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President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Many thanks to those who attended our April 11 Tri-Chapter meeting with special guest President Kay! I received a lovely thank you card from her, which I will share at our May 9 meeting.

Karen, Bess and I realize how valuable time is to our members, especially with the many springtime activities which arise, so we will be experimenting with a slightly different meal format for our May meeting. Rather than a

full brunch or dinner, we will be providing brunch "appetizers," which will be set up before the meeting begins so that members may graze at their leisure throughout the morning. Our hope is that the shortened morning – and lower cost – will encourage more members to attend the meeting.

This is only an experiment, and the format will not be used for

every meeting. After the meeting, feedback is always welcome!

After Trooper Caimona's presentation, we will stay to complete the Convention Focus Table cards, for those who can stay, please bring your scrapbooking supplies!

Thank you. *Diana*

May 9, 2015 Meeting

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *
125 No. Jefferson St.
New Castle, PA 16101

Exec. Meeting: 9:30 AM
Appetizers 10:00 AM
Chapter Meeting: 10:30 AM
Program: 11:30 PM

State Police Officer Dom Caimona—Women's Safety

MENU & COST : Hot and cold brunch appetizers \$5.00

Send checks made payable to:

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3303 Old Pittsburgh Road
New Castle, Pa 16101
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by May 3.

Directions: From Butler:
422E to Rt 18N (right at Jefferson St. -The Diamond) Church one block up on left (Where Glory Grille is)



Chapter Presidents with President Kay



Distinguished guests from Alpha Alpha State From left: First VP Tracey Dusch, Pres. Kay Stewart, Former Presidents Louann Shrader and Sue Stamm



Please read all your *Clapper*! Print it or save it as reference. Record meeting dates on your calendar as soon as you receive it.

“Do not train a child to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.” Plato

Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”
Margaret Mead

Great mentorship is priceless.”
Lailah Gifty Akita, *Beautiful Quotes*
Lailah Gifty Akita is a Ghanaian and founder of Smart Youth Volunteers Foundation.

From the Editor

Please remember to reply “rec’d” to your electronic newsletter. The *Alpha Sigma Clapper* is also posted online on the Alpha Alpha website. Go to www.alphaalphapa.com Click on: News, then- News from the Chapters. For old newsletters - click on Archives. Check other chapters’ news, too. For *The Keystoneian*, click on Keystoneian at the top of the Alpha Alpha home page. **The Clapper is also available on our chapter website www.dkgalphasigma.org Please use our site often for reference and up-to-date info.** Our site has Links to State and International. Check out all three web sites to learn more about your Society. Use the Face Book pages: **DKG/Alpha Alpha State** and **The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** if you are a FB fan.

Stef Fabena, Editor

Scholarships

After sending Grant and Aid information to local colleges (YSU, Geneva, Grove City, Westminster, and Slippery Rock) in February for our annual scholarships, Committee Chair Laurie Seminara reports that she received **NO** applications by the April deadline! Therefore the deadline has been extended to May 15. This is not a Need—Based Scholarship. If you know any junior girls majoring in education, who are from Lawrence or Butler County, please notify Laurie for forms and more information. Jonica Walters will check with BCCC—Butler Community College (a school we never included before). We believe they have a four year education program. They have campuses in Butler and Lawrence County.

Projects

Our **card project** will continue on May 9 following our meeting.

The completed cards will be sold at our focus table at State. Projects Chair Dot Dodson and her committee will put together a basket that our chapter will donate to Alpha Alpha State at the Convention in June. There were no open Saturdays for **Glorry Grille**, but we sent money to provide a Saturday lunch and will try to get our regular week to serve next year. At our meeting, Dot read a “Thank You” letter from Celtic Home Health Care for the children’s books we donated— excerpt below:

These books will be used to promote enrichment of early parent/child bonding. Some of the books have already been distributed to mothers. At our first visit to assess mother and child, we discuss bonding, coping, parenting skills and provide education concerning infant care. We discuss how early reading intervention can enhance a child’s development.

