

# The Alpha Xi Messenger

April 2018



## The President's Message



Happy Spring! The sun is finally shining; hope it stays awhile.

If you attended the April 5 meeting, I think you will agree that we made beautiful music at the drum circle. Thank you to incoming member Pat Bauer for packing the drums into her

SUV (We were amazed they all fit back in and the doors closed.) and for teaching us to explore our musical talents. We all enjoyed ourselves, but I'm not sure if we were appreciated by the restaurant's other customers. At least the manager said we didn't drum anyone away.

Our next meeting, May 5 at Diamond Run Golf Club, will be the initiation of Pat Bauer and Claudia McClelland. We will also install the following officers for the 2018-2020 biennium:

Faith Jack, President  
Terry Klein & Debbie Steinmetz, Co-First Vice Presidents  
Sandy Werderitch, Second Vice President  
Shari McGill, Recording Secretary  
Darlene Farrell, Corresponding Secretary  
Appointed Executive Board Positions: Marg Foster, Treasurer & Terry Klein, Parliamentarian

Thank you, ladies, for stepping up and helping to lead our chapter in the coming biennium.

Also, I want to thank the current officers for their dedication, leadership and support over the years. Paulette Hemmings has done a tremendous job as First VP the past six years. So much so, it's requiring two people to replace her. Don't worry! Paulette will still be involved as she has volunteered to chair our new Ways & Means ad hoc committee. Thanks again, Paulette. (continued on page 2)



## The Alpha Xi Cruise: Join us as we...

### CONVENE in an earlier time

The Great Castle Shannon Train  
Robbery – Ed Hale  
Grazie at the Oxford Athletic Club  
Wexford  
Wednesday, September 20, 2017

### REMEMBER the past

The Vanka Murals Tour – St. Nicholas  
Croatian Catholic Church  
Millvale / Monte Cello's on Babcock  
Thursday, November 2, 2017

### USE cooking tips for easy dishes

Farrel and Fisher Cooking Demo  
Trinity Lutheran Church – Wexford  
Wednesday, December 6, 2017

### IMMERSE ourselves in South Africa & Peru

with travel guides Melody & Terry  
Shaler North Hills Library - Glenshaw  
February 27, 2018

### SUBMERSE ourselves in music

Drum Circle with Pat Bauer  
Hartwood Café - Glenshaw  
Thursday, April 5, 2018

### EMBARK on a new biennium

Initiation of new members and  
installation of officers  
Diamond Run Golf Club – Ohio  
Township  
Saturday, May 5, 2018

**(President’s message – continued)**

Peg Maser is stepping down as corresponding secretary, a position she has held for at least 6 years. She will be continuing to head the Jared Box Project, so hats off to Peg as well.

Shari McGill & Sandy Werderitch are continuing in their positions, but we are broadening these areas, so look for them to call upon volunteers to help with recording minutes and membership drive ideas. Thanks, ladies.

Marg Foster & Terry Klein will continue to keep us fiscally flush and to keep the meeting on track, respectively. Thank you both for your past, present and future service!

Melody Hannegan has been an exceptional mentor, guide and cheerleader to me as well as other chapter members. The downside of having the outgoing president also being the incoming president, is that you have to be Past President for another biennium! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication with the newsletter and website as well.

Now that we have the officers lined up, we are looking for committee and subcommittee chairs and members. Some people volunteered at the meeting; see the description of committees to follow, and the attachment of volunteers. Please contact me before the May meeting if you want to volunteer as a chair since the deadline for having the list of chairs to State is May 1.

Be sure to read the minutes as we had several motions/votes on actions discussed. We had a lengthy discourse on the auction, changes to grant-in-aid and committees. I love it when we all come together and share experiences, friendship and sisterhood.

Alpha Xi, thank you for your support, dedication, and participation. I’m looking forward to my second biennium.

Best regards and have a wonderful summer!

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<b>Committee Listing Per Our Standing Rules – Section IX</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
<b>1. SOCIETY BUSINESS</b>	
a. Finance/Auditing Committee	Develops the annual budget and makes recommendations for dues changes
b. Membership Committee	Works toward building new membership and encouraging active membership
c. Nominations and Initiation Committee, chaired by the Past President	Recommends a slate of elected officers and oversees the initiation and officer installation ceremonies
<b>2. PROGRAM OF WORK</b>	
a. Program	Plans the programs for the biennium (The ideal is that the committees under Educational Excellence contribute to the program committee’s work.)
b. Educational Excellence	Promote professional and personal growth among members through programs
1.) Professional Affairs and Personal Growth	
2.) Projects	Select and manage projects for the chapter to do
3.) U.S. Forum	Supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of

	education and women educators / provide relevant information on pending issues & legislator contact numbers to enable more effective advocacy.
4.) Visual and Performing Arts	Promote the arts through programs
<b>3. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	
a. Scholarship, Grant-in-Aid, and World Fellowship	Inform the chapter of state and international scholarship opportunities; select a recipient(s) for the Grant-in-aid; and encourage the chapter to support World Fellowship recipients in the Pittsburgh area
b. Communications Committee	Publish an annual yearbook, newsletters before each meeting, and a current website for the chapter
1.) Newsletter; 2.) Yearbook; 3.) Website	
4.) Historical Records	Keep a record of the chapter during each biennium

**May 5th Meeting:**  
*Greeter and Inspiration:*  
*Dede Rittman*  
**Raffle:**  
*Garden Basket (assembled by*  
*Deb Steinmetz - contributions*  
*to it are welcome*

**\*\*Projects\*\***

Remember, you can take your “*gently used*” women’s clothing to the May meetings for *Dressed for Success*. Finally, we can switch out our winter and summer clothes!

