



Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Upsilon Newsletter Fall 2015

News About 2015-16 AU Meetings from Sally Coyne Please Put Alpha Upsilon On Your Calendar

November 14, 2015 Holiday Themed Fund Raiser

Calling all bakers, crafters and yard sale experts. Make and bring your new and gently used items to the November breakfast meeting to raise funds for Alpha Upsilon. A special committee (anyone who can help) will meet ½ hour before the executive meeting on Monday, October 26 @ 3:30 @ Kings to plan in detail. Members can drop off items and help set up the evening before the meeting on Nov. 13. Bring a friend, potential member, or invite a former member back to visit at our November meeting. I will send a sign-up email next week for baskets for a Chinese auction, helping to set up, etc.

March 19, 2016 Member Talent Showcase

It is not too late to become a presenter—crafts, information, fun. Show us what you know and can do. Be ready to learn and do. More info at the November meeting.

May 14, 2016 Author Lecture

Author Katie Schell and her mother, the subject of her book *Love Beyond Measure*, will talk about this amazing story of a Korean War bride. Put this book on your winter reading list.



President's Message from Kathy Varano

It seemed to me like we were going to have a long break between our last meeting in May and our first meeting in the fall, but there were lots of Delta Kappa Gamma activities going on: Convention at State College in June, Northeast Regional Conference at Baltimore Inner Harbor in July, and our own Alpha Upsilon summer social in August. There were lots of new friends made, and we all had fun. I thought we had a great first fall meeting in September. 37 members attended. Everyone enjoyed the program, Life's Souvenirs. Thank you to all who found time to come.



Now, as we look forward to our new year, we have the Fall Social at the Westmoreland County Museum in November and the Retired Teachers' Luncheon in December. Oh, and of course we can't forget our next General Membership Meeting at Hillcrest on November 14th. It will be a breakfast meeting at 9:00, followed by a short business meeting, and then the Fall Fundraiser. You're welcome to bring a guest or maybe a potential member!

We want to keep Alpha Upsilon strong and healthy. We need members to step up and fill the vacant positions for the next biennium. We're looking for a 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and a Recording Secretary. If you know of someone who would do a good job, please submit their names. Maybe YOU would like to take on a more active role. Please submit your name to the Nominations Committee. I have really enjoyed my tenure as your chapter president and will gladly help anyone who decides to step up and fill a position. If you were at the September meeting, you saw how many members were past presidents of the chapter. I'm sure any of those ladies will be available to you for advice and to answer questions.

The State Project of the new State President, Tracey Dusch, is "Adopt a Library." This project fits right in with what we are already doing with our book sales every meeting. Every year we donate the leftover books to a library, and this year the books are going to the Little Library at the Habitat Restore in New Kensington. Please remember to bring your gently used books to the meetings for our book sales. The monies collected from the sale of the books will also be donated to the Little Library.

Come out for our breakfast and fundraiser on November 14th. I hope to see you all there!

Alpha Upsilon News

News from the Membership Committee

Recommendations for membership are accepted anytime during the year. The form can be downloaded from the website

dkgpau.weebly.com or contact Tricia Cavanaugh at tcav15068@yahoo.com.

Please send the completed recommendation to Tricia Cavanaugh, 230 Pearl Dr, Lower Burrell PA 15068.

Currently our chapter has **62 members: 48 Active, 10 Senior Active, 3 Reserve, 1 Honorary.**

Fall Social Scheduled

The Social Committee will have its social for 2015-2016 on Wednesday, November 11th, a tour of the newly remodeled Westmoreland Museum of Modern Art, with dinner to follow at the Supper Club in Greensburg. Members pay their own museum admission and we will have separate checks for dinner. We will make

arrangements for carpooling (or feel free to go early to GBG to shop!) Contact Eileen or Millie for reservations.



Grant-in-Aid

The May 2015 Grant-in-Aid recipient is Briana Von Hofen, a graduate of Valley High School, New Kensington. She is attending Clarion University majoring in Math Education. Briana will be eligible for a \$100 stipend if she updates Alpha Upsilon on her achievements this year. Last year's recipient, Alissa Dolensky, sent us a detailed update of her accomplishments during her first year at Penn State. She received her \$100. Applications for the next scholarship will be sent in February 2016.

---Shelley Nicholas

DKG Book Club

October's book is *Circling the Sun* by Paula McClain. Book Club will be held at 4:00 on Wednesday, October 21 at the Starbucks by Mills Mall next to Lowe's. Contact Mary Beth Yeamans with questions.



IN MEMORIAM

*Dorothy Toncini
Selma Karsten
Lucille Stephens
Agnes Tidd*

*Beautiful memories
silently kept
Of ones that we loved
and will never forget*

Ways and Means Committee Update by Teresa Beebe

Things are “falling” into place as the Ways and Means Committee is gearing up for a new year of exciting ways to earn funds to support educational endeavors in our community and throughout our organization. As a show of support to our new State president, Tracey Dusch and her project, “Adopt a Library,” our committee baked many tasty fall-themed treats, donated fall items, and put together raffle baskets to sell at our General Membership meeting in September. All members were invited to donate gently used books as well. We encourage our members to grab a snack, sit down and read a good book!

The book sale proceeds from each of our meetings this year will go to the “Adopt a Library” fund. In keeping with the usual generosity of the members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, we decided to donate the entire proceeds from the bake sale, raffle and book sale from our first meeting! All remaining books at the end of each meeting, are donated locally, to the Little Library @ Habitat in New Kensington. Many thanks to all of our members!!



Summer Social A Success

Twenty two AU members attended the Summer Social August 12 at Millie Pipman's. Social Chairs Eileen Matyas and Millie Pipman along with president Kathy Varano asked members to share an appetizer or favorite beverage. It was a lovely summer evening, a chance to relax and socialize with AU members.



