



Alpha Upsilon Today

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Chapter Achievement Award



Elizabeth (Betty) Grossheim is quite a worker, and known to sisters throughout the state. She is a regular attendee at the Alpha Alpha state convention and has represented her chapter at International and NERC as well. She was the registrar for the latest Purposeful Seminar, too.

When Past President, Kathy Varano, sought to reinstate the Alpha Upsilon Chapter Achievement Award, Betty's nomination for the award was sure to follow.

Betty has served her chapter as President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer. She has also taken the role of chairwoman of practically every committee.

Most importantly, Betty is always there for her chapter—attending nearly all of the meetings and outings of Alpha Upsilon over her 15 years as a member.

Betty was humbly surprised when Judy Schaffer presented the award on behalf of the committee.

“Betty has always stepped forward to serve when she sees a need. This year she chaired both Initiation and Grant-in-Aid when no one had volunteered. Her leadership has guided and encouraged each of us, and done so with energy and good humor. She exemplifies the role of fellow member as well as leader.”

Important Dates:

Saturday, November 11, 2017
10 A.M. General Meeting, Hill Crest

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
4:15 P.M. Fundraising Kings

Monday, February 12, 2018
4:15 P.M. Executive Board, followed
by Meeting Discussion, Kings

Thursday, February 15, 2018
6 P.M. Multi-Chapter Planning
Meeting, DeNunzio's

Saturday, February 24, 2018
10 A.M. General Meeting, Hill Crest

Monday, April 2, 2018 4:15 P.M.
Executive Board, Kings

Saturday, April 21, 2018 10 A.M.
General Meeting Hill Crest

Friday, June 15 to Sunday, June 17, 2018
State Convention Nittany Lion Inn



The Alpha Alpha State President spoke at our September meeting—our own **Barb Gasperini**.

Barb reminded everyone about the opportunities available for grants and scholarships, and noted that the Leadership Conference to be held April 14 & 15 is open to anyone wishing to attend.

She encouraged members to consider contributing their leadership to state committees. She hopes to see nominations for Album of Distinction.



TRAVEL

It's no fun anymore!

By Judy Schaffer

On Saturday, September 16, I presented a program dealing with travelling. Changing regulations concerning airline and automobile modes of travel were discussed. Emphasis was placed on advance checking of specific airline suitcase size as regulations between carriers vary. Standard size is listed as height (22 inches), width (14 inches), and depth (9 inches).

Measure your suitcase as I demonstrated, including the handle and wheels before packing for your trip. This procedure avoids conflict at the gate!

Never lock your checked luggage to avoid damage during security inspections. TSA is not responsible for damages, if they have to break your locks.

Carry on luggage allows a total quart of liquids using the 3-1-1 formula. Each liquid item must be no more than 3.4 ounces. If security takes your item, you will not get it back. Watch packing articles which form a mass, as they will alert the X-ray system. You will be searched by security to identify the article.

Consider a TSA Pre-check to avoid security lines which costs \$85.00 for a 5 year clearance. A person can apply online, but one must also have an in person background appointment at an enrollment center. Pittsburgh Airport is a local site.

Be prepared for the REAL ID Act which was passed in 2005. A passport or special enhanced driver's license (not yet available) will be required to fly domestically. Pennsylvania must be in compliance by October 1, 2020, if the state is given an extension, otherwise January 22, 2018 will be when the REAL ID goes into effect.

Renew your passport now to avoid the rush and complications travelling. Passports are still mandated for overseas travel including Canada and Mexico.

A trip can still be fun, but lots of additional early planning needs to be completed.

Educate yourself on travel, so that you have a good BON VOYAGE total experience.

The world is a book,
And those who do not
Travel read only a page. -Saint Augustine