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Visit to Olivia's House
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Details to be Announced

Four Chapter Meeting
Saturday, April 2, 2016
Normandie Ridge

Alpha Alpha State Convention
June 10-12
State College, PA

Crab Feast Riverboat Cruise
Friday, June 17, 2016
Details to be announced



A Message from Your President

Dear Sisters,

It was with joy that we reinstated Zonda Himes at our November Tea. Welcome back, Zonda. In addition, I was pleasantly surprised when Kelly Barkus, my former student teacher and an Early Educator, was able to stop by and meet you. She told me she enjoyed herself and that we all looked so "happy." Ha! I guess from her point of view many large group meetings cause those in attendance to look stressed and unhappy. We all have been there! Hopefully, Kelly will be interested in becoming a member of Eta. Personally, I think we could be good for her, and she could be good for us!! Our business meeting included several reports and plans that illustrated our dedication to the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. We have done many good things and more are planned. I look forward to sharing them with you. When we gather on Tuesday, Dec. 8 for our Christmas Dinner at the Eagles Nest, there will be no business meeting. Instead, we will celebrate our sisterhood and the blessings of the season. Each one of you continues in your own way to touch my life and make me proud to be Eta's President. For that, I am grateful.

With hugs,

Barb



Eta Christmas Party



Tuesday, December 8, 2015

6:30 PM

2519 Mt. Rose Avenue

York, PA 17402

Visit the website at <http://www.eaglesnestyork.com/> to learn about the restaurant and to view the menu. Each person will order as they choose at the party and will pay individually.

*Donations will be accepted for **Rachel's Closet and/or Pantry**, as a response of compassion and support having visited Northeastern Middle School in October.*



Dear Eta Sisters,

Thank you for all your good wishes and kind friendship for my 90th birthday celebration!

Jean Myers



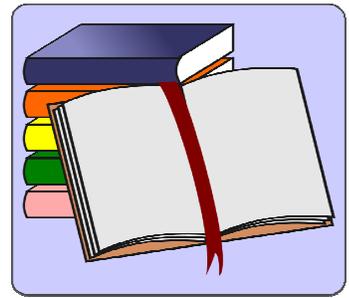
Meet Eta's Melhorn-Stetler Scholarship Winner

This year's recipient of the Melhorn-Stetler Scholarship is Noah **B. Riek** who is a graduate of Central York high School and is currently a student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Noah's musical talents are many. He is an instrumentalist and some of his recent work includes study of viola, trombone, and music composition.

Noah actively participated in seven ensembles during the spring semester, including the IUP Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, Trombone Choir, String Ensemble, and the pit Orchestra for the Sondheim musical *Into the Woods*.

One of Noah's strong musical interests lies in composition. One of his works, entitled *Variations on an Amish Sea Shanty*, was written for a saxophone quartet, and he also wrote a piece for brass octet called *The Journeys of Enoch*. Both works were featured in a recital in which Noah performed last spring at IUP. In commenting on his work as a composer, Noah related, "...I found my personal musical style, taking post-tonal ideas and working with them to make them tonal, so I have both familiar and unfamiliar sounds in my works."

Noah maintains an impressive 4.0 GPA, and says, "I want to thank you for your generous scholarship, and I want to let you know how much it has helped me over these past four semesters!...Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"



The next meeting for the Eta Book Club will feature The Storied Life of A.J. Firky by Gabrielle Zevin. The group will meet on Wednesday, December 9 at 9:00 AM at the Lyndon Diner on Rt. 30 near Kenneth Road. Bring a \$5 wrapped or bagged gift exchange. The selection for January 13 will be A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler. Come to enjoy breakfast, fellowship and great sharing of ideas and impressions. Call Betzie O'Connor, 225-0200 or Barb Heilman, 266-5928 for more information. Hope to see you there!

Bus Trip Update

At the Eta November meeting, it was reported that through information gathered in a survey Eta had chosen the **Maryland Crab Feast Cruise** as the 2016 destination. Some concerns were expressed about making sure the plans for the bus trip will be able to include as many sisters as possible. Here is the latest update.

