

HAPPY FEBRUARY, SISTERS!

We are halfway through winter, and I hope you are all staying warm and having a good season. It is a good time to snuggle in and make plans for what you will do when the sun comes back more frequently and when the spring flowers are just around the corner. We may not be meeting frequently right now, but DKG things are still happening.

First, some thoughts:

Healing Wishes: We send warm thoughts and healing wishes to Molly Kinney, our sister who is recovering from surgery. We hope you heal quickly, Molly, and are back to good health soon.

We also send healing thoughts to any of you who have been unfortunate enough to have colds, the flu, or any of the other nasty stuff that winter sometimes bring. May you all be healthy and strong!



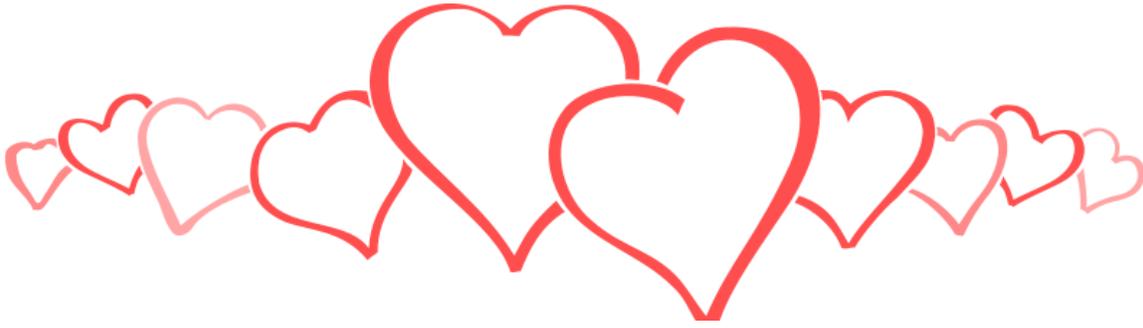
Now, to some things that are happening in our chapter:

Shoebboxes: Shirley Covert is working on the home-stretch for the Shoebox Project. If any of you have shoeboxes that you are working on, or that you have finished and need to get to her, please contact Shirley and let her know.

Greeting Cards: We are also finishing up the greeting card project, so if you have cards that you have written, but haven't given to me yet for distribution, please let me know and I will make arrangements with you to pick them up. We didn't have quite enough of them finished for a fall distribution, but will be giving them out in February.

Next meeting: Our next meeting is March 6 at the Lewistown Presbyterian Church at 6:00 p.m. We will be finishing up our shoebox project and we will be having some very important discussions about our role in the community. Please plan to attend because we need your ideas and opinions.

Nominations Committee: We will be electing officers for the next biennium at the March meeting, and we have a great nominating committee working to prepare a slate of officers for our votes at that meeting. Big thanks to Cindy Kennedy, Tena Kauffman, and Pam Kennedy were working on this project. When these ladies call you and ask for your help, please be ready to give them a big "YES!"



Scholarships and Grants: Please take a look at the attached document for scholarship information. Some of these are due immediately, as in later this week, so go to the Alpha Alpha website and find for the application forms. (I apologize for not getting this reminder to you earlier, and thank Tena for reminding me that the deadlines are approaching for some of them.)

Websites: It is fun exploring the state and national/international websites to see what is there, including the scholarship and grant opportunities. To explore the state site, go to www.alphalphapa.com and click on the various tabs that are there. If you are looking for the scholarships and grants, click on the **Awards and Applications** tab. To explore the national/international site, at www.dkg.org, you will need to sign in with a generic password, which is *dkg2014society*, and then you will immediately need to change it to one of your own. Both of these websites have great resources, including how we as a society have helped women educators around the world (under the **DKG Educational Foundation** at the www.dkg.org site.) There are some very inspiring stories there of what we can do when we work together.

Help needed for upcoming event: We have an upcoming four-chapter event for which I need your help. The event will take place in Carlisle on April 21, 2018 at the Carlisle Country Club, and is a luncheon meeting. This is a meeting of the four central Pennsylvania chapters and is a very nice event. Each chapter is responsible for one aspect of the meeting, and our chapter is in charge of presenting a gift to the State President. We have some ideas, and the purchase of the gift will be done ahead of time so that it can be presented that day. Here is where I need some help: I will be out of town that day, and Shirley has agreed to go to represent our chapter, but we need some others to go with her to this important event. It is a nice opportunity to meet teachers from other chapters in our area, and there is a good lunch served to you as well. Please let me know or let Shirley know if you would be willing to accompany her and be our representative at this meeting. As soon as we know more details, I will let you know. We have not received information about the specific time or the menu, but that information should be coming to me shortly.

Last but not least, a big THANK YOU to all of you who helped make our December meeting a success. We had a great time with Barbara, our State President, and with all of you.

Stay warm, have a great day, and do something nice for a Sister or someone else today!

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