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the ALPHA ZETA NEWS

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

Greetings Alpha Zeta Sisters!

I hope you had an exciting restful summer. With September almost here, it is time to look ahead to next year. The September meeting brings six new members to our chapter. We look forward to getting to know them. I know they each bring an unique perspective to the chapter.

I look forward to a year of exciting adventures, meetings and many new friendships. Hope you



DKG Sisters Get Onboard the Train

The Executive Committee met this summer at the Bradford County Library to plan for the next year. We discussed topics for the programs and possible speakers. My goal this year is to encourage ore members to participate in the Chapter. Even if you can do one more thing, it will enhance the Chapter and bring us closer as a group.

Dues News

To help expedite business at the September 15, 2016 meeting we are asking you to send your dues check to Treasurer Mary Herman before the September 15th meeting. Dues should be made payable to Alpha Zeta and sent to our Treasurer, Mary Herman 14330 Route 14, Canton, PA 17724 as soon as possible. **Active** - \$80 **Reserve** - \$45 (Thank you in advance for sending dues in prior to the September 15th meeting.) Please refer to the letter sent to you by Mary for further details.



Alpha Zeta Chapter Opens a Little Free Library

Matt Carl, President of LeRoy Heritage Museum, June Wynne, Vicki VanNoy, coordinator of the Little Free Library project, Adam Bastion, designer and builder of the Alpha Zeta Little Free Library pose for a photo that was in the Canton Independent Sentinel and also on the Alpha Alpha State Facebook page.

Congratulations on a job well done!



Congratulations, **Joyce Kerrick** for being honored by the Central Bradford County Chamber of Commerce for 24 years of service!

Photos from State Convention



Shirley Allis receives the Album of Distinction Award from **June Wynne**. Shirley was honored for receiving the John J. Dillon Service Award from the Bradford/Sullivan PASR.



Alpha Zeta was well represented!



Carol Lane was a Bouncer at the Friday Night Fling



Joyce Kerrick and **Linda Nickerson** sang in the Alpha Alpha State Chorus.

Linda also sang for the Celebration of Life Ceremony and was a part of quintet for the Service.



Incoming Alpha Zeta President **Shirley Allis** receives her rose from Outgoing Alpha Zeta President **June Wynne**



World Travelers

Connie Roupp and husband, Skip, enjoyed a 14 day cruise in the Mediterranean area. The sights, food, and experiences were truly memorable.

Olynda Smith reported that the day after Howard gave his address to the Troy High School Senior class as representative of the class of 1946 (70 years) we flew to Toronto, Canada, boarded a train for a cross country trip to the Canadian Rockies and points of interest, including beautiful Lake Louise.

Linda Nickerson, husband Al and Granddaughter Shelby enjoyed a 10 day tour of Italy. We flew out of Newark and arrived in Rome, Italy to meet up with a Globus Tour group. The trip was highlighted by tours from Rome to Milan with overnights also in Assisi and Padua. Along the way, we visited some of the country's most famous sights, including the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and Basilica, the Colosseum, and the Roman Forum in Rome; Signoria Square and the Academy of Fine Arts with Michelangelo's David in Florence; St. Francis' Basilica, where the saint is buried, in Assisi; Juliet's balcony in Verona; and the glass-domed Galleria, filled with designer shops and famous cafés, in Milan. In Padua, we had an excursion to the romantic city of Venice, where we did a walking tour that included the must-see sights, such as famous St. Mark's Square and the byzantine Basilica. We also had a gondola ride complete with an Italian singer. On another excursion, we travelled from Milan to Lake Como, regarded as one of Europe's most beautiful lakes. A special treat was arranged for us: a boat ride to Bellagio, the "Pearl of Lake Como." The tours, hotels, food, new friends we met and the time spent with Shelby was priceless.

Northeast News

Colleen Kane writes she had a wonderful summer. I attended the American Baptist World Mission Conference in Green Lake Wisconsin. From there I drove to Michigan's Upper Peninsula and swam in Lake Superior. I drove home through Canada and thoroughly enjoyed Ontario's Royal Botanical Gardens. I spent six days at the St. Lawrence Rive on Wellsley island with family and friends, but the highlight was to graduate from Penn State on August 13 with my doctorate in Educational leadership. I appreciate all the support I received from my family (especially my twin sister) and from my DKG sisters.

Ayers Diaries

This spring Marilyn Ayers completed the first volume publication of her grand-mother's diaries written on the Ford farm near Rome, PA. The five-year diaries begin amidst WW II in 1944, as her six children are beginning to leave the nest. Much historical information is included such as weather events, births, deaths, operations, and all the activities of the surrounding community. The off-the-beaten-path Ford farm was the place of continual visits by the grandparents' siblings and their off-spring, their own children and spouses, neighbors and friends. The neighborly help and farm progressions are duly noted and observed by the reader. Volume I ends in 1953, just as many of Marilyn's cousins are being born. Typing is nearly completed for Vol. 2 which covers 1954-63. Period pictures enhance the text.

