

The Alpha Xi Messenger

September 2018



Greetings, Sisters!

The President's Message



We are off to a great start with our first meeting where we turned our hands to gardening with the creation of succulent mini-terrariums, materials and instructions provided by Carrie of One Happy Flower Shop in Millvale. We enjoyed fellowship over a wonderful meal from Jason's Deli. Thanks to Terry Klein, Debbie Steinmetz and the program committee for your efforts. We had a great turnout of 24 members including returning Jan Graner and new members Claudia McClelland and Pat Bauer.

Some of our new endeavors were kicked off with the executive board taking the first meeting responsibilities of greeter, inspiration, and fundraiser. Don't forget to wrap your loose change and bring it to either the October, February and/or March meetings. If you were unable to attend, we each received a "favor" of coin wrappers with a note to "Donate Change, Grant a Wish" for the Teacher Enrichment Grant. The Shaler contingent will be taking the helm at the October meeting and have asked that we bring \$2 for a grab bag activity.

Remember to "Embrace the Challenge" and step out of your comfort zone by trying something new. We have opportunities to help on the Membership committee (Chair Sandy Werderitch werderitch721@comcast.net), the Grant Committee (Chair Paulette Hemmings paulette.hemmings@yahoo.com) and Projects: Jared Boxes (Chair Peg Maser maserm@verizon.net) and Dress for Success (Chair Shari McGill skillsmcg@aol.com).

Another new feature is the ability to pre-register for the next meeting at current meetings. Please bring your checkbooks or cash and Debbie or Terry will have copies of the RSVP available. Not that organized? Not to worry, the RSVP form will still be sent along with the newsletters. We already have reservations for over half of the 30 spots available for the October meeting at the Heinz History Center.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT: SECRET SISTERS

If you were not at the September meeting and want to participate in the secret sisters this year, please contact Phyllis Jenny before the October meeting at 412-366-0443 or pljenny@comcast.net. We will draw names at the history center. Phyllis will notify you about your sister if you are not present that night.

*A reminder as you switch from summer to winter clothes: we will be collecting for **Dress for Success** later this year.*

You should have already received the **RSVP for the Multi-Chapter meeting** on November 17. Please be aware that the **deadline is October 25**, and the RSVP and payment must be mailed to Barb Farina: 498 Toledo Drive, Lower Burrell, PA 15068

At the September meeting, the members voted to raise our local dues by \$3 which makes the membership fees for international, state and local total \$85. Please **send your dues check to Marg Foster by October 17**. Thanks to members who have contributed to the Teacher Enrichment Grant by including a donation with their dues payment.

Speaking of dues, if you weren't at the meeting, the DKG International bylaws have been updated, and Marg Foster announced one of the changes is that the dues collection will be moving to a fiscal year rather than a school year calendar starting in 2019. This means that dues we pay now are good through June 2019. Dues for July-June 2020 will be collected in May/June 2019.

I look forward to seeing thirty of you at the History Center for the Apollo 11 Moon Landing exhibition.
Sincerely,

Faith Jack
Alpha Xi President
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Dues

Please remember that your DKG dues in the amount of \$85 will be due by the October 17th meeting. The reserve membership dues remain at \$35. Donations are also welcome at this time. You can give a check, made out to "Delta Kappa Gamma", to Marg Foster at the meeting or mail it to her at 200 Goldsmith Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Fundraising Schedule:

October: Shaler Area
February: North Allegheny
March: North Hills
April: Avonworth

EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE: The 2018-2019 Alpha Xi Program

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE
Thursday, September 13, 2018	Design a Mini-terrarium of our own	The Shaler-North Hills Library Mt. Royal Blvd. - Glenshaw
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	Explore the Exhibit: "Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission"	The Heinz History Center Smallman St. – The Strip District
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

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Heinz History Center will be hosting us for our October 17, 2018 meeting. Before our business meeting, we will have an opportunity to self-tour the exhibits beginning at 3:00. The History Center will waive our admission fees. We will gather in the third floor classroom at 4:45 for our meeting and dinner, after which we will have a private tour of the “Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission” special exhibit.

This is always a very popular meeting, and we have 30 places reserved for our group. Please respond early to the RSVP form attached to the newsletter. We will have to close reservations after we meet the thirty participants limit. We will notify you if we will have room for prospective members after we have our final count.

We will be organizing carpools for those who wish to travel together. The information is on the RSVP form.



*October Meeting:
Greeters: Peg Maser &
Shari McGill
Inspiration: Jade Leung
Fundraiser: Shaler Area
Members*



TEACHER ENRICHMENT GRANT COMMITTEE REMINDER:

For the October 17th meeting at the Heinz History Center, the ladies from Shaler signed up to be the greeters, provide the inspiration, and conduct the fundraiser (they asked that everyone bring \$2 to the meeting). We're all eager to see what they have in mind!

