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*Mission: We promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

## March 2024 Meeting

The March 2024 meeting was held at Frankie G's in Bridgewater. Thank you, Elise Gorman and Jessica Inman, for being our hosts and for providing the delicious Costco cake for dessert. Yum!

Valerie McKelvy was our speaker for this meeting. In celebration of Women's History month, Valerie portrayed Shirley Chisholm. Ms. Chisholm was an American politician who, in 1968, became the first black woman to be elected to the United States Congress. In 1972, Shirley became the first African American women to run for the presidency. Valerie was dressed in red, white, and blue like she was campaigning to be elected. Her hair portrayed the style in the late 60's and early 70's. She placed red, white, and blue mints at each of our tables. Her talk was a campaign speech reminding everyone of the importance of women voting.

Last year Valerie spoke at our March meeting about her shop, "We Are at Your Service". Valerie is a talented woman who uses her God given gifts/talents to help others. You may now call her Mayor Valerie as she was appointed to be the mayor of New Brighton after the passing of the former mayor.



Valerie McKelvy portraying Shirley Chisholm.

## Officers for the 2024-2026 Biennium

Congratulations to the following individuals who were unanimously voted into office at the March meeting!

President – Kim Inman  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Rozan Antonetti  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jessica Inman  
Recording Secretary – Phyllis Mulhollen

Corresponding Secretary – Marcia Johnson  
Parliamentarian – Jeri Selby

Linda Ciani has agreed to stay on as Treasurer.

Thank you, ladies, for agreeing to be an officer. 2024-2046 will have only four (4) meetings per year.

At the 4-chapter meeting, Royce Boyd, PA State President, stated that those chapters having six (6) meetings per year are overachievers. Nice compliment to Zeta!

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## Scholarship Committee

At the March meeting the Scholarship Committee had a 50-50 raffle to benefit the Zeta Scholarship. Linda Ciani was the winner. Congratulations to Linda!

Unfortunately, despite all the work Sallie and her committee did to get the information to the colleges, the community, and the local newspaper, Zeta had no one who applied for the \$1,000 scholarship. Therefore, we will not be honoring a Zeta scholarship winner at the June meeting. It is believed this is the first time this has happened since the inception of the scholarship.

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## 4-Chapter Meeting

Eight members of Zeta attended the 4-chapter meeting on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> along with 34 DKG members from the other chapters. The meeting began with time for chapter meetings. Our members discussed the scholarship situation and possible programs for next year. After chapter meetings, PA State President, Royce Boyd installed the officers for two of the chapters. Next, she conducted a Recommitment Ceremony for all the chapters which was very moving. 2



Royce leading the Recommitment Ceremony with chapter members reading the seven purposes.

Now it was time for President Royce's comments. She said, "I have visited half of the chapters in Pennsylvania in my first six months as president. I am happy when four chapters come together for a meeting." Ms. Royce then introduced us to her friend Rosie who is a squishmallow. Rosie goes with her to the chapter meetings that she attends. Rosie is along the same concept as Flat Stanley. President Royce then discussed the importance of Building Communities which is her program for this biennium. She reminded us that she is a rebel and is a person thinks outside the box. She discussed how DKG has moved away from being a secret society in which membership has to be voted on. She discussed that DKG is a society not a sorority. Royce also discussed the importance of DKG's mission, vision, and seven purposes. She reminded us that to become a member of DKG a woman does not have to hold a teaching degree, however, she does need to be teaching. An example that she gave was that she received a call from a chapter president concerning a senior member who didn't want to renew her membership. Royce and the president discussed the fact that this member's granddaughter had a degree in biology and was teaching children at the local science center. A perfect candidate for membership in DKG. The senior member renewed her membership and the granddaughter became a member also.



Meet Rosie, Royce's traveling companion.



Royce opening gift from chapters.

Bonnie Barnes, Outgoing President for Alpha Sigma, presented Royce with a gift from the chapters. A Sheetz gift card which was housed inside several nesting boxes.

The next day sent an email to each chapter president which said:  
*Hello Ladies,*

*Just wanted to pass along my heartfelt thanks for a wonderful meeting last Saturday. With all of the discussions, new ideas and fellowship, what more could a state president ask for?!*

*Your gift of a gas card was so appropriate and much appreciated! Again, what more could a state president ask for?! Well, maybe less boxes to open but that made it fun!!*

*If there is anything I can do for you as you continue to build your communities, please do not hesitate to get to me. I look forward to seeing you at Convention.*

*Enjoy your days,  
 Royce*



The favors were from Silk Road Fair Trade Market. It is a handmade cloth Rosebud card. The purchase of this card helped to support the Nepal Leprosy Trust, providing medicine which controls leprosy. Alpha Sigma had a chapter meeting at this now closed store. The online store is still available at <https://www.silkroadmkt.com>.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2023 Zeta Scholarship winner, Alexis Patton, who will graduate from Slippery Rock University this weekend with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Your Zeta sisters send best wishes as you embark on this next journey in your education career.



On another note, our 2022 Zeta Scholarship winner, Melissa Keith, graduated in December 2023, from Slippery Rock University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Her sister told Kim that Melissa is currently a long-term substitute teacher at Seneca Valley School District.

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## State Convention

President Kim Inman has registered for the PA State Convention and hopes several of you are going to join her. She received notification that **online only** registration has been extended to May 13, 2024, with no late registration fee! Registration is quick and easy at: [https://whova.com/portal/registration/scdps\\_202407/](https://whova.com/portal/registration/scdps_202407/)  
Come join in and see what DKG is all about at the State level.

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## June Meeting

Our June meeting will take place at the Wooden Angel. Since we have no scholarship winner a Recommitment Ceremony will take place along with the installation of the officers for the 2024-2026 biennium. For more information on the meeting see the attached reservation form.

Hope to see you at the June meeting!