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**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ALPHA BETA CHAPTER**

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**President's Message**

Hello Sisters,

As we have had so many snow days this year, I often think about the times as a child I would sit by the radio waiting to hear if my school was on the list and begin to make my "snow plans" for the day: build a snowman, go sledding, have a snowball fight, maybe walk to the neighbors to play. Fast forward to now as I sit by the phone in the morning waiting for it to ring to let me know the school's plans and still making my "snow plans". The things I am going to do are so very different now shovel the driveway, check papers, do laundry, make a really good meal for a change, just try to get ahead in some way. I also sit and wonder if my students will have breakfast or lunch, will there be someone home with them, will they get to go outside to play, do they have heat.

 SNOW DAY 

In the winter it’s every kid’s dream

As snowflakes begin to appear,

That suddenly there’ll be a blizzard,

And they’ll cancel school for a year.

Though most kids are willing to settle,

And I am inclined to agree,

They could merely close school for one day ---

One day off would be just fine with me.

A day free from all forms of homework,

A day without science or math,

When you leave all your school books at home ---

And run out the door with a laugh.

A day full of sledding and cocoa

And snowmen who wear Dad’s old clothes;

No writing out boring equations

After lunch when you’d rather just doze.

A snow day’s a day meant for lounging,

Where idleness isn’t condemned,

A day when you sleep in till lunch time,

A day that you don’t want to end.

And if you are truly quite lucky,

The snow will continue its flight,

And you’ll spend the afternoon hoping

The next day will be just as white.

Excerpt “Suzie Bitner Was Afraid of the Drain”

By Barbara Vance at SuzieBitner.com

 

The snowflakes that we have in our classrooms are as unique as each of us, no two are the same.

 The teachers that teach are also as unique, but when you put us all together we make an amazing landscape of experiences and opportunities to share and help others.  As we move into the last half of the school year, remember those new teachers that we have been reaching out to, remind them of their own uniqueness and the world that they are opening up to their students every day.

Enjoy the calmness of the this time of year

Educationally yours,

Kris

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Don't forget your notebooks and Take Five candy bars for the last installment of the new teachers’ gifts this year.

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 **PROJECTS** **COMMITTEE** **NEWS**

     The Projects Committee contacted Your Safe Haven in Bedford and was told that there is a need for fleece blankets to give, to the children, who come there. Fleece was purchased and we hope to have a work day soon to prepare the pieces. Then, with the help of the Roaring Spring Girl Scouts, we will begin making them into blankets for the children. –Linda Clapper, Chairman

**State Convention Basket **

State Convention is fast approaching. If you have not donated any items for the Summer Family Fun basket, please bring books, beach items or whatever reminds you of summer fun to the March meeting.

 ---------Thanks, Lois

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KINDNESS ROCKS!

Debi Kegg of Bedford County Rocks (BCR) will present our program on March 9. She will talk about the painted rock phenomenon and how BCR works to “pay forward” random acts of kindness. She will also lead us in a rock painting activity.

MARCH 9 FUNDRAISER CHANGED

TO THE CONFERENCE FUND

Fundraisers for March and June have been switched so proceeds from our March efforts will go to the conference fund. Tickets will be sold for a beautiful Pioneer Woman-themed basket. Some of the basket items include a cookie jar, cookies, salt/pepper shakers, kitchen towels, dishrags, pot holders, and placemats.

CHAPTER COMMITTEES

An updated committee list is enclosed with this mailing. Please review which committee you are on. Questions about or changes to the list should be directed to Becky Johnen ([palfys@verizon.net](mailto:palfys@verizon.net)) or 839-2547.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** are in order for Melissa Flynn and Becky Johnen whose proposals for presentations at the 2019 state convention have been accepted. Melissa will be speaking on meditation and yoga and Becky, taking things in stride.

Also receiving kudos are Denelle Diehl for her first-place in the beginner or intermediate level of the Bedford Area Photography’s Club “Fall Foliage” competition and Lois Stoner for her second place! Way to go sisters!



**The National Women's History Museum** plans on having a physical presence in Washington, DC by August 2020 to celebrate the ratification of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote.  The Museum is investigating potential sites for a physical location near the National Mall.  The NWHM Board Chair is Susan D. Whiting.  There currently are lessons and information online concerning women advocates throughout history. –Pat Brenner

 **DON’T FORGET** to check out the 

weekly quote (a new one is up usually on Sunday) on our website (alphabeta-dkg.weebly.com). It is located at the bottom of our home page.

And, don’t forget to periodically send this year’s PA World Fellowship recipient a card or a note. (Mehr Asma Javed, 6656 Woodwell St., Pgh, PA 15217)

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