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December 2023 Meeting

Thank you to hosts Lou Ann Glover and Rozann Antonetti for taking reservations and for the delicious chocolate candy bar which came in handy while I was Christmas shopping.

Our program speaker was Mardel Sinclair who wrote a book titled, *Mrs. Claus's Busy Day*. Mrs. Sinclair is a former elementary teacher. She and her husband used to play Santa and Mrs. Clause entertaining at nursing homes, churches and children's Christmas parties s well as other events. The book is a result of all that they did throughout the community while playing the parts of the Clauses. Mardel started us off by playing the keyboard as we sang Christmas carols. She then gave us the background for the work that she and her husband did and how the book came to fruition. She said it was difficult to get the book published and there was a monetary cost to them to get it published. Not only does the book describe Mrs. Claus's busy day but has a faith-based element to it. BELIEVE!



Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund committee would like to thank all of you who brought an item to the Silent Auction and to those of you whose bid won those items. There were some bidding wars which made the morning even more interesting. The net profit from the Silent Auction was \$416. This plus members' donations of \$81 and the previous balance of \$866 gives a total of \$1383, thus meeting our need of \$1,000 for the Zeta Scholarship. Kudos to all of you! The March meeting will have a 50/50 raffle.

April 4-Chapter Meeting

The 4-Chapter Meeting will take place on Saturday, April 27th at Gallo's in New Castle. The menu is an Italian Buffet. Currently, I do not have a cost or an agenda/time frame. As soon as I receive this information, I will send it to you. Please mark this date on your calendar. I am planning on attending and hope that some of you can attend also.

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Information from the State President

At the presidents Zoom meeting we discussed how to keep a chapter running by committee. Below are the basics:

- Constitution says we only need a President (presider/contact), a vice -president, a secretary and a treasurer.
- At chapter meetings during the year all positions can rotate except the treasurer.
- Committees can preside based on the program.

Also discussed was a variety of ways to recruit members:

- Prospective members do not need to be invited. They may ask a chapter to become a member.
- ➤ Prospective members do not have to be a certified teacher to be a member. A woman who is paid to teach or who works in an educational setting can become a member.
- ➤ Prospective members do not have to be voted on by the chapter membership.

According to the Constitution, once a woman pays her dues, she is a member.

However, the three items above need to be a chapter discussion so there is transparency and a consensus of practices within the chapter. Whatever your chapter decides should be in your chapter rules.

March 1 is the deadline for the Album of Distinction application. This can be found on the DKG website.

Kristen Hills, Communication Chair, has sent a survey with very little response. She will be sending it again, please respond. It helps us plan as we move forward.

Planning for the State Convention is going full steam ahead.

Officers for 2024-206 Biennium

Below is the list of officers thus far for the 2024-2026 biennium. They will be voted on at the March meeting.

President – Kim Inman – I will do this with the stipulation that we only have 4 meetings each year, October, December, March or April, and June.

1st Vice President – open 2nd Vice President – Jessica Inman Recording Secretary – Phyllis Mulhollen Corresponding Secretary - Marcia Johnson

Thank you to those who have agreed to be an officer for Zeta. If you are willing to be the 1st Vice President, please let me know.

March Meeting

The March meeting will take place at Frank G's Place. This is located in Bridgewater at Stone Point Landing. We will be in the private room on the right-hand side. Dinner will be served at 6 PM. For more details see the reservation form that was emailed along with this newsletter.

State Convention

The convention will be held Wednesday, June 19th through Friday, June 21st at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in the Cranberry Woods Business Park in Cranberry Township near Warrendale, PA. I am hoping many of you will join me at the convention, especially if you have never been to a PA state convention and because it is so close to Beaver County.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

Kim