

# The Alpha Xi Messenger

April 2017



## The President's Message



Greetings, Alpha Xi Sisters!

It is difficult to believe this is the last newsletter of the year. The time went by so quickly.

Thanks to the efforts of many, the Tri-chapter meeting was a success. With gratitude to:

Dede Rittman for sponsoring us at Diamond Run Golf Club.

Paulette Hemmings for planning, scheduling, and making all the arrangements with the venue.

Darlene Farrell whose train cookies were perfect favors, delicious and professionally done.

Phyllis Jenny and her team: Paulette, Melody Hannegan and Karen Ulrich for a terrific job on the book centerpieces. A special shout out to Phyllis for collecting, moving and sorting all those books.

Marg Foster for coordinating book donation with Urban Impact and making the brochure.

Shari McGill with assistance from Jade Leung for the lottery tree and the inspiration.

The Shaler Area ladies for the wonderful raffle basket that I've been enjoying all month.

Thanks to all who attended and made State President Tracey Dusch and the Alpha Upsilon and Theta sisters feel welcomed.

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## RIDING THE RAILS – TAKE TO THE TRACKS

<b>Taking the 1<sup>st</sup> Steps to Life-Long Learning – Osher Reader's Theater</b>	Monday – September 12 <sup>th</sup> Café Des Ami Sewickley	Ellen Rodwick
<b>WReath designing for the Fall</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Pat Catan's at Mt. Nebo</b>	<b>The artistic staff at Pat Catan's</b>
<b>Accolades to Alpha Xi: Birthday Bash &amp; Educational Changes</b>	<b>Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> (our birthday)</b> <b>Trinity Lutheran Church - Wexford</b>	<b>Jade Leung</b>
<b>Check Out the Zoo</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 1st</b> <b>Fresco's - Wexford</b>	<b>The Pittsburgh Zoo – Docent Program</b>
<b>Keep the train on track</b>	Saturday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> Diamond Run Country Club – Ohio Township	Tri-chapter Meeting with PA President, Tracey Dusch
<b>Savoring our Gardens and our New Members</b>	Thursday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> , Sample School House and Cranberry Library	Master Gardener, Bill Goff (Diane's husband)

Check out your website: <http://alphaxipadkg.weebly.com/>

## President's Message (cont.)

Please consider attending the Pennsylvania State Conference in State College June 9-11 as it offers another opportunity to network with sisters across the state.

Also, please remember to send a card to your Secret Sister revealing yourself before the May meeting where we will be welcoming three initiates: Judy Horn, Norma Miller and Jeanne Vendeland on Thursday, May 4, at Sample School in Cranberry. Please consider wearing a hat and gloves. After the initiation, we will go to the Cranberry Library for dessert and a program from Master Gardener Bill Goff, member Diane Goff's husband.

If you haven't turned in your Jared Box, please get it to Peg Maser at the May meeting.

May you have an enjoyable spring break and Easter. Hope to see you all on May 4.

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## MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETING by Paulette Hemmings



To begin our May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will travel back in time at the Sample Schoolhouse in Cranberry, which is located next to the Cranberry Public Library, for our annual ceremony to initiate new members into our DKG chapter, Alpha Xi. This will also give us an opportunity to reflect on the history of our profession while we look ahead to the future of our chapter (In addition, to add to the experience of being in a schoolhouse from 1873, you may want to wear your best hat and gloves like the ladies did in that time period!).

Following the initiation, we will move next door to the Cranberry Public Library for a dessert meeting and a presentation by Master Gardner, Bill Goff, on "Perennials in the Garden, Three Seasons of Color." This presentation will look closely at one perennial garden and how it changes throughout the growing season.

We hope to see you there!

Suggestion: Going out to dinner in Cranberry after the meeting is a possibility. Who says you can't eat dessert first?

## SOCIAL

**May 4**  
Greeter - Ruth Wilson  
Raffle - Nancy Penney  
Inspiration – Sallie Fisher

479 BOOKS

were donated to URBAN IMPACT.  
Thank you so very much!

Alpha Xi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
MEEETING MINUTES: March 4, 2017  
Tri-Chapter Meeting (Alpha Xi (host), Theta, Alpha Upsilon)  
Diamond Run Golf Club, Sewickley, PA  
42 in attendance

Alpha Xi President Faith Jack opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 11:15 a.m.

Jade Leung read the inspiration entitled “The Gift” by Yvette Rivera and selected by Shari McGill, who was in rehab after being hit by an automobile..

Faith introduced our Alpha Alpha state president, Tracey Dusch. Tracey spoke about her experience as State President and encouraged us to find new members by doing some legwork. She discussed her projects and announced events left before her term ends in June. Tracey also discussed the other benefits of DKG—friendships, camaraderie, scholarships, insurance.

