

# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

November 2013

Alpha Xi Chapter

## President's Message



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HELLO LADIES,

With Thanksgiving around the corner, let us be sure to give thanks to each other and those that help us to make this a great society and our schools a great place to work.

I was happy to join you at the October meeting. I did enjoy my travels of 21 states, 15 national parks plus other locations covering 9503 miles in my RV. Perhaps I will have the opportunity to share my trip in more detail as time unfolds.

I was proud to hear that you accomplished so much in my absence thanks to the leadership of Paulette Hemmings and Phyllis Jenny. Thank you, ladies. We now have a budget and the workings of by-laws. At this time, we are still anticipating dues from a few more members, and Marg Foster and I will be making calls. We have mailed out DKG yearbooks and membership cards to those who did not attend in September or October.

Paulette Hemmings, Melody Hannegan and Phyllis Jenny are still open to hearing changes or suggestions for the by-laws and this will continue to be an item on the agenda in the next few months. So do take some time to read these over (sent with the October newsletter).

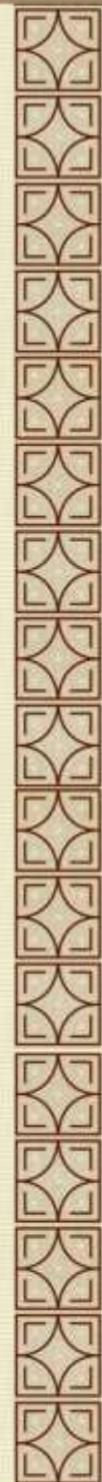
As we look ahead, on December 7th we will enjoy the holiday season with Darlene Farrell sharing about holidays and cookie cutters. We will also have a holiday grab bag with the maximum cost of \$10.00. Look for more details and the RSVP form attached.

Karen Klingman is working with the state to develop a membership profile of our chapter and the state. A form should be attached and is also on our website. Please only complete one and either bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Karen Klingman.

During our February meeting we will have numerous business items including voting on new members, voting for new officers and our grant-in aid winner. Please be sure to make nominations for each of these categories. For new members contact Karen Klingman, officer information to Phyllis Jenny and grant-in aid nominations to Terry Klein. Contact these ladies to get the correct forms. I am sure they will be available in December at the meeting. Remember former members are always invited to rejoin our group just by paying dues. In February, we will also hear from Susan Frantz about her book. So save February 6th.

Thank you again ladies for all you do to promote education. I hope to see you at a meeting real soon.

Barb Macdonald



# DECEMBER MEETING

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## HOLIDAY GRAB BAG

At our December 7th meeting, we can get in the holiday spirit with a Holiday GRAB Bag! In case you haven't heard of it, here's how it works. Buy a \$10 grab bag gift that you think one of your fellow members would enjoy, wrap it and bring it to the meeting. There all the gifts will be put on a table, and you will draw a number to determine the order in which you get to choose one of the gifts.

The person with #1 will choose a gift and open it. The second person will decide if she wants to "steal" the gift that the first person opened or select a gift from the table and open it. All subsequent people will have the option of stealing one of the gifts that has been opened or choosing a new gift from the table and opening it. (A gift can only be "stolen" twice, and if your gift is "stolen," then you will select another gift from the pile). This will continue until all the gifts are opened.

Join us for the fun, and see what treasure is yours!!

## Yearbook Corrections

Lynn Rahl's email is  
[Klrlebo70@comcast.net](mailto:Klrlebo70@comcast.net) (2<sup>nd</sup> letter is an L)  
Shirely Steven's email is  
[poetcat@verizon.net](mailto:poetcat@verizon.net) (change from comcast)

Kathy Fitzgerald-- phone is 412-486-8959

Catherine Jones--phone is 412-486-9546

In making calls, **Barb Huber's** number was answered by someone who did not know Barb. Does anyone have any information about her?

Add for D'nis Lynch - Upper St. Clair,  
Library Curriculum Leader K-12/IB Diploma  
Program Coordinator (R)

Currently Practicum Supervisor,  
School Library Certification Program (Univ.  
of Pittsburgh)



## Next Meeting Date:

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at Willows for a luncheon buffet-11:30 a.m.  
Speaker: Darlene Farrell Celebrate the Holidays with Cookie  
Cutters and a \$10 limit Holiday Grab Bag



*Inspiration.*



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA PROGRAM**

December 7, 2013  
Willow Restaurant,  
Woods Room, Upstairs  
634 Camp Horne Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

**PROGRAM:**

As we continue with our theme of ENRICH, this meeting will focus on the "R," to "Receive." Our presenter will be member, Darlene Farrell, who will teach us about "Celebrating the Holidays with Cookie Cutters." We will also have fun participating in a Holiday GRAB Bag!

