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STATEMENT:

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GAMMA SOCIETY  
INTERNATIONAL  
PROMOTES  
PROFESSIONAL  
AND PERSONAL  
GROWTH OF  
WOMEN  
EDUCATORS AND  
EXCELLENCE IN  
EDUCATION.

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# Alpha Sigma Clapper

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## President's Message

Dear Sisters

I hope that everyone is keeping warm during this Arctic Blast! We celebrated Alpha Sigma's 53rd birthday on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Union High School. LeeAnn Fulena and Kelly Olinger, owner of Scrap Booking Expressions, presented a workshop on making cards. Our sisters made over 150 cards for us to sell at the state convention in June. I must say we are a really creative group of ladies!

I am planning on attending the Leadership Training seminar on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> in State College. I am hoping the weather is good for driving!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting

on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lawrence County Historical Society in New Castle where Stephanie and Jean will be presenting a program on "Forgotten Women in Pennsylvania History". A great way to help increase our attendance at meetings would be to offer a ride to a fellow member that you haven't seen in a while. Please make an extra effort to attend. Bring a potential member or a previous member. We truly miss seeing everyone!

Stay warm!

Sincerely,

*Debi Allebach* 

## March 15, 2014 Meeting

LAWRENCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

408 N. Jefferson St., New Castle, PA

EX. BOARD: 9:30 AM

MEETING: 10:00 AM

PROGRAM: 11:00 AM

**Forgotten Women in PA History-  
Stef Fulena & Jean Speight**

LUNCH: 12:00

HOSTESSES: Bess Ondako & Rose Ann Fulena

**MENU & COST:** Sausage stuffed mushrooms, vegetable spring rolls, teriyaki chicken, cheese and pepperoni tray, cupcakes, beverages Catered by Faraone Bros. Cupcakes by Anthony Di Thomas **\$12.**

**RAFFLE BASKET:** Membership & Sunshine Girls

**Directions:** From Butler: 422W to New Castle, follow 422 downtown. Turn right onto N. Jefferson St. at Kennedy Square (The Diamond). Society is at top of hill on right. Go to light, turn right for Society parking.

**Send checks made payable to Bess Ondako by March 8, 2014:**

**Bess Ondako**  
212 Sumner Ave., New Castle, PA 16105  
724 656-1433

### U.S. FORUM

**From: Kay Stuart, Alpha Alpha  
State President**

The National Legislative Seminar (NLS) occurs biennially. The next NLS will be held March 16th-19th, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, National Airport, 2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA. The NLS registration form is available at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/File%20Sharing/files/2014%20NLS%20Reg%20Form.pdf>.

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum> A free newsletter is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. DKG members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to :

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

"Life is a song - sing it. Life is a game - play it. Life is a challenge - meet it. Life is a dream - realize it. Life is a sacrifice - offer it. Life is love - enjoy it." *unknown*

"A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

## From the Editor

Please remember to reply "rec'd" to your electronic newsletter. If you don't receive *The Keystoneian* or the two International periodicals, let us know. It is your responsibility to notify international and us of regular mail address changes. When you receive your new membership card from Toni Schooley, read the info for address changes, you send every-thing BUT your membership card back to International with your corrected address.

The *Alpha Sigma Clapper* is posted online on the Alpha Alpha website. Go to [www.alphaalphapa.com](http://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 new chapter website [www.dkgalphasigma.org](http://www.dkgalphasigma.org) We have met new International stand-ards. If you had the old site saved as a favorite (bookmark), please delete it and add the new site to your favorites (bookmarks). The brand new site is certified and has Links to State and International. Check out our new website and the others to learn more about **your** Society.

Use the Face Book page: **DKG/Alpha Alpha State** if you are a FB fan. *Stef*

## Projects

We made 150 all-occasion cards at Union High School on January 18. Only seventeen Alpha Sigma members attended but they were very industrious! Thanks to Lee Ann Fulena and Kelly Gorgacz Olinger of Scrap Booking Expressions who donated not just their time but all the paper, envelopes, and embellishments and taught us during the session! Scrappers not in attendance may bring cards to March meeting.

## Personal Growth

If you haven't sent your bio and picture to Jean Speight, please do so at once. Only a few have not been displayed. Jean's ready for a new "Decade" project which highlights your high school life. Sounds like FUN.

## Nominations

Election by written ballot for a slate of chapter candidates for the 2014-2016 biennium will be voted on at the March 15 meeting. Additional nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. You cannot nominate someone without their previous agreement to serve in that office. Our slate of nominated officers:

Co-Presidents—Debi Allebach and Diana Borowski;

First Vice President - Karen Matis,

Second Vice President - Bess Ondako,

Recording Secretary - Veronica Rozic,

Corresponding Secretary - Linda Makarevich

Treasurer and Parliamentarian are appointed offices and do not appear on the ballot.

*Stef Fulena, Nominations*

# Membership

Dear Sisters,

Sadly, a year has gone by with no new sisters added to our chapter. Our Society is valuable to educators. We need vibrant new inductees every year to keep our chapter strong and sustainable. We can induct new members at any time during the year; we simply need Form 11 (request for membership) completed for new candidates. If there is anything I can do to assist you in recruiting potential members, please contact me. Consider inviting a friend to our next meeting at Lawrence County Historical Society to share our vision and show potential new members what fantastic opportunities await sisterhood. If you know a former member who might like to return, please invite them to come as well.

*Dr. Karen Matis, Membership*

## Dates to Remember

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Feb. 28—March 1, 2014  | Leadership & Professional Development Conference<br>PSU & Chapter President’s Training (*see Keystoneian) |
| March 15, 2014         | Lawrence County Historical Society, New Castle<br>Forgotten Women in PA History - Stef and Jean           |
| May 16, 2014           | Butler YWCA - Dinner—Officer Installations  |
| June 13 -15, 2014      | Alpha Alpha State Convention—PSU  |
| July 28 – Aug. 1, 2014 | International Convention –Indianapolis. IN  |

## 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.*

**Rose Ann Fulena** was recently elected **State Executive Director of PASC** (Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils)! She will take over the position on March 1. She will continue teaching math at Union as well. Congratulations, Roe.

**Karen Matis** spent Christmas 2013 in the Dominican Republic where 80 degree temperatures melted away the chill from Western Pennsylvania.

**Jean Speight** and her husband, Curtis, have been touring in Florida, Alabama, and Tennessee. She returned to Pennsylvania just in time to present a program entitled “America’s Music-African American Contribution” at the Lawrence County Historical Society for Black History month.

**Stef Fulena**, a huge Harry Potter fan, was taken by her daughters to “The Wizarding World of Harry Potter” in Florida for her birthday. Hogwarts and the village of Hogsmeade were fascinating and very realistic. They also stayed at a beautiful Italian resort while there.

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## Member News (continued from Page 3)

Our Alpha Sigma sister **Arlene Pascarella** passed away in January. She had been at The Overlook Nursing Home for a long time. Arlene was a retired kindergarten teacher in Union Township. She was the **first** teacher to hundreds of children. Rose Ann Fulena was one of them. **“Most of us end up with no more than five or six people who remember us. Teachers have thousands of people who remember them for the rest of their lives.”** *Andy Rooney* **Remembrance Ceremony-March meeting.**

**Karen Tinstman** leads a weekly Bible study discussion group; several of our Alpha Sigma sisters are participants.



**Birthday Bash & Card Making: Debi, Diana, Heather, Kelly, Roe, Carol H, Mamie, Bonnie, Mary Chris, Marcia, Karen R, Marcia, Mary K**

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