

The Alpha Xi Messenger

November 2018



The President's Message



Greetings, Alpha Xi Sisters!

If you were with us in October, you went to the moon and back. We had a wonderful after hours-tour of the *Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission* exhibit at the Heinz History Center with Bob Stakeley. Bob is a knowledgeable and gracious host giving of his time and talents and allowing us to explore at our own pace. If you were unable to attend, I highly recommend the trek to the strip district to see the exhibit before

it closes on February 18; you won't be disappointed. Thanks to Paulette Hemmings for making the arrangements and Terry Klein and Debbie Steinmetz for coordinating. Kudos to the Shaler Area Ladies, spearheaded by Darlene Farrell, for their successful grab bag fundraiser, netting \$70 for the Teacher Enrichment Grant!

Our next outing is the Multi-Chapter meeting on Saturday, Nov. 17. I hope to see some of you in Monroeville at DeNunzio's Italian Restaurant to greet State President Barb Gasperini and mingle with DKG sisters from area chapters.

We will be taking a break for the holidays and the winter solstice, but we will reconvene on Monday, February 4th at Walnut Grille in Wexford for "Pittsburgh Then and Now" with Bob Cahalan, retired NA social studies teacher. Jared boxes will be available for pick-up at this meeting. As you clean out your closets and drawers, remember we are also collecting clothing for Dress for Success. For more information see, <https://pittsburgh.dressforsuccess.org/> We are also still accepting your rolled change for the Teacher Enrichment Grant.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Tree of Life victims' families, friends and the greater Pittsburgh community as we stand strong against hatred. May we all reflect this Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas season on what connects us one to another.

Peace,
Faith

EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE: The 2018-2019 Alpha Xi Program

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE
Saturday, November 17, 2018	Mingle with other Local Chapters and Meet State President Barb Gasperini	Denunzio's Restaurant Mossie Blvd. – Monroeville
Monday, February 4, 2019	Observe Our City, Pittsburgh through the eyes of Bob Cahalan, retired NA Social Studies Teacher	Walnut Grill Perry Highway – Wexford
Thursday, March 21, 2019	Create a Glass Picture Frame, led by your own, Deb McMullen	Pittsburgh Glass Center Penn Ave. – Garfield
Saturday, April 27, 2019	Celebrate New Members as we Welcome Them into our Fold	Diamond Run Golf Club Laurel Oak Dr. – Sewickley

Hello Ladies,

As we are fast approaching the Holiday Season, I want to touch base with you all and let you know that the Jared Boxes will be ready to be picked up at our February 4, 2019 meeting. If you are unable to attend, but want to participate, please, let me know (412-486-4639) or have a friend pick one up for you. Completed boxes should be brought to our last meeting on Saturday, April 19th at Diamond Run Country Club or call me to arrange a delivery.

I would like to express a BIG thank you to 6 members who generously donated "seed money" to purchase boxes. They are: Ellen Rodwick, Deb McMullen, Karen Klingman, Susan Phillips, Shari McGill and one person whose name was not recorded! Unknown donator, please forgive me and let me know who you are so I can thank you properly.

I know many of you have already begun collecting items for the boxes. At this point, I believe you are

all well versed in how to fill and decorate the boxes. May I gently remind you to choose age appropriate items, be sure to write a simple encouraging message and sign it with your first name only PLUS Alpha Xi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma International Society. Please, do not include any candy, food items, hair or skin products that may cause an allergy.

If you have any questions feel free to call me any time. Wishing you all Happy Holidays !

Peg Maser
Jared Box Chair

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT *SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY*

The Program Committee is planning a fun meeting for February 4, 2019, beginning with dinner at the Walnut Grill in Wexford followed by a special presentation on Pittsburgh by retired North Allegheny social studies teacher Bob Cahalan. For years, Bob has traveled the region presenting his own special portrait of our city. It is sure to be a most enjoyable evening! Look for an RSVP form in an upcoming newsletter. As always, reservations and checks will be sent to Debbie Steinmetz.



Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
General Meeting Minutes
Destination Moon Exhibit
Heinz History Center October 17, 2018



Faith Jack President called the meeting to order.

Jade Leung presented the inspiration *Saw My Teacher on a Saturday*, author unknown.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

No corrections needed of the Minutes from September 13, 2018; they were approved as submitted and minutes will be filed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

Darlene Farrell reported that we received a thank you card from DKG International for the \$46.00 donation for Excellence in Education and also a thank you for the contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Barb Rankin sent a letter to the Alpha Xi Chapter requesting to become a reserved member. Darlene sent news letters to those who are not on our email list. President Faith Jack received a letter from Pennsylvania State President Barb Gasperini.

TREASURER'S/FINANCE REPORT

Marge Foster reported our balance on September 13, 2018 was \$3,471.98 with the beginning balance on October was \$5,562.47. Coins collected in October were to be turned over to Marg for count as well as the amount of \$70.00 collected for the raffle.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sandy Werderich stated that she received the brochures that were created to promote the organization. It was determined that each member distributes brochures to women she knows personally and should put her own personal contact information on them so the possible inductee can have better feel for our organization.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Phyllis Jenny reported that 16 people signed up to become Secret Sisters and names were drawn at the meeting. Phyllis also thought it might be nice to send a ½ birthday card for those who have summer birthdays.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Paulette Hemmings offered congratulations to the Shaler teachers for the Moon Pie theme on the raffle and their other duties. She also noted that the North Allegheny Teachers are up next for creating the raffle basket, greeters and an inspiration.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Terry Klein and Debbie Steinmetz announced the next meeting is November 17, 2018 and it will be the Multi-Chapter meeting with the president's visit. Don't miss the following meeting on February 4, 2019 for a Pittsburgh Slide Show.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Peg Maser thanked Karen Ulrich for her help in getting the Jared Boxes delivered to Children's Hospital this past year. She will continue organizing the Jared Project with Children's Hospital. She reminded everyone to please put a personal note with your name and the name of DKG and our mission with this project. Boxes will be available in February and can be returned at the final meeting in April or any time before.

Shari McGill reminded everyone that again we will be collecting gently used clothing to donate to Dress for Success. Donations were collected February through April. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Please note, the Album of Distinction has a new format and can be found online. The Creative Arts Retreat will be held March 28 to the 30th, 2019. There has been a call to present a break-out session at the State Convention, consider sharing your talents. Melody and Phyllis attended the Purposeful Seminar in Valley Forge and said it was a very enjoyable time with so much to do. They suggested more of us should consider attending in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari McGill, Recording Secretary

Member News

Faith Jack conducted a Genealogy class October 23, 2018 at the Cranberry Library.
Jade Leung performed a Martial Arts dance in the "Dancing with the Dukes" competition on October 19, 2018 at Duquesne University with her sister - they won the overall 1st Prize.
Shari McGill is proud to announce a launch of her daughter Emily's Public Relation Business in New York City, "Press Play," it was featured on Playbill.com.
Dede Rittman thanked everyone for their well wishes while she in the hospital. She won a Bronze Moonbeam award on Oct. 3rd in the category of Best Children's Book with Merchandise. Grady Gets Glasses also won Best Second Edition Children's Book 2018 (hardcover edition) from the Authors Zone. Her student-teaching book has been adopted at Thiel and Carlow Colleges.

