



## Alpha Alpha State

### Sigma Chapter was organized November 1, 1947

**“Mother Nature has the best box of crayons”** This quote from pinterest has me imagining what it will be like as we travel to our first Sigma meeting of the year. We will meet **October 5, 2017** at The Packer House in Sunbury at 6:30 PM with an executive board meeting at 6 PM.

**Dining-** Our "Classic Fall" Dinner at the Packer House will include your CHOICE of chicken with baked apples and calvados cream sauce with a side of roasted fall veggies OR (as a vegetarian option) stuffed acorn squash as a complete entree. All meals include a green salad with cranberries, walnuts and pears, house-brewed iced tea; water, hot coffee & hot tea. The cost is **\$22 per person** which includes the tax and gratuity. The Packer House is located at 24 North Third Street in Sunbury, PA 17801. Sigma will be celebrating 70 years as a chapter so we will be having birthday cake for dessert. **Please respond no later than September 14 to your call person.** Tell her of your choice of chicken or stuffed acorn squash. **You need to call even if you are not attending.** Ann Nowaskie would appreciate a timely response. She is the Chairman and you can contact her at 570-644-0227 or [nowann@gmail.com](mailto:nowann@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Shamokin/Mt. Carmel Call group is the hostesses group and Sunbury has the raffle basket.

**The Program-** Brittany Bunting-Specht has arranged for an informative program. Officers of the Susquehanna University chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi International Society in Education will present on the goals of the organization and their chapter initiatives. Kappa Delta Pi was founded in 1911 with the mission of providing support and resources to educators throughout their careers. To learn more, you can connect to their website at <https://www.kdp.org/>.

**Committee Reports-**Reports are due to the president by **September 14** through email or phone. The email is [ckruskie.2009@gmail.com](mailto:ckruskie.2009@gmail.com). Committee Reports will be sent through email to members before the meeting. Some members have requested reports sent through the US mail and I will be happy to comply.

**Fundraiser** – A fundraiser for Sigma will be held at Wendy’s on **September 26, 2017** at Lewisburg from 5 PM to 8 PM. Thank you, Cindy Tarr, for arranging these fundraisers.

**Yearbook**-It is important to send any changes in your contact information for the yearbook to Anita Shaffer immediately. She will compile a list of changes for us. Contact Anita at her new email at [grammashaffer2@gmail.com](mailto:grammashaffer2@gmail.com) or 570-648-3846.

**Dues**- These are due by October 31, 2017. If you pay your dues before the meeting, Anita may have a sweet treat for you when you get your membership card. Dues this year are **\$62.00** and include: International \$40.00, State \$17, Sigma \$4.00 and Scholarship \$1.00. **Checks need to be made out to Sigma.** Use the enclosed label that you receive to send to checks to the treasurer. We will need to vote on the dues at the October meeting. Dues are the same as last year.

**The Hat and Read-It Forward:** The Hat project buys books for school libraries. Midd West is the recipient school district this year. Read-It –Forward book sales benefit our general fund. Bring books to the meeting that you have read and are willing to donate for someone else to buy. If you bring a book and it does not sell, remember to take it back home with you at the end of the meeting.

**Community Outreach**- Our sister, Susan Tonzetich, will tell us about a project called “Jewelry Shop for Mom”.

**State President’s Project**- State President Barbara Gasperini’s project involves the Girl Scouts of America. More information will be provided.

**December Meeting**- This will be held December 2, 2017. Sunbury is the Hostess Group and Warrior Run has the Raffle Basket.

**Early Educator Panel**- This will be held in March 2018. Brittany Bunting-Specht and Mary Reinhard will provide more information.

With the resignation of Michelle Lawrence, Joy Knapik was appointed as Corresponding Secretary to finish Michelle’s term. You will receive all email correspondence from me this year from [ckruskie.2009@gmail.com](mailto:ckruskie.2009@gmail.com)

Fondly,

*Carol Kruskie*



### Important Websites and dates

Alpha Alpha State: <https://www.alphaalpha.org>      Sigma [www.sigmapadkg.org](http://www.sigmapadkg.org)  
State Convention will be held June 15-17, 2018 at State College.

### Call Persons

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