

The Alpha Xi Messenger

October, 2021



The President's Message

Hi DKG Ladies!

Our October 14th meeting contained an unusual combination – a delicious French feast and a presentation on Weird Wildlife of Western PA! After we enjoyed a wonderful meal catered from Soergel's, Susie from the Fern Hollow Nature Center presented an engaging, informative and entertaining program introducing us to slimy, yet delightful, creatures of our area. Our members agreed that it was one of the best programs we've ever had!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the meal, and I'd like to offer a special thanks to the Shaler teachers for actively recruiting applicants for our teacher grants and for involving us in a very clever and interactive fundraising game. It was definitely a fun meeting!

Be sure to make plans to attend our November 15th meeting, where we'll be celebrating our past and moving ahead to the future as we commemorate our 65th birthday! We'll have the opportunity to review some of our chapter's historical treasures: our charter, photographs and memories from the past, and wonderful materials from our 55th celebration! We'll also enjoy a hands-on craft activity of making a natural candle, free of chemicals, which promotes a clean lifestyle. In addition, our grant committee will present their recommendations, and the membership will vote on our teacher awards.

Also, be sure to remember your Secret Sister, especially with the holidays quickly approaching, and offer your support for our three projects: Dress for Success, Project Period, and the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota, all of which help people in need.

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting!
Paulette



Some important reminders:

- Be sure to put the DKG PA state convention on your calendar. It will be held at the Penn Stater in State College from June 9-11, 2022.
- Proposals for workshops for the convention are due by December 20, 2021.
- Scholarship forms and Enrichment Grant forms are due by February 1, 2022
- Album of Distinction applications are due by March 1, 2022.



How many of you have spotted a turkey vulture in flight since our meeting with Susie?

Susie with Melissa and her guest, Kelly, pose with the animals!



PLEASE READ – IMPORTANT

The RSVP for the November 15 meeting **MUST** be returned by November 5. This does not give much time for the mail to be delivered to me. If you mail your reservation and check after November 1st, please email or call to let me know you are going to attend. The owner of P Squared needs time to get the necessary supplies for our candle making activity.

No late reservations can be accepted. If you take a minute to email or call me when you've put your response in the mail, the correct number of supplies will be ordered. (Melody will put my contact information in the newsletter email.)

Thanks! Phyllis



The Program Committee

Phyllis

The November meeting will be at P Squared Scents in Bellevue. The program will start promptly at 6:00! We have 2 hours for the activity, refreshments, and meeting. Please be on time. We are celebrating Alpha Xi's 65 Birthday with candle making and birthday cake. Birthdays not only include a cake and candles, they also include gifts. The candle you make can be a gift to yourself or a small gift to give to someone during the holidays.

Our chapter has done several "hands on" activities in the past including ceramics, painting, glass making, cooking, and creating a terrarium. I'm looking forward to this new and different experience and hope you are too.

Please join us for an evening of celebrating, creating, and conversing with our DKG sisters on Monday, November 15 at 6:00 pm. Bottles of water will be available. You may bring a beverage of your choice.

Also masks are required except when eating or drinking.
Hope to see you there.

The 2021-2022 Program Calendar – Remaining Dates

Date	Location	Program	Meal
Monday, November 15, 2021	PSquare in Bellevue	Make a natural, fragrance-free candle	Alpha Xi 65 th birthday party with desserts
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

Teacher Enrichment Grant

Jeanne V.

We have four excellent grant applicants thanks to Karen Ulrich and Jade Leung, who helped spread the word to teachers in the Shaler district. We'll be announcing the awardees at our November meeting.

Remember to keep the books you read between now and our April 30th meeting to donate to our book sale.

PROJECTS

A reminder that donations for Dress for Success (clothing), Project Period (monetary or sanitary products), and Lakota Friends Circle (gift cards or items such as bedding, socks and underwear) can be brought to the November meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, donations can be sent to Marg.

Congratulations to Jade!

Her photography artwork, *Sunset Mirror*, has been accepted by the DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery. The new Fine Arts Gallery should be unveiled by the middle of November and Jade's piece will be displayed there for six months and then archived for two years!



The November meeting will be brought to you by the North Hills teachers!

Congratulations to Nancy on the birth of grandson, Caleb James!



October memories: berets, prizes, & a water bear!