

President's Message

Shirley Stevens
had this poem published in
Time of Singing Magazine.

Shirley S. Stevens

Let Morning Come
after Jane Kenyon

Let the scattering of colors spread
through strands of cirrus clouds,
shining down on shore fragmites.

Let mourning doves begin their cooing
as I rise to take my walk, Observe the plodding
terrapin. Let morning come.

Let the great blue heron pace
through the shallows as he stalks. Let the eagle
lift its wings from the top of the sycamore.

Let pink and lavender reflect
in the scrim of Stow Neck Creek.
As the day begins to rouse, let morning come.

Let the green-winged teal duck dabble
in the tidal bog. Let the snowy egret plume
as it lifts its yellow slippers.

Let it come, as it will. Sing dawning--
don't be afraid. Praise the day's morning.
Let morning come.

Hello Ladies,

The days are really going fast, and the leaves are definitely coming down. At our October meeting, we had a great meal and lots of fun playing with toys and talking about leadership.

We are now looking ahead to our November meeting and sharing trips taken by members to France, Greece and Turkey by Phyllis Jenny, Melody Hannegan, and Terri Klein. Details about the location and meal are within or attached to this newsletter. We encourage those folks that we have not seen recently to attend. We are always more with your involvement. We will be going to Route 8 Monte Cello's for a buffet meal.

I thank those of you who have renewed your memberships. If you have not been at a meeting recently, we are working to send your yearbook and membership card.

Unfortunately we are losing some members due to health issues and the busyness of life. We regret that, but hope that they will consider rejoining us in the future. Since our numbers have dwindled, we will need to take another look at our budget for 2012-13.

We are looking for new members to increase our enrollment. Please consider inviting someone for November or February.

For our February fashion show, we are hoping members will consider modeling. You will find an invite within this newsletter.

Our thanks to the generosity of Alpha Xi to our ventures to assist with the North Hills backpack program in September and to the Seeds of Change in October. Look for more information on ways to assist the Millvale Library become a part of the community and plan on bringing books to share/sell to each other in February.

I am pleased to be a part of this wonderful group of women educators and continue to be open to any ideas or suggestions. I am hoping to see you at a meeting in the near future.

Barbara MacDonald
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Finding your inner child. Members explore the leadership message in childhood toys. President Barb MacDonald conducted the Toy Box Leadership program at the October meeting.

I just received a request for volunteers to sort children's books at the Millvale Library. Here is the info. I received:

The Millvale Library is looking for volunteers to help sort children's books. They are looking to open in January. If you are interested, please contact Kim at Carhartk@sasd.k12.pa.us ASAP.

Next Meeting: Wed, Nov 28 G=Growth
Monte Cello's, Route 8 at 4:45
"Travels: France, Greece & Turkey" by
Phyllis Jenny, Melody Hannegan and Terry Klein

October 2012 Meeting

Toy Box Leadership

Leadership Lessons from the Toys You Loved as a Child
based on a book by Ron Hunter Jr. & Michael E. Waddell

What do these toys say to us about Delta Kappa Gamma?

Lego Bricks 1978



- Relationships-Building begins with Connecting
- Leaders recognize connectional values
- Connecting Builds a Strong Relationship-
more you make the stronger your foundation
- Connecting unleashes the Power of Synergy- combining two or more efforts results in a sum greater than the one
- Connecting Utilizes the Strength of Unity-places the greater good ahead of an individual
- Leaders recognize connectional ability
 - Lego Bricks are reliable
 - Lego Bricks are compatible
 - Lego Bricks are re-usable
- Leaders recognize connectional failures:
 - Misplaced Bricks
 - Forced Bricks
 - Isolated Bricks
 - Unorganized Bricks

Child's Play.
Barb Lanza
rediscovers her inner
child during the Toy
Box Leadership
program.



“What does the Slinky say about your leadership style, Bobbie?”
Darlene Farrell and Bobbie Clare discuss the Slinky's qualities.

March of the toy soldiers.
Ellen Rodwick ponders toy soldiers as leadership role.



The Land of Counterpane
When I was sick and lay a-bed,
I had two pillows at my head,
And all my toys beside me lay,
To keep me happy all the day.

And sometimes for an hour or so
I watched my leaden soldiers go,
With different uniforms and drills,
Among the bed-clothes, through the hills;

And sometimes sent my ships in fleets
All up and down among the sheets;
Or brought my trees and houses out,
And planted cities all about.

