

Hocking Alpha Xi News

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Delta State

International Vision: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide

Alpha Delta State Vision: Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future

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Our Mission Statement

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

Welcome New Delta Kappa Gamma Members!

By Renee Bartholomew

On September 16, 2013, the Alpha Xi chapter of DKG held the annual new membership installation. After a wonderful dinner, the initiation of the members began with fellow members Lori Hoffman, Beth Powers and Renee Bartholomew reading passages about the importance of our organization. Each of our new members received a red rose and a pincushion for her nametag. A highlight of the event was when each of the ladies lit a red candle from one united candle and then signed the membership book.

We had the pleasure of installing eleven new members. Our new members are Lynn Avery, Logan High School, Andi Brandon, Chieftain; Vivian Croft, Chieftain; Debbie Cherry, Logan-Hocking Middle School; Crystal Patton, Chieftain; Karen Potter, Logan-Hocking Middle School, Carol Sams, Chieftain; Tina Shonborn, Hocking Hills, Green and Union Furnace; Mindy Travis, Green; J'dean Vollmer, Central; and Amy Wells, Logan-Hocking Middle School. Welcome and congratulations, ladies!

Also, a thank you goes out to Susan Dietz, Lori Hoffman, and Beth Powers for all their help and making this a lovely evening.

Our November 18 Event

Remember to bring friends, family, and potential members. We will be collecting canned goods for Smith Chapel Food Pantry.

Executive Committee

Please place Monday, December 16 on your calendar for our next Executive Committee meeting.

February Meeting

Our antique road show will be quite an event! Start thinking about that unique item you will bring!



President's Corner

Happy Harvest!

As our beautiful Hocking Hills fall comes to a close, we can all count our blessing for the wonderful community in which we reside. We have settled into our classrooms for the year and continue to digest so many changes in the educational expectation given to us. Our Alpha Xi meetings are like an oasis from the clutter of schedules and responsibilities. I look forward to each one. Let's all take a moment to be thankful for the blessing we have and the promise of each student placed in our care.

See you soon,

Susan

Our October Meeting: CASA/GAL

By Karen Veidt

Karen Veidt, October Program Chairperson, brought us the Pickaway and Hocking Counties CASA/GAL Program with Pam Sark as the speaker assisted by Cindy Ramey. Pam is the Program Director and has been a CASA Volunteer for nearly twenty years, and Cindy Ina's been the Volunteer Coordinator since 2006.

Hocking County was accepted into the CASA Program under the Pickaway County umbrella early in 2013. CASA Volunteers are appointed by the Juvenile Court Judge and become Officers of the Court to advocate for the best interest of dependent, abused and neglected children in the Court System.

The primary responsibilities of the CASA volunteer is to gather information, review documents and records, and to interview the children, family members and professionals who are a part

of these children's lives. The CASA doc.nets their findings to provide written Reports at Court Hearings to the Judge and other interested parties. The CASA appears in court to advocate for the child's best interest and provides testimony when necessary.

CASA is currently looking for volunteers who have a special place in their heart for children. CASA volunteers are thoroughly trained and supported by a professional staff member in each case. Every CASA must complete and pass a background check, complete a forty-hour pre-service training course, and agree to stay in the program for two years. A CASA must also agree that once a case has been accepted, the CASA must stay with that case to the end.

You can become the Voice of a Child. Call Pam Sark or Cindy Ramey at 740-420-2906. Give a child your heart!



Support the Arts

By Jane Meese

DKG members in Ohio are cordially invited to participate in a Visual Arts Display at our convention in April of 2014. Both International and Alpha Xi founders were artists, themselves, or supporters of the arts. International recently established an Arts and Humanities Jury to display members' work online at dkg.org. In an age when many public school boards (not ours, thank goodness!) and government entities use budget constraints as an excuse to cut the arts, educators, students and parents know this is a big mistake.

The convention display calls for works that can be displayed on tables, easels or tabletop risers. The list of includes fine, decorative and functional arts--painting, prints, sculpture, glass and wood arts, textiles, floral design, photographs, prints, jewelry, needlework, short literary works, music and/or lyrics, and other forms of art. In two short years, this display moved from the end of an enclosed hallway (small) to a secured room (BIG!).

Please consider connecting with other members by displaying your art. Directions for participation are located at alphadeltastate.weebly.com and can be accessed from the home page. You can also just Jane Meese for directions. Her State committee is organizing this event.

Website Takes Flight!

By Lacy Cox

Alpha Xi has gone digital! I have been working on a website for our local chapter. At this time, I have most of the site building complete. There are only a few details left to add before we can submit our site to International for certification.

Items that we want to include on the site include pictures. During meetings, programs and special outings, pictures are taken. I would like to include these photos online for our members and potential members to view. If you do not want your photo online, please let me know, and I will be sure to keep your photos offline.

If you would like to see how the website looks, visit: www.loganalphaxi.com. I am open to suggestion. Remember, this is a website for the entire chapter!

Bylaws On the Move

By Martha Loraditch

The bylaw committee is in the process of updating our current bylaws to reflect changes in state bylaws and the international constitution. One example of a change needed is to adjust the name of the Chapter Bylaws to the Chapter Rules. We will also be recommending changes to reflect current practice. We plan to present



the recommended changes to the executive committee in December and then e-mail or mail the draft to the membership in early January. We will vote on the bylaws at the February meeting.

Did You Know?

From: <http://alphadeltastate.weebly.com/about-us.html>

Alpha Delta State has 102 Active chapters and about 6000 members.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded, May 11, 1929, by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and is a professional honorary society of women educators. The Society promotes both professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education. The Society has established 2800 chapters in 17 countries with approximately 106, 000 members.