



Happy March, DKG Sisters,

I hope you are all having a good month and getting ready for Spring, which is just around the corner. We have lots of exciting things happening within DKG, some of which are ongoing projects nearing completion, and others that are coming up in the near future.

Meeting: First, there is our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 6:00 at the Lewistown Presbyterian Church, at 17 East Third Street in Lewistown. This will be an invigorating meeting, as we finish up our Shoebox Project, finish up the card project, elect new officers for the next biennium, and discuss possibilities for new projects and programs for the future. Our theme is "Giving Back."

Shoebox Project: If anyone still has shoeboxes out, please contact Shirley Covert as soon as possible. She wants to have all the boxes ready to bring to our next meeting, so we can get them ready to distribute.

Card project: We are finishing up the greeting cards of support for women teachers in both counties. If anyone has cards that you have prepared for this project, please bring them along to this meeting, or contact me so that I can get them from you. There are a few to finish up, and then we will be distributing them in the next two weeks. This is certainly a time when teachers need all the support they can get!

Nominations Committee: Heartfelt thanks goes out to our Nominating Committee of Tena Kauffman, Pam Kennedy, and Cindy Kennedy for all of their hard work at putting together a wonderful slate of officers for the next biennium. We will be holding an election at Tuesday's meeting. The slate of candidates that they have put together is:

- President: Cindy Kennedy
- First Vice-President: Molly Kinney
- Second Vice-President: Kay Varner
- Recording Secretary: Beverly Berich
- Corresponding Secretary: Bonnie Seigler
- Treasurer: Pat Brown



Another huge bouquet of thanks to these ladies for being willing to serve and to keep our organization healthy and strong!



Treasurer's Report from Pat:

- 2/4/17 deposit \$524 (3 initiate fees @ \$82 + \$83 Joy Jars + \$195 BonTon Booklets)
- 12/4/17 withdrawal \$189 (3 dues, scholarship, and initiate fees)
- 12/4/17 withdrawal \$218.50 (Award Concepts, Inc. for pins)
- 1/4/18 deposit \$100.74 (BonTon Community Days corporate check
- Balance 1/4/18 -- \$8,656.59 (reconciled))

Secretary's Report from Bev:

December 3, 2017

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met for our annual Christmas tea at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Mifflintown, PA on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Tena Kauffman, Shirley Covert, Pat Brown, and Jackie Heidenreich served as hostesses.

President Nancy Chrismer welcomed all in attendance. In preparation for conducting our initiation ceremony, Shirley Covert reported she had received 18 affirmative votes for the prospective members. A motion made by Jennie McCardle and seconded by Clare Flynn passed unanimously to accept the nominees. Nancy then introduced State President Barbara Gasperini who served as Installation officer. With the assistance of Shirley Covert and Nancy, Barbara conveyed the honors of membership to the following: Michele Royer presented by Clare Flynn, Christie Holderman presented by Pat Brown, and Angie Beward presented by Tena Kauffman. Each new Initiate received a red rose, a glittery red star, and a teacher's bag.

Following the ceremony, Barbara spoke to us about the importance of communicating and networking with other members. Her theme is a Circle of Member"ships" which includes Leadership, Scholarship and Friendship. She urged us to board the "ships" to invest in ourselves. She suggested attending events such as the April 13-14 Leadership and Development Seminar to be held at the Penn Stater in State College as a good beginning to achieve individual growth and she hoped to see us in the future. In appreciation for her visit to our chapter, Tena presented her with a Christmas centerpiece. Barbara in return thanked us for her invitation to visit and gave President Nancy a pewter ship pin.

A brief business meeting followed. The October minutes were approved with a motion made by Cindy Van Gavree and seconded by Pam Kennedy. Showing a balance of \$8439.35, the treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit. Bev Berich reported our Bon Ton Community Days fund raiser netted a total of \$780.74. This included a bonus check of \$100.74 from Bon Ton Corporate. She thanked all who participated and gave special thanks to Pat Brown, Shirley Covert, and Nancy Chrismer for taking extra time to sell booklets in the store. It was decided to continue this fund raiser next November. The Joy Jar contributions were collected and this will be continued through next year. Shirley Covert reminded us that the Shoebox Project boxes are due at the March meeting. They will be distributed at the Lumina Center in Lewistown. Get Well cards can be sent to Shirley Schlegel (hip surgery) and Kay Varner (knee surgery) to brighten their days. Clare Flynn shared the U.S. Forum Report. She mentioned that we can still register for the April 6, 2018 CTAUN meeting to be held at the UN in New York City. Clare and Cindy Kennedy plan to attend. Clare also presented the idea that we could use a computer savvy sister to write and post our chapter's news on the DKG site.

