

# The Alpha Xi Messenger

October 2019



## You Have a Voice and a Choice: The 2019-2020 Alpha Xi Program

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE
Wednesday, September 11, 2019	The Vietnam War: 1945-1975 Exhibit	Heinz History Center Smallman St. - The Strip District
Wednesday, October 9, 2019	P. Buckley Moss – the artist (Claudia McClelland)	The Springfield Grille Rt. 228 - Mars
<b>Wednesday, November 6, 2019</b>	<b>Mansion History and Restaurant Tour</b>	<b>Revival on Lincoln Bellevue</b>
Thursday, January 16, 2020	Sustainable Engineering (Melissa Costantino)	DiPietro's in West View
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Easy Arts and Crafts (Darlene Farrell)	Shaler North Hills Library Mt. Royal Blvd. in Shaler
Sunday, April 26, 2020	Induction and Installation Ceremonies	Diamond Run Golf Club Ohio Township

## The President's Message



Greetings, sisters!

Fall is upon us in all its splendor; hope you have been able to get out and enjoy it!

Our October meeting was a bittersweet one opening with a tribute to Nancy Penney who will be greatly missed. Barb Rankin, Ruth Wilson and Nancy Moore shared their memories of good times with Nancy. Our own Claudia McClelland educated us on the life, art and society of P. Buckley Moss. Thank you, Claudia, for sharing your passion and collection with us and for the generous donation of the McConnells Mill sketch toward the raffle complete with a gift certificate to Springfield Grille from the other NA ladies. Terry Klein was thrilled she had the winning ticket.

Thanks to your continued support of the fundraisers and the hard work of the Teacher Enrichment Grant Committee lead by Paulette Hemmings, we have 4 grant recipients. Three teachers will each receive \$200, and the fourth will receive the \$50 she requested. Look for Paulette's article for details on them and their projects. Hopefully some of them will be available to join us at our November meeting.

On a side note, if you would like to help the Compass Studio makerspace at my building, Shaler Area Elementary School, we could use recycled materials and craft supplies. Please see the wish list items attached to the email. I can collect your donations at each meeting.



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## PROGRAM COMMITTEE - TERRY KLEIN

Extending a sincere “thank you” again to Claudia McClelland for her presentation on the artist P. Buckley Moss at our October meeting! It is always wonderful to celebrate the interests and accomplishments of our members.

Our November meeting will be another memorable evening as we explore the history of a 171-year-old mansion in Bellevue that now houses the Revival on Lincoln restaurant.

After a short presentation on the history of the building and the journey it took to become a restaurant, we will have an opportunity to tour the building and to peek into the kitchen to see dinner being prepared. Executive chef Jamie Sola has curated a menu for us based on seasonal local ingredients. One highlight of the meal will be the cherries jubilee dessert prepared tableside.

Please gather at 4:45 for social time and happy hour. The RSVP form is attached. Note the October 28<sup>th</sup> deadline for checks to Marg Foster.



### President’s Message, continued

Melody Hannegan is looking for our next leadership team. Please consider answering the call and leading our wonderful chapter of Alpha Xi.

Finally, be sure to get your reservations in for our next meeting at Revival in Bellevue. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
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Don’t forget to wrap your loose change and bring it to any of the remaining meetings! Extra wrappers are still available! Proceeds benefit the Teacher Enrichment Grants.

### Dress for Success – Shari McGill

Calling all Ladies! Now that fall has arrived, it is time to clean out those closets. You can bring gently used clothing to the November meeting. Please leave them in your cars until the meeting has adjourned. I will transfer them then to my car and take the clothes to DFS on Thursday. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**Our Meetings are brought  
to you by**

**North Hills - November 6**  
**Avonworth - January 16**  
**Shaler - March 12**



## TEACHER ENRICHMENT GRANTS: Paulette Hemmings

After successful fundraising efforts, we were able to initiate Teacher Enrichment Grants this year. Following a productive application process, we voted to award four grants to area teachers:

- Kristine Bork, Shaler, morning activity bins for her kindergarten students
- Beth Block, North Allegheny, authentic pieces of Roman soldiers' equipment for use in her Latin classes
- Allison Burns, North Hills, flexible seating for her students who need some movement options while doing desk work
- Amy Rak, North Allegheny, an authentic minerals/rocks/fossils science kit for use in her 8th grade Earth science class

Beth Block and Amy Rak will attend our November 6th meeting to receive their monetary award and meet our members. We will mail the award to Kristine Bork and Allison Burns, who are not able to attend.



## Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International General Meeting Minutes Springfield Grille, Mars October 9, 2019

22 present (21 members and former member, Nancy Moore)

Dede Rittman gave the inspiration while we waited for our meals to be served. She used inspirational quotes and applied them to our chapter and the Projects we support and kindnesses we show others.

After dinner, Faith Jack led the Celebration of Life ceremony for Nancy Penney. Barbara Rankin spoke of her long friendship with Nancy, including a 61-year tradition of a Christmas party with colleagues. Ruth Wilson shared a card she'd gotten from Nancy titled "What is a Friend?" Former member Nancy Moore also shared her memories of Nancy. Faith finished the ceremony with a poem which should appear in this newsletter, as many members asked about its origin.

For the business meeting, substitute recording secretary Karen Ulrich offered a correction to the September minutes—it was Phyllis who spoke about the Secret Sisters activity, not Paulette. The minutes were approved with that correction to be noted.

Corresponding Secretary Darlene Farrell reported that she sent a sympathy card to former member Betty Rhule's family extending our condolences.

Treasurer Marg Foster read the Treasurer's Report, which shows a balance of \$6395.59. Marg asked that members **Put the meeting date on the memo line of any checks written for chapter events.** She said we already have a total of \$114.00 from tonight's raffle for the Teacher Grant for 2020.

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Hello to all DKG Dedicated **Jared Box** Creators! - Peg Maser

I have made an executive decision that we will continue to make the Jared Box according to the PA State Jared Box Committee's instructions, just as we always have.

If you have questions or know of an organization that would accept our donation, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. Meanwhile, I will have the boxes prepared for you to pick up at the January meeting at DiPietro's in West View along with the instructions for filling them.

Small seed money donations are welcome, but not necessary, and can be brought to our next meeting. If you wish to do so, please put the donation in an envelope with your name on it so I can thank you properly.

Filled boxes will be collected at our April meeting.



Minutes (cont. from page 3)

Terry Klein reported on the upcoming program at Revival on Lincoln in November, January's program at Di Pietro's in West View, and the March meeting at Shaler North Hills Library. The March Meeting will include a brown bag dinner and BYOBverage.

Phyllis Jenny again offered Secret Sister information and several more members signed on to participate.

Ways and Means: The Teacher Grant was explained by committee chair Paulette Hemmings. We posted the information on Social Media, which seemed to spur last-minute interest. Five entries were received, and four were selected to receive our inaugural Grants: Christine Bork, Shaler Area kindergarten; Beth Block, Latin-North Allegheny; Allison Burns-4<sup>th</sup> grade Math at North Hills; and Amy Rak-8<sup>th</sup> grade Science and Math at North Allegheny. Terry Klein moved to accept and fund these proposals; Karen Klingman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Paulette will invite the winners to the Nov. 6 meeting to receive their grants.

Karen Ulrich reported on the Jared Box Project in Peg Maser's absence. Peg is looking into The Children's Institute for our recipient this year. Karen Klingman took Dress for Success donations in Shari McGill's absence.

Faith reported that the International convention is in Philadelphia July 7-11, 2020. Volunteer opportunities are available. Newsletter information is due to Melody Hannegan for the Nov. 6 meeting on Oct. 16. The business meeting ended at 7:12 P.M.

Member Claudia McClelland gave us a look into the life and work of artist P. Buckley Moss and passed around prints, books, and other Moss creations. We could all sense Claudia's infectious interest in this strong woman.

The raffle of a P. Buckley Moss print and a \$50.00 Springfield Grill gift card was won by Terry Klein.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ulrich for Shari McGill

### Membership News

It was great to see **Barb Rankin** at the meeting, doing well after her shoulder surgery.

**Faith Jack** will be having surgery later this year – probably around Thanksgiving.

Please keep **Shari McGill** in your thoughts as she is still working through health issues.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Call

The Nominating Committee is looking for a *Few Good Women* to serve as elected officials in the 2020-2022 biennium!

President

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President(s)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Veterans and Newbies are encouraged to lead! We have received some interest! Thanks, but still have positions to fill!

Let Melody know of your interest. She also welcomes members on this committee as the slate should be presented to the membership at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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Special tributes to Nancy Penney in her Ceremony of Life:

