



DKG-Alpha Xi Chapter Mini-newsletter for February-March

For March 9 meeting

Greeters:-Barb Lanza and Linda Peffer

Raffle-Barb Schmid, Janet Serdy, and Ruth Wilson

Inspiration-Karen Ulrich

Come hear our current Alpha Alpha State president speak and be inspired
RSVP for **March 9th by February 22**

During our **March meeting**, we will have LouAnn 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 of I-279 on Route 228 (It is next to Marriot).

Also a note: Our April meeting has been changed to Thursday April 25th. It is still at the Sewickley Speak Easy. More details and a RSVP will be in our March newsletter. We are hoping to have several new members to induct at this time. Contact Karen Klingman for materials.

Notes on members:

- Lois Crummie lost her battle with cancer on November 28, 2012.
- Carol Pastor has rejoined, please mark your yearbooks accordingly.
- Shirley Stevens is having a knee replacement done on February 1st and said that she'd appreciate prayers as she gets through the rehabilitation.
- Diane Goff's son, Jonathan, became engaged on Christmas Day, so it looks like both boys will be married in 2014.
- Ellen Rodwick wrote that "January brings cold temperatures, so my husband and I visited Clearwater, Bradenton, Sarasota and Ellenton, Florida. Then it was onward to Ft. Myers and Ft. Lauderdale for a cruise! My husband Bill's retirement is the best thing ever! On to Arizona in February!"
- Melody Hannegan became a grandmother to Theo Jude Dinges.

- Alice Smolkovich is at home, but no longer using email.
- Areta Kalogreas continues to have a positive attitude as she battles her cancer.

- **Please let us know of your joys or concerns.**

Thank you to those who attended our February 5th meet and greet for prospective members as well as sharing in our potluck dinner. The food was wonderful. Special thanks to Karen Klingman for sharing the invitations, to Phyllis Jenny and Paulette Hemmings for setting up the church hall for our dining pleasure. We also appreciate all who stayed to help clean-up since many hands make for lighter work.

Thanks to Karen Klingman for securing our PSEA speaker. Butch Santicola certainly gave us lots to think about with how government is working on our pension system and educational issues. It would be a great idea to contact your legislatures to help keep the pension system and to provide funds for our state educational system. Some websites Butch suggested to help keep us informed are yinzernation: (yinzercation.wordpress.com/take-action) and keystone education coalition: keystonestateeducationcoalition.blogspot.com and partners for public education: partnersforpubliced.org/PartnersForPE.aspx?ID=7383

World Fellowship awardees who are studying in our area are:

Ms. Maria Pia Gomez Laich
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She is studying towards a masters if TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) at Penn State and is from Argentina

Aissatou Diallo
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She is studying at Carnegie Mellon for a masters in Management Information Systems. She is from Guinea.

Don't forget. Find out more information on line or with your Keystonian.

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

Update on Newtown Tragedy from State President, Louann Schrader (just the main points) From Louann's conversation with Marnee Straiton, the President of Alpha Kappa State, Connecticut. They have received plenty of donations and funding to support the new school building for Newtown.

There is a suggestion that members pay it forward this way. About 25 years ago a member of Alpha Kappa State, Jeanne Morascini, started "The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World". This is a committee in their state whose mission is to promote critical thinking, conflict resolution, and cooperative learning skills that will help move towards a more peaceful world. This committee puts out a newsletter 4 times a year that you can look at on their website. The newsletter has information and activities that teachers and DKG leaders can share or use with children or within a school or community situation. They have also been able to sponsor conferences around critical issues of promoting peace globally.

Donations may be mailed to Alpha Kappa State to Marnee Straiton, 4 Field Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06811. On the memo line of the check make a notation that the dollar amount of the check be earmarked in their budget for "The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World".