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Save the Dates!

March 11, 2017	Third Business Meeting - Program: "Therapy Dogs and Their Effects on Children" at the Jeannette Public Library (500 Magee Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644) - See details below.
April 8, 2017	Fourth Business Meeting - Program: "Sexting on the Internet" at The Boulevard Restaurant, Delmont (More details to come!)
April 21-23, 2017	PA State Creative Arts Retreat, Ludlow, PA
May 6, 2017	Social - at Shadow Wood Gardens; Program by Rebecca Griffiths; Brunch at a nearby restaurant (More details to come!)
 June 9-11, 2017	PA State Convention at Nittany Lion Inn—celebrating Upsilon's 70 th Birthday. Check <i>The Keystonean</i> for details and registration information.
July 12-14, 2017	North East Regional Conference (NERC) in Windsor, Ontario
 November, 2017	Upsilon's 70th Birthday Celebration! Planning is ongoing—more details to come!

She Said + She Said:

It is time to shake off the winter doldrums, grab a friend, and come out on Saturday, March 11, and join us in learning how a therapy dog helps a child at school. Wendy Bigelow has asked her friend—Sharon Welty, a Norwin fifth grade math teacher—to share her family's experiences with their therapy dog Dallas. Nancy says: *This program is sure to enlighten and inspire you!* Patti says: *Feel free to invite someone who might benefit from learning about therapy dogs and their positive impact on families and education.*

Nancy says: *Way to go sisters!* Patti says: *Bravo!* The Grant-In-Aid Auction total from November was a whopping \$1500! Investing in future Key-Women-Educators is what we do . . . our tradition: every year since 1947!

Nancy says: *Thank you for your expressions of sympathy after my mom's death.*

Nancy and Patti



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Meeting Specifics for March 11:

WHERE	Jeannette Public Library (500 Magee Avenue, Jeannette, PA 15644)
WHEN	Meet & Greet-10:30; Program-11:00; Meeting-11:45; Eating-12:30
MENU	The PANERA Box-Lunch Menu choices are provided on the RSVP page.
PROGRAM	Therapy Dogs and Their Effect on Children - presented by Sharon Welty, a Norwin fifth grade math teacher, who will speak firsthand on the impact Dallas, her family's Therapy Dog, has made on her family.
HOSTESSES	Chair Sharon Komandt , Barbara Altmire, Bonnie Bober, Glenna Emanuel, Pat Hollinger, Linda Raschiatore, Fran Sabo, Karen Smith, Linda Smith
RSVP	To Patti Marco (262 South Gosser Hill, Leechburg, PA 15656) by Friday, March 3, 2017. Please make check payable to: <i>DKG Upsilon</i> . For your convenience, there's an RSVP form at the end of the Newsletter.



Make Plans:

Celebrating Upsilon's 70th Birthday is a big deal! Please MAKE PLANS to join us at the PA State Convention "Birthday Luncheon" on Saturday, June 10! Be part of the Upsilon entourage for the weekend or just come for the day. You can attend the March 11 meeting and learn specifics. You can check out *The Keystonean* for specifics. You can contact Nancy or Patti for specifics. But, by all means, MAKE PLANS to be part of the GRO_P—all that's missing is U.

Wanted:

Amusing Anecdotes! We could all use a good chuckle, giggle, or outright belly laugh, right? Please plan to share any amusing stories you may have about students, teaching situations, children, grandchildren, etc. Here's one to get you giggling:

A child comes home from first day at school. Mum asks: *What did you learn today?* Kid replies: *Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow.*



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Projects:

Upsilon Projects for 2016-2018 will continue to support **Deb Salvatore's** Pre-School Story Hour at the Jeannette Public Library in partnership with Head Start. We will also support Jeannette Head Start by donating needed items as requested on their website.

Needs list from Head Start Pre-school Teachers:

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| • Water color paints and brushes | • Paper towels, paper plates |
| • Stickers | • Whole wheat crackers |
| • Bingo dobbers | • Rice Krispies |
| • Bigger paint brushes | • Multi-grain Cheerios |
| • Lysol Spray | • Frosted Mini Wheats |
| • Prize Box Items (including pencils, crayons, note pads, any small toys) | |

Story Time Book Lists:

Because a number of you have asked, **Deb Salvatore** has graciously provided a list of books she's using for Story Time this year. This can serve as a useful resource for buying books for your classrooms, your kids or your grandkids!

