



ΔΚΓ DK GRAM

Omicron Chapter

September 2017

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Our Mission: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Our Vision: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

MEETING: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

The First United Methodist Church in Jersey Shore

RESERVATIONS due by Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017

Send check for \$14 to Omicron Chapter and on memo line you can write "Reservation for Sept. meeting" to Deb Leonard 80 Mountain View Drive Jersey Shore PA 17740. If you have any questions, you can email Deb at catluvr53@aol.com or call 570-398-1657. Please be prompt with your check and reservation since we must guarantee a minimum of 20 meals.

Menu: filled chicken breast, zippy carrots, cheesy potatoes, green beans, jello salad and apple crisp with ice cream.

OUR PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING:

We will recognize our recruitment award recipient and have a Chinese auction with proceeds going to World Fellowship (Schools for Africa). [Please bring nice items to auction off.](#)

FROM OUR TREASURER:

The **dues** for 2018 can be paid at the September meeting or mailed to Tammy Morgan 15 Barney Drive Watsonstown PA 17777 by Sept. 30. Please make checks out to Omicron Chapter for \$77.00 for active members and \$28.00 for reserve. If you have any questions, you can call Tammy Morgan, Treasurer at 570-412-1777.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dearest Members of Omicron:

At the June Conference Alpha Alpha State, Omicron Chapter celebrated 70 years. Members who attended with me this year were Eleanor Kodish, who was honored for her 43 years of membership, Tammy Morgan and Michelle Hopkins. We hope to celebrate again at our September meeting with our members. We were honored with a certificate for sending our newsletters to the State Chair for their Historical Records files.

Eleanor, Tammy and Michelle can tell you stories of the various meetings we attended.

The end of the conference was a power point of Past President Tracey Dusch's meetings and events. Our chapter was in a number of photos from state conference recognizing Eleanor again for her many years as a member, Past President Sherry Griggs presenting the rose to me as incoming President, Tracey meeting our chapter at the airport, and random photos as well.

I attended the Album of Distinction Awards and would really like to get Omicron back on their roles. Please give me lists of names of achievers such as Pat Neely who was awarded for her art and Eleanor Kodish for Friend of the Year at Ross Library as well as PSAR recognition. Please send me their name and a short synopsis of awards received. I will submit as many as possible. Carmen and I have received this award; let's try to honor more of our members.

I encourage more members to attend the state conference in June 2018. Place the date on your calendar and in March we will be asking for registrations.

Michelle again hosted a great planning meeting for the upcoming 2017-2018 year. I hope you will come out and join us for the 4 meetings we have scheduled.

Till we meet in September,

President Diane

FROM OUR STATE PRESIDENT:

Alpha Alpha State News

Words from President, Barbara Gasperini,

"I challenge Pennsylvania to broaden your "Circle of Membership." Take a new voyage. Be brave and sail on a new ship. We need to promote the voyage at the Chapter, State, and International levels as we make a difference in our lives. Spreading the word of DKG to young educators and the community is very important for our future development. The Seven Purposes of DKG touch many learning-ships: Leader~ship, Scholar~ship, Mentor~ship, Friend~ship, and Fellow~ship."



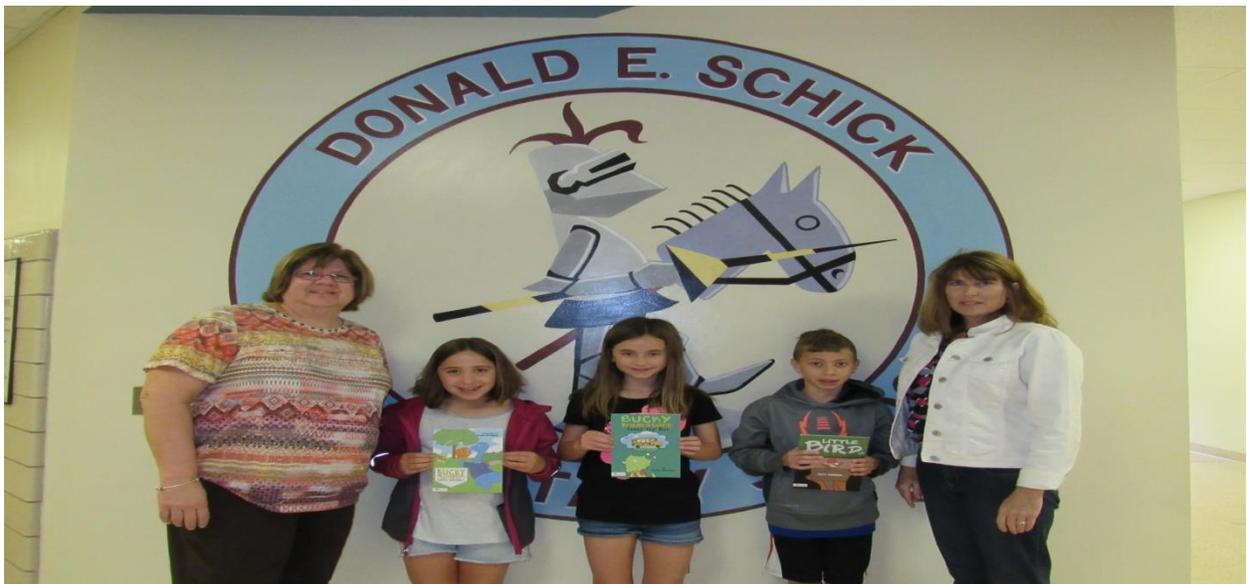
Eleanor Kodish, Diane Whitaker, Tammy Morgan, and Michelle Hopkins pose for a picture at the State Convention held at the Nittany Inn in State College on June 10.

