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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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"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."



## Greetings Alpha Sigma sisters!

As I anticipate the spring season's arrival that Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672) referenced in her quote, I am humbled to be reminded how much progress women have made through the centuries. Bradstreet never attended school, but her father understood the value of a strong, firm education foundation. Through his tutelage, Bradstreet is now remembered as an accomplished female early American poet at a time when women's roles were limited, yet clearly defined.

Our March 25th meeting will be held at

## March 25, 2017 Meeting

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
320 East Jefferson Street, Butler

9:30 am Executive Board Meeting -  
(Cinnamon rolls, pastries, coffee)  
10:00 am General Meeting  
11:00 am Program—Polly Shaw  
"Hidden History of Moraine State Park"  
12:00 pm Lunch

**HOSTESSES:** Sonie Laughead & Sharon Kline

**MENU:** Assorted wraps and croissants with chicken salad, tortellini salad, potato salad, sweet tea, coffee, water, and cookies. Please note: Assorted pastries, cinnamon rolls, and coffee will be available prior to the meeting.

**COST:** \$13.

Covenant Presbyterian Church in Butler. Kudos to our Butler sisters who organized this **change of venue** and program. I'm excited that Polly Shaw will be our program speaker. Polly will share information about her book *Moraine State Park* which literally will be "hot off the press" with a publication date of March 20! Polly's program "Hidden History of Moraine State Park" will include pictures and stories that might not be well known about our local nature reserve. In addition, Polly will offer her book at a discounted price of \$20 following her program. Details about the meeting are below. Hope to see you at the meeting!

*Karen*



Mail checks made payable to:

Sharon Kline  
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by March 15, 2017.

**RAFFLE BASKET:** Hospitality Committee, Visual and Performing Arts Committee

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Route 8 exit of 422 toward downtown Butler, Route 8 Main Street. From Main Street, turn left onto Cunningham. Go one block and turn left onto McKean Street. Proceed through the light turning right onto East New Castle Street. Park along the right side and enter the church through the double doors in the back.



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

Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead."  
—**Louisa May Alcott**

"The day will come when men will recognize woman as his peer, not only at the fireside, but in councils of the nation. Then, and not until then, will there be the perfect comradeship, the ideal union between the sexes that shall result in the highest development of the race."—  
**Susan B. Anthony**

"The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn."  
—**Gloria Steinem**

\*Editor's note: As I search for appropriate subject matter quotations each newsletter, I have found that less than 10% online are by women!

## 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](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 available on our chapter website [www.dkgalphasigma.org](http://www.dkgalphasigma.org) Please use our site often for reference and up-to-date info. I recently applied for recertification, and it was certified. Our site has Links to State and International. Check out all three web sites to learn more about your Society.

Use our Face Book pages: DKG/Alpha Alpha State for up to date news on our members and pictures. And check out The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on FB.

Follow Alpha Sigma on Face Book: [Alpha Sigma Chapter PA DKG](#) and remember to like our page. *Stef*

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## Scholarship

Scholarship Committee information:

President Karen Matis will chair this committee this year. Scholarship information has been sent to six local colleges. The application and criteria are also on Alpha Sigma's website. Members should actively seek candidates who are eligible for our scholarship. Go to our website [www.dkgalphasigma.org](http://www.dkgalphasigma.org) for the application and criteria. If the link "scholarship" doesn't appear on the band at the top of the home page on your computer/phone, click the link "more" and it will appear. The due date for applying is April 7, 2017.

Scholarships



## Membership

Sisters, are you looking for worthy new members for Alpha Sigma? You can bring potential members any time. Why don't you bring a key women educator to the Sept. meeting. Don't forget former members who might wish to return. Call them today.

## Dates to Remember

March 25, 2017	Covenant Presbyterian Church	Butler, PA
May 16, 2017	3 Chapter Meeting The Villa	New Castle, PA
April 21-23, 2017	PA State Creative Arts Retreat	Ludlow, PA
June 9-11, 2017	Alpha Alpha PA Convention	PSU
July 12-14, 2017	NERC (NorthEast Regional Conference)	Winsor, Ontario

Check *The Keystoneian* for state event applications. See previous page.

## 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.

**Diana Borowski** stepped into the spotlight for a role at New Castle Playhouse after years as the Union High School musical director. Diana appeared in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. [http://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/union-high-musical-director-makes-stage-debut-at-playhouse/article\\_dace44a6-b74e-11e6-b9ac-03d82a35b328.html](http://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/union-high-musical-director-makes-stage-debut-at-playhouse/article_dace44a6-b74e-11e6-b9ac-03d82a35b328.html)

**Jean Speight** presented "Traveling Shoes: Looking at African American Migration", her latest program, for Black History Month at Lawrence County Historical Society on February 8. [www.lawrencechs.com](http://www.lawrencechs.com)



**Rose Ann Fulena** received the 2016 Earl Ruum Region 2 Award (Region 2—NY, NJ, PA, MD, DEL) at the NAWD (National Association of Workshop Directors) National Conference in Madison, Wisconsin this December. The deceased Ruum was a personal hero of Roe's in student affairs.

Left: Roe receiving award, right: Roe and Earl before his death in 2010



**Ursula Payne** has been named director of the Frederick Douglass Institute initiative at SRU. Ursula is professor of dance at SRU. See the article attached.

<http://www.sru.edu/news/112116b>

You can cut and paste the URL's above for more info.

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## More Member News

Several of our sisters now winter in Florida: **Carol Herbert**, is our latest snow bird.

Remember Connections? When I first started doing the newsletter, I did a column called “connections” -unusual connections between Alpha Sigma sisters. Here’s a multi-chapter connection: **Patti Zinger** of Theta Chapter (Pittsburgh) contacted me to tell me that **Rose Ann Fulena’s** spring semester student teacher, **Julia Mittlemeier**, is a Theta Chapter’s scholarship recipient this year. Patti and her sister **Julianne** (also a Theta sister ) have been guests at Alpha Sigma meetings in the past. Their aunt, our dear **Julie Venditta** brought them. Patti’s daughter, **Rachel**, is also a Theta sister– a teacher family.

On January 14, 1961, **Erla Atwell, Morfydd Brown, Marian Campbell, Mary Etta Eberhart, Stella Emrick, Betty Erdos, Pearl Gibbons, Eleanor McCullough, Martha Baird Patterson, Margaret Puff, Hazel Raisley, Margaret Read, Gertrude Ritzert, Pearl Smiley, Ruth Steininger, Mary E. Stinedurf, and Agnes Turnblacer** met and were initiated and installed (by Lambda Chapter sisters) as the charter members of Alpha Sigma Chapter. Current Alpha Sigma sisters (including our recently initiated new members) celebrated the Chapter’s 56th birthday, on January 14, 2017. They enjoyed cupcakes decorated with birthday candles, various coffees and teas at Two River Artesan Coffee Works in downtown New Castle.

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