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Spring Challenge

Have you been thinking of a former colleague? Have you been thinking of a colleague that is retired and may need some companionship? Have you been thinking of a friend that needs some excitement in her life? Why not invite someone to join Delta

By Renee Bartholomew

Kappa Gamma? Think of one name of a friend that you think may benefit from our fellowship. Bring that name to the next meeting. If you can't come to the next meeting, contact Renee Bartholomew for a membership form. What a great way to keep in touch with your friends.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 16:

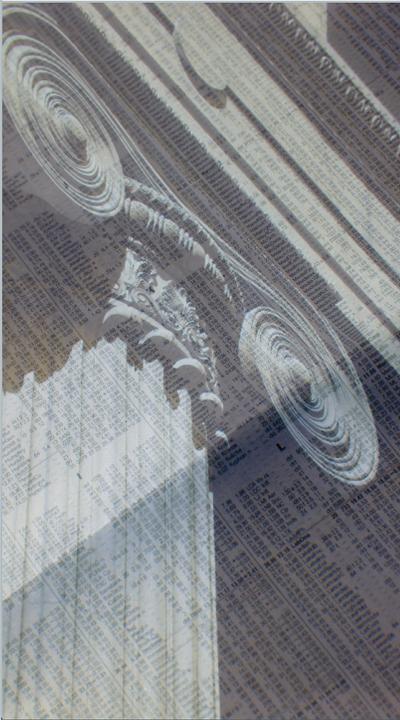
Remember to bring your five dollars for a make it/take it experience.

State Convention

It is not too late to register for the state convention. The state web site has registration forms.

Dayton In June

The Biennial Seminar is waiting for you. Check the state web site for details.



President's Corner

Hello All,

What wonderful spring days we have had this week. The students in our classrooms have begun to find a bit of spring fever. I am preparing for my retirement, and find that I have a bit of the spring fever myself. I hope each of you has started to think about some spring projects that will be enjoyable for you.

See you soon

Susan Dietz

Alpha Xi President

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International Vision

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide

Scholarship and Grant In Aid

By Michele Maniskas

Please keep in mind we have Scholarship and Grant In Aid money available. Scholarships are awarded to members and Grant In Aid is for the family of members who are pursuing a degree in education.

Application should be turned in by March 16. They are available from Michele Maniskas during meetings, via email or by contacting her at 740-603-2074. Awards will be given out in May.

Also, there are state and international scholarships available to members for postgraduate work leading to a

Masters or Doctorate Degree. Michele has information about these scholarships, too. Applications for the state and international scholarships are available on July 1 and must be returned by February 1 of the following year.

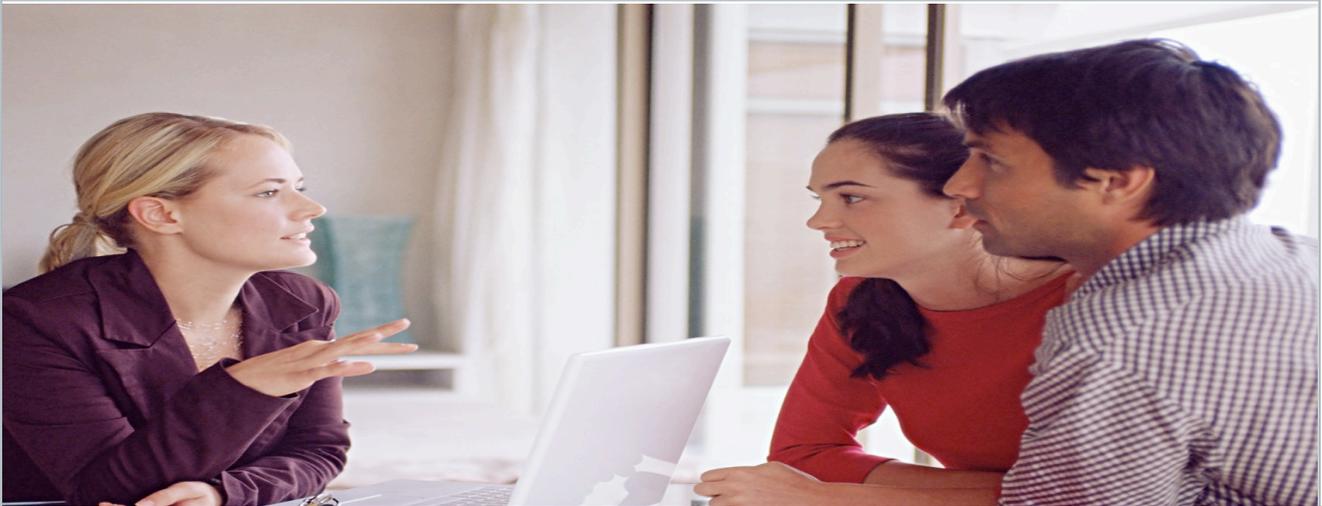
We are very fortunate to have funds available to aid in the furthering of our education and to support our relatives striving to attain a degree in education.