Inside Our Chapter:

Tammy Morgan took a trip to Spain this summer with her son and a group of students. They visited Barcelona, Madrid, and Toledo and had a great 8 days.

As discussed at our November meeting, we decided to use our \$250.00 budgeted for Community Service to buy books from our November meeting presenter Patty Davidson. Our chapter donated the children's books to elementary school and public libraries in Lycoming and Clinton counties. The books were delivered to elementary schools in the Jersey Shore S.D., East Lycoming S.D., Williamsport Area S.D, Loyalsock Area S.D., and Muncy Area S.D., as well as the public libraries. A letter explaining the inspiration for the books as well as information on Patty and our chapter accompanied the groups of donated books. These are the children's books authored by Montoursville Area High School grad Patty Davidson and feature Bucky Triceratops and Little Bird. A big thanks to **Eleanor Kodish and Deb Leonard** for helping with delivering the books. According to Eleanor (a fantastic DKG ambassador): "Deb and I had the most fun taking a trip down memory lane this morning distributing those wonderful little books. At Avis Elementary Lisa Titus, the Library Aide, accepted the books. Mr. John Jean, the principal, arranged an assembly for us there. At the Jersey Shore Library, Charlene Brungard, Director, accepted the books. At Jersey Shore Elementary, Librarian Cindy Welsh accepted.

At Salladasburg (pictured below), **Doris Anderman**, teacher and Sister “DKGammian” accepted. It was delightful --- and thank you for asking me to do it ----- Deb loved it, as well!”



Patricia Cozzo, Loyalsock Area S.D. librarian and Principal Suzanne Foresman pose with fourth graders who accepted the Bucky Triceratops books from our chapter.



At our May meeting (l to r) Joy Walls, Tammy Morgan, Michelle Hopkins, presenter Kahlie DeHotman, and Jackie Thomas “model” clothing and accessories purchased at The Boutique, located at the YWCA. Miss Kahlie DeHotman, director of The Boutique, presented information about the store, which specializes in high quality, gently-worn clothing. With all sales benefiting Wise Options and Liberty House, The Boutique accepts donations of gently used women's, men's and children's clothing. Miss DeHotman, a graduate of St. John Neumann and Messiah College, informed us about the valuable role this clothing store plays in the YMCA's outreach program. A donation was given by the chapter members to The Boutique.

FUTURE EVENTS

Our November 8, 2017 meeting will be held at the Centered Earth Clay Arts Studio & Gallery 21 Kristi Rd Muncy (located in Penn Hills Plaza across from the former Fox's Family Restaurant). Jackie Thomas will fill us in on what we will be doing and we will work out meeting logistics.

At the September meeting Joy Walls will distribute invitations to DKG's Community Night Fundraiser to be held at Hoss's Steak and Sea Food restaurant in Williamsport. All members have to do is pass out the invitations and encourage their family and friends to dine there on Saturday, Sept. 23 and our chapter will benefit financially. "At the end of the night, if the total pre-tax amount is at least \$300, Hoss's will send your organization at check for 20% of that total. If the total pre-tax amount is at least \$1,200, Hoss's will send your organization a check for 25% of the total." - information from Hoss's website