Gratitude

Thank you to all my sisters who expressed their condolences and sent cards when my father passed away in May. Your caring and sympathy did much to help me and my family through such a difficult time. This summer we relocated my mother closer to us and got her settled in. Now, Kevin and I are enjoying a much needed week of fun and relaxation with my daughter, her husband, and children in Florida. Thank you all, again, for your loving support. ~Holly Keegan

News from Canton

Vicki writes she had a quiet but productive summer working on projects at both my mother's home and mine. Completed two barn quilts which will be installed soon. Most exciting project was the Little Free Library. It was installed at the LeRoy Heritage Museum on Mill Street the last week in June. It received lots of attention during the Old Home Day Celebration on July 4. I check the box each week. Several books have been taken out so the library is being used! Thanks to our Alpha Zeta sisters for adopting and supporting this project.

Standing Rules

The Ad Hoc Committee has been working on updating our Chapter Standing Rules to put them in compliance with the International and State Rules. The membership is required to see them in advance of the November meeting at which they will be presented. These changes will be forthcoming in an e-mail for your review. Please be looking for them and take the time to review these changes before the November meeting. Carol Lane – Committee Chairman

Member Profiles Need Updating

Alpha Zeta needs your help at the September 2016 meeting! We are currently updating our membership profiles or biographical information.

Some of you have been members for quite a while and have no doubt added to the biographical information you submitted when you first became a member. We would like to keep track of all that you have done in the past and all that you do in the present.

So, thank you in advance for allowing us to continue to recognize your past and present contributions. See you at the Towanda Country Club in September, pen in hand.

(An electronic version of the form will be included with the on-line newsletter for those who would like to fill out the form and e-mail it back to Phyllis McNeal, profdefrancais4@gmail.com, in advance of the meeting.)

DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 5-9, 2016

On July 3rd, five ladies from Tioga County and I Left Knoxville, PA in the early morning hours for a two-day trip to Nashville to attend the DKG International Convention. We arrived July 4th at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. If you have never been there and you are in the Nashville area, you should stop just to tour the hotel.

The complex covers 55 acres including 5 acres of covered landscaped gardens, trees, plants, pools with several varieties of fish, an indoor river, several water falls, and dancing fountains with colored lights synchronized to classical music. One could even take a riverboat cruise through the facility. The complex was so large that even on the last day we were still getting lost. Several ladies threatened to leave a trail of bread crumbs in an attempt to find their way back to their rooms after our meetings.

The complex featured over 2700 guest rooms, 17 restaurants and many, many shops.

Throughout the week over 1600 women were inspired by several motivational speakers, entertained by highly talented musicians, and enlightened at the many workshops on how to make our chapters more successful.

New this year was a session called Hot Topics. Several round tables were set up in one room. At each table was a presenter to discuss a different topic for 20 minutes. After 20 minutes you could rotate to another table for another topic or you could choose not to attend any of the other topic sessions.

Also new this year was a group of young women that were relatively new members of DKG and were called DKGnext. These young women had met this year in Austin, Texas, the DKG headquarters, with Dr. Lyn Schmid, our International President. They discussed the needs of these young ladies and how DKG might be more meaningful to the younger generation. At each General Session one of these young ladies was asked to give a five-minute reflection on "Advancing Key Women Educators for Life".

If all our young members are as dynamic as these ladies, DKG is in good hands for the future. Because the International President, Dr. Lyn Schmid, is from Pennsylvania, the Penna. delegation was privileged to have the middle, front row seats for the General Sessions where business is conducted. From there we could view parliamentary procedure and its dynamics first hand.

The proposed amendment to the International Standing Rules that would have had the most impact on our chapter sparked a lively debate. The amendment would have made it possible for any DKG member to drop her chapter membership but maintain membership at the state and international levels.

In recommending the amendment be passed, the Administrative board used data compiled by Society Headquarters showing that approximately 9,000 members choose to leave DKG annually. Of that number, many indicate that their needs are not being met at the chapter level.

Those opposed to the change argued that the strength of DKG lies in its chapters and that allowing a member to by-pass a chapter affiliation would weaken the grassroots basis of the society.

Following an extensive and emotional debate, members voted against the proposed amendment.

Nearly 600 of the DKG ladies descended on the well-known Wildhorse Saloon one night for line dancing and a buffet dinner. Included in the cost of the ticket to this event was a contribution to the Educational Foundation.

A collection taken at the Regional breakfast meetings raised over \$25,000 for the Emergency Fund.

Some of the Breakout Sessions that I attended were: Energizing DKG Chapter Members, Engaging Members through Inclusive Leadership, Managing Chapter Rules, and Good Reads You May Have Missed.

Perhaps some of you will benefit from that reading session if we have a book sale at a chapter meeting in the spring.

Many of the books sounded like good reads that I will hopefully include in my reading list this year.

Because we arrived a day early for the convention, we had the time to do a bit of touring and to enjoy a show at the Grand Ole Opry.

Carolyn Pittman was elected as our next International President. The International Convention to be held in two years will be in Austin, Texas. That is the location of the DKG International headquarters. Save the date as it will be a great opportunity to visit the location where Annie Webb Blanton first met with the charter members of our wonderful organization.

Next summer the Northeast Regional Conference will be in Winslow, Canada. Get your passport now so you will be ready to go when the time arrives. I enthusiastically encourage you to attend at least one of these events so that you can experience firsthand how our society works. You will also meet many interesting, inspirational women that are willing to share their ideas and information with you and may become life time friends.

Carol Lane

