

Summer 2019

THE PRISM

Alpha Delta Kappa – Delaware Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM JEANNE CIECKO

DE President 2018-20

Greetings,

With the 2018-2019 school year over, I hope you have begun to ease gently into your summer vacation. It is certainly turning out to be a hot one!

The past couple of months have been busy ones. It was such fun to visit chapters around the state accompanied by Cyndi McDougall, President-Elect, Linda Bledsoe, Immediate Past-President, Terry Celano, State Historian, and Nancy Burkett, Fraternity Ed Chair. It is exciting to see how each chapter works diligently to fulfill the objectives of Alpha Delta Kappa.

I am delighted that our membership campaign was such a success. We initiated nine new members and reinstated one member. Thank you for all of your efforts. Hopefully, we can continue with this momentum and initiate several new members in the near future.

Our Spring Meeting was quite an experience for me. It was difficult to preside over such a meeting when I totally lost my voice. I thank you for your understanding and patience and want to send a special "Thank You" to our President-Elect, Cyndi McDougall, for stepping in to lend her voice to continue on with the program. Doctor's advice was STOP TALKING. Not that easy to do, but after three weeks I finally regained my voice.

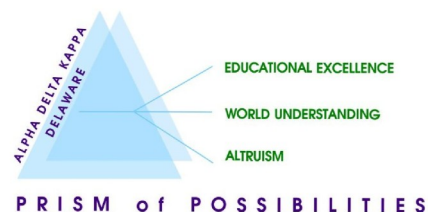
In keeping with the Spring Meeting theme of "World Understanding" we had a wonderful presentation by Jan Faust, Zeta. She spoke on her experiences on a recent trip to Haiti. Additionally, Peggy Germain, Gamma, highlighted Alpha Delta Kappa's T.E.A.C.H. Too project and the efforts being made to assist the young people of Haiti.

Soon I will be heading to Minneapolis for the Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention. Sisters from Eta, Epsilon, and Gamma Chapters will be joining me (thirteen of us, in all). Based on previous experiences we are sure to have a great time and I look forward to sharing it with you in the next newsletter.

As always, please log onto www.alphadeltakappa.org to keep informed about all the happenings at the international level and to find out about opportunities available to us as members of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Stay Safe & Cool this summer!

Jeanne





IMPORTANT DATES



July 31, 2019

Executive Board Meeting

9AM

Middletown Family Restaurant and Diner

August 1-31, 2019

Distinguished Program Award Due

August 13, 2019

Alpha Delta Kappa 72nd Anniversary

August 31, 2019

Chapter Needs Assessment Due

October 10, 2019

Founders' Day Dinner

5PM

Maple Day Country Club

October 15, 2019

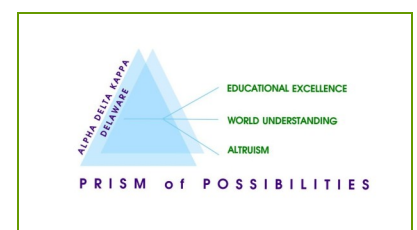
Mimi-Scholarship Application Due

November 1, 2019

-Excellence in Education Nomination Due

-Classroom Grant Application Due

-Innovation Grant Application Due





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Alpha Delta Kappa Month

Cyndi McDougall

Newsletter

Linda Bledsoe



A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Delaware Sisters!

Tony Karl - Epsilon

Patti Jeffers – Eta

Danielle Mackey - Iota

Melissa Matthews – Iota

Melissa Roark – Iota

Allison Van Ness – Iota

Cynthia Womer – Iota

Mary Ellen Goss – Zeta

Susan Johnson – Zeta

Evelyn Sander (reinstated) - Zeta



Congratulations

The 2019 winner of the Alpha Delta Kappa state scholarship was Cassandra Schreiber from Milford High School. Cassandra's qualifications, as well as her recommendations were extremely high. She plans to major in elementary education with a minor in special education/ESL or Child Psychology. At the time of our Spring meeting, Cassandra's choice of universities had not yet been determined. We wish her well in her future studies!



Pictured: Jeanne Ciecko, Cassandra Schreiber, Sally Fraticelli



You and Your Chapter Needs Assessment

It's that time of the year again – time to complete your **Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA)**.

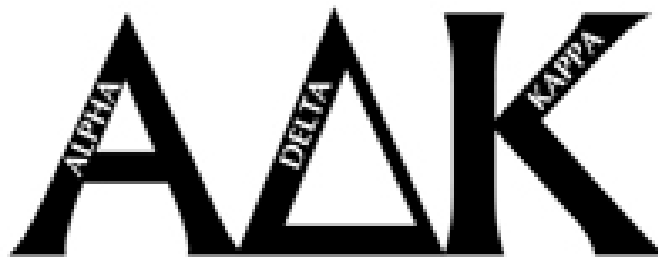
Here are some helpful hints for completing your report.

