

The Alpha Xi Messenger

April 2016



The President's Message



Greetings, Alpha Xi Sisters!

Certain facts about you cannot be denied:

1. You have had such awesome train trips this year – literary, historical, culinary, investigative, and artistic. Thank you so much to Paulette Hemmings and her program committee. Our programs are top of the list of what we do best.
2. You have great leadership in your crew: the executive board (Paulette, Faith, Peg, Karen, Marg, Terry, and Barb Mac) and the committee chairs have made my job so very easy because you have worked so hard. I am extremely grateful for all the skills and care you've shared with Alpha Xi the past two years.
3. You are such a devoted membership. You are tremendously generous with your donations to our projects and creative raffle items; you are welcoming to our guests; you are good listeners; you are great friends; and you are incredibly FUN! Thank you for all your support to my presidency this biennium.

Please, if you are able, plan to attend the April 30th meeting at Wildwood Country Club in Allison Park. We will be starting our 2016 celebration with initiation of new members, installation of officers, and recognition of our grant-in-aid recipient. Let's dress up for this special occasion, bask in our traditions, and set the groundwork for another great 60 years.

Thank you all again for a wonderful ride! Happy motoring!

Melody

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The March 30th Meeting

Inspiration: Melody Hannegan

Greeter: Diane Goff

Raffle: Nancy Penney and Ruth Wilson

THE 2015-2016 CALENDAR The DKG Journey- For the Alpha Xi Commuter Train, here's your

- T - Travel Back in Time!**
Monday, September 14th
Author Katherine Ayres
Bravo's in Cranberry
- I - Investigate the WWII and
Pittsburgh Connection!**
Wednesday, October 28th
We Can Do It! WWII
Heinz History Center
- C - Create Delicious Recipes!**
Thursday, December 3th
Cooking Demo with Sampling
McGinnis Sisters - Mars
- K - Kindle an Understanding
of your Roots**
Thursday, February 18th
Faith's Journey Back in Time
Shaler-North Hills Library
- E - Express Your Artsy Self!**
Wednesday, March 30th
Painting Pottery
Katie's Clay Studio - Rt. 8
- T - Treasure our Alpha Xi
Community**
Saturday, April 30th
Initiation and Installation
Wildwood Country Club

Check out your website: <http://alphaxipadkg.weebly.com/>

WE SHOWED OUR ARTISTIC SIDE!!

Much fun was had by all at Katie's Clay Studio. Look on our website for all the pictures including some of the finished products. Photographers: Terry Klein and Melody Hannegan



Alpha Xi Needs You:

By May 1st, Faith will need to submit the list of all committee chairs for the 2016-2018 biennium to the PA organization. Fortunately, we have strong leadership in place and many members who already volunteered to continue in their positions or to accept a new position. A list of the committees is below: please note the openings and the descriptions of those committees. Email Faith at faithj40@gmail.com or call her at 724-449-4696 to claim a duty. If she gives you a call, please say "YES!"

Finance: Barb Schmid Treasurer: Marg Foster	Professional Affairs/Personal Growth – Open – serves on program committee
Membership: Sandy Werderitch	Program: Pauette Hemmings
Nominations/Initiation: Melody Hannegan	US Forum – Open – keeps chapter informed of social issues pertaining to education



Projects: Open – One or two projects aligned with the state & international projects / Jared Boxes – Peg Maser	Scholarship/Grant-in-Aid/World Fellowship: Terry Klein
	Communications: Peg Maser
Social: Phyllis Jenny	Newsletter: Melody Hannegan
Visual & Performing Arts – Open – oversees music and arts in the chapter – serves on the program committee	Yearbook: Barbara MacDonald
	Website: Melody Hannegan (will give up to volunteer)
Historical Records – Open – maintains records (can work with webmaster) / photograph chapter events	

Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2016

Katie's Clay Studio, Route 8

19 members/guests present

Melody opened the business meeting at 5:05.

President Melody Hannegan called the business meeting to order at 5:30. Paulette Hemmings gave the inspiration, which highlighted the difference between “educator” and “teacher”. (If you missed the meeting, and this has piqued your interest, I’m sure she will share it with you if you ask.)