A reminder from our treasurer Ellen Rupert...

It is now time for me to collect dues for the fiscal year 2015-2016; membership dues according to membership status are listed below and must be hand-delivered or mailed to me by **October 1, 2015**. This will allow me the time to fill out all of the necessary forms and mail our chapter dues to our State and International Treasurers on time. The good news is that dues remain the same as last year.

We have been able to meet all the deadlines in record time last year and I want to continue our good habits.

Membership Dues:

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| Active Members | \$107.00 |
| Senior Active Members | \$87.00 |
| Initiates | \$117.68 |
| Reserves | \$52.00 |

Please mail me your dues payment before **October 1st, 2015**.

Please make your checks payable to:

DKG - Alpha Upsilon Chapter

My address is

Mrs. Ellen Rupert

172 North Washington Rd

Apollo, PA 15613

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Consider becoming an AU Officer

Read the responsibilities detailed below and contact Kathy Firestone if you are interested.

All DKG sisters should consider taking a turn being a leader in some capacity. Change is crucial to keeping things new and interesting. Are you one of the key women educators in our chapter who will lend a helping hand in some way? Please read the job descriptions for Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and First and Second Vice Presidents. If you are interested in serving your chapter or if you have any questions, contact Kathy Firestone, Linda Koharchik, Teresa Beebe, or Maureen Caputo.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

1. Attend all Executive Board Meetings.
2. Collect correspondence and determine, with the guidance of the President, items which will be read in full or in part. Some items need only be mentioned and filed.
3. Answer in writing all letters that deem a response.
4. Write and send any other correspondence as directed by the President.
5. Present pertinent correspondence at the General Business Meeting.
6. Prepare a list of correspondence read for the Recording Secretary.
7. Write notes and include checks for all donations (For example – Ways & Means, Projects).
8. Write bereavement notes as necessary.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Membership

1. Offer website information where to obtain forms for perspective members to Alpha Upsilon members at each meeting throughout the year.
2. Encourage members to promote Key Women Educators who may be interested in DKG by filling out and submitting membership for
2. Review applications and prepare "thumbnail sketches".
3. Present "thumbnail sketches" at both Executive Board meeting and General Membership meeting by passing them out and highlighting information.
4. Pass out ballots at General Membership meeting; select some members to count ballots; collect and tabulate; announce acceptance of members to general membership.

New Members

1. Send invitations to new members. Include DKG-Alpha Upsilon card with information, goals, and responsibilities. Also include a personal note with RSVP date and information about the Initiation (include dates).

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT (continued)

2. Gather responses and call perspective members if any are not received.
3. Plan Orientation for new members. At Orientation, give the new members all forms to fill out and present brief, general information, answer questions, and discuss initiation procedure. Give them the time and date for the Initiation. Have the new members and their sponsors come early to practice for the initiation.
4. The Second Vice-President has or decides where the Orientation will be.
5. Be sure to order all necessary forms that may be needed. Purchase postage. Submit bills or receipts of payment to the Treasurer.

Initiation

1. Initiation will be handled by the Initiation Committee.
2. Membership Certificates and red song card must be provided for each new member. The Second Vice-President must take care of this.
3. Have Membership Certificates filled out and signed by the President several weeks in advance. (Roll and tie with a red ribbon or put in frames.)
4. Order pins for new members.

Additional Duties

1. Attend all Executive Board Meetings.
2. Assist President whenever needed.
3. Highlight and honor those women with 20 or more years membership in Alpha Upsilon. Highlight those women with milestone years, such as 5, 10, or 15 also
4. End of the Year
 1. Submit all necessary reports as asked for by the President or the State or International. File one copy for Chapter use. These may include Membership, Biennium, and Necrology Reports.
 2. Keep all accepted membership applications in the members' file along with acceptance letter.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

1. Attend all Executive Board Meetings.
2. Keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and the Alpha Upsilon Chapter General Meetings.
3. Receive the attendance roll from the Social Committee at each meeting. This attendance is to be recorded on a chart in the back of the Recording Secretary's book.
4. Participate in the Initiation Ceremony by standing at the left of the Second and First Vice-President. When directed, give the initiate the pen to sign in the membership roll book. Also present them with the red rose and certificate of membership.
5. Participate in the Installation of New Officers. Read to the incoming Recording Secretary from the Ceremony Booklet.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

July

1. Plan programs for the coming year.
2. Contact speakers for the planned programs and get a commitment for meeting dates.
3. Prepare a Founders' Day Observance for one of the General Membership meetings each year of the biennium.
4. Be in charge of the fundraiser in the second year of the biennium.

March

1. At the end of the second year of the biennium, order the President's Bar Pin. Get initials and biennium dates engraved on the back of the pin.

April

1. At the end of the second year of the biennium, the First Vice-President and Executive Board should purchase a gift for the President. Present it at the May Executive Board meeting.

May

1. Present the President's Bar Pin to the President at the May meeting.

Additional Responsibilities

1. Attend all Executive Board meetings.
2. Conduct Memorial Service (Celebration of Life) when necessary. Add one long-stem red rose with deceased's name and date of death attached to the memorial vase.
3. Plan the year's programs for the Chapter. Adjust the focus to meet local needs and interests. Coordinate all programs for the year. Include a Founders' Day Observance at one of the meetings each year.
4. Build programs using different techniques for presenting ideas in order to stimulate thinking which will develop into action.
5. Have as many different members as possible take part in programs.
6. Prepare an annual report on forms provided by the State. Give a copy to the State Chairperson and Chapter President.
7. When possible, attend the area conferences, state convention, regional conference, and international convention.