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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - MAY 2023



Dear Sisters,

Oh my! Where does the time go? My spring seems to have flown by.

Starting with our Spring meeting, we had Royce Boyd, our State 1st. Vice President in attendance. Her stories were a delight, as she tied her examples of her life with Mother's Day.

It was my pleasure to award our Grant-in- Aid to Autumn Miller! It was so nice meeting her and her Mother at our meeting at Bloser's Mansion. Autumn is such a delightful young lady and she is so enthusiastic about her future in education. Autumn is a graduate of Burrell High School and will be attending Penn State main campus in the fall, majoring in early childhood education and special education.

Shortly after our meeting, next came the retreat in Waymart, Pa. I attended the Creative Arts Retreat with Carolyn Sutton. What a fun time we had! I also got to discover the retreat from both sides as an attendee and a presenter. We were also part of a murder mystery. Oh, the fun and laughs we shared that night! I feel that is the best part of the retreat. Sharing laughs, ideas, and even just sitting chatting with other sisters, getting to know them. If you have never attended, I would hope that the next time the retreat comes around you would consider attending.

Next upcoming event is the State Convention. I am so looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends! They have so many fun activities planned for us. I can hardly wait!

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Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

Membership Committee Update

As we move toward the summer months, the membership committee will be working on a survey that will be shared with members at our September meeting. This survey will ask members' input on preferred days and times for meetings and possibly locations as well as program interests. This survey is a way to gather updated input from our members as we plan for 2024-2025 meetings and events. If you have ideas, questions, or concerns about this survey, please reach out to any of the membership committee members: Barbara Gasperini, April Kopta, Lisa Linden, or myself.

Pamela Derby
2nd Vice President
Membership Committee Chair

Corresponding Secretary Report

Correspondences Sent: There were 5 birthday cards sent since our last General Membership Meeting on March 25, 2023.

There were no cards of sympathy or Get Well Cards sent.

Correspondences Received: A Thank You Note was received from author, Tamara Girardi, our presenter at the November 19th, 2022 General Membership Meeting.

There are no receipts of expenditures to present at this time, as there were no Book Memorials purchased.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Henkel

Alpha Upsilon Corresponding Secretary

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Alpha Upsilon May Meeting of the 2022-2023 year

AU Newsletter – Secretary’s brief summary of May 13, 2023, meeting

The members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter held the May general membership meeting at the Bloser Mansion in New Kensington. Nineteen members and three guests were in attendance. Before the meeting, the Finance Committee members held a Bake Sale and Basket Raffle to benefit the Grant-in-Aid.

After giving the reflection, Pamela Derby introduced members of the Deer Lakes High School Drama Group who provided the members with musical entertainment. The group is under the direction of Matthew Derby.

President Barbara Summers reported on the chapter’s ongoing project: Jared Boxes. She also reported that she and Pam Derby participated in a STEM program at Peoples Library in Lower Burrell.

Seven members will attend the State Convention to be held June 21-23 at Wyndham Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster PA.

The Grant-in-Aid was presented to Autumn Miller, a senior at Burrell High School. Autumn will attend Penn State University in the fall as an Early Childhood Education major.

PA First Vice President, Royce Boyd, was our special guest. She addressed her comments to the group, focusing on women and what they can achieve.

Mary Anne Battaglia announced the dates and programs for next year’s general membership meetings.

Membership Chair, Pamela Derby presented a certificate to Shelley Nicholas in recognition of her 20 years of membership in Alpha Upsilon chapter. Congratulations, Shelley!

Carolyn Sutton,

Recording Secretary

Submitted by: Carolyn Sutton

Recording Secretary

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MONEY MATTERS

DKG FUND RAISER SUMMARY

Ladies! Thanks to those of you who attended some of this year's four Alpha Upsilon meetings and supported our fundraiser projects.

UPDATE- March 25, 2023, Meeting

We had 4 Mystery Box Raffles and an Easter Basket as projects, along with gift card sales.

Raffles raised \$127.00 Gift cards - \$101.95

Total fundraising at this meeting - \$228.95

Total project total to date - **\$854.30**

UPDATE – May 13, 2023, Meeting

We had 2 baskets (Kitchen Items and Everything Purple) and a Bake Sale.

Raffles raised - \$115.00 Bake Sale - \$46.00

Total fundraising at this meeting - \$161.00

Total project total to date - **\$1,015.30**

WE DID IT! WE DID IT!

NOW WE BEGIN AGAIN!

September 9, 2023 meeting will feature the popular book sale. Start saving those hardbound best sellers and paperbacks.

