

# Alpha Upsilon Today



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



As the birds sing and spring bursts through our gloomy winter days, I find myself excited for the upcoming events for Alpha Upsilon. With the extended hope that many of my fellow sisters have received their vaccinations and our comfort levels of in person meetings increasing, we are planning events as soon as June to be in person. And as I realize things are different this first year, making it obvious that we are in constant motion, always changing and adapting, I am proud of our chapter for accepting the challenges we have faced to continue the work of the society.

The "Adopt a Teacher" project has gotten under way. Local superintendents were contacted, and a few responses have given some first-year teachers to help encourage. I ask you to think about nominating any early educators who we could include in this first batch of encouragement kits and contacts. Watch for upcoming emails for helpers to pack/send packages.

I also look forward to attending the State Convention, representing AU in early June. We will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our state officers have asked us to compile a birthday celebration presentation. So that got me thinking... What have I enjoyed about being a member of AU? What AU projects have I personally participated in? What have I done to grow our chapter for the future? Please consider letting me know how you would answer these questions. How would you celebrate our 60 years?

Jennifer McKay-President of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of DKG

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## PUT A BUG IN MY EAR NOTICE

If you have any ideas for articles or stories to be included in the newsletter, please feel free to contact me by phone, text, or email at your convenience. Suggestions are welcome.

I need sisters who are proficient at editing the newsletter for me. Are there any current or former English/Language Arts teachers in our midst who would be willing to check the newsletters prior to their distribution. These newsletters will be sent to the state organization and they need to be the best of our work. I take constructive criticism very appropriately! Please feel free to contact me if you are interested. I would appreciate the assistance.

A chapter brochure is in the works to be used to promote and market our Alpha Upsilon chapter of DKG. A copy of the brochure will be sent to all members when complete. Sisters may order extra copies to distribute to educator friends who may be interested in joining this chapter.

~ MaryAnne Battaglia

The Alpha Upsilon March St. Patrick's Day Social event was enjoyed by 12 of our sisters with one sister joining the group from Florida. There was time for social interaction at the beginning as members caught up with one another after the long lapse due to the pandemic. As the members sipped their favorite beverages from the comfort of their own homes, several St. Paddy's Day games were played including an Irish trivia game, an Irish word scramble and the ever-favorite Irish symbol Bingo. The ladies who won the rounds of bingo were treated to a small gift from our President, Jenn McKay as a prize. It was fun to finally break through the doldrums of winter and socialize a bit albeit long distance. At least, we were socially distanced and did not need to wear a mask. Thanks to all who joined in the fun.

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Including this announcement again in case you did not have an opportunity to complete the form.

## **Alpha Upsilon General Meeting Programs for Spring of 2021**

Be sure to support your local chapter by attending the Zoom meetings.

**Saturday, April 10, 2021 @ 10:00am Covid and the Classroom –**  
roundtable discussion with three teachers via Zoom

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

### **What I Found in my Mother's Roller Skate Box**

Presented by Faith Jack

“How to search one's family tree”

A fellow DKG sister will speak about the process she used in finding out about her ancestry. Faith Jack traced her ancestors through a variety of methods. We look forward to hearing about her adventures

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**AU General Membership Meeting – Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am via Zoom**

**AU General Membership Meeting – Tuesday, May 4, 2021 via Zoom**

**PA State Convention in Scranton, PA – June 11 – 13, 2021**

**International Convention in San Antonio , TX – July 21 – 24, 2021**

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## 2021 Fundraiser



## Scrip Gift Cards Fundraiser

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### Attention DKG Sisters,

Our first fundraising event will be the sale of Scrip Gift Cards. Plan now for future gifts, dining, travel, and wardrobe upgrades! Purchase your gift cards now and help fund **the Grant-in-Aid**.

**Extra Bonus:** Purchase 6 cards and receive a designer hand-crafted gift card holder! Orders must be received by at the meeting on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Cards will be ready for pick up at the meeting on Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. The order forms follow in this newsletter.



