



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Summer Newsletter 2012

ALPHA Zeta Chapter

As usual summer has slipped away quickly and signs of fall seem to be appearing much too soon this year. As you are reading this many of you have already organized your room, made name tags, written your first parent letter and greeted your students. You have heard the new changes made by both your school and the state perhaps with some nervous anticipation. Know that those of us that aren't going through the emotions and time needed for making a smooth transition to the school year that we do remember and are supporting you. We are here if you need us.

To those of you who are fortunate to be happily retired I am always impressed by how many of you remain very active in your schools and community. I guess we will always be teachers. Thank you for your time and caring.

Our chapter will be celebrating our 60th birthday this year and Shirley Allis has volunteered to head the committee. Please lend her a hand in planning the celebration. As we plan for this I would like you all to think about education in the past and the future. One of my favorite activities to do with my fourth graders was to read Judith Voirst poem "If I was In Charge of the World" and then to paraphrase it into their ideas about changing the world. I am asking those of you that are willing to give me one or two short ideas of things you would keep about education and something you would like to see changed and then I will compile it in one paraphrased poem "If I Were in Charge of Education".

Take time this year to be kind to yourself, give yourself credit for what you do, remember to ask for help when you seem overwhelmed, and use your special ability to understand the needs of those around you.

I hope to see all of you in September. Enjoy the last moments of summer and live each day to the fullest.

Naomi

Alpha State Convention

We had fifteen members in attendance at one point or other throughout the weekend.

Three of our sisters received the Album of Distinction Award. Congratulations for achieving this honor.

- **Deborah Fitwater** – Awarded the National State Teacher of the Year
Pennsylvania Apple Award
- **Susan Hollenback** - 2012 John J Dillon PASR Award for Northeastern
Pennsylvania
- **Joyce Van Dusen** - Awarded PASR State Board Commendation for her work
all levels of PASR

Thanks to Carol Lane who stepped in to conduct the ceremony at the last moment. She did a great job. Linda Nickerson also served on this committee.

Kudos also go to Joyce Roof and Linda Ferraio for all the time they gave at convention to running another successful Basket Raffle. Linda was also a member of the chorus that always gives an amazing presentation.

For your information the following members of Alpha Zeta are on State committees:

- Joyce Kerrick - Finance
- Carol Lane – Nominations
- Linda Nickerson – Communications (Chair)
- Cynthia Devonshire – Webmaster

Give consideration to joining us at this year convention in State College on June 13-15, 2014.



Dues

We are glad to report that dues remain the same as last year.

- The initiate dues are \$112,
- Active member dues \$80
- Reserve dues are \$45.

Please help Vicki out by sending your dues to her before the September meeting. She has forms that need to be filed by the end of September and it saves a lot of confusion at the first meeting if your dues are taken care of in advance of the meeting.

Dues may be sent to her at: **7436 Route 514, Granville Summit, PA 16926.**

Report from Northeast Regional Conference

Carol Lane and I traveled to the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine July 23-28th. The conference was filled with many wonderful speakers, workshops, Maine night of comedy and music, lots of networking opportunities with Chapter members from other states, great food (one cannot eat too much lobster), fellowship and of course retail therapy too!! Shirley Allis met up with us too and together we represented the Alpha Zeta Chapter and were updated on the latest changes, ideas etc... from the Delta Kappa Gamma International office.

Friday was "Night of the Town" so we went to Freeport to have dinner and make a much needed stop at LLBean. Imagine our surprise when we heard "hey, Mrs. Nickerson" and found the Mike and Allison family from Troy on vacation in Freeport!!! It is a small world.

The conference was very successful and I bought away many ideas from the Alpha Alpha Communications Committee and Alpha Zeta too. If you have never visited the Portland area you must go sometime. Linda Nickerson

Keystonian

If you haven't been receiving the Keystonian by email please consider doing it. I was amazed at convention at low number of members that do this. This is a small way that all of us can help to keep our dues in line.

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Member Updates

I retired in June from my position as a speech therapist for 35 years, with BLaST Intermediate Unit 17. I worked in the Northeast Bradford School District as well as North Rome Christian School, and the Autistic Support Classrooms in Towanda.

Also, my husband and I enjoyed our first trip to the Pacific Northwest and California as we traveled with the Northeast Bradford Education Foundation group. Joanne Duffy

I retired from my classroom !!!!! I'm taking a mini vacation to visit my sister in Phoenix, Arizona. Soni Haflett

My husband, Skip and I took a July cruise to the North Sea and the Baltic Sea where we visited Amsterdam, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Finland, St. Petersburg, Russia, and Estonia. Connie Roupp

My Dear Alpha Zeta Sisters,

No words can express the appreciation for the generous out pouring of support and kindness you have shown me during the time of my Dad's illness and his passing. I received many beautiful cards, notes and letters that were greatly appreciated and shared with my family. I am deeply grateful.

Warm regards,

Linda Nickerson



Initiates *

Canton – Holly Keegan and Stacey Segur

Sullivan – Amy Blasi

Towanda - Deneen Lantz and Kelly Madden

Troy – Becky Swain and Donna Williams

*Please remember that someone from your school district needs to contact the initiates from your school and bring them to the meeting. Mentoring is key to a successful chapter.

September Meeting

Towanda Country Club

Towanda, Pa

4:45 – Buffet Dinner

5:15 - Executive Board and Committee meetings

5:30 - Chorus Rehearsal

6:00 - Business Meeting and Reports

7:00 – Program

Thought for the Day - Sherry Spencer

Music Educators All Are We” - p 90

“The Golden Rule” - p 34

Song Leader – Linda Ferrario

Accompanist – Lois Yeagle

Program: Initiation of new members

Hostess Committee: Joyce Decker, Jeanne Schoonover, Michelle Snell, Colleen Kane,
Grace George