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# the ALPHA ZETA NEWS

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

## ~ President Ruth's Message ~

Hello!

Wow – 2019 is upon us. Some days it feels as though the 90s were only a couple years ago! Time certainly does seem to go faster as we get older.

My hope is that each of you had a blessed Christmas – whether it was chaotic or quiet – and that you've had a great start to the new year.

For those of you currently teaching, these winter months can be long and difficult. Maybe you feel like this quote I once saw ... “My odds of winning a million dollars and having all my students listen to directions the first time are the same.” But hang in there. You are doing incredible work and your students will someday realize this and appreciate your efforts!

If you weren't able to attend our November meeting, you missed a fantastic program. Karen Navaie gave us a presentation on the “Culture of Iran” which was very informative. Our eyes were opened to daily life in Iran that I don't believe many of us knew existed. It's important to remember that life in other parts of the world is not always what it's perceived to be. We had a successful basket raffle and raised a wonderful amount for our baby books project. Many thanks to all of you who helped with our fall meeting.

We have a number of things to look forward to this spring. Our next chapter meeting will be March 9 at the Athens United Methodist Church. The Creative Arts Retreat will be at Olmstead Manor in Ludlow March 29-31. Our tea for new initiates will be April 11 in East Canton and our tri-chapter meeting with Beta Rho and Phi will be May 18 at the Shadowbrook resort in Tunkhannock. Details of meetings can be found in your handbook.

Finally, Delta Kappa Gamma suffered a great loss last fall when Cindy Devonshire passed. She was a wonderful sister and friend and will certainly be missed. She did a tremendous amount of “behind the scenes” work that was greatly appreciated but not always noticed. Let's continue to keep Cindy's family in our thoughts and prayers.

Hope to see you at our next meeting. Stay warm!

Ruth

## News from our Membership

### From Marilyn Ayers:

Volume 4 of Grandma Florence Ford's diaries is now at the printer. Marilyn Ayers has been transcribing the 9 diaries for the past 5 years which run from 1944-86 and having them printed in book form for family and friends. Period pictures are included and this will make 4" of reading material chronicling the family for 5 generations on Ford Ridge Farm near Rome, PA. Community and national events are included. Any person who interacted with Gram and Gramp is included in these pages. Before this project, Marilyn typed up her mother's letters from 1943-72 and they were printed in book form as well.

### From: Sherry Spencer

Sherry Spencer will be playing in a recital on Sunday, March 24, at 3PM at the Church of the Redeemer 201 S. Wilbur Ave., in Sayre. The recital is part of a series, Recitals at the Redeemer, that is organized and coordinated by Charlotte Cook. The recital will feature Linda Couchon on violin, Charlotte Cook on piano and organ, and Sherry on flute. The recital is free and open to the public.

## Our DKG Websites:

**Our Chapter website:** [www.alphazetapa.weebly.com](http://www.alphazetapa.weebly.com)

**State website:** [www.dkgpa.weebly.com](http://www.dkgpa.weebly.com)

**Delta Kappa Gamma International website:** [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

## Dates to Remember

March 29-31, 2019 - Creative Arts Retreat - Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA

May 18, 2019 - Tri - Chapter Meeting - Shadowbrook Country Club, Tunkhannock. PA

June 14-16, 2019 - DKG PA State Convention - Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

July 30 - August 1, 2019 - Northeast Regional Conference, Mashantucket, Connecticut





## DKG- PA Convention Attendance Recognition Award

### Start sailing on the USS Pennsylvania On June 14-16, 2019

All DKG-PA chapters will receive a \$35.00 registration fee award for having 10% of their chapter members in attendance at the 2019 DKG PA State Convention.

#### **Criteria:**

Chapter members attending the convention must be in attendance for **all** sessions on Saturday and Sunday of the convention.

Chapters receiving their Convention Attendance Recognition Awards will be announced on Sunday during the General Session and receive their monetary award and certificate.

Take this voyage and earn the award to be used by your chapter for one of your members. Steer your members in the right direction by boarding a new ship and experience what DKG PA is all about at the State Level.

Hope to see you on the USS Pennsylvania State Convention!

Bon Voyage,  
Captain Barbara

## **Minutes - DKG Alpha Zeta Chapter - November 3, 2018**

**Call to Order:** After welcoming members and guest to the Troy Baptist Church hall, president Olsen invited the group to enjoy a morning brunch. Marilyn Ayers gave the invocation. The business meeting was called to order at 10:30 The Mission Statement, Collect and Flag Salute were recited.

**Thought for the Day:** Soni Haflett referred to the quote in the DKG handbook "One's destination is never a place, but always a new way of seeing things" (Henry Miller). She then demonstrated her "new way" by speaking Farsi with Karen Navaie, guest speaker on Iranian culture

**Music:** Colleen Kinney led the group, accompanied by Joyce Kerrick to sing "DKG Purpose" and "Sing, Honor, Work, Love".

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the October meeting held at the Towanda Country Club was submitted to the web page by Barbara Pulver. They will stand as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Herman gave the treasurer report showing a balance of \$5091.98. It will be filed for review.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Denise Amer, chairperson, and her committee recommended the following new inductees, read by Megan Getz:

Canton: Michelle Harkness (Learning Support teacher and Transition Coordinator for Canton Area School District Cinda Dewey (2nd Grade teacher)

Sullivan: Erin Schultz: (ELA teacher) Degree in Instructional Technology

Amber Strain:( 1st grade teacher)

Towanda: Sarah Adams (Elementary teacher)

Troy: Renee Broschart: (5th grade teacher) Jolene Smyth: (High School Guidance Counselor)

### **STANDING RULES:**

Carol Lane presented an update on Standing Rules to become effective immediately. They now comply with International changes. It was noted that we are not a sorority, but a society, therefore the term initiates has been changed to inductees and we are now considered PENNSYLVANIA STATE ORGANIZATION, not the Greek, Alpha Alpha .The international Greek, DKG remains the same.

**CARING AND SHARING:** Theresa Sparrow personally thanked everyone for their kind remembrances of her father.

**RECRUITMENT GRANTS:** Applications for recruitment grants were accepted and read by Soni Haflett and her committee. They are:

Athens: Annalis Tilley

Sayre: Brittany Wilkerson

NEBradford: Kelcey Houlet

The \$200 grants will be given at the March, 2019 meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Reminder: The Tri Chapter meeting will be held May 18, 2019 at Shadowbrook in Tunkhannock. Lunch, \$20.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Olsen encouraged members to join the Alpha Zeta Singers for future program offerings. An invitation to decorate an Educational Themed Christmas Tree for the Bradford Heritage Museum and Village was accepted. Barbara Pulver will chair the event. It will be held on Sunday, December 2, from 2 to 4pm.

**(Minutes continued)**

**Baby Book Basket Raffle:** Beth Carman conducted the basket raffle after announcing the proceeds totaled \$637. Over 600 baby books were delivered to the Robert Packer Hospital last month.

**Adjournment:** The business meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

**PROGRAM :** Karen Navaie ( Culture of Iran ) Karen enlightened members about Iranian language and culture through a personally narrated slide presentation. She highlighted her wonderful experiences while traveling in IRAN with her Iranian born husband. We learned about this country's food, celebrations, religious traditions and warmth of the people towards visitors.

Respectfully submitted by: Barbara Pulver

**Closing:** The Delta Kappa Gamma Song was sung to close event.