Often there are preschool siblings in the home. They love getting a present and being included in the process of bonding with the baby.

The response has been very positive from the mothers. Quite often, at the second visit they are telling me how they enjoyed reading to the baby and how the toddlers wanted the books read over and over.

There will be a **World Fellowship** collection at the May meeting.

Membership

Sisters, are you looking for worthy new members for Alpha Sigma? This is our regular recruiting time (although you can bring potential members any time). Why don't you bring a key women educator to the May meeting. Don't forget former members who might wish to return.

Dates To Remember

May 9, 2015	Alpha Sigma - First Presbyterian Church, New Castle, PA
June 12-14, 2015	Alpha Alpha State Convention PSU Nittany Lion Inn
July 8-11, 2015	NERC Baltimore, Md

Member News

Please send wedding, birth, health and hospitalization, family deaths, etc. news to the editor. Also, tell us what you are doing in your classrooms or schools. We'd all love to know.

Do you remember when our sister, Octavia Payne, stood before us at a chapter meeting to ask for mentors for a program she was developing? That was many years ago. Those first young girls are now out of school, and a second class has started. The program was named "Diamond Girls." This year, The inaugural ATHENA Organizational Leadership Award will be presented to the founders of **Diamond Girls**, a program that mentors a cohort of girls from fifth grade through high school graduation that gives guidance and develops young women to advance. The Organizational Leadership Award Recipients will be Michele Perelman and our Alpha Sigma sister, **Octavia Payne** of New Castle. Congratulations, Octavia, for a job well done.



From left: Octavia, Michelle

Please send "Thinking of You" cards to **Helen Ferguson and Mimi Rider**, both recuperating from recent ailments. Please send Mimi's cards to her temporary address: Marilyn Rider 100 New Haven Lane Apt. C-101 Butler, PA 16001

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More Member News

Jean Speight celebrated her April birthday in Cancun. The day after she returned, **she** and **Stef Fulena** presented a program for the West Middlesex Retired Teachers Association. They previously presented at the Sharon Library. Both engagements came from invitations by **Alpha Omicron** sisters who had seen their program at an Alpha Omicron Chapter meeting.

Rose Ann Fulena has been travelling to Harrisburg to interview Student Council applicants from all over the state who will serve on the Pennsylvania Board of Education. The two students selected will attend Board meetings, offer their thoughts but will not have a vote. According to Roe, the two young ladies (one a high school junior, one a senior) selected are very accomplished. Roe mentioned that one speaks at least four languages—English, Spanish, Chinese, and Hindi.

Eight sisters (**Diana Borowski, Karen Matis, Carol Herbert, Bonnie Barnes, Karen Tinstman, Jean Speight, Stef and Roe Fulena**) have committed to attending Alpha Alpha State at the Nittany Lion in June. Contact **Diana** if you want to attend. Attendees receive a stipend from Alpha Sigma. We need some First Timers! **Roe** and **Stef** are presenting “Yay, We’re Irish Again!” a genealogy and travel program, on Saturday morning. Sisters who attend NERC will also receive a stipend.

Jonica Walters is busy planning her daughter’s wedding.

Please volunteer to help with **Lawrence County Historical Society’s Trivia Competition on May 6** from 9 am to noon. Call **Stef Fulena** to volunteer. Sisters, **Donna Neff, Bess Ondako, Diana Borowski, Jonica Walters, Mary Alice Snyder, and Toni Schooley**, are Trivia advisors in their respective school districts. Stef directs the program for the Lawrence County Historical Society.

Nanette Solomon recently retired from SRU’s Music Department as Professor Emeritus. She is still performing piano concerts on a regular basis. **Nanette** and **Stef** have been busy writing grants for **Renova Music Festival**, a local chamber music festival held the first two weeks of June. Both are Renova founding members and board officers. (www.renovafestival.org)

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