**SCHEDULE:**

Social Time: 11:15-11:30  
Business Meeting: 11:30-12:00  
Lunch 12:00-12:45  
Presentation and GRAB Bag 12:45-2:15

**MENU:**

**Lunch Buffet: \$25 per person**

Herbed Grilled Chicken  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetables  
Pasta Primavera  
Fresh Fruit Display  
Chef's Selection of Desserts  
Beverage  
Tax and Gratuity

**RESERVATION AND PAYMENT DUE BY NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

**CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**SEND TO:**

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**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2013

Sesame Inn, Brown's Lane

The business meeting opened at 5:00. Karen Ulrich read the inspiration, "Vitamin F", about the value of friends. Two guests were introduced: Joanne Ahlstrom, whom we hadn't seen in several years, brought her daughter, Karin Jackson; Faith Jack brought Shari McGill, a social studies teacher at Shaler Area High School.

Two corrections were made to the September minutes: Sue Phillips was in the photo pinning Kathy Fitzgerald, and Paulette Hemmings was added to the list of those who spoke of their volunteer experiences (at Heinz History Center). Minutes were approved as corrected.

Letters of resignation were received from Shirley Stevens and Janet Thompson.

Marg Foster read the treasurer's report, which shows a balance of \$4979.14—which is a bit deceiving because dues have to be paid to the state and international. The budget may have to be adjusted if we have fewer members. So far, 49 had paid dues.

Karen Klingman reported on membership and discussed doing a membership profile. She passed out a form to complete. Faith Jack asked whether former members have been re-invited to join the chapter. The idea was received favorably by those present.

Paulette Hemmings announced the December 7 meeting at Willow. The program will be presented by Darlene Farrell, using gingerbread and cookie cutters. There will be a \$10 and under "Pirate Grab Bag".

Deb McMullen read a thank you from the Backpack program for our donation. She announced that April 7 we will be filling Jared boxes for the Oncology Department at UPMC Children's Hospital. Be on the lookout for items to put in the boxes or to decorate them. The last newsletter contained further information about the age groups and item needed. Look for clearance sales, especially after the holidays. At the February meeting, we will support Room to Read, which funds schools in Asia and Africa.

President Barbara MacDonald asked for volunteers for Inspiration and raffle baskets for the rest of the year. A discussion about continuing the raffle baskets was begun. Some ideas included limiting the cost of the basket or bringing items at the beginning of the year to be placed in the baskets by the social committee each meeting. Discussion will continue.

After dinner, we continued the meeting. Phyllis Jenny reminded us that we need nominations for the next biennium by the February meeting.

Melody Hannegan won the raffle basket. 27 were present. Deb McMullen moved to close the meeting; Karen Klingman seconded. Motion carried.

Our speaker was Gretchen MacKay, travel and food writer for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Her presentation was titled "Culinary Tourism." She fielded questions after her talk and invited us to share restaurants/destinations where food is unique by e-mailing her at the newspaper. She promised to answer every message.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ulrich, Recording Secretary

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**July 28, 2014 - August 1, 2014**

International Conference

Indianapolis IN

**TBA**

North East Regional, Baltimore Harbor



## In Preparation for our February Meeting: (It will be here sooner than you know)

New membership applications to  
Karen Klingman

Grant in Aid Forms-Terry Klein  
(Thanks, Terry, for volunteering)

Officer Nominations to Phyllis  
Jenny (We need Volunteers to take offices-  
new faces are welcome for leadership  
roles.)

## 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.

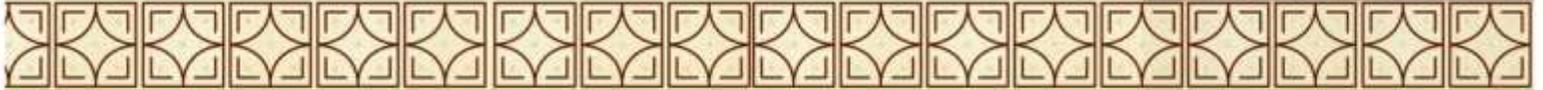
At our February meeting, plan to copy a recipe that you found in that novel you've been reading, and be sure to make enough for everyone. Total the cost of the ingredients, and write a check to Delta Kappa Gamma. Put "Room to Read" on the notation line. Mail your check to Marg Foster, or bring it to 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, Sue Phillips sang in a Bach Choir concert on Oct. 26 and 27; Deb McMullen and Karen Klingman have new grandchildren; Mary Shirey had one daughter married in her bare feet on the beach, and the second one will be married at the Jacksonville Zoo. Debbie Stackrow will be starting the second half of an internship for her harp therapy course at Passavant Hospital, playing either in the lobby or in the cancer center waiting room.*



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**Next Meeting:**

***Greeters: Melody Hannegan and***

***Sue Phillips***

***Inspiration: Darlene Farrell***

***Raffle: Darlene Farrell***

***Alpha Xi website:***

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

