The Alpha Xi Messenger

September 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**
Wednesday, November 6, 2019	Food Demo and Dinner	Revival on Lincoln Bellevue
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!

If you attended the September meeting, you know we had a memorable tour of the Vietnam War exhibit at the Heinz History Center with Bob Stakeley. It brought back memories and emotions for many. As Bob imparted, we owe a debt of gratitude to those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces. Bob provided some books and 4 passes to the museum for our raffle basket which Melody Hannegan supplemented with Vietnamese food. Dede Rittman was the happy winner of the basket. Before our business meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful buffet catered by The Cooked Goose Catering Company. Thanks to Paulette Hemmings for coordinating with Bob and thanks to Terry Klein for organizing and overseeing the details. Terry is looking for a partner to assist her on Programs moving forward since Debbie Steinmetz's move to Maryland. If you are able to help out, please contact Terry.

I hope you are able to join us at Springfield Grille in Mars on Wednesday, October 9 for a celebration of Nancy Penney's life and to hear our own Claudia McClelland speak about the P. Buckley Moss Society. If you aren't familiar with her work, you may want to visit her website pbuckleymoss.com. She is most known for her paintings depicting Amish life. A quote from her online biography "I do not paint the dark side of contemporary existence, for I am dedicated to painting the hope of the future-hope that seeds positive thoughts of love, family and the beauty of the world." typifies the body of her work. Since I own two prints, I am most interested in hearing more about the society.

Karen Klingman will be collecting donations of gently worn items for Dress for Success in the parking lot before and after the meeting. Due to constraints on space, please do not bring the items inside.

The Teacher Enrichment Grant committee is asking for help to promote the grant application. The deadline (Sept. 27) is fast approaching, so please send out the electronic packets you received from Melody last month.

If you missed the September meeting, we are again collecting change for the grant fund. Thank you to Darlene Farrell for the packet of coin wrappers. If you prefer or cannot make the meetings, you can always send a donation check to Marg Foster. (Speaking of Marg, please be aware that she has not received your membership cards yet but will get them to you when she has them.)

Social Committee Chair, Phyllis Jenny distributed Secret Sister forms and will also have them available at the October meeting. If you want to participate but cannot make the meeting, please inform Phyllis.

We did not have any new members last year, and we lost a few members, so please consider extending invitations to attend a meeting to educators you know. Don't assume they are too busy or wouldn't be interested. You never know what is going to spark with someone who may become an enthusiastic member of DKG.

See you soon!

Sincerely,
Faith Jack
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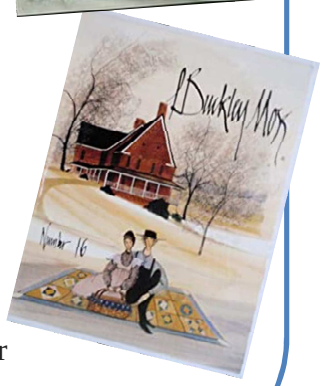
DKG membership is an honor and is offered by invitation from a local chapter. A candidate for membership must be

- **identified as a woman**
- **employed as a professional educator at the time of her election; or**
- **retired from an educational position**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - TERRY KLEIN



We will follow up our amazing History Center experience with another special dinner and program on October 9, 2019 at the Springfield Grille. Menu choices will be made at the restaurant. Please see the attached RSVP form for details. Note the deadline to reply for this meeting is September 30. Please have your checks to Marg Foster by that date.

We will follow dinner with a Celebration of Life for Nancy Penney, a member of our Alpha Xi Chapter of DKG since 1963 who passed away this year.

After our business meeting, we will hear from our own Claudia McClelland who will speak on The Art and Legacy of P. Buckley Moss, an American artist who was particularly drawn to the Amish and Mennonite people, whom she has portrayed in iconic ways.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for November 6, 2019, the night of our Demo and Dinner meeting at Revival on Lincoln, a beautifully restored 116 year old building in Bellevue. Details and an RSVP form will be sent to you soon.

Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
General Meeting Minutes
Vietnam War Exhibit – The Heinz History Museum
September 11, 2019

We individually toured the Vietnam War Exhibit and at 6:30, we proceeded to the event room where we had dinner catered by Cooked Goose Catering.