<i>Daisy and the Beastie</i>	Jane Simmons
<i>Duck on a Bike</i>	David Shannon
<i>Max Cleans Up</i>	Rosemary Wells
<i>The Black Rabbit</i>	Philippa Leathers
<i>I Miss You, Stinky Face</i>	Lisa McCourt
<i>Don't Forget I Love You</i>	Miriam Moss

Future Hostess FYI:

Hostesses for the 2017 April 8 Meeting are: **Chair Candace Aikins**, Bonnie Aikins, Ellen Arbuckle, Rosemarie Dvorchak, Georgiann Flanigan, Theresa Hickman, Fran Phillips, Joan Raymond, Cindy Veverka, and Carol Waugaman.



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Album of Distinction 2017:

Did you know that Upsilon has had at least one sister named to the PA State Album of Distinction every year since 2006? Who will represent Upsilon in the 2017 Album of Distinction? Please contact **Sandi Klingensmith** ASAP about any honors, achievements, and recognitions you have received. She would be happy to do the paper work and submit your name for this honor. Recommendations to State must be submitted by April 1, 2017. Let's keep the streak going!

Opportunities for Professional and Personal Growth:

Now is your chance to get some money for projects that will benefit students you impact or for your own personal growth. Grant applications—including with the Newsletter—allow you to explain how you would use Upsilon \$\$\$ designated for these purposes. **Application deadline is April 30. If you have questions and/or need more information, please contact Nancy or Patti.**

Dates from PA State and International:

2017	<u>April 1</u> – PA State Album of Distinction Nominations due	Enrich your DKG-life by participating. <i>Detailed information for each of these opportunities can be found on the DKG websites:</i> www.dkg.org or www.alphaalphapa.com
	<u>April 21-23</u> - PA State Creative Arts Retreat, Olmstead Manor, Ludlow, PA	
	 <u>June 9-11</u> - PA State Convention, Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA	
	<u>July 12-14</u> - International NERC, Windsor, Ontario	

DKG Bus trip to NERC: \$100 includes transportation to and from Caesar's Windsor Hotel and Casino in Windsor, Ontario, Canada; driver's gratuity, snacks, water, and plenty of fun. Reservation and deposit of \$50 are due March 1. **Contact Nancy or Patti if interested.**



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Cultural Note: Literature FYI

Noted author Joyce Carol Oates will give a reading and a talk April 18 at Mellon Middle School auditorium in Mt. Lebanon as a benefit for the Mt. Lebanon Public Library. Tickets are \$20. Admission to a VIP reception with Oates is \$50 and includes the lecture. Details: mtlebanonlibrary.org/lectureseries

Glories and Worries:

We want to celebrate with you—promotion, new child/grandchild, community award, new job, recognition of some sort . . . OR if you are in need of prayers for anything . . . Please let us know on the RSVP form so we can share your information at the meeting.



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NAME: _____

- I will attend the Third Business Meeting on March 11. I have designated my luncheon choice and enclosed a check for the appropriate amount.**

_____ **Caesar Salad with Chicken -- \$12**

Chicken, romaine, parmesan and homemade black pepper focaccia croutons tossed with Caesar dressing and served with a French Baguette and a cookie.

_____ **Bacon and Turkey Bravo Sandwich -- \$12**

Oven-roasted turkey breast, Applewood smoked bacon, smoked Gouda, lettuce, tomato, signature sauce on thin-sliced tomato basil bread and served with potato chips and a cookie.

_____ **Napa Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich --\$12**

Chicken breast, diced celery, seedless grapes, toasted almonds, special dressing, lettuce and tomato on sesame semolina bread and served with potato chips, a pickle, and a cookie.

NOTE: Beverages will be provided by Hostess Committee.

- I will not attend the Third Business Meeting on March 11 because . . .**



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Any **GLORIES** (Celebrations!) or **WORRIES** (Prayers/Concerns) you want us to share at the meeting?



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