved as submitted and minutes will be recorded.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

Darlene Farrell reported that she sent newsletters to those who are not on our email list along with membership cards. Faith reported that we received an invitation to the Theta Chapter's fundraiser Saturday April 6, 2019.

TREASURER'S/FINANCE REPORT

Marge Foster reported our balance on March 21, 2019 is \$5,042.94 with the beginning balance on February 4, 2019 of \$4,421.18.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sandy passed out fliers to distribute and promote the organization. It was determined that each person distributes brochures to women they know personally and should put their own personal contact information on them so the possible inductee can have better feel for our organization. Melody Hannegan indicated that any member can rejoin again at any time.

PROGRAM REPORT

Terry Klein and Debbie Steinmetz announced the last meeting of this year is *Celebrate Sisterhood* April 27, 2019 at Diamond Run, the cost is \$25.00. Sisters were asked to bring a friend who may be interested in DKG in the year to come. (continued on page 4)

For the final fundraiser of the year, the Avonworth teachers will host a sale with "Something for Everyone!" There will be a **silent auction** with a variety of items on which you can bid, a **bake sale** for your sweet tooth, and a **book sale** to supply you with some summer reading!

To help increase this year's total for our Teacher Enrichment Grant, our members are also invited to bring any books to the April 27th meeting that you would like to donate for the sale.

Thanks, and hope to see you at the meeting!
The Avonworth Ladies

April 27th Meeting:

Greeters: Sallie Fisher and
Jeanne Vendeland
Inspiration: Phyllis Jenny

Frames
can be
picked up
at the
April
meeting!



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PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Peg Maser is anticipating the Jared Boxes and preparing to deliver those to Children’s Hospital with Karen Ulrich. She is reminding everyone to please put a personal note with your name and the name of DKG and our mission with this project. Jared Boxes need to be returned at the final meeting in April.

Shari McGill reminded everyone that again we will be collecting gently used clothing to donate to Dress for Success. Please have your clothes in bags or boxes to make it easier to transport and deliver. Please put the word out to your friends and relatives. Tax Receipts will be available but must be returned to Dress for Success to sign and then they will then be returned to you for tax purposes.

WAY AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Paulette Hemmings presented the proposal for the DKG Teacher Enrichment Grant. A vote to establish this grant will be taken at the April meeting. A description and application will be distributed to all of our districts’ current female teachers in August of 2019 so that a recipient will be selected in October and awarded the grant in November of 2019. It was also determined that this award will again be voted on in April 2020 and teacher/s will share the award in September 2020. At the beginning of each new subsequent school year, one award will be granted.

STANDING RULES

Melody Hannegan stated that a quorum is needed for a vote; the Standing Rules state that we can also have an electronic vote, if necessary.

IMPORTANT DATES

The newsletter cut off is April 13. Articles and pictures would need to be in no later than the 8th of April. The state convention is June 14 through 16 at the Penn State Inn. The winner of the raffle was Marg Foster.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari McGill

The Creative Arts Retreat

The DKG arts retreat was a wonderful experience. I was inspired by the kindness and creativity of all of the members I met this weekend. My only regret is that it is not an event that is held every year because it truly was exceptional!” -Jade



I got to model a BALL gown; Jade has become a wool sheep maker, Faith has a new winter hat to wear, and Darlene spread handmade hearts around the facility that were part of a project in response to the Tree of Life shooting. We had a ball and met many great sisters from all over the state. - Karen

Membership News

Marg Foster returned from a month in Florida with her husband. **Ellen Rodwick** is our last snowbird hold-out!

(Think it's safe to come home!)

Darlene Farrell made 73 felt hearts for the PGH Handmade Hearts Project – fostering compassion for those impacted by acts of violence and hatred, and discouraging future acts of this nature.

Faith Jack has received a 2nd enrichment grant from the state for continued education on genealogy.

Melody Hannegan has been blessed with another grandson, Gino Lee.

Terry Klein is in The Netherlands and should have beautiful tulip pictures to share.

Phyllis Jenny and **Melody Hannegan** are going on a DKG sponsored trip in late July – early August to Iceland.



Dates to remember:

Pa Convention: Penn State,
June 14-16th

***International Conference
on Global Awareness:
Mashantucket, CT,
July 30 – Aug. 1st

***FYI: The regional conferences (NE, SE, SW, NW) have been renamed as International Conferences. This change encourages us to choose a conference less on our geographic location and more on topic, dates, and locales. This year: Arts and Humanities, Ashville, NC, June 27-29; Leadership, Des Moines, IO, July 10-12; Technology, Costa Mesa, CA, July 17-20; Professional Resources and Practices, Reykjavik, Iceland, July 25-27. Many years ago, Phyllis and Melody attended the Southwest Conference in Oklahoma City and it still is one of our favorite DKG trips.

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making
pics

