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Dear Sisters,

It was great to see so many of our sisters at the September 15 Chapter Meeting at the New Castle Country Club. What a nice start to our new biennium! Everyone enjoyed sharing news and were excited to begin a new year of programs.

I will be attending the Western Fall Conference on September 29th in Cambridge Springs at the Riverside Inn. I'll be sharing information and ideas presented at the conference at our next meeting in October.

Our new and updated Chapter Directory will be finished and avail-

able at our October meeting and will also be sent out to members unable to attend the meeting. I think you will enjoy the new changes.

Enjoy the Fall and I hope you can get out and take in all its beauty.

Karen Prince

Dues Dues Dues

Please have dues paid by the October meeting to Ginny Brooks.

by Karen Prince

October Chapter Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at Montana Rib and Chop House on State Street in Hermitage on October 23rd. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm with registration at 5:45pm.

Our speaker will be Diane Miller. She will present "What is Aromatherapy?" Diane is a

member of the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy. She will have a hands-on presentation and give practical information on uses of essential oils and products for numerous health issues. Her products are great gift ideas and she will have some available for sale.

Winner

The September raffle was won by Kay Riley.

The commemorative plate was from Helen Bishop's daughter and the basket was donated by Karen Prince.



A traveler to the Dominican Republic would be greeted by the sights of opulent resorts and high end shopping. But there is a part of the island few outsiders see. People live in huts made of pieces of corrugated metal, children have no shoes and there is no garbage collection.

Our guest speakers at the September meeting traveled to the DR not as tourists but missionaries to the poor. Marlena Breitenstein, a student at Grove City College has been volunteering with a mission from New Life Baptist Church in New Wilmington for several years. She inspired her aunt Lorraine Peterson to join her on her last trip.

Their mission was to assist a family with the pre-school they started in their own home. The volunteers painted walls and installed windows in the small building used as the school. Marlena was given the opportunity to teach the children for the week.

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Western Fall Conference

By Karen Prince

Eighty Delta Kappa Gamma members attended the Western Fall Conference in Cambridge Springs at the Riverside Inn on Saturday, September 29th. Alpha Gamma Chapter hosted the conference. State President Louann Shrader welcomed everyone and gave an update of events and activities planned for 2012-2013. She encouraged members to explore the new state website, alphaalphapa.com for information, forms, photos, archives, etc. Our state chapter will be sponsoring and supporting the efforts to build the Women's National History Museum in Washington, DC.

At the state convention in June 2013 we will be collecting items to donate and support early career

educators. The Leadership Development Committee presented a program entitled, "212 Degrees", emphasizing getting all members and chapters to increase efforts to make our organization stronger and to move into the future. Members were also encouraged to begin making a Strategic Action Plan for their chapter. The plan would help chapters decide what goals they want to achieve in the next few years, how to achieve their goals, and how to measure the success of achieving those goals. Chapters should also focus on their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and obstacles.

I also attended the workshop for Chapter Presidents where ideas and concerns were addressed.

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She had few supplies and only two books, but she created posters and signs to help her in communicating with her young students.

Lorraine and Marlena ended their presentation by showing photos of their experiences and the conditions in which they lived and worked.



Yvonne Chichin introducing Marlena Breitenstein, Lorraine Peterson

CAN YOU SPARE A BAG? A NOTEBOOK? A LITTLE CASH?

By Ruth Leone

Imagine a child being removed from home and sent to a shelter or foster home – maybe just one of many placements during their young life. Now, imagine having to pack his/her clothes and precious belongings and having nothing to put them into except a black garbage bag. And then imagine that child heading to school – maybe a different one than last week – with no supplies, backpack, etc.

This is what faces many of the

children helped by the Children's Aid Society of Mercer County each time they are placed in a new home or shelter. You can help by donating some of the items listed on the "Wish List" in last month's mailing or by donating money to be used to purchase duffel bags to replace those frightful black garbage bags. All school supplies and gift cards (especially to fast-food restaurants) are also needed.

As an organization of caring women, we can help many of the

approximately 500 foster and adopted children whose cases are handled annually by the Children's Aid Society. Please support this worthwhile Alpha Omicron project by bringing your items to the next meeting, or drop them off at the home of Cherie Campbell or Ruth Leone. Monetary donations may be included in your meeting reservation or mailed directly to Cherie or Ruth. Thanks to all who have already contributed.

September Meeting Update

by Karen Prince

Our chapter meeting was held at The New Castle Country Club in New Castle. Many of our sisters were in attendance. We discussed plans for our October meeting and news from the State President Louann Shrader. At the State Convention in June 2013 supplies and teacher materials for Early Education Educators to use in their classroom will be collected. Our chapter commit-

tees for 2012-2013 will be: Nominations, Membership, Finance, Program, Professional Affairs, Personal Growth, Visual and Performing Arts, Communications, Scholarships, Historical Records, Ways and Means, Hospitality, Projects, Newsletter Editor and

Coordinating Council Representative. Our Budget for 2012-2013 was discussed and passed. We had

an interesting and inspiring program about the mission work being done in the Dominican Republic. Speakers Lorraine Peterson and Marlena Breitenstein thanked our chapter for donating \$50 to their church mission fund. A delicious lunch was served after the meeting. We thank Sharon Russo for being the hostess for the meeting.