After extending a special thanks to the hostesses, Nancy asked that we stand and sing the DKG song to conclude the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Berich, Recording Secretary

Members in attendance: Jennie McCardle Nancy Chrismer Cindy Kennedy Pat Brown Tonya Tabb
Bev Berich Tena Kauffman Bonnie Seigler Clare Flynn Mary Grimm Pam Kennedy Shirley Covert
Angie Beward Beth Ann Allemann Sarah Wieseman Cindy VanGavree Jackie Heidenreich

Mary Lou Schaff-guest

Thanks to Bev and Pat for all the work they do, and for submitting their reports so we can put them in our newsletters!



Upcoming Opportunities:

Four-chapter Meeting in Carlisle: On April 21, the four chapters of DKG in central Pennsylvania will meet for a luncheon meeting at the Carlisle Country Club. We are awaiting the official invitation letter, and I will share that with you as soon as it arrives. A **BIG THANKS** to Shirley Covert for taking care of getting the gift; our responsibility in representing all four chapters, is to get the gift, and present it to our State President, Barbara Gasperini, at that time. Shirley found a lovely ship necklace which perfectly co-ordinates with Barbara's theme of all the "-ships" that she told us about when she was here. Shirley also found a beautiful scarf with a red rose on it, which perfectly goes with the rose of DKG. Please consider attending this meeting, representing our chapter, and supporting Shirley as she takes our gift. Again, as soon as I receive the details of the meeting, I will forward them to all of you.



Leadership Conference: There is a wonderful leadership training event coming up April 13-14 also, which our Incoming President, Cindy Kennedy, will be attending on Friday and Saturday at the Penn State in State College. The Friday session is just for the Incoming Presidents, but on Saturday, April 14, there is a day of **professional development opportunities** for all members. I am planning to attend that day along with Cindy, and we would welcome any other Sisters who want to come with us. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. There is a registration form available for you in the latest issue of the Keystoneian, which you should have received by now.

I attended the one that was held two years ago, featuring a Keynote Speaker from Saskatchewan, Canada, and it was fabulous! This year's event features Keynote Speaker Diane Carroll Phillips, who is an educational consultant with the Lester B. Pearson School Board in Montreal, Canada, and is an award-winning educator. She has extensive experience in professional development and in the supervision of diverse learning groups. She is a whole school change agent leading merged schools through their "Focal Points of Change and Collaboration." She also works with teachers to implement her 'Envision Education Program', which is an innovative program that provides support to teachers who are struggling to help students to "own" their learning. She also has a passion for storytelling and is a founding member of the Montreal Storytellers' Guild. Through her role in DKG as well as throughout her career, she enjoys being a mentor to teachers.



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Pennsylvania State Convention, June 15-17, 2018: Another opportunity for professional growth and development, as well as a chance to meet other DKG teachers, is our DKG Convention, held in State College at the Nittany Lion Inn. Some of our chapter sisters go for the whole conference; others go for just Saturday, but in either case, it is a very rewarding experience. Details are in your latest Keystonian, along with registration forms. If you are interested in going and would like to car pool, please let me know and we can discuss who is going on which days. Please note that at the Saturday evening banquet, our own Cindy Kennedy will be onstage receiving her rose as Incoming President. Let's support her by attending!

Our next meeting: "Spring Into Plants" is the theme of our next meeting, featuring Maggie Shafferman of Hunters Run Nursery. She will be showing us and telling us about heritage plants as well as plants we may be interested in using around our own homes this spring. This meeting will be held on April 10, at 6:00 P.M. at Maggie's plant nursery, known as Hunters Run Nursery, at 942 Boyer Road, Port Royal. This meeting will be outdoors, so there will be a rain location announced as we get nearer to this date.



Have a great day, Sisters, and may the luck of the Irish go with you, whether you are Irish or not!

Nancy