

Delta Kappa Gamma

September 16, 2017

Parkside Community Center-120 East Park Avenue, DuBois, Pa.

Join us for a light Breakfast Buffet 9:00 A.M.

Short business meeting 9:30 A.M.

- Initiation of new member
- Memorial Service
- Tales from trip by Phyllis Howard
- Wrap up and questions and Announcements.

Please R.S.V.P. by September 12, 2017

-TO-

Rebecca Raybuck, 535 Treasure Lake, DuBois, Pa. 15801 or text 814-591-5370

-OR-

Kris Swope, 230 East Logan Ave., DuBois, Pa., 15801 or text 814-590-4371

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Bring a smile and see you soon.

Breakfast Buffet \$15.00

Name -----

Guest if desired-----

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PRESIDENT LINDA



Dear Psi Sisters,

First, I want to wish all my working Psi sisters a very happy start to the school year. I remember how hectic the start of school was with new faces to learn, updates to technology to grasp and new organizing. I pray that you all will have a very good year.

I want thank all my sisters who attended the August meeting for their good attitude of sportsmanship. I hope that you all had fun competing in our Iron Woman Games. Congratulations go out to Linda London who was our top scoring Iron Woman. I will say, that I could tell who our Psi golfers are by the way they could putt so well into the red cup. Hopefully in that brief time, you got to know some of your sisters better.

Looking forward, we have great meeting planned for Saturday, September 16. I hope that you'll get your reservations into our hostesses as soon as you get this letter. It really helps them know how much food to order and how many tables to set up.

I will be away in Switzerland on the 16th, but the meeting will be in the very capable hands of our First Vice-President Nancy Hills. The meeting will begin with the initiation of Kristina Keith and a welcome for her into our society. We will then have a memorial service conducted by Tracey Dusch for our dear sister Jane Leach. You won't want to miss Phyllis Howard's beautiful slides from her trip to Israel last November. She has some great stories to tell about her trip.

It's not too late to get your grant recipient applications in to Kathy McCabe. She can still read them at the September meeting. Remember, it's a \$400 scholarship for a young woman who is an education major in her junior or senior year. This has meant a lot to our recipients in the past. So, if you know of someone who qualifies, make the effort to give her an application. We will award the scholarships in our October meeting. As of now, we have two scholarship applicants.

Speaking of our October 21 meeting, you won't want to miss our Ways and Means at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Debbie Britton and Kim Curtis are such great organizers for Ways and Means, so we're sure to have a wonderful time. It's not too early to be working on your contributions to the sale. I've canned my pickled beets and if I say so myself, they look absolutely delicious. Of course, we need baked goods, all sorts of craft items, books and DVDs.

We'll be playing BINGO and if you can contribute a gift card or small gift item, it will add to the fun. The girls are asking us to put together baskets. If groups of four go together on a basket, we should get a nice assortment. In addition, we need items for the silent auction. So, there are many opportunities for you to contribute to the success of our sale. Also, it's a good meeting in which to invite a potential member.

Finally, I want to remind you of the butterfly effect. Each one of you has so much influence on the people around you. Remember that as you start this new school year. Your decisions and attitudes now may make a huge difference in a child's or friend's life down the road.

Sincerely,
Linda

STATE CONVENTION

In the last issue, a pictorial showed Psi members involved in activities at the 2017 State Convention. It needs to be noted that our Chapter is VERY active at the State level! **Tracey Dusch** ended her very successful biennium as State President. **Nancy Hills** was extremely busy as the Visual and Performing Arts Chair with her duty as Chorus Director. She also won Psi's "Souper" basket prepared by **Donna Anderson!** **Debbie Britton** was the pianist for the Graces at our meals, as well as the Banquet and Celebration of Life. Debbie and **Karen Ball** wrote the words for one of the songs in the Celebration of Life ceremony. Karen also was a member of the chorus, introduced a workshop speaker and won two baskets! **Kristin Hills** was also a member of the chorus and sang at the Celebration of Life, was Tracey's escort for the banquet and she won a basket! Phyllis Howard played the harp at the Celebration of Life. **Chrissy Myers** sang with the chorus and performed a solo at the Celebration of Life, she was also mentioned by Northeast Regional Director, Carol Hughes, in the International Update for her Cornet Scholarship. **Kathy Dinger** was awarded the Album of Distinction Friday night. **Linda Stahlman** was a Flag Bearer, received an Enrichment Grant, represented Psi as our Chapter President – and she won a basket!!! **Barb Clark** served on the State Nominations Committee and received a Certificate for our Chapter Newsletter. **Barb Emmer** served on the State Scholarship Committee. **Debbie Fye** was present for the Celebration of Life to honor her Mother, Jane Leach. This involvement will continue in the 2017-2019 Biennium.