Group Members Construct Favors For State Convention

Several months ago, Susan asked me if I had any ideas for Table Favors to be used at the State Convention. Had I been a follower of Pinterest, I might have come up with a different idea. I made a prototype of a heart shaped pin pillow that we had made for the Agora Shop some years before. Susan submitted this idea to the State and received confirmation that they would like to have them. When I learned that there is a possibility that we would need to make up to 240, I thought this a little daunting. In true Delta Kappa Gamma spirit, our membership is rising to the occasion. I searched through my stash of fabrics and notions and assembled materials. I found additional materials locally and we were ready to begin. Jane Meese and I started sewing the hearts. Susan, graciously, hosted breakfast for a wonderful work party. A group of Central teachers, organized by Ethel Spencer is stuffing and sewing. The count is up to 165 and we are still sewing. I may be contacting others for assistance. If there was ever any doubt, I can truly say that this is a wonderful group of ladies and I am grateful to have had this opportunity to work with each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Gable



Chapter Learns That HHIS Supports Emily House Shelter

By Jane Meese

At our February 2015 meeting, we heard about Hocking Hills Inspire Shelter (HHIS), a community-wide effort to provide shelter for individuals and families who are looking for a long-term solution to homelessness. Our speakers were Nancy Wright, who serves as president for HHIS, and Christopher Vickers, manager of the HHIS office and the Emily House--our current five-person shelter.

In the past year, and despite the small number of beds, HHIS has either housed and/or helped over one hundred people find work and a place to call home. Residents follow certain rules, follow a plan for achieving independence, and receive help from social service agencies, businesses, churches, community-service groups, and individuals in the county. The goal is to shelter homeless people no longer than thirty days, with one-week extensions offered to individuals who have almost reached their goals. HHIS boasts an 80% success rate for helping homeless individuals become independent.

The office and shelter are currently supported by fundraisers and by donations of money, food, supplies, maintenance, and personal ministry. A five-member, membership-elected Board of Directors assists with maintaining the house, consulting on legal and personal matters, approving

fundraisers, acquiring clothing and supplies, deciding about house operations, and stepping in if there is an emergency. The volunteer Board is joined by four officers and dozens of volunteers who raise funds and offer whatever help they can to keep Emily House operational.

Trina Barrell serves as liaison with HHIS when teachers or school staff suspect a student is living in a homeless situation.

There are dozens of ways to help the shelter: provide breakfast food or dinners; help with or attend fundraisers; make a tax deductible donation (501(c)3); make suggestions at membership meetings; and many more.

HHIS holds a Membership Committee meeting the first Saturday of the month at Olde Dutch Restaurant at 9:30 a.m. Meetings usually last about one hour. There are currently 150 members of all ages and from all walks of life. Anyone can join the membership; dues are \$10.00 for life. Those members who wish to keep up with HHIS via email are placed on an email Distribution List. HHIS has a Web Site at www.hockinghillsinspireshelter.org. HHIS is on Facebook. Check these sources for news, photos and inspiration!