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STATEMENT:

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GAMMA SOCIETY  
INTERNATIONAL  
PROMOTES  
PROFESSIONAL  
AND PERSONAL  
GROWTH OF  
WOMEN  
EDUCATORS AND  
EXCELLENCE IN  
EDUCATION.

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# Alpha Sigma Clapper

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## *Dear Sisters,*

"Spring breathes new life into the world around us." Take a deep breath. Smell that?! It's Spring simply being awesome. Shake off winter chills. Feel the sun's rays warming your face. Know that green shoots representing all things new will burst into bloom shortly. Have you, too, bloomed as an Alpha Sigma member? In the not-too-distant future, new leadership will begin planning for the next biennium. How will you bloom? Consider serving as an officer . . . we are actively seeking a new treasurer!

## March 17, 2018

Grace @ Calvary Lutheran Church  
123 E. Diamond St.  
Butler, PA 16001

**Exec. Meeting 9:15am**

**Project: 10:00am**

**Grocery Mats/Blessing Bags**

**Luella McElhaney** –Sisters, Bring 5-10 plastic grocery bags and sharp scissors

**Chapter meeting 10:30am**

**Lunch 12:00 noon**

**Amount: \$15.00**

**Menu:**

Salad plate, Soup,  
Turkey salad, Oriental coleslaw,  
Pasta salad, Lime jello with pears  
Pie, Beverage

**Hostesses: Mary Chris Falbo,  
Mary K. Davis, Patty Tenerowicz**

Consider volunteering as a hostess for future meetings. Be bold and ask a leader how you can make a difference in our local chapter. Dependent on all members' contributions, Alpha Sigma will continue to flourish and bloom.

*Karen*

Dr. Karen Matis, President  
Alpha Sigma Chapter



### Reservation deadline:

Send check payable to :

Mary Chris Falbo

105 Freedom Rd.

Butler, PA 16001

724-285-4445

By March 7, 2018.

**Raffle Basket : Scholarship and  
World Fellowship**

**Directions:** Rt. 422E to Rt. 8S Left at light at Diamond Park and the court house. You will be facing the front of the church after the turn. You may drive around the church and into the parking garage. (This means a left as you approach the church, an immediate right, and then a right at the stop sign. Park in the lower level of the garage. This is permit parking during the week.) You may also chose to park in the public lot across the street from the church. You will need quarters if you park in the public lot. There is limited parking in the small church lot for those with mobility issues.



Please read all your *Clapper*! Print it or save it as reference. Record meeting dates on your calendar as soon as you receive it.

“Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated.”  
—Coretta Scott King

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”  
—Dr. Mae Jemison

“Birds sing after a storm. Why shouldn’t we?”  
---Rose Kennedy

\*Editor’s note: As I search for appropriate subject matter quotations each newsletter, I have found that less than 10% online are by women!

## From the Editor

**Please remember to reply “rec’d” to your electronic newsletter.**

The *Alpha Sigma Clapper* is also posted online on the Alpha Alpha website. Go to [www.alphaalphapa.com](http://www.alphaalphapa.com) Click on: News, then- News from the Chapters. For old newsletters - click on Archives. Check other chapters’ news, too. For *The Keystoneian*, click on Keystoneian at the top of the Alpha Alpha home page.

*The Clapper* is available on our chapter website [www.dkgalphasigma.org](http://www.dkgalphasigma.org) Please use our site often for reference and up-to-date info. Our certified site has Links to State and International. Check out all three web sites to learn more about your Society.

**Use our Face Book pages: DKG/Alpha Alpha State for up to date news on our members and pictures.** And check out The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on FB.

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*Stef*

## Dates To Remember—Please note deadline dates.

**March 15, 2018** - Deadline to apply for the Album of Distinction

**March 18-21, 2018** - National Legislative Seminar in Washington D.C.

**April 6, 2018** - CTAUN, UN New York City, NY

**June 15-17, 2018** - Pennsylvania State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn State College, PA

**July 16-20, 2018** - International Convention, Austin, Texas

## Leadership

Attached is a application form from **Bonnie Barnes**. While this training was formerly for incoming presidents, it is now for all members, please consider attending. I learned so much when I attended twelve years ago, under the tutelage of **Dr. Lyn Schmid and Royce Boyd**.

