

Meeting Minutes: March 9, 2013
Restaurant Echo, Cranberry Township
Bi-Chapter Meeting 10:30 a.m.

39 present; 19 from Alpha Xi and 19 from Theta; no one from Zeta came.

Alpha Xi president Barbara MacDonald opened the meeting at 11 a.m. Alpha Xi and Theta chapter presidents introduced their officers. Alpha Alpha State President Louann Schrader introduced herself. She is from the North Hills/West View area and attended St. Benedict's High School. She had many good family and area memories to share with us.

Louann's talk was on "Digni 't'y: Technology, Team Building, and Strengthening Tactics". Her PowerPoint discussed state costs for printing the Keystoneian—so if more got it online, it would save us money. She showed us the state website, the state Facebook page (for networking possibilities), and the revised State Brochure. She spoke of possibilities to come as we continue to use more technology. For Team Building and Strengthening, she discussed Membership Demographics (Are you a Traditional/Veteran, a Baby Boomer, a Generation X, or Millennial?), Programs of Interest (and sharing program ideas with other chapters), and Getting Members Involved.

She also hurried to discuss 5 Steps to Retaining Members, using the acronym GRAPES: Growth, Recognition, Achievement, Participation, Enjoyment, and Support. And TNT: Teach, Nurture, Touch the hearts of each other.

Those present received a printed copy of the presentation if anyone wants to see one.

We also presented Louanne with a check to buy a charm or two for her Pandora bracelet. MANY gift baskets were raffled, donated by both chapters. (and for once, Phyllis Jenny won TWO!!)

After lunch, members of Alpha Xi gathered to have a brief meeting. Barbara MacDonald read the bios of 6 prospective candidates. Terry Klein moved and Marg Foster seconded that we offer membership to all six. Motion carried.

Marg Foster read the Treasurer's reports for February(\$3,070.08 on hand) and March (\$3050.80 on hand).

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary