

The Alpha Xi Messenger

October 2017



The President's Message



Greetings,

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I could say Fall is in the air, but with the balmy weather we've had lately, it seems more like summer. The trees are starting to turn, so Fall it is. We

had our first meeting on September 20 and were delighted by the expert storytelling of Ed Hale as he recreated the Great Castle Shannon Bank Robbery for us. We hope it can be made into a movie.



Thank you to those who attended and participated in the ice breaker, "Me Too!" We learned about our sisters' places of birth - one Canadian; how many are active teachers - three; who likes to cook - FACS teachers, of course; and that no one had five or more siblings, among other little tidbits.

Phyllis Jenny is taking names of those who want to participate in the secret sister exchange. Please email Phyllis pljenny@comcast.net by November 1.

The Alpha Xi Cruise: Join us as we...

CONVENE in an earlier time

The Great Castle Shannon Train
Robbery – Ed Hale
Grazie at the Oxford Athletic Club
Wexford
Wednesday, September 20, 2017

REMEMBER the past

The Vanka Murals Tour – St. Nicholas
Croatian Catholic Church
Millvale / Monte Cello's on Babcock
Thursday, November 2, 2017

USE cooking tips for easy dishes

Farrel and Fisher Cooking Demo
Trinity Lutheran Church – Wexford
Wednesday, December 6, 2017

IMMERSE ourselves in South Africa & Peru

with travel guides Melody & Terry
Shaler North Hills Library - Glenshaw
February 27, 2018

SUBMERSE ourselves in music

Drum Circle with Pat Bauer
Hartwood Café - Glenshaw
Thursday, April 5, 2018

EMBARK on a new biennium

Initiation of new members and
installation of officers
Diamond Run Golf Club – Ohio
Township
Saturday, May 5, 2018

President's Message (cont.)

For projects this year, we are continuing with Jared boxes. Peg Maser will have boxes for pick up at the December meeting. Another returning project is a clothes drive for Dress for Success. Shari McGill is collecting your gently used dress clothes, shoes and purses at each meeting. Reminds me: I need to purge!

Start thinking of the entertainment item you want to donate for our live "Let Us Entertain You" auction. If you aren't able to attend the December meeting but want to donate, bring your item to the November meeting or send it with a friend. Proceeds go to Grant-in-Aid, so remember to bring plenty of cash or your checkbook in December.

I hope many of you can make it to the November meeting where we will have a tour of the Vanka Murals at St. Nicholas Church in Millvale. The chapter is making a donation to the church, but individuals are encouraged to contribute as well. Meeting and dinner are to follow at Monte Cellos on Babcock Blvd. We will have a Celebration of Life ceremony for Alice Smolkovich who passed away in July. I felt this is a fitting tribute to Alice who was very active in promoting her Croatian heritage.

Enjoy these first weeks of Fall!

In DKG sisterhood,

Faith Jack
President Alpha Xi
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Membership News

Shari McGill is teaching part-time at Robert Morris University – a course on communications.

Condolences to **Karen Klingman** upon the loss of her mother in August.

A memorial service will be held on Sat., October 14, out of town.

Some of our members will be participating in *The Walk to Prevent Alzheimer's*, on Sat., November 4, in memory of **Sue McKinney**.

Sallie Fisher and **Phyllis Jenny** recently returned from a tour of the Canadian Northwest.

Nancy Wetzel welcomed a new grandson, Landon.

Terry Klein and **Melody Hannegan** are packing their bags for a tour of Provence this month.

Please remember that your DKG dues of \$82.00 are due by October 15th. Your check, made out to "Delta Kappa Gamma", can be sent to Marg Foster at 200 Goldsmith Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or brought to the September meeting.

♥JARED BOX PROJECT♥

Boxes will be available for you to pick up at the December Meeting and at subsequent meetings.

Suggested items for the boxes include: crayons, markers, coloring books, writing journals, word searches, Matchbox cars, card games, puzzles, Play-Doh, bubbles, stickers, fun costume jewelry, and small toys.

NO FOOD ITEMS or HAIR PRODUCTS

Please, be sure to include the Jared Box explanation paper, and a short cheery note (on a card or the included paper) ...

