

# President's Message

Please update your yearbooks to delete the following members-

Brenda Barner  
Mardy Byrnes  
Donna Carey  
Patricia Cekella  
Karen Cercone  
Chris Croker  
Amanda Downey  
Joanne Duessel  
Carol Kjellman  
Jessica Linden  
Melissa Marangoni  
Linda Martin  
Ruth McCraley  
Susan McKinney  
Judy Meinert  
Jan Milarski  
Sue Morris  
Nancy Nahi  
Diane Oberst  
Carol Pastor  
Carolyn Pettit  
Marion Plank  
Claire Rex  
Betty Rhule  
BJ Robertson  
Becky Root  
Carol Scott  
Erin Sloane  
Katrine Watkins

If times change, we invite any of these members to rejoin us.

Hello Ladies, **IMPORTANT CHANGES-PLEASE READ**

Can you believe it is 2013? Where does the time go?

We have some big CHANGES for our FEBRUARY 5TH meeting. Yes it is on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Due to decreased attendance, we have had to CANCEL the FASHION SHOW. INSTEAD WE WILL INVITE POTENTIAL new members and show a power point about Delta Kappa Gamma and have a MEET and GREAT session instead of a business meeting. We are asking members to PROVIDE a COVERED DISH to feed 8-10 people. On your RSVP form please indicate what you plan to bring. We will ask for a few dollars to defray the cost of the drinks and paper products. In addition, Karen Klingman has contacted Butch Santicola to speak about PSEA concerns for both practicing and retired teachers including the pension hot topic.

During this **February meeting**, we invite you to bring used books to sell to benefit our project, "Books for Ethiopia".

During our **March meeting**, we will have Lou Ann Schrader, the Alpha Alpha State President to speak with us about (Technology) electronic communications and memberships. We are inviting Theta Chapter (Pittsburgh) as well as Zeta Chapter (Beaver County) to participate with us. It is important we have a large number of folks. We are using the ECHO Restaurant (they are opening just for us for lunch), and we do need a minimum amount.

Echo says that their goal is to offer "world-class dining with a local flair, featuring locally grown produce, locally raised animals and hand-drafted breads, pastas, and sauces." This is a banquet hall conveniently located right off I-279 on Route 228 (It is next to Marriot).

Please note we are moving the **April meeting** up to **April 25** instead of the 29<sup>th</sup> as the Sewickley Speak Easy is closed on Mondays.

Finally, WE ARE GIVING FAITH A BREAK FROM DOING THE NEWSLETTER, SO EXPECT SOME CHANGES.

Barbara MacDonald      bmacd@zoominternet.net

Want to help out the Sandy Hook Elementary Community in Connecticut after the recent shooting?

See page 3 for more details.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity Lutheran Church on Brant School Rd.

New-meet and great potential members with a pot luck dinner and power point

Initiatives-What is new with education at the state level? By PSEA

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Make reservations for both February and March and save yourself a stamp. Both RSVP's are provided.

During this meeting, we find Melody Hannegan highlighted our new website which she constructed for us.

<http://alphaxipadkg.weebly.com/>

It is linked to both the state and International and will enable you to find a wealth of information. The state and international websites and communicating with technology will be explored more by our state president on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Questions will be welcome, so do some exploring first.

We also enjoyed our trips to France, along the Rhine, Greece and Turkey. We did travel many miles with Phyllis Jenny, Melody Hannegan and Terri Klein. They shared beautiful pictures, delightful stories and great cultural lessons.

Reminder of Social Roles for **February 5<sup>th</sup>** meeting-  
Greeter-Paulette Hemmings  
Raffle: Karen Ulrich, Peg Maser and Faith Jack  
Inspiration-Deb Stackrow

**March 9**  
Greeters:-Barb Lanza and Linda Peffer  
Raffle-Barb Schmid, Janet Serdy, and Ruth Wilson  
Inspiration-Alice Smolkovich

Karen has sent some invitations for **February 5**, but word of mouth is still the best way to invite folks-so we have attached the guest RSVP. Feel free to personally invite others.



Never been to a state meeting?  
Come hear our current Alpha Alpha State president speak and be inspired- RSVP for **March 9th**

**Tues., Feb 5 N=NEW + I =INITIATIVES** - Trinity Lutheran Church (Brandt School Rd.) with members contributing a covered dish to feed 8-10 folks, a meet and greet for NEW members as well as finding out about the state INITIATIVES for education by a speaker from PSEA.

