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President's Corner

Greetings, AO Sisters,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer and are ready to tackle fall activities. Most of us are ready to leave the heat and humidity of this summer for a cooler and colorful autumn.

We are starting the 2016 – 2018 biennium, and our chapter goal is to increase our membership. Carol Bauzo, membership chair, will be sharing information about the DKG Membership Recruitment Plan. If you have not sent the names and addresses of prospective members to her, please do so before the September 20 meeting. You can contact her at 724-981-6178 or caroljoe2@verizon.com. Carol will present a list of prospects at the meeting, and a vote will be taken to accept or reject them. Then letters will be sent to prospective members inviting them to an orientation session.

In June, Karen Prince and I traveled to Penn State to attend the DKG State Conference. We attended workshops and heard several dynamic speakers. More about the conference can be found in this newsletter. I will also give a conference report as part of my President's Report at the September meeting.

This year Alpha Omicron will be 60 years old! A birthday celebration committee will be formed at the fall meeting to plan birthday activities during the 2016-2017 year. *Please contact me if you would like to be on the committee.* It would be wonderful if more members could attend the June 2017 state conference to help us celebrate our special birthday year. We will discuss ways to help fund members to enable them to attend the conference.

I was pleased to host the summer picnic at my home. Thanks to all who attended.

The first fall meeting will be held on September 20 at the Avalon Country Club in Sharon. The dinner meeting will begin at 5:30 PM. A registration form for the meeting is included in this mailing.

I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Linda Morrison, Alpha Omicron president

2016-2017 Meeting Schedule

First Fall Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016.
5:30 PM
Avalon Country Club, Sharon
Program: "Getting to Know Bulh Park"

Second Fall Meeting
Saturday, October 29, 2016
11:30 AM
Tuscany Square Restaurant, New Castle,
Program: "History of Warner Brothers' Theater"

First Spring Meeting
Monday, April 3, 2017
5:30 PM
Montana's Rib & Chop House, Hermitage
Program: 60th Birthday Party, Initiations

Second Spring Meeting
Tri-Chapter Meeting (Alpha Omicron, Alpha Sigma, Lambda)
Saturday, May 6, 2017
10:00 AM
The Villa, New Castle
Program: President Tracey Dusch, Scholarship

First Fall Breakfast
Monday, November, 7, 2016
10:00 AM
Bob Evan's Restaurant, Hermitage

Second Fall Breakfast
Monday, December 12, 2016
10:00 AM
Perkins Restaurant, New Castle
$10 Christmas Gift Exchange

Spring Breakfast
March 13, 2017
10:00 AM
Bob Evan's Restaurant, Hermitage

2016-2017 Dues

Active Dues - $85

Reserve Dues - $41

Make checks payable to:

Delta Kappa Gamma by October 31, 2016.

Mail to Ginny Brooks, Treasurer

3991 Esther Lane, Hermitage, PA 16148.

In the Spotlight

Patti Messett was born in Sharon, PA. She attended Farrell Area Schools and was a 1970 graduate of Farrell High School. Patti has certification in elementary education K-12, music education, cognitive coaching and ESL. She has taught students in grades kindergarten through high school in three school systems: Farrell Area, St. Joseph's and Sharon City. She also had experience as a reading consultant at Penn State University. Her last position was Instructional Associate for the Sharon City School District. Because of this position she was given the opportunity to present the school's

many successful learning programs at many local and national conferences.

Patti was a member of various educational committees. She was chairperson and Secretary for the Sharon City School District Leadership. She retired on June 13, 2014.

Patti and her husband Dennis are the number one fans of their grandsons Lance and Jarod. They attend all their school events and video tape all their football and basketball games. They became great-grandparents on July 8th to an adorable little boy, Landen Martin Messett.

Patti lives by the words of Confucius, "Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life."

Patti especially enjoys being a member of DKG because it is a chance to stay in touch with fellow educators and share this organization with her sister, Donna McGrath.

Summer Picnic

Thirteen AO members and one guest gathered at Linda Morrison's home on August 3rd for the annual picnic.

Though the weather was unusually hot and humid, everyone enjoyed the homemade picnic food and wonderful company. Linda gave a tour of her home and her husband's lovingly tended flower garden and green house.

A Trunk load of School Supplies

by Ruth Leone

AO sisters again made generous donations of school supplies for the Mercer County Children's Aid Society. The 14 members who attended the picnic at Linda Morrison's house on August 3 filled the trunk of Ruth's car with 22 backpacks, 68 notebooks and binders, 16 tablets, 23 packs of pens and pencils, 15 boxes of crayons, numerous glue bottles and sticks, scissors, rulers, erasers, pencil grips, binder pouches, flash card sets, pencil box, compass, post-it notes, and a package of Kleenex. WOW – all that from only 14 of you wonderful sisters. Items were delivered to the Children's Aid Office a couple days after the picnic.

Ruth and Cherie will continue to collect supplies that will be used for Christmas gifts, or you can donate money and/or gift cards. You may bring items to the two DKG meetings this fall. Thanks to all our generous sisters.

State Convention Photos

President Linda Morrison and Karen Prince represented Alpha Omicron at the State Convention this summer.

Linda will give a full report at the September meeting.

AO's contribution to the raffle

2016-2017 Alpha Omicron President Linda Morrison

K. Prince with our newsletter certificate.

May Meeting

Never say that Alpha Omicron sisters have dull meetings. Our May meeting had a full agenda along with a lovely meal at Gallo's restaurant in New Castle.

First, Yvonne Chichin presented Caley Ritenour from Slippery Rock University with the Grant-in-Aid scholarship. She was accompanied by her husband. She already has a BA in Business Management and will receive her BA in Elementary Ed. Next year. She works full time and is a youth counselor at her church.

The 2016-2018 chapter officers were installed.

President, Linda Morrison; 1st Vice-President, Carol McKnight; 2nd Vice-President, Carol Bauzo; Recording Secretary, Ann Peay; Corresponding Secretary, Patti Messett.

We then celebrated our chapter's 59th Birthday with a lovely and tasty cake.

Yvonne Chichin & Caley Ritenour

Ruth Leone donated the fund raiser basket. Carol McKnight was the winner.

K. Prince made the lovely teacup favors.

2016-2018 Officers: Patti Messett, Ann Peay, Carol Bauzo, Carol McKnight and Linda Morrison.