Tracey will serve as the State's Immediate Past President and Chairman of the Nominations Committee. Nancy Hills will continue as the Visual and Performing Arts Chair. Karen Ball will serve on the State Achievement Committee. Barb Emmer will continue to serve on the State Scholarship Committee. Barb Clark will continue to serve on the State Nominations Committee.

MEMBER NEWS

Barbara Haser – Son passed away

Kris Swope – Retiring from the hospital Volunteer Program

Candace Cherubini – Named Brockway Elementary Principal

Lisa McMeekin – Was in France for seven weeks

Lisa Rutherford – Named Executive Director Brockway Schools & Community Education Foundation

Linda Stahlman – Finished her treatments in July and is doing fine!

Donna Anderson – Daughter passed her National Exam

Kim Curtis – Two weddings (son & daughter) two weeks apart!!!

DUES

A reminder that dues for 2017-18 are \$77 and [must be paid on or before our October meeting, 10/21/17.](#) Many thanks to the 22 ladies who have already paid their dues. If you cannot attend either the September or October meetings, you may send your dues to Phyllis Howard, P.O. Box 260, Distant, PA 16223

MEMBERSHIP

So exciting to have Kristin Hills transfer her membership to Psi from her Chapter in Virginia! Welcome Kristin!!! She is seen here with Kim Curtis.

Kristina Keith will be initiated at the September meeting. Please attend, if you are



able, to welcome our new member!



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PERFECT ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members who had perfect attendance during the 2016-17 year:

Molly DeSantis, Linda London, Allison Sayers, Linda Stahlman, Lisa McMeekin, Whitney Lewis, Kathy McCabe, Nancy Hills, Charlotte Fye, and Karen Ball

HONORED

President Linda honored the following members for their service to Psi Chapter:

20 years of membership – Darlene Lees

15 years of membership – Debra Britton, Kim Gluczyk-Bell, Yvonne Ransbottom



FUN TIME



If you missed the August meeting, you missed a FUN TIME!!! First President Linda gave each member a paper with 16 butterflies printed on it. The members were to circulate and meet members they did not know very well and have them sign a butterfly with their name and where they are from. Great ice breaker activity!

Then it was on to the IRON WOMEN GAMES! The members were divided into teams and competed in various fun games. Scores were kept and the HIGH SCORER was Linda London!!! CONGRATULATIONS Linda! Some of us had trouble scoring *any* points!!!



HOSTESSES



Thank you Candance, Chrissy & Vanessa! PSI

CHAPTER MEETING

August 9, 2017
BC3, Brockway, PA

A quorum being present, President Linda Stahlman called the August meeting of Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order at 11:15 A.M. Thirty-four members and two guests were present.

President Linda Stahlman welcomed members and guests (Marge Tachna & Andrea Lewis).

Candace Patricelli offered grace followed by lunch.

Attendees participated in Iron Woman Games, a fun, team-building activity. Linda London was deemed the overall winner.

Upon resuming the business meeting, President Linda Stahlman recognized the hostesses, Candace Patricelli, Christine Myers, and Vanessa Olivio.

Member News included:

Whitney Lewis earned a Master's Degree and is engaged to be married

Kim Curtis had two weddings this summer – two weeks apart

Carolyn Rhodes graduated from New Choices Career Development

Barbara Haser's son passed away and her husband is recovering from surgery

Kristin Swopes's father-in-law passed away, her daughter in Washington D.C. had surgery. Kristen is helping the daughter move

Candace Patricelli is now a principal at Brockway Elementary

Lisa McMeekin returned yesterday from a trip to France

Lisa Rutherford is now the Executive Director of the Brockway Schools and
Community Education Foundation

Kristin Swope is retiring again. This time as the hospital volunteer coordinator

Donna Anderson's daughter completed her Master's program and is now licensed to
practice

Linda Stahlman finished her treatment program on July 11 and is doing well. She has another grandchild on the way.