Also, if you aren't able to attend our meetings regularly, but you would like to support the Teacher Enrichment Grant, you're very welcome to make a monetary donation to help our efforts.

Membership News:

Ellen Rodwick will soon be having cataract surgery which is sandwiched between a recent trip to the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake and a Mediterranean Cruise that covers just about all of land surrounding the sea.

Dede Rittman is home and recovering after 7 days in the hospital with diverticulitis.

Diane Goff and **Shari McGill** are still recuperating from their surgeries this summer! Speedy and complete healing to them!

Phyllis Jenny and **Melody Hannegan** will be participating in the Purposeful Seminar on revolutionary women in Philadelphia.

Shari McGill's son Paul is an assistant director and choreographer for a play which hopefully will land on Broadway.



Pics: (top) Jade, Darlene, Karen, and Terry with their finished products: (middle) Carrie Powell guiding us; (bottom) the terrarium kit.

Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Meeting Minutes General Meeting
Designing Our Own Mini Terrarium
Shaler North Hills Library Glenshaw, PA September 13, 2018



Faith Jack President called the meeting to order

Inspiration by Faith Jack “Six Reasons to Step Out of Your Comfort Zone”

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT – Shari McGill

The Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2018 with no corrections were approved.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

Darlene Farrell reported that in May she sent a Get-Well card to Diane Goff and in July she sent her a Thinking of You card. In August she sent a Thinking of You Card to Shari McGill due to her recent operation and in September a Get-Well card was sent to Dede Rittman. Darlene also sent newsletters to members without email.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Marg Foster reported that our balance on hand is \$3471.98; the report is to be filed for audit.

PROGRAM REPORT

Terry Klein and Debbie Steinmetz turned over the October program to Paulette Hemmings who stated that we will be going to the Heinz History Center for the “Destination Moon” program.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sandy Werderitch reported that there were 2 sisters not renewing their membership. A suggestion was made to have a committee work with Sandy on publicity to be distributed to the four school districts that encompass our chapter. Hopefully this will boost our membership.

A motion was made by Terry Klein and seconded by Paulette Hemmings to order the “DKG Journey” brochures from International and have the chapter pay for postage. Motion carried. Faith will order the brochures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT

On behalf of Barbara Schmid, Marg Foster reminded us that due to changes in the International By-laws, there will be a change in collection of dues for the 2019/20 biennium. The By-laws change is a move from school year to fiscal year calendar. Dues will be collected now (due to Marg by October 17) are for 2018/19. The 2019/20 dues will be collected in the spring as opposed to next fall.

The Executive Board had discussed raising local dues by \$3.00, thus bringing total for local, state, and international to \$85.00. Phyllis and Melody explained that according to the International Standing Rules Committee we must vote on raising yearly dues at the chapter level. Marg Foster of the Finance Committee moved we raise the local dues \$3.00 for an overall total of \$85, and the motion was seconded by Shari McGill. Motion carried.

TEACHER ENRICHMENT GRANT/WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES – Paulette Hemmings

The members voted in March to change our grant-in-aid to a teacher enrichment grant. The Ways and Means committee is asking each district to sign up for a meeting and supply greeters, an inspiration, and a fundraising activity for that night.

The Executive Board (for September) has chosen to distribute coin wrappers to the sisters tonight and asks us to bring those back filled to any meeting this year to donate to the Enrichment Grant Fund.

The October meeting will be hosted by Shaler Area. Please bring \$2.00 for the fundraiser.

PROJECTS REPORT

Peg Maser said she would once again organize and distribute the Jared Boxes for this year's campaign.

Shari McGill also agreed to organize the Dress for Success campaign, but it can't begin until February this year. You can still begin gathering items for donation, and don't forget to ask your friends and family members for their gently worn clothing.

SOCIAL REPPORT

Phyllis Jenny requested a committee to help set up and take down the tables, chairs and other necessities. We will also continue the Secret Sister exchange; it's a great way to make your sisters smile, sign up will be in October. Please contact Phyllis if you want to participate if you weren't at the meeting to sign up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Please remember to continue to collect and bring those can tabs for Karen to take to the Shriners Hospital.

Our Multi-Chapter meeting will be on November 17, 2018 at DeNunzio's in Monroeville. Seating is limited, so send in your RSVPs now.

REMINDERS

The newsletter deadline is September 18; please send your information to Melody and Faith. Please attach photos if they are available.

Purposeful Seminar – King of Prussia/Philadelphia October 5-7, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Shari McGill, Recording Secretary



Karen is intently starting her terrarium; Jade and Melody are displaying their final mini-gardens and Darlene is handing out the cute coin wrapper packets.