Based on Eta's choice for destination, Bailey travel advice was to schedule the bus trip in June after school lets out for three reasons:

- Crabs are fully in season
- Weather is warmer
- Scheduling on a weekday is more cost effective, and because school will be out, everyone would have opportunity to sign up

The Eta Bus trip is scheduled for **Friday, June 17**, considering time for those who will be attending Convention earlier that week. Check out the website for more information on the cruise. More information will be forthcoming.

<http://suicide-bridge-restaurant.com/riverboats/>

Alpha Alpha State President's Initiative Challenges Local Chapters to Promote Literacy

As was discussed at Eta's November meeting, State President, Tracey Dusch, has chosen to promote literacy during her term. All chapters are being asked to do a project for this. One suggestion is to establish a "Little Free Library." Does anyone in our chapter have an interested in doing that? Other suggestions are to adopt a school or community library and have members volunteer to shelve books, read a story, offer a workshop, or be a guest speaker. What does Eta think? Any ideas? Thanks to Chris Runk for volunteering to work on this project! Yeah, Chris!! I asked Cheryl to help her, and she agreed. Yeah, Cheryl! Thank you, Sisters. Let's contact them with ideas, so we can get started!

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Eta Chapter, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Minutes of Chapter Meeting - November 17, 2015

Eta Chapter met on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at the Red Brick Tea Room Bakery in Red Lion, PA. Following a delightful dessert tea, a reinstatement ceremony was conducted for **Zonda Himes**.

President Barbara Heilman introduced her former student teacher, Kelly Barkus, who is now an early educator in the Central School District. The business meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by President Barb. There were 22 members in attendance. The **minutes** of September 21, 2015 were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Sue March, treasurer, reported a balance of \$5564.69 as of November 17, 2015. Recent expenses included \$19.40 for postage and \$2610.50 for international and state dues. We currently have a total of 34 members, including two who are reserve. The report was filed.

Jean Myers presented \$15 for necklaces sold to be added to the chapter recruitment grant fund.

A discussion concerning the use of the Red Box for fund collections ensued. **Pam Wible** made a motion to continue use of the Red Box to fund the Melhorn/Stetler recruitment grant. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary, Mary Goodwillie, announced November 30, 2015, as the next newsletter deadline.

Old Business

- **First Vice President, Pam Wible**, reminded members of the upcoming opportunity to make donations to Rachel's Closet at Northeastern Middle School in thanks to Principal Michael Alessandrini for his hospitality during our visit to the school in September.
- Eta's Christmas party will be held at the Eagle's Nest on December 8, 2015 beginning at 6:30 PM. RSVP to Sue March by December 2, 2015.
- Book Club is scheduled for December 9, 2015. Those attending should bring a \$5 gift for a Christmas exchange.
- Discussion was held on ways to support State President, Tracey Dusch's emphasis on reading. Little Free Library and volunteering at libraries were suggested.
- **Paula Trayer, Beulah Frock Scholarship Co-Chair**, shared a letter of commendation for one of the applicants for the Beulah Frock Music Scholarship. She also explained the Isaac's Fundraiser which will help fund the chapter recruitment grant.

New Business

- **Olivia's House/Isaac's Fundraiser** is being coordinated by **Sue March and Mildred Kahley**. The event will take place on February 16, 2016 at 6:15 PM.
Susan Martin shared information about the founding of Olivia's House. George Foley started it in response to seeing the needs of children who had lost a loved one.
- **Mary Goodwillie** reported that a sightseeing lunch cruise to raise funds for the recruitment grant will take place in Hurlock, MD with the Choptank River Boat Company. The cost is \$100. After discussing the bus trip we agreed to pick a date convenient to working, as well as retired educators. Tentative date is May 14, 2016.
- Members are asked to consider what we could do to support two international projects - Early Educators and Schools for Africa.
- A motion for adjournment was made by Susan Martin. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Terri Stetler, Recording Secretary