

# Alpha Upsilon Today



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**Delta Kappa Gamma Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JANUARY 2022**



Happy New Year Sisters! As we turn the calendar to another year, we are faced with some upcoming dates to pencil in and plan for the year. State Convention will be Thursday, June 9 through Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Penn Stater in State College. Thursday's Leadership Seminar is open to all members. Attending a State "Conference provides opportunities to making connections and develop new friendships. Take the opportunity to attend a State Convention. This is quite an experience - worth your time. The state leadership team is discussing the option to rotate the State Convention in different locations throughout the state- one year in the West, one year in the Center, and one year in the East. Please let me know your thoughts, pros and cons.

The International Communications & Marketing Committee will be hosting opportunities to learn new information. On March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon - Copyright, Fair Use and Public Domain (Information for All) will be the topic for discussion. Any takers? Do not forget to create/update your MY DKG Account on the international website. If you need assistance with this, please reach out. Through this portal, there are plenty of communities to connect with sisters throughout the world.

It is time to consider and write your grant applications. Applications for the Album of Distinction nominations are due March 1<sup>st</sup> along with the Rosebud nominations. Applications and details are found on the state website. Several sisters have offered to help those interested in completing their applications. Let's have a few entries.

Finally, I am confident that Alpha Upsilon is on track to make a difference in the lives of our local female educators. I encourage you all to stay connected. Find ways to lift up our fellow female teachers and grow and shine in this new year. It is my wish to each of you that 2022 brings growth, sharing and life experiences that make a difference in your life and others.

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## Financial Committee Report by Pam Derby

### November Meeting Craft and Bake Sale

From the display of beautifully crafted items to the delectable desserts displayed for sale, I believe I can say our ladies are more than talented educators! On behalf of the finance committee, I would like to thank all the ladies who donated crafts and bake sale items to be sold to raise funds for our Grant-in-Aid.

There was an array of items from vintage goods to wooden crafts for the craft sale as well as homemade cinnamon rolls to delicate apricot squares for the bake sale. During our April meeting, the finance committee is planning to have another bake sale, a jewelry/purse sale, and a Scrip order. Please follow your email and newsletters for an announcement of the next Scrip sale. Also, start looking for jewelry/purses and finding those recipes to donate to our next sale! Everyone's donations help to ensure a successful fundraising effort. Thank you in advance!



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## **Alpha Upsilon General Membership Meeting Program for WINTER OF 2022**

### **General Membership Meeting**

**Via Zoom on TUESDAY. FEBRUARY 15. 2022 @ 6:30pm**

Our speaker will be Dr. Lisa Hinkelman.

**Dr. Lisa Hinkelman** is an educator, counselor, researcher, and author who has spent 15+ years researching girls and educating adults as both as a professor at The Ohio State University and as the Founder/CEO of the national girl-serving non-profit, Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX), which operates programs in more than 400 schools throughout the country. She is the author of the Amazon #1 Hot New Release, *Girls Without Limits: Helping Girls Succeed in Relationships, Academics, Careers and Life*, and is the lead researcher behind the groundbreaking national survey, *The Girls' Index: New Insights into the Complex World of Today's Girls*.

Lisa received her undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Education from Chatham College in Pittsburgh, PA and her master's and doctorate degrees in Counselor Education from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. She has been honored as a 'Woman You Should Know' by Women in Economic Leadership Development (WELD), as a Nominated Changemaker for the White House United State of Women and a Smart Business Non-Profit CEO of the Year. Lisa is a former collegiate ice hockey player, rescue dog lover, craft beer enthusiast and new(ish) mom to baby girl, Irene.

**Should there be a change in the programming, all Alpha Upsilon members will be notified about the change prior to the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

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## **SECOND Alpha Upsilon Meeting of the 2021-2022 year**

Members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of DKG traveled to nearby Natrona Heights for their second General membership meeting of the year on November 20th. The meeting was held at the Allegheny Library meeting room in Natrona Heights. Once again, pre-meeting arranging of the room, setting up for the bake sale and the craft market took place with the assistance of many helping hands. Our delicious luncheon was prepared by The Chef and I Catering Company and arranged by our sister, Barbara Summers.

Our Grant-in-Aid Fund grew nicely because of all the different items for sale at the meeting. (Check out Sue Hilty's Treasurer's Report) It was a very busy event with lots of activity and chatter among the sisters. Thank you to all those who participated in the event and contributed to its wonderful success. Pictures are included in this newsletter.

