

## President Cindy Says:

*“What’s past is prologue” -William Shakespeare, “The Tempest”*

Happy September, Alpha Kappa members! As we enter the start of another promising school year, I want you to look back in time to April 16, 1955. Dwight D. Eisenhower was the President of the United States, “The Ballad of Davy Crockett” was a hit song, and I was 7 years old! (Yikes!) The most important event for our Chapter was the official chartering of Alpha Kappa as a part of Delta Kappa Gamma.

During the coming year, we will be focusing on the history of our Chapter, culminating with a 65th Birthday party in April. (Dig out your poodle skirts!!) As I reflected on our past accomplishments, the above Shakespearean quote came to mind. As we think about events in our past, we need to keep in mind that those events have prepared us for our ever evolving plans for the future. Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Kappa Chapter can look forward to some exciting changes while continuing to respect the framework of the past.



Teaching is indeed the profession that creates all others. We are planning for a year that holds some exciting opportunities for our Chapter, for our profession, and for our personal growth. At our first Chapter meeting on Thursday, September 12, we will be voting on membership for two prospective members, Grace Brosius and Sydney Sheaffer. They will be the first for Alpha Kappa under the new category of Collegiate members.

Collegiate members are undergraduate students who are enrolled in an institution offering an education degree and who have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education and who are enrolled within the last two years of their undergraduate education degree. They can also be graduate students who have graduate standing in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.

Please plan to attend this meeting at 6 pm on September 12 at the Mifflin County Library. In addition to voting on our new members, we will be providing information on some new ideas for community outreach projects and for offering some Saturday meetings to better meet the needs of our members. At this meeting we will also be featuring a presentation by the coordinator of Geisinger’s Farm Fresh Farmacy.

Welcome to a year of new beginnings while celebrating the past! See you on September 12th!

*Cindy Kennedy*



## Calendar of Events & Meeting Information

### **Thursday, September 12 @ 6:00p.m.— Mifflin County Library**

Business Meeting, Voting on New Members, and Geisinger's Food Fresh Farmacy.

### **Saturday, October 26 @ 11:00 a.m.—OIP Tyson Hill**

Induction of new members. A short business meeting and lunch will follow.

### **Saturday, December 14 @ 9:00a.m.— OIP Burnham**

Come share some holiday cheer. A short business meeting to follow breakfast.

### **Saturday, April 18, 2020 @ 2:30 p.m.—Harshberger's Sub 'N Malt in Mifflintown**

BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!

### **June, 2020—Picnic and Planning—TBD**

**There are preliminary plans for a fun outing to a play/concert.**

Details will be forthcoming.

## Treasurer's Report

Our profit on the Chinese Auction was \$293.

Kay Varner audited and approved the treasury on June 28, 2019.

We ended 2018-2019 with a deficit of \$183.44.



Thank you to all sisters who paid their dues on time. I appreciate your understanding as I adjust to the new financial system.

Three sisters have not yet paid their dues. They should have received notices from the state by now. If dues are not paid, they will receive a second reminder. If dues are not paid following the second notice, their membership will be dropped. The state has now taken responsibility for dropping memberships.

During June and July, we paid 2 grant-in-aid scholarships. I deposited all dues and sent the appropriate amounts to state and international. The last transaction was on July 12, leaving us with a balance of \$7,658.78.



## Raffle Baskets at Meetings

Each month we will have a basket to raffle and tickets will be \$.25 or 5 for \$1.00. Money will go to benefit the scholarship fund. What will Nancy surprise us with in September?

# Happy 65th Anniversary Alpha Kappa Chapter!



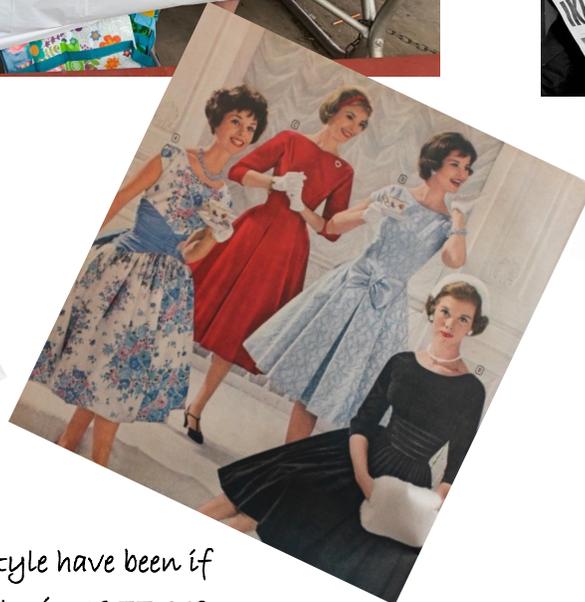
It's not too early to starting thinking about our 65th Anniversary Party!  
When the chapter was first chartered all meeting were held on Saturday  
and members wore hats and gloves to the meetings.

Times have changed but this year we have the opportunity to celebrate  
and look at the past while we plan for the future.

