



# KAPPA KAPERS

President's Message by Diana Mettler



Finally, it's spring! I think! Even though the temperatures are slow to warm up, the flowers are emerging and the sun is feeling warmer!

If you haven't already, be sure to read the Spring 2015 issue of the Keystoneian. This issue includes registration and tips for attending State Convention, bios on the nominees for Alpha Alpha State Officers, and an article from Donna Houser on her enrichment grant excursion to Norway. If you have misplaced your Keystoneian, you can view it on the Alpha Alpha State website at <http://www.alphaalphapa.com>.

I strongly encourage all Kappa members to step outside of our chapter and consider attending State Convention in State College and the Northeast Regional Conference (NERC) in Baltimore. Again, these events are for **ALL** members. It is a wonderful opportunity to see a broader view of the Society and what it has to offer. Not only are they informative, they are FUN!

Our April meeting will be held at the Bosler Library. The program is titled ChildFirst which will be presented by Jason Kutulakis. ChildFirst is a multi-disciplinary team that is designed to put the child first during the investigation of possible child abuse. To learn more visit: [www.childfirstpa.com](http://www.childfirstpa.com). The ChildFirst program is sure to be very informative for all, so feel free to bring a guest.

In May, our chapter will celebrate Founder's Day, recognize grant-in-aid recipients, and have the opportunity to create a spring bouquet with guidance from Crystal Header and Ruth Glotfelty.

Looking forward to seeing you at our April meeting!

## Raffle Basket for Convention

It's that time of year again! Kappa's raffle basket for convention will be a gift card basket. Please consider bringing a gift card for the basket to our April and May meetings. Some possible ideas for gift cards: retail stores, grocery, gas, restaurant, a movie theater, bookstore, or coffee shop. You may also donate cash which will be used to purchase additional gift cards.

\*\* Just a reminder, gift cards to wine and spirit shops can not be included in a raffle basket in PA.\*\*



## Spring Fundraiser

We earned \$350 selling Bon Ton booklets. As yet, we have not received a check from the store and am not sure we will get one. It wasn't a very good weekend for raising money and it is getting harder to sell the booklets.

Thank you to Pat Crouse, Linda Wineman, Lillian Rowland and Loretta Maddox for selling the booklets in the store on Saturday and also to all of you who supported the project.

Do you have any ideas on how to raise money? If so, please let Mary know. Thank you.

## Future Meeting Dates

April 7, 2015 @ 4:30 @ Bosler Library Meeting Room  
Child First: Jason Kutulakis

May 9, 2015 @ 9:30am  
Zion Lutheran Church, Newville  
Founder's Day & Grant in Aid Recipients

September 26, 2015 @ 10 am  
Meadowbrook Gourds

## NERC/Baltimore, MD - July 8-11

**Attention!** As of March 20th, over half the rooms have been reserved at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore. Be sure to reserve your room so that you do not have to go to a secondary hotel. You only need to hold the room with a credit card. It does not charge until July and it could be cancelled if necessary.

Our chapter website:

<http://kappadkg.weebly.com>

Don't forget to let DKG know when your contact information changes!

# Member Spotlight

This month, we are highlighting Jenny Kump. She is one of our newer members. Jenny was just initiated in May 2014. Jenny lives in Newville with her husband Brian and daughter Lexi. She also has two older children, Lauren and Matthew. In addition, they have a farmette and are busy with animals. She loves to garden and is currently busy preparing for her daughter Lauren's wedding in the fall. Shopping and spending time with family, friends and her children is another favorite of hers. Jenny also loves summer sun and being in the water!

Jenny has a vast amount of experience in both elementary education and special education. After graduating from Slippery Rock University with dual certification in Elementary Education and Special Education, she began her teaching in Virginia at a junior high where she taught learning support. After that, they moved to Danville, Pennsylvania where she continued to teach learning support at the middle school level and later Kindergarten – Second grades. Next, they moved to the Chambersburg area where her family is from. Working for Chambersburg School District, she taught learning support for grades 6-8. It was then that she got trained as an Instructional Support teacher. She taught that for 4 years before moving to Big Spring to be closer to her own children that attended there. At Big Spring, she was the Instructional Support teacher for K-5. That position was phased out and she is currently an Instructional Coach for Mount Rock Elementary. With this position, she is a resource to teachers. She helps them find resources for teaching and model in areas where teachers feel they need some help. She has been teaching at Big Spring for 12 years and with all her other experience, a total of 26 years in education!

Jenny comes from a family of educators. Her father retired as an administrator for Chambersburg and her mom was a teacher there.

## **US Forum Updates** *from Lillian Rowland*

### **NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the current version of which is commonly referred to as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is going to be revised in this session of Congress. The major bill is not expected to be introduced until much later this year (possibly sometime this summer). Some other separate bills have been introduced already. A bill which would permit alternate assessments and standards for students with "significant cognitive disabilities" has been introduced in the Senate (S.516). Several other bills seek to increase the number of females and minorities in the STEM fields. At this time bills are being filed and referred to committees. It is interesting that in the Senate the Education Committee Chair [Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN)] and the committee's ranking member [Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)] are working together to formulate the Senate version of ESEA.

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

March is Women's History Month and March 8 is designated as International Women's History Day by the United Nations. The 2015 UN theme is "Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity: Picture It!"

Women have been making strides to become more involved in some nontraditional areas. For example, it is estimated that currently 49% of video game developers are female, which is up from about 19% some years back. Video games often depict scantily clad females; many include violence against female characters (assault and rape), and ascribe to female characters negative attributes such as giggling and sighing. The violence, sexually provocative clothing and ineffectual seeming female video characters affect how young people perceive what is normal and acceptable. With the increasing numbers of women entering the video gaming workforce, this characterization is slowly changing. However, until it is pointed out to them, even female programmers have fallen into the trap of depicting women as weak and wearing sexually provocative garments. The percentage of females who actively participate in video gaming is steadily increasing and higher percentages of female video gamers are found in younger women. An in-depth analysis of females and video gaming can be found at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women\\_and\\_video\\_games](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women_and_video_games).

### **HELP FOR DYSLEXICS IN READING**

A font has been developed by a dyslexic adult that helps dyslexic individuals read more easily. The "Dislexie" font puts more emphasis on parts of letters which are different making individual letters more easily distinguishable. It does not cure dyslexia, it simply makes letters more easily distinguishable from one another. For more information and free downloads of this font which is compatible with Microsoft Word, Excel, Vista and PowerPoint go to <http://www.dyslexiefont.com/>

Please note a sister's contact information:

Loretta Maddox's new phone number [717.319.6649](tel:717.319.6649)

**Tuesday, April 7 at 4:30pm**

**Meeting Location: Bosler Library Meeting Room**

**Program: Child First with Jason Kutulakis**

A program about putting the child first when child abuse is reported/occurs

*Light refreshments will be provided. There will be no charge for this event.*

**Please let Mary Wilhelm if you are planning on attending and if you will be bringing any guests.**

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