

The Alpha Xi Messenger

January, 2022



The President's Message

Hi DKG Ladies!

At our November meeting we entered the world of candle-making. We sniffed a variety of scents, selected our favorites, poured and blended, and before we knew it, we had a gift for ourselves to take home for the holidays! We also celebrated our chapter's 65th birthday as we browsed through some of our most treasured historical memorabilia and reminisced about our chapter's adventures while enjoying birthday cake. It was a fun evening of camaraderie among our members!

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday, and I'm sure that we all look forward to a good year ahead! Be sure to make plans to join us for our next meeting, on Wednesday, January 26th at Luciano's Italian Brick Oven Restaurant in Mars, PA. Our speaker, Edd Hale, will share his experiences as a volunteer crew member on a modern reproduction of the U.S. Brig Niagara, which sails the five Great Lakes during the summer. You don't want to miss his fascinating presentation!

Did you see Jade's article, "Brick Boxes," about STEAM education, located on the front page of the latest *Keystonian*, as well as her beautiful photograph, "Sunset Mirror," in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts? Congratulations, Jade! Also, thanks to Karen for her article about Alpha Xi's many activities under Chapter News!

Mark your calendars with some important dates: Scholarship forms and Enrichment Grant forms are due by February 1, 2022, and Album of Distinction applications are due by March 1, 2022. In addition, be sure that the DKG PA State Convention is on your calendar. It will be held at the Penn Stater in State College from Thursday, June 9th-Saturday, June 11th.

We continue to support our three projects: Dress for Success, Project Period, and the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. Also, while you're reading during the winter, remember to save those books for our April book sale.

I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting!

Paulette

PA STATE CONVENTION, 2022

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*.



The 2021-2022 Program Calendar – Remaining Dates

Date	Location	Program	Meal
Wednesday, January 26, 2022	Luciano's in Seven Fields	Sailing the Great Lakes on a Floating Museum – Ed Hale & the US Brig Niagara	Italian dinner
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 luncheon

The Program Committee

Phyllis

The first meeting of 2022 will be held on Wednesday, January 26, at Luciano's In Mars. We will be in a very large room and limit the number of people at each table to help with social distancing. For safety reasons, we ask everyone to wear a mask except while eating.

We welcome back our presenter, Edd Hale, who had entertained us several years ago with details of a robbery that took place in a Pittsburgh neighborhood. Edd is a retired history teacher who taught in the Keystone Oaks School District.

He and his wife are volunteers on a replica of the U.S. Brig Niagara which is docked in Erie. They have learned how to perform every job when on board the ship and serve as crew members. Edd and his wife spend their summers sailing the Great Lakes and serving as goodwill ambassadors on this traveling museum.

Join us as we learn what it was like to sail on a tall ship in 1813 compared to what it is like to sail aboard one today.

Hope to see you all on January 26.



I think we all felt like mad scientists mixing our blends for our candles at PSquare! We also did a lot of holiday shopping amidst a great selection of candles, soaps, etc.

Teacher Enrichment Grant

Jeanne V.

We had four deserving applicants for our Teacher Enrichment Grant this year, all from the Shaler Area School District. The grant committee, with approval of the whole membership, has decided that DKG will be awarding grants of \$150 to each of the four applicants this year. We're hoping that they will attend our January meeting to receive their checks and to get to know our chapter.

- ❖ Monica McElwain, a K-3 art teacher, wants to buy supplies to create a "Memory Hall," a project which is in its second year. Third graders will design and paint artwork to represent their favorite memories of their time at school.
- ❖ Kindergarten teacher Chloe Stanczak wants to purchase items to create a "calm down" station in her classroom so that her students have a place to go when upset or overwhelmed.
- ❖ Beth Marsiglio, who teaches French at the high school, wants to add to her classroom library of French books which include a wide range of reading levels and topics.
- ❖ Samantha Robbins teaches Spanish in grades 8-12. She wants to start a bilingual class library of books that teach social justice and expose students to characters of Hispanic backgrounds.

It's not too early to be thinking about how to spread the word for next year's grant. We'll be asking for applications next fall, so let me know if you have any ideas of how to get the message out.



PROJECTS

IT'S TIME TO CLEAR OUT YOUR CLOSETS AGAIN & DONATE TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS - Shari

With all the new clothes you received for the holidays, you can now make room by donating the gently worn clothes to **DRESS FOR SUCCESS!** Look through your closet and see what you haven't worn in the last year and make someone happy with a new look. Sweaters, blouses, slacks, dresses, skirts, suits and even coats, shoes, and much more are welcomed at this ladies' shop. There are many women who are starting at new jobs that can use your discarded clothes to make an impact. **ALSO, MAYBE YOU CAN ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO DO THE SAME!** Bring your clothing in plastic bags to our next meeting! Thank you for your generosity to these women.



Projects – Reminders

From Peg: Empty Busy Boxes will be available at the April meeting. Members can fill the boxes and bring them to the first meeting in the Fall.

From Terry: Thank you for all the donations to Project Period. The next phase will be the assembly of the bags at the Butler YMCA. I will notify you of a date in the future for us to do that.

Jade and Faith couldn't help having fun with some of the more imaginative fragrances!



Membership News

Marg and **Ellen** are in sunny Florida now. **Melody** will head down there later this month for a week at Disneyworld & Universal with the Chicago family.

Dede wrote the foreword for a book on education for her friend Phyl Macomber. Folks can take a look inside the book, *EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN*, and see her introduction. The book was number 1 for several weeks – if you have Kindle unlimited, she thinks it is free. Here is the link:

https://www.amazon.com/Every-Child-Can-Learn-Inclusive-ebook/dp/B08W1PV57T/ref=sr_1_8?crid=20D5IGOYEEM5T&keywords=book+every+child+can+learn&qid=1641322256&srefix=book+every+child+can+learn%2Caps%2C418&sr=8-8

The January meeting is brought to you by the North Allegheny teachers! At this meeting, we will vote on the slate of officers for 2022-2024!

