



Delta Kappa Gamma  
Chapter Newsletter—Winter, 2017-18  
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### First Xi Chapter Grant-in Aid Recipients

Nancy Jones and Madeline Daubert are the first recipients for Xi Chapter's Grant-in-Aid offered to enhance and support excellence in education. Chair Stephanie Kaye, Doris Lusch and Rita Tamalavage, members of the Scholarship committee, presented a check for \$300 to Nancy to buy a smart TV for Valley Christian Preschool in Tamaqua. Madeline Daubert (not pictured), a mathematics teacher in Pine Grove, will use her \$200 grant to purchase two graphing calculators for her students. This grant is available to Chapter in-service active members, former members who are actively teaching, and former recipients of the Xi Chapter grant-in-aid scholarship. The recipients were chosen based on the written proposal about the needed supplies.

### Officers for the 2018-2020 Biennium

Members of the nominating committee will be meeting in February to submit our slate of officers which is due by April 1. Please let the committee chair (Marie Nester) know by February 12 if you are no longer interested in serving in the office you presently hold or if you are ready to try something new! New members and returning members are eligible for any office.

Committee members listed in the red yearbook are Cynthia Ritschel, Doris Lusch, Sue Schenck, Barbara Lafko, Louise Dietrich, Margaret Valinsky, and Rita Tamalavage. Additional members interested in participating in the nominations meeting contact Marie at 717-652-4916.



### Penny Auction

Xi Chapter celebrated the season of giving by having a Penny Auction at the December 2 meeting. Members brought decorated gifts, and auctioneer Marge Valinsky encouraged the bidding for each other's surprise gifts. The money collected was donated to Servants-to-All, a homeless shelter (\$50), and St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen (\$50).



### Meeting Announcements

April 14—Mt. Valley Golf Resort, Brockton. Program: Atty. Christine Holman will discuss fraud issues.  
May 19—Nadya's closed but the restaurant will be opened under a new name: Birdy's Bar and Grille.  
Installation of Officers. Program: Cynthia Drazenovich will present PSU research about Schuylkill County.

### Excellence in Education Project

Since former Xi Chapter members were instrumental in beginning a countywide Spelling Bee, Xi Chapter members have voted to donate to this year's winner a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card. Roseann Klees designed a special card to present the Xi Chapter gift to the first place winner. The Republican-Herald Regional Spelling Bee is in its 63<sup>rd</sup> year.