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Greetings, dear sisters!

While some of you may be looking forward to Autumn's relief from hot, muggy temperatures, others are in the throes of class rosters, lesson planning, and "getting back in the saddle!" There's much to relay to the membership as we plan for our September 17 meeting at Rachel's in Butler. First, please pay your membership dues. Treasurer Carol Herbert sent a group email about the dues structure including the deadline for payment. If you have misplaced the information and still need to pay your dues, please bring your check to the September meeting.

September 17, 2016

RACHEL'S ROADHOUSE
100 Fairfield Lane Butler, PA
EXEC. MEETING Virtual TBA
INITIATION: 10:00AM
GENERAL MEETING: 10:30AM
LUNCH: 12:00PM
HOSTESSES: Menu - choose one:
Turkey BLT Croissant - roasted turkey, provolone, crisp bacon, lettuce, tomato, croissant
Downtown Deli - roast beef horseradish sauce, swiss, Lettuce tomato, marbled rye

Grilled Chicken Spinach Salad - fresh spinach, egg, mozzarella, provolone, tomato and sliced mushrooms, grilled chicken breast. Served with hot bacon dressing

With soup of the day, coleslaw, beverage
COST: \$15.

Otherwise, mail a check for \$83 made out to Delta Kappa Gamma to her.

All in attendance at the November meeting and paid are entered into a drawing for fabulous prizes!

Secondly, look at Page 3 Committee News about Rules and Finance.

I hope to see you at both the September and November meetings. I am thrilled to welcome **four** new initiates into our circle of women educators; initiation will be at the September meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send a note to our Corresponding Secretary, Linda Makarevich, to let your sisters know what wonderful adventures you are enjoying. *Karen*

Mail choice and Make checks payable to:

Mary Chris Falbo
105 Freedom Rd.
Butler, PA 16001
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by Sunday, Sept. 12.

Directions: 422e. Exit to 8n
Rachel's on right

RAFFLE BASKET: Executive Committee



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

"Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open." —Laura Bush

*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** 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** on FB. Follow Alpha Sigma on Face Book: **Alpha Sigma Chapter PA DKG** Instagram: **AlphaSigmaDKG** Twitter: **@alphasigmaDKG** *Stef*

Never attended an event beyond the chapter level? How about this? The following is taken from the *Keystoneian*. "...Alpha Alpha State comes to "the Burgh." ...This year's Sept., Seminar of Purpose begins a "Taste of Pittsburgh" Go to the *Keystoneian* on line for application. Follow links above. **HURRY! Sept. 23-25 Purposeful Seminar "Pride of Pittsburgh"**

Projects

Bags with books and a toy were collected at the August picnic. Mary Kay Davis and Karen Matis delivered to local shelters in Butler and Lawrence Counties.

New Castle City Rescue Mission thanks Alpha Sigma for the gift of fried chicken and fruit salad delivered following the August picnic.

Membership

Welcome new members, **Michelle Mrozek, Carol Kuper-Pyle, Kim Carlson, and Shayne Garcia-Bish**. 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.**

Rules

Over the summer the ad hoc rules review committee met to review chapter rules. You should have received an email with these changes. There will also be copies available for members at the September meeting. Rule changes must be voted on by membership. Since we all would like our yearbooks updated with the latest, we need to expedite this. Our goal is to vote on changes to the rules in September and have the new yearbooks available for the November meeting.

Finance

The Finance Committee met in late June to draft a budget for our chapter. Special thanks to Carol Herbert and Nancy Boyd for their input and expertise in pulling together this document. Again, you should have received an email with the proposed budget. Membership will vote on this budget at the September meeting. Copies will also be available for members at the September meeting.

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.

Karen Matis traveled to Florida to visit her sister; she also went to Punta Cana, and to Colorado this summer.

Diana Borowski visited Germany and France. She was in France when the terrorist attack occurred in Germany, and in Germany when the attack occurred in France!

Mary Chris Falbo survived her daughter's wedding this spring.

Bonnie Barnes, Karen Tinstman, and Carol Herbert went to the International Convention in Nashville.

Stef and Rose Ann Fulena presented their program "Hola Havana" for Alpha Alpha State at PSU. They will present it at Alpha Phi's chapter meeting next month.

Octavia Payne and Rose Ann Fulena were "Women of Distinction" at State.

Sisters, Nancy Schlumberger, Marilyn Cook, Diana Borowski, Donna Neff, Bess Ondako and her daughter joined **Linda Macarevich** for her guided school trip to Quebec. Linda leads students and friends on a school trip each year.



More Member News

Carol Herbert was awarded the Biennium Alpha Sigma Achievement Award. This is from Carol:

People asked, "Were you surprised?" when I was announced as the Chapter Achievement Award recipient for 2016. Surprised is an understatement. I was shocked, speechless, and in a state of utter disbelief. I was shocked that my Alpha Sigma sisters had placed me in the same service category as previous recipients Norma Neely, Sonie Laughead, Jean Speight, Stephanie Fulena, and Mary Kay Davis. I was shocked because I know of several others in the chapter who are certainly more deserving of the award than I. Nevertheless, I am deeply touched and energized by your affirmation of me and my work in the Society. Thank you. I am honored and humbled.

Borrowing on President Tracey's theme, I boarded the DKG train in 1987, almost 30 years ago. It has been an unforgettable ride! That train took me many times from New Castle to the State College area for State Conventions, Administrative Board meetings, and state committee meetings. The tracks then spread on an International level from Portland, Maine to Spokane, Washington with stops in Hershey, Indianapolis, Baltimore, New York City, and this year, Nashville.

If you have never experienced DKG beyond the chapter level, I would encourage you to "get on the train" and do so. You will find new friendships, spiritual fellowship, and a new understanding of the essence of our Society and its Seven Purposes. To further encourage broadening your horizons, Alpha Sigma is one of the few chapters in PA to offer stipends to offset the expense of attending State and International events.

I would also encourage you to lend your support to our chapter's newly installed officers. The chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Together we can strive to make a difference for women, children, and excellence in education.

Your grateful sister in red roses, Carol Herbert

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