_____1. Consider having each member complete the Member Needs Assessment found in the Membership Development Manual on page 68. * This will provide you a wealth of information regarding your chapter, as well as providing you information for your CNA.

_____2. The Chapter Membership Chairman (CMC) and the Chapter President should work together to complete the CNA. If this is the first year of the biennium, the Immediate Past Chapter Membership Chairman and Chapter President should help with this.

_____3. **Download/copy** a CNA from the website for your work copy at your convenience.

_____4. When it is completed, the CMC may complete the report **online during the month of August.** When submitted online, it will automatically go to the Regional Membership Consultant.



Fondly Remembered



It is with much sadness that Delaware Gamma chapter reflects on the loss of our sister, Pattie Buchanan. Pattie was a loving mother, grandmother and friend who devoted hours helping children and those less fortunate in our state.

In her professional career she was a teacher, instructional cadre, curriculum supervisor and principal of Thurgood Marshall Elementary School. She received the 1993 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics and was named Delaware's State Teacher of the Year in 1994.

When she joined Alpha Delta Kappa she quickly stepped up to be Gamma's chapter president and a valued member of our sisterhood. She prepared meals for the homeless, collected items for charity and helped with every altruistic project we had in Alpha Delta Kappa.

Well done, Pattie; we miss your laughter and enthusiasm for life.

Peggy Germain, State Chaplain

With Deep Sadness



Gamma Chapter has recently suffered another loss. On July 1, Jane Deale passed away after a short illness. A native Pennsylvanian, she moved to Delaware after college and has been an active member of her church and community.

Jane joined Alpha Delta Kappa in 1981 and held several chapter offices, including chapter president. Many meetings were held at her home and she was a fond supporter of our bus trips to Broadway shows. She also served as Delaware's State Chaplain.

In her professional career, Jane was a librarian in Christina School District until she retired in 2002. She loved books and shared that joy with hundreds of young readers.

Jane, your sisters will miss your quick wit, enthusiasm for life and your dedication to your family, friends and Alpha Delta Kappa.

Peggy Germain, State Chaplain

Alpha Chapter

Alpha has had a busy year with our altruistic projects, social gatherings and fundraising events. Here are a few highlights:

We continue to support Little Sisters of the Poor by hosting a monthly Bingo game for the residents complete with prize money. At Christmas time, we added money to the accounts of financially challenged residents at LSP to be used toward hairstyling and/or the purchase of sundries. We also purchased several Angle Tree gifts. In March, we started an ongoing project knitting blankets for babies born at St. Francis Hospital. In April we had our annual basket making class which is both a social event and a fund raiser. Our most recent fundraiser was a bus trip to New York City for lunch and a Broadway show. Be sure to join us for next year's bus trip!



Photo caption: Alpha sisters with state president Jeanne Ciecko. From left to right – Colleen Naill, Jeanne Ciecko, Maryanne Langley, Jane Bennett, Diane Scott, Susan Miller, Barbara Hook, Cindy Gilfilan, Catherine Onesi, Barbara Covington.

Epsilon Chapter



Attached is a picture of our Paint with Cyndi day fundraiser. We had quite a turnout and was a great way to start the ADK year! We raised about \$300 and interested three possible new members.

Tanya L. Humes

Zeta Chapter

Jeanne Ciecko, State President, Cyndi McDougall, State President -Elect, and Terry Celano, State Historian, visited Zeta meeting and enjoyed a fun evening of games and refreshments with the sisters of Zeta.



Standing:

Laura Burnett, Carolyn McGinnis, Sally Scarpitti, Cyndi McDougall, Mollie Goss, Evelyn Sander, Robin Moxley, Ana Anderson, Sara Anderson, Jeanne Ciecko, Dottie Burkley.

Seated:

Hap Fox, Maria Plischke, Barbara Augustson,

Eta Chapter

Eta Chapter has been holding a plant sale annually for almost 20 years. Eta Chapter members take orders for a variety of flats, pots and hanging baskets from friends, family, coworkers and many others. Pratt's Nursery in Toughkenamon, PA provides the plants at wholesale cost.

The profits from the sale go the chapter delegate fund, which is used each summer to offset the costs of our members who attend the International Convention or Regional Conference.

Our typical profit from the sale is anywhere from \$1800 - \$2000 each year. This always covers registration costs and usually some of the other expenses incurred by our members. Having these funds available has enabled Eta Chapter to have representatives at every convention and conference for many years.



Iota Chapter



One of Iota's altruistic projects throughout the year is handing out Easter baskets to the residents of the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill. This year on April 17th, the sisters from our chapter came together to hand out Easter baskets filled with goodies.

Our State President, Jeanne Ciecko (pictured with residents) joined us along with President-Elect, Cyndi McDougall, State Historian, Terry Celano, and Fraternity Ed Chair, Nancy Burkett.

THE LONGEST DAY

Thank you to all who donated to this
year's Longest Day Campaign
and
thank you, Peggy Germain, for serving
as Delaware's Chair for this project!