There were several businesses inadvertently omitted from the last newsletter so I have added the missing names. Please be sure to check them out also. Sorry for the omission and the awkwardness of the orientation of the page.

Order your desired gift cards that can be used personally or as gifts. DKG – Alpha Upsilon will receive a rebate from each card ordered. Your cost you pay is the actual face value of the card. Place the number of cards you wish to order in the table below. Contact Barb for additional names – including Hotels.

	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100
Ace Hardware	NA		NA	NA
Amazon.com	NA		NA	
Applebee's	NA			NA
Arby's		NA	NA	NA
Barns & Noble			NA	
Bath n Body Works			NA	NA
Bob Evans	NA		NA	NA
Boston Market		NA	NA	NA
BOSCOV'S	NA		NA	NA
BP Gas	NA	NA		
Burlington	NA		NA	NA
Cabelas	NA		NA	
Chili's Grill & Bar	NA			NA
Cracker Barrell			NA	NA
CVS Pharmacy	NA		NA	
Dairy Queen		NA	NA	NA
Denny's		NA	NA	NA
Dicks Sporting Goods	NA		NA	
Disney	NA		NA	
Eat n Park			NA	NA
Famous Footwear	NA		NA	NA
Game Stop	NA		NA	NA
Get Go	NA		NA	
Giant Eagle	NA		NA	
Groupon.com	NA		NA	NA
Hallmark	NA		NA	NA

Home Depot	NA		NA	
Home Goods	NA		NA	
iTunes	NA		NA	NA
JC Penneys	NA		NA	
JoAnn Fabrics	NA		NA	NA
Kohls	NA		NA	
<i>Land's End</i>	NA		NA	
LL Bean	NA		NA	
Longhorn Steak	NA		NA	
Long John Silvers		NA	NA	NA
Lowes	NA		NA	
Macys	NA		NA	
Marshalls	NA		NA	
Michaels	NA		NA	NA
Nike	NA		NA	NA
Nordstrom (Rack)	NA		NA	
Old Navy	NA		NA	
Olive Garden	NA		NA	
Overstock.com	NA		NA	NA
Panera				NA
Papa Johns`		NA	NA	NA
Pet Smart	NA		NA	NA
Pizza Hut		NA	NA	NA
Red Robin	NA		NA	NA
<i>Ross's Dress for Less</i>	NA		NA	NA
<i>Sally's Beauty</i>	NA		NA	NA



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Sally's Beauty	NA			NA	NA
Sam's Club	NA				
Shutter Fly	NA			NA	NA
Starbucks					NA
Subway		NA		NA	NA
Sweet Frogs		NA		NA	NA
Taco Bell				NA	NA
Target		(XX)			
TGI Fridays	NA			NA	NA
TJ Max	NA			NA	
Vera Bradley	NA		NA		NA
walmart	NA				
walgreens	NA			NA	
wendy's		NA		NA	NA
Total of cards					

Amount Due

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## **Do You Have Leadership Qualities Within You?**

Your life and career have been indelibly influenced by people who have crossed your path and shared their strongest leadership powers with you. Each of them has been a lighthouse helping you define your course. Your personal tapestry is a vivid and beautiful picture of all those individual threads that have come your way. Each thread represents a person. Some threads are of the strongest sinew that weave the mosaic tapestry of the leader within you R. Danzig, *The Leader Within You*.

People who show a propensity for leadership share many qualities among a myriad of them such as:

- Are good listeners
- Do the right things
- Empower the people to make decisions
- Share a vision
- Model self-responsibility
- Learn from mistakes
- Build on strengths and talents of membership
- Generate lasting commitment
- Have a “can do” attitude

Taken from *Enlightened Leadership* by Oakley and Krug

The Nominating Committee of Alpha Upsilon is in the process of seeking chapter members to serve in leadership officer positions for the chapter. There are so many people in this organization who demonstrate a wealth of knowledge and experience on whom a prospective candidate can call upon for advice and guidance in leading a chapter such as ours. In our current Executive Board, we are looking for someone to serve as First or Second Vice-President or Recording Secretary. Think about “throwing your hat in the ring” or responding to a request from the Committee to take on the mantle of leadership in Alpha Upsilon.



