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the ALPHA ZETA NEWS

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

A Message from Your President

Greetings! Summer is winding down. Soon school will be starting. I know bite my tongue. Alpha Zeta is in the midst of planning an exciting new year of meetings.

This summer we have traveled from State College to Windsor, Ontario. We watched as a new Alpha State President, Barbara Gasparini, was installed, heard ideas about programs, celebrated as Grace Schauer received the Alpha State Achievement Award and Dr. Lyn B. Schmid received the International Achievement Award. It has been an exciting time.



I cannot wait to see what the next year brings as we travel on our Circle of Membership!

DUES NEWS: You will be receiving a mailing from Mary Herman about paying dues by the September 14, 2017 meeting. You can send your dues to Mary Herman 14330 Route 14, Canton, PA 17724 ~ Member dues - \$80 Reserve Member - \$45

Upcoming Dates to remember

September 14, 2017

Alpha Zeta Meeting at
Towanda Country Club

September 23, 2017

Pi Chapter's 70th Birthday
Celebration- Wellsboro, Pa.
- Penn Wells Hotel

Alpha Zeta Sisters at State Convention - 2017



Northeast Regional Conference July 10-14, 2017

A LONG WAY TO WINDSOR BUT WORTH THE TRIP!

Last month, almost 500 Delta Kappa Gamma sisters from all over eastern Canada and northeastern US converged on Windsor, Ontario for the 2017 Northeast Regional Conference. Four of us from Alpha Zeta attended – Shirley Allis, Linda Nickerson, Carol Lane, and myself. As a first-timer, and not really sure what to expect, I was greatly impressed with the programs, workshops, entertainment and accommodations!

My week started with a workshop on the “Indigenous Peoples of the 21st Century” where I listened in awe to the stories of an 80 year old Indian ‘survivor’ of an Indian Residential School. She told of the hardships Indians dealt with as they were taken from their homes at a very young age, placed in schools far away, and ‘programmed’ to become assimilated into white culture. Not many dry eyes in the room when she finished speaking.

I attended workshops on ‘growing’ our chapter, leadership strategies, and simplifying chapter meetings, but there were many workshops available for all interests; overcoming stress as a caregiver, learning how to play the harmonica, enjoying stretching and laughter, how to write a book, and safely using social media to name only a few. Many gifted people shared their talents.

There were outstanding speakers, musical programs (our own Linda Nickerson was part of the Northeast Regional Chorus), and opportunities to connect with many women educators, which was one of the best parts of the week. Those of us from Pennsylvania enjoyed a night out at one of the local restaurants where we got to know our incoming state officers a bit better.

The week was tiring but what fun! A lot of laughing, sharing, and making of new friends. I gained an appreciation for our organization on a national level and the dedication of fellow DKG sisters. My hope is that you attend one of these conferences. Next year, the International Convention will be in Austin, Texas – the birthplace of DKG!

Submitted by Ruth Olson



News from our Members

From Marianne Hennip - I retired this past year...June 9th was my last working day. I have 7 grandchildren now...the last, Kaley Kulah born Feb 24th to Leanne and Scott Kulah

From Colleen Kane - I was able to travel to Ireland and Northern Ireland this summer where I visited cousins. My grandfather's first cousin, near Belfast, lives alone and tends her roses, even though she is 98! She reminds me of my grandparents' generation, when family came first and words were sweet and only encouraging. My cousin and I found the church where my great-grandfather preached before leaving for America in 1906. We happened to arrive on a Sunday evening, just as the only service of the week was taking place, at 8:15 on a Sunday evening. The friendliness, warmth, and helpfulness of the Irish people I've met never cease to amaze me. Of course, the sights of the Giant's Causeway, the Cliffs of Moher, and Killarney were grand, but nothing takes the prize of being with distant cousins found again.

From Olynda Smith - Howard and I are looking forward to our spending September at Lake Wesauking. This will be our 51st year at the lake.

From Linda Nickerson - Nick and I have a trip planned in August with stops in Cleveland to visit with his niece, Chicago, Branson, MO and our last stop in Farmington, MO to view the total eclipse of the sun on August 21st. It is a Nickerson cousin reunion complete with NASA approved glasses for viewing the eclipse, moonpies, and other moon munchies....what fun we'll have.

