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Mark Your Calendars

Eta Recruitment Grant Fundraiser Dinner at Isaac's of West York

2159 White Street
York, PA 17404

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
4:30 PM

**Immediately followed by
New Member Initiation of Wendy
Fritz**

Therapy Dog Presentation

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Normandie Ridge
Multi-Purpose Room
6:30 PM

Eta Book Club

Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Lyndon Diner
9:00 AM

DKG Four Chapter Meeting

Saturday, April 7, 2018
Time and Place TBA



A Message from Your President

Dear Sisters,

It is 22 degrees today January 4. Wow! If I could see you now as I write this article, what would you be doing? Are you curled up with a good book relaxing in the warmth of your home? Maybe you are even enjoying a cup of hot chocolate or a glass of wine. (Guess it is 5:00 somewhere!) Stay warm regardless of how you chose to spend your day.

As this new year begins, I have just six more months as your Chapter President. I will be finishing my fourth year at the convention in June at Penn State. It has been a fun four years. Yes, I am sincere about that. I am very proud of the projects Eta has completed. We have learned about many organizations and donated to many causes. We have enjoyed many fun activities and chapter events. I have become a better, more knowledgeable person. I also feel like I have made many dear friends. Our calendar from now till the end of my term is set. I am looking forward to our planned events, and I hope you are, as well.

So...with all this said. There is one item of business left hanging unfinished. Who will be the next chapter president? If any of you would be willing to serve, please let Carolyn Dietz, Nominations Chairperson, know. If no one steps forward, hmmm... then what do we do? I guess we will figure it out when we need to.

How about sitting down with that good book...

Hugs,

Barb

Eta Recruitment Grant Fundraiser



**Wednesday, February 7, 2018
4:30 PM
2159 White Street
York, PA 17404**

Please remember to fill out and bring your Isaac's Form!

Dine with your Eta Sisters and afterwards, participate in the initiation ceremony for our new Eta sister, Wendy Fritz. Following the ceremony, off we will go for an evening with...

Annie, the Therapy Dog,

and her Owner, Jennifer Oswald

Wednesday

February 7, 2018

Normandie Ridge

Multi-Purpose Room

6:30 PM



**The Normandie
Ridge Community is
invited to this event.**

All are welcome.

Bring a friend!

Have you ever wondered just how a dog can be specially trained to encourage reluctant readers and to provide emotional support to students with behavioral issues? Annie is a registered therapy dog with KPETS and has been providing services to students in The West York School District for the past five years. Her owner, Jennifer Oswald, is a Reading Specialist and was recently honored as an Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Shippensburg University. You won't want to miss this informative and especially heartwarming presentation!

Eta Chapter Slate of Officers for 2018-2020

as submitted by Nominations Committee Chairperson, Carolyn Dietz:

President: _____

First Vice President: Pam Wible

Second Vice President: Susan Martin

Recording Secretary: Terri Stetler

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Goodwillie

Treasurer: Sue March

Parliamentarian: Barbara Heilman

POINT of VIEW

by President Barbara Heilman

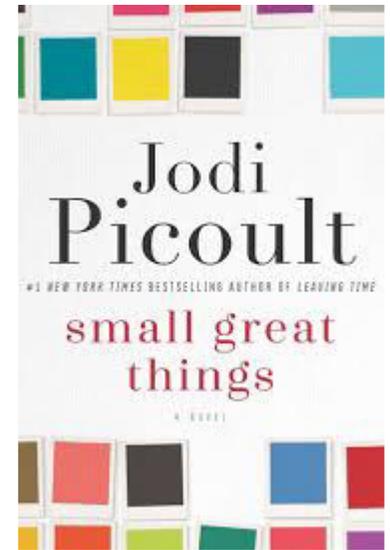
It was amazing to me that 105 Girl Scouts attended the DKG 4 Chapter Workshop and earned a DKG Patch. Participating in this program was especially important since it is our State President Barb Gasperini's Emphasis Program for her term. If even one girl decides to become a teacher, it was worth it. If any girl gained more respect for the teaching profession, it was also worth it. If the girls gained an understanding of what DKG is, it was a good day. Great job organizing Crystal Mueller. Thank you. Also, thanks to Paula and Terri for supporting this project with their attendance.