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## TREASURER'S REPORT



### DUES REMINDER

It is now time to make your DKG dues payment for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Please send your check for **\$107** made out to **Alpha Upsilon DKG** and mail it **by May 1, 2021 to Susan Hilty, Treasurer**. Any questions, please call her.

The breakdown for the dues is as follows:

\$40 dues for DKG International

\$17 dues for State DKG

\$1 donation to World Fellowship

\$1 donation for State Scholarship

\$48 dues for Alpha Upsilon Chapter.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance (as of March 1, 2021)	\$2835.86
Deposit – Donation for Grant-in-Aid	\$100.00
Expense – Thumb drives for information storage	\$28.61
Expense -- Basket for State Convention	\$75.00
Ending Balance (as of April 1, 2021)	\$2832.25

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## **COMFORT CORNER**

**It was reported at the AU Executive Board meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> that Linda Hechel had distributed several cards this past month including birthday, get well/thinking of you and sympathy cards. Linda has a wonderful talent of including beautiful messages in those cards. She also sent memorial books as well for our deceased members. Thank you, Linda for carrying out the responsibilities of Corresponding Secretary with such care for our members. Your work is deeply appreciated.**

**We continue to send positive thoughts and prayers to our sister Judy Schaffer who is recovering from recent surgery. Get well soon, Judy! For those who would like to send a message of good cheer, Judy's address is in the yearbook.**

**Congratulations to Barbara Gasperini for the new addition to her family. A grandson was born on Barb's birthday. How delightful! Welcome to the world little one.**

**Also, one last request from me. I will be undergoing eye surgery on April 14th and would sincerely appreciate some prayers and positive thoughts being sent my way. Not too serious still a concern. Thank you.**

**.Please note: We have established a little section of the newsletter to communicate to the membership that one of our own may need a pick me up message or card. Please let me know the brief information about the individual and it will be included in this section.**

**We will use this as an additional means to communicate these special bits of news to you. You can contact me [MaryAnne Battaglia](#)**

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## ADOPT A NEW TEACHER

**Be sure to support our AU President, Jenn, by providing the names and addresses of new local teachers who might need and/or enjoy a note or two of encouragement and hope as they complete their intense year of education in Pandemic world. Be thinking of someone you might like your AU Sisters to support in some form or fashion. Have you suggested any names? of new teachers to our president? Help Jenn achieve her mission!**



*Rejoice in the awakening of Spring as the earth once again charms us with beautiful colors, fragrant aromas, and pleasant sounds that tickle our senses.*

# *Happy Spring, Everyone*

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## BOOK CLUB

### Book Choice for the Month

The Book Club which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month has selected the following book for discussion:

April: *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel

May: *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins



### 2021 Grant in Aid

#### Grant-in-Aid Committee Report

The three committee members of the Grant-in-Aid project have completed the process of accepting applications, reviewing them, and selecting the high school senior girl who will be the Grant-in-Aid winner for 2021. The winner will be announced later. She will be the recipient of a \$1000 award from Alpha Upsilon chapter of DKG. There were 4 worthy applications received by the committee for review. The next steps of announcing the winner, notifying the school district in which she is enrolled and presenting the award to her will be completed soon. Very sincere thanks are extended to Barbara Summers, Carolyn Sutton, and Sue Hilty for their efforts in shepherding this process for Alpha Upsilon chapter.

**Watch This Space for More Upcoming News - The Social Academy is putting plans together for our Alpha Upsilon Chapter 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!! Stay tuned!**