



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

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Alpha Xi Chapter

President's Message



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Hello Ladies,

As I write this letter, we are approaching the Holiday Season with many of you anticipating some time off from school and sharing time with family and friends. As we move into 2014, I wish you and yours all the best.

January is a busy month for DKG with lots of deadlines to welcome new members, entertain new officers, give out new grants and opportunities for current members to explore grants and scholarships at the state and national level. Please be sure to take advantage of these opportunities to take an active role in DKG.

Also, the officers will be busy writing reports about our past two years to submit to the state and then indirectly to the International. These were handed out at the December meeting, and Barb needs them by mid-January to make the needed copies and submit them prior to her next trip on January 23rd.

I hope you are reading and trying out new recipes to assist with raising funds for our project. The money will be donated to the Room to Read program, which helps to build libraries in Asia and Africa. There are more details on the RSVP form for our next meeting as well as an article from Ellen earlier this year.

Our next meeting is on Thursday February 6th. This was a favorite location last year at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Brandt School Road. It features food items that members contribute, so the cost is low (depends on what food you make to feed 8-10 folks). Since we all just try a spoonful of many dishes. We will also hear from our member, Susan Frantz about her book *Beyond the 21st Century Classroom*. What a great time to invite potential members (They do not need to bring food, but may do so.) We need your RSVP to make sure we have a variety of food items and spaces set for the correct number of participants. You will find the RSVP form as part of this newsletter.

We did receive some sad news after our last meeting. Barb Huber has died. We do not have the exact date or location for any memorial. If you know more details please let Barb MacDonald know since it helps with reports, and I am sure many members would like to acknowledge this passing.

As you make your 2014 resolutions, consider coming to an extra Alpha Xi meeting a year or becoming more involved in some small way. We all benefit from having each other participating in our fellowship. Continue to advocate for education whenever and wherever possible.

Thanks for everything you do and have a great 2014,

Barbara MacDonald
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Yearbook Corrections

Please delete the following ladies from our chapter yearbooks.

Barb Huber-recently died

Bobbi Clare
Catherine Anne Jones*
Margie C. Matthews*
Shirley Stevens
Janet Thompson

A reminder that if someone has not renewed their membership or has chosen to resign, they can rejoin just by paying the current year dues. Feel free to invite former members to rejoin us at any time.

*membership fee not returned.

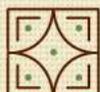


Darlene Farrell shares her love of cookie cutters with a holiday twist.

I want to thank those of you who came to enjoy the Holiday time at Willows on December 7th. Despite the wild weather on Friday night, Saturday the roads were great and it was wonderful to enjoy the snow filled trees out the windows at Willows.

The meal and companionship were great and we even got to take the left-overs home to help with our evening meal. The gifts selected for the gift exchange were thoughtful and very varied. It was wonderful to enjoy this time with our Alpha Xi friends and guests.

Darlene Farrell did a wonderful job with her history of cookie cutters. Her presentation was very hands-on as she passed out cookie cutters and then read an historical description and we matched it to our individual cookie cutter to share with the group. Can you believe all the gingerbread men(women) cookie cutters she has. Darlene tells us she has over 50,000 cookie cutters in her house. We appreciated her teaching style and her gift for bringing cookie cutters alive. In addition she shared an 'easy' gingerbread recipe and cookie samples. Thanks Darlene.





DELTA KAPPA GAMMA PROGRAM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2500 BRANDT SCHOOL ROAD
WEXFORD, PA 15090

PROGRAM:

Following in this year's theme to ENRICH, February's meeting will focus on the "I," to Involve. Our member, Susan Frantz, will discuss her book, *Beyond the 21st Century Classroom*. Members are also encouraged to invite prospective members to the meeting.

SCHEDULE:

Social Time: 4:45-5:00
Business Meeting: 5:00-5:30
Meal: 5:30-6:30
Program: 6:30-7:30

PROJECT REMINDER:

Bring copies of a favorite recipe to the meeting, along with the amount of money that the ingredients would cost. The money will be donated to the Room to Read program, which helps to build libraries in Asia and Africa. We'll share recipe ideas while we're helping others.

MENU:

Bring a covered dish that will serve 8-10 people.
DKG will provide the beverages and dessert.

RESERVATION DUE BY JANUARY 27, 2014

SEND FORM TO:

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Questions? Contact Paulette at 412-331-7894 or paulette.hemmings@yahoo.com

YOUR NAME _____

YOUR COVERED DISH _____

ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2013, Willow, 11:15 AM, 19 present

The meeting opened with Darlene Farrell giving the Inspiration—tips for holiday baking, which went along with her program. (Hints: Domino sugar (it's cane sugar), Robin Hood flour, and stick butter (check water content)).

