

The Alpha Xi Messenger

January 2019



The President's Message



Greetings, Alpha Xi Sisters!
Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that it is 2019 and that those of us who are current teachers will soon be ending the first semester. As I look to DKG upcoming events, it seems the second half of the year will soon fly by as well.

The Alpha Xi Executive Board will be meeting on January 23 to finalize this year's business agenda. The Standing Rules Committee is also scheduled to meet on January 22 to make revisions based on our own decisions and the changes in the International Constitution.

At the November Multi-chapter Meeting, I had a thoroughly enjoyable time sharing stories with sisters from local chapters. State President Barbara Gasperini stressed in her address what DKG has meant to her over the years and how answering the call to leadership on local and state levels has brought so many new people into her life. She then talked about her state project with the Girl Scouts and how the scouting motto fits so well with the DKG purposes. Guest Speaker Jen Motosicky McKay reiterated Gasperini's sentiments regarding ties between DKG and the Girl Scouts with her life story. The President's gift of a lovely crystal vase complete with paper and money roses was well received. The favors of a whale lapel pin reflected Gasperini's nautical theme.

Have a friend or colleague that you think would be a great fit for Alpha Xi? To invite them to membership, submit an application to Sandy Werderitch prior to the vote at the February meeting. If you need brochures please contact Sandy wederitch721@comcast.net. An application will be included with this newsletter.

Debbie Steinmetz and Terry Klein have a wonderful local program planned for **February 4th** at Walnut Grill, Wexford, where retired North Allegheny teacher Bob Cahalan will present Pittsburgh Old and New. I hope the weather holds out and most of you can join us.

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2019!

Alpha Xi President
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EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE: The 2018-2019 Alpha Xi Program

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE
Monday, February 4, 2019	Observe Our City, Pittsburgh through the eyes of Bob Cahalan, retired NA Social Studies Teacher	Walnut Grill Perry Highway – Wexford
Thursday, March 21, 2019	Create a Glass Picture Frame, led by your own, Deb McMullen	Pittsburgh Glass Center Penn Ave. – Garfield
Saturday, April 27, 2019	Celebrate New Members as we Welcome Them into our Fold	Diamond Run Golf Club Laurel Oak Dr. – Sewickley

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

New Year's greetings to all! It will be great to see everyone again on February 4th at the Walnut Grill in Wexford. We have a delicious buffet and an awesome program planned for you.

Debbie has listed the menu for you on the RSVP form. Remember to send your check to her, made out to DKG, by the January 17th deadline.

Our program will be presented by Bob Cahalan, a retired social studies teacher from North Allegheny. Bob has been documenting the history and scenic spots of Pittsburgh for decades. His new media show promises to make all of us full of pride at our hometown. Please join us for our first meeting of 2019.

Social time begins at 4:45. Hope to see you there!



IT'S JARED BOX TIME

BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO PICK UP AT OUR FEBRUARY 4TH MEETING AT THE WALNUT GRILL.



Please, be sure to sign the clip board so I will know who is preparing a box and the age and gender of the child receiving it.

Use one line per box if you are planning to do more than one. Kindly, leave the Jared Box explanation slip in the box and write a simple, cheerful note on the paper provided; signing it with your first name only. Please, include: Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Xi Chapter, North Hills. Remember, the hospital asks that we do not include food, candy or any scented shampoos or lotions. I plan to collect the boxes on April 27th at Diamond Run.

THANK YOU for your enthusiasm for this project. Your support puts a smile on the face of a child!

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me.
Peg Maser - 412-486-4639

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Remember that we will be collecting women's professional clothing at our next 3 meetings. Purge your closets of your gently-worn attire. Please leave your items in your cars and we'll transfer them in the parking lot. Any questions, contact Shari McGill at 412-766-2494!

REMINDERS:



(1) Wrap your loose change in coin wrappers and bring them to our next meeting. These donations go to our Teacher Enrichment Grants. Let's make Marg's tote really heavy!

(2) RSVP forms for both the March and April meetings will be available at the Feb. 4th meeting! Early commitments are welcome!

**BROADEN YOUR DKG CIRCLE OF MEMBERSHIP –
Is There a New Journey on Your Horizon? – by Faith**

Please review the deadlines for State Grants that are outlined in the recent [Winter issue of *The Keystonean*](#). **February 1st** is the **deadline for Scholarships and Enrichment Grant applications**. (How many of you saw someone familiar on page 18?) Several of us have been recipients – just ask if you need help in applying!

The **Creative Arts Retreat** will be held **March 29-31** in Ludlow, PA. See page 11 for the schedule and registration form. Karen Ulrich, Darlene Farrell and I are considering going. It would be great to have a large contingent from Alpha Xi. I have been assured that it is a rousing good time. You know my artistic talents are limited, so I'm going for the camaraderie and laughs.

On page 14, you will find the form for a **Call for Workshop Presenters at PA State Convention (June 14-16)**. They are in need of 12 presenters and are concentrating on the topics: Enrichment Grants, travel experiences, identity theft/scams, grief/loss or other topics of interest. Please consider **submitting a proposal by January 14**. (Perhaps I'll be chosen this year.)

Speaking of **State Convention**, did you notice on page 7 that there is a new **Attendance Recognition Reward**? If we have 10% of our membership attend all sessions Saturday & Sunday, we can receive one \$35 award. Think about attending.

Last, but not least, look over Dr. Lyn Schmid's article on page 23 which outlines the benefits of volunteering at the **2020 International Convention** in Philadelphia. There is a google form at goo.gl/gHKUQN for easy submission. Who's planning on attending the International Convention July 7th through the 11th?

Reflections by Paulette Hemmings

The November multi-chapter meeting was very organized. It was nice to meet and chat with ladies from the other chapters in addition to spending time with our own members. Barb Gasperini's speech was great and the luncheon at DeNunzio's was delicious. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it so enjoyable!



February 4th Meeting:

Greeters: Nancy Penney and Ruth Wilson
Inspiration: Barbara MacDonald
Raffle: NA Teachers – A framed photograph of Pittsburgh at Night by NAI teacher John Bova

Membership News:

Paulette and her husband will be moving in 3 months to a patio home in Gibsonia. She's decluttering – want any furniture? And she's looking forward to being closer to DKG meetings!

Terry Klein is supervising 2 student teachers for Duquesne University this semester.