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STATEMENT:

THE DELTA KAPPA
GAMMA SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL
PROMOTES
PROFESSIONAL
AND PERSONAL
GROWTH OF
WOMEN
EDUCATORS AND
EXCELLENCE IN
EDUCATION.

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Dear Sisters,

"There is no life that does not contribute to history."

Take a brief moment to ponder Dorothy West's quote... A novelist and short story writer, West believed that every life has value. It's likely she learned this from her father who was born into slavery but after emancipation worked his way up to become a successful businessman. West herself took advantage of opportunities to write and publish even before her teens. Published in the *Boston Post* at age 14, West un-

derstood the value of constructive criticism to make her writing stronger.

As I reflect on my first year as President of Alpha Sigma, I look back to the many sisters who have been pillars of support. Clearly the contributions of each sister have made Alpha Sigma the strong society it is today. Willing hands plan, organize raffle baskets, arrange for caterers, host meetings, distribute wreaths, and contact speakers so that each of our gatherings is productive and fruitful. I wish to personally thank all of you, sisters, for your contributions in making Alpha Sigma's history a proud one.

Hope to see you May 6.

Karen

May 6, 2017

Three Chapter Meeting

The Villa

2500 New Butler Rd., New Castle, PA

9:30 am	Registration -
10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions Chapter Meetings
11:00 am	Program—Union Drama Club— Musical Selections
Comments—	Alpha Alpha State President Tracey Dusch
12:00 pm	Lunch

HOSTESSES: Alpha Sigma Chapter

MENU: See invitation enclosed

COST: \$22.

See invitation form enclosed for reservation information.

RAFFLE BASKET: Dr. Karen Matis, Alpha Sigma President

DIRECTIONS: From Butler: Rt 422W, to New Castle, turn left on Hoover Rd., 260 feet—turn right on Columbus Drive.



Please read all your *Clapper*! Print it or save it as reference. Record meeting dates on your calendar as soon as you receive it.

"The highest result of education is tolerance." ... *Helen Keller*

"There are many problems, but I think there is a solution to all these problems; it's just one, and it's education."...*Malala Yousafzai*

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." ...*Marian Wright Edelman*

*Editor's note: As I search for appropriate subject matter quotations each newsletter, I have found that less than 10% online are by women!

From the Editor

Please remember to reply "rec'd" to your electronic newsletter.

The *Alpha Sigma Clapper* is also posted online on the Alpha Alpha website. Go to www.alphaalphapa.com Click on: News, then- News from the Chapters. For old newsletters - click on Archives. Check other chapters' news, too. For *The Keystoneian*, click on Keystoneian at the top of the Alpha Alpha home page.

The *Clapper* is available on our chapter website www.dkgalphasigma.org Please use our site often for reference and up-to-date info. I recently applied for recertification, and it was certified. Our site has Links to State and International. Check out all three web sites to learn more about your Society.

Use our Face Book pages: DKG/Alpha Alpha State for up to date news on our members and pictures. And check out The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on FB.

Follow Alpha Sigma on Face Book: [Alpha Sigma Chapter PA DKG](#) and remember to like our page. *Stef*

Scholarship President Karen Matis is chairing this committee this year. Scholarship information has been sent to five local colleges. The application and criteria are also on Alpha Sigma's website. Members should actively seek candidates who are eligible for our scholarship. Go to our website www.dkgalphasigma.org for the application and criteria. If the link "scholarship" doesn't appear on the band at the top of the home page on your computer/phone, click the link "more" and it will appear. The due date for applying is April 7, 2017.

Projects Alpha Sigma will host Glory Grille on December 2.

US Forum Jean Speight reported and asked us to be vigilant and informed about current educational legislation.

MOOC On line classes for DKG members (*DKG Get Connected Mar/Apr. 2017*)

Did you know you can participate in free courses at Harvard, Stanford and MIT among others? These institutions and other prestigious universities in the United States and around the world offer Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for the public. If you would like to refresh your specialization, retrain, or gain new knowledge, you can find courses to meet any need. MOOC courses are currently offered in 13 languages, the vast majority in English (80%), followed by Spanish (8.5%), French (4%), and Chinese (3.5%). The subject breakdown for MOOC courses has been fairly consistent over the last several years. The humanities, computing science, and business administration are the leading subjects, accounting for roughly half of all courses in 2013 and 2014. A typical MOOC course might take place over 4 to 10 weeks, by a student averaging 2 to 6 hours a week. See more online.

Membership Welcome to our newest Alpha Sigma sister, **Dr. Michelle McCollin**, Associate Professor of Special Education, SRU. Sisters, are you looking for worthy new members for Alpha Sigma? You can bring potential members any time. Why don't you bring a key women educator to the May meeting. Don't forget former members who might wish to return. Call them today. Also, please call members who haven't been to a meeting recently.

Dates to Remember

May 6, 2017 3 Chapter Meeting The Villa New Castle, PA

April 21-23, 2017 PA State Creative Arts Retreat Ludlow, PA

June 9-11, 2017 Alpha Alpha PA Convention PSU

July 12-14, 2017 NERC Winsor, Ontario
(NorthEast Regional Conference)

Check *The Keystonean* for state event applications. See previous page.

Member News

Please send wedding, birth, health and hospitalization, family deaths, etc. news to the editor. Also, tell us what you are doing in your classrooms or schools. We'd all love to know.

Dot Dodson will be in Indiana in May helping her sister recuperate from hip surgery.

Ursula Payne and Octavia Payne have been visiting family in North Carolina. **Ursula** also took SRU dance members to dance at the American College of Dance Association meeting at the University of Maryland.

Diana Borowski and her students had a very successful run of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. See them at our May meeting.

Toni Schooley is (somewhat reluctantly) retiring from teaching this June.

Jonica Walters is going to be a grandma again.

Sorry, Sisters, Our resident tour director, **Linda Macarevich**, won't be taking a group abroad this summer. She's planning a September wedding. No, not hers, she's married! Her daughter!

Bess Ondako has resigned from Alpha Sigma due to the pressures of three active children, a new business, and her teaching responsibilities. She'll be missed. Immediate past-president **Diana Borowski** has volunteered to finish out Bess's 1st Vice President duties. We hope Bess will be able to come back soon. Please think about becoming an officer in 2018, there is plenty of mentoring.

So far, **nine sisters** have committed to attending state in June, and **two new members** are thinking about it. Please contact President Karen soon if you want to join us. It's a great time. The Arts Retreat and NERC were also mentioned with several interested.

Mamie Catlin asked us to sponsor her for Bowl for Kid's Sake-Big Brother- Big Sisters.

Karen Matis and **Bonnie Barnes** have received Alpha Alpha State 2017 grant in aid scholarships.

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More Member News

Our newest member, **Michelle McCollin** has a wonderful project: www.eyes4africa.com which she founded herself. It "...provides education, coordination of resources and aid by collecting and purchasing new and gently used eyeglasses; conducting free eyeglass clinics and distributing free new and gently used prescription eyeglasses/readers to all who are tested and appropriately fitted within the parameters of the available supplies and resources..." Go on line and read more about it. In the meantime, bring your old glasses to our May meeting. **Michele** will be personally taking them to Nigeria this summer. In the fall **Michelle** will be a Fulbright Scholar, teaching the first semester in Viet Nam.



On left—Michelle in Africa



Michelle, Octavia, Karen



Our program presenter, Polly Shaw, signing her book, *Moraine State Park*

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