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# Hocking Alpha Xi News

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Sharing Our  
Vision -  
Strengthening  
Our Society



*This issue dedicated to the  
memory of Aline Dean.*

## President's Corner: Spring Fever

Alpha Xi has not hibernated this winter. We have enjoyed our thrifting and Hocking County Historical Society adventures, we have connected with the community through our Cans for Smith Chapel, and sharing the used greeting cards with the Rainbow Girls Troop project, and we have changed a child's life in our Change for Africa collection.

Now, we can start getting excited about Spring. We look forward to our joint meeting in April as well as our birthday celebration in May. Our June picnic will be a *great* way to end our *great* year together.

Start thinking about program and field trip ideas for 2013-2014!

Now, go plant some flowers,  
*Susan*

## Our Local History

By Crystal Cole

On Saturday, February 23, thirteen members and one guest enjoyed breakfast at Bushes before going to the Hocking County Historical Museum. Sam Sloan led us on a tour of all the buildings. It was interesting to learn about some of the people who contributed to the history of Logan and Hocking County and see products made here. The Lutz car, Sun glow furniture and clay bricks were some local items on display. Sam had some fascinating stories to tell to about people such as Dr. Shonk, a local doctor, and Tessa Sweazy Webb, a well-known poet. A scrapbook from the Logan Marching Chieftains included photos of past band members. Some of our DKG members are in these pictures. The museum has a wide range of items on display including arrowheads, military uniforms, household goods, farming equipment, and railroad antiques. It was an enjoyable time spent together eating breakfast and touring the museum.

## Save the Date!

### Joint Meeting!

**April 15**

Three chapters, Dr. Kirby, a great meal, and the Hilltop Singers!

Social Hour at 5:30.

### Birthday!

**May 20**

Member reinstatement and cake!

Note location: L.J.'s

### Picnic!

**June 17**

Bring your family to this potluck for an evening of summer relaxation.



## Membership

By Marilyn Stewart, Lori Hoffman, and Sheila Nott

Dinner with friends  
Engaging programs  
Laughter  
Tight knit group  
Always a good time  
  
Kindness outreach  
Active around the world  
Professional development  
Personal growth  
Attendance at conferences  
  
Giving to the community  
Aspirng to excellence  
Monthly meetings  
Making memories  
And lasting friendships

## Planning for Our SAP Enters Stage Four

By Jane Meese

Strategic action planning (SAPanning) is a big name for a simple process where we ask every member to focus on one topic or goal, get ideas from every member who wants to give them, and then write a plan to address those ideas. So far, we have decided to work on “membership” and have informed members about what has already been said. Alpha Xi is in stage four of the SAPanning process. It is now time to get input from members.

At our March meeting, we collected ideas, comments and questions about membership. Some people can think “on the spot” while others need a little time to say it like they intend. We are extending the time for members to give input. We will wait until after April 1<sup>st</sup> to organize the input members have submitted. That allows almost two weeks for women to “say it like it is” as well as how they would like it to be! The input doesn’t end on April 1<sup>st</sup>; we’d just like to shoot for that date to begin to put your ideas in writing.

Refer to discussion that has already occurred: getting to know each other; helping initiates know about DKG opportunities; misconceptions about membership; the need to make a difference; being known and valued in our community. Are we able to retain members? Is our current timing of events working for us? Maybe it’s helpful to finish one these prompts: I wish we could \_\_\_\_; we need to \_\_\_\_; maybe we should \_\_\_\_.

For now, think outside the box! We will worry about do-able ideas later. Also, if members wish to keep comments anonymous, don’t sign them.

Phone, talk to, email or send a note to Jane Meese, Bev Menrath or Marilyn Stewart.

## And Thrifting We Go!

By Lacy Cox

On Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> four members of Alpha Xi set off on an adventure. The four of us took the Fun Bus to several thrift shops in the Columbus area, ate lunch and dinner together, and found many amazing deals. This was the first time I had been thrifting, and now I wonder to myself why I haven’t done this before. Not every thing we saw is in the best shape, but most things I found looked barely used and were priced incredibly low! When I originally thought of thrift stores, I would think if used clothing and possibly household items. Was I ever proved wrong! Yes, you can find clothes and household items, but I never thought about the many things I could find for my classroom. Books, manipulatives, puzzles, word games, and the list could continue to grow. Many of these things were gently used, and the books I picked up were all priced 99 cents or lower! What an inexpensive way to stock my classroom library. The other ladies from Alpha Xi, as well as the twenty or so others on the bus had an enjoyable day out, without breaking the bank. I look forward to my next thrifting adventure.