We need NEW ideas for upcoming fundraisers. Present your ideas to any member of the fundraising committee – Carolyn Sutton - Sue Hilty - Betty Grossheim - Judy Schaffer.

WE ARE ONLY FOUR BUT----

WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN DO MUCH MORE!

Submitted by Judy Schaffer

Financial Chair

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: **\$4, 366.82**

Income: **\$ 3,411.50**

Expenses since last report: **\$3,606.64**

Checking Account balance: **\$4, 171,68**

Savings Account balance: **\$5,326.69**

Submitted by: Sue Hilty

Alpha Upsilon Treasurer



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Book Choice for the Month

The Book Club **meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month.**

Book Club members have announced the books that the club has/will read.

June: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

July: The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

August: Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Submitted by: Carolyn Sutton for Mary Beth Yeamans, Book Club Chair

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Webmaster Report

Tech Tips

By Jennifer McKay

Technology has become a vital part of our everyday lives. Many of us are navigating this information explosion as a novice, seeking guidance often. As we travel and visit friends and family this summer, I'd like to share a few tech tips to consider to keep you and your devices happy.

- 1) When using a search engine like Google, Firefox, Bing,, do not select the first site at the top of your search. Companies are paying these search engines to be put at the top of the list. When the internet first came out, searched websites were placed in order of most popular, but today the first websites are paid to be there. Select the ones that DO NOT say "sponsored". Also note that many of the sponsored sites may leave you vulnerable to hackers.
- 2) If you download a PDF file and you see "exe" and the end. Delete it... DO NOT open it. It may be another way hackers can access your files. PDF files should always end with "pdf".
- 3) Wifi at airports and hotels cost money to log in sometimes. You can use it by adding "?jpg" at the end of your URL address (the official address of your desired website)
- 4) Before you close a website... logout!
- 5) Need a picture of your screen? Look for the "print screen" button on your keyboards, sometimes "PrtSC". The picture will be saved in a screenshot folder in your pictures.
- 6) Remember technology is only useful if you know how to access its true power.

Submitted by: Jennifer McKay-Webmaster

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Dates to Remember for DKG Alpha Upsilon Chapter 2023-2024

September 9, 2023 -First General Membership Meeting of 2023-2024 year

November 18, 2023 – 2nd General Membership Meeting

December 2, 2023 – Alpha Upsilon Christmas Party – Hill Crest Country Club

March 23, 2024-3rd General Membership meeting

May 18, 2024 – 4th General Membership meeting



COMFORT CORNER

If you aware of any members who are in need of a little comfort message, please inform me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mary Anne Battaglia

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Welcome Alpha Upsilon Sisters,

The Social Committee gathered in late August to plan the programs and locations of Alpha Upsilon's General Membership Meetings for the 2023-2024 year. The members include **Tricia Cavanaugh, Rebecca Timlin, Roseann Currence, Cindy Lemon, Mary Beth Yeamans, Jennifer McKay, Eileen Matyas, Sandy Ross, and me.** If you would like to join the committee, we welcome your participation. Just let me know. Newsletter Editor: Mary Anne Battaglia, Ed.D

SAVE THESE DATES

The Alpha Upsilon Social Committee has selected the following programs and locations for the 2023-2024 year based on input from the Executive Board and members:

1. Saturday, September 9, 2023

Program: The Bald Eagles of U.S. Steel presented by Don German, representative from US Steel Irvin Works/Clairton Works, to be held at Puckety Church.

2. Saturday, November 18, 2023

Program: Victorian Christmas Tour at Kerr Museum in Oakmont. Meeting will be held at St. Thomas Church in Oakmont which is directly across the street from the Museum.

3. Saturday, March 23, 2024

Program: Author and Historian, George Guido will present about the history of the New Kensington, Arnold, and Lower Burrell area. The meeting will be held at Puckety Church.

4. Saturday, May 18, 2024

Program: Cyber Safety and Security presented by a representative from the FBI OUTREACH PROGRAM. The meeting will be held at Puckety Church.

Meals will be catered for meetings by a local catering company.

In addition, the chapter Christmas Party will be held on

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Hill Crest Country Club. Details to follow.

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Photos from our last meeting of the year, May 13, 2023



Alpha Upsilon members posing with Speaker, Royce Boyd 1st Vice President of DKGPA

Can you locate her clear in the back peeking out?

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Alpha Upsilon Members in attendance



The group of singers who entertained us
With their director, Matt Derby



DKGPA 1st Vice President,
Royce Boyce

Alpha Upsilon members in attendance

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**Grant in Aid Recipient, Autumn Miller with her mother
and our President, Barb and DKGPA 1st Vice President Royce Boyd**



**Pam Derby presenting the
reflection for the meeting.**