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A Message from Your President

Dear Sisters,

How are you doing these days, Sisters? I haven't seen most of you since our Christmas Party. As Jonas hit us last week, I think we all knew really quickly that winter was here! It is easy to begin to feel bummed out because all the Christmas decorations are packed away, and the winter weather has hit. I have a personal philosophy that keeps me positive. (most of the time!). It is a carryover from my teaching days. I always make sure I plan something special to do in the future that keeps me going when times are a little tougher. Maybe it is a weekend event with Tim and my family. It could be plans for a vacation. Sometimes these plans could be simple like lunch out with a friend, a shopping trip or going to the movies. I believe I have been fortunate to have a full, good life. I do look forward to continuing the big and little things that make me happy. Some of them, certainly, include Delta Kappa Gamma.

Since I have become a DKG member, I realize that I have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of events with my Eta Sisters. For example, I am looking forward to seeing most of you on February 16 for our scholarship fundraiser at Isaac's in West York. We will meet there at 4:00 PM to dine together and have a very brief meeting. Then we will carpool to Olivia's House for a tour beginning at 6:15. Remember to distribute fundraiser flyers to your friends and family. Note the hours for them are 4:00-9:00 PM.

On April 2 we will gather at Normandie Ridge for our Four Chapter Meeting. State President Tracey will be in attendance. (She's an English teacher!!) It's always nice to attend this event and get a sense of the other chapters and their activities.

All members are invited to attend the Alpha Alpha Convention at the Nittany Lion Inn at Penn State June 10-12. The hotel is beautiful, and there are many ways throughout the weekend to experience the full picture of the Society. We always have a good time just enjoying one another's company and some ice cream together. Let me know if you are interested in going. I would enjoy your company.

In July Tim and I will be combining a trip to Nashville for the International DKG Convention with a visit to Graceland in Memphis. I am excited to experience the Parade of Flags from 17 countries and attend the TN party. The Gaylord Opryland Hotel is amazing, so I hear! We are Elvis fans (especially Tim). Visiting Graceland is on our bucket list. Since I have been active for a few years and attended meetings on all levels, it will be nice to connect with some familiar faces there.

Of course, Book Club, lunches out, service opportunities, professional relationships, and sincere friendships are all additional chances to enjoy the full benefit of the organization.

DKG and Eta offer many possibilities for their members. Don't miss all there is for you to enjoy.

Take care all!

Hugs.

Barb



Mark Your Calendars

Scholarship Fundraiser & Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
4:00 PM

Isaac's Restaurant (West York)
2159 White Street
York, PA 17404

Visit to Olivia's House

6:15 PM

Four Chapter Meeting

Saturday, April 2, 2016
Normandie Ridge

Alpha Alpha State Convention

June 10-12
State College, PA

Scholarship Fundraiser and February Meeting

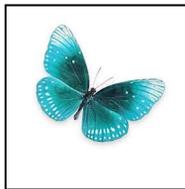
Tuesday, February 16, 2016



4:00 PM

2159 White Street
York, PA 17404

Dine with your Eta Sisters, enjoy a brief meeting, then...
Carpool to see what's going on at



Olivia's House

A Grief and Loss Center for Children

6:15 PM

830 S. George Street
York, PA 17403

Visit the website at <http://www.oliviashouse.org/> to learn about the center and the wonderful programs available to help grieving children. On the website you can also view the Wishlist to give you ideas for needed items you may wish to donate.

RSVP to Sue March by February 11th marchs1931@comcast.net or call (717) 464-9688. She will be collecting replies for both events.

Did you Know?

There is a FREE newsletter called the **U.S. FORUM CONNECTION**. This publication is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and is intended to provide information about issues important to education, women and children. Some of the topics included in the latest issue are:

- **CHILD BRIDES**
- **ROBOCALLS**
- **OFFICIAL 2016 FLAG FLYING DAYS**
- **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR ADDED OPTIONAL ACTIVITY**
- **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR DEADLINES**
- **FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK**
- **FORUM WEB SITE**

Reprinted below is a sample from the January, 2016 edition concerning **Child Brides**:

Although 18 is the minimum legal age for girls in the United States to marry, younger girls do get married either with the consent of their parents or the approval of a judge. In the U.S. the problem of girls under the age of 18 being forced into marriage by family members is beginning to get attention by researchers. The non-profit Unchained At Last investigated marriages in New Jersey between 1995 and 2012 and found that 178 marriages of children between 10 and 15 were approved by judges. A 2011 survey by the Tahirih Justice Center identified 3,000 known or suspected cases in the previous two years alone of girls in the US as young as 15 who were forced to marry under threats of death, beatings or ostracism. The problem is not limited to girls. In 2006 a 10 year old boy was married to an 18 year old woman. In 1996 a 12 year old girl married a 25 year old man with judicial permission. Part of the problem is public ignorance of the problem. Also there are currently no federal laws which cover the problem, and state laws dealing with the subject vary widely. In depth studies of the problem have just begun in the last few years..

The U.S. Forum Connection is available by subscription. You can send your request to the editor Angela O. Bedenbaugh at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com



Eta Book Club News

The next meeting for the Eta Book Club will feature Devotion by Adam Makos. The group will meet on Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00 AM at the Lyndon Diner on Rt. 30 near Kenneth Road. The March 9 meeting will feature Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier, a historical novel set in the 17th century. The book dramatizes the story behind the famous painting by Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer. . Come to enjoy breakfast, fellowship and great sharing of ideas and impressions. Call Betzie O'Connor, 225-0200 or Barb Heilman, 266-5928 for more information. Hope to see you there!



*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*

Our deepest condolences are extended to
Laura Emerick in the loss of her mother
and to
Susan Reich in the loss of her daughter



YORK COUNTY FOUR CHAPTERS MEETING

April 2, 2016

8:30 AM to Noon

CONGRESSIONAL DINING ROOM

NORMANDIE RIDGE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

1700 NORMANDIE DRIVE

YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17408

BRUNCH MENU

- Scrambled Eggs
- Hash Brown Potatoes
- Bacon
- Fruit Cocktail
- Danish & Muffins
- Tea, Coffee & Juice

AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration
- 8:50 Welcome
- 9:00 Chapter Meetings & Book Exchange
- 10:00 Brunch
- 11:00 Installation of Officers &
Comments by Tracey Dusch, Alpha
Alpha State President

Cost of the Brunch: \$15.00 per person
Reservation Deadline: March 19, 2016

Directions to Normandie Ridge Senior Living Community:

From the East take Route 30 to Roosevelt Avenue. Turn right onto Roosevelt Avenue at Denny's Restaurant and travel 1.2 miles to Kenneth Road. Turn left onto Kenneth Road and make the first left turn into Normandie Ridge. Follow the signs to Manchester Court. Parking is available in the front of the building.

From the West take Route 30 to Roosevelt Avenue. Turn left onto Roosevelt Avenue at Denny's Restaurant and travel 1.2 miles to Kenneth Road. Turn left onto Kenneth Road and make the first left turn into Normandie Ridge. Follow the signs to Manchester Court. Parking is available in the front of the building.

(Please detach and include with your payment.)

Four Chapter Brunch

Return reservation form to Jane Long, 1690 Rainbow Circle, York, PA 17408 by March 19, 2016

Make checks payable to **Beta Delta**.

Name: _____ Guest's Name: _____

Chapter: _____ Phone Number: _____