



International Society for Key Women Educators

## Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Winter 2013 Newsletter

### **President's Ramblings**

As I sit here awaiting the “big storm” and watching the events unfold I was thinking about all the hopes and feelings that different people are experiencing. My son in Vermont is so excited because he is to get eighteen plus inches and will have the opportunity to participate in some of his favorite winter activities. I am hoping we get enough snow to go snow shoeing while many students around the county were hoping for enough snow to get an early dismissal today. Some of you may be anticipating curling up with a good book and a warm blanket. Those of you in Florida or other sunny states might have an extra big smile on your face today glad that you are there and not here.

Meteorologist are certainly hoping they got the forecast correct and aren't alarming major cities up and down the east coast unnecessarily. The leaders of these cities are hoping they are prepared and that their citizens heed the warning. A concern of many is will there be electrical outages, traffic delays and backups, stranded families, air flights cancelled causing delayed trips. My grandson in Maryland is upset because the storm is missing him and he so wants a big snow. (In his five year old mind that is enough to leave a footprint and possibly build a snowman.)

Yesterday I was fortunate to help participate in the **hundred day event** in a local kindergarten class. The changing of the two dimes and a nickel into a quarter and that quarter being added to the other three quarters and the magic switching of them to one dollar was a big moment for them. It had all started as small as one penny then another and so forth switching coins and waiting and waiting. A lot of learning went along with the wait and they certainly enjoyed the milestone with special events all day. (Who wouldn't enjoy making one hundred out of a Club cracker and two Ritz crackers knowing if you got it right you would be rewarded with writing 100 on top of them with squeeze cheese.)

We spend a lot of our lives in anticipation of the next big event and sometimes not enough time on the event we are in at the time. As educators we worry about the next new “idea” that will be imposed on us. We worry about the next unit or the next observation. As hard as it might be let's all try to enjoy the moment that our students are in and help them to move forward excited about what they are learning at the moment while mixing in anticipation of what is still to be learned. Let's all promise that as we await the next big event in our life that we enjoy the one we are in even if it is just for one moment.

Naomi Edsell



## **March Meeting**

Saturday, March 9, 2012  
Athens United Methodist Church  
Athens, Pa

8:30 - Executive Board	Song leader - Mary Ann Hennip
9:00 - Committee Meeting /Chorus Rehearsal	Accompanist - Sandra Hollenback
9:30 – Business Meeting and Reports	Thought for the Day – Lucille Lyons
11:00 - Luncheon	

**Deb Fitzwater will present the program entitled “Greenhouse Group”.**

We will also conduct our necrology service, honor recipients of the enrichment grants and vote on new initiates for next year.

Please remember to bring your thought or verse for the personal development committee’s activity.

Hope to see you there.

Beth Carman, project chair would like to remind everyone that this is the month for items for the Abuse and Rape Center. She has received the following list for items that are needed or would be appreciated for the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center:

- PJ’s of all sizes
- Sweat pants and tops of all sizes
- Journals and pens
- Paper products
- Household supplies
- Gift Certificates to local stores: K-Mart, Wal Mart, Dollar General
- Gas Cards
- New or gently used fabric table cloths – 70 inches round or oblong
- 3 pair new or gently used bedroom drapes or curtains – 84 inches long to match a room painted dark beige.
- Cash is always welcome.

Thanks!!

One last reminder that we will be taking up a collection to pay our share of the African project for this year.



## **April Meeting**

Tri-Chapter Meeting  
Pink Apple  
Tunkhannock, Pa  
April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our guest speaker will be out State President Louann Shrader.

Final plans are being made for the luncheon which will cost \$21 dollars. Forms to register will either be available at the March meeting or on the web page. Let's try to have a good turn out as we spend time with our sisters from other chapters and hear what Louann has to share with us.

Other dates to remember:

April 26-28, 2013    Alpha Alpha State Purposeful Seminar \*  
Best Western Country Cupboard Inn  
Lewisburg Pa

June 14-16, 2013    State Conference \*  
State College, Pa

\*See your Winter Keystonian for details on registration.

Date for initiates tea to be announced.

## School Days Continued

I went to a two room school. Four grades per room, one row of seats per grade, probably 20 children or less in each room. Everyone rode a bus and came from the surrounding farms.

Our community hub was too small to even have a post office. Every event consisted of the church, the school and a wonderful Community Hall with a stage and kitchen. No matter what event was held everyone came, including couples with no children and single adults whether it was flower shows in the summer and Sunday School programs or the Community Halloween Party.

Our school had indoor toilets (pit toilets?) but no running water. One for the boys and one for the girls, just beyond the "clock room" where we kept our outerwear and lunches. Just before I graduated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, maybe once a week, some of the mothers started bringing hot soup for all of us. We had no cafeteria.

Everyone went out to recess at the same time without an adult. We had a huge playground surrounded by woods. We were allowed to play at the very edge of these, but no further. There didn't seem to be any trouble with this. Everyone obeyed the rules. I don't remember any incidents of an elementary student who was punished.

We had seesaws, swings, and a balancing beam. There also was a ball field. We made up our own games, jumped rope, etc.

On rainy days we played in the basement where the coal was kept in a large bin. This was used for the large space heaters in each classroom. In the winter we were allowed to cross the road to enjoy the snow. We used sleds, cardboard, and even shovels – whatever would give us a ride down the long field over the snow.

It was a special treat to be chosen to walk to the nearest farmhouses, with a buddy to pump a pail of water and carry it back to school. We walked through a small apple orchard and of course found the biggest and best apple to eat. It wasn't long before the farmer assigned one tree from which to choose. I think we were eating his cash crop.

The water was poured by the teacher into a crock container with a tap. We had our individual cups which were kept in a special small cupboard.

Every year during the weeks before Christmas we practiced a new operetta in which every child participated. We built our own props out of cardboard boxed, painted decorated and learned out lines. My two sisters and I usually had singing parts which we all enjoyed.

**We put on the play in the Hall for the whole community and then Santa arrived for the party. It was a magical time.**

**I think a music teacher came once a week and we learned a lot of songs. My favorite time of all was Friday afternoons when the teacher read to us.**

**The last day of school was a picnic. Mothers were generous with full baskets for all of us to share. It was only then that we walked through the woods and had our food beside the lake at the other end.**

**Once a year my parents invited both teachers to share an evening meal at our home. We kids were ambivalent about that, but everyone seemed to have a good time.**

**I loved school and I've always felt I had a good education. Through my years of training and teaching I still feel that way.**

**Fran Homet**

**Please, everyone stay safe and healthy until we get together on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Be kind to yourself.**

**Looks like there will be plenty of snow for my husband and I to go snow shoeing.**