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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As educators, many of us anxiously use the summer months as a time to take continuing educational classes, reorganize, read something new, and basically recharge our batteries for the next school year. I can say that attending the Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Convention and the Northeast Regional Convention definitely did that for me this summer. There were some very inspirational speakers who all have a spirit for spreading education with joy to everyone. Not only did I receive some good ideas to try in my classroom, I am also excited about all of the great things that we can do as sisters in this next year. I hope that all of us can inspire others to excel with their individual and educational goals.

Happy Summer!

Mari Grace

2017-2018 UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

Mark Your Calendars:

At the Summer Planning Meeting on June 19th, we planned our next year's theme:

“DKG: Past, Present, Future”

In 2018, it looks like there will be some changes proposed at the international level. We believe that this year will be a good time to reflect on what DKG has achieved, as we continue to work and look to the future as to what can further be achieved.

Our meetings have been set as follows (venues will be in our next yearbook):

September 9, 2017

October 7, 2017

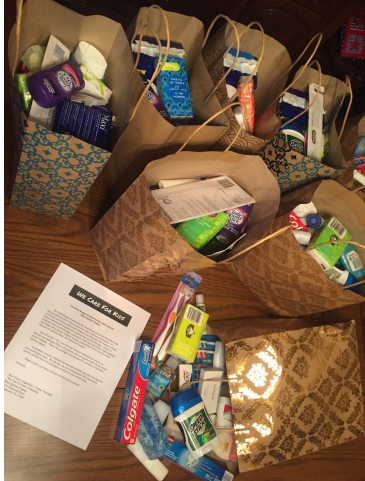
TEA - Sunday, October 22, 2017

November 4, 2017

March 24, 2018

TRI-CHAPTER-hosted by Iota - tentatively May 12, 2018

PROJECTS



HYGIENE PROJECT

We collected enough donations to fill eight large bags of supplies that were distributed at the May meeting for members to deliver to their neighboring school district. I know that the nurse at my own school district, Conemaugh Township, was thrilled to receive them. She said that the supplies are low or gone near the end of the school year and it is a great help.

PRE- SCHOOL BOOK PROJECT

Eleven bags were also distributed at the May meeting. Amy Dobbins presented all of the books, supplies, and lesson plans that were in each bag, to the sisters to deliver.

BACKPACK PROJECT

The backpack “stuffing” date is August 10th at 6PM at Mari Grace’s home at 1210 Norwood Street, Johnstown.

Here are the items that we currently have collected:

Backpacks - 97

Crayon Boxes - 42

Glue Sticks - 15

Pens - 34

Pencils - 50

Lunchboxes - 4

Locker Mirrors - 19

Notebooks - 6

Folders - 36

If you have any donated items, you can call Mari Grace to arrange a drop off time. Any monetary donations can be sent to Beth Ann Andrews as well.

CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2PM at St. Michael's Catholic Church in St. Michael, PA

THEME - "Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice Tea Party"

The Tea Committee met on July 17th, and the next committee meeting will be on August 16th at Amy Dobbins's house at 6pm. New committee members are welcome.

How can you help?

We will need sisters to help set up the hall on Saturday, October 21st, and then serve and sell tickets on Sunday, October 22nd.

Please consider making donations of cookies, or scones, or to help cook part of the several courses.

We will need donations of varieties of tea bags, door prizes, and filled baskets to chance off.

Also - if you have items to help decorate for our Pumpkin Spice and Tea themes, please start gathering them and let us know!

Lastly - SELL TICKETS!! We plan to sell 100 tickets at \$20 adults/\$15 children

Amy Dobbins has created a facebook event page that you can share to spread the word and help sell tickets.



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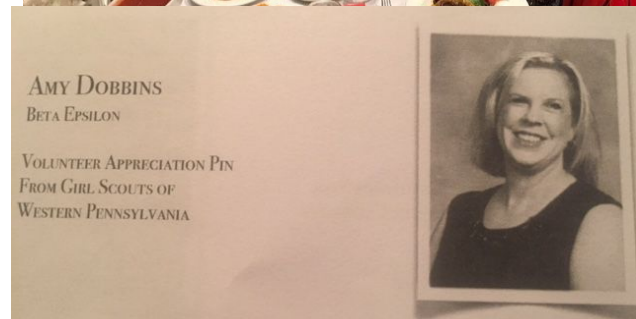
June 9-11, 2017, State College, PA



Special thanks to Melanie Dudak and Ann Pastovich for making and donating our 55th Birthday decorations for the Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, June 10th.

Our 'Birthday Bash' basket that our chapter donated was won by our newest member, Waneta Lingenfelter.

On Friday night, June 9th, our own sister, Amy Dobbins was honored at the Album of Distinction ceremony.



DKG Northeast Regional Convention

July 12-14, 2017 --Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Marcie Erickson was a presenter at both the State and Northeast Regional Conventions. Her presentation was “Connect with the World Through Postcards - www.postcrossing.com.”



COMMUNICATIONS

If you have any changes that need to be made to our yearbook, please contact Susan Blazosky before August 24th for correction to be made before our first meeting. Also, remember to check our chapter web page at <http://betaepsilondkgpa.weebly.com>, and our facebook page at www.facebook.com - Beta Epsilon Chapter DKG Pennsylvania.

OTHER NEWS

At our April meeting, Melanie Dudak and Ann Pastovic presented on the Alzheimer’s Walk, that will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at Windber Recreational Park. If anyone is interested in walking this year, please contact Melanie.