From Cindy Devonshire - Phil and I are enjoying being home. Gardening and mowing have been keeping us busy. We have just returned from an RV rally in West Virginia and have plans to travel to Maine for another rally soon. We are looking forward to eating LOTS of seafood while there. Work on both the Alpha Alpha state website and our own Alpha Zeta website helps to fill my time. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September

Emergency Fund - If you need assistance after a natural disaster, contact your state organization president. She will submit your request to Society Headquarters. Emergency Fund recommendation process. Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires and other natural disasters may be recommended by their chapter and state organization presidents to receive a U.S. \$500 Emergency Fund Award.

- **Inform state organization president**

Chapter president informs state organization president of member(s) affected by natural disaster. Use interactive form to expedite process.

- **Contact Society Headquarters**

State organization president contacts Executive Director with name of member, member's chapter, exact nature of disaster sustained and current mailing address.

- **Approved request leads to check**

Executive Director approves the request and mails a check from Society Headquarters. It is possible that the executive director will ask for additional information to determine whether the loss was caused by natural causes.

President, Shirley Allis, called the March meeting, held at the Athens United Methodist Church, to order at 9:30 am. After all members and guests were welcomed, the mission statement and collect were recited. The flag was saluted and Ruth Olson shared the Thought for the Day. She recalled her trip to Ireland and shared an Irish wisdom "Who is more blessed, one who receives or one who gives?"

Abuse and Rape Crisis Center items were collected and the annual book sale offered at \$1.00 per book. Maureen Gehring and Dottie Weir led the group in song "The Chosen One".

The minutes from the last meeting, submitted to the web page by Barbara Pulver, were approved as well as Mary Herman's treasurer report showing a balance of \$5,564.04. The report was filed for review with a motion by Joyce Kerrick, seconded by June Wynne.

Phyllis McNeal, membership chairperson, presented the ballots for slate of new members from Troy, Canton, Sullivan and Towanda districts. All were approved.

Soni Haflett introduced the recruitment grant recipient, Cassandra Ray. Julie Cooper could not attend.

***State convention Basket! Under new business, members were asked to contribute items for the State Convention basket. The theme this year is FRANCE. All items will go to Claire Waldmeyer (Canton) by May 26th. The following people will collect for area districts:

Troy: Barbara Pulver

Canton: Claire Waldmeyer

Sullivan: Sue Mullen

Towanda: Phyllis McNeal

Athens: Pat Stadelmaier

NEB: Wendy Carrington

Sayre: Amanda Jenkins

The Necrology Service was conducted by Maureen Downs and Marilyn Ayers honoring members Virginia Hough, Barb Fleming, and Connie Roupp. Former members Edna Kniffin and Leann Stephens were also remembered.

Amanda Jenkins, Sayre teacher, presented the program GOODREADS. She shared the website used with her students to promote reading and sharing books through social media.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 followed by Soup and Salad luncheon.

Dates to Remember:

Tri Chapter Meeting: April 29 - La Una Banquet Hall, Dunmore, PA

Initiates Tea: May 11 - E Canton United Methodist Church

PA State Convention: June 9-11 - State College

NE Regional Conference: July 12-14 - Caesars Resort and Convention Windsow, Ontario, Canada

Respectfully submitted by : Barbara Pulver

An Invitation from Pi Chapter
Pi Chapter is Alpha Zeta's Mother Chapter.

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO
CELEBRATE
PI CHAPTER'S
70th
BIRTHDAY**

September 23, 2017

At the Penn Wells Hotel, Wellsboro PA
Meeting and Program at 10 am
Lunch Buffet at 12:15
Cost \$20.00

Please **RSVP** by September 17th
Greta Marie Taft, gretamarietaft@gmail.com
or phone 814-367-5637



iPhone / iPad Tip

iPhone / iPad Tip- My Storage is almost full....HELP!!



Try one of these tips below.

1. Delete unused apps ~ Go to Settings - General - Usage - Manage Storage - tap and delete any unwanted apps.
2. Delete unwanted photos and videos
3. Clear Safari cache ~ Go to Settings - Safari - Clear History and website Data- Restart your phone.
4. Delete and re-install Facebook app
5. Reset all settings - Go to Settings - General - Scroll to the bottom and tap Reset - then tap Reset all Settings.

Don't forget to check in to our Alpha Zeta Chapter website at:

www.alphazetapa.weebly.com

Our Alpha Alpha State website at:

www.alphaalphapa.com