Each newsletter will have 50's facts to enjoy, and these tidbits may be  
useful in getting ready for the party.



*No hats and gloves for these sisters but great summer boxes for children!*



What would your style have been if you were a DKG sister in 1955-60?



# MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

JUNE 8, 2019

Nineteen sisters met at 11:30 am at the Mifflintown Playground, Pavilion 1 for a picnic gathering to honor and celebrate members still teaching. Tena Kauffman read an end-of-the-school-year letter embracing the joys and challenges of having spent 9 months with a group of children whom had become like family only to send them on their way at the end of the school year. She followed the reading with prayer before everyone enjoyed a very delicious variety of food provided by the retired teachers present at the meeting. A special thank you to Dottie Peiffer and her committee for providing the table settings and beverages.

The business meeting began at 1:00 pm as President Cindy called the meeting to order. Motions to approve the minutes for April 2, 2019 were made by Molly Kinney and Jill Funk. Minutes were approved. Pat Brown announced that our treasury balance is currently \$7,943.74 as of May 3. The auction proceeds from today will be added to this total. New dues will not be added until the books are audited in the near future. Pat stated that 14 members have not paid their dues yet. A memo will go out to those sisters letting them know dues need to be paid as soon as possible.

Nancy Chrismer reported that all the notes/cards were delivered and well received by women employees in the two districts. Molly K. suggested that if we were to do this project again, we should start soon to work on the cards so they can be completed a little at a time over a long period of time. Cindy Van Gavree suggested the idea of giving schools a treat basket to start back to school in the fall. Any and all ideas will be taken into consideration at a future meeting.

Nancy C. also said Stephanie Bonnell is working on getting two new members. Anyone who needs a form for a new member, let Nancy know, and she'll email a copy.

Shirley Covert concluded the shoe box project by announcing the success of the project. All the boxes will be given to the Juniata County Food Pantry to be distributed to children participating in the summer backpack project at the pantry. That project is spearheaded by our own sister, Pat Brown. Pat said the program begins next week, so the boxes will be given out during that time. A picture of attending sisters and the packed boxes was taken and will be sent to the local newspapers.

The Grant-in-Aid Scholarships were awarded to Kayla Forry, Juniata High School senior going to Susquehanna U. in the fall and Sierra Curry, Mifflin County High School senior going to Shippensburg U. in the fall. Shirley Covert and Clare Flynn provided the names of the award recipients. Clare suggested we raise the current amount of the scholarship (\$500) to \$1,000. Action on this will be taken at a future meeting.

President Cindy stated that she will be attending State Convention next weekend. One change that is happening at the state level is the official name of the organization. It no longer will be labeled Alpha Alpha State. The Greek letters will be removed, and our state organization will be formally called Pennsylvania State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She will be joined by Clare Flynn and Molly Kinney at convention next weekend. It was also noted that our local chapter will be celebrating our 65th anniversary next April – April 16, 2020. The luncheon at State Convention always recognizes chapters with important milestone birthdays. Cindy is hoping for a good showing of members to attend next year to be honored at the birthday luncheon. Sisters, please keep this in mind and try to plan to attend!

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President Cindy will be emailing a survey soon. She would like everyone's feedback on our chapter's activities this past year. She welcomes suggestions, likes, dislikes, etc. so that she can take these into consideration in planning for the next year's meeting and activities. She would like these surveys completed and returned before July.

Our chapter by-laws are in need of updating. A July meeting will be announced for action on this matter. Committee members, be on the look out for this meeting date.

President Cindy received positive feedback on searching out an extra curricular activity similar to attending the play "Beautiful" last February. She will keep her eyes and ears open and welcome any suggestions from the sisterhood.

The Executive Board will meet sometime in mid-July. Date, time, and place will be announced soon.

Bonnie Seigler announced that no one requested a DKG badge for girl scouting this spring. This matter will be looking into further.

Shirley Covert thanked Bonnie Seigler for sending birthday cards and get well cards to sisters.

Teachers attending today's picnic meeting who are still teaching expressed gratitude for honoring them and providing the meal today.

President Cindy thanked everyone for a good year and hopes for a good one ahead.

Pat Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Seiger seconded the motion. They meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

The Chinese Auction concluded after the business meeting. It was a very successful event with 32 items donated for auction. All proceeds will benefit the grant-in-aid scholarships. Pat Brown, our treasurer will let us know how much was made. Thanks, Pat for organizing this project, and thank you, Joy Sheaffer for making the bidding tags.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tena Kauffman, filling in for Beverly Berich, chapter secretary

Those present at the meeting today were:

Angie Beward, Sarah Wieseman, Thelma Leister, Bonnie Seigler, Cindy VanGavree,  
Pat Brown, Cindy Kennedy, Nancy Chrismer, Shirley Covert, Jackie Heidenreich,  
Molly Kinney, Jill Funk, Dottie Peiffer, Jenny McCardle, Clare Flynn, Beth Alleman,  
Tena Kauffman, Mary Grimm, Pam Kennedy

