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the ALPHA ZETA NEWS

MISSION STATEMENT: TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL
GROWTH OF WOMEN EDUCATORS AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

A Message from Our President

Greetings Alpha Zeta sisters,

It's mid-July already! I hope you all are enjoying your summer. It's going way too fast! Regardless if you are retired or gearing up for the next school year, I wish you the best as summer winds down. Relax and enjoy your friends and family!

In June, six of our sisters (Carol Lane, Ruth Olson, Stephanie Olver, Phyllis McNeal, Linda Nickerson and Karlie Vaughn) attended the Pennsylvania State Convention in State College. Karlie Vaughn, state music chairperson, directed the state chorus and was given high accolades from her peers for her guidance and leadership in leading the music program during the convention.

The Executive Board met in late June at Oliver's in Wysox where we began to work out details for the coming year. We've got some great ideas for programs. As always, feel free to share your thoughts and recommendations for future programs.

We will begin our 2022-2023 year on Thursday, September 8 in Towanda. Please continue to check your email for a definite location as we are still trying to work out the details. Despite the venue, our evening will start with a dinner at 4:45, followed by the induction of new members. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

I am looking forward to serving as your president for the next two years as we continue to grow and learn together through this journey. As Audrey Hepburn so eloquently stated, "Nothing is *impossible*. The word itself says *I'M POSSIBLE!*"

See you in September,
Denise Amer

From Our Members

From Toni Shaw:

My youngest child (son,) Shawn, got married on May 28th... had a blast at the wedding.. One year of Retirement gone already... can't believe it...

Between my husband and I we have 7 children and 24 grandchildren now.. (3 kids and 12 grandkids in the USA and 4 kids and 12 grandkids in the UK).

From Phyllis McNeal:

Phyllis and family and cats, hope to welcome a Cardigan Welsh Corgi puppy—sometime mid July! We love dogs but the cats are still questioning our decision. We welcome advice and any offers to “socialize” our new puppy with other people and dogs once we manage potty-training! ❤️

From Sarah Adams:

Northern Tier Career Center (NTCC) is opening a new program this year- Early Childhood Education. High school juniors and seniors from Bradford and Sullivan county school districts will now have the opportunity to attend vo-tech if they are interested in education! This is very exciting for our profession! It will be a two year program and students will come out ready to work in a children's center or continue their education towards a bachelor's degree in ECE. We already have 29 students enrolled! Oh and I will be the Instructor! After 16 years in the classroom teaching 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th grade reading and Title, I am headed to NTCC to teach future teachers! I am thrilled and inspired to have this impact on educators! If you have any questions or need more info, pictures, etc., just let me know. NTCC's website is below- it is such an impressive place! I have been learning so much about what they do and offer- wow! Members of the community can have lunch there, take advantage of their cosmetology services- lots to offer and very inexpensive!!

Who is the DKG woman educator?

She is a woman who:

- Has been a leader throughout her career
- Is able to bring out the best in others
- Is authentic
- Is responsive to feedback
- Is results oriented
- Is adaptable
- Is a conceptual thinker
- Is motivated to make a difference



2022-2024 Alpha Zeta Officers

Karlie and Mandy leads us in songs



Phyllis addressing the Membership



Incoming President Denise Amer



Alpha Zeta Raffle Basket all loaded up and ready to go to convention.



Alpha Zeta Sisters at State Convention. Missing from photo



Convention choir

**Alpha Zeta Chapter/ DKG Minutes/ Pealer Hall/ Dushore, PA.
April 23, 2022**

Welcome: President McNeal welcomed guests and thanked Sullivan County ladies for preparing light refreshments and preparing the Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Ms. McNeal offered a short prayer of thanks to all teachers as they strive to inspire students in their classrooms.

Music: by Amanda Gillette (guitar) and Karlie Vaughn (song leader): "Put a Little Music In Your Life" and "We're Building Bridges"

Treasurer's Report: Mary Herman reported a balance of \$5715.56. The report will be submitted for review. Dues this year will be \$85 regular; \$50 reserve.

Caring and Sharing: Thank You notes from Leanne Wolfe (recovering from pedestrian accident) and Nancy Arias for cards sent by members.

Ballot Voting: Paper ballots were collected to accept all new initiates:

- Susan Wilcox, 1st grade teacher from Athens (Terri Chapman –sponsor)
- Melissa Tewksbury, math teacher from NEB (Christine Bedford – sponsor)
- Nicole Young, Literacy teacher from NEB (Jene Conklin – sponsor)

Committee Reports:

Nominations: Stephanie Olver and Claire Waldmeyer successfully obtained a new slate of officers and were thanked for their efforts.

Recruitment Grant: Soni Haflett asked that networking begins early for Athens, Sayre, NEB for 2022–23 college students enrolled in teaching careers.

INSTALLATION: New officers were installed for 2022 – 2024:

- President –Denise Amer
- Co – 1st V P – Stephanie Olver and Co–1st VP – Claire Waldmeyer
- Co–2nd VP – Carol Lane and Co–2nd VP – Sherry Spencer
- Recording Secretary – Joyce Kerrick
- Corresponding Secretary – Christine Bedford
- Parliamentarian – Phyllis McNeal
- Treasurer – Mary Herman

Adjournment of Business Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am, followed by Delta Kappa Gamma Song.