The minutes as printed in the newsletter were approved. Peg Maser reported that she had sent a thank you to Gretchen McKay for her presentation at the October meeting. Marg Foster reported a balance on hand of \$2925.15. 60 members paid dues, one shy of last year. For membership, Deb McMullin reported in Karen Klingman's absence. She has forms for new members and encouraged us to re-invite past members to rejoin us. She also took any membership profiles that members had brought with them.

Two guests were introduced: Dede Rittman of North Allegheny came as Barb MacDonald's guest, and Phyllis Jenny brought Susan Fink, a counselor at Fox Chapel.

Paulette Hemmings announced the Feb. 6 potluck dinner at Trinity Lutheran church. Susan Frantz, a member of our chapter, will talk about her book *Beyond the 20th Century Classroom*. Please invite prospective members to the meeting. Also, we will be supporting Room to Read, so bring 20 copies of a recipe you found while reading a book and a check to cover the cost of the ingredients to make the recipe.

Terry Klein reported that Grant in Aid forms for a college junior or senior majoring in education are available and are due back to her by JANUARY 23. Information needed is a college transcript with QPA, list of activities, a letter of recommendation from a professor and the nominator. The form will be sent in the next newsletter.

Melody Hannegan reminded us to keep in touch with our unions regarding pensions and school funding. Terry Klein reminded us that in any discussion regarding our benefits that "We aren't the villains—we're the scapegoats." We PAID our share into the pension fund, while the districts and state took a break.

Melody also discussed the by-laws review. There are some changes and questions that will be answered, again with a copy sent out by Faith.

Phyllis Jenny, nominations, reported that we will have a slate to vote on at the February meeting.

After singing the song, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

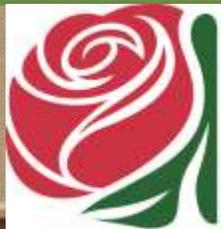
After a buffet lunch, Darlene Farrell presented a history of gingerbread cookie cutters. We all were given a wrapped cutter and then showed them as Darlene described them.

The gingerbread-themed raffle basket was won by Marg Foster.

A grab bag gift exchange followed, and we were invited to take any leftovers home.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich



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IMPORTANT DATES

Grant in Aid- January 23, applications from Terry Klein

Membership-Deadline Jan 30, applications from Karen Klingman

Nominations:- Deadline Jan 30, talk to Phyllis Jenny

From DKG-state—January 31 deadline for Enrichment Grants for travel and Educational Scholarships. See their website for more details www.alphaalphabet.com/ (under awards)

DKG International:

Educational scholarships for those working on advanced degrees. Visit dkg.org.

February 14- deadline to participate in *The Art of Possibility: Transforming Professional and Personal Life* on March 1 at Ramada Conference Center in State College, PA. See your *Keystonian* for details and registration form.

Current Officers: Please complete the needed paperwork for the biennial reports and return to Barb MacDonald prior to January 20th so that they can be submitted.

PRODUCTIVE PROJECTS !

Hello, friends!

We know that you've been faithfully perusing your Delta Kappa Gamma newsletter each month, and busily listing contributions you'll be making for our upcoming projects. You have it in your Blueberry, Day Planner, on your calendar and have programmed your computer to remind you of upcoming requests. JUST IN CASE you accidentally tossed your last newsletter in with the recyclables, or couldn't make it to the last meeting, I thought I'd mention two things.

At our February meeting, plan to copy a recipe that you found in that novel you've been reading, and be sure to make enough for everyone. Total the cost of the ingredients, and write a check to Delta Kappa Gamma. Put "Room to Read" on the notation line. Mail your check to Marg Foster, or bring it to the meeting. The proceeds will help to build a library or purchase native language books for locations in war-torn Africa or Asia.

We finally have a date and time for one of the most popular projects--decorating and filling boxes with toys, art materials, journals, card games, puzzle and coloring books for children at Children's Hospital! They are called Jared Boxes, and you should see the excitement when we deliver them to the hospital! Please come to Ellen's home on April 7th, anytime after 3 P.M. She'll supply the refreshments if you bring materials to fill boxes and decorate them as well. The boxes will go to children from age 2 to 14. So--start collecting now!





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Under Joys and Concerns: Diane Goff is a grandma-finally! Julia Marie was born to her son Jon in June.

Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday March 18th at the Paint Monkey in Cranberry Twp. to explore your artistic side and CREATE.

Did you notice?

In the **Keystonian** fall issue--Phyllis Jenny's article on her trip to Hawaii.
In the **Keystonian** winter edition--Terry Klein's travel to Portugal and Barb MacDonald's trip across the USA are featured.

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Next Meeting:

February 6th

Greeters: Barb Schmid

Inspiration: Barb MacDonald

Raffle: Karen Klingman and Deb McMullen

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