It was my intention to send out this newsletter in January however due to a series of difficult circumstances, I was not able to accomplish the task. Due to those circumstances included my computer getting a virus that cannot be erased which reformatted the whole newsletter. I lost dozens of work files. Fortunately, I was already transitioning to a new computer but was not quick enough to save important data. I am now getting accustomed to the new computer. Technology is wonderful when it works correctly. Terribly frustrating when it does not! I apologize for the lateness of the newsletter.

**Please stay warm and safe as we move through this blustery winter season!**

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## SECRETARY REPORT FROM LINDA HENKEL

Birthday cards sent: 12

Sympathy cards sent: 0

Thinking of you/get well cards sent: 0

Memorial books: 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Henkel



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## Book Choice for the Month

The Book Club which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (currently on Zoom) will discuss the book, *Is Life Fair* by Brian Jacobs in February. In March, the members will discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. Join in if you have interest in participating in reading and sharing about these books.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT



### INCOME:

Luncheon	\$455.00
Fundraising from November 20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	\$599.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1054.00</b>

### EXPENSES:

Luncheon (The Chef & I Catering Allegheny Valley Library)	\$448.60
Scrip Cards	\$122.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$571.10</b>

**BALANCE IN CHECKING** **\$4,095.12**



## COMFORT CORNER

We have several items to report about members of Alpha Upsilon here under *Comfort Corner*.

Our state president, Eileen Little's mother passed away a few days following her visit to Alpha Upsilon meeting. We send her our heartfelt condolences.

Recently, we learned of the passing of our sister, April Kopta, whose father passed also. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Our sister, Roseann Currence, has also had a loss in her family. Her sister has recently passed away. Roseanne and April, please accept our deepest sympathy from all your AU sisters.

Ann Palmer would enjoy some get well notes and messages as well. Please send her positive healing thoughts.

Some of you may know Willie Keefer, who is a friend to many of our AU members. She might enjoy receiving a note from her friends at this time even though she is not a member of Alpha Upsilon.

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## DKG Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 11, 2021, about approximately 25 DKG sisters started off the Christmas season at the home of President Jenn McKay. It was wonderful to socialize with each other and enjoy some delicious goodies provided by the social committee. The gift exchange was a fun version of the Left/Right game. Jenn's home was decorated beautifully and set a festive atmosphere for sharing stories and catching up with friends. Thanks to Jenn and the social committee for hosting a great party.

## *NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT*

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their chapter! (How many of you remember a phrase similar to this in Typing 1 Class?) **The Nominating Committee** will be meeting soon to prepare a slate of officers for the 2022-2024 biennium. The slate includes president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary. We also need two members to be on the Nominating Committee for a four-year term. (Only 2 meetings)

So, ladies, please give serious thought to giving your time to keep our chapter functioning. The committee is aware that many of you are retired and do like to travel. However, someone will always be available to fill in for your position if you need to be away.

Alpha Upsilon has always been recognized as a strong, viable chapter and we want to continue on this path. Contact any of the members of the committee and volunteer **now**. Nominating Committee includes Barbara Summers, Carolyn Sutton, Marsha Ewing, and Judy Schaffer.





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## ADOPT A NEW TEACHER

*Our Alpha Upsilon President's Project is still underway this second year of Jenn's Biennium. We currently have five new teachers who are receiving support from our chapter. Thank you, Alpha Upsilon sisters who joined in this project. Also, please consider sending our Collegiate Connections members a note and even a gift card to let them know you are thinking of them.*



**HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND  
SAFE NEW YEAR  
EVERYONE!**



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**Pictures from Alpha Upsilon November 2021 General Membership Meeting**

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# **SAVE THE DATE**

# **APRIL 9, 2022**

# **ALPHA UPSILON**

**It will be a morning session.**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH speaker,**

***URSULA PAYNE***

**Chair of Dance at Slippery Rock University**

**President Jenn is inviting two other chapters to join us that day, Theta and Alpha Phi for a tri-chapter meeting. Arrangements are currently being made as to location and meal selection which will be dependent on the number of members and guests who will be joining in the event.**

## **WE ARE TAKING A BRIEF SURVEY**

**At this point, we are asking Alpha Upsilon members who are willing to tentatively commit to attending the meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> ( We also understand that circumstances often interrupt plans) to give the planners a general idea of how many to plan for from our chapter. This information will assist them in determining the best location for the meeting. Look ahead at your calendar please and **call, email or text Barb Summers** as soon as possible with your availability for **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for assisting in making this a successful tri-chapter meeting. More information to follow.**