SIGNED with your first name only and Alpha Xi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma.

Thank you for your participation in this project. The variety of items you have chosen to include in the past far surpass the list above. I am sure your creativity is appreciated by the recipients! P.S. Decorate the box with the fact that they must be stacked in mind.

If you have any questions, call Peg Maser at 412-486-4639

TAKE A HIKE: An Alpha Xi Outing

When: Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m.
Where: Hartwood Acres – meet in the mansion parking lot which is off Saxonburgh Blvd.
How Long: about an hour
What to bring: Comfortable walking shoes

Contact: Sandy Werderitch at 412-953-3798



DRESS FOR SUCCESS
by Shari McGill, Projects



This project was such a winner for us that we elected to try it again. So ladies, get into your closets and start the We will be gathering and sharing once again with the Dress For Success organization in Shadyside. You can bring your “*gently used*” women’s clothing to the September or November meeting but leave the bags in your car, until we can load them directly to Shari’s car in the parking lot. That will save us a step in the process. If you know anyone who is cleaning out their closets, be sure to tell them about our project, maybe they will donate through us too! And if you miss the fall clean out, we will again do this in the spring collecting in April.

Dede Rittman was inducted into the North Allegheny Hall of Fame, with The Distinguished Coaching Award. Dede coached golf for 33 years and served on the WPIAL golf Committee for 37 years. Congratulations, Dede!



November 2nd Meeting:
Greeters: Karen Ulrich and Peg Maser
Inspiration: Darlene Farrell
Raffle: Shaler Teachers

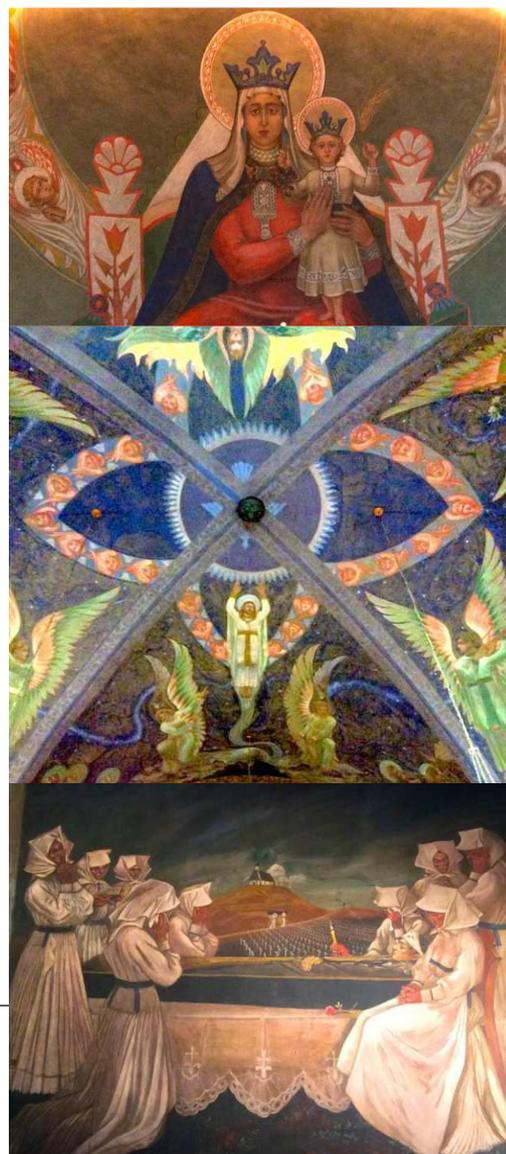
NOVEMBER 2ND TOUR OF VANKA MURALS
Program Committee, Paulette Hemmings, Chair

At our next DKG meeting on Thursday, November 2nd, we hope that you'll be able to join us at the St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church in Millvale for a private tour of the Vanka Murals. Our docent will discuss the early life of Croatian artist, Maxo Vanka, as well as his success in Europe and his life in America. We will have the opportunity to view his 25 murals, which depict "the immigrant experience in America, social justice and injustice, and the horrors of war."

