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Dear Sisters,

The April 6 Three Chapter Meeting held at Slippery Rock University was a great way to start spring! Being on campus again brought back memories for me since I am a SRU graduate.

It was nice to share fellowship with the sisters of Alpha Sigma and Lambda.

I'm looking forward to our May 16 Chapter Meeting at the Avalon. We will be initiating a new member, Dr. Barb Farah. She is a good friend of mine and is excited about joining Delta Kappa Gamma.

In June several other members and I will be attending the Alpha Alpha State Convention. It is a wonderful weekend. We will be installing a new state president and other state officers. We will be busy attending meetings, workshops, celebrating those who will receive scholarships and enrichment grants and remembering and honoring those sisters who have passed.

Enjoy spring! I hope to see many of our sisters in May.

Karen Prince

May 16 Meeting

Carol Bauzo will be hosting the May 16 meeting at the Avalon Country Club.

The program for the meeting will be "Current Training Methods and the Wonder of Dogs" presented by Alpha Omicron member Debbie Hazi.

More information will be sent soon.

Bring Items for State Convention Gift Basket

At our April 6 Chapter Meeting, members decided to create a food/ kitchen gift basket to take to the state convention in June. At our May 16 meeting, please bring an item that can be used in the kitchen such as gadgets, towels, placemats, mugs, recipe books, etc. or food items such as tea, coffee, cookies, pasta, mixes, etc.

Donations

Please continue to support our chapter service project by donating items or making a monetary donation to the Mercer County Children's Aid Society. You may bring your donations to any of our meetings.

Early Career Educators

Alpha Alpha State Chapter will be collecting items that newly hired women educators can use in their classrooms and will distribute them at the DKG State Convention in June.

With schools cutting budgets, many new teachers have to buy school supplies for themselves and their students. Please bring items such as pencils, pens, markers, notebooks, construction paper, resource books, etc. to the May 16th meeting. Members attending the state convention will deliver the items.

Three Chapter Meeting

Three DKG chapters held a joint meeting at the University Club at Slippery Rock University on April 6.

After a brunch of pancakes and eggs, Lambda, Alpha Omicron and Alpha Sigma chapters welcomed Alpha Alpha State President Louann Shrader.

Pres. Shrader told us that this year's state convention will focus on the future of Delta Kappa Gamma. The topic of the address of the keynote speaker will be how the past shows us the future.

A highlight of the convention will be the appearance of Tawni O'Dell, a Gettysburg Battlefield historian who has written novels and nonfiction books about the battle. One of her books, *Back Roads*, was an Oprah Book Cub pick and will soon be made into a movie.

Recruiting new members is a concern for most chapters. Pres. Shrader said that each chapter should choose what type of members it wants. She admonished us not to overlook day care teachers or physical therapists, who teach others to use muscles that were damaged.

She listed several methods to help maintain membership including getting members involved, contacting them frequently, having meaningful meetings and programs, and offering fellowship and mentoring,

Pres. Louann Shrader speaks at the Three Chapter Meeting.

Grant-in-Aid

Donations for the Grant-in-Aid scholarship may be given to Ginny Brooks at the meeting on May 16 or sent to her.

April 6th Meeting Program

Enrichment grant recipients, Amy Miehl and Margo Keefer presented the program, "Welcome to the Jungle," to the three chapters.

Ms. Miehl and Keefer are teachers at Edison Elementary School in Erie, that has a diverse student population.

Each year, they guide their students through the building of a rainforest in their classroom. The children research the plants and animals of the rainforest. They then build them with paper mache and recycled materials. With the help of their teachers, the students then transform their classroom into a rainforest complete with a waterfall, animal sounds and plants.

To learn more about the environment, the teachers traveled to Costa Rico and experienced the rainforest first hand. They shared photos of their trip with us.

Amy Miehl and Margo Keefer

Grant-in-Aid Recipient

The 2013 Grant-in-Aid recipient is Marlena Breitenstein. She is an early education major at Grove City College.

Marlena and her aunt, Lorraine Peterson, were the guest speakers at the September 2012 DKG meeting. They shared their experiences as missionaries in the Dominican Republic from 2007 to 2013. Marlena assisted the pre-school teacher in creating educational materials.

Marlena was accompanied at the meeting by her fiancé and her aunt.

Linda Zeigler & Marlena Breitenstein