*Stef*

## Membership

Welcome **Linda Forsythe** who has transferred from Ohio to Alpha Sigma. She attended UCLA and Harvard, She loves cruises. Linda now lives in Butler. We met **Janice Sneizek**, from New Castle, at our last meeting, Janice will be voted for membership in March. We look forward to learning more about these ladies. **Sisters**, are you looking for worthy new members for Alpha Sigma? You can bring potential members any time. Why don't you bring a key women educator to the March meeting. Don't forget former members who might wish to return. Call them today. Also, please call members who haven't been to a meeting recently.

## Nominations

A slate of officer nominees for the 2018-2020 biennium was presented for a vote at the November 4th meeting. **President Diana Borowski**, **First VP Bonnie Barnes**, and **Second VP Debbie McMillin** will be installed at our May meeting. Our two secretaries, **Linda Macarevich** and **Mary Alice Snyder** remain in their offices, Congratulations. We are looking for a new treasurer, let us know if interested.

## Projects

Raffle Baskets: If you are on a committee responsible for a raffle basket, please send \$5.00 to the chair of your committee. There have been times when the chair has paid for the basket alone. Your committee assignments are in your book and on the web site.

## Member News

**Please send wedding, birth, health and hospitalization, family deaths, etc. news to the editor. Also, tell us what you are doing in your classrooms or schools. We'd all love to know.**

**Nanette Kaplan Solomon** and her husband just returned from Barbados and the Windward Islands where they cruised on a sailing ship with Yale Alumni. Nanette performed a piano concert on the ship.

**Jean Speight** appeared in the New Castle Playhouse production, *The Colored Museum* during Black History Month. Outstanding! Jean also presented her program "*Tuskegee Airmen*" for the Lawrence County Historical Society. Jean has collaborated with **Stef Fulena** on programs for the Society for the last ten years.

**Michelle McCollin** has been posting daily her adventures in Vietnam. Michelle, a Fulbright Scholarship recipient is teaching and learning (through her travels and new colleagues ) this semester in Viet Nam. Michelle is teaching Special Education classes at the Hanoi National University of Education. Recently, Michelle vacationed in India. Friend Michelle on Face Book to follow her fascinating adventures. And, Keep collecting eye glasses for *Eyes4Africa*.

**Stef Fulena** has been preparing the Lawrence County Historical Society 2018 Trivia Competitions which will be held Feb. 22. The competition is held each year for all junior and senior high students in Lawrence County. Many Alpha Sigma sisters have been Trivia coaches from their districts. Currently, **Diana Borowski**, **Donna Neff**, and **Jonica Walters** are Trivia advisors for their two districts. Previous advisors from other districts—**Mary Alice Snyder**, **Toni Schooley**, **Bess Ondako**, and **Stef Fulena**, who advised from 1982 until her retirement when she took over as coordinator for the Historical Society. If you would like to help that day as a scorekeeper, please call Stef.

**Mary Alice Snyder** and her husband just returned from just returned from visiting her parents in Florida, **Carol Herbert** and **Shirley Lotz** also are wintering there. I received a note from Shirley and two notes from **Peg Dunbaugh** who now lives in Maine. **Peg** said to give all her regards.

**Susan Jendrysik** had knee surgery. **Karen Matis** and **Betsy Wolford** could use your good thoughts, too, as both their mom and dad have been ailing.

**Jean Speight's** husband, Curtis passed away recently after a long illness. Curtis was a wonderful man who had many Alpha Alpha friends as he often traveled with Jean to State committee meetings.

## More Member News



Our dear, sister, Fergie, **Helen Ferguson**, passed away recently. There was a memorial service in Butler at Fergie's church. **Sonie Laughead, Sharon Kline, and Mary K. Davis** were tending Fergie during her illness and for the memorial. **Dorothy Dodson, Mary Chris Falbo, Jean Speight, Rose Ann Fulena, and Stef Fulena** also attended the memorial. We will have our chapter memorial at the March meeting. When you see a beautiful bird, think of Fergie, our ultimate birdwatcher.



Helen "Fergie" Ferguson, Alpha Sigma Chapter President in 1978.



**Bonnie Lee Barnes** has been selected to participate in the 2018 Leadership Management Seminar (The Golden Gift) held in Austin, Texas, on the University of Texas campus July 1-13, 2018. This outstanding leadership training is conducted by the McCombs School of Business Executive Education Department. Bonnie was chosen, one of the 30 members worldwide in Delta Kappa Gamma, to participate in this Golden Gift. It is truly an honor that she was selected. Congratulations, Bonnie!

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