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Hello, Sisters,

Summer is speeding by and fall is fast approaching. It will soon be time to get out our warm clothes in anticipation of cold weather. Leaves are starting to change color and will soon be falling. Get out your rakes!

It is also time for us to begin the second year of the 2016-2018 Biennium. A goal for the Biennium was to increase membership, and we did! Carol Bauzo and her membership committee put the DKG Membership Recruitment Plan into action. We submitted names of prospective new members, voted to accept them, held an informative Meet and Greet and initiated new members at the 2017 April meeting.

Welcome to Audrey Chovan and Peggy Cozad! We will continue the Membership Recruitment Plan this year and hope to increase our membership in 2018.

Barbara Gasperini, newly elected Alpha Alpha State president, challenges us to broaden our Circle of Membership by incorporating Leadership, Scholarship, Mentorship, Friendship, and Fellowship. She encourages us to sail into our DKG future using the Circle of Membership. We can easily accept her challenge! A major highlight of last year was our 60th birthday. We celebrated at the April meeting and again at the Alpha Alpha State Conference at State College. Thanks to everyone who

participated in preparing for our parties and to those who attended.

We will be presenting the 2017 Grant-in-Aid scholarship to Alissa Winters at the September 16 meeting. Alissa will also present a program about her experiences teaching this summer in Mozambique. Please plan to attend to meet our scholarship winner and to hear her story. A registration form is included in this mailing.

Don't forget – dues must be paid by October 31, 2017. More information is on the reservation form. Make it easy so you won't forget – send your dues with your meeting reservation.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 16 at the first fall meeting.

Linda Morrison,
Alpha Omicron President

Fall Meeting

The first Fall meeting will September 16th at Tuscan Square in New Castle.

10:30 - 11:00 - meet and greet friends

11:00 - 11:45 - brunch

11:45 - 12:15 - scholarship presentation and program.

12:15 - 1:15 meeting

Nancy Babos is the hostess.

Alpha Omicron Convention News

by Karen Prince

Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society of Key Women Educators held their state convention in Penn State at the Nittany Lion Inn on June 9-11. Alpha Omicron members President Linda Morrison, Yvonne Chichin, Ruth Leone, Karen Prince and Linda Ziegler attended the convention. They participated in various activities, the business meeting, and workshops.

New state officers were installed for the 2017-19 Biennium. The names of the state officers will be in the

Summer Keystonian newsletter.

Ruth Leone was honored at the Album of Distinction Presentation. She received a certificate recognizing her 19 years of service as an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Fellow.

Alpha Omicron was recognized for celebrating their 60th Chapter Birthday at the Celebration Luncheon. Ruth Leone and Linda Ziegler help make the red visors and flags that were used by our members. Karen Prince performed in the state choir.

Our chapter presented our basket to the convention as part of the basket raffle. The basket contained items from Mercer and Lawrence County. Chapter members donated Amish dolls, a Wendell August Forge Amish school plate, candy, candy bars, jams and butters, maple syrup, soaps and lotions, a red bracelet, books by local authors, a CD of a local jazz group and county tour brochures.



In the Spotlight



Carol McKnight was born in New Castle and attended Union Area Schools. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Slippery Rock University. Carol has taught in New Castle Area Schools, Palm Beach County Schools and Highlands Coun-

ty Schools in Florida.

Having taught all subjects in Elementary Education for over 51 years, Carol retired in 2008. She now works part-time tutoring 7th grade reading, vocabulary and writing.

She has one son who works with Best Buy Geek Squad at their

corporate office in Minnesota. Carol enjoys reading, exercising with weights and doing cardio workouts. She also participates in yoga classes.

Being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma has given Carol sisters she never had. She feels like she is making a difference in young college students' lives.

Summer Picnic

Fourteen members attended the annual AO picnic at President Linda Morrison's home. Everyone brought their favorite picnic food.

Our chapter's charity project has been the Children's Aid Society of Mercer County. They greatly appreciate donations every year, and they will be thrilled with this year's collection. Members brought back packs, notebooks, binders, lunch packs, and writing and drawing supplies. Ruth Leone and her committee will deliver all the donations.



Tri-Chapter Meeting



Alpha Sigma, Alpha Omicron and Lambda welcomed State President Tracey Dusch to the Tri-Chapter meeting on May 6, 2017 at The Villa Banquet Center in New-Castle, PA.

After remarks from Ms. Dusch, the chapters presented her with an etched glass plate. She in turn presented each president with an enameled train pin.

Cast members of Union High School's musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" performed.

Luncheon was served after individual chapter meeting.



State President Tracey Dusch

