

KAPPA KAPERS

President's Message by Donna Houser



President's Message

Kappa Chapter will be celebrating the founding of DKG at our May 18 meeting. The actual date of Founders Day is May 11, 1929. This honor society was founded by twelve women educators in Austin, Texas where our international headquarters is still located today. DKG was envisioned by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the first woman elected to public office in the state of Texas. Dr. Blanton was a Professor of Education at the University of Texas where she recalled how a man told her that women would not advance because they would not work together. She was determined to prove him wrong. Through DKG, she proved that women could unite to accomplish significant goals that emphasized gender equality, school legislation, excellence in education, good teaching conditions, networking and financial aid for women preparing to teach.

Each year chapters observe Founders Day, not only to honor the original twelve, but as a reminder that current activism must keep pace with that of our Founders on the issues that educators face today. **You are encouraged to create or rummage through your closets, attics and basements to find a hat and gloves to wear to celebrate Dr. Annie Webb Blanton's founding of DKG in 1929.** As part of our Founders Day celebration we will view a 15-minute DVD presentation titled, "From the *Sparkle* of the PAST to the *Brilliance* of the FUTURE." In addition we will be initiating a new member and recognizing our grant-in-aid recipients.

***Please remember to bring teacher and or classroom supplies to our May meeting. These items will be taken to the State Convention in June and be distributed across the state to ECE (Early Career Educators).**



News!!!!

FYI . . . The Work of the Election Process Committee
At the 2012 International convention in NYC, members voted to implement suggestions of the ad hoc committee to **study possible electronic election processes**. The following are the key items being explored:

- Should each member of DKG be able to vote for officers, administrative board members and members of the elected committees? Do we want one member, one vote?
- Currently state organization presidents vote at international convention for officers, administrative board members and members of elected committees. In this representative election process state organizations have a voting strength of 1 vote for every 5 active and reserve members. What are the issues surrounding this representative election?
- Nomination process: Should more nominees be listed on the nomination slate? Should the duties of the international nominations committee be reviewed and evaluated?
- How might we conduct a general election with every member voting? Yes, we know that many organizations do electronic voting and many vendors have been investigated. However, what would be the best ways for DKG to handle this? Are we like other organizations? Should we be?

**Chapter members may share their opinions on the Ad Hoc Election Process Committee page at: dkg.org.
The committee is seeking opinions from all members of DKG.**

Member update:

Please note that Crystal Header's new email address:

cmheader@kuhncom.net

If you have information for members or the newsletter, please use this email.

Future Meeting Dates

- **September 17, 2013 @ 5pm, Carlisle Police Station
"Identity Theft"**

Bon-Ton Community Day Booklet Sales Update

\$500.00: worth of booklets sold

\$294.56: the profit earned for our educational grants

All money earned is used for our two \$500.00 educational grants that we give to high school students each year.

Thanks to Marlene Moul, Loretta Maddox and Mary Wilhelm for helping Mary Fetrow sell the booklets at the store.

Special thanks to all sisters who sold booklets.

We are looking forward to meeting these students at our May meeting.



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At each meeting we collect your change and paper money for Project Share and Africa. You all have been very generous with both these projects.



Kappa Chapter

School supplies for Early Career Educators

We are collecting items for Early Career Educators to use in their classrooms. These items should also be brought to the May meeting. Suggestions: hi-liters, crayons, rulers, scissors, paper, tape, bulletin board items, stickers, stapler, gift cards to Office Max, Staples, Michaels, Target, Office Depot, any other item that would be useful in the classroom. Visit the Dollar stores for excellent ideas.

Thank you

As a first year Project Chair, I would like to thank everyone for helping me with all of our projects. I have the greatest team with whom

I work-- **YOU** .

Mary Fetrow



Reminder!

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

Baskets for the State Convention

At our March meeting we decided to have 2 baskets which will be raffled off at Alpha Alpha state convention in June. The themes selected for the baskets are "Girls' Night In" and "Scrap booking". Please bring items for one or both baskets to our May meeting. If you would rather donate some money so that we are able to buy items, that would be fine.

Suggestions for baskets

Girls Night In

- ~ movies
- ~ popcorn
- ~ popcorn flavorings
- ~ invitations
- ~ board games
- ~ cards
- ~ napkins
- ~ plates
- ~ drink mixes
- ~ wine
- ~ snacks
- ~ coffee
- ~ hot chocolate
- ~ salsa
- ~ nail polish
- ~ teas
- ~ chocolates
- ~ fondues
- ~ fondue pot

Scrap booking

- ~ Stickers
- ~ card stock
- ~ pens
- ~ glue
- ~ stamps
- ~ ink pads
- ~ Michaels gift cards





May Meeting



From the *Sparkle* of the PAST to the *Brilliance* of the FUTURE
In honor of Founder's Day you are encouraged to wear a hat & gloves.

When: *May 18, 2013 at 9:30am*

Where: *Zion Lutheran Church, 51 West Main St. Newville, PA. Park in the parking lot behind the church and enter through the back door.*

Program: *Birthday Celebration of founding of DKG in 1929 and Kappa Chapter in 1947
Initiation of new member, Darlene Shaeffer
Meeting and presenting the grants-in-aid to the 2013 Kappa recipients*

Breakfast: *Buffet breakfast will be provided by the committees in charge of the May program*

Cost: *\$3.00 per person*

Committees Planning the event: *Grant-in-Aid, Membership & Professional Affairs*

RSVP by May 16

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

NAME: _____

Please RSVP to:
Marlene Moul at 243-5408 or lmoul@pa.net



Convention Chatter

What: Alpha Alpha State Convention

When: Friday, June 14-Sunday, June 16, 2013

Where: Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA

Friday Afternoon:

- ◆ Arboretum and Palmer Museum
- ◆ “Sweet Walk” to the Creamery
- ◆ Session on “Opening the Treasures of Alpha Alpha State”
- ◆ “First Timers 101”
- ◆ State Chorus rehearsal

Friday Evening:

- ◆ Album of Distinction Reception
- ◆ “Gentle Flow Yoga”
- ◆ Friday Night Fling highlighting chapter birthdays, fun, fellowship and an opportunity to learn different dances

Saturday Business Session:

- ◆ Keynote speaker Susan Scanlon
- ◆ Discussion on language and new rules to our laws and standing rules

Saturday Celebration Luncheon:

- ◆ Six of Alpha Alpha’s members who have authored books will be honored guests and will have tables in the atrium to sell and sign their books
- ◆ New York times bestselling author, Tawni O’Dell, will be luncheon speaker

Saturday Workshops:

- ◆ “National Women’s History Museum”
- ◆ “Dimensional Analysis: Essential Mathematics for Lifetime Success”
- ◆ “Building a Chapter Website with Weebly”
- ◆ “Books of 1863: Would they Be Your Cup of Tea?”
- ◆ “Young Kids Meet Old Fossils: Hands-on Activities to Teach Children About Fossils”
- ◆ “Fun & Fitness”
- ◆ “Measuring Educator Effectiveness: the New Teacher Evaluation System”
- ◆ “Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter! Oh My! Navigating the Yellow Brick Road of Social Media and Its Uses in Education”
- ◆ “Easy Things to Do to Help Kids Write Better”
- ◆ “Enrichment Grant to Study at Abruzzo Cooking School, Italy”

Saturday Banquet:

- ◆ Showcase new officers
- ◆ State achievement Award recipient

Sunday Morning:

- ◆ Honor women who will be receiving scholarships and enrichment grants (**including our own Kappa sister, Crystal Header**).