I was the giant great and still
That sits upon the pillow-hill,
And sees before him, dale and plain,
The pleasant land of counterpane.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Slinky Dog 1963



What walks down stairs,
alone or in pairs
and makes a slinky sound?
A spring, a spring, a marvelous thing!
Everyone knows it's Slinky.
It's Slinky, it's Slinky,
It's fun, it's a wonderful toy.
It's fun for a girl or a boy.

Vision-Pull and then be patient
The process of pulling
Pull thru communication
Pull with vision
Pull by example
Pull with determination

Problems with the Pull
Not pulling far enough
Pulling too far
Pulling too soon

Tues, Feb 5 N=NEW + I=INITIATIVES - Trinity Lutheran Church (Brandt School Rd.) catered by Park Café at 4:45
“Fashion Show” with Christopher & Banks of Cranberry
Sat, Mar 9 T=Technology - Echo Route 228 Cranberry at 10:45 a.m.
“Bi-chapter Meeting with Alpha Alpha State President”
Mon, Apr 29 Y=Your Chapter Initiation -Sewickley Speak Easy at 4:45 with music by the West Winds Quintet

HELPING TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Thanks to all members who contributed to the Heifer International Project- "Seeds of Change". Because of the \$285 we collected, families in the Arkansas Delta and Appalachia will have help learning to make a living through farming, be able to feed their families, and also learn about sustainable production methods. You are making a difference!

Because the work on the Millvale Library is taking a little longer than expected, they aren't ready to tell us what type of books are needed most. They must sort through all of the donations they have already received. So, if you are/were a librarian or a teacher with an interest in children's literature you can volunteer your time! They need help with both children's books and adult books. Contact Brian Wolovich at millvalelibrary@hotmail.com

The library has a GED program, and they would greatly appreciate assistance. The program runs on Wednesday nights from 6 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at Scotus Hall on the campus of Mt. Alvernia. Once the library opens, the program will move there. They cannot accept any more students until they get more dependable volunteers. The program is offered in partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, who provides training. Once again, contact Brian Wolovich at millvalelibrary@hotmail.com.

Instead of bringing the books for the Millvale Library to our next meeting, we are going to delay the project until they can let us know what categories they need.

So.....your task for our meeting on November 28th is to start going through those bookcases, boxes in the attic, bedside stands, closets, underbed boxes--(you get the idea) so that we will have a wonderful assortment of used books to choose from when we have our book sale in February. All profits will help put books in the hands of Ethiopian children, and training educators to bring skills and hope to the current generation. If you want to bring books to our November meeting because you won't be able to attend in February, that's fine. Remember- "Those who read....bloom." There we go---planting seeds of change again!!

April 29, 2013 – Initiation of new members will bring our 2012-2013 year to a close. My tenure as Projects Chairperson will also be coming to an end. We need someone to take on my duties for the 2013-2014 year. I have a folder of prospective projects, and will be glad to get someone started. Please consider becoming our next Project Chairperson! Let me know, and we'll work together to continue this important part of our mission.
Ellen Rodwick

Yearbook Corrections

Please remove the following ladies:

Donna Carey
Lois Crummie
Carol Kjellman
Linda Martin
Carolyn Pettit
Erin Sloan



ATTENTION SHOPPERS!

For our program in February, we members of Alpha Xi will "walk the runway," modeling fashions from the Christopher and Banks store in Cranberry. They carry Misses and Petites, sizes 4-16 and small-extra large. We will need five to ten of our members to volunteer to model. Please call Paulette Hemmings at 412-331-7894 for information and to sign up.

We need your help to make this event a success, so join us for the fashion and fun!

World Teachers' Day 2012

The following information was shared by UNESCO. Delta Kappa Gamma supports educators and impacts education worldwide.

"Take a stand for teachers!" is the slogan of World Teachers' Day 2012 (5 October) which UNESCO is celebrating along with its partners, the International Labor Organization, UNDP, UNICEF and Education International (EI).

Taking a stand for the teaching profession means providing adequate training, ongoing professional development, and protection for teachers' rights.

All over the world, a quality education offers hope and the promise of a better standard of living. However, there can be no quality education without competent and motivated teachers.

On this day, we call for teachers to receive supportive environments, adequate quality training as well as 'safeguards' for teachers' rights and responsibilities...We expect a lot from teachers – they, in turn, are right to expect as much from us. This World Teachers' Day is an opportunity for all to take a stand.

Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General
Teachers are among the many factors that keep children in school and influence learning. They help students think critically, process information from several sources, work cooperatively, tackle problems and make informed choices. Why take a stand for teachers? Because the profession is losing status in many parts of the world.. World Teachers' Day calls attention to the need to raise the status of the profession - not only for the benefit of teachers and students, but for society as a whole, to acknowledge the crucial role teachers play in building the future."

Join Delta Kappa Gamma in thanking our educators, everyday!

MEETING MINUTES

16 members present.

The meeting opened at 5:05 PM. Darlene Farrell read the inspiration from *The Art of Growing Up*. The selection ended with these words: "In order to keep everything, we have to be willing to let go of it all."

The minutes as printed in the October newsletter were approved as printed. Peg Maser moved; Karen Klingman seconded. Motion carried.

Peg Maser read a thank you note from Kelly Fitzpatrick, 2012 Grant-in-aid recipient.

Barb Schmid read the treasurer's report in Marg Foster's absence. Current balance is \$4872.44 but remember that dues have not been submitted to State and International yet.

A vote on the proposed budget for the year was tabled until November, because the printout was missing two columns. Barb MacDonald stated that we may have to cut some expenses due to having fewer members.

Ellen Rodwick thanked members for their food donations in September for the North Hills backpack initiative. Our October service project is "Seeds of Change" through Heifer International. The money will help needy families in our country to grow and use food. So far, close to \$3000 has been collected. Our next project will be to help get the Millvale Library ready to open. In November, we will be asked to bring a book needed to fill their collection. A list will be provided soon. Ellen also is seeking someone to take over the Service Projects chair for next year. She has ideas and contacts ready, so hopefully someone will step up and volunteer.

Barb MacDonald is still looking for a Social chairwoman.

Karen Ulrich introduced her guest, Andrea Sadowski, a guidance counselor at Springdale Jr.-Senior High School.

Sharing DKG.

Karen Ulrich introduces her guest Andrea Sadowski. Members are encouraged to invite prospective members to future meetings.



Poet in Residence. "Let Morning Come" by Shirley Stevens was published in *Time of Singing Magazine*. Barb Lanza reads for the group.

Several members indicated that they will not be renewing their membership for the year: Carol Kjellman, Carolyn Pettit, BJ Robertson, Erin Sloane, Lois Crummie, and Linda Martin. Barb Schmid moved, and Karen Klingman seconded a motion to accept these resignations. Motion carried.

Barb MacDonald and Melody Hannegan attended the Fall Conference in Cambridge Springs.

Members were encouraged to go online and vote for a National Women's History Museum to be built in Washington, DC.

Karen Ulrich won the raffle basket for the second month in a row. (We will have to forbid her from buying tickets in the future.)

The meeting adjourned at 5:50. Dinner followed.

After our meal, we PLAYED with toys. We had Legos, Slinky, Play-Doh, Army men, Rubik's cube, Lite-Brite, and a yo-yo. We examined each and came up with leadership traits associated with each one. (Like the Rubik's Cube shows patience, persistence, logic, dealing with frustration, ethics, and following different paths to a solution.) The next meeting is at Monte Cello's on Route 8 near Wildwood Road on November 28. The program will be a travelogue presented by several members.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary Alpha Xi

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

November 2012

Have You Heard?

News from Alpha Xi Sisters

Karen Beemiller — has new twin grandchildren.

Shirley Stevens — is leading a poetry workshop for retirees at Passavant Retirement Village. Along with former members Nancy E. James and Anne Picone, Shirley has been winning prizes in monthly poetry contests sponsored by The Pittsburgh Poetry Society.

Alice Smolkovich—Please keep Alice in your thoughts and prayers. Alice is recovering from a fall and is having physical therapy.

Help Women's History Find a Home!

Alpha Alpha State of Delta Kappa Gamma supports this idea. One of our speakers at the State Convention in June is represents this endeavor.

There is one vacant site left on the National Mall – it is time for Congress to act now! Do not make women wait even one more year to gain the recognition they deserve. Make your voice heard and let Congress know that you want women's history on the National Mall. New legislation has been drafted and will be introduced soon. Time is short. Don't delay, please show your support for a permanent home for women's history today!

<http://www.change.org/petitions/tell-congress-women-s-history-needs-a-home>

Thank you for helping women's history to find a home!

Of Special Note: PA state or Alpha Alpha State DKG has a new website of alphaalphapa.com which is now linked to the International site (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/>