

Xi Chapter Newsletter—Winter 2019-2020

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The Season of Giving: Classroom Grant and “Penny Auction”

Xi Chapter celebrated the season of giving at the December 14 meeting at Leiby’s in Tamaqua. The meeting began with the announcement that Gianna Salvadore was the recipient of this year’s \$500 Classroom Grant, money awarded for enhancement projects in the classroom. Stephanie Kaye, chair for the Scholarship Committee, and Roseann Klees presented the award to Gianna.

After the presentation, Gianna thanked Xi Chapter and stated she plans to use the money for books and other resources for her “Reading Nook.” She explained the need for more contemporary literature for her students and said the grant will help her students

discover that “reading is a pleasure.” Gianna is a sixth grade Language Arts teacher in the Mahanoy Area School District.

Xi Chapter members continued the theme of giving by bidding for decorative packages donated by members. Auctioneer Marge Valinsky encouraged members by displaying the gifts and asking for bids no higher than the \$3.00 limit. The proceeds from this “Penny Auction” will be given to a local library.



Officers for the 2020-2022 Biennium

Xi Chapter nominating committee members tried a new way to conduct their second meeting—they used Zoom Video Conferencing for their January 13 meeting. After a few glitches, the members were able to share ideas and decide on a slate of officers, who will be presented and voted on at the March meeting. The following are the nominated officers: Co-Presidents—Marie Nester and Rita Tamalavage, Vice-President—Sue Schenck, Recording Secretary—Ann Marie Keyes, and Corresponding Secretary—Cynthia Ritschel.

The Delta Kappa Gamma song reminds each of us of our duty: “Aid and guidance from those leading, Helpful may we be!” That help comes from the Xi Chapter Committees. The following members have agreed to chair the committees: Communications—Barbara Lafko; Membership, Initiation & Installation—Roseann Klees; Visual and Performing Arts—Cathy Zimmerman; Scholarship—Stephanie Kaye; Educational Excellence—Beth Williams; World Fellowship—Gwen Wehr; U. S. Forum—Mollie Katchur; Financial—Doris Lusch; Nominating—Marie Nester.

The complete listing of the members of each committee can be found in your “red” book, but additions can be made. Offer your talent by contacting the committee chair by the May meeting.

Meeting Reminder

At our December meeting, a vote was taken for a change in starting time. **The new starting time for the business meeting will be 11:30 a.m.** When necessary, committee meetings will be held at 11 a.m.

March 14, 2020 at **11:30 a.m.**
 Roman Delight on route 61

May 2, 2020 at **11:30 a.m.**
 Tamaqua Train Station

Album of Distinction

Consider nominating another member or nominate yourself for the Album of Distinction that recognizes a “member’s life work outside DKG.” The nomination form must be submitted by March 1, 2020.

Make your Voice Heard in Philadelphia!

Make plans to attend the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, PA. The conference will be held July 7-11, 2020, at The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.