 

ALpha XI News NewsNews

##### Our Next Meeting

Monday, February 22

Note: This is a fourth Monday meeting.

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

Are you looking to put your artistic talents to use? Are you looking for a creative outlet for a Saturday morning? Would you like to spend a fun time with your fellow members when it is the dead of winter? Well, I have just the thing! Come spend a Saturday morning, 10:00 to approximately 1:00, January 23, with your fellow members painting at “Two Broke Artists” in Lancaster– no experience needed. We will paint a beautiful piece of art that you will take home and have completed within three hours. We are painting the “bicycle”.  All your supplies and the teaching expertise will be included. You can check out the painting and other information on [www.twobrokeartists.com](http://www.twobrokeartists.com/" \t "_blank).  The ladies are giving us a discount.  Normally it is $40; however, if we have more than twenty, they will charge us only $30.  Bring a small snack or beverage that can be shared during our work time. Please contact Renee Bartholomew at 385- 4714 or 385-1171 to register and plan for carpooling. Please RSVP to Susan or Renee by Monday, January 18 so we can plan with the artists.

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# This Saturday’s Art

By Renee Bartholomew

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Check your yearbook for other upcoming events.

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Steve and I just returned from a trip to the Panama Canal. As almost-retired teachers, we were able to travel when school was in session. We met other retired school teachers and current college instructors so the conversation often landed on the state of education, both in America as well as some other countries. The concerns often landed in the need for society to realize that schools are about children rather than policy and politics. That is a good thing to keep in mind as we enter another season of elections. Just remember to shut the door to your classroom to avoid the negative so you can focus on the students placed in your care.

Stay warm,

Susan

*Welcome! Hope you can meet with us! We care about you and invite you to gather for friendship, sharing and mutual support. Are you available?* These are the messages sent by Reservations committee members when they email or call each member to invite her to Alpha Xi meetings.

We use email to contact most members. We make phone calls to members who do not have email. We follow up with phone calls if we don’t hear back from emails. We start our emails and phone calls approximately twelve days before our meeting to give members a week to respond. Of course, we would like members to respond immediately but know that work and life can get in the way. We will continue to try to get a response—this is not harassment, just determination to get members, and their guests, to our program/meeting if at all possible.

For example, for our upcoming February 22meeting, we will begin the call-to-meeting on February 10. We want each member to respond no later than February 18, the Thursday before our meeting. Our chairman needs to contact our dining venue the Thursday before the meeting so we can order the food needed to serve the group.

If a member cannot make social hour and dinner at 5:30 and 6:00, but is able to attend the program and meeting beginning about 6:40, let the reservations contact know that.

We added two people to our Committee this year and redid our contacts list. There is a chance a member will be contacted by someone different from last year’s contact person. If you don’t know who this is, there’s a chance your current contact’s email goes to your spam. Sometimes, a different reservations person will contact you because of illness, baby delivery, being out-of-town, and the like. Check your chapter yearbook and put all of us in your email contacts listing.

Reservations Committee: Lynn Anderson, Lacy Cox, Margaret Graham, Gretchen Gonzalez, Sheila Kalklosch, Sandy Mauck, Jo Ann Murtha, Carol Sams, Marilyn Stewart, J’dean Vollmer, Jane Meese, chairman.

# Reservation Are

# Welcoming Invitations

By Jane Meese

#### President’s Corner

Thirty-five members were present when Alpha Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Lee’s Banquet House in Logan, Ohio for the October meeting. The hostesses were Tracie Cowgill, Emily VanHoose, Kathy Mason and Ethel Spencer. The fundraiser was Buy a Book Night that raised $36.00.

President Susan Dietz called the meeting to order. Motion was made by JoAnn Murtha to suspend the reading of the minutes. Virginia Mingus seconded. Motion passed. Motion was made to accept the minutes as read by Mindy Travis. Motion passed.

Kathy Mason read a thank you correspondence for the scholarship, which was used towards the completion of a teacher leader endorsement.

Ethel Spencer read the treasurer’s report. Current balance includes the following; checking account is $2,947.80. Scholarship Savings Account stands at $577.31 and our Grant and Aid savings balance is $1,650.76. Total assets are $5,175.87. Nancy McCune made a motion to accept the audit of the treasurer’s report. Renee Bartholomew seconded.

Michele Maniskas, chair of the scholarship/grant-in-aid committee, shared various scholarship opportunities that are available for members and family members. Qualifications include membership of Delta Kappa Gamma for at least two years, pursuit of graduate work in education and meeting the February 1 deadline. The Ester H. Strickland provides $1,000 for an individual during his or her student teaching experience. The individual must attend a state college/university. The Margaret L. White Scholarship will be awarded to an individual enrolled at The Ohio State University. Additional information regarding scholarships can be found on the Alpha Delta State Ohio website.

Susan requested that committee chairs and members to feel free to submit articles by January 15 for the Chapter Newsletter. Yearbooks were distributed to members that were not present at the previous meeting. February’s fundraiser will be to bring cans of food for Smith Chapel. Auction Numbers: a get together will be held on Saturday, November 14 to prepare envelopes for the November’s auction. Dessert and coffee will be provided. There was no additional new business or announcements. Paula Tucker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by JoAnn Murtha. Motion passed.

Mindy Travis, chair of Educational Excellence, introduced the program Gretchen Gonzalez. Gretchen provided insight regarding her study abroad. She had received a scholarship from Alpha Xi towards her studies. Through her presentation and slide show, members were able to share in her experience.

# Minutes From Our October 2015 Meeting

Submitted by Kathy Mason