



President
Cindy Says:



“Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.” – Doug Larson

Well, it certainly is! I am writing this on the first day of Spring, right before heading out to our March meeting. There have been days that have teased us with warmer weather, but tomorrow we are supposed to have a day of cold rain and they are even hinting at a bit of ice for next Tuesday. Nevertheless, I think that I am going to put my snow shovel away!

In our March newsletter, I wrote of upcoming activities in which our Chapter Sisters can participate. Our Painting Party, “Brushes, Blooms, and Books”, held on March 13, netted \$220 for our scholarship fund. A big thank you to those Sisters who attended and to those who sold tickets to friends for this event. I am also very grateful to Molly Kinney who coordinated everything and provided the location of the Mifflin County Library.

Our scholarship fund provides assistance to high school students in Mifflin and Juniata Counties who plan to enter the field of education. Some of you may not be aware that there are opportunities at the State and International level for DKG Sisters to receive Scholarships and Enrichment Grants to aid them with continuing education in pursuit of credits for an advanced degree and/or for personal and professional development.

According to Pennsylvania State Organization guidelines, “scholarships will be offered to active members in good standing for three years who are taking graduate study for credit leading to an advanced degree, certification or toward job/self improvement. Credit may be earned during a regular or summer term at an accredited college/university.” There is also the Marian Spitzer Robling Scholarship for graduate study that is available for active members in good standing within their first, second, or third year of Society membership.

Enrichment grants “will be awarded to active members for three years in good standing who wish to enroll in an Elderhostel Program, continuing education for personal and professional growth, a travel/study tour, or to develop an approved independent study project, or to present a paper to a professional organization.”

There are also scholarship and professional development opportunities at the International level. I will be happy to provide you with additional information if you are interested in applying for any of these. Please consider taking advantage of these benefits of your DKG membership.

On a different note – Please be aware that because of decisions made at the International Convention last summer, our annual dues will now be collected in the spring instead of the fall. This will put us on a fiscal year accounting period. Pat Brown will be providing us with additional information about paying our dues which are now due to the State on June 30.

Hope to see you all on April 2!

Cindy

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TO DO:

Write 'cards of support' to teachers before our next meeting. Nancy has cards if you need them.

Return filled shoe boxes to Shirley.

Prepare for our 'new' dues due date. Pat will provide more information as it becomes available, but we will need to pay our dues by June 30th.

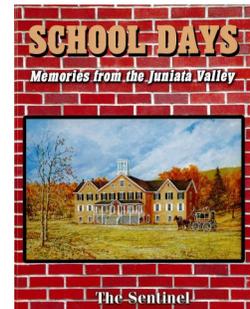
NEXT MEETING

April 2nd—Meeting at OIP Tyson Hill.

Please arrive so we can order from the menu at 5:45.

To view menu: <https://original-italian-pizza-pa-11.hub.biz/>

Speaker will be Jane Cannon Mort. Induction of Thelma Leister



TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasury as of March 21, 2019

Debits:

1/1/19 - \$60 - Judy Mummau party deposit

3/20/19 - \$50 - Michelle Siruc - meeting presentation

3/20/19 - \$25 - Mifflin County Library - building use

3/20/19 - \$200 - Judy Mummau party balance

Deposit:

3/21/19 - \$97 - Joy Jars

\$43 - Raffle

\$420 - Paint Party

\$25 - Scholarship donation

Balance as of 3/21/19 - \$7,829.04

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Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met at the Mifflin County Library, Lewistown, PA at 6:00 p.m. on March 20, 2019. Fourteen members were present. Hostesses for the evening were Cindy Kennedy, Nancy Chrismer, Shirley Covert, Kay Varner, and Cindy Van

Gavree.

Our meeting began with Pat Brown introducing our speaker, Michelle Siruc, Homelessness Liaison for the Mifflin County School District. Mrs. Siruc informed us that there are 90 students in Mifflin County that fall into the definition of homeless because they do not have a fixed, adequate, regular nighttime status. She further explained possible housing scenarios, reasons for homelessness, and the rights of these students. Following her discussion of her responsibilities as Homelessness Liaison, Mrs. Siruc made us aware of how we can contribute aid to these students. Pat thanked her for her presentation and gave her the hygiene and clothing donations brought to the meeting by members.

After a break for refreshments, President Cindy Kennedy called our Business Meeting to order. Minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion made by Clare Flynn and seconded by Bonnie Seigler. Treasurer Pat Brown's report showed a balance of \$7,444.04, subject to audit. President Cindy and Pat shared information on the change of dues structure for the new fiscal year as outlined in The Keystoneian. More information will be presented at next meeting. Membership committee member Nancy Chrismer reported that Thelma Leister will be initiated as a new member at our April 2 meeting. Nancy also said that we will need more volunteers to help with filling out and addressing the note cards that will be distributed to female educators this spring. A work session will be discussed at next meeting.