Faith Jack President called the meeting to order at 7:05. The inspiration was read by Sandy Werderitch.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT: Shari McGill received an approval of minutes with no additions or corrections needed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: Darlene Farrell reported that she mailed out hard copies of the news letters to several members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marg Foster also reported our balance on hand is $5,977.38.

PROGRAM REPORT: Terry Klein gave information on the October 9 meeting. The RSVP sheet was sent with the August newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT : Sandy Werderitch reported that we are seeking new members. They can be teachers at public, private, catholic schools, colleges, and so on, but they must be educators.

FINANCE REPORT: Marg presented the budget from the Finance Committee. The members voted to accept the budget. The motion passed unanimously. Marg also encouraged everyone to take the coin wrappers provided on the table.

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"Donate Change, Grant a Wish"

Don't forget to wrap your loose change and bring it to the October, November, January, March and/or April meetings. At the September meeting, we each received coin wrappers for donations to the Teacher Enrichment Grant. If you missed the meeting, we will have extras at the October meeting. Any type of monetary donation is acceptable.

Our Meetings are brought to you by

North Allegheny - October 9
North Hills - November 6
Avonworth - January 16
Shaler - March 12

Want to become more involved in Alpha Xi and not sure how? Have a great idea but not sure with whom to share it? Contact the chairs below:

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The Nominating Committee is looking for a *Few Good Women* to serve as elected officials in the 2020-2022 biennium!
President
1st Vice President(s)
2nd Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Veterans and Newbies are encouraged to lead!
Let Melody know of your interest. She also welcomes members on this committee!
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Minutes (cont. from page 3)
SOCIAL REPORT: Paulette explained the Secret Sister program. Forms were distributed to interested members. Sign up will also be available at the October 9 meeting.

TEACHER ENRICHMENT GRANT/WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES: Paulette Hemmings explained the schedule for subsequent meetings. North Allegheny will host the October 9 meeting. She also shared that the Teacher Enrichment Grant application deadline is Friday Sept 27. Information has been sent to various districts in the Northern Areas schools, but it is difficult to get the districts to disseminate information. We are trying to work through the unions.

PROJECTS REPORT: Peg Maser reported on the Jared Box project. Because of new sanitary rules, we're considering a new recipient for the boxes. Shari McGill reported we will be collecting gently used clothes for Dress or Success. Karen Klingman will collect the clothing in the parking lot before and after the meeting on October 9th as Shari will be having another surgery.

NEW BUSINESS: Melody Hannegan sent a notice that the Standing Rules have been revised and are on the website. Also, the Nominations Committee will be starting to work on a slate of officers for the next Biennium. If interested, contact Melody.

Faith reported that the International Convention is in Philadelphia in July 2020 and volunteers are needed. Faith encouraged members to take advantage of benefits of our state and national organizations.

Joys and Concerns: Darlene Farrell reported that she was invited to be in the Guiness Book of World Records for the Largest Wedding Cookie Table She also made felt hearts to send to El Paso following their shooting tragedies. Sandy Werderitch was deployed to Charleston S.C. for the hurricane Dorian disaster relief through the Red Cross. Ellen Rodwick explained Yom Kipper and said it would occur on our October 9 meeting date. Dede Rittman won the raffle basket.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari McGill, Recording Secretary (assisted by Karen Ulrich)

Membership News

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Dede Rittman gave a presentation for The Authors' Zone on 9/14 on WRITING AND PUBLISHING A CHILDREN'S BOOK. She is looking for elementary schools to present on GRADY GETS GLASSES - presentations are available for K through 5th grades.

Shari McGill recently had cataract surgery.

Melody Hannegan now has "one for the thumb" – her 5th grandchild is Enzo Grey.

Bob Stakeley and Paulette always make us feel so welcome at the history museum.

October 9th Meeting
North Allegheny
Greeters: Dede Rittman and Melody Hannegan
Inspiration: Dede Rittman
Raffle Basket: A black and white framed drawing by P. Buckley Moss and a gift certificate to the Springfield Grille

Members sit in the living room to watch the first war to enter homes while Peg studies an exhibit.

Faith conducts the business meeting.