



Alpha Zeta News

2021 Fall Edition

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

From the President - November 2021

Dear Alpha Zeta sisters,

First, I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up and continued to make our organization and our meetings function in my absence. I have written a few notes, but not enough, to say “thank you” for EVERYTHING!

My sister is progressing daily – she recently went to “50% weight bearing” – literally a BIG STEP in her recovery that meant that we could put away her wheelchair! She still cannot drive, but she is much more mobile now and has been able to “work from home” since all state employees in Kansas are at home until January 2022.

Second, I look forward to my return to Pennsylvania mid-November! My flight has only been changed twice [so I leave at 6:30 a.m. instead of the original 10:30 a.m. departure time] and I am keeping my fingers crossed that Delta will not cancel or change anything again. Everyone is doing his best in this difficult year.

Third, I am so sorry that I was not with you as you welcomed SIX new members in September, and that I will also miss the November basket raffle, and the reenactment of our founder. You will be in my thoughts.

Fourth, I echo the words I used last fall as I close today: I am excited to share all we have to offer with new members and continue to spread the word about education through our organization. I look forward to seeing you in the community upon my return to Pennsylvania, and as we meet in Sullivan County this spring.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Elaine McNeal, President of Alpha Zeta

Minutes from the September 16, 2021 - Towanda American Legion

Welcome: Past President Olson called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm, welcoming members and initiate. The mission statement, collect and Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Prayer: Marilyn Ayres offered a prayer prior to Buffet dinner

Thought for the Day: Ms Olson offered consideration for those who are in the classroom ready to begin the school year.

Music: Linda Ferrario and Linda Nickerson
DKG Purpose
Enter Out Company

Treasurer's Report: Mary Herman presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$9681.62 which was filed for financial review.

Budget: Claire Waldmeyer presented the budget, audited by Linda Ferrario and Amy Brown, accepted by the group

State Convention Report: Linda Nickerson gave a brief summary of experiences at state convention held in Scranton this year.

Scholarship: Carol Lane reminded all about the opportunities to receive scholarships, both academic and enrichment. Due date for Application is February 1st. She offered assistance for preparing the application.

Recruitment Grant: Sonja Haflett invited those from CANTON / SULLLIVAN / TROY / TOWANDA to nominate a Junior or Senior enrolled in educational program for this grant. Due date: October 22, 2021.

DKG INTERNATIONAL has offered a DISASTER relief grant of \$500 for members in need.

DKGPA STATE: There is now a PA state Facebook page offering information of state chapters' events.

Caring and Sharing: Grace George thanked all for cards and well wishes during her recent health issues.

Program

Induction: Megan Bohensky introduced Debbie Geist, science teacher from Sullivan School District, to the group. She received a warm welcome after being inducted.

Retirees: Recently retired teachers were asked to stand and be recognized. They will be honored at the November meeting.

MUM Centerpieces were given to those with LONGEST memberships at each table.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

***Reminder prepare for basket raffle in November.

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Pulver



Baby Books purchased this year



Ruth Olson at State Convention

Upcoming Event Dates:

June 9, 2022, Leadership Seminar, Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA

• June 9 – 11, 2022, PA State Convention, Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA

• July 12 – 16, 2022, International Convention, Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana

Interesting article from DKG Get Connected Newsletter

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