**Sat., Mar 9 T=Technology** - Echo Route 228 Cranberry at 10:45 a.m.  
"Bi-chapter Meeting with Alpha Alpha State President"

**Thurs., Apr 25 Y=Your Chapter Initiation** -Sewickley Speak Easy at 4:45 with music by the West Winds Quintet

## Helping to change the world

Check those bookshelves for gently used books you'd like to give to a good cause. We are having a **USED BOOK SALE** at our February 5th meeting. Bring a book, and take some home for a contribution to our "Ethiopia Reads" project. The funds help to put books in the hands of children who have never owned one! Training educators to bring skills and hope to Ethiopian children is a part of their mission. I like their motto- "Those who read...bloom."

If you weren't at our last meeting, you missed the announcement that we contributed \$285 to Heifer International's "Seeds of Change" program. In the words of their CEO- "Your gift is vital to giving the families we serve the tools to eat better, live better, educate their children, and share their tools and trainings with others." You do make a difference!

If you have time and the inclination, the Millvale Library is in need of volunteers to assist with their GED program and to sort books for the new library. If you are interested, contact Brian Wolovich at 412-977 7672 or at [millvalelibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:millvalelibrary@hotmail.com). I am waiting to hear from him regarding our very last project of the year. I hope to ask everyone to donate a new book for the library at our April meeting, or to send one with a friend if you are unable to attend. More information to follow.

Finally, if you are a fairly new member to Delta Kappa Gamma - ( 0-5 years) - would like to take a more active part, but have limited time, I would love to have your help for **ONE** of our projects next year. Deb McMullen will be helping you to assist with just one of our projects-so it will be a limited amount of time involved. It might require you to collect items at a meeting, or deliver them to the appropriate place. You might help to organize the project, and we always love getting new ideas. Please e-mail me at [erodwick@aol.com](mailto:erodwick@aol.com) if you'd like to get your feet wet! You could partner up with a friend in DKG that you never get to see! Don't pass up this opportunity to learn more about our work. Please get in touch with me by April.

Thanks so much for everyone's participation in our projects this year. You **are** helping to change the world!

Ellen Rodwick



A Special Invitation to The NE Regional Conference from your Northeast Regional Director, Mary Lee Makinen

**DKG** The Northeast Regional Conference

Wednesday, July 24, 2013  
Thru  
Saturday, July 27, 2013

Portland, Maine  
Holiday Inn by the Bay

Plan to visit Maine  
and attend the  
Conference!



## Want to help Sandy Hook?

Teachers in the town have asked that condolences and offers of support be sent via their local teachers' association web site. The address follows. There is a link for this purpose on the homepage.

[www.aftct.org](http://www.aftct.org)

Donations can be made to either of the following:

**Newtown Savings Bank  
Sandy Hook Support Fund  
39 Main Street  
Newtown, CT 06470-2134**

**Newtown Youth and Family Services  
15 Berkshire Road  
Sandy Hook, CT 06482**

Dear Chapter Presidents and members of Alpha Alpha State, I wanted to share information with you about the recent tragedy in Connecticut. It has been a very painful and heart wrenching few days. My emotions like many of yours ran the full gamut. The initial anger, the need to blame—blaming a society that fosters hate, blaming educational cuts of needed programs, blaming poor parenting skills, the list went on until finally the horrific occurrence surfaced emotions of forgiveness, love, and the need to promote a healing attitude and hope to a devastated community. When tragedy such as Newtown happens and deep emotions are triggered so too the humanity within each of us sparks the need to support one another. I want you to know that I have been in contact with Marnee Staiton, the President of Connecticut, and also have tried to make contact with the president of Iota chapter in Connecticut. Iota chapter services the area where Newtown is located. Our Northeast Regional Director, too, has been working to keep the state presidents informed. At this time I am passing some information on to you from Marnee that lists addresses your members may want to have. I know members and chapters may want to do something right away. As a state organization Alpha Alpha State will wait and take direction from Marnee as she says in her last line of the email—they are still coping with the reality and ascertaining the needs and direction they want to take. She knows in time when needed we will be there to help in their healing process. In the next email I will also forward the email from our Northeast Regional Director. Marnee shared some information with her that also reminds us of how many have been touched by this tragedy. Please pass both of these emails, this one and the next, on to each member of your chapter.

And finally as I was reminded today in church...at this time of year especially, as Christians look forward to the light that leads us out of the darkness of the advent season we are reminded of the hope and peace that do and will continue to exist. To each of you, a wish for a Merry Christmas and a new year of peace and love.

