



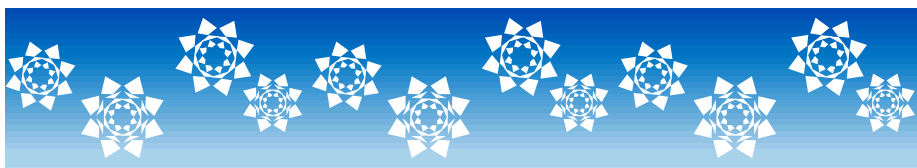
## March Newsletter

### Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma

I think most of us are thinking of spring and awaiting its arrival. To our members who enjoyed the sunny spaces of the south we are happy for you. This can be a very stressful time of the year especially for those of you who are preparing your students for the PSSA or Keystone exams. It was compounded this year by delays and cancellations but we all know you will do your best and will breathe a sigh of relief when the scores come back.

As I was trying to think of something to write about I was struck by how negative I appear to be in winter. If anyone asks me I would quickly state I don't like winter, in fact I might say I hate winter. Why do I say that? That became my focus one day. Then I thought, I love to wake early to the quietness of the freshly fallen snow hanging from branches, to see how picturesque it is, how undisturbed, except for an occasional rabbit or deer track. I enjoy shoveling the fresh snow and having that satisfaction of a clear path and the exercise I gain from the shoveling. A walk in the fresh snow as it falls quietly down always refreshes my mind. If I can be with them the thrill of riding down a hill with my grandchildren brings me back to my childhood as does building a snowman or making snow angels. I sometimes build a snowman by myself just because all yards need at least one snowman a season. Although I feel sorry for the birds and other animals that have to survive outside I can spend hours watching them feed. If it is too cold to go out is there anything better than curling up with a cup of tea and making a dent in that pile of books I have been acquiring. I can close my eyes and smell the wet wool of gloves and it reminds me of my grandmother who knitted many pairs for me. I could go on but I hope you are getting the point.

So, when I stop and think there are many things I like about winter and I have tried to focus on the positive this year. I am not saying I didn't complain about going out in the cold and the snow plow filling in the driveway that I just shoveled but I did try to focus on the positive. I would like each of you to try the same. Whether it is dealing with problems related to teaching, illness, aging parents, or the small to large changes that pop up in our life let's take a moment and find at least one positive in each moment and perhaps that will lead to another and another.





### **March Meeting**

The meeting will be held at the Athens United Methodist Church on March 8, 2014. We will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Alpha Zeta Chapter. Thank you to Shirley Allis for coordinating the celebration. Please see the insert in your binder for times.

Due to an oversight on my part we will be voting on the candidates for the recruitment grants.

We will also be voting on the candidates for initiation. As a reminder they are Susan Searfoss and Stacie Wagner (Athens), Amanda Jenkins and Amanda Malinowski (Sayre), and Maureen Gehring (Northeast Bradford)

I am glad to say we haven't had any members pass away this year so we wouldn't be having a necrology service.

Please remember to bring articles for the Abuse Rape and Crisis Center.

Here is a list of items that could be utilized at the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center:

Hairbrushes

Paper Products – paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, napkins, etc.

Household Supplies – laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning supplies, etc.

Clorox (or other) wipes

Coffee

Women's Underwear – sizes 5-9, small, med. or large

Journals

Stickers for Children

Gas Cards

Gift Cards – Tops, Hurleys, grocery stores, K-Mart, Walmart etc. –It is requested that those cards be in the amounts of around \$15 or \$20 for when clients may be housed in a hotel or shelter.

Cash is always welcome.

This is also the meeting when we have our used book sale. Clear you shelves of unwanted books and purchase a few new ones and help our project fund at the same time.



## **State Biennium Project**

The Pennsylvania Head Start Association has been chosen as the recipient of our state project for this biennium. Each chapter is being asked to by securing a preschool size chair and decorating it with an educational theme. The chairs will go to State Convention and then come back to each chapter. It is up to each individual chapter to decide how they will use it to raise money. If you have any ideas please share them with any officer.

For the international project we are continuing with support for Early Education by asking each chapter to collect ideas for them. Please share something that really works (or worked) for you in your career. It may be a game, a gimmick, a lesson, or a classroom management strategy. The ideas will be compiled and put on the website and we will notify you when they are available.

## **Correspondence**

Dear Members of Alpha Zeta Chapter,

It was so special for me to be welcomed as a member of DKG on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony was truly meaningful and memorable

It is a honor for me to be a part of this group of wonderful teachers, many of whom had a part in my own children's' success and also those of you who are my treasured colleagues. The common bond we all share in dedicating ourselves to the education of children feels so much deeper with the sisterhood and mission of DKG. Thank you all.

Sincerely,  
Holly Keegan



## **Wanted**

At our April meeting we will be installing our new officers and at this point we have nobody to fill the office of second vice-president. I am asking you each to give consideration to stepping forward for this office. If you are interested or would like more information please contact me or Shirley Grantier.

## **Dates to Remember**

- Alpha Alpha State Choral Retreat – Middletown, PA May 2-3, 2014
- **Alpha Alpha State Convention State College, PA June 13-15, 2014**
- International Convention Indianapolis, IN July 28-Aug 1, 2014
- Purposeful Seminar Lancaster PA October 3- 4, 2014
- Creative Arts Retreat Ludlow Manor, Olmstead, PA March 27&28, 2015
- 2015 State Convention State College June 12-14, 2014
- 2015 NERC Baltimore, MD July 8-11, 2015
- 2016 International Convention Nashville, TN July 5-9, 2016

Information on registration and details on what will be happening will be in The Keystonian.

Please consider attending one or several of these events. It is a way to get to know you other sisters statewide and to spend some quality time with the sisters from our own chapter.

## **Next Meeting**

April 12, 2014 at Eagles Mere Country Club  
This will be the installation of the 2014-2015 Officers