



Hello DKG Sisters,

Welcome to Fall! It is an exciting season for us in our chapter. We are gaining some new members and are looking forward to new activities and programs for the coming year.



New Members: At our September meeting, we talked about inviting women educators to join us. If you have asked people to join and they have said yes, please let me know as soon as possible so we can vote on them and so we can prepare to initiate them at our October 18th meeting. We will be voting via e-mail/mail or phone so that these new sisters can be initiated at that meeting. **Watch your e-mail in the next few days for the voting message.** At this moment, we have at least three new people who have accepted our invitation, and several others who are considering it. Please note that if they do not wish to join 'officially' at this time, our next initiation will be next fall. They will be able to attend the meetings as observers if they wish to see what we are all about, but they will not have membership status or access to any benefits until they officially join.

We will also need some sisters to act as sponsors for some of our new members and stand with them during the ceremony. Please let me know if you would be willing to participate in this.



Web sites: Are you enjoying exploring the state and international web sites? If you were not at the September meeting, you will want to look at www.dkg.com, our national/international website, and www.alphaalphapa.com, our state website. Please note you can sign in to the national/international one using a generic password, but then you will need to change it immediately to your own. The generic password is: dkg2014society. When you get to that website, please note the headlines, including the emergency fund that DKG maintains for victims of the recent hurricanes and wildfires and other disasters. Also take a look under the DKG Educational Foundation and look at the stories of how we have helped women around the world to get a better education and their teachers, to teach them. It is amazing what we can do when we all work together!

For teachers looking for the forms to apply for the grants, awards, and scholarships, to the alphaalphapa.com site and look under the category **Awards and Applications**. You will note that there are some awards that people must be nominated for, and more that have applications that you can apply for, for classroom projects or for scholarships.



New Program: In an effort to support local women educators and bring them a bright spot in their day, we are undertaking a project of writing notes of support to each teacher, which will be placed in each of their mailboxes in their schools at a later date. We are writing a message of support on a note card, signing our name and adding 'Delta Kappa Gamma'. You can include an educational quotation if you wish. (See attachment for some sample quotations you can use. Be sure to include the person quoted.) We are then placing these notes in envelopes and will place a name on that envelope at a later time, after we get the lists of women in each school building. The messages can be a simple 'thank you' for what the person does each day in educating our students, or any other message of support you think is appropriate or that is related to a quotation that you use. Please do not address anyone by name, or mention any specific holiday or occasion, since we do not know exactly when we will be getting these to the schools, and they will be given out randomly. If you want to participate but were not at the September meeting to get any note cards, you may use ones that you have if you are willing to donate them, or call me (Nancy C. at 717-535-4183) and I will see that you get some blank ones. If you have completed some cards, please bring them to the Oct. 18th meeting.



Next Meeting: Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 18th at the Mifflin County Library at 6:00 p.m. In order to prepare for one of the activities at this meeting, I need each of you to send me (or call to tell me) a unique fact about yourself, one that not many sisters may know about you. We are designing some fun activities for meeting our new members and for helping them get to know us.



Dues: A reminder that Pat Brown will need to send in our state dues soon. Please bring your dues to this meeting if you haven't already sent them to Pat.



Shoebboxes: If you are willing to fill a shoebox for a needy child, please contact Shirley Covert, at 717- 436-8705 or her e-mail, slcovert@nmax.net. We will be completing this project by March.

See you soon! Please attend the Oct. 18th meeting and welcome our new members!

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