

The Alpha Xi Messenger

February, 2022



The President's Message

Hi DKG Ladies!

At our last meeting in February, it was a frigid -7 degrees outside, but spending the evening together at Luciano's kept us warm! There was a great deal of energy in the room as we enjoyed a delicious meal, welcomed our four Teacher Enrichment Grant winners, elected officers, and heard a fascinating presentation about volunteering on the U.S. Brig Niagara and sailing the Great Lakes.

The Avonworth teachers will sponsor our March 22 meeting, and we'll get a behind-the-scenes tour of some of the Heinz History Center's most unique and valuable items in their Visible Storage exhibit, followed by a catered buffet from The Cooked Goose. I hope that you'll be able to join us!

Some reminders:

Bring in your project donations for Dress for Success and the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota, and continue to save your books for our April book sale!

Watch for the Spring *Keystonian*, which will include details about this summer's state convention at the Penn Stater in State College; I hope that you're making plans to attend! You also might think about going beyond our chapter and state, and travel to New Orleans this summer for the International Convention from July 12-16! At dkg.org, you can find more information.

Stay warm, and I hope to see you at our next chapter meeting!

Paulette



The 2021-2022 Program Calendar – Remaining Dates

Date	Location	Program	Meal
Tuesday, March 22, 2022	The Heinz History Center, the Strip District	Tour of Visible Storage – behind the scene artifacts – Bob Stakely	Catered dinner
Saturday, April 30, 2022	Diamond Run Golf Club – Ohio Township	Welcome Ceremony & Installation of Officers Lakota Friends Circle which supports the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota – Tracy Ferguson	Buffet brunch



The Program Committee Phyllis

Our DKG program at the Heinz History Center on January 22 will give us a behind the scenes glimpse of some of the many items the museum has in storage. Our personal tour guide has made a list of some of the items we will be viewing. Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with what to be looking for in this vast storage area.

The program begins at 5:00, but you can use the time before that to visit any of the exhibits throughout the museum.

Following the tour, we will have a delicious buffet meal catered by The Cooked Goose.

Hope to see you there.

Ways and Means

Jeanne V.

We were delighted to welcome all four of our Teacher Enrichment Grant recipients to our January meeting at Luciano's. Our guests enjoyed a delicious dinner as well as an informative and entertaining presentation from Edd Hale. So glad that Monica McElwain, Chloe Stanczak, Beth Marsiglio, and Samantha Robbins were able to join us to receive their grants and to find out about all the great things our Alpha Xi chapter does.

Start thinking now about who you can tell about the grant for next year. And be sure to save your books for our book sale at the April 30 meeting.



VISIBLE STORAGE

“Visible Storage” provides visitors with a behind-the-scenes look at the museum’s collection, revealing more than 1200 artifacts from the History Center’s vast collection of more than a million objects.

There is a huge variety of objects found in the collection, organized by type, including household appliances, silver, toys, glass, armaments, paintings, and much more. As you look around, see if you can locate some of these “Must-See Objects:”

- * A Westinghouse electric car from the 1960's
 - * A 1939 Bantam Speedster
 - * A bumper car from White Swan Park
 - * More than a dozen Western PA long rifles, Civil War swords
- ... and much more!

World Fellowship

At March meeting, World Fellowship chair Karen U. will ask each attendee to take a "Thinking of You" card and send a note of encouragement to one of the women studying in the U.S. for advanced degrees with aid from DKG. All you will need to do is add a stamp and mail it.

PROJECTS



PROJECT PERIOD REPORT

Terry

“Empowered Women Empower Women.” And that is just what you have done, DKG sisters! Through your caring generosity the Butler YWCA is now able to service even more women and girls with much needed monthly sanitary items.

Our collection of hygiene items and \$408.00 in donations allowed us to fill 120 Project Period bags for distribution to schools, food banks, shelters, and other social service agencies. YWCA Executive Director, Elizabeth Short, was so grateful for our support.

Special kudos and much thanks to Melody Hannegan and Karen Ulrich who joined me at the YWCA offices to assemble the bags. We were an efficient assembly line team! And we treated ourselves to a great lunch after our labors!

Once again, may I highlight the pride and admiration I have for our members. Thank you for this and for the many other acts of charity you embrace throughout the year.

Lakota Friends Circle

Phyllis

Reminder - our final project this year is to help the people of the Lakota Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. You can support this project by donating money, gift cards to Target, Walmart, Loews, or other items such as socks, underwear, sheets, blankets, and pillows. I will present these items to our speaker, Tracy Ferguson, at the April 30 meeting.

Dress for Success

Shari

It's time again to clear out those closets. We are collecting gently used clothing, shoes, purses, accessories and more for Dress For Success. This wonderful organization provides an essential service for underserved women seeking employment. In the past so many of our sisters and their friends have been generously donating. Please bring your donations to our next meeting March 22, and I will be in the parking lot to collect those goodies. Thank you very much!

2022 PA STATE CONVENTION

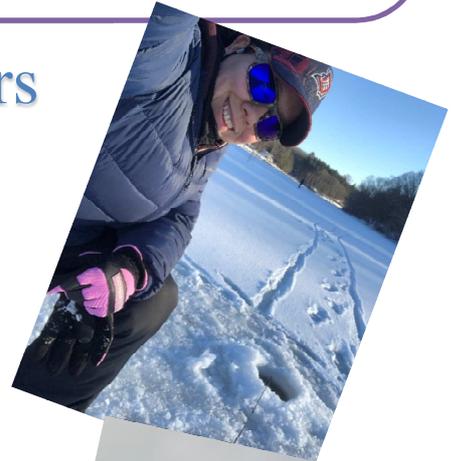
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 – AM and PM workshops, pre-convention outing to University Wine Company, Album of Distinction awards, reception and social

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 – First General Session, AM workshops, Celebration Luncheon, PM workshops, President's Banquet

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022 – Celebration of Life, Honors Breakfast, Second General Session.

Details and registration form will be in the Spring *Keystonian*.

A Tale of Two Winters



Marg in Florida; Sandy at Beech Wood Farms; Jade, ice fishing; Paulette & Wes in Key West; Jeanne V. snow scenes from home; Melissa at the state capitol; Melody in the Magic Kingdom; Ellen's golden sunset!



The March meeting is brought to you by the Avonworth teachers! Remember, you can arrive early and enjoy the museum before the meeting!