

# The Alpha Xi Messenger

February 2019



## The President's Message



Greetings, Sisters!

I just got an alert for freezing rain: I thought Phil said we're to have an early spring! *(And Melody is working on this after 3-4 inches of snow on the 5<sup>th</sup> snow day of our school districts! Crazy!)*

Kudos to Debbie Steinmetz, Terry Klein and the Program Committee for another great program! Bob Cahalan's photo presentation of

Pittsburgh sights was inspiring; I think I have my summer stay-cation planned.

Our next meeting at the Pittsburgh Glass Center with our own Deb McMullen will give us an opportunity to express our creativity in glass as we make a picture frame. I hope you will join us for this brown-bag event.

Thank you to Melody Hannegan and the Standing Rules Committee for their work updating our Chapter Standing Rules to include the changes made by the International Society. Paulette Hemmings and the Grant Committee will be reporting to us at the March meeting. Phyllis Jenny, Social Chair, reminded us to send greetings to our secret sisters. Our project committee chairs, Peg Maser and Shari McGill, with assistance from Karen Ulrich and Jade Leung, respectively, have the Jared Box and Dress for Success projects underway. Remember to fill your Jared boxes and empty your closets!

Please consider attending the State Convention June 14-16 in State College. Speaking of the convention, we need to provide a raffle basket. If you have an idea for a basket theme, please let me know. Perhaps we can gather donations for it at the April 27 meeting.

See you on March 21.

Sincerely,

Faith Jack  
faithj40@gmail.com



## EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE: The 2018-2019 Alpha Xi Program

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE
<b>Thursday, March 21, 2019</b>	Create a Glass Picture Frame, led by your own, Deb McMullen	Pittsburgh Glass Center Penn Ave. – Garfield
<b>Saturday, April 27, 2019</b>	Celebrate Alpha Xi	Diamond Run Golf Club Laurel Oak Dr. – Sewickley

## AT THE PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER

We have a special hands-on program planned for you. Deb McMullen is hosting our project of creating unique picture frames. In addition for our March raffle, North Hills members agreed to offer chances on one of two glass plates as well as a PGC gift certificate that can be used towards a future class. The tickets will be one for \$3.00, or two for \$5.00. If you want to participate but will not be present, consider giving your donation to a friend who can buy tickets for you!



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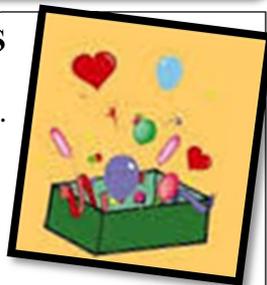


**Carpooling:** If you're in need of a ride, please contact Deb Steinmetz, who will have the list of attendees. Rides can be arranged from Cranberry, Shaler, and Camp Horne Rd.

### JARED BOXES

Jared Boxes are due April 27, 2019.

On behalf of the children, who will be receiving Jared Boxes filled with things to remind them to smile and play, I say a heartfelt thank you for your love, generosity and enthusiasm.



The Pgh Glass Center really doesn't lend itself to gathering some 34 boxes comfortably. So, please, plan to bring them to Diamond Run in April or contact me so we can plan a pick up or drop off day. I would appreciate having all of them by the end of May at the latest. I look forward to seeing photos of the beautiful glass frames you will create at the meeting since I will be out of town.

¡ Gracias ! Merci mille fois!

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me.  
Peg Maser - 412-486-4639

### DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Remember that we will be collecting women's professional clothing at our next 2 meetings. Purge your closets of your gently-worn attire. Please leave your items in your cars and we'll transfer them in the parking lot. Any questions, contact Shari McGill at 412-766-2494!

### REMINDERS:



(1) Wrap your loose change in coin wrappers and bring them to our next meeting. These donations go to our Teacher Enrichment Grants. Let's make Marg's tote really heavy!

(2) RSVP forms for the April meeting will be available at the March 21st meeting! This practice has worked well this year! Thanks, Deb Steinmetz for providing them.

Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
General Meeting Minutes  
"This is Pittsburgh" - Walnut Grill, Wexford  
February 4, 2019



23 present

President Faith Jack opened the business meeting at 5:00 P.M. Barbara MacDonald led the inspiration with readings from *Friends Help Us Over the Potholes on the Road of Life*.

Minutes from the October 1 meeting as printed in the November newsletter were approved with no additions or corrections. Darlene Farrell, Corresponding Secretary, reported on the Get Well and Sympathy cards she had sent since the last meeting.

Darlene Farrell read the Treasurer's Report in Marg Foster's absence. The balance on hand as of 2/3/19 is \$5,042.94. Darlene also passed out membership cards for members who had paid dues since the last meeting, so Marg doesn't have to mail as many.

Co-First Vice President Debbie Steinmetz presented information on the March 21 meeting at the Pittsburgh Glass Center. Reservation sheets were available for pre-pay.

Second Vice President Sandy Werderitch reported that she has not received any applications for prospective new members for the April meeting.

The Teacher Grant Committee, led by Paulette Hemmings, will meet later in February to clarify the parameters of the award. E-mail Paulette if you have any thoughts about when we award it, how much do we award each teacher, and who would qualify. So far there is \$274.55 in the Grant fund. We are still collecting loose change you have collected.

Projects: Peg Maser discussed the Jared Box project. Boxes were available to be picked up and returned at the April meeting. Jade Leung collected bags of clothing for Dress for Success in Shari McGill's absence.

Past President Melody Hannegan presented information from the Standing Rules Committee (Melody, Paulette, and Phyllis Jenny). The committee made changes in terminology and

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**March 21st Meeting:**  
Greeter: Deb McMullen  
Inspiration: Sue Phillips

### Membership News:

**Jade Leung** and her husband Shawn bought a home on Bellevue Road in Ross and moved in in December.

**Peg Maser's** great-granddaughter, Ivy, (with her parents) have moved back to Pittsburgh from TN. Peg's wrist is healing after her car accident.

Keep **Diane Goff** in your thoughts as she continues to fight rheumatoid arthritis!

**Jan Graner** welcomed a new granddaughter in November: Caroline. Her daughter, Kelly, has finished her job as ranger in Estes Park, Colorado and is planning to walk Camino de Santiago – the pilgrimage in Spain.

**Dede Rittman** wrote for the U.K. magazine, *Nexus Education* and she has been nominated for another literary award. She has been to the Cleveland Clinic this month to seek answers to health issues. **Phyllis Jenny** joined **Paulette Hemmings** and her husband in Key West for a week away from winter.

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rules in accordance with the changes in the International Constitution. They also revised the Standing Rules based on chapter motions made last year. A copy of the revised Standing Rules will be sent to the members for their perusal.

The newsletter deadline is Feb. 18.

The raffle was presented by the North Allegheny teachers. It was a photograph of Pittsburgh by NA teacher John Bova. It was won by Karen Klingman.

There was no new business to present.

Faith, Karen Ulrich, Jade, and Darlene plan to attend the Creative Arts Retreat at the end of March.

Faith will present her Genealogy program at the State convention.

The business meeting ended at 6:00 P.M. A buffet dinner followed.

At 6:50, Dede Rittman introduced Bob Cahalan, who presented a 54-minute photo show of "This is Pittsburgh".

The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Ulrich for Shari McGill



Dress for  
Success!  
Thanks!