Also, remember to take your filled *Jared Boxes* for Children’s Hospital in May if you haven’t already done so.

P.S.: leave the clothing and boxes in your cars for easy transfer to Shari’s and Peg’s cars!



**Membership News**

*Congratulations to Faith Jack for receiving a State Enrichment Grant toward genealogy courses she’ll be taking this summer. The courses will be on Irish Genealogy and Practical Genealogy DNA.*



**Alpha Xi Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Submerge Ourselves in Music: Drum Circle**  
**Hartwood Restaurant, Glenshaw, PA**  
**April 5, 2018**



President Faith Jack opened the business meeting at 5:10. Melody Hannegan introduced her guest, Pat Bauer, who also was also the program presenter. Dede Rittman also introduced her guest, Claudia McClelland. Both Claudia and Pat will be initiated into the chapter in May.

Debbie Steinmetz provided the inspiration, which had to do with her favorites: joy, nature, singing, books, and Carpe Diem. She read from Horace, with this advice: “Go out and seize the day.”

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Peg Maser reported that she had sent cards to Diane Goff and Linda Peffer. She also wrote thank you notes to Melody and Terry Klein for their presentation of their travels at the last meeting.

Treasurer Marg Foster reported a Balance-on-hand of \$4510.46.

First Vice President Paulette Hemmings reported that the next meeting is a luncheon buffet at Diamond Run on May 5. We will initiate new members, install new officers, and meet our Grant in Aid recipient on that day.

Second Vice President Sandy Werderitch reported that an orientation meeting for the initiates will be held in April.

Melody Hannegan, Nominations Committee Chair, reported on the slate of officers for the next biennium: President-Faith Jack; Co-First Vice Presidents-Terry Klein and Debbie Steinmetz; Second Vice President-Sandy Werderitch; Corresponding Secretary-Darlene Farrell; Recording Secretary-Shari McGill. Melody made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Karen Ulrich seconded. Motion carried.

Grant-in-Aid chairwoman Terry Klein reported that grant recipient Karen Raines and her mother will be at our May meeting.

**Projects:** Peg Maser will collect the remainder of the Jared Boxes at the May meeting. Shari McGill will also collect clothes for Dress for Success in May.

**Social:** In Phyllis Jenny’s absence, Faith organized a group to put together a raffle basket for the May meeting with a garden theme.

Faith reported that the next planning meeting for the multi-chapter meeting in the fall is May 30 at DeNunzio’s Restaurant in Monroeville at 6:30 if anyone would like to attend.

Faith and Paulette attended Alpha Theta’s auction meeting in March. Paulette explained items that were offered at the auction—baked goods, services for gardening, etc.. There was a discussion of possible activities

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Minutes (cont.)

we could adapt to raise funds for our Grant-in-Aid. Terry Klein suggested forming an ad hoc Ways and Means Committee to explore options for fundraising in the future.

Faith passed around a list of committees in the chapter and asked for volunteers to sign up for Committee chairs or even members who would help.

There was a discussion of Grant-in-Aid vs. Early Career Grant, which would involve the Bylaw Committee if we want to change. Terry Klein moved that we switch from the Grant-in-Aid to a college student to an Early Career Grant to a woman in the first several years of teaching. Peg Maser seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Scholarship Committee would establish the criteria. This will not be offered until 2020, so we have time to set it up.

Faith provided paper for Membership Drive ideas and for ideas for Programs and Venues.

We discussed changing the number of meetings we have each year. A show of hands vote indicated that members favored keeping the six-meeting format.

Melody will put a list of committees and their function in the next newsletter.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

A plated dinner followed. Debbie Steinmetz won the raffle basket.

The program consisted of all of us banging on drums, copying rhythms, sharing with our small groups, improvising, and definitely laughing often.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ulrich for Shari McGill.





**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA PROGRAM  
SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018  
DIAMOND RUN GOLF CLUB  
132 LAUREL OAK DRIVE  
SEWICKLEY, PA 15143**

**PROGRAM:**

As we conclude our “**CRUISE**” this year, the “**E**” represents our journey to **EMBARK** on a new biennium in our chapter as we initiate our new members and install our new officers.

**SCHEDULE:**

Social Time 10:45-11:00  
Initiation 11:00-11:30  
Business Meeting 11:30-12:15  
Lunch 12:15-1:00

**LUNCH BUFFET:**

House Salad Bar with Assorted Toppings and Dressings  
Rolls and Butter                      Chicken Marsala  
Broiled Flounder                      Rice Pilaf  
Seasonal Vegetables                      Cookies and Brownies  
Beverage Station: Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Iced Water

**COST: \$25 per person**

**Reservation and payment due by April 27, 2018**

**Check payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma, sent to:**

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**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR GUEST'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL NEWS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE:**