

the ALPHA ZETA NEWS

**MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH
OF WOMEN EDUCATORS AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

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A Message from Your President

Welcome Fall, even though it seems more like summer today. I was joined by Carol Lane and Stephanie Olver on September 23rd for the **70th** Birthday Celebration of Pi Chapter. We watched them initiate a new member. We listened to welcoming remarks from former International President, Dr. Lyn Schmid, past State President, Kay Stuart and current State President Barbara Gaspirini. After the business meeting, we had a tasty Fall lunch.

Our November 4th meeting will be jam packed with activities. We will have our meeting, initiate two new members, eat brunch plus have the basket raffle. The speaker is Juli Lathrop from Kramer Foundation. Kramer Foundation is dedicated to fostering, rehabilitating and rehoming dogs that would historically be euthanized in shelters for behavior and/or health issues. They foster for soldiers deployed with no place to house their dog and for returning Veterans while they are in treatment. The Kramer Foundation provides certified search dogs for lost and missing persons, cadaver/crime scene dogs as well as therapy dogs for educational programs, counseling agencies, schools, libraries, victim interviews and any place needing a fuzzy shoulder to cry on or a warm body to comfort a wounded heart. All programs are strictly volunteer with no cost to participants and no salaries are drawn by anybody. So remember to come with spending money for the raffle. It will be a fun morning. We will also get to meet Amita the therapy dog.

Happy Fall,
Shirley





PLEASE HELP US

It was previously voted by our membership to pay the reserve dues for any member of our chapter that is mentally or physically unable to handle her financial affairs and there is no family to take care of paying her dues. Because of our large membership and the large geographical area that our chapter covers, we may not always be aware of the need for our chapter to come to the assistance of our DKG sister. If you are aware of such a case, please inform our president or treasurer so that the executive board can address this situation.

When a member has been active and paid her dues for many years, we don't want her to be dropped from the membership rolls because no one is aware that her dues need to be paid. Please help us to take care of our sisters.

Little Free Library project at the LeRoy Heritage Museum.

The library has been very busy this year. There has only been one week without activity. Children's books are always among our patrons favorites (Thanks to Deb Fitzwater and the Canton Elementary teachers for keeping us supplied!) but historical fiction, mysteries, and biographies are also popular. It is so gratifying to hear how much the people in the area appreciate (and use) our little Library. Thanks so much for adopting and supporting this project.

Vicki VanNoy



Dates to remember

January 15, 2018 - Deadline to apply to be a State Convention Workshop Presenter

February 1, 2018 - Deadline to apply for the Nancy Grove Visionary Fund

March 15, 2018 - Deadline to apply for the Album of Distinction

March 18-21, 2018 - National Legislative Seminar in Washington D.C.

April 6, 2018 - CTAUN, UN New York City, NY

June 15-17, 2018 - Pennsylvania State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn State College, PA

July 16-20, 2018 - International Convention, Austin, Texas





Photos from our September Meeting



Welcome to our new Members:

Troy - Beth Ward and Christine Woodward, Canton - Sherry Steiner and Sheila Jackson, Sullivan County - Jennifer Wettlaufer and Towanda - Amy Brown.



Joan Moody 57 years



Olynda Smith 45 years



Joyce Van Dusen 40 years



Lee Ann Carmichael 25 years

What a wonderful time it was to recognize our Sisters for their years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International - Alpha Alpha State - Alpha Zeta Chapter. We congratulate you all and thank you for your years of dedication to the work of the Society.

The following members were absent from the meeting and were also recognized for their years in Delta Kappa Gamma - **Maureen Downs** 40 years and **Sally Hickey** 25 years.

Recent Retirees: Our congratulations to our Alpha Zeta Sisters listed below for their years of teaching. Happy Retirement- Enjoy!

Marianne Hennip - Northeast Bradford School District
Sue Reichard and **Betsi Seeley** - Troy Area School District





Photos from Pi Chapter 70th Birthday Celebration

Pictured in the bottom left photo from left to right are Past Alpha Alpha State Presidents - Rebecca Place, Dr. Lynn Schmid, Kay Stuart and current 2017-2019 Alpha Alpha President Barbara Gasparini.

Pictured in the bottom right photo are members of Beta Rho and Alpha Zeta Chapters. From left to right is Cindy Reynolds, Rebecca Place, Jeanetter Saulo, Carol Lane, Stephanie Olver and seated Shirley Allis.



Pictured in the photo above is Juli Lathrop, from Kramer Foundation our speaker at the upcoming November meeting.. Kramer Foundation is dedicated to fostering, rehabilitating and rehoming dogs that would historically be euthanized in shelters for behavior and/or health issues.



DKG Communities: Connect!

One DKG benefit is the members-only social network called **DKG Communities**. This area of the DKG website allows members from all segments of the Society to discuss common issues. For example, two questions that have been discussed in the Communities are What does your chapter do to help retain new members? and How are you publicizing DKG in your communities? The social network is a great place to post questions and receive wonderful answers!

But the social network is not just for asking DKG questions. In the DKG Book Club Community members share reviews; in the Home Life Community, members share recipes, do-it-yourself projects, home design, and gardening ideas; and in the Travels Community, members share travel experiences and opportunities. Several fledgling groups in the DKG Collaborative Communities are dedicated to professional sharing, allowing educators to collaborate on ideas, strategies, research, and best practices in their teaching areas.

Besides participating in discussion groups, members can also create blogs, store resources in a resource library, and create shared documents on a wiki. Leaders of state organizations and chapters might want to establish a specialized DKG Community for their particular area. As an example, Canada has set up the DKG in Canada Community for their members. If you are interested in starting a new Community on a specific topic or for your state or local group, contact nitas@dkg.org.

To access DKG Communities:

Sign in to the DKG website. Your membership number is your username; the default password is available from your chapter or state president. Go to the MyDKG tab. Look for and click on the My Communities tab on the red bar. On the new page, you will see Click here to join Community. Click on the communities that are of interest to you and click on subscribe to any that you are interested in joining. Don't wait! "Get connected" now!