Minutes. The April minutes were approved.

Correspondence.

- A thank you from DKG Alpha Alpha State treasurer, Wanda Keller, for the contribution to the state scholarship fund in memory of Jane Leach.
- A thank you from Debbie Fye and family.
- Letter of resignation from Dawna Vanderpool.

Treasurer's report. Phyllis Howard presented the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit. (Copy attached)

Dues are \$77 and payable to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Julie Aaron and Kathy Snyder volunteered to audit the chapter finances.

Committee Reports.

- Finance. Jennifer Keith reported on the 2017-18 Psi Chapter budget developed by the committee. The proposed budget will be voted on under new business.
- Membership. Molly DeSantis did the second reading of Kristina Keith's membership application. Voting on the application will take place under new business.
- Nominations. Nomination committee members will be elected at the same time as chapter officers.
- World Fellowship. Penny Peters collected the World Fellowship offering.
- Professional Affairs. Kathy McCabe read the recruitment grant applications for Leah Janelle Roudybush (education/special education) and Tia George (early childhood/special education) from New Bethlehem. These applications will be acted upon under new business.
- Ways and Means. Kim Curtis presented an update on the Ways and Means plans. The meeting will be in a new location, the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Activities will again include bingo, so the committee is asking for donations of small gifts.
- Nominations Report. Barb Clark and Vanessa are working on the slate of officers for the next biennium. A first vice president is needed. Please contact Barb or Vanessa if you are interested in volunteering for this position.
- Special Report. State Convention. Psi Chapter was well represented at the 2017 state convention.
 - Tracy Dusch -Alpha Alpha State President
 - Kathy Dinger- Album of Distinction
 - Nancy Hills - Choir Director
 - Debbie Britton - Played the piano
 - Karen Ball and Kristin Hills - sang in the choir.
 - Barb Clark – Recognized for Psi Chapter newsletter and Elected to State Nomination Committee
 - Phyllis Howard- Played harp for Celebration of Life
 - Barb Emmer – Member of State Scholarship Committee
 - Linda Stahlman- Recipient of Fellowship Grant for her trip to Switzerland and Flag Bearer for the presenting and retiring of the flags.
 - Donna Anderson –Assembled a 'souper' basket for the auction. (won by Nancy Hills)
 - Basket Winners – Nancy Hills, Karen Ball (2), Linda Stahlman, and Kristin Hills.
- NERC. Tracey Dusch and Karen Ball attended NERC in July.

Old Business.

- Little Libraries Project. President Linda Stahlman provided an update on the Little Libraries project.

New Business.

- On a motion by Phyllis Howard, seconded by Barb Clark, the members voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Dawna Vanderpool. A letter will be sent to Dawna to inform her that her resignation was accepted.
- The 2017-18 Budget presented by the Finance Committee was unanimously approved.

- A motion from Lisa Rutherford, seconded by Barb Pisarchick to accept the membership recommendation for Kristina Keith. The vote was unanimously approved.
- It was moved by Barb Emmer and seconded by Julie Aaron that Leah Janelle Roudybush and Tia George each receive a \$400 Recruitment grant. The motion was unanimously approved.
- An overview was given on Alpha Alpha State President Barbara Gasperini's new DKG project, DKG patches for Girl Scouts.

Honor Members.

- Perfect Attendance certificates for 2016-17 were presented to Karen Ball, Nancy Hills, Kathy McCabe, Molly DeSantis, Whitney Lewis, Lisa McMeekin, Charlotte Fye, Linda London, Allison Sayers, and Linda Stahlman.
- With the assistance of Mollie DeSantis, President Linda Stahlman honored the following chapter members with a rose:
 - Darlene Leas - 20 years of membership
 - Debra Britton - 15 years of membership
 - Yvonne Ransbottom - 15 years of membership
 - Kim Gluczyk-Bell – 15 years of membership

Announcements.

- **Next meeting of Psi chapter is September 16, 2017, in Dubois. Phyllis Howard will present on her trip to Israel. Upon receipt of the invitation, please be prompt in sending your reservation.**
- **Barb Clark is updating the White Book. Please contact her with any changes to your employment status or contact information.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda G. Brinker
Recording Secretary