Louann (Schrader) Alpha Alpha State President

# Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter

November 28

## Meeting Minutes, November 28, 2012 Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Xi chapter Monte Cello's Banquet Room, Hampton Shoppes, Route 8

The business meeting opened at 5 p.m. with President Barbara MacDonald reading the inspiration in Deb Stackrow's absence. She read from a book of inspirations compiled by members of the State organization.

Marg Foster read the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$6274.10; over \$3000 goes to State for dues. Marg reported on dues and the fact that we have about 30 who did not renew their membership. Health reasons were cited by several women. Marg then discussed a revised budget based on fewer members. The new budget is for \$5036.00. Faith Jack moved and Barb Schmid seconded a motion to accept the budget as revised. Motion carried.

Karen Klingman had brochures and forms for prospective members.

Faith Jack introduced her guest, Sandy Werderitch, a Shaler Area Physical Education and Family and Consumer Science teacher at the high school. Faith also asked for help, even temporarily, for the Newsletter. Paulette Hemmings and Peg Maser are helping, too.

First Vice President Paulette Hemmings discussed problems with having a minimum number in attendance for food service and programs. For example, Christopher and Banks will not come for smaller numbers. Barb MacDonald had an idea about a recruitment meeting in February instead of the fashion show. Karen Klingman had a speaker suggestion (Butch Santicola from PSEA). LIVELY discussion ensued regarding revitalizing and growing our chapter. Faith Jack moved to have a Meet and Greet in February and have a covered dish meal. Melody Hannegan seconded. We will provide dessert. Motion carried.

We approved a list of members who have decided not to renew. Lois Crummie's



resignation was rescinded and changed to reserve membership. Melody Hannegan moved and Janet Serdy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ellen Rodwick, who arrived fashionably late, discussed projects. Deb McMullen has offered to take over Projects for next year. In February will be a used book sale for Ethiopia Reads, whose motto is "Those who read, grow."

Under Joys and concerns, Areta Kalogeras is doing well after surgery. Diane Goff reports that she has a great attitude (as if we didn't already know that!) Terry Klein has a new grandson, Peter John.

Barb Schmid moved to adjourn; Karen Klingman seconded the motion. The business meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

After dinner, Melody reviewed the chapter Website: <http://alphaxipadkg.weebly.com> and its links.

The program was a travelogue of France, the Mediterranean, and Turkey by Melody Hannegan, Terry Klein, and Phyllis Jenny. "Growth Through Travel" was the theme.

The raffle basket of Burt's Bees items was won by Ruth Wilson.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. with holiday greetings to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary

### Mark Your Calendar

Important Dates from Alpha Alpha State

**April 26-28, 2013**

Purposeful Seminar, Best Western Country  
Cupboard Inn Lewisburg, PA

**June 14-16, 2013**

Alpha Alpha State Convention, Nittany Lion  
Inn, State College, PA

**July 24-27, 2013**

North East Regional, Holiday Inn by the Bay  
in Portland, Maine

January 2013

Have You Heard?

*News from Alpha Xi Sisters*

- **Lois Crummie**---needs our prayers as she continues her cancer battles.
- **Alice Smolkovich**—Please keep Alice in your thoughts and prayers. Alice is recovering from a second fall and is having physical therapy.

**Deadlines:- Please consider applying---**

**State Enrichment Grant** for Road Scholar program, continuing education for personal or professional growth, travel/study tour or to develop an approved independent study project or present a paper at a professional organization.

**State Scholarships-towards, graduate study** leading to an advanced degree or certification or towards job/self improvement. Credits must be earned during a regular or summer term of an accredited college/university. You may apply more than one year, but total may not exceed \$7,000 during 2012-2016.

**Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship** to a Delta Kappa Gamma member in her 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching who is working on graduate study. Approximate value of \$1,000.

All of the above have a Deadline of February 1, 2013 and more details such as criteria, amounts, etc are on [www.alphaalphapa.com/awards](http://www.alphaalphapa.com/awards)

Also: **Album of Distinction** applications are due **April 1, 2013** for folks receiving awards outside of Delta Kappa Gamma since April 2012. Applications are found at [www.alphaalphapa.com/awards](http://www.alphaalphapa.com/awards)

Of Special Note: PA state or Alpha Alpha State DKG has a new website of [alphaalphapa.com](http://alphaalphapa.com) which is now linked to the International site ([dkg.com](http://dkg.com)). We will be able to link our website to the state's.

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**New Alpha Xi website:**  
· <http://alphaxipadkg.weebly.com/>