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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

Dear fellow Alpha Zeta sisters,

Today is exactly two years since we were in Athens before the pandemic shut down so soon after that lovely day. Recently, as I reviewed my directory from that spring, I took note of the March 6, 2020 date when we greeted the season with fellowship and a presentation on Project GROW. I certainly did not anticipate the changes that we would face during my tenure at your President. These past two years have challenged us all in ways we could not have imagined at that-now-seemingly-so-long-ago-meeting.

So, I just wanted to say thank you for all you have done for our group and for our colleagues, our families, our students, our connections throughout the community and world to keep us going and to keep the faith.

None of us know exactly what the next two years will bring, but I know that our chapter will continue to grow as we begin the next 2022 to 2024 biennium. And I know that you will help Denise Amer, our new President, as you have helped me through these difficult times: your kindness, wisdom, and flexibility has been much appreciated.

Thank you to all the ladies who contributed to our return to in-person gatherings this year. And thank you to all who donated to the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center and to our book sale for the Baby Book project on March 5 at the Athens Methodist Church meeting. [Mary Herman reported that our book sale profits had exceeded past years by far, for example Thank you everyone for your generosity.]

Saturday, March 5, 2022, also served as a reminder that we honor the past—as we said good bye to our deceased member, Lois Yeagle, whom we lost in June 2019—maintain our focus and strength in the present, and look to the future by welcoming Recruitment Grant guests like Grace Lathrop and Madisyn Neal!

Our own Alpha Zeta future will be continuing with the following slate of officers:

Denise Amer – President

First VP – Stephanie Olver and Claire Waldmeyer

Second VP – Carol Lane and Sherry Spencer

Recording Secretary – Joyce Kerrick

Corresponding Secretary – Christine Bedford

Treasurer – Mary Herman
Parliamentarian, outgoing President – Phyllis McNeal

We all hope you can be part of the officer induction on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Pealer Hall in Dushore.

We are also gathering “Treasures of the Endless Mountains” for our State Convention Basket. Items or donations to help give our DKG sisters a SENSE of our area’s beautiful handicrafts and culture are due by June 1, 2022, to Deb Fitzwater at Canton Elementary. Please contact Claire Waldmeyer for help with item pick-up and/or ideas.

The State convention will be June 9, 10 and 11 – please check the website for details. www.dkgpa.weebly.com

Thank you all. Take care and stay healthy. I hope to see you in Dushore in April!

Phyllis Elaine McNeal

PROJECTS:

Many thanks to the very generous members of Alpha Zeta for their donations to the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center and the Baby Books Project. We collected \$290 in money and gift cards and a car full of items for the ARCC shelter. For the book sale we had the most donated books ever and that generated \$160 for the purchase of baby books to be donated to our local hospital for distribution to new born babies.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Please let Linda Nickerson know of cares, concerns, joys and news to share with our members. You can find her email address in our Alpha Zeta binder.

IMPORTANT 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

June 30, 2022

Members to submit dues to chapter treasurer

July 12 – 16, 2022

International Convention, Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana

July 15, 2022

Chapter Treasurer Annual Report to Pennsylvania State Organization

DKG: Alpha Zeta Chapter Minutes March 5, 2022

Call to Order: The March meeting, held at Athens United Methodist Church on March 5, 2022, was called to order by Phyllis McNeal at 9:45. President McNeal thanked the Athens committee for planning the meeting under difficult circumstances and praised current teachers for adjusting to COVID challenges.

Treasurer Report: Mary Herman submitted her report showing a balance of \$5,509.56 for financial review.

Recruitment guests, Grace Lathrop (Troy) and Madisyn Neal (Canton) were welcomed.

Membership: President McNeal recommended two names for membership from Northeast Bradford : Nicole Young and Melissa Tewksbury. The Sayre, Athens recommendations are not yet available. Ballots may be electronic.

Nominations for Offices: Stephanie Olver, nominations chairperson, presented members with the following:

- President - Denise Amer
- First VP - Stephanie Olver and Claire Waldmeyer
- Second VP - Carol Lane and Sheri Spencer
- Recording Secretary - Joyce Kerrick
- Corresponding Secretary - Christine Bedford
 - o Motion Barbara Pulver
 - o Second: Beth Carman
 - Accepted unanimously

Rosebud Award: Information about nominations for this new award is available on our State Webpage. www.dkgpa.weebly.com It is meant for recent members (3-5 years), showing leadership / active participation in DKG.

Corresponding : Representing Megan Bohenski, secretary, President McNeal read thank you notes from Cindy Reynolds (Annie Webb Blanton) and Pat Carpenter,(president of Beta Rho).

State Convention Basket: “**Endless Mountain Treasures**” was accepted as the theme. Local crafts and product (including tourism information) are suggested. **Deadline:JUNE 1st.**

- Motion: Joyce Kerrick
- Second: Shirley Grantier

Deliver to Deb Fitzwater - Canton Elementary School or Phyllis McNeal.

Baby Book Report: Beth Carman delivered 236 books to area hospitals.

Book Sale: \$160 was collected at this meeting for baby books, the most ever! It was suggested remaining titles be given to the Sullivan County 4H Club fund raiser.

ARCC: Items collected will be delivered by Carol Lane.

Thought for the Day: Susan Schwab shared quotes from the Ride of You Life book including “ When you make a map of your life, do it in pencil: Jon Bon Jovi.

Music: Irish music was performed by Sheri Spencer ,flutist, was accompanied by Joyce Kerrick pianist.

Necrology Service: Marilyn Ayres and Joyce Decker honored long time member, Lois Yeagle, recognizing talents and achievements she contributed to all organizations and teaching assignments.

Program: Tomoko Henry demonstrated Japanese flower arranging technique known as IKEBANA

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, April 23, 2022 - Pealer Hall, A Community Gathering Space,
109 East Main Street, Dushore, PA - Induction of Officers for 2022-24

June 1, 2022 - Last day to get items for our “Endless Mountains Treasures” to Deb Fitzwater at Canton Elementary [Claire Waldmeyer can help coordinate pick up of items if you need help.]

PA DKG State Convention – Thursday to Saturday - June 9, 10, 11, 2022 -

[Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center – new location] see DKG website <https://dkgpa.weebly.com/2022-state-convention.html>

DKG International Convention – IN-PERSON - July 12-16, 2022, New Orleans, LA

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Pulver, Recording Secretary



OUR PROGRAM
Tomoko Henty and Master Japanese flower arranging

Thank you to our wonderful Alpha Zeta Chapter for their generous donations for our special projects!



Items collected for the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center in Towanda, Pa. by our members.



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