

ALPHA UPSILON

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INTERNATIONAL

WINTER 2015

OUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS



I hope you are all keeping warm in this cold, winter weather! Why don't you consider joining in some of the many DKG activities available that will keep you feeling warm with your friends?

Since we were last together at the November meeting, many fun activities have occurred:

- Marsha Ewing and Betty Grossheim organized a tour of the Kerr Museum in Oakmont for Retired Teachers. The museum was beautifully decorated for Christmas, and the docents (one was Millie Pipman!) were very informative. After the tour, we met at Hoffstot's for lunch. Everyone had a wonderful time!
- Eileen Matyas and Millie Pipman hosted a fantastic Christmas Social at the Twisted Thistle in Leechburg. We had our own private room all decorated for Christmas and excellent food. The re-gift activity gave each of us a Christmas gift to put under the tree and the luncheon was topped off with singing Christmas carols led by Ellen Rupert.
- Bridge flight is well underway and all the members are scurrying around trying to get in all their matches. We meet at different venues so there's always good food and drink in addition to socializing with friends. If you know how to play, why not consider joining us, even as a substitute at first to see what it's all about?
- If you like to read, consider joining the Book Club. Their Christmas social was held at the Pines Tavern in Gibsonia. They usually meet at the Starbuck's next to Lowes at Pittsburgh Mills Mall. This month they'll be meeting at 3:30 on January 21st and reading *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

- I'm keeping busy this winter knitting helmet hats for the US troops. They are beanie-type knitted hats that the soldiers wear under their helmets to keep the helmet from chafing their skin. If you know how to knit, have some leftover yarn, and would like to help, just let me know, and I'll get the pattern to you.

First on the agenda, of course, is our General Membership Meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 21st. The program will prove to be an interesting one – members will share their expertise and talents with us. There's no telling what you will be able to learn!

- The Creative Arts Retreat is scheduled for March 25-27 at Olmsted Manor in Ludlow, Pennsylvania. It'll be a fun, relaxing way to get to know members from other chapters as well as learn how to make different crafts like braided bookmarks and toothbrush rugs. You could even learn basket weaving or how to play Mahjongg! If you decide to go, information about the retreat and the reservation form are in the winter *Keystonian*. March 6th is the deadline to reserve a place.

Spring, then, is just around the corner with next winter (and cold weather!) far, far behind us. So, why not take advantage of some of the many DKG activities available? I hope to see you there!

22 Members Attend Christmas Social

As President Varano mentioned, the Christmas Social was a perfect beginning to the holiday season. Thanks to the Social Committee for another fun event.



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Consider Attending Alpha Alpha State Convention

Join your sisters for a unique experience in State College June 12-14. Attend interesting workshops, learn more about the inner workings of our society on the state level and enjoy a fun getaway with colleagues from across the state. Watch the next *Keystonian* for an application.

Don't forget...

Recommendations for membership are accepted any time during the year. The form can be downloaded from the website dkgpaau.weebly.com or contact Tricia Cavanaugh at tcav15068@yahoo.com. Please send the completed recommendation to Tricia Cavanaugh, 230 Pearl Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

Barbara Gasperini also reminds those members who are applying for enrichment grants or nominating a sister for Women of Distinction to be aware of the appropriate deadlines.



Halloween Fun at Jean Nader's Fine Dining

Retired teachers met on October 30 for snacks, drinks, and dessert at Jean's Fine Dining. Prizes were given for best costumes and retirees enjoyed a Virtual Pittsburgh Haunted Ghost Tour. See below how Marsh Ewing and Betty Grossheim outdid themselves with preparations.



Retired Teachers Visit the Kerr Memorial Museum in December

Fifteen DKG retirees visited the Dr. Thomas Kerr Memorial Museum on Delaware Avenue in Oakmont on December 17 followed by lunch at Hofstots Restaurant. The museum features middle class life from 1897-1910 focusing on Dr. Kerr, a horse and buggy doctor and his family. Thanks to Marsha Ewing and Betty Grossheim for organizing another educational event for our retirees.



Any articles for the fall newsletter should be submitted to Millie Pipman at dash@verizon.net.