At 4:45 we will meet at the church at 24 Maryland Avenue, Millvale, PA 15209, for a 5:00 tour. There is parking available in the Convent lot across from the church. Our chapter plans to make a donation to the church to help with the preservation of the murals; each individual is also welcome to make a donation at the end of the tour.

After the tour, we will meet at Monte Cello's Restaurant, 2198 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15209 for a buffet supper and our business meeting (I understand that the restaurant is only about two miles from the church).

Please make plans to join us to tour this significant and unique part of our region's historical and cultural past.



Meeting Minutes General Meeting
Grazie September 20, 2017

Faith Jack President called the meeting to order

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

No corrections needed of Meeting Minutes from May 2017, minutes will be recorded.

DeDe Rittman presented the inspiration *The Creation of Teachers: Perseverance* by Walter Elliott

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

Peg Maser reported a sympathy card was sent for the passing of Alice Smolkovich and we received a thank you note for the roses we sent.

Also, two thank you letters were received for the Jared Boxes we sent to Children's Hospital this past year. The first was sent by Stephanie Collabrodino of the Child Life Department. The second was from the hospital foundation. DKG International sent a thank you note to us for the \$50 donation on June 27 to the World Scholarship Fund.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sandy Werderitch stated that we are looking for new members and we welcome all of those interested.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paulette Hemmings reported for Marge Foster. The Beginning balance as of September 18, 2017 is \$2,837.49. The budget was also presented and the motion was made by Barb MacDonald to accept the 2017-18 budget and the motion 2nd by Karen Klingman. It passed.

PROGRAM REPORT

Paulette Hemmings reported that our next meeting is November 2, 2017 with a tour of Vanka Murals and dinner will follow at Monte Cello's on Babcock Boulevard.

YEARBOOK REPORT

Barb MacDonald announced that the corrections to the yearbook will be made by way of the newsletter.

PROJECTS REPORT

Peg Maser confirmed that the executive board has chosen to continue the Jared Project with Children's Hospital again this year. There is a list in the newsletter of what NOT to put into the box. She reminded everyone to please put a personal note with your name and the name of DKG and our mission with this project.

Shari McGill reminded everyone that again we will be collecting gently used clothing to donate to Dress for Success. Donations were collected in Sept. and will again be collected in November and December.

SOCIAL REPPORT

Phyllis Jenny distributed sign-up sheets for the inspiration, raffle, and greeting for our meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Help is needed to coordinate outings. On October 15, 2017, Sandy Werderitch will be leading a Hardwood Acres walk/hike in the park. Please sign up with Sandy and meet in the parking lot at Hartwood Mansion at 2:00 p.m. Contact Sandy for more information.

Our Multi-Chapter meeting will be November 2018. Six chapters will be participating. We will have the new state president Barb Gasperini visit us. This will be held at DeNunzio's in Monroeville. Pennsylvania is bidding to host the International meeting next year, possibly in Philadelphia.

NEW BUSINESS

Secret Sisters: anyone interested in participating in this fun activity where we share cards and well wishes, please sign up with Phyllis Jenny

The October newsletter deadline is October 4, 2017 please send your information to Melody and Faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari McGill



DELTA KAPPA GAMMA PROGRAM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017
ST. NICHOLAS CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
24 MARYLAND AVENUE
MILLVALE, PA 15209
(and)
MONTE CELLO'S RESTAURANT
2198 BABCOCK BLVD.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15209

PROGRAM:

As we **CRUISE** through our year, the "R" reminds us to **REMEMBER** our past as we enjoy a tour of the Vanka Murals at St. Nicholas Church, followed by a buffet at Monte Cello's Restaurant.

SCHEDULE:

4:45 Meet at St. Nicholas Church
5:00-6:00 Tour of Vanka Murals
6:00-6:20 Travel to Monte Cello's
6:30-7:15 Buffet Supper
7:15-8:00 Dessert and Business Meeting

BUFFET:

Chicken Romano	Stuffed Shells
Stuffed Sole Florentine	Roasted Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables	Garden Salad with Dressings
Cookies	Beverages

COST: \$24 per person

Reservation and payment due by October 25, 2017

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

(In addition, individual donations to the church are welcome)

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR GUEST'S NAME _____

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