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Alpha Delta Kappa – Delaware Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM JEANNE CIECKO DE President 2018-20

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that the year 2020 has begun. The final two months of 2019 are a blur in my mind. I had hoped to send a newsletter much sooner, but life sometimes throws us a curve ball.

As many of you know my husband needed unexpected major surgery after two trips to the ER in November. He is now home and recuperating; however, it is expected to take quite a while for his complete recovery. During his hospitalization I had an unfortunate knee injury which has limited my own mobility. Quite a way to end 2019. Hopefully, 2020 has great things in store.

During the summer thirteen sisters attended the Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention in Minneapolis- Margaret, Nancy, Louis, Tanya, Julie, Cyndi from Epsilon; Jeanne, Sally, Terry, Eileen from Eta; Peggy, Lorraine, Roz from Gamma. Boy was it hot there! But that didn't stop many from venturing out and seeing most of what Minneapolis has to offer.

The convention itself was lively, inspiring, informative and very entertaining especially Sue Pelchat's final address as International President. Judy Ganzert (Virginia Zeta) was installed as our new International President and Mollie Acosta (California Xi) was elected International President-Elect. You can more about them as you read your KAPPAN.

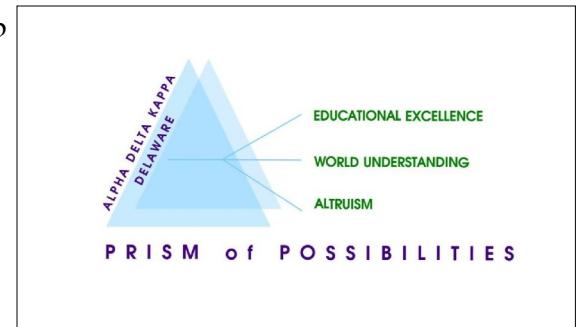
In October we celebrated Founders' Day at Maple Dale Country Club. Dr. Dorothy Linn was our guest speaker. Dr. Linn had a long career as an educator in Delaware public schools. Upon retirement she joined the University of Delaware Academy for School Leadership Team. She shared her experiences and message of encouragement to all those in attendance. Cindy Gilfillan, once again, entertained us with the Crazy Auction and helped boost the scholarship funds raised that evening.

Before too long we will be getting ready for our 2020 State Convention on April 25, 2020 at the Maple Dale Country Club. Sandy J. Wolfe from Alpha Delta Kappa International will be our honored guest.

I hope this new year holds many wonderful and exciting things for the sisters of Alpha Delta Kappa.

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.

~Jeanne



Alpha Delta Kappa
2020 Northeast Regional Conference
“Discovering the Pearls of Alpha Delta Kappa”



“I’ve seen a lot of places
Seen pictures of the rest
But of all the places
I like Jersey BEST!”

Lyrics by John Pizzarelli



**2020 NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
HOTEL RESERVATIONS INFORMATION**

Hotel reservations for the Northeast Regional Conference at the Hilton Short Hills Hotel from Thursday, July 30th to Sunday, August 2nd, 2020 will be open starting on **January 2, 2020**. The room rate for 1-2 people is \$159, \$169 for three in a room, and \$179 for four.

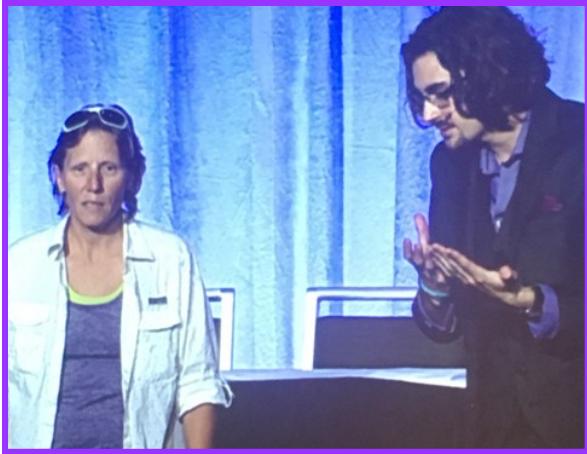
All three rates include **FREE parking** and **FREE Internet** access. The NER Conference Room Block will be available three days prior and after the conference pending availability of rooms. Members may book their rooms by calling the hotel at 1-973-379-0100 or by using the following link:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/ADKNorthEast>.

The last day for reservations in the room block is **July 9, 2020**.

The Hilton Short Hills Hotel is a beautiful hotel nestled in the preserved woodlands and charming community of Short Hills. The hotel offers easy access to New York City in less than 30 minutes by train or car. It's just steps away from the Mall at Short Hills and a 25-minute drive from Newark Liberty International Airport.

2019 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Our own President-Elect, Cyndi McDougall, took center stage a few times at the convention. She was awesome!

During the Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention in Minneapolis the Delaware Delegation raised a glass. It was a fun evening of fellowship and, of course, great food.

(Seated, left to right: Margaret, Nancy, Lorraine, Sally, Peggy, Terry, Roz, Julie, Jeanne, Eileen, Cyndi, Tanya, and Louise.)



