

KAPPA KAPERS

President's Message by Donna Houser



Our Holiday Tea in December was a charming event, and I hope we can make this a tradition. The ambiance was perfect and the variety of finger foods and teas were plentiful and scrumptious. Joan Boytim and Donna Houser entertained us by playing piano duets of Christmas favorites. Thanks again to the Personal Growth and Visual & Performing Arts committees.

Our chapter has been on a long hiatus between December and our next meeting on March 16. Hopefully by March we will no longer have the threat of icy or snowy weather. The official beginning of spring will only be four days away. Please invite an early career educator (1-5 years) and/or a prospective member to our March meeting. We have gift cards for Staples to give to those early career educators who are guests at our meeting as well as a gift for each member who invites and brings an early career educator to our March meeting. Take the challenge!

Please read the following important reminders:

1. Please submit to me any Kappa Chapter member(s) that you feel should be nominated for the Alpha Alpha State **Album of Distinction**. The forms and guidelines are found on our state website (www.alphaalphapapa.com). Many of our chapter members are not aware of members' activities, volunteer work or awards received outside of their participation in our local chapter. **Deadline for submitting a nomination to me is March 16.**
2. The **Purposeful Seminar, "Living in Color,"** will be held **April 26-28** in Lewisburg, PA. The seminar will focus on healthy attitudes, encouragement to make positive choices in one's career and life, and promotion of positive relationships. Guest presenters include KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner, a motivational speaker and musician who has worked extensively with educational programs for children and Beth Alwine, RN, specializing in Family practice and Massage Therapy. There will be an opportunity to attend the Lewisburg Arts Festival; The Poetry Path on the Bucknell University campus; antiquing; tours of Slifer House and/or Packwood House. Evening entertainment will be storytelling by Bruce Weaver's Aunt Gabby and his other alter egos. Bruce is a retired teacher who shares his message through ventriloquism and writing.
3. **The Alpha Alpha State Convention** will be held the weekend of **June 14-16, 2013**. The basket raffle will continue to be a part of the convention. Saturday morning's keynote speaker will be Susan Scanlon, founder of the Women's Research and Educational Institute in Washington, D.C. The luncheon speaker will be Towni O'Dell, author of four books: *Back Roads*, *Coal Run*, *Sister Mine* and *Fragile Beasts*. *Back Roads* will be going into production as a movie. The International guest will be Monica Ochoa, the Latin American Representative to the International Administrative Board.
4. **Technology:** There is a **DKG App** available for iPhones and Android Smartphones. **Evernote** is a web-based note taking tool that is also available as an app for tablets and smartphones. *Evernote* captures anything from recording audio to photos, note-taking, save ideas, documents, recipes, journal-writing, etc. I've been using Evernote for two years and love it. Basic accounts are free.



News!!!!

Our state project, *Sister, Can You Spare a Pair* in conjunction with Schools for Africa, where we collected panties for young girls and women to they would be able to continue their education during their monthly cycles has been selected for the **Best Practice Award** during the CTAUN Conference at the United Nations. The award was presented on January 18 at the UN. Karen Ball, state projects chair, accepted the award on our behalf and spoke for a few minutes about the extent of the work done.

Important Fundraiser Announcement

Mary Fetrow has not heard from many concerning the sale of the Bon-Ton community day booklets and/or helping to sell them in store before March 1 or 2. **We are not close to the needed amount of 75.** Our total as of **February 10** is 33. If you can sell more or help at the store, contact Mary ASAP.

Member update:

Barbara (Linkey) Green is a new member who transferred to our Chapter.

Please add her address and email to your contact list.

Address: Chelsea Lane, Carlisle, PA 17015

Phone: 486-3693

e-mail: linkeyg@embarqmail.com.

Future Meeting Dates

- **March 16, 2013** @ 11am, Allison Church, Carlisle
“Ireland and Irish Food”
- **May 18, 2013** @ 9:30am, Zion Lutheran Church, Newville
“Grant in Aid Recipients & Chapter Birthday Bash”
- **September 17, 2013** @ 5pm, Carlisle Police Station
“Identity Theft”



Strategic Action Planning

Every chapter in Alpha Alpha State is expected to create a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) during this biennium. We need to think of this plan as our chapter's lesson plan for the future of our chapter. In our planning process we need to use SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) as a guideline in generating our plan. We will need to develop our goals, outline the actions/process for achieving our goals, and a procedure for assessing our results. There are already guidelines on our state website including a PowerPoint presentation and a pdf document. I prefer to put together a team of intergenerational members. If you are willing to volunteer to be part of Kappa's SAP team, please e-mail me, phone me or talk to me at our March 16 meeting. If I do not get enough volunteers, I will draft members. – Donna Houser, president



Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting

Kappa Chapter’s Board passed a motion on January 12 to send a **\$200 contribution** to the Sandy Hook School Support Fund. We have received a thank-you letter from Marnee Straiton, President of Alpha Kappa State Chapter of DKG in Connecticut. Marnee thanked our chapter for our kind thoughts, continuing prayers and generous contribution



Please keep DKG up to date on email, address and phone number changes.

This is a great opportunity to learn about a female that has worked very hard to help others through education and books.

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7 p.m.
Side Rooms, Holland Union Building
Dickinson College

Ms. Akbar, a junior at Dickinson College ,worked to establish Afghanistan’s first all-female Internet café...formed a male advocacy group...organized lectures on gender and women’s studies...collected books to build libraries in Kabul and Helmand...assisted with research on street harassment in Kabul... writes for several Afghan magazines...and is a correspondent for Safe World for Women International.

This event is sponsored by AAUW-Carlisle Branch
Free and open to the public.
Carlisle@pa.aauw.net



Former Director *Young Women for Change*
“*Women of Distinction Award*” National Conference for College Women Student Leader
“*Women Changing the World*” recognition from Forbes magazine



March Meeting Celtic Celebration of the Emerald Isle

Wear your Irish green attire!!!

When: March 16, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Where: Allison United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Program: PowerPoint Travelogue Presentation and Discussion by Marlene Moul and Mary Wilhelm

Lunch: Irish Luncheon will be served

Cost: \$5.00

Committee Hostesses: Projects and Welfare Committees

RSVP by March 8

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- I will attend the March meeting.
 - I will not be able to attend the March meeting.
 - I will be bringing a non-member teacher guest.

NAME: _____

Please mail your registration and \$5 to:
Marlene Moul, Box 100, Plainfield, PA 17081 or RSVP to lmoul@pa.net