Several topics were covered under Old Business. Members should continue to fill and return shoeboxes so we can complete this spring project. Clare Flynn and Bonnie Seigler reported that the DKG/Girl Scout Project is progressing and we await the girl scouts' completions of their obligations for patch awards. A lovely garden themed flower "basket" designed by Molly Kinney netted a profit of \$43 for the scholarship fund. She also reported that our Painting Party held March 13 raised \$220. Molly also mentioned that only 27 recipes have been submitted for the 2nd edition of the cookbook. We need at least 85 recipes for publication. With such small response thus far, the cookbook is on hold and we probably will not have editions to sell at State Convention in June.

Under New Business upcoming events were discussed. Molly Kinney, Jennie McCardle, and Clare Flynn will attend the Art Retreat March 29-31, 2019. Clare Flynn and Cindy Kennedy plan to represent us at State Convention in State College June 14-16, 2019. More members are encouraged to attend. Cindy Kennedy mentioned that those who attended the performance of "Beautiful" in February in State College had a wonderful time. As a group, we might look into attending more in the future.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Tyson Hill OIP in Port Royal, PA. The speaker will be Jane Kannon Mort. Members are asked to plan to arrive prior to 5:45 so our dinner orders can be taken before the meeting begins at 6:00. We will order off the menu that will be included in the next newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by a motion made by Pat Brown and seconded by Nancy Chrismer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Berich, Recording Secretary

Members in Attendance

Donna Thomas, Dottie Peiffer, Pat Brown, Nancy Chrismer, Shirley Covert, Cindy Kennedy, Clare Flynn, Stephanie Bonnell, Tena Kauffman, Angela Beward, Sarah Wieseman, Bonnie Seigler, Molly Kinney, and Beverly Berich



For more information about student homelessness and poverty, we've been invited to attend this training session.

Allison Fisher, Director of Mifflin-Juniata Human Services
will be presenting.

Poverty Simulation

Monday, April 22, 2019

8:00 am—11:00 am

or

12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Lewistown Middle School



To register, please contact -

Michelle Siruc

Homelessness Liaison

Mifflin County School District

mrf33@mcsdk12.org

717-248-0148, Ext. 2546

Thank you to everyone who brought items to donate to the pantry for homeless students in Mifflin County! If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to donate, please bring the items to our April 2 meeting, and I will get them to Michelle Siruc.

Pat Brown

Hi Pat,

Thank you again for having me and for the donations everyone provided!

I also wanted to let you know that I donated the \$50 the group gave me back to the homeless pantry.

If you or the homelessness liaison at Juniata County have any questions or want some feedback on how to get a pantry started there, please let me know. I'd be happy to help.

Michelle

COMMENTARY

10 Feb. 2014
Harrisburg
Patriot

Yes, we should raise minimum pay for teachers



Nancy Eshelman
For PennLive

Gov. Tom Wolf wants to ensure that every public school teacher in the state is paid a minimum of \$45,000 a year.

Count me among supporters of the idea. Right now, it's a proposal. We'll have to wait and see how state legislators, whose base pay is \$88,610 a year, feel about it. I hope they don't suggest teachers are overpaid.

To my mind, we can't overpay a teacher. We hand them sweet little 5-year-olds and give them 13 years to turn the kids into productive citizens full of knowledge.

Those sweet 5-year-olds include the criers, the hitters, the vomiters and the tattle-tales. Some of them know their ABCs backward and forward; others wouldn't know a G from a Q. They include the kids with allergies and special needs, as well as kids from dysfunctional homes with dysfunctional parents.

We expect kindergarten teachers to take this hodgepodge and produce a classroom full of children ready and eager to enter first grade. We repeat this process year after year, even as the kids pass through stages where they are sulky and belligerent. Their families may crumble or their grandparents die. They are diagnosed with ADD or ADHD or some other malady. They excel in

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math but fall behind in reading. They love history but fall asleep during science.

We expect the teacher to shore them up through all these problems. We also expect them to infuse enough knowledge to pass these kids to the next grade and the next. And this is all before they hit middle and high school, which bring a whole new set of problems.

Teachers, to my mind, deserve every penny, and their pay should be consistent. It's unfair that a science teacher in Steelton-Highspire earns less than someone teaching the same material in Central Dauphin, or that a third-grade teacher in Annville-Cleona would earn less than her counterpart in Palmyra.

It's inherently wrong that teachers' salaries are linked to property taxes and the wealth of a community. Some of those people earning a base pay of \$88,610 in the Legislature should work on finding a better system. Until someone does, Wolf wants the state to make up the difference. His plan calls for an infusion of money to bulk up

whatever's needed to provide teachers with that \$45,000 a year.

Plenty of people will have an opinion about the governor's proposal. Here are a couple of things no one should say:

"Why should I pay for teachers when I don't have any kids?" Because an educated populace benefits us all. That's why.

"Teachers only work nine months a year. They don't deserve all that money."

Last I checked, school ends in June and starts in late August. That means July is the only full month teachers are off in the summer.

Also, do you think they just walk into school in August to a room decorated and a lesson plan completed for them? You truly can't be that naïve.

"My wife and I have worked all our lives and we don't earn \$45,000."

Well, you should have gone to college and become a teacher. Or better yet, become a legislator. That's where the real money is.

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HAPPY
Easter

