

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MAY THE KINDNESS
YOU'VE GIVEN TO
OTHERS BE RETURNED
TO YOU!**

September 14, 2017

POWER WRAP



Touring the POWER house, we discovered this plaque which hung on the wall at the entrance to the Children's Room.

POWER thanks the members of Delta Kappa Gamma International, Theta Chapter, for sponsoring this children's play area, a safe and happy place for children who come to the POWER House to visit their mom's.

The POWER house is a quiet, peaceful, serene and renovated convent which provides many opportunities for strong willed women to fearlessly meet life's challenges.

Thank You so much for your generous donations of items to fill the holiday gift bags for the women. Monetary donations were used to purchase robes for the women.

Rose Ann's Review

Delta Kappa Gamma
Theta Chapter
January, 2018



Madelon Edelstone, Rosemary Hulsman and Rosa Davis

Rosemary has supported POWER for 27 years, since 1991, where she served on the Board of Directors for many years. She continues being dedicated and organizes many activities for the women in the POWER house. She spoke about changing preconceived perceptions of the women as she walked with them every morning.

Rosa spoke about the opioid epidemic that women have been suffering from for many years. The proliferation of opioids has moved from a crime problem to a health crisis.

All of us need to do our part in helping to reduce the stigma that gets in the way of women seeking treatment.

POWERFUL FACTS

1. The average age of clients is 33.2 years old
2. Addiction affects 1 out of 3 families
3. Demographic breakdown is 62% white, 32.2% black and 5.8 % other
4. 85% have at least one child under the age of 18
5. Among abused substances: 46% opiates and heroin are drug of choice
6. 28 % alcohol
7. 12% cocaine and crack
8. 8% marijuana

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We donated 1,396 pieces of new or gently worn clothing to THRIFTIQUE.

THRIFTIQUE gives certificates to the women residing in the POWER House which allows them to purchase clothing. We will collect clothing at the May meeting.

Membership

The following women have withdrawn their membership:

1. Victoria Furmanek
2. Marie Mrvos
3. Jeanie Nipaver
4. Gina Robinson
5. Sylvia Wilson

We look forward to reinstating their membership in the future.

ARE YOU GETTING WHAT YOU PAY FOR?

South Hills Country Club

November 4, 2017



Mary Bach is an independent consumer activist and chair of AARP Consumer Issues Task Force. She won several lawsuits against Walmart. Mary has challenged many companies for displaying a low sticker price and charging a higher price at the register. A few pennies per product add up to thousands of dollars in profit.

The products we frequently purchase have changed and contain decreasing amounts while increasing prices. For example, coffee.

Mary also protects the consumer from tax fraud. For example, toilet paper is exempt from tax in the state of PA., yet many retailers charge tax for this product and many other products that are tax exempt.

Important Dates to Remember

Helping Hands: March 8, 2018, PFT

Benefit: April 14, 2018,
Nevillewood Country Club

Founders Day: May 5, 2018
Shannopin Country Club

Alpha Alpha State Convention: June 15-17,
2018 Nittany Lion Inn State College, PA

International Conference: July 16-20, 2018,
Austin, TX

HOLIDAY SOCIAL



Row 1: Pat Zinger, Pat Colangelo, Patty Fiore, Terri Magnotta

Row 2: Mary Ellen Barringer, Patricia A. Seibel, Rosemary Hulsman, Marianne Graczyk, Nancy Kodman, Adria Wilson, Maureen Serafin, Bonnie Sites, Rose Ann Colosimo

Row 3: Maureen Davis, Tessa Karel, Erin Karel, Kathy Polley, Janet Falkowski, Trudi Busha-Smith, Francie Duttine, Liz Kelly, Michaleen Vilsack, Judy Karavlan, Barbara Schnurr

It is wonderful to celebrate the Holidays with DKG sisters!



Yum! We enjoyed delicious homemade Holiday cookies.

THETA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

GOALS: To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing academic and nonacademic study. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members, and to encourage their participation in programs.

QUALIFICATIONS: Is an active member, in good standing for at least 2 years.

CONDITIONS:

Academic Enrichment: Must be enrolled in an accredited academic institution or program. (Not to exceed \$1000.) (One scholarship to be awarded per year.) (Scholarship recipients may apply one time only.) (Awarded at the Benefit)

Professional/Personal Enrichment: Submit substantiating documentation and eventual receipt of enrichment activity. (Not to exceed \$500.) (Number of scholarships to be awarded and the monetary amount may vary based upon the application requests.) (Scholarship recipients may reapply 3 years from receipt of award.) (Awarded at Founder's Day meeting – May)

Examples of professional/personal enrichment: Elderhostel (travel), conference / workshop registration fees, noncredit courses

APPLICATION – Available from the Scholarship Chairwoman and is due **January 31**. (Please contact Cris Bridge.)

Theta Cares

What a beautiful way to remember a loved one or special person by sending a memorial or special tribute! Monies from this are contributed to Theta's Recruitment Grant Fund. Send checks to Andrea Ventomiller, 407 Bryant Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

Memorials:

Roberta Trautman (Linda Konczal Evan's sister) by Pat Zinger, Rose Ann Colosimo

Robert Hinkle (Deb Beozzo's father) by Sarah Carson, Pat Zinger, Rose Ann Colosimo

Get Well:

Norma Ratti and Mary Grace Prata by Sarah Carson