The Christmas Dinner at the Outdoor Country Club was a very special evening for a variety of reasons. The décor and atmosphere were elegant. The gingerbread house was really impressive. Our scholarship winner entertained us with his musical talent. This was something I had hoped to accomplish since some members had requested we invite him. It was obvious Noah was an excellent investment. In addition, we had three visitors in attendance. Noah's mother, Wendy Fritz, Lynn's friend, and my friend Lori Dudney are prospective members. I was especially pleased that Jo Peters was able to attend. It has been difficult for her to attend our meetings as she is the caregiver to her husband. I know she enjoyed herself. Special thanks to Carolyn Dietz who always organizes transportation for those who may need a ride to the event. Thanks to Mary for planning such a lovely night. We appreciate all you do.

Christmas caroling at Normandie Ridge was a fun time. Thanks, Paula, for organizing. Thanks to Lynn for bringing Wendy Fritz to our October meeting at The Margaret Moul Home and to the Christmas Party. I am thrilled that Wendy will be joining our chapter at our February meeting before our speaker. Perhaps, we will have more guests or members by that time. Remember, my goal is to get two new members before my term is over. I do have a few prospective member names and hope to invite them to attend, as well. Thanks to Sue March for these names.

My wish for each of you and your families and loved ones is that 2018 is a safe and enjoyable year for you. I hope you have many opportunities to use your gifts and talents to continue making a positive impact on all those who know you. Take care of yourself.

Eta Book Club Pick of the Month



The February meeting of Eta Book Club will feature a discussion on Jodi Picoult's best selling novel, Small Great Things, an inspiring tale about race relations and forgiveness. Even if you can't attend the meetings, the book suggestions are a way to discover some great titles for your reading pleasure. There is no formal membership of the book club, and you are free to come whenever you can. The group will meet on Wednesday, February 14 at 9:00 AM at the Lyndon Diner on Rt. 30 near Kenneth Road. 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!

Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled "This could change your life."

-Helen Exley

Eta Chapter, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Minutes of Chapter Meeting – October 25, 2017

Eta Chapter met on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at The Margaret E. Moul Home, 2050 Barley Road in York, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by President Barbara Heilman.

There were 17 members in attendance and one guest, Wendy Fritz.

The minutes of the May 23, 2017 meeting were approved as printed in the Eta newsletter. The motion was made by Pam Wible and seconded by Liz Eisenhart.

Sue March, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4663.55. Sue presented and explained the 2017-2018 budget. A motion to approve the budget was made by Laura Emerick and seconded by Carolyn Dietz. The motion carried.

Correspondence - Paula Trayer shared thank you notes from Beulah Frock Music Scholarship recipients, Brea Koller and Faith Brown. There was also an acknowledgment from Carol Kauffman at the Goodridge Freedom Center.

Old Business

Christmas Dinner - Eta will meet on December 6, 2017, at the Outdoor Country Club for their annual December dinner. Noah Riek, an Eta Recruitment Grant awardee, will perform for the members. Donations will be collected for the Lehman Center.

Christmas Caroling - Eta members will meet on December 11 at 6:30 PM to carol for the residents of Normandie Ridge.

Isaac's Fundraiser - The annual fundraiser for Eta's Recruitment Grant is being coordinated by Paula Trayer and Mildred Kahley. It will be held at Isaac's on February 7, 2018, at 4:30 PM.

Following dinner a Rescue Dog program will be presented at Normandie Ridge. Mary Goodwillie has engaged READ (Reading Educational Assistance Dogs) for this program.

New Business

DKG Girl Scout Patch

In support of the DKG International and Pennsylvania State President's Project, the York Chapters of DKG will present an opportunity for York County Girl Scouts to earn their DKG Girl Scout patch on November 12, 2017. The event will be coordinated by Crystal Mueller and held at Aldersgate Methodist Church from 1:40-4:30 PM. Currently 170 scouts have indicated an interest in attending the program. York Mayor Kim Bracey and Representative Kristen Philips-Hall are scheduled to speak to the scouts. Five sessions are planned: DKG history, Juliette Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts, Fissel's One-room Schoolhouse, teaching and leadership.

Membership Drive

Plans are being made to follow the International Membership plan for inviting eligible women into Eta Chapter. Names of prospective members have been submitted and will be contacted for an introductory meeting.

Announcements

Carolyn Dietz shared information concerning our Eta sister, Sue Reich. Request was made for thoughts and prayers during her illness.

Nominations - Carolyn Dietz, Nominations Chair, reminded members that nominees are needed for the 2018-2020 biennium.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM followed by a tour of the Margaret Moul Home.

Terri Stetler, Recording Secretary