

Alpha Kappa Chapter

March 2019



President Cindy Says:

“Spring is the time of plans and projects.” – Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina

Finally, we are entering March and Spring is only a few weeks away..and so is the return of Daylight Savings Time. I always feel like I have more energy and can accomplish more when I have more daylight in the evening. Spring offers rejuvenation and the anticipation of new plans and projects.

Our chapter is offering several upcoming opportunities to shake off the shackles of winter and to be rejuvenated. On March 13 we are hosting our painting party, “Brushes, Blooms, and Books” as a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Our next Chapter meeting is on March 20 and features a presentation by Michelle Siruc, Homelessness Liaison with the Mifflin County School District. In April Jane Cannon Mort will speak about the information provided in the Lewistown Sentinel’s book School Days.

I encourage you to take advantage of several offerings at the PA State level. There is still time to register for the Creative Arts Retreat, scheduled for March 29, 30, and 31 in Ludlow. The registration deadline is March 4. Consult the Winter issue of The Keystonean or you may register online at www.dkgpa.weebly.com. Our own Molly Kinney will be presenting a workshop on Book Art.

Then the Pennsylvania State Convention will be held on June 14 – 16 at The Nittany Lion Inn in State College. More details will be available in the Spring edition of The Keystonean. The location is convenient enough for our chapter members to attend for the day if you do not want to spend the entire weekend. Those of us who have attended in the past always feel inspired, and it is a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas with Sisters from throughout the State.

Looking further into the future, the next DKG International Convention will be held July 7 – 10, 2020 in Philadelphia. This Convention is held every two years and draws DKG Sisters from around the world. Many volunteers will be needed to help, so watch your publications for upcoming opportunities.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you as we look toward Spring and the future!

Cindy



TO DO NOW.....

Don't wait we need to know not later than March 1st.

ARE YOU COMING TO THE PAINTING PARTY FUNDRAISER.

Please note: if we do not have 10 painters, we will lose our deposit and the event will be cancelled. The more painters, the more we add to the scholarship fund.

Upcoming/continuing Meetings, Deadlines, Tasks, Events

- March 13th @ 6pm Brushes, Blooms and Books painting party fundraiser at Mifflin County Library
- March 20th @ 6 p.m. Mifflin County Library with Michelle Sirue, MCSD Homeless Program
- April 2nd, 6pm, Meeting at OIP Tyson Hill. Speaker will be Jane Cannon Mort. Induction of Thelma Leister

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If you would be willing to make a raffle basket for the March or April meeting please let Molly know.

Michelle Siruc, coordinator for the Mifflin County School District Homeless Program, will be the speaker at our March 20th meeting. Michelle will be explaining the protocol for aiding the homeless students in the school district. We encourage you to attend. Then, together we can make an informed decision as to how our society might best aid these students. **The most immediate needs are: #1 is socks, #2 is underwear, and #3 is tampons and pads.** With that in mind, would you consider bringing a few such items to our meeting? It would be wonderful if we could encourage Michelle with some donations at our meeting.



The deadline to return the shoeboxes is May. Bring the shoeboxes to any meeting or contact Shirley to make other arrangements.





Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2018

The Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spring House Room on the Lost Creek Golf Course in Oakland Mills, PA. Twenty members were present. Molly Kinney and Tena Kauffman provided table decorations and favors for the Christmas gathering.

President Cindy Kennedy opened the evening with a brief business meeting. The October 22, 2018 meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Pam Kennedy and seconded by Clare Flynn. Treasurer Pat Brown reported a treasury balance of \$7, 567.94. It was noted that Mifflin County Grant in aid recipient Ali McCurdy has received her scholarship. Concerning email communications, Molly Kinney asked that she and Cindy Kennedy be put on your Safe List. (It should be noted that a motion made by Pat Brown and seconded by Molly Kinney to send a \$100 donation to Belleville VFW Post in memory of Cindy Kennedy's husband John passed by means of the electronic voting procedure. This took place since our last meeting.) New membership lists were distributed. Sadly Cindy informed us of the passing of Sister MaryAnn Zook on December 2. Corresponding secretary Bonnie Seigler will see that a rose is sent to honor her memory as a sister of our chapter. Several future events were discussed. Cindy reminded members that reservations and money for the upcoming performance of "Beautiful" on February 23 should be sent to her so she can finalize ticket purchases. Molly will organize the Paint Party to be held in March. Details will follow. Nonmembers are welcomed. Nancy Chrismer reported that there are several candidates interested in membership in our chapter. Shirley Covert reminded us to continue filling the shoeboxes and return them by spring. Members should send recipes to Joy Sheaffer if we are going to publish another cookbook. If members have contributions for monthly newsletter, they should submit them to Molly by the 25 of the month prior to publication. Old school pictures are being accepted for March newsletter but must meet February 25 deadline. Business meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Following grace offered by Tena Kauffman, we enjoyed dinner, conversation and entertainment by the Boyz. Thanks to Molly Kinney we also enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Claus! Donna Thomas won the evening's basket which was designed by Tena and our scholarship fund netted \$27.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Berich, Recording Secretary

Members in Attendance

Shirley Covert, Bonnie Seigler, Nancy Chrismer, Molly Kinney, Tena Kauffman, Pat Brown, Kay Varner, Cindy Kennedy, Angie Beward, Sarah Wieseman, Cindy Van Gavree, Mary Grimm, Jackie Heidenreich, Pam Kennedy, BethAnn Alleman, Donna Thomas, Dottie Peiffer, Fran Mackneer, Clare Flynn, Bev Berich

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

You're Invited!

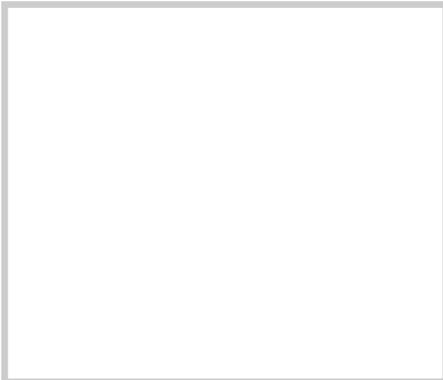
Join staff of Mifflin County School District
in attending two educational sessions on
student homelessness and poverty.
Sessions are free of charge.

Sonia Pitzi, Region 3 Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Education for Children and
Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program

&

Allison Fisher, Director of Mifflin-Juniata Human Services

will be presenting.



Mifflin County High School
Auditorium



Poverty Simulation

Monday, April 22, 2019

8:00 am—11:00 am

or

12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Lewistown Intermediate School
Gymnasium

To register, please contact -

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