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed in the March newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Peg Maser read a letter from candidate Kathy Barkovich declining membership at this time, even though she had been voted on at the last meeting. Peg also read an acknowledgement from Reading is Fundamental-Pittsburgh for our donation of \$154.50. She also sent a get well card to Sandy Werderich after her foot surgery.

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We're celebrating our 60th Birthday:

When: Saturday, June 11, 2016 – noon

Where: The Nittany Lion Inn – Penn State – Birthday Luncheon

What to do: Sign up for the PA convention (at least for Sat.) and dress in 1950's garb (i.e. poodle skirt, bobby soxer, leather jacket)

Transportation: Let Melody know if you want to carpool on Saturday (probably 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)



In Our Community and Beyond:

Melissa Costantino and her husband are selling their Avalon home and moving to Sewickley. Melissa will have hip surgery this spring.

Phyllis Jenny will be having a cataract removed this month.

Dede Rittman and Grady just returned from educational seminars in Vermont and New Hampshire – plush Grady will be available soon.

Melody Hannegan will receive a \$1,000 grant from the state organization to put toward her trip to South Africa in March of 2017. She'll accept the award at the June convention.

Minutes (Continued)

Membership Chair Faith Jack let Kathy Barkovich know that she can join the chapter in the future if her circumstances change in the future. She also announced that the meeting for the initiates and sponsors is April 13 at 7 P.M. at Melody's home.

Marg Foster read the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$2907.14.

Paulette Hemmings announced plans for the April 30 meeting at Wildwood Country Club. She would like us to "Dress Up" for the meeting since we were "dressed down" for the March meeting.

Grant-in-Aid chair Terry Klein announced that the grant to be awarded will be \$1000.00.

Projects Co-chair Shari Magill talked about the delivery of boxes and bags of clothing for Dress for Success. She has blank receipts for donors to use to document their donation for tax purposes. She's bring them to the next meeting and one should be in this newsletter in pdf form.

Peg Maser announced that there are just 2 Jared Boxes left to fill. Members brought some to the March meeting, and the remainder are due at the April 30 meeting. If you cannot get the box to a meeting, call Peg or Karen Ulrich for pick-up.

Melody and Faith discussed the letter writing campaign sponsored by the D.A.R. Again, some were brought to the March meeting, and the rest can be brought to the April 30 meeting. Requirements were in the last newsletter bundle.

Melody discussed the State convention. We will dress as 50's people for the Birthday luncheon on Saturday. Melody would like to know if you are planning to attend the convention, the luncheon, or some combination. Room reservations are now being taken, so don't delay too long. Our state raffle basket will have a birthday theme, and Melody will put in the items. We also chipped in for a gift card to go in the basket.

President-elect Faith Jack asked for members to volunteer for committee chairs for her biennium. She has to send a list to the state by May 1. If you missed the March meeting, expect a phone call from her to see if you can be of any help.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 P.M. and we got down to the business of giving our chosen pieces three coats of color. They will be fired, picked up by Sallie Fischer, and ready for pick-up at the April meeting (or call Melody Hannegan—they will be in her house for a group photo.)

Sallie Fischer won the raffle basket.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ulrich



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA PROGRAM
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016
WILDWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
2195 SAMPLE ROAD
ALLISON PARK, PA 15101**

PROGRAM:

Concluding this year's theme of "Getting on the Train" with our **TICKET**, at our April meeting, the final "T," will give us the opportunity to **TREASURE** our Alpha Xi community. We can celebrate the enjoyable year that we've had together and look to the future of our chapter through the initiation of new members and the installation of new officers.

SCHEDULE:

Social time: 10:30-10:45
Initiation, installation, business meeting: 10:45-12:00
Buffet luncheon: 12:00-1:00

MENU:

Tossed salad with dressings
Fresh fruit bowl
Chicken Francaise
Filet of cod English style
Penne pasta marinara
Green bean amandine
Red bliss potatoes
Rolls and butter
Assorted plated desserts
Beverages

COST: \$26 PER PERSON

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT DUE BY APRIL 22, 2016

Payment: Check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, sent to:

Paulette Hemmings
5052 Windriver Drive
McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Questions? Contact Paulette at 412-331-7894 or paulette.hemmings@comcast.net

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR GUEST'S NAME _____

_____ I need transportation to/from the meeting.

ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL NEWS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE: