



Alpha Sigma Chapter
Butler and Lawrence Counties
Pennsylvania State Organization
April, 2022

The Mission of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is to provide professional and personal growth for women educators and excellence in education.

Hello Alpha Sigma Sisters!

April, 2022

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at our Four-Chapter Meeting on April 30, 2022. We will meet at the Ramada by Wyndam, Beaver Falls, PA. Take Route 18 south out of New Castle for approximately 15 miles. After you pass Sims Bowling Lanes on the right, begin looking for Eastwood Drive on the right. Turn right and visually locate the Ramada Inn. If you reach the PA Turnpike Interchange, *you have gone too far and need to turn around*. Eastwood Drive will then be on your left.

Reservations for this meeting are due to Zeta chapter **by April 23rd**. Send your name, chapter, phone number, and luncheon choice to Rhonda Ficca, 617 21st Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Make your \$20.00 check out to Zeta Chapter. Doors will open at 9 AM.

Alpha Sigma will be collecting eyeglasses, gently used books for our nursing home libraries, and manufacturer's coupons for our armed services. Additionally, Lambda Chapter is asking for help in collecting small hotel/motel soaps for their project helping young teenage girls. Zeta will be providing a raffle basket and Alpha Omicron is providing favors. For Alpha Sigma, I have taken the information provided and prepared a program/agenda for the meeting.

This meeting will also be a mini-fundraiser for us. I'm donating a butterfly painting and a lighthouse diamond art painting to raffle. If you have an item/craft you would like to donate, let me know and we will include it on our raffle table. Please, no "white-elephant" items.

In a previous email to you all, I sent Alpha Sigma's meeting agenda, past meeting minutes, and Zeta's registration form. Please refer to these attachments for more detailed information concerning time schedule and luncheon choices.

Our PA State Organization has hired a new State Treasurer, Susan Blazosky. She is a member of Beta Epsilon, Cambria County. Sue has been a DKG member for 21 years. We wish her well.

In your Spring Issue of the *Keystonian*, you will find all the necessary information for our 2022 State Convention. If you have never attended a State function, I encourage you to do so. First Time Convention attendees will be receiving a free breakfast on Friday and an opportunity to meet our State Officers. There will also be a drawing to win a free 2023 state registration.

This year, Alpha Sigma will be well represented at State. We have four members who have been selected for Album of Distinction: Dr. Karen Matis; Jean Speight; Mary K. Davis; and Ursula Payne. We also have three state scholarship awardees and one member has been selected for International's Gallery of Fine Arts. Alpha Sigma is moving forward and appreciates its "Key Women Educators!"

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Bonnie Lee Barnes
Chapter President
Alpha Sigma
DKG

PS We will be collecting our annual dues of **\$83.00**. Please consider bringing your check to the meeting made out to Alpha Sigma Chapter.

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**We will have a memorial service
for Rita Elsesser**

**We will also award Alpha Sigma's
Chapter Achievement Award.**

Here is the time schedule for the April 30th meeting:

9 AM Room open (chapter fundraising set-up)
9:30 – 10:00 Registration
10:00 – 10:10 Welcome and “housekeeping”
10:10 – 10:40 Chapter meetings
10:45 – 11:15 State President Eileen Little keynote message
11:15 – 11:45 Lunch

Please use the form attached at the end of this newsletter to send your reservation for the four-chapter meeting instead of the one at the end of the invitation.

Our Sisters Are Doing Outside of Alpha Sigma

Three of our sisters are working on advanced degrees. Ursula Payne and Rose Ann Fulena and Lauren Blatchford are working on doctorate degrees. Diana Borowski is working on her masters.

Congratulations to sisters who are receiving honors from Delta Kappa Gamma at the state and international levels

We have a total of 4 Alpha Sigma members who made the Album of Distinction.

Mary K (YEA!)
Dr. Karen Matis
Ursula Payne
Jean Speight

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“Calm before the Storm”



“Frozen Whimsy – The Left-handed Sky Hook”

Two of Bonnie Barnes photographs were selected for International's Gallery of Fine Arts.

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DUES REMINDER - Please remember to send your dues check for \$83.00 to Betsy Wolford by May 30, 2022. You may also give your check to Betsy at our 4-Chapter Meeting on April 30, 2022.

Important dates to remember:

April 30, 2022 – Four Chapter Meeting (Lambda, Zeta, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Sigma)

June 9, 2022 – State - Leadership Seminar, State College, PA

June 9-11, 2022 – State Convention, Penn Stater, State College, PA

July 12-16, 2022 – International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

COLLECTIONS

At our Four-Chapter meeting the following items will be collected.

Eyeglasses

Books

Manufacturers' coupons

Small hotel/motel soaps to help Lambda Chapter with their project.

State Treasurer Position

The state treasure has been filled by Susan Blazocky of Beta Epsilon Chapter.

Change in Communication

You will notice that there is no listing of contact information for anyone in this newsletter. This is in conjunction with a directive from the International Office as a way to prevent identity theft and possible hacking. When you need to contact any chapter sisters, please use your membership book for the needed information.

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Purposes

The purpose of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society will be:

- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship;
- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education;
- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education;
- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation in the interests of education and of women educators;
- To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries;
- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action;
- To inform the membership of current economic, social, political and educational issues to the end that they may become intelligent functioning member of the world society.

Mary K Davis

Editor

Minutes for the Open Executive Meeting held January 17, 2022

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Bonnie Barnes.

Barnes appointed Matis to take minutes for the Open Executive Meeting held using Zoom. Members in attendance were: Bonnie Barnes, Diana Borowski, Jane Dean, Mary Kay Davis, Dorothy Dodson, Mary Chris Falbo, Karen Matis, Carol Herbert, Rose Ann Fulena, Lauren Blatchford, Stephanie Fulena, and Angie Murrman.

Discussion on Committees: The purpose of this meeting was to reorganize committee structure to better accommodate the needs of our chapter. Four distinct categories were presented by President Bonnie Barnes: Membership, Financial, Social, and Communication. Suggested Chairs for each Committee included:

Membership - Second Vice-President - Dot Dodson

Financial - Recording Secretary - Mary Chris Falbo

Social - First Vice-President - Debbie McMillin

Communication - Diana Borowski

Committee duties were considered and fine-tuned by members present at this Open Executive Meeting. A document will be shared with members. In the near future, members will be asked to select one from the four categories to be actively involved in the responsibilities designated to the category selected.

President Barnes thanked members who attended this Zoom meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in March. Information including the date and details will be sent to members via the chapter newsletter sometime in February.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Karen L. Matis

Alpha Sigma Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2021

- President Bonnie Barnes called the meeting to order. There were 14 members in attendance at Disilvio's Restaurant in New Castle, PA plus 2 members via Zoom. Roll Call was taken by naming your favorite Christmas Carol. In attendance were Angela Murrman, Betsy Wolford, Bonnie Barnes, Diana Borowski, Janice Sniezek, Karen Matis, Linda Makarevich, Mamie Catlin, Mary Chris Falbo, Mary K. Davis, Nancy Schlumberger, Rose Ann Fulena, Sondra J. Laughead, Ursula Payne and Dorothy Dodson and Rita Elsesser joined on Zoom.
- Please note the following corrections to the Alpha Sigma Membership list:
 - Jean Speight phone—
 - Shirley Lotz phone—
 - Ursula Payne phone—
 - Sharon Kline
 - Mary Chris was inducted to DKG in May of 1982
- The Keystonian will now be on-line. If you do not want digital, you must go to the State web site, type that you want a hard copy, and they will mail it to you. If you have a current email on file and have told Betsy Wolford you prefer a hard copy, she has already done this for you! Thanks Betsy!
- The minutes from our last meeting were accepted by motion made by Sondra Laughead, seconded by Mary K. Davis, and approved by all.
- Committee Reports:
 - A. Treasurer's Report—Oct. 2, 2021 Balance \$8,135.50. Wreath Sale \$1421.00, paid out \$594.66, profit \$594.66. New Balance \$8,961.84. General Fund \$4,365.76. Grant-In Aid \$2,837.73. Special Projects \$1,758.35.
 - B. Debbie McMillin and her husband are both home very sick. Thoughts and prayers are with them.

C. Dot Dodson (via Zoom) had no committee report

D. Karen Matis—Scholarship deadlines coming up Feb. 1

E. Grant-In-Aid goes out in January. Submission for Spring Gallery is February 15. Money for classrooms of working teachers is due February 1. March 1, Album of Distinction. Please read the Keystoneian! Mary K. Davis wrote “**Alpha Sigma Newsletter**” in the subject line of your Keystoneian Newsletter email. Hopefully, this will prevent it from going to Spam.

F. Projects—Rose Ann Fulena—34 wreaths sold. Maybe next year we should look at another vendor because quality was not as good as years past. However, we did make a profit, thanks to the wreaths and donations. Eyeglasses, books, and coupons are still being collected. Please bring those items to our meetings.

G. Diana Borowski—nominations for officers—Bonnie Barnes, President; Dorothy Dodson, 2nd Vice President; Mary Chris Falbo, Recording Secretary; Betsy Wolford, Treasurer; Angela Murrman, Corresponding Secretary. Rose Ann Fulena will stay on as Parliamentarian. We could not vote because a 50% membership is needed for an official forum. There will be an email sent to have an official vote in the next week. July 1, 2022 will be the start of the new offices.

- STEM books are “on hold”. Amy Buckley is no longer the librarian at Mohawk. She changed jobs and address. She is now with the Youngstown Mahoning Valley Library System and is no longer teaching. If you have a STEM book for purchase, let us know. There are monies available if you want something specific for your school.

New Business

- Thanks to our 2 Zoomers, Dot and Rita, for showing up at our meeting!
- Committee Selection will soon be organized into 4 different groups: Membership, Financial, Social, and Communication. Think about which group would best serve you. Bonnie will have more info to come.
- World Fellowship collection was made at the meeting. Betsy collected the money. Diana Borowski made a motion to take \$100 from our Special Projects to go to World Fellowship. Mary Chris Falbo seconded the motion. Vote passed. A free-will offering can be sent to Betsy Wolford (212 Abbey Rd. New Castle, PA 16105) from our members.
- Hostess for the next meeting will be Mary Chris Davis. Sonie will help Mary Chris. Date and location TBA.
- April 30 is our 4-Chapter meeting at Beaver Falls

- Hospitality—Rose Ann Fulena. Poinsettia centerpiece.....that was donated back a few times and I totally lost who actually won that beautiful flower, but I know it wasn't me 😞! Also, 4 lovely candle centerpieces went home with 4 lucky winners.

Karen Matis motioned to adjourn and Mary Chris Falbo seconded the motion at 12:30 PM. All enjoyed a wonderful meal, beautiful fellowship with friends, and delightful service from our waitress and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Makarevich

December 11, 2021

PLEASE REVIEW THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FOR ADDITIONA OR CORRECTIONS
SO THAT WE CAN APPROVE THEM FOR OUR FILES.

FOUR-CHAPTER MEETING
LUNCH MENU OPTIONS:

Cheeseburger: Grilled to order and topped with your choice of American or Provolone cheese, served with leaf lettuce, tomato, red onion, pickle spear, and Fries.

Ruben: A timeless classic of corned beef and sauerkraut with Thousand Island dressing and Swiss cheese on marble rye, served with Fries.

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad: Crisp romaine lettuce with seasoned croutons and shredded Asiago cheese, topped with marinated grilled chicken.

Chicken Tender Salad: Spring mix salad with shredded Cheddar cheese and fries, topped with deep fried chicken tenders.

Steak Salad: USSA Choice Sirloin, mixed greens, cucumber, tomatoes, onion, French fries, and Cheddar Cheese

Detach and Mail before April 23rd to: Rhonda Ficca,

NAME _____

CHAPTER _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

LUNCH CHOICE _____

Enclose Amount (\$20.00 payable to Zeta Chapter ON OR BEFORE April 23, 2022)