IMPORTANT DATES

January 1-April 30, 2020

Alpha Delta Kappa Membership Campaign

January 31, 2020

Regional Professional Development Scholarship Application due

February 15, 2020

Fine Arts Grants Application due

February 28, 2020

State Scholarship for High School Seniors Application due

March 1, 2020

Alpha Delta Kappa Future Educator Scholarship Application due

March 14, 2020

State Executive Board Meeting

April 15, 2020

Regional Mini-Scholarship Application due

April 25, 2020

Delaware State Convention

July 30-August 2, 2020

NER Conference



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International Executive Board Makes Changes to Scholarship Programs

All Scholarship and Grant applications must now be completed online using the Kaleidoscope application on the Alpha Delta Kappa website.

Please read your December, 2019 issue of the KAPPAN (page 5) for specific motions made by the International Board. The Board plans to ratify these motions at its May, 2020 meeting.

Attention Delaware Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters

Did you know that Delaware Alpha Delta Kappa offers a \$2500 scholarship to a DE high school senior planning to major in education?

Spread the word! If you know of anyone interested, have them contact Sally Fraticelli (State Scholarship Chair) at fraticelli3@comcast.net for an application. The deadline is February 28, 2020.

Disaster Relief for our Sisters in Australia and Puerto Rico

Please consider making a contribution to the Alpha Delta Kappa Disaster Relief Fund either as a Chapter or an individual.

Our sisters in these two areas of the world have been greatly impacted by the fires in Australia and the recent earthquake in Puerto Rico. Your chapter may want to consider making a donation directly to a sister chapter in either or both of these two areas.

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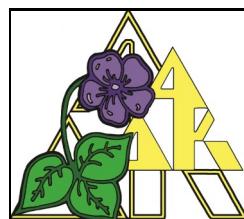
On Saturday, 11/16, Alpha Chapter enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship at the British Bell Tea Room in Peoples' Plaza.

From the right going counter clockwise around the table:

Cindy Gilfillan, Diane Scott, Barbara Covington,
Barbara Hook, Sue Miller, Charlie Webb, Jane Bennett,
Catherine Onesi, Susan Mullins, Carole Zeisloft



Photographer: Susan White



GAMMA Chapter

October Bingo at White Chapel Senior Center - Gamma sisters brought prizes and snacks for the afternoon Bingo event.

Nov. 21 we made blankets for Fleece for Keeps - Blankets for children in foster care. We met at a Sister's house to make blankets and enjoy dinner.



Epsilon Chapter

Cindy Strasser McDougall led a super class at Tanya Lewis Humes farm, with Denise Leyh, Julie Hays Beebe, and Dawn Nickerson, among others. This was a fundraiser for Epsilon's Future Teacher Scholarship. We laughed ourselves silly, followed Cyndi's excellent instructions, and worked together for a common goal. We rock! We can't PAINT, but we ROCK!!!!



Epsilon is welcoming a sister from Bel-Air, MD, Barb Kuck (pronounced Cook) who moved into our area. She just got back from a safari in Africa and so did our sister, Margaret Alexander. Epsilon also welcomed Tonya Karl as a new member.

Zeta Chapter

On January 9, Zeta sisters enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun and games hosted by Maureen and Robin!



(From left to right: Dottie Burkley, Mollie Goss, Linda Bledsoe, Brenda Ebling, Maureen Emmett, Sue Johnson, Laura Wright)

ETA

The Delaware Eta Chapter has had a very busy fall. On Friday, November 1, they held their annual wine tasting and silent auction at the Mary Campbell Center in Wilmington. Hours of preparation go into the event: gathering and assembling silent auction items (there were 119), refining mailing lists and sending announcements, coordinating with the center and Kreston's, as well planning the food and designing the layout of the room. All members actively participate in the planning and preparation, as well as on the night of the event.



On Thursday, December 4 the chapter held its annual Christmas Tree Decorating party with the residents of the Mary Campbell Center. Members plan and prepare simple ornaments for the residents to create and then assist with decorating their tree with those ornaments. The highlight of the evening is the presentation of the Wine Tasting - Silent Auction donation check to the Mary Campbell Center. This year's total donation was \$13,000. The Center uses the annual donation that Eta Chapter gives to provide unique educational opportunities to the residents.

IOTA CHAPTER

The IOTA Chapter of ADK had a fun December! We love taking part in an event the Smyrna School District puts together each year. They have a Winter Harvest where they invite all students who may need a little extra love during the holiday season. During their time at the event, the students and their families are given lunch, presents, donations, and can make crafts. IOTA is in charge of gathering supplies, setting up a cookie decorating station, and helping the children decorate the cookies we make. We love watching the children have so much fun and taking part in such a great cause to help students in our community. It is a great way for us to give back and get the word out of who we are and what we stand for in our schools. We hope to continue to do this for years to come!

Last month we also adopted a local family for Christmas and shopped for all of their presents like we have done for many years. We also love getting together every December to do an ornament exchange and have a fun night with our sisters. It's always a great time of the year!



Conventions are not just work!

We had a great time!