Theta chapter announced the availability of a bus for the Northeast Regional Conference in July. Deadline is April 30. Cost is \$100.00 with a \$50.00 deposit needed. Also, a passport is needed since the site is in Ontario.

A suggestion was made that the state website could have a way to locate chapters and contacts using a zip code.

Faith thanked all who had helped with the meeting, everyone for bringing books to donate to Urban Impact, Phyllis Jenny for coordinating the book drive logistics, Phyllis, Melody Hannegan, Paulette Hemmings, and Karen Ulrich for assembling the centerpieces, Dede Rittman for sponsoring us for the facility. Darlene Farrell for the Train cookies as favors and for assembling the Fun Basket; Shari McGill for the Lottery Ticket tree and Jade Leung for helping in Shari’s absence.

Terri Magnotta of Theta won the Lottery Tickets raffle, and Faith Jack won the Basket raffle, a March Fun Basket.

The meeting ended with Barbara Rankin leading us in the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

In our brief chapter meeting that followed at 1:20, Terry Klein moved and Peg Maser seconded that we pay one-third of the state President’s accommodations. Motion passed.

Guest Ashley DeCrisio was introduced. Ashley is a special ed. Math teacher at Shaler Area.

Terry Klein announced the Strand Comedy Night in Zelienople on Friday, May 5. Members can contact her if they would like to attend as a group.

For the May 4 Initiation meeting at Sample Schoolhouse, members were urged to leave extra time since rush hour traffic is heavy in that area.

April 29 Bloomfield Food Tour is filled and will be from 1:30 to 3:30. Paulette Hemmings is the co-ordinator. Sandy Werderich will host a meeting for the new initiates and their sponsors and the Executive Board. Corresponding secretary Peg Maser reported on the cards she sent in February.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ulrich for Shari McGill

### Membership News:

**Faith Jack, Karen Ulrich and Paulette Hemmings** attended Theta's "CardSharks/JokersWild" Scholarship Benefit.

**Terry Klein and Melody Hannegan** traveled in South Africa for two weeks in March.

**Phyllis Jenny** is having foot surgery this week. Snowbirds should all be back in the Burgh by now!

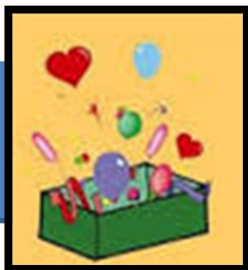


### Jared Box Reminder

If you haven't already filled and handed in your boxes, please do so for the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Remember to include a short cheerful message and sign it with your first name only and Alpha Xi Chapter, DKG.

You can find directions and suggestions online at: [www.thejaredbox.com](http://www.thejaredbox.com) for content ideas or you may contact Peg Maser by email or phone if you have any questions.

Peg will be delivering the boxes to Children's Hospital in early summer.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Creative Arts Retreat  
Olmstead Manor, Ludlow PA  
April 21-23, 2017

PA State Convention  
State College June 9-11, 2017

Northwest Regional Conference  
Spearfish, SD June 28-July 1, 2017

Northeast Regional Conference  
Windsor Ontario, July 12-14, 2017

Southwest Regional Conference  
Honolulu, Hawaii July 4-7, 2017

Southeast Regional Conference  
Myrtle Beach, SC July 19-22, 2017





**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA PROGRAM**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017**  
**SAMPLE SCHOOL HOUSE AND CRANBERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**2525 ROCHESTER ROAD, CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA 16066**

**PROGRAM:**

As we conclude this year of "RIDING THE RAILS and TAKING TO THE **TRACKS**," we hope that you can join us as we **Savor** our gardens and our new members. At the Sample School House we will hold our annual ceremony to initiate new members into Alpha Xi, followed by a dessert meeting and presentation at the Cranberry Public Library next door. Master Gardener, Bill Goff, will discuss, "Perennials in the Garden, Three Seasons of Color."

**SCHEDULE:**

Initiation at the Sample School House: 5:30-6:00  
Business Meeting with Dessert and Beverages: 6:00-6:45  
Presentation: 6:45-7:30

**PROJECT REMINDER:**

If you haven't already done so, please bring your completed Jared Boxes to the meeting.

**MENU:**

Dessert and Beverages

**COST: \$5 PER PERSON**

**To cover the price of admission to the Sample School House, dessert and beverage**

**Reservation and payment due by April 25, 2017**

**Payment: Check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma, sent to:**

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**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY PROFESSIONAL OR PERSONAL NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE MEMBERS:**