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AND PERSONAL  
GROWTH OF  
WOMEN  
EDUCATORS AND  
EXCELLENCE IN  
EDUCATION.

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# Alpha Sigma Clapper

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## President's Message

Sisters,

Welcome to Spring! Actually...as of the date I'm writing this, it feels like spring already, I was outside in a short-sleeved shirt yesterday! I'm one of those who is always cold, so that will tell you something. Punxy Phil did say we would have an early Spring after all...



That being said however, I am sorry to say that I will miss you all at our March meeting, as I will be in Disney for our school Marching Band trip.

But the chapter will be left in the capable hands of our soon-to-be-incoming president, Bonnie. At this meeting, please be generous in our free-will collection for World Fellowship, and remember to collect those eyeglasses for the Dr. Michelle J. McCollin Memorial Eyeglass Project! We will have our official collection at our next meeting, the last meeting of my biennium.

Thank you, and I will see every-one next time!

Yours in DKG, *Diana*



## March 14 Meeting

SRU Russell Wright Alumni House, 105 Campus Dr, Slippery Rock, PA 16057

9:30 Meeting

11:00 Lunch

Menu: Seared lemon chicken breast, House salad, Roasted Red Potatoes, Penne with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce, Garlic bread, Traditional Brownie, Coffee, ice tea, water

12:00 Program - Days for Girls Wendy Kovach (See page 2/3)

Cost: \$18

Hostesses: Octavia Payne, Ursula Payne, Dorothy Dodson

Please send your check payable to:

Octavia Payne  
1701 Highland Ave.  
New Castle, PA 16105

By March 7, 2020

Directions: On SRU campus, across the parking lot from North Hall



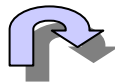
Please read all your *Clapper*! Print it or save it as reference. Record meeting dates on your calendar as soon as you receive it.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others? ...MLK

Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time. ...Marian Wright Edelman

No one has ever become poor by giving. ...Anne Frank

## From the Editor



Please remember to **reply** "rec'd" to this electronic newsletter. Please do **not** "reply all". *The Clapper* (old and new issues) are available on our chapter website [www.dkgalphasigma.org](http://www.dkgalphasigma.org). Please use our site **often** for reference and up-to-date info. Our site has Links to State and International.

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## Nominations

### Proposed slate of officers:

President:	Bonnie Barnes
First VP:	Debbie McMillin
Second VP:	Dorothy Dodson
Recording Sec.:	Mary Alice Snyder
Corresponding Sec.:	Linda Macarevich

Treasurer and Parliamentarian are appointed offices.

## Projects

### About our upcoming March 14, 2020 meeting from Bonnie:

Our program for this meeting had to be changed because of a conflict of schedules. Shayne Garcia's mother will not be able to present but she has graciously provided an alternative program for us. It is entitled "Days for Girls." I have included a brief description and hope it will encourage you to send in your reservations and bring along some friends as well. After all, we are women and have experienced the "monthly visitor." This presentation will focus on how we can help young girls.

Additionally, we have the opportunity to contribute to this outreach. The following items listed are acceptable. You may also do a Google search to "find out more about it."

- Hotel bars of soap
- Wash cloths
- Girl's brief cotton undies size 10, 12, or 14
- 100 percent cotton fabric – medium to dark colors
- 100 flannel fabric - medium to dark colors
- Thread cotton/ polyester grey or anything dark
- Serger thread also medium to dark colors

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**How It All Began:** Days for Girls began in 2008 when Founder and CEO Celeste Mergens was working with a family foundation in the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya where she began assisting an orphanage. In the wake of historic post-election violence, the population at the orphanage had swelled from 400 children to 1,400. As she was getting prepared to return to Nairobi, Celeste went to bed with the devastating situation weighing heavy on her mind. In the middle of the night, she woke up with a nagging question: "What are girls doing for feminine hygiene?" Seeking an answer, she ran to the computer and sent an email to the Assistant Director of the orphanage. He replied right away, "Nothing. They wait in their rooms." Today, Days for Girls has reached more than one million women and girls in 125+ countries with DfG Kits and menstrual health education.



*From Bonnie Barnes*

## Calendar

Mar. 14	SRU Alumni Hall	Slippery Rock	Days for Girls
May 14	Mary's Restaurant	New Castle	Officers and New Members Installations
June 12-15	Nittany Lion Inn	Penn State	PA State Org. Conference
July 7-11		Philadelphia	DKG International Convention
July 12-15		New York	NY Getaway Tour– post Convention

## Member News

*Jean Speight is presenting several Black History programs around New Castle in February and March.*

**Rose Ann Fulena's** students have been fundraising for Union's Four Diamonds Mini-THON, the high school version of PSU's famous THON which raises millions of dollars each year for Childhood Cancer. Even her middle school council is having their own MINI Mini-THON.

**Amy Buckley** hosted Lawrence County schools for the 2020 Elementary Reading Festival. **Stef Fulena** volunteered for the festival. Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students wrote prompts, and played games based on the four books they read in advance of the event.

**Octavia Payne** has been busy with her Diamond Girls, presenting programs for these 10th graders about finance and budgeting. This is the second group of girls to have been mentored from Junior High through graduation.

**Ursula Payne** was featured in the current SRU Magazine for a collaborative Arts Project, "Inside Out" that she and two other SRU professors presented on campus to promote awareness of diversity and inclusion.

**\*\*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.

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**Rose Ann Fulena** attended the wedding of former Alpha Sigma sister, **Natalee Schmolly** in Florida in January. Roe is preparing for a total hip replacement this spring! She has been trying to hold off for her students but can wait no longer.

**Diana Borowski** is beginning a Masters in History program at SRU this summer. She is also looking into a research project out of the country. Diana will have more info by our next meeting.

**Sonie Laughead